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November 2009 - 11:12 PM) Happy Sabbath BSDA Family!!! Well, I must adm it that we all 27) : [princessdi](#)
 seemed "scattered", but I found that those who were really bonded, are still bonded. LC was very
 .important to us, but our bonds went much further, with small "BSDA gathering" all the time

November 2009 - 11:14 PM) This is a good time for me to remind our members of our BSDA 27) : [princessdi](#)
 .Reunion at GC 2010. I'd like to get a count as close as possible to those who plan to attend

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Is Capitalism Biblical And Should (sda) Christians Be "going Along" Wi Finishing the Work ★★★★★ :Rate Topic

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I. The Crisis

One of the foremost questions posed by unbelievers concerning Christianity, and God in particular, is: How could God exist when there is so much suffering in this world? Where is "your God" when so many people are gratuitously dying? They cannot reconcile how a loving God can allow all these things to go on. But in reality, the question that should be asked is: Where is God's Church and His people in this world? Where are his supposed "ambassadors" and "representatives" in the face of the world's humanitarian needs? There are hundreds of million suffer and die from chronic malnutrition. Around 1.1 billion do not have access to clean freshwater, with an additional 1.5 billion not having proper sanitation resulting in a total of over 5.3 million deaths a year. An estimated 1.3 billion people lack access to basic healthcare resulting in the suffering and death of tens of millions each year from preventable and/or treatable diseases. Over 46 million babies worldwide are killed every year through the practice of abortion. Many more are orphans without a proper home; abjectly poor; uneducated and without the hope of an education. Many more are unable to be functional in society due to a disability which, with the proper aids and/or assistance, can be surmounted or coped with. Can God's Church do something to redress these injustices and downright evils? And if yes, then should it not do it?

II. The Cause

To state it frankly there is a single, subtle, yet powerful (actually: "empowered") evil that is preventing the Church from "Triumphing" over these problems. It is "subtle" because no one seems to recognize it as what it really is, or even wants to denounce it. It is "powerful" (actually "empowered") because it only gets its power from those who consider it to be worth the godlike status that it has been given. What is this hidden evil. Well to find out one simply has to ask "why is the Church actually not doing works that will heal the world of its problems. Why isn't the Church growing crops to feed the world's hungry? After all were not Adventist Educational Institution established in areas where agricultural skills can also be developed. Why is freshwater unavailable to so many when the world surface is 70% water, and that thousands of feet deep? Why is there not a better alternative for women when they are intending to have an abortion for social and/or economic reasons? And so on. Well, the primary, if not, the only reason that comes to one's mind is that: 'the Church does not have that kind of MONEY to provide such resources.' And that usually silences that debate. This supposed "reality" is viewed as the final arbitrator in these matters and comes to decide how much, if any, humanitarian work the Church will or could do. Sure this is the right answer for many in this world, but should it also be accepted as truth by God's people? Is this world economic's system a true measure of the world's (i.e., this planet's) "economy", or is it just a subjective spurious system driven by, and at the profit of, those who have, at whatever level of this pyramid-like scheme they are on, at the expense of those who do not have. In the end, it is those who are at the very bottom of this pyramid who have all the weight come and crush them (i.e., the poor and suffering of the world).

III. The Root Cause

Consider this fact. The single most influential factor in any nation's economy is not the value of raw materials and natural resources, nor the tools and machinery needed to process theses materials, but it is the "human factor." It is what men and women believe that their knowledge, innovations and services are worth to others. This is tangibly reflected in "labor costs." These labor cost almost always make up 70-75% of the value of a nation economy. This means that in a powerful economic engine like the United States of America, if labor costs were subtracted from its economy, its GDP/per capita value would go from its present value of \$41,800 to around \$10,000. Furthermore, consider this other fact. In 2005 the U.S. had a \$12.5 trillion dollar economy, yet the total value of non-fuel raw materials used domestically during that year was a mere \$58.9 billion dollars (source: usgs.gov). That represents a meager 0.005% of its economy. This is all due to the fact that by the time a shapeless raw material has reach a final useful form, it has gone through and been affected by so many cumulative and varying levels of this "human factor" that it suddenly is now worth up to hundreds of times its primitive value. As a consequence, a house that has a value of well over \$750,000 in the American economy actually only has less than \$2,500 worth of raw materials in it; or a mid-size car worth around \$18,000 has less than \$250 worth of metals and raw materials. Compounded to that (pun will be intended), have you ever, or are you having to, pay a mortgage almost 3 times more than what its principle value was. Or does anything justify a professional athlete making in 8 month of work, or rather play, 3 times more than what a surgeon will make in a lifetime. There is a widely accepted saying that states that: "Money makes the world go round" but the facts clearly indicate that it is 'People who make the world go round.' All this to say that it is the human factor in economies that have come to make things so unbalanced and so unattainable for many.

IV. The Alternative

What would happen if God's people pooled their knowledge, know-how and resources, to labor for those in need. For example, what if instead of Seventh Day Adventist working for various secular industries and companies, what if they instead came together and formed denomination owned and operated companies/industries. If they in turn did not charge labor cost, but had their needs met by the other, similarly operated, denominational companies/industries, then at the base of all of this, and at the very least, only the money needed for raw materials would be needed.

So many humanitarian accomplishments could then be made because of such a system by those who would benefit from it:

- Intensive, and more efficient farms can be established and operated for those in need of adequate nutrition.
 - Proper sanitation and freshwater could be supplied to many. (If the oil and gas industry can retrieve oil from hundreds of feet below the ocean floor, process it and then transport it thousands of miles away by tankers and/or pipelines, overland and/or under sea, with pumping stations and all, surely freshwater can be produced and/or filtered from various bodies of water and distributed to those who need it.)
 - Would-be aborted babies could be spared by being purchased for adoption through legal means from willing mothers who would also not incur any debt from the expenses related to the pregnancy and birth of the child.
 - The sick and those with health ailments would receive much more medical care. -Many would receive an education and would eventually help themselves out of poverty.
 - (And the addition of a church annex and fellowship hall would not cost, e.g., \$4 million at the detriment of the needy who would greatly benefit from these sums of money).
- Consider this alternative method as a mega-do-it-yourself project, in essence similar to, e.g., a group of construction friends getting together to freely build a backyard deck for a friend with materials they purchased at a hardware store and equally shared the costs.

V. The Resources

Of course, one will now ask: Where will all these raw materials come from? Isn't the world running out of sufficient resources? The answer is actually: no. What the world is supposedly running out of is what economists considered as "economically viable" resources, i.e., what would not demand more effort and better technology to procure. This planet contains sufficient resources to meet this world present and future needs many times over. The oceans alone are a vast reservoir of untapped resources ranging from polymetallic nodules and metal rich sediments to dissolved minerals. While these resources (in International Waters) are freely available for exploitation, the UN Law of the Seas (LOS) requires that developing countries receive (at least) 1%-7% of the withdrawn resources, which is exactly what this project plans to do. Furthermore, if all known technologies today were fully and widely implemented in world economies, the present need of resources would drop considerably. All energy needs would all be met by renewable, clean systems. How much waste is generated annually because things are subjectively considered to be "uneconomical." Many times it is less costly to discard something that requires a trivial repair and buy a new one. The same goes for items and materials that can be recycled but are not. The \$140+ billion dollars spent annually in the U.S. alone on commercial advertisements could easily feed all of the world's hungry. All of these wastes are a direct result of individualism, commercial competition and the profit-making mentality. In actual direct contradiction to the supposed "economical" argument they propose, these actions rather significantly waste and reduce the amount of resources that could be available to help others with.

VI. Decision Time

Do the people of God have to live that way? Do they have to be constrained by such an unGodly system? Yet we are either convinced that this way is the only way to live by, as if it was God's own way, or we are left with no other apparent choice than to go along with it. Whether we believe in this system or not it still greatly affects our every day life and our ability to minister in behalf of those who really need it. How many would like to become missionaries, but under this current economical system, it would not be feasible. How can God's people help others in need, if they in turn become people in need. Clearly there must be a way to overcome this major hurdle. And if ever the people of God can rise above this worldly system and live according to the many Godly principles found in the Bible which are categorically opposed to all of this, it is now. In this computer age, when the basis of most technologies are in the public domain, (or, if need be, can be licensed), the knowledge, the freedom, the educational resources and the human power (i.e., 20+ million people) are all available to accomplish this through a Biblical, needs-based economy (cf. Acts 2:44,45; 4:32-35 [36, 37]) of Apostolic times that will allow for the mandates of God to be carried out. (e.g., Isa 58:6-12; Mat. 25:31-46). (And no, there would not be a need to "sell all.")

