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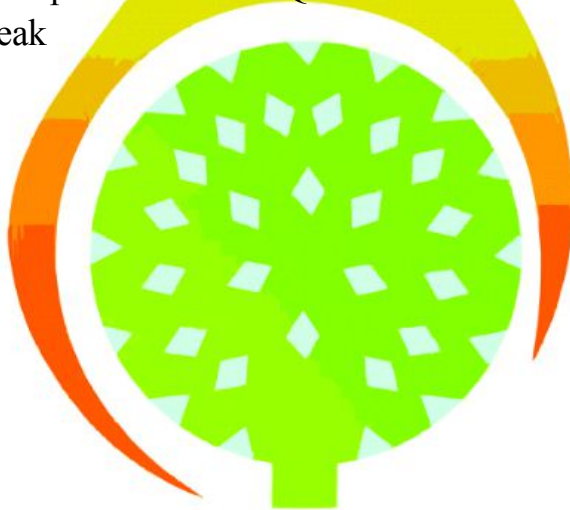
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Introduction

Let us once and for all understand that NONSENSE remains NONSENSE even when it is said and done by the most famous, respected, popular and accomplished preachers, theologians, scholars, philosophers and scientists. Not to mention politicians. Be Quick to Hear and Slow to Speak



There are numerous ridiculous statements that people make all the time, I discuss only a few to give an idea, and to encourage Christians to think both biblically and critically. Here it goes:

1. “Jesus Christ was rich”

I heard this from Word of Faith prosperity preachers. It is one of the most ridiculous statements I have ever heard because it is so obviously false and charlatanic. Born in a manger, grew up practicing carpentry, had to borrow a donkey, had nowhere to lay His head (If He didn't even own a home, then He didn't even own a bed), and had to perform a miracle in order to pay tax. Very rich hey??? Two reasons I heard that prosperity preachers gave for claiming Jesus was rich are:

a) The tunic. The soldiers gambled for His clothes, so it must have been very expensive.

Well He indeed appears to have worn some some quality clothes, particularly the seamless tunic of John 19:23. It was a kind of coat woven with one piece of material from top to bottom and interestingly was the standard clothing of the

high priest in Jerusalem. Howbeit we cannot ignore all the records of the four Gospels which indicate that Jesus was living a simple life and make a conclusion based on His coat that He was rich, that would be pretty bad hermeneutics. Probably one of the women who followed Him made Him the coat. Jesus Himself said many negative things about money and riches and taught that we ought not to store up treasures for ourselves on earth.

b) The money bag. He had a money bag and a treasurer, that is equivalent to having a fat bank account and a personal banker.

Judas was not an employed treasurer, he was simply one of the disciples. Who even knows what amount of money was usually in there anyway. If the Lord had to perform a miracle to in order to pay tax, the bag might have been empty at the time.

2. “Sex may be biological but gender is a choice, male and female notions are just social constructs”

Many people would remember Tucker on Fox News interviewing the DNC senior advisor and transgender advocate Zac Petkanas. Tucker turned him into a stutterer because it is utterly foolish to suggest that gender or sex is whatever one feels it is.

Tucker: “Let’s move from the politics to the science...there’s no biological anchor to sex anymore. It’s all determined by the individual...so my obvious question for you is, how do I know if a person’s male or female? Is there some absolute standard people have to meet to be male or female, other than what they say?”

Petkanas: “One’s gender identity is enough to show what gender they are.”

Tucker: “There are massive implications of this that everyone is either too dumb or too embarrassed to explore, but let’s do so now. If

your sex is what you say it is, then what prevents me from playing on a women's field hockey team? What prevents me from getting convicted of a felony and demanding to go to a women's prison? It's a real question."

Evidently backed against the wall, Petkanas responded by saying that Tucker was "unenlightened" and was resorting to "silly hypotheticals."

Petkanas: "It's, It's, it's not a real question because, it is, it is, it is, it is, it is, it is, it is, it is pretty absurd...because there are no examples of this,"

Tucker: ""What do you mean? I want to know what the standards are...[say]I'm a scientist, I want to know if you are a man or a woman, how do I find out?"

