

## Special Editorial from Rabbi Nydle

# Stop the Hate Speech!

Mat 5:43-48 *Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy: but I say unto you, love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be sons of your Father who is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust. For if ye love them that love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the Gentiles the same? Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Lately there has been a very troubling trend within the Nazarene Movement originating from various leaders and ministries. There has been a rise in bias, prejudice, half-truths, and the dissemination of hatred posing as “teachings” of truth. No has stood up to these ministers of misinformation in order to correct their behavior and expose their hatred for their fellow man.

Many are speaking out concerning the supposed “evil” of the Muslims and Islam, claiming to be quoting from authentic Islamic texts, literature, and leadership. They claim that the Muslims believe this, or do that, using scare tactics to “prove” how terrible the Muslims are and how their existence is a threat to the Yehudim, Xtians, and the Messianics/ Nazarenes. As seekers of the truth, we must seek out to check the sources of these “revelations” to ascertain whether or not what is being expounded is a true statement within its given context, a misinterpretation of the facts, or just outright lies and propaganda.

This type of behavior by individuals is reprehensible and is a complete violation of everything the Torah and our Master teaches. Anyone who claims to be Torah observant and follow the Messiah should stand for the truth and have zero tolerance for lies and hatred. This holds true even if those lies are about those who want to kill or persecute you. In the Name of Messiah I have to stand firm and defend those who want to destroy Yisrael or even kill me. IT IS NOT ISLAM OR THE MUSLIMS THAT I DEFEND OR CONDEMN, AS THEIR ACTIONS WILL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, AS WILL OURS. WHAT WE DO CONDEMN IS THE METHOD OF PROPAGANDA THAT IS BEING USED AGAINST THEM AS IT SERVES NO GOOD PURPOSE.

When we read or hear the type of anti-Muslim propaganda that is being sent out via the internet, we have to be reminded of the many centuries of the usage of the same methods of propaganda, using the same type of falsehoods, misinformation, and innuendos to attack the Yehudim/Jews. This anti-Semitic propaganda claims to quote from the Torah, Talmud, the Jewish sages, and Jewish literature to prove their so-called claims that the Yehudim are “satanic/antichrist”. Historically, individuals and groups of strong moral character have always risen up and condemned these lies for what they are-LIES. Why then are we as Nazarenes completely silent and do not act to stop these atrocities when they are aimed at the Muslims? Why do we not stand against this outrageous behavior by leadership? This propaganda serves as the sole source of information for some people, and some even commit criminal acts against the people group they have been motivated to fear and hate.

Anyone who claims to be spiritual must never tolerate this abhorrent behavior, no matter whom or what the source is. This is not the Way of the Torah and Moshiach, nor is it the way of true Islam. Defamatory propaganda is not the way of honor, morality, and spirituality. It is a subtle form of mind control that is motivated to instill unnatural fear and hatred for a supposed “enemy”.

It is our obligation to ascertain what is true and what is false. It is unbelievable that millions still believe the lies concerning the Jewish people and Judaism after all these centuries. It is because they do not want to be bothered with finding truth. They believe it is true simply because someone they respect claimed it was true. Any intelligent and informed person knows how false all these lies really are, but who will believe us? If it is not right to spread these lies concerning the Jews, then it is not right to do the same against others.

Hate has no boundaries and prejudice knows no limits. In whatever form it manifests, we must stand against it and condemn it as anti-Torah and anti-Messiah. We have to do our homework and know if it is really true before we say it or spread it as the “truth.” But, we have to understand that when we are dealing with irrational hatred or fear, even showing someone the documented truth will not change their heart. Their “research” is fueled by hatred not a true desire to find TRUTH.HATRED CAN KILL US ALL! MAY WE ALL STAND FIRM AGAINST HATE!

1Jn 3:18 *My Little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth.*