VII. The Endtime Mandate

It was Christ's method to meet the needs of the people he taught, and it is his method alone will give true success in reaching the people (MH 143). Surely this is also to be the Church's. If we were to present this dilemma to Jesus, He would, as He did before, likewise say: "You give them something to eat. (Mark 6:37). As "the decisions of the last day turn upon our practical benevolence" (TM 399); and as Isaiah 58 is indeed stipulating the conditions for God's covenant with His people through the fuller understanding/observance of His Glorious Sabbath (by taking care of those in need); and since Christ's main criteria in separating the sheep from the goats mainly focuses on how those in need are treated (Matt 25:31-46), then shouldn't God's people be taking all the necessary means to bring about these works? Indeed: "there is need of a deeper, stronger, more constraining testimony on the power of the truth as seen in the practical godliness of those who profess to believe it." (Mar 10:7). Then will the 'good news of God's Kingdom' be fully preached as a witness to the nations of this world (Matt 28:13) as the world will clearly see what healing the principles of God bring. Then will the (benevolent) character of Christ be perfectly reproduced in his people (COL 6:9; read in its context of pp. 62-69). The world will no longer ask: "Where is your God?" or "What kind of God is this?", for His people will truly be representing Him on earth (COL 6:8).

"It is the darkness of misapprehension of God that is enshrouding the world. Men are losing their knowledge of His character. It has been misunderstood and misinterpreted. At this time a message from God is to be proclaimed, a message illuminating in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy, and truth. This is the work outlined by the prophet Isaiah in the words, "O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him." Isa. 40:9,10. Those who wait for the Bridegroom's coming are to say to the people, "Behold your God." The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. (COL 415)

VIII. The Project

You may have noticed that such an undertaking takes extensive planning, precise structuring, and efficient organization. Among other things it will require the establishment of a legal entity to "house" and facilitate this project and for physical provisions to be made to accommodate a potential membership/population that can grow, through the project's various ministries, by as much as 50 million people per year. Yet in terms of the required finance and work time needed to implement this project, extensive feasibility studies have shown that each participant in the project aged 21 and older would only have to spend up to a total of US\$2,800, disbursed as needed over a period of 7 years; and some would have to work onsite for only 2 weeks per year over this same period (e.g., during a work vacation period).

IX. The Biblical Challenge

On the one hand there is a worldly system known as "capitalism". A spurious, unwritten, enslaving, survival-of-the-fittest/richest law which encourages unbridled selfishness, greed, strife and oppression. On the other hand there is the liberating, caring, peacemaking, Sabbatical system of God, which reaches out a saving and indiscriminating hand to all those in need. Therefore "choose you this day whom you will serve" (Jos 24:14, 15). If you consider this man-valued system, championed by western nations (of which 80% of their population are Christians) and obediently adhered to or desired by the rest of the world, whether rich or poor, to be worthy of the godlike value it is given, then by all means, do no changes. Give it its "worth-ship"! Let it continue to dictate who will eat or starve, who will live or die, who will hear, understand and experience the Gospel or go to Christ-less grave. Let it continue to be god (1 Kgs 18:21, 24). There is really no difference with this and when ancient pagan nations would themselves mold and shape little statuettes from various metals and then ascribe to them godlike qualities and do whatever these gods supposedly told them they should do, even passing their children through the fire, and then the people of God virtually or actually adhering to these standards in trying to conduct the work of the Creator God. (cf. PK chap. 14). But remember, you actually cannot serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other (Matt 6:24). Hundreds, if not thousands, of times more can be done than what is currently being done. [Matt. 25:14-30]. Case in point, while the Church has a net growth of around 1 million members per year, yet the world has over 130 million new births each year, with another ca. 56 million people dying to mostly Christless graves. Clearly there is much more that needs to be done in regards to global evangelism. Furthermore a global Church of over 14 million baptized members only has around 16,000 credentialed missionaries worldwide, and much more can be done than only employing 4600 people for global humanitarian work with the paltry results of reaching out to only 0.009%, at the most, of the actual number of people in need, and with about US\$ 7.00 worth of annual aid per person aided (ADRA). In this light of what is not being done to even "one of the least of these" (Matt 25:46), the Church can only expect one judgement if Christ was to bring about the end now. (vs. 41-44, 46). Under the proposed economic plan of the NJK Project, the output of all of these areas of missions and ministry would be significantly increased. Literally every member would be able to participate in global evangelism, missions and humanitarian work. The annual average of \$7.00 per person aided would come to represent at least \$1400 worth of annual aid.

And in case you have not noticed it yet, "Revelation's Babylon" does not solely have influence in ecclesiastical matters but her "sensuous" i.e., contra-God, anti-Sabbath, principles and practices also lead to the rise and propagation of a worldwide spurious economic system (Rev 18). Clearly God considers His Sabbath to be more than a day of Worship or a day off occurring every seventh day. It is also the basis the everyday lifestyle and "economy" of His people. Correspondingly, the Mark of the Beast, to be enforced through economic means by the second beast of Revelation 13 is based on more than only a day of the week as it seeks to completely undermine and obliterate the true character of the Creator God by substituting His Sabbatical economic principles for self-centered, materialistic ones. The combined, threefold light of the Three Angels' Message (MS 52, 1900) must be given to counter this religious, socioeconomic counterfeit.

X. Further Information

To have more information concerning the accomplishing of this endeavor to help those in need, you can go to www.njkproject.info. If you would like to participate in the project's web-based Biblical Research and Productions Institute, simply email WBSC@njkproject.info.

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"In God's great plan for the redemption of a lost race, He has placed Himself under the necessity of using human agencies as His helping hand. He must have a helping hand, in order to reach humanity. He must have the cooperation of those who will be active, quick to see opportunities, quick to discern what must be done (for their fellow men." (1 SM 99

Clay

Posted 26 April 2006 - 07:55 PM

welcome NJK, glad you joined... this is a discussion forum first and foremost so we ask that you interact rather than post long treatises about something that interests you..... Please take this recommendation to heart, you don't want to be accused of pushing a product or advertising something.....

....this thread will be closed for now

If you believe you can tell me what to think, I believe I can tell you where to go. - Unknown

Clay

Posted 28 April 2006 - 03:36 PM

....after talking with NJK via PM, he assured me that he was interested in starting a discussion, so let the discussion begin....this topic is now open

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Posted 17 November 2009 - 11:32 PM

Update:

Visit the NJK Project's blog at <http://njkproject.blogspot.com> (<http://njkproject.blogspot.com/>)
 It presents some pertinent issues that form the basis of, and show the necessity for, this planned Global Humanitarian Mission and Ministry, both using Biblical parameters.

Currently examined topics are:

1. Book Preview: *The Biblical Interpretation of Daniel's 70 Weeks* (Dan 9:1-27)
2. Testimony to the Church - Part 1
3. Book Preview: *God All Mighty!* (Divine Foreknowledge or Divine Foreplanning?)
4. The Church Triumphant
5. Ed Reid: 7 Year Christian Mortgage
6. Text Proof - Reply to TC1 Message
7. The Ministry of David Gates
8. Daniel 11 - The Text - North vs. South
9. Our Final Test
10. The Sealing of God's People - Part 1 (Ezekiel 8)
11. The Sealing of God's People - Part 2 (Ezekiel 9)
12. The Heart of the Elijah Message (Malachi 4:5, 6)

[[These topics can be discussed here

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AzA

Posted 18 November 2009 - 01:41 PM

I think there's great value in the concepts of Sabbath/jubilee economics, justice, and relating. Totally agree that the root of the day is more than a comment on timekeeping. It speaks to creation's universal connection under God.

If followed to its full end, however, it does away with the distinctions between insider and outsider. This is not something that many people are prepared to embrace because the consequences for doctrine and living are significant.

.It's still early but the OP sounds as if it too holds an insider/outsider view of humankind. Which is interesting

Avonia

Posted 18 November 2009 - 04:00 PM

At first glance this seems to be a mix of good ideas about humanitarian efforts and bizarre ideas - like floating cities that separate the Christians from the others. It's bad enough that in the future we are going to separate the Christians (heaven) from the others (hell), do we really have to start now? It seems the work to be done is not more separation, but working in the existing cities we have.