Petkanas: "Your gender identity determines your gender, period."

Tucker: "Okay, so should someone who looks like me, I look like a man, you think I was a man and I say, 'I'm a woman,' and I demand to play on a women's sports team, I demand to go to a

women's college, I demand a small business loan for women-owned businesses -- that's a real thing, that's a billion-dollar question, for real. Can you turn me down if I say I'm a woman?"

Petkanas under pressure had to answer this question by quickly mumbling to the effect that you cannot be denied the privileges if you claim to be a woman.

Tucker then demanded of Petkanas to name a single real scientist from an accredited American college who agreed with Petkans' gender philosophy, to which Petkanas (seemingly under serious embarrassment) responded by saying he could produce many. Tucker closed by making an offer of \$1000 to Petkanas if he could just bring him one scientist who believed that gender can be determined by simply what one says. Of course, Petkanas cannot produce any, neither can anybody.

The very fact that we even have categories known as "male" and "female" of which people are trying to trans from one to another, shows that these things are just plain reality. The

confused postmodern generation has decided that the psychological defect of gender dysphoria is the new normal. Now they've added so many gender identities there is even a gender called "fill in the blank." Truth remains truth anyway. Certain realities are so fixed in stone that only insane people would deny them. Furthermore, those realities are not going to change for anybody. If one jumps from a 10 storey building with the firm affirmation that they're superman, the reality of gravity is simply going to rear its rather "unwanted" head at that moment.

3. "If you obey God you will never be broke another day in your life" - T.D Jakes

T.D Jakes defended this ridiculous statement by quoting David, "I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his children begging for bread" (Psalms 37:25).

You see, the righteous may generally never be reduced to being a beggar, but the righteous has many afflictions and one of those is getting

broke sometimes. Job got totally broke. Most of the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11:35-38 were certainly broke.

Paul knew how to be broke and to have a lot; how to be hungry and how to be full (Philippians 4:12-13), and we know what kind of Christian he was.

T.D Jakes' statement was probably a result of too full a stomach and bank account, not of a heart full of sound doctrine.

4. "Truth cannot be known" or "There is no absolute truth"

If truth cannot be known how do you know if it is true that truth cannot be known? When a person says, 'there is no absolute truth' they're making a statement of absolute truth while denying the reality of the same, as such, the above statements are self-refuting, self-destructing...and ridiculous.

5. "All men (males) are the same"

I overheard a conversation between a guy and a lady (both appeared to be in their 30's) at a store or somewhere like that several years ago. The man was trying to charm the woman telling her he loves her or something like that. The woman responded by saying something along these lines, "What? Love? There's nothing like that, all men are always after only one thing." She said this in a tone that indicated that she meant it and that made you sense that she had gone through some serious disappointments and hurts in life. So, these are words that usually come out of many women's mouths. In fact, some go further and say, "men are dogs." Male dogs incessantly push for sex you see, impregnate the female then disappear. I actually read the following in the comments section of one women's publication: *"I think dog is too nice. Pig is a more accurate description. Dogs can be groomed and trained to be well behaved, a pig is a pig and that's far more fitting."* Though sometimes ladies are just venting, some

really believe this stuff and have the news headlines and law enforcement statistics to back them up.

Some of the factors that make many women end up thinking that all men are the same are the following:

- The player - Once a “player” sleeps with a woman she no longer matters much or at all, he moves on. Many women have met this type of guy in the chances of life and have been left broken. I know women who have been through this kind of thing.
- The curiosity that drives men - Sin has affected males in such a way that, unless a man really fears the Lord and is willing to do what it takes through the grace of Christ to develop self-control, since he is evidently naturally more sexually curious than women, his curiosity is one of the major factors that would lead him to other women instead of committing to only one. The curiosity makes men wonder how other women would be. This curiosity is

infected with lust and needs the blood of Jesus Christ.

