

# HATE!

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**“There is a time and a place for all things under Heaven”** (Ecc. 3:1). There is even a time to hate, (verse 8), and we all know that there is certainly no lack of hate in the world today. Now, unlike all the “peace-lovers” out there, I actually believe that there is room for hate and that every individual has the right, yes, the right, to hate whatever and whomever he wants.

Hatred is not moral, and it certainly is not righteous, but it exists nevertheless, and it is not the role of government to pass legislation in an attempt to make hate go away. No government and no law can ever make this so. Hatred and prejudice lie in the heart and matters of the heart can never be altered by human legislation.

While I do believe everyone has the right to hate, I also believe that such a right has its limits. There is absolutely never any justification for acting-out with violent expressions of hate. One may hate, but may may not act violently against those they hate. Such acts of violence, are rightly prohibited by law and the violators rightfully punished. One may hate all they want, but one must never allow one's hatred to spill over into violence.

Today, hatred comes in all sizes and packages. Almost every group and identity has those different from it which it hates, and in turn, each and every group and identity is a target of hate from those different from it. It seems like everyone hates everyone else. The only ones who seem to rise above hate are those individuals of all groups who simply chose not to hate another based upon whatever differences exist between them. Now, differences do not have to be embraced, they do not even have to be liked. But not liking and not embracing is not hatred. Hatred is more.

Hatred is irrational and emotionally motivated. Granted, every one who hates can give a list of reasons why he hates those whom he does. Yet, if one were to look rationally at these lists of complaints and justifications for hatred, one would find many reasons that make no sense and other claims that are just complete lies. Then again, in every list that seeks to justify hate, there very well may be a few items that are true, and may very well be a justifiable cause to hate.

I myself, am often a victim of prejudice or hate, for reasons out of my control. I am hated by some because of my sex. I am hated by some because of my sexual orientation. I am hated by some because of the color of my skin. I am hated by some because of my nationality. I am hated by some because of my politics. I am hated by some because of my religion. So, there we have it! I am a victim of hate because of my sex, sexual orientation, color, nationality, politics and religion. That is six strikes against me. And I am

sure, if I took longer time to ponder it, I could discover even more ways in which I am not liked by this or that group of others.

Even, so-called, Bible believing, “God fearing” people of religion, I have found embrace their own forms of prejudice and hate against others who are not members of their specific worldview. In this respect, there are both Jewish and Christian groups who are as equally closed-minded and insular as are many of the Muslim groups that both of these groups condemn for being elitist and insular! As the old saying goes, “the pot should not call the kettle black.” (I hope that this statement will not be construed as racist because of my mention of color).

Yes, every individual has the right to chose who they like and who they dislike. Every individual, in my opinion, has the right to chose with whom they associate and with whom not to associate. If one has a private business or enterprise, I do not believe that such an individual should be forced to provide the private services of said business or enterprise with anyone not of one's choosing. Yes, in my opinion, if someone in their private business wishes to refuse me (or you) service because of something in me (or in you) that they disapprove of, that should be OK. After all, why should anyone want to do business with someone who does not want to do business with them? I do not want to force anyone to do anything other than to leave me alone. No one has to deal with me (or you) and I (or you) do not have to deal with them.

No one should be forced to do anything that curtails their individual rights, as long as they are not hurting or harming another. Lies are told about every group. Prejudice and racism is promoted by every group against their chosen targets. In this respect, all groups are alike. This unfortunate and immoral reality knows no national boundaries. This immoral and despicable behavior is found everywhere and is practiced by almost every group in every nation.

Prejudice and hate are “group-think.” Rarely does an individual embrace a type of prejudice and hate against an entire group unless they have had multiple negative personal dealings with members of said group or because they have surrendered their independent thinking to “group-think.”

If I find an individual under the spell of “group-think,” who thus thinks badly about me because of my religion, my politics or my nationality, there is not much I can do about it. I believe in a “live and let live” attitude. I believe individuals have the right to be stupid and to harm themselves if they so chose. Victims of “group-think” rarely think for themselves. They are usually very comfortable repeating over and over again their manta-like cherished sayings, that “this group is like this” and “that group is all like that.” Never does anyone under the spell of “group-think” stop to think independently and conclude, “maybe there are some good ones out of that batch.” Such considerations are dangerous to “group-think” and can subject a “group-think” member, who is not willing to uphold the party line, to considerable ostracization and other fall-outs with their chosen identity group.

All this is slavery of the mind, in its worst forms. God commands us to be free and to live free. Yet, one cannot be free all the while that one hates and surrenders to “group-think” prejudices. Granted, one may embrace such foolishness if one so wishes. And indeed, we

should avoid and have nothing to do with those who wish to avoid us and have nothing to do with us. Yet, these types of divisions never lead to anything good.

Usually such divisions never remain in the realm of benign personal preferences. They almost always bubble over into the realms of violence, in one or more of its many forms. Such violence is, of course, immoral, illegal and a grievous sin in the eyes of both God and man. Anyone who acts violently towards any other because of prejudice should realize that they are indeed, "children of Satan, the devil." Such children of violence and hatred will always come to the same evil end that they wish to perpetuate on others.

So, while one has the right to hate and to separate, one who does this is both foolish and sinful. One has the right to do this and be this way, BUT, and this a big BUT, one will be held accountable for one's decisions and one's actions before the Throne of God. But, of course, religious racists are all OK with this. After all, in their eyes, God is on their side, and their side alone! Sound familiar? Every competing and warring religious group says the exact same thing! Even the atheist has become equally fundamental and dangerous!

So, you have the right to hate. Yes, you may even hate me! I, in turn, will try my best to never give you any legitimate reason to hate me. Yet, I realize that even my best efforts will not convince or change the true die-hard haters out there. They cannot even recognize that what they consider to be their moral convictions are actually a thin-veiled hatred.

So be it! I will stay away from all those who seek to stay away from me. I believe it is respecting them to give them their space. I also acknowledge the respect I show will not be shown back to me in turn. I accept this, as unfortunate as it is. I will always extend the hand of friendship and brotherhood to all, regardless of their sex, race, religion, politics or whatever. The only criteria of judgment I make is one's actions. I prefer to surround myself with honest and good people. Those are my only criteria of judgment. As for the rest of people, well, if you want to stay away from me, well, I'm just fine with that.

If and when you are ever ready to change, you might discover just how true and good a friend and brother I can be. In the mean time, you are the one losing out. And God is watching, and He (not me) is judging!

When you look at it, the rigidity of mind through sight limits the mobility of reality, when observation is removed so too is the limiting of possibilities, thus to construct a thought is to limit the flow of reality. Leaving things unformed enables reality to flow in infinite combinations. Thus non-observation leads to greater fluidity. Non-observance leaves out the conscious mind and enables the unconscious to construct reality unlimited and unhindered. Reality thus flows without limitation. Consciousness is limitation, the poisonous fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. What we call the unconscious enables us to expand reality and transforms consciousness into a level of perception unknown today. Change the mind and thus change the world.

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