.Having said that, I may have missed the point - will have to take a closer look

EliYahh

Posted 18 November 2009 - 06:19 PM

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EliYahh

Posted 22 November 2009 - 09:43 PM

?NJK, will you pls start a couple of new threads from this one

awesumentenor

Posted 03 December 2009 - 08:25 AM

Capitalism as defined in the dictionary is this:

"an economic system characterized by private or corporate ownership of capital goods, by investments that are determined by private decision, and by prices, production, and the distribution of goods that are determined mainly by competition in a free market"

That is biblical and allowable to the people of God. Paul when he was making tents was a capitalist and he used his access to the marketplace as a means of ministering the gospel. The virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 is a capitalist; she makes goods and sells them; she invests in property. Lydia in the book of Acts was a capitalist; she was a seller of purple (which means she was wealthy). Nowhere is it stated or implied in scripture that one could not make money by running a profitable venture.

What is not allowable is covetousness, exploitation and greed... and if you think those things only occur in capitalism, you are delusional.

In His service,
Mr. J

This post has been edited by **awesumentenor**: 03 December 2009 - 08:26 AM

There is no one more dangerous than one who thinks he knows God with a mind that is ignorant - Dr. Lewis Anthony

You've got to be real comfortable in your own skin to survive the animosity your strength evokes in people you'd hope would like you. - Dr. Renita Weems

NJKProject

Posted 09 December 2009 - 10:18 AM

Sorry for the delay in response here. Although I had kept this forum page active on my browser tabs, I did not notice the comments that were being made here.

Important: I have discussed in length the various issues on the Holy City project on another discussion forum and have reposted it on my website's [CAQ section \(http://www.njkproject.info/njk/forums/msdaol.html\)](http://www.njkproject.info/njk/forums/msdaol.html). You may want to browse through that discussion first as it may answer many 'commonly asked questions.'

Aza

Quote

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I agree. In fact, I believe that the reason why God gave these principles in Israel's Economy was to safeguard His people against such literally "murderous" injustices we also see in today's economic world, where "live and let die" is the dominant and prevailing philosophy.

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....At first glance this seems to be a mix of good ideas about humanitarian efforts and bizarre ideas - like floating cities that separate the Christians from the others

The point of this Humanitarian Works and Gospel Ministry Project is not to 'separate just for the sake of separation' in a reclusive monastical way. The separation that will inevitably take place by this endeavor is both necessary and practical. First of all, none of the global and significant ministries that are planned by this project can be done if there is not a large gathering of Biblically-like minded people. If great distances have to continually be overcome, then that will be a crippling obstacle. Secondly, as stated above, the most resource intensive work that this project will do is to engage in preserving the very life of would-be aborted babies in a

ministry that is currently being called [Aborting Abortion \(http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_ministry/worldaid/abortions.html\)](http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_ministry/worldaid/abortions.html). Now, as stated in the initial post, as this ministry alone can cause the (dependent) population of this project to grow by, now, as much as 60 million people per year, then the project's cities and dedicated industries will be a necessity to adequately house, and provide for, this rapidly expanding population. I currently do not see any country in the world that would accept to see such a growth within its territorial borders as they are ultimately still liable for this population in its borders, even if they were granted some sort of political autonomy (which is not likely to be done). Case in point Native/Indigenous populations in western countries. So the only option that is left is to build floating cities, and in international waters. The recent popularity of large cruise ships shows that this is all quite feasible, and really more exotic/luxurious than "bizarre".

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awesumtenor

Quote

...Capitalism as defined

In the light of what the Bible actually teaches, I cannot fully agree with your wishful/rationalized view of what Capitalism is in inevitable reality. If it is to be such a harmless and pure system then why can't the 81% of Christians in First World countries model this. (And just for the record, the "rhetorized" 'delusional comment' you made, which, at best, is a "sucker punch", and at worst, a cheap shot, was not at all necessary. You could have ascertained my actual understanding on these socio-economic issues if you had bothered to find out what I have said on these issues, e.g., on my linked website. At the very least, ask the simple question instead of veiledly casting aspersions. I fully know that other worldly economic systems have their faults, many common to Capitalism. I am however not even defending any of these worldly systems. I am rather defending what the Bible has to offer, and surely it has much more to offer than Capitalism. Also, for your own benefit, I must also tell you that, I have dealt with such sly attitudes as yours in the past discussions on this topic, and those who have had such attitudes have only proven them to have been the desperate, hysterical, defensive tactics of people who feel threaten by what the Bible actually has to say on these issues. They've all acted as if their cherished gods were being reduced to rubbles right before their eye, which in fact is the very case. So may I recommend that you first thoroughly verify your views with what the Bible really teaches before making such false, and "straw man", insinuations. I have seen this "pretext" approach used before and it really is not Biblical.)

In regards to your comments, first of all, Paul was working on an extraordinary, extensive, itinerant ministry, which had more financial needs than regular ministries, and he did not want it to be an added burden on the quite poor and stricken Jerusalem Church, so he engaged in tent making to also provide for the cause by (self-)supporting his own ministry. However Paul himself strongly encouraged a willful collective wealth sharing for believers, based upon the God-ordained example in the distribution/collection of manna (2 Cor 8:7-15). All of the early believers worked in some sort of trade. The disciples themselves had been fishermen. The "Virtuous Woman" of Proverbs 31 is engaging in work to ultimately provides for her family and also for those in need (vs. 20). Jesus' father, and Jesus Himself were engaged in carpentry. That is not the "capitalism" per se, that I have denounced. (In fact, these are merely all varying forms of "employment.") What the Bible teaches, and recommends, especially in times of need as it exists today, is that these externally obtained funds be used to meet the collective needs of all other believers. This is the Inspired and Endorsed, Biblical example that I am advocating and seeking to (re-)implement so that God's work can be done without having to pay the exorbitant, senseless prices that competitive-based capitalism compiles and then dictates. The Spirit of Prophecy is quite clear that it is this 'Systematized Benevolence' that God wholly approves of (2 SG 230, 231 (<http://www.egwtext.whiteestate.org/cgi-bin/egw2html?C=71043694&K=093202120910922859>); MB 137 (<http://www.egwtext.whiteestate.org/cgi-bin/egw2html?C=93835308&K=093043120910922817>)). So the issue here is not that I am saying that 'all work is evil,' it is what is done with privately obtained wealth in regards to meeting the needs of other that makes all of the difference between today's practised Capitalism and a Biblical Economy. And additionally, there really is absolutely nothing Biblical about "competition", and without it, Capitalism, as it exists today, would completely "deflate."

Furthermore, it must be stated that the "Virtuous Woman" in Proverbs 31 is being cited as an example in Israel to what a woman can be. From the opening question in vs. 10 it can be seen that this was indeed rare in Israel. The pro-active, collaborative efforts on her part, to come to the aid of her working husband, will help to improve the fortunes of her family as a whole. In other words, it was being shown here that the woman's active participation in the income of her family was perfectly within the will of God, and the increase from her work, based on this foundational spirit of collaboration, was part of the blessings which He envisioned for His people. This is also how the Spirit of Prophecy understood this. (See e.g., FLB 256 (<http://www.egwtext.whiteestate.org/cgi-bin/egw2html?C=23937319&K=091959120910922212>) and RC 173 (<http://www.egwtext.whiteestate.org/cgi-bin/egw2html?C=56034297&K=092138120910922387>)).

Based upon the Biblical template, in my project, I fully allow for the basic trading with other country as a means of revenue, even the lending with interest to foreigners, as God allows (Deut 15:1-11ff), however, as God wants it to be, usurious profiting will not be done "domestically" i.e., upon fellow believers. (See on [this page \(http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_economy/njkeconomy/njkrevenues.html\)](http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_economy/njkeconomy/njkrevenues.html)) Interestingly enough, most of this foreign revenue will be used to provided for the infants that would more than likely have been murdered, but-for this ministry. So it also certainly is not a 'Believers-enrichment' scheme.

.This common topic is discussed in more detail on the [CAQ section \(http://www.njkproject.info/njk/forums/msdaol.html\)](http://www.njkproject.info/njk/forums/msdaol.html) on my website

Aza

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And so the insider group defines itself not just by what it is but also by what it keeps out, what it refuses to recognize as "alike", and what it treats as "foreign" or "other" and so withdraws from.