- The male focus - Most men naturally take lightly the things that women take seriously, such as forgetting to do what she asked you, like fixing the tap (faucet) and you said you would but never did. She will ask again and again until she gets irritated and think you don't take her seriously or something. To a man such things are small matters, to the woman they may be more important for some reason, such as that she feels more comfortable around the house when it is clean and things are in order. Now the reason men don't take some things seriously whereas women do, is the fact that men are more broadly focused whereas women are usually good with details. Yes, that's right, when last have you seen a male secretary or PA? Things like what I just mentioned i.e Promising to do something and not following through, can cause conflict in a normal way but they can cause serious conflicts when men

consistently minimize what is important to their women to the point of making them feel disrespected. Things like continually arriving late, breaking promises, failing to apologise because you don't think what she is complaining about is important, etc. The other day at my place a woman got upset because she agreed with her husband that he would pick her up in a few minutes but just at that moment the man's boss asked to go out for a drink and the man agreed, and the pregnant lady was waiting and getting irate. Such things make impressions on women.

- Immaturity - There are many men who behave boyish or hit the so-called mid-life crisis and when women sit together to talk about the issues of life they find that they have experienced the same things among themselves with such men and as such end up thinking that 'these creatures called men are all the same, they're selfish, sex hungry, and all that.'
- The Mommy - Many men disobey the Bible passage that says to leave one's

father and mother and be joined and be one flesh with their wives. They're usually too attached to “mother” or “mom.” This is so common it may make a woman who has experienced it more than once to end up thinking that's just how all men are naturally.

The Lord Jesus Christ was not married but He was the ideal man. He treated men and women with respect and unparalleled love and care. He was so holy and yet loving that a woman was not afraid to come among a group of self-righteous and stereotypical judgemental men and wash His feet with her hair hoping for His mercy. He forgave her and gave her back her dignity. What I am saying is, men are not the same because there are really men out there who are striving to be like Jesus, who love and respect their wives and respect women. There are still some honorable men on this earth. Some honourable men are having the same temptations that irresponsible men are having, but they are wrestling day and night to overcome their

shortcomings. They may be few but they're there. You may say, "How come I've never met one?" Well there are billions of people on this planet and many types of people you've never met. You cannot say "all men are the same" when you have never even met some like me.

6. "He's a virgin"

Modern people say these words to mock and taunt. When I was a teenager I remember a guy from my street trying to make me feel stupid by saying this. I still don't understand how having sex makes anyone more special, intelligent, wise, honourable, etc. Many great men of the past were eunuchs. Evan Roberts the Welsh revivalist was probably a virgin his whole life. I don't know if he was a virgin but Paul the great Apostle never married and thought it was better to be single than married in order to serve the Lord more passionately. Elijah was a mighty man and there was no wife mentioned there. What makes sexually active people any better? It is absolute foolishness to derail virgins; it is a scheme of Satan to cause people to fornicate and

be frivolous and end up in hell. Virginity is a virtue, and keeping oneself a virgin until marriage or for life is an honour.

7. "No money no love"

I am absolutely not rich at all, but my wife and I are like new lovers everyday. "No money no love" is a ridiculous catchphrase from the pit of hell to drive people into the worship of Mammon and into frivolity. Basing relationships and marriage on money is total folly and any marriage like that is fake, no wonder there is so much divorce, it's because hearts are after material things and that has caused selfishness. In fact, it appears that the more the money the less the love. I have read stories of men and women winning the lottery and everything going downhill from there. I saw something where a woman won the lotto and kept it secret from her husband and immediately started with divorce proceedings, now that was after about 30 years of marriage. The man was shocked about the divorce as they'd had a peaceful marriage. It was

by sheer chance that he later found out everything after the divorce. The love of money is the root of all evil and many divorces. That's why spouses are killing one another for life insurance cash. Money is as important as it is destructive. The Apostle Paul said that "having food and clothes, with these let us be content" (1 Timothy 6:8). As for those who are chasing after riches, they fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition, and some in chasing after money have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. If your love is dependant on money, it is not love, it is a lie. God loved us while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8). That is the same way we are commanded to love. As Christ loved us we ought to love one another, whether as brethren or as husband and wife. Any marriage that is anchored on cash bills is a sham that is built on sand, the first storm will collapse it. The Lord may not make them rich, but He will provide for His faithful who honour marriage and don't approach it with the foolish notions of this wicked world

8. "Follow your heart"

Follow your what??? Let me warn you that if you follow your heart in the sense that the world means it you will end up in hell. *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?* (Jeremiah 17:9). I do not think that the heart of a truly born-again person can be desperately wicked, but it still is susceptible to deception and that is why it needs to be seriously guarded, not followed (Proverbs 4:23). The Lord is the One who should direct your path, not your heart. *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths* (Proverbs 3:5-6). His Word is a lamp unto our feet and a lamp unto our path (Psalms 119:105). How could we trust the heart, an entity that is so subject to change, an entity that often desires frivolities and profligacies, and that needs serious purging? What about when it is pure? Well guard it. Many people have followed their hearts all way to the dustbins of this world and eventually to hell. A

good wife comes from the Lord, not from the leadings of a man's heart. A man's heart will tell him he's got to get a pear shaped voluptuous wife, then when he has her he will be fantasizing about slender women. Just follow the Holy Ghost.

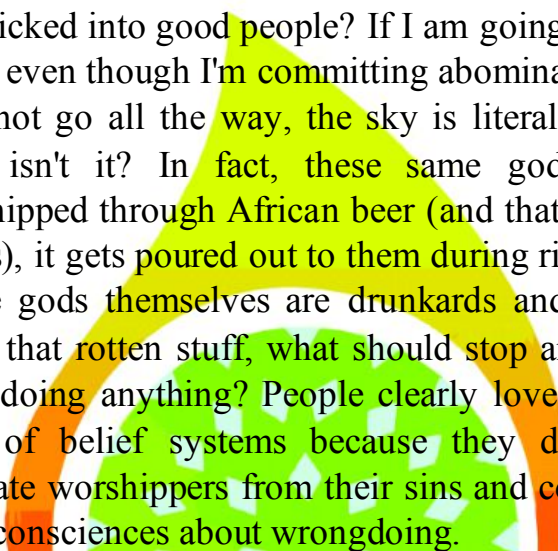
9. "Christianity is a white man's (or Western) religion"

Well there are many things that are western, why receive everything else and reject Christianity on that rather weak premise? Furthermore, Christianity originated in the East, Jesus Christ was a Jew (arguably white but not western caucasian) from Israel. Although there is still some scientific debate concerning the maternal origins of Ashkenazi Jews, they practically cannot be classified with caucasians. Hila Hershkoviz at timesofisrael.com notes, *the "white people world" is represented by its European (often colonial) history, it's culture, heroes, it's Kings, ethos, faith etc. – and Ashkenazi Jews are not part of that world. Their heroes are the Maccabees and not the Vikings or Joan of Arc, their Kings are David King of Israel*

and Hezekiah King of Judah (both archeologically confirmed historical figures) and not Kings Edward and George. So, the Christian Church began in Roman (white man) colonized Jerusalem and spread from there. Western caucasians were worshippers of many demonic deities such as Zeus, Jupiter, Diana, etc. They also had to adopt Christianity because it carried something more sensible, noble, and real than their vain religions. So, this African notion that Christianity is a European or white man's religion is based on ignorance. Clothes as we know them now as Africans are also western, aren't they? Africans were living half naked in the bush. Should we go back to that? If I find you tediously groping around in the dark and I bring you some light to ease your difficulties, it would be strange to hear you say, "No, no, no, leave me to grope because I actually enjoy painfully kicking my toes against objects and bumping my head." You would feel relieved. That's the same with Christianity, western caucasians were groping in the dark but received it from the Middle East and it brought them spiritual light and freedom, then they found us

groping in the dark worshipping the dead and it brought us light as well. Just because white folk used Christianity to do evil does not make the Bible itself evil at all. If someone kills another person with a shoe, would that mean shoes are now evil, so 'let's all walk barefoot?' You say, 'why does our African religion of connecting with our dead ancestors have to be wrong and dark?' It is dark and wrong from two perspectives: Logically and spiritually.