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<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287420> AzA, on 09 December 2009 - 06:15 PM, said

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I honestly am not sure why what you have said should apply to the NJK Project, and this may simply be because I know what the project really is all about, while you seem to be speculatively dealing in what you think it is, or should be. As I have said before, the objective of this project is not to 'separate just for the sake of separation.' This necessary separation has quite practical reasons. Every country has its esteemed values that it wants to protect, and civil immigrants just cannot come to such a country, go against these codified values and expect to be accepted or stay. The NJK's plans to fully adhere to Biblical values, mainly to continually be in a position to help the now over 100,000,000 human beings who die annually from quite preventable/curable causes (cf. Matt 25:31-46; Isa 58). Only adherence to the ways and principles of God can ensure that this can be done, hence, in part here, the (ideological) reason for a physical separation. The main practical reason has been stated in my last post.

As stated in the front page of the NJK Project's website, this planned country is fully open to anyone who wants to be able to do these much needed works. I really could care less how the rest of the world chooses to (continue to) live. That is entirely their problem and any resulting "Biblical peculiarity" from the NJK's lifestyle stance, will not now cause me to shy from being different to the glory of God. Your apparent 'conformity to everyone and everything else in the fear of seeming to be different' is certainly not advocated anywhere in the Bible. In fact, it was when God's people have chosen to live in this compromising way that they were in a state of full-blown apostasy. Israel did not fail in their mission because God had called them out to be a separate and peculiar people, but because they refused to accomplish the various outreach mandates that God had given them in regards to the rest of the world. Their separation was to aid in this Grand Mission, but they lost track of that fact. The NJK Project will ever have that failed example, among several others, before them as a warning of what the refusal to follow God's "straight and narrow" ways will result in

Avonia

Posted 10 December 2009 - 10:17 AM

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287436> NJKProject, on 10 December 2009 - 07:37 AM, said

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<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287437> Avonia, on 10 December 2009 - 10:17 AM, said

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That is because of the fact that while the Bible does have "an array of values," Jesus Christ has shown us which ones are still fully binding upon Christians. He has also given us the template on dealing with others that He did not specifically address. (Cf. Acts 15:1-29)

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?Let's assume you demonstrate something interesting. What are your plans for sharing it with the rest of the world

I assume by this question that you are not simply asking how I plan to promote the Project itself to others. This will be done in the most effective way, which would be various forms of public announcements, mainly in Christian circles. I however suppose, and correct me if I am wrong, that you mean 'how do I plan to share the values of the NJK with other peoples.' Frankly the NJK will primarily, if not entirely, focus on meeting the vital needs of the affected billions of people in world. If the rest of the world wants to emulate this quite noticeable example, whether personally and/or nationally, will be their decision. The NJK can, and will only, lead by modelling a national Christ-like example which will serve as a tangible witness to other nations (Matt 24:14). In more practical terms, as stated on [this page](http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_ministry/njkmissions.html) (http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_ministry/njkmissions.html) of the Project's website, in implementing its humanitarian works, the NJK will be operating over 4000+ "missions campuses" located near the 4000+ population centers of the world that have a population of 100,000 people and more. From these campuses, missions to smaller and/or remote areas will also be done. In this way, and with a planned continual, but rotating occupation of these campuses by NJK citizens, the .NJK will also always have a quite significant, permanent "territorial" presence

AzA

Posted 10 December 2009 - 11:13 PM

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287436>) NJKProject, on 10 December 2009 - 08:37 AM,  :said

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So... your not caring about how others live -- was that rhetorical overstatement for the sake of this conversation? Or how you truly feel?

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What nature tends to do with its diversity is to make a willow a stronger willow, and an oak a stronger oak. It tends not to make willows into oaks.

I think it's great that you recognize the risk of insularity that comes with creating a specialist group. Outreach is one asset for people concerned about that. Another asset is a clear sense of the difference between function and value. As Paul wrote, the eye cannot say to the hand "I don't need you." There's a lot of positive potential .in your commitment to service; I wish you well with it

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:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287456>) AzA, on 10 December 2009 - 11:13 PM, said 

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While 'my thoughts may not be accessible to you', I have posted my views and objectives on my repeatedly referenced website. So when comments are made here, I assume that people are responding to what I have also stated, and made clear, there. I really do not have the time to restate everything that is written there in this forum. So if one really wants to know what the project is indeed all about, then consult the website.

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287456>) AzA, on 10 December 2009 - 11:13 PM, said 

?So... your not caring about how others live -- was that rhetorical overstatement for the sake of this conversation? Or how you truly feel

I can see where the misunderstanding could occur here, however as you have noticed, it was in the line of a "rhetorical overstatement." What I specifically meant by "the rest of the world" are the current people (e.g., people in rich First World countries) who have the means and education to do something much more significant for the billions of people in vital need in the world, but rather choose to live on in a revered selfish, individualistic, wasteful and indifferent way. The NJK Project will focus all of its resources in coming to the aid of the neglected people of the world who are dying from quite preventable causes, and those who have chosen to live their selfish lives, honouring and heeding the "survival of the richest" dictates of Capitalism can continue to live so, as they choose. As the saying goes: 'You can bring a donkey to the watering trough, but you cannot force it to drink.' The projected saving of tens of millions of lives annually by the planned NJK's Humanitarian works, mainly because the selfish ways of Capitalism will have been replaced by the much more effective ways that the Bible has to offer, will be a quite noticeable witness that these people will see, and can easily understand, if they will want to. So no extraordinary effort will be specifically made towards trying to convince them of what they choose to ignore. And that is indeed 'the furthest worry or care from my mind.' Wasting any effort to also tend to such willfully blind people will only result in people in critical need continuing to needlessly suffer and die.

Quote

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The raising of this "diversity" issue here is effectively a "red herring." When you made your outsider/insider comments earlier in regards to what you thought my project was about, it seemed quite clear to me that you considered that the NJK Project was trying to 'separate people in a monastical, "holier-than-thou," way.' And based on the comment you've added here, you seem want to retain in some form such incorrect view of the Project.' That is not at all the intention of the project. The resulting 'chips will simply fall where they may.' When like-minded come together to accomplish a specific task, two such distinct groups will naturally be formed.

"Difference" and "diversity" are not necessarily one and the same. Diversity implies a change from a common source; while difference mostly stem from two distinct sources. As an example, in relation to my project, believing, advocating and practising abortion is not a "diverse" view from what the Bible teaches in regards to the sanctity of life, but a "different" one. Such inherently "different" views will naturally cause a separation amongst people depending on which ones one want to adhere to.

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287456>) Aza, on 10 December 2009 - 11:13 PM, said 

.What nature tends to do with its diversity is to make a willow a stronger willow, and an oak a stronger oak. It tends not to make willows into oaks

I highly suspect that this comment was made in the similar, commonly observed, knee-jerk reaction that 'living in a society that seeks to equally meet the needs of all, as the NJK plans, will result in a bland, homogeneous society.' That would be, and is, the furthest thing from what the NJK Project actually has planned. (See e.g., [here](http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_economy/njkeconomy.html) (http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_economy/njkeconomy.html) or [here](http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_living/hchousing.html) (http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_living/hchousing.html)). So as the NJK aims to equally provide everyone with the same needed resources, their can and will be a great "diversity" in each type of resource available to the public, just like (equally) producing automobiles to meet the needs of everyone can still allow for various designs.

While a willow does not have to, and really cannot, become an oak, if the willow, or even the oak, is contented with being anything less than all that they can be, then the whole of nature is detrimentally affected. The NJK aims to cooperatively facilitate everyone to achieve all that they can achieve, to the benefit of all, for this is really the ultimate purpose for why God has given all of us various talents.

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287456>) Aza, on 10 December 2009 - 11:13 PM, said 

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To be clear here, I am not "creating a specialist group." Just endeavoring to establish the foundation and framework where, what the Bible shows that God expects of His people, particularly His highly blessed, endtime people, can readily be accomplished, and that, mainly by freeing themselves from the hamperings of the prevailing spurious Economic philosophy and system today.