Logically: African traditional religions do not have any consistent objective moral standards and there is usually no sense of retribution for wickedness in the afterlife of these faith systems. Justice is intrinsic to human nature. In these African systems, people who lived wicked lives are looked at as “gods” or mediators between God and man. Now if an immoral man dies and becomes your mediator what does that say of God? I am not saying all this based on the study of any written philosophical material expounding on African religions but on the basis of my observation of African beliefs since childhood, being an African myself. I've seen the stuff since



I was young. A man can be an adulterer, wife abuser and a drunkard, suddenly when he dies he's a saint and a god. Does death itself change the wicked into good people? If I am going to be a god even though I'm committing abominations, why not go all the way, the sky is literally the limit isn't it? In fact, these same gods are worshipped through African beer (and that thing stinks), it gets poured out to them during rituals? If the gods themselves are drunkards and they drink that rotten stuff, what should stop anyone from doing anything? People clearly love these kind of belief systems because they do not separate worshippers from their sins and convict their consciences about wrongdoing.

This earth and the entire universe were created by God, if you're not an atheist of course. If we agree that God is the Creator, the next step is to try and in honesty seek to find out how He is and what He wants of us. You cannot walk into my house and just do whatever you want any way you want you to see. This universe belongs to God, so since we're living on His property we have to find out the rules. Since we are thinking

creatures we know our Creator is a thinking being, as such, considering the intricacies and wonders of creation we would expect Him to make great sense. So, in our quest to find out who God is, one of the main factors affecting our course to Him would be the expectation that He is a perfectly rational Being. Now if we are honest seekers after truth we would be attracted to propositions that are the most sensible and logically consistent about God and existence. For example, being creatures of justice, we should expect a Creator of justice. The African god or gods do not seem to make much of morality and justice. In fact, most people who worship these things do not care much about morality. I know because some are my relatives and some neighbours. How can you care about morality when your gods are drinking African beer and died alcoholics, liars, adulterers, etc? They would be probably too inebriated to check whether you're setting a good example for your children or not. It is only when people become born again Christians that their consciences become alive and we see them begin to exert themselves towards goodness. I have seen this

most of my life because I am a long time Christian. African spirituality is senseless.

Spiritually: The creature called the devil is real. He is both the enemy of God and of man. Furthermore, he is extremely cunning. Do you suppose he is going to just sit there and watch human beings cruising their way to God? The devil has his cohorts and they are in the billions and they have quite some abilities. Your very sinful grandfather dies and after a few months begins appearing to you in dreams demanding goat sacrifices plus African beer and tells you to better obey or suffer. That just seems so sinister. It has the devil written all over it.

10. "Pornography liberates and empowers"

Oh! really? Pulling women by their hair, slapping women, urinating on women, punching women, etc. is to liberate them? If this is called liberty today, then this generation belongs in the insane asylum, or the zoo, which is actually to insult poor animals. Oh! I know the argument

that says as long as the degradation is consensual between adults it is none of anybody else's business. What I will say to that is, if we stop lying to ourselves for just a few minutes we would probably all come to the sensible conclusion that no sane and decent woman would want herself treated worse than a pig; that is just not normal. In fact, most of those men and women depend on drugs to survive the filthy industry. How come pornography is always liberating and empowering only until one mentions the pornographer's own daughter? I read somewhere that many years ago, Hugh Hefner the king of perverts himself, was asked on one Mike Douglas's show in an interview (by Douglas), "Hey, your daughter has become a beautiful young woman. I guess it's time for her to pose nude." To that Hefner responded, "Of course not! My daughter won't be posing nude." I think I've read and watched a few interviews where the pornographer responded in similar lines. Why don't they want their daughters to be "liberated" and "empowered?" The answer is a truism.

Pornography does absolutely nothing good for and to anyone. It destroys lives and homes. There are some facts that are so obvious and self-evident that only an insane person would deny them. To deny the seriously destructive effects of pornography is pure foolishness, one who does this might need help.

11. “Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing”

This is like saying, “In the beginning there was nothing...but there was gravity.” That famous and ridiculous statement was made in page 180 of Stephen Hawking's famous book *The Grand Design*. The simple question is, was there nothing or was there gravity? If you say “A” explains the existence of “B” then you are spontaneously presupposing the existence of “A” before that of “B”. When after saying “A” is responsible for the existence of “B” you turn around and say there was NOTHING before “B”, you enter Lalaland. Dictionary definition of lalaland: *A fictional, nonphysical place where people out of touch with reality live and where*

nonsensical ideas come from; often used sarcastically pertaining to where one's mind has gone. So, you get the point.

12. “Who created God?”

A usual charge of atheists against theists is, “Who made your god?” You see, if we had to answer the “who created God” question, we would also have to answer as to who created the one who created God, and who created the one who created the one who created God and so on ad infinitum. This would be ridiculous. The fact is - whether we like it or not - all explanations END somewhere. For the Christian, it all goes backwards to God, who is eternal and had no beginning, while for the atheist it all goes backward to the so-called big bang. We finite human beings who are subject to time understand everything within the context of time. We just have to have a beginning and ending of all things, but God is in a realm of His own, and we are not able to wrap our time-bound minds around the fact that any entity could exist without any beginning or ending. At the end of the day it is up to everyone to honestly pursue

truth and make up their minds as to which explanation makes the best sense and thereby seal their fate. Beliefs have consequences, and if indeed God exists, atheists will be in for an eternal high jump of unimaginable horror. If He does not exist, nobody loses anything, this concept is known as Pascal's wager. I counsel you, choose life, for God exists.

13. “Islam is a religion of peace”

It seems Muslims and liberals are trying to insult our intelligence with this statement. The fact is, both peaceful and violent Islam have (perhaps) an equal claim of legitimacy on Islam.

The following is excerpted from my work titled *A Revival of the Scriptures*:

An outspoken atheist would not last a day in most of the Middle-East. Secular bloggers are now being slaughtered by Islamic radicals in Asian nations like Bangladesh and India. In the West, these blasphemers [atheists] are enjoying the benefits of the very worldview they constantly insult. They seem not to even realize that they would not last a week in any atheistic

communist regime for any kind of dissent.

There is no civilization that can be compared to Western civilization as it regards Law, Liberty and Justice. Remember the aftermath of the Danish paper depiction of the prophet Mohammad in 2005? The incident sparked violent protests and riots which resulted in the alleged deaths of over 200 people and destruction of property. This clearly shows who can sustain concepts such as freedom of speech or expression and where such could never have come from. Among numerous incidents of violent reactions against free speech by Muslims I mention a few: Remember the 2002 incident when Nigerian journalist Isioma Daniel incensed Muslims by writing about the Prophet Mohammad and Miss World, provoking riots which left more than 200 dead, 1,000 injured and 11,000 homeless? What of the case of Asia Bibi, the Pakistani woman who at the time of this writing has been in prison for about five years, on death row, for allegedly insulting Mohammad? According to a survey, about 10 million ["un-radicalized"] Pakistanis including the imam of her village said they

would kill her themselves, out of either religious conviction or for a reward. How can we forget Farkhunda? Farkhunda was a 27-year-old Afghan woman who in 2015 was beaten and burned before being thrown into a river by a mob because some Muslim man falsely accused her of burning a copy of the Qur'an. My heart broke for Farkhunda as I watched the video of her murder; they beat her even when she was dead. We should not forget the brutal murder of devout Muslim Asad Shah, who was murdered by a fellow Muslim for simply wishing Christians a "happy Easter." His murderer nevertheless, later released a statement from prison in which he claimed a different reason for the killing, he said,

"This all happened for one reason and no other issues and no other intentions. Asad Shah disrespected the messenger of Islam the prophet Muhammad peace be upon him. Mr Shah claimed to be a prophet." "When 1,400 years ago the prophet of Islam Muhammad peace be upon him has clearly said that: 'I am the final messenger of Allah

there is no more prophets or messengers from God Allah after me.’ It is mentioned in the Qur’an that there is no doubt in this book no one has the right to disrespect the sayings of the prophet Muhammad peace be upon him and no one has the right to disrespect the prophet of Islam Muhammad peace be upon him. “If I had not done this other would and there would have been more killing and violence in the world. “I wish to make it clear that the incident was nothing at all to do with Christianity or any other religious beliefs even although I am a follower of the prophet Muhammad peace be upon him I also love and respect Jesus Christ”¹² (sic).