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Again, to be clear here, the NJK is not seeking to draw from a 'superior class' of people. Anyone who wants to join can, and will, make a contribution towards the Project's final goal, if they fully invest the various talents that God has blessed them with. This is what Jesus Christ's parable of the Talents (Matt 25:14-30 cf. COL 325-365), which is the central part of His 'package of Eschatological Parables' in Matt 25, clearly teaches. Indeed, these three parables of: *The Ten Virgins* (vss. 1-13); *The Talents* (14-30); and *The Sheep and the Goats* (31-46) reveal the key "elements" that will assure final victory for God's people, namely, respectively, the Holy Spirit, a Whole Investment of Given Talents; and Good Works in the form of Humanitarian Works. Cf. [This related post](http://njkproject.blogspot.com/2009/11/our-final-test.html) (<http://njkproject.blogspot.com/2009/11/our-final-test.html>) on my blog.)

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287456>) Aza, on 10 December 2009 - 11:13 PM, said 

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Thanks! The 'costs have been counted.' All that the Project really needs now are people with the good will to bring about these Biblical goals. This will take the Spirit- (led disposition of the Apostolic Church (Acts 4:32ff

Avonia

Posted 11 December 2009 - 08:20 AM

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287465>) NJKProject, on 11 December 2009 - 04:18 AM,  :said

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:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287466>) Avonia, on 11 December 2009 - 08:20 AM, said 

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Avonia

Posted 11 December 2009 - 11:07 AM

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287471>) NJKProject, on 11 December 2009 - 08:45 AM,  :said

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I might have misunderstood you - but what I heard you say was that "being Biblical" means opposing abortion. From my perspective, this is similar to many other personal demands people make about universal "obvious" interpretations. Like, creation/evolution. Homosexuality. Mixed marriages. Not seeking medical attention. Women and the church. And so on. Looking to the Bible when determining the morality of these and other issues often results in some really poor choices because we ignore all of the other, more appropriate, ways of knowing.

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<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287474> Avonia, on 11 December 2009 - 11:07 AM, said) 

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On especially this issue, I hope I was absolutely and unequivocally clear. The wanton, premeditated and systematic taking of another person's life is clearly condemned by God in the Bible as murder and a violation of His Sixth Commandment. How much more for the whimsical reasons why abortion is practised today, all ultimately having to do with economical reasons. A Bible believing Christian can only submit his or her opinion to God's clear will here. It is furthermore an incontrovertible observed scientific fact that Life begins at conception. Thus the wanton terminating of it, at any point after this, is murder. The only acceptable exception that can be made to this is in a "Life for life" situation where the very life of the mother is clearly threatened by the pregnancy.

Quote

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In all seriousness, if you know of a Bible text that contradicts this view of 'abortion as murder' than do state it so that it can be considered.

Quote

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First of all I cannot consider none of these cited issues here on the same level as abortion, simply because of the fact that none of them are 'life or death' issues.

Briefly in regards to the issues that you cite, a proper exegetical study of the Bible, and all that this entails, is needed in order to hold a Biblically sound view of them. Here is my current observed and/or studied opinion of them:

Creation/Evolution - The point that seems to cause people to believe in Evolution instead of Creation are the discoveries of certain "artifacts" that seem to indicate a date of existence that surpasses the ca. 6000 years reported in the Bible. First of all, I think that these dating methods have yet to prove to be reliable or exact. Secondly, the Bible seems to allow for in the Creation account of Genesis, that this planet, and all of its unshaped elements, could have been created long before God set out to organize this planet for habitation and create life on it. Furthermore, the Bible is clear that God created fully grown and developed living things, so they could have been aged to the point that they needed to be in order to be fully functional.

Also, as the saying goes, if Darwin had had access to a microscope, he would not have developed his theory of evolution. "Spontaneous generation" surely would have been seen to have been based upon an ignorance of the microscopic world.

Homosexuality - I think that the Bible (both in the OT and NT); and God's anatomical sciences, are clear that homosexuality is both a deviant, and non-natural, state and practice. People today may believe that they are born "gay," but if one would properly psych analyse them, they'll will be able to pinpoint when, where and why their "wires" got crossed. There is no such thing as a "gay gene," and any assumed, entrenched same-sex disposition by someone has really all various been effected on the mind by various external influences.

Mixed marriages - From what I understand, the "mix marriage" issues in the Bible have nothing to do with race, per se, but with an Israelite vs. non-Israelite / Believer vs. non-Believer incongruity. Only this is seen as an "unequal yoke".

Not seeking medical attention - No where in the Bible is it taught that medicine should be shunned. That is predominantly a Jehovah Witnesses' unbiblical aberration based upon a incorrect understanding of passages such as 'not consuming the blood in meats.' God endorse life and the prolongation and saving of it.

Women and the church - From what I have seen, the reason why women were not permitted to function in a priestly role in the Bible was all based upon the fact that it was Eve who led Adam to sin. Both were distinctly cursed for this sin, but the woman was then made to be subservient to her husband (Gen 3:16-19). So it is apparently based on this that a woman could not engage in a task that symbolically involved the making of atonement for sin, i.e., a priestly role. As sin is continued to tangibly be dealt with, even if at a lesser tangible extent in the NT era, through the various functions of an ordained pastor, I think that this restriction still applies. This does not mean that a woman cannot function at all in the Church. The God instituted ministry of Ellen White clearly shows this,. However, I think that it does still mean that a woman cannot function in ordained, pastoral exclusive/specific, functions.

Quote

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It would be interesting to hear what "other, more appropriate, ways of knowing" you recommend for the above issues.

Quote

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Now, none of these stances which will be a part of the foundational basis on the NJK Community will affect who will receive its Humanitarian Works. This is all based upon the ministry of Jesus who fully ministered to people who were suffering from even 'sin-inflicted' diseases. However this will not mean that such sinful practises should, or will be practised within the Community of the NJK, if for no other reason, than the practical one, (as God's righteous ways ultimately all are), that, as various current developments in the world have shown, this will really only result in 'shooting oneself in the foot' and just perpetuate the current problems. There is no need for the NJK Project if that is to be the (e.g.,) America Jr. basis upon which it is to be founded, instead of its planned **solid Biblical foundation** (http://www.njkproject.info/njk/hc_organization/hcfoundations.html).

In my experience, I have only repeatedly seen that careless, shoddy and poor Biblical studies are the root cause of all issues of contention and differences in, at least,

the Christian Church. Choices can be made outside of the parameters set out in the Bible, and today we have the clear demonstration of what this results in. Only .poor, or no, Bible study leads to "poor choices," and thus, detrimental results. Also proper, i.e., Godly, Science, does not contradict the Bible's teachings

Avonia

Posted 11 December 2009 - 01:54 PM

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287481> NJKProject, on 11 December 2009 - 11:26 AM,)
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However this will not mean that such sinful practises should, or will be practised within the Community of the NJK

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NJKProject

Posted 11 December 2009 - 03:15 PM

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.So "open to anyone" means open to anyone who wants to conform to your thinking. Dangerous waters

That is just the quip/trite, and quite "popular" thing to say, but is really just your unsubstantiated, private opinion. In your self-evident, relativist-based view, you do not have to substantiate, or justify, any statement you can make. If my views are not Biblical than that is what is "dangerous waters." Otherwise there is nothing "dangerous" about following God's will. If you think that they are unbiblical, then why don't you point out where they are, instead of making spurious false accusations? Like I said above, and on the front page of my website, to try to do these self-sacrificing works in an "America Jr." model is absolutely futile, as concretely proven today.

Quote

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Does not "Christianity at large" know about the vital needs of the world??? The reason why they are not doing, or planning to do, anything significant to alleviate them is because those who can, namely First World Christians, are too busy 'chasing their tails,' as it were, trying to keep up with their dysfunctional economic system. As the Bible says, 'you cannot serve both God and Mammon' and that goes for professed Christians also.

I honestly, really do not even begin to see how, as, at the very least, a Christian, and presumably an SDA Christian, you would think that a Bible based project would endorse, allow and condone Biblically condemn, sinful practices, in any way!?!

And just for the record here, as it was plainly stated in the opening post on this thread, the NJK Project has parallel plans for a Biblical Research Institute comprised .of 400+ researchers to deal with all Biblical Issues

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Avonia

Posted 11 December 2009 - 04:12 PM

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287485> NJKProject, on 11 December 2009 - 01:15 PM,)
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That I am a "relativist" - that's true. And I've worked very hard to become so. I do not consider solely pointing to the Bible either substantiation or justification. Many atrocities in the world have been committed by people doing so.