And what exactly are we to make of Middle Eastern groups’ age-old chants of “Maag barg Amerika!” (Death to America) “Maag barg Israel” (Death to Israel), a task that is their Islamic duty to fulfil, and which the Supreme Leader of Iran recently encouraged in regard to Western sanctions against Iran? Khamenei has also said that, “God willing there will be

nothing left of the zionist regime in 25 years, meanwhile the heroic jihadi Islamic spirit will not leave the zionists in peace for a second.”

I understand there is a difference between early Islam (Mohammad's era Islam, a time of violence) and medieval Islam (known mostly as a time of thriving). The fact is, a case could be made for violent Islam and possibly for peaceful Islam. Islam has to spread and dominate, one of the ways this has to be done is in the way evinced by Mohammad; this forms the basis and case for violent Islam, for it was through violence that Mohammad spread Islam, add to that the violent quranic verses and you have a solid case. Though Mohammad's violence may be said to have been fitting and necessary within the context of his day, the issue is that he made violence the normative standard for the expression of his religion in certain contexts, including for spreading the religion. Consider for example his famous last words, "...perish the Jews and the Christians...there shall be no two faiths in Arabia." Or consider these quranic verses:

- “But when the forbidden months are past,

then fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem; but if they repent, and establish regular prayers and practice regular charity, then open the way for them: for God is oft-forgiving, most merciful.” 9:5

- “O ye who believe! Fight the unbelievers who gird you about, and let them find firmness in you: and know that God is with those who fear him.” 9:123
- Sahih International: So when you meet those who disbelieve [in battle], strike [their] necks until, when you have inflicted slaughter upon them, then secure their bonds, and either [confer] favor afterwards or ransom [them] until the war lays down its burdens. That [is the command]. And if Allah had willed, He could have taken vengeance upon them [Himself], but [He ordered armed struggle] to test some of you by means of others. And those who are killed in the cause of Allah – never will He waste their deeds (47:4).

- Sahih International: And prepare against them whatever you are able of power and of steeds of war by which you may terrify the enemy of Allah and your enemy and others besides them whom you do not know [but] whom Allah knows. And whatever you spend in the cause of Allah will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged (8:60).¹⁹

If some of these words and more which I have not quoted do not provide a basis for terrorism and violence, I don't know what does. Although these verses are said by some to refer to self-defence, that is arguable; some might but mostly form a basis for offensive aggression. And how would we know the "defence" explanations by Muslims are not taqqiya, the Muslim doctrine that allows Muslims to lie or deceive in order to advance the cause of Allah?

...Even if I were to agree that ISIS is some cultic version of Islam, is it not interesting that while it (Islam) is advocated to be a benevolent religion, people or Muslims who are inherently

violent perpetually find in it the best platform for the expression of their murderous tendencies? ISIS, Hamas, Hezbollah, Taliban, Al-Shabab, Boko Haram, Al-Qaeda, to name but a few. There are probably over a hundred jihadist groups fighting in Syria right now (2015).

You say ‘well, the same could be said of Christianity.’ No, it cannot be said of Christianity or any other religion...

If the reader is interested in further pursuing this subject, refer to the work mentioned above.

14. “Age is just a number”

This is usually said in support of some out of the ordinary relationship between...you know... a 70-year-old lady and a 25-year-old boy. You see, the very fact that there has to be an excusing statement like “age is just a number” is because this kind of thing is somewhat... very awkward. I read a recent (2017) news article in which a 16-year-old boy was getting married to a 71-year-

old woman. Their community reluctantly agreed to their wedding and marriage because both threatened suicide if their families would try to block the whole thing. There is just something in the human conscience that gets taken aback or sort of repulsed by this sort of thing, no wonder the community reaction and the suicide drama in the story referred to. I once at a conference met a preaching couple where the wife was around 60 and the young man was 28. When he would refer to her as “my wife,” it felt awkward, I think as if he’s disrespecting her. There’s just (arguably) something wrong with this kind of thing. Age is not just a number, I wouldn’t even marry a 20-year-old and I am not old myself. This is the same thing with rich old men like 80’something year old Donald Sterling having young pretty girlfriends. That kind of setting sends up a lot of questions up one’s mind, it just seems improper. You sort of just know what the girl is after...’fame and fortune?’ Truism.