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287485> NJKProject, on 11 December 2009 - 01:15 PM,)
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I don't think whether something is "biblical" is highly correlated to whether it is moral. And whether something is "biblical" often has more to do with the person making the claim than it has to do with the Bible. Just look at the wide array of conclusions people reach reading the same text.

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Agreed.

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287485>) NJKProject, on 11 December 2009 - 01:15 PM.)
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I suspect that much of what we define as sin has little to do with sinning - and much of our sinning is not addressed by our code. I see a very poor correlation between people who work hard to keep the code and right action. Said more simply, we can learn much more about sinning by simply paying attention to cause and effect than we can by reading the Bible.

?NJK, I am trying to understand more about what you are proposing. Would you be more comfortable just giving me a list of acceptable questions

Clay

Posted 11 December 2009 - 09:35 PM

...interesting twists... as my social work professor use to say, "don't get defensive on me!!" lets continue the dialog
If you believe you can tell me what to think, I believe I can tell you where to go. - Unknown

AZA

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<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287465>) NJKProject, on 11 December 2009 - 05:18 AM.)
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I'm not sure this is a workable assumption. When the apostles went out and about they worked with the folks in the moment. Can't think of a case where they said
"Y'know what, forget this conversation business -- go read my scroll."

Which doesn't mean it didn't happen. Just I can't think of an example.

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those who have chosen to live their selfish lives, honouring and heeding the "survival of the richest" dictates of Capitalism can continue to live so, as they choose.....
So no extraordinary effort will be specifically made towards trying to convince them of what they choose to ignore. And that is indeed 'the furthest worry or care from
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When you made your outsider/insider comments earlier in regards to what you thought my project was about, it seemed quite clear to me that you considered that
the NJK Project was trying to 'separate people in a monastical, "holier-than-thou," way.' And based on the comment you've added here, you seem want to retain in
some form such incorrect view of the Project.' That is not at all the intention of the project. The resulting 'chips will simply fall where they may.' When like-minded
come together to accomplish a specific task, two such distinct groups will naturally be formed....

To be clear here, I am not "creating a specialist group." Just endeavoring to establish the foundation and framework where, what the Bible shows that God expects of
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While a willow does not have to, and really cannot, become an oak, if the willow, or even the oak, is contented with being anything less than all that they can be, then the whole of nature is detrimentally affected. The NJK aims to cooperatively facilitate everyone to achieve all that they can achieve, to the benefit of all, for this is really the ultimate purpose for why God has given all of us various talents. Well said

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<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287486>) Avonia, on 11 December 2009 - 04:12 PM, said

That I am a "relativist" - that's true. And I've worked very hard to become so. I do not consider solely pointing to the Bible either substantiation or justification. Many atrocities in the world have been committed by people doing so

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While many "atrocities" have been (falsely) done in the name of God (e.g., religious persecutions, the Inquisition, the Crusades, religious, sectarian wars, U.S. slavery (in "ideological" part)); much more has been done in atheistic independence of Biblical views (e.g., the Holocaust, Soviet-style Communism, various wars and World Wars, the (Terrorists) nuclear bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the Rwandan and Serbian Genocides, 2 billion+ abortions, etc.)

When you find an author, philosopher or guru who even begins to compare with what God has done, and can do, then I'll give them a hearing. (Isa 45:21-25; 46:9-11)

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I don't think whether something is "biblical" is highly correlated to whether it is moral. And whether something is "biblical" often has more to do with the person making the claim than it has to do with the Bible. Just look at the wide array of conclusions people reach reading the same text

I have studied the Bible for myself and found it to be unimpeachably true. My faith is not a "second-hand" faith as it does not depend on what others have done, (or not done) with it, or claimed from it. If that had been the case then I would surely be an unbeliever today. While I was even studying theology at Andrews University, if I had simply chosen to differentially accept what my professors, or seminary "doctor", were "reciting" in certain key teachings as sound Biblical truth, I then probably would have an uncertain/wavering faith today. Following the Berean example, I challenged what these assumed learned men were saying, especially as some key things really did not "hold any water" and studied them out in more depth for myself, and found out what the Biblical truth really was on these matters. I therefore now have an even more solid faith in the Bible, especially when compare to any man's reasonings. So for me, the Bible is quite reliable and trustworthy, and also in determining was it "moral" and "immoral." Why shouldn't I trust the wisdom of the actual Master Designer of this universe and all created things as to what is right or wrong, true or false. Like I said, if you know anyone who can verifiably do better, then make him/her known.

Since you self-evidently do not accept all of what the Bible has to say, then I really hope for yourself that your view is based on something more tangible than simply what 'Preacher Doe and/or his followers, falsely said or did.'

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I suspect that much of what we define as sin has little to do with sinning - and much of our sinning is not addressed by our code. I see a very poor correlation between people who work hard to keep the code and right action. Said more simply, we can learn much more about sinning by simply paying attention to cause and effect than we can by reading the Bible

Again, the 'pain or pleasure' approach is not what I want to subscribe to. The Bible states that e.g., Murder and Homosexuality are wrong and an abomination, and that really settles it for me. And if you really do look at the "cause" of things you will indeed find the "immoral root" that has resulted in the various action and behaviours that the Bible has condemned as wrong. I think that even in your 'cause and effect' / 'pain or pleasure' way that 2 billion+ dead babies, HIV, AIDS and the violation of anatomical congruity is proof enough that something things are concretely wrong with such practices. Just because something can be done, that does not make it right.

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?Would you be more comfortable just giving me a list of acceptable questions

You are the one who thinks my views are unacceptable, and dangerous, then you are the one who concretely point out why, even if you do not use the Bible as a reference point, but please, at least be scientific, if you can. And, like I said, it is vitally foundational to your stance that whatever you may believe is never wrong so !?!really, what's the point of questioning any of your beliefs

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[:http://www.blackstda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287505](http://www.blackstda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287505) AzA, on 12 December 2009 - 12:38 AM, said 

I'm not sure this is a workable assumption. When the apostles went out and about they worked with the folks in the moment. Can't think of a case where they said "Y'know what, forget this conversation business -- go read my scroll."

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Working from an "unknown" doesn't begin to truly resolve anything. Anything can be justified with this approach. If you really wanted a Biblical precedence for the self-evident, logical stance of 'not restating everything that can so easily be accessed and read elsewhere,' then look at the ministry of Jesus where He repeatedly asked the people who would question Him, 'what have you read', 'What does the Law and/or the Prophets say', 'What is written in the Scriptures' and even 'what have you seen or heard.' Then if there were still honest, unresolved issues, then He addressed it. As I said before, I really do not have the time to give everyone a guided tour of my Project's site. If you are really interested, you can first read my views on the site, and on my related blog, and if you then still have any valid/honest further questions, then I'll respond to them.

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That was actually said from concrete, current observation. When people can see, hear and read of the billions of people in vital need in the world today, but prefer to go on with their indifferent, more-than-enough lives, and let these others suffer and die, then that is "willful blindness" and indeed it is a waste of time and resources to beg them to favorably respond to what they have deliberately chosen to ignore.

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Being blessed simply means having been given various, special knowledge and resources, as the SDA Church has been, and just like Ancient Israel was. However, if you read the history of our pioneers you will see that these institutional blessings were given for a particular, even conditional, purpose, and that is to be able to be in a position to do something significantly tangible for others in need. If a Global Church with such resources cannot, or is not, doing this then, there blessings are not being used for what God expects of them as variously indicated in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy. (You can read my blog for more on this). Again, the separation that will take place by the NJK Project is more practical than ideological. If you think of another way to house, materially and vitally support and care for, at least, a potential of up to 60+ million new (infant) people per year; or even, a more efficient way to be in a position to even be capable of helping such people, and others, in vital need, then present it. It is only natural that those who continue to believe that Jesus Christ really does not expect His Church to maximize their given resources and capabilities in order to do something much more significant for those in need, remain in a distinct group than those who do, and strive to actually accomplish this.

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While ultimately everything on this planet comes from the same source of God Himself, there comes times when things radically break away from each other into two distinct/different and not merely diverse groups. E.g., all were angels in heaven, until one third decided to oppose God and His ways. Physically, they were all still angels, but Spiritually some were "Good" while others were "Evil". All humans are descendants of Adam and Eve, and then Noah, however some chose to live their lives in accordance to God's will (the "Son/Daughter of God") while others did not (the "Son/Daughters of Men"), and so on. In God's intelligent creation, differences are also determined by cognitive choices that are made, and Truth ultimately is what separates these previously common groups.

Also while we may have the same physical source, e.g., the Bible, how we choose to interpret/ apply it, or what we choose to do with what we have read and understood makes all of the difference. E.g., Sunday Keepers vs. Sabbath Keepers.

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That is why I started that statement by saying: "I highly suspect".

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I don't think anyone here has asked you to do anything.... frankly and in all seriousness, strong people don't need leaders... Thinking people don't need leaders either.... so while I hear the pitch you are making, to me, your premise and your basic assumptions about what the bible is, who God is, and the state of humans give me pause... however as the song says, "Its your thang... do what you want to do...." Carry on and I wish ya the best....

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The reference point is the connection inside of you to Source. It's not the Bible. The Bible is a reflection of all the ways people experienced and perceived this connection.

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Untrue. I fully accept you just the way you are. But sometimes, functioning in a larger circle is a simple as somebody pointing out that it exists—and looking at it for the first time.

NJK, it's been nice talking with you. I appreciate your intention to work well in the world—and the actions you are taking to back it up. Many blessings for the project

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...As I said earlier though, its your project, wish ya the best

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AzA

Posted 12 December 2009 - 11:43 PM

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287510> NJKProject, on 12 December 2009 - 05:29 AM, 

:said

If you really wanted a Biblical precedence for the self-evident, logical stance of 'not restating everything that can so easily be accessed and read elsewhere,' then look at the ministry of Jesus where He repeatedly asked the people who would question Him, 'what have you read', 'What does the Law and/or the Prophets say', 'What is written in the Scriptures' and even 'what have you seen or heard.' Then if there were still honest, unresolved issues, then He addressed it

Yes... The people approached Jesus with an issue [A went to B], and then he engaged them based on their domain and their experience. Sometimes that was scripture, if he was talking to scribes and religious leaders; sometimes that was parables, especially if he was talking to the masses; sometimes it was the prevailing wisdom of the time or what their ruling classes had said. Always their domain. He didn't always correct their misconceptions, but he sure did stretch them. So -- to recap, when *they* approached *him* with a question, he mined *their* domain to help them move from their world out towards his perspective.

Here, you approached a group with a new proposal [B went to A]. You posted your proposal complete with apostasy warnings, and then referred us to your website. Recap: you approached the group; the group did not approach you. You did not first listen for the local dialect or try to meet it in its domain, but you initiated a monologue and an immediate bind: Join me or be proved willfully blind.

By contrast, when Paul went to Athens to introduce them to a resurrected Christ, he took a different approach. B went to A. He walked around their biggest pantheon, acknowledged their customs, and did so respectfully. He connected himself to the Athenians by citing their common source, he spoke their philosophical

language, and he connected Epicurean and Stoic tradition to his own. Only then did he shoot for a stretch, and he could have laid a stronger context for that too. In any case, some laughed, some asked him to come back, and some sought him out. He cast no judgement on any of these groups. He did not refer them to his scroll. Or ding them for not interpreting Aratus in the same way he was. I suppose he also realized he was not the only apostle in Asia Minor.

You weren't at all mislead about this being an Adventist community. And you might be surprised at the constructive things forum members do in their work off-site; Elijah has 7,000-plus compatriots he knows nothing about. You seem to have difficulty with the fact that we are committed believers who are nevertheless quite different from you. Yet we can and do encourage you to do what you feel called to do even as we ask questions about the assumptions you're making and the coherence between your assumptions, conclusions, and reality.

This is going to be at least the third unconditional blessing you'll get today.

.Love you, bro. 😊 Feel free to stick around and join in the conversations

beanchild

Posted 13 December 2009 - 12:25 AM

so now i'm glad i waded through the other parts of this thread. 😊 because of the reminder that the groups of people were met where they were and then encouraged .to grow. it gives me a bit more hope

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287538>) Aza, on 12 December 2009 - 11:43 PM, said

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NATURAL FABRIC! NATURAL FABRIC!!!!
largo, mt, 961

NJKProject

Posted 13 December 2009 - 06:32 AM

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287527>) Clay, on 12 December 2009 - 05:13 PM, said

,Not quite my friend, your responses clearly prove that you have chosen to pigeonhole yourself

Of course in your (assumedly) assimilated, semi or whole pluralistic and relativist view, you are defaultly deceived to believe that an 'adherence to God and the Bible to the exclusion of all worldly philosophies' (1 Cor 2) is "pigeon-holeing oneself" I surely didn't expect to get this treatment on a forum that claims to be SDA. As Elijah would say: why do you actually hamper yourself by limping on two irreconcilable opinions... (1 Kgs 18:21). Textbook manifestation of Laodicean symptoms (Rev 3:14-19). If you cannot understand this, then you are really beyond hope. and in such a case I can only plead Pro 26:4 & Psa 14:1 to you and **Avonia** for now. I have plans to fully exercise Pro 26:5 in the future in regards to such worldly views, but certainly not now. I do not have the "needed" resources to even begin wandering into such aimless and pointless pursuits. Too much more pressing, important and vital things to tend to.

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not to mention others who you labeled as uninformed, uneducated and illiterate...

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....however, it seems to work for you, and I am happy that for now you enjoy the lane you are in

(One can never go wrong in staying in God's ways. (Psa 16:11; Dan 3:16-18; DA 224-225

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NJKProject

Posted 13 December 2009 - 07:41 AM

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287538>) Aza, on 12 December 2009 - 11:43 PM, said

...,You did not first listen for the local dialect or try to meet it in its domain

Sorry I did not assume that the "dialect" on this "SDA" website should have been more worldly; nor that I would be dealing with SDA "Athenians, Epicureans and Stoics." I certainly have no time for that.

Aza and **beanchild**

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I guess the "spirit of Elijah" was my paramount guide here (1 Kgs 17:1; PK 120-121; 129-142; 177-189, Mal 4:4-6)

[:http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287538](http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287538)) AzA, on 12 December 2009 - 11:43 PM, said

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God knows you all are not doing me a favor here, nor does this Project live or die with your endorsement.

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...You seem to have difficulty with the fact that we are committed believers

Actual/true, i.e., Biblical, Commitment is tangibly made evident solely by if Biblical teachings and practices are endorsed. Like I have said, the current ways of the Church are not Biblical, so any claim to being "committed to the Bible" are simply self-deceived, "professions." If you do not think this is true, then simply prove my Biblical support of this wrong.

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In the presumed light of your apparent sincerity, however self-convinced it may be, I can only thank you for you "blessings." (Still I am not sure what "condition" I did not meet in order to merit them). But the only thing I can do with such professions is read them! Thanks anyway, I guess!?!)

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When you've read what I have posted we can have a worthwhile Biblical conversation, an not a futile exchange of personal opinions. At least it will be for me, and really, on my side, that is all that can be determinative right now.

I think, and know, that I have done all that is required of me in regards to sharing this project. The information needed to answer most of the questions that may exist have been posted on my website and my blog, including what the Bible's endtime view is on your cited 7000 people statements. This may not be the 'politically correct' or "cool" way to proceed on a forum, but due to my time constraint for much more pressing things, this will have to do. If the assumed SDA Believers on this forum, did not have ready access to Bibles and the Spirit, then I would have an obligation to, as it were, 'teach geometry in Graduate School.' Other than that it is just a sad evidence to, and result of, the (revered) systemic dysfunction that exists in the Church. It is just "blind leading the blind." (Mat 15:14) If you really want to understand my views on these issues, then the pertinent information has already been made available. Like I said, and meant before, I do not have time to effectively "spoon-feed teenagers." The food's been bought and cooked, feed yourselves

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Clay

Posted 13 December 2009 - 07:49 AM

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287543>) NJKProject, on 13 December 2009 - 05:32 AM, said

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Posted 13 December 2009 - 07:58 AM

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NJKProject

Posted 13 December 2009 - 01:43 PM

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287545>) Clay, on 13 December 2009 - 07:49 AM, said) 

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Posted 13 December 2009 - 01:48 PM

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287548>) NJKProject, on 13 December 2009 - 12:43 PM,) 
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NJKProject

Posted 13 December 2009 - 01:51 PM

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287546>) Clay, on 13 December 2009 - 07:58 AM, said) 

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NJKProject

Posted 14 December 2009 - 03:53 PM

:<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287549>) Clay, on 13 December 2009 - 01:48 PM, said) 

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Posted 14 December 2009 - 04:19 PM

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287550>) NJKProject, on 13 December 2009 - 01:51 PM,)
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One World: One People: One Peace

Clay

Posted 14 December 2009 - 05:45 PM

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287577>) NJKProject, on 14 December 2009 - 02:53 PM,)
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...sure NJK, whatever you say.... thanks again for another amusing response

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AzA

Posted 14 December 2009 - 09:25 PM

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Clay

Posted 14 December 2009 - 09:29 PM

[:http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287584](http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287584)) AzA, on 14 December 2009 - 08:25 PM, said)
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Posted 14 December 2009 - 11:31 PM

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[:http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287594](http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287594)) NJKProject, on 14 December :31 PM, said)
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NJKProject

Posted 15 December 2009 - 06:34 AM

[:http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287596](http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287596) Clay, on 14 December 2009 - 11:58 PM, said 

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I think you can only speak for yourself here, Clay. Well let's just confirm the data here (or lack thereof): **Which of the respondents here actually has?** (As much as possible cite date & time so that this can be concretely verified.)

Ohhh, I'll take God's Word/Prophecies over your human reasonings/predictions every time.... Just going where you all are insistent on ending up!

(Interesting that you find this all so amusing. As they say, "Knock yourself out!" (cf. ??a ?-9-?3

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NJKProject

Posted 15 December 2009 - 07:18 AM

Notwithstanding the plethora of Biblical examples that can be cited here that show that Biblically/Spiritually speaking, Truth is not determine by a 'majority of people', but actually by what Truth really is in substance; (a Biblical analysis that obviously cannot be entered into here), applying Pro. 26:5 here considering they are all said to be "Pathfinders":

Quote

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- (1) At the very least we simply have" 'one pathfinder who went into the woods and two others who decided to stay behind.' (Unless of course you are obsessively "zealous" about this "leader" business. - But you would have to read in my blog to get this.)
- (2) To a more sequitur extent we have: one "pathfinder" who either found a path, or decided to "blaze" one, as his training, profession and function fully allows, in order to make it through the woods, and two others who, at the very least, didn't feel that this wasn't within their competence, function and/or duty (or simply "chickened out").

Some things just cannot be "shared" no matter how much one would want to. (Matt 25:8, 9)

You're going to have to be a lot more substantive here to begin to make any point.

(And just to think here that 'the children of this age are indeed wiser than the children of the Light.' (Luke 16:8

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NJKProject

Posted Yesterday, 11:44 AM

Quite evidently here, a default, if not also, concerted (as that (self-righteous) ominous

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indeed seemed to suggest), "silent treatment" is now in effect - the weapon of choice for those who indeed, really just have nothing (substantive) to say. I thought that it was '

[:http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287585](http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287585) Clay, on 14 December 2009 - 09:29 PM, said 

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little

Obviously, (and like the Epicureans), whatever you all so cherish (i.e., "form, communication, netiquette, "local dialect") is 'so much more important than' Truth, Knowledge and Substance. Like Clay also admitted [and you 'Epicureans and Stoics' should be quite familiar with these type of statements, popularly known as a "Freudian Slip"] - "hypocrisy" in Biblical terms - 'you are indeed

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Avonia

Posted Yesterday, 06:24 PM

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287643>) NJKProject, on 16 December 2009 - 09:44 AM, said

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I understand why you would say this. It is not clear to me that you are teachable at the moment. And I respect where you are, and why you are there. When you are ready, there will be another opportunity

NJKProject

Posted Today, 12:47 AM

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?app=forums&module=forums§ion=findpost&pid=287653>) Avonia, on 16 December 2009 - 06:24 PM, said

I understand why you would say this. It is not clear to me that you are teachable at the moment. And I respect where you are, and why you are there. When you are ready, there will be another opportunity

Really... You all are so self-illusioned! Then by all means **teach!** However, unlike what you may have been conditioned to believe, "teaching" does not involve 'the bantering exchange of ultimately mindless/vacuous, unsubstantiated personal opinions.' If I sign up for driving lessons, I am not going to consider it "teaching" if the so-called "instructor" tells me that, despite what is written in the law and the driving manual, and the flow of the crossing traffic, when I pull up to a traffic light that is red, that means "go through", and all that is true because the color red makes him/her feel "oh so adventurous"! However sincere that this person may be in that (false) belief, that is all still: (1) contrary to established laws that regulate traffic, (2) not a fact, and (3) likely to result in an accident, even a deadly one. Like I stated before, if you want to "teach" **me** anything, then at the very least make sure that it is factual and/or science based, and not solely, entirely based upon your, and/or, other people's, relative "opinions."

Furthermore, as it was also mentioned before, frankly, based on especially your previous post in this thread where you claim to 'know what is best for me,' or 'what, effectively "ethereal concept" I should be believing in,' it is quite self-evident that **you** don't truly, nor fully, understand, believe and/or embrace the "relativist" views that you proclaim. I have repeatedly stated to you that, based on what I have experienced in my SDA Christian life, with the Bible as my absolute Guidebook, I am perfectly satisfied by, and with, my beliefs in God and the Bible. According to your view, that should unequivocally settle it. It seems to be the deciding factor for you, so then why not for others?!? As a "relativist," you of all people should be the last person to want to "teach" anything to anyone, especially with an underlying belief that 'this would be better for them.' Case in point, I was truly baffled when you said that you agreed with my (Biblical) view that 'First world Christian have been indifferent to people in need, and that by trying to meet the self-set demands of their economic system. Are you not aware that Capitalism as it is today, exists and functions solely because it is explicitly based upon relativism. E.g., My house has no set/factual price/value. It is worth whatever buyers are willing to pay for it at the time of sale. Or, back to the point at hand, since First world Christians are not stealing money from people in the Third World, in fact, many times, they "employ" people from these countries at the local market value rate of, e.g., \$0.50 per hour, they have absolutely no extra obligation to anyone in these poor countries. To claim that they should, i.e., have a "moral" obligation to actually give these needy people from their earned money goes completely against your professed view. And certainly the fact that these needy people will die from this lack of assistance cannot be a determinative factor according to your relative view. Just as in the issue of abortion, it all depends on what is best for oneself. You should really own up to your "beliefs", and really live by them, and as your underlying philosophy goes: Live and let live. Therefore any form of "proselytizing" attempts from you should be off limits.

Your relative view is an insidiously **dangerous** path that, if truly exercised, can, and will, **only** lead to total anarchy and self-destruction, as it has absolutely no room for any morality, nor laws, starting with the Bible and God's Ten Commandments. In your view, people should be free to do whatever they want, and in such a case only the strong will survive. Case in point: Abortion). And by the way, along the lines of your evident same-sex relationships support, what's next in such a path of "inner feelings", "felt relations" and non-natural sex - bestiality?!? And that is not a rhetorical question. Really..., answer that question while still staying truly "faithful" to your relative views! (And I hope your excuse/defense is not also here, the peripheral: "That lacks discipline"; because this question is [a] factual, and [b] is stated how I want to express it, so according to your view, it can only be the right way. Surely you cannot assume and claim to know me what's best for me!!!)

Frankly speaking, and in conclusion, your previously imparted view that 'the word of God as revealed through the Bible is not the best way for me, or, assumedly, other Bible believers, to live all sounds like what Satan suggested to Eve in the Garden of Eden, and actually the very reason why we are in this current mess. But of course you probably don't think/believe so. Well, in such a case, using your view, as I probably have no other choice with you, then: 'believe whatever is best for you.'

But at the very least, for your own good, truly "be-live it!" (Psa 92:6, 7) As the prophet Elijah said, you are only 'hampering yourself by trying to limp on two irreconcilable opinions.' (1 Kgs 18:21).

"I don't believe another song could ever change the world... I don't believe that little boys grow up to be little girls..." - *The Waiting*

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In April of 06 I said this:

Quote

welcome NJK, glad you joined... this is a discussion forum first and foremost so we ask that you interact rather than post long treatises about something that interests you..... Please take this recommendation to heart, you don't want to be accused of pushing a product or advertising something.....

....this thread will be closed for now

...After further review this thread will be closed permanently

If you believe you can tell me what to think, I believe I can tell you where to go. - Unknown

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