15. “Only God can judge me”

This is a common statement these days. It was the title of a Tupac Shakur song. People usually

make this statement to excuse their sinful and rebellious actions and behaviour. The statement is obviously ridiculous because if only God can judge people then we should open the prison doors of every jail in the world and just wait for the great day of the Lord. This would also mean all law enforcement facilities everywhere would have to shut down and officials be laid off, as rapists and murderers run amok. All sin ought to be punished, it is only that society is set up in such a way that we cannot punish every single sin and continue to function, because people sin all the time. So, humans are limited in what they can punish. But God is going to judge even your so-called 'white lies.' Those who say, 'only God can judge me' do not understand that He indeed is going to judge them, and the thing with God is that He is the righteous Judge who will send billions to hell fire to burn and be tormented forever because they are rebellious and unrepentant. Instead of giving foolish excuses for your sins, repent and trust Jesus Christ and live a holy life. The judgement of God is going to be extremely terrifying, a billion times more fearful than judgment in a human court of law.

16. “There is nothing such as marrying the wrong person”

This is usually qualified with, “be the right person yourself.” What an ignorant statement these are. Look, you can be the right person all you want, but if you find yourself married to a fool, you are likely not to survive. Are you even aware that there are certain types of fools that don't lose their foolishness no matter what? (Proverbs 27:22). The Bible says that a house and riches are the inheritance of fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord (Proverbs 19:22). How could you then not know that a bad wife can come from the devil? You really think Satan is going to sit there watching Christian men getting good wives? You could even marry a devil worshipper disguised as a fervent Christian for the purpose of taking you to hell. I have heard of these incidents. Satan himself disguises himself as an angel of light, and his ministers as ministers of righteousness. We have to follow the Holy Spirit in finding spouses. The Lord knows who exactly you would be happy and peaceful with and with whom you would not be.

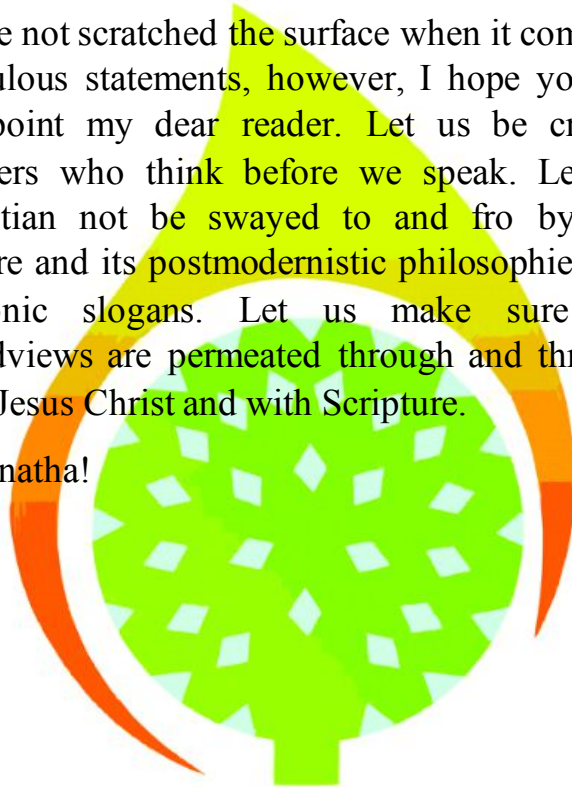
Thus, those who follow their flesh and not the Holy Spirit in regard to this matter will keep moving from relationship to relationship, then from marriage to marriage until they end up in hell. Furthermore, what happens if you marry someone you find that there are irreconcilable differences in your personalities and goals? I have seen something close to this happen. What will you do then? You will need a miracle, but don't think the Lord will not let you endure the consequences of following your own will before He gives you a miracle.

What if you find you have married a narcissist and obsessive person who pretended to be sweet at first, I've seen things like these, will you say you have married the right person? You could even end up dead.

Conclusion

I have not scratched the surface when it comes to ridiculous statements, however, I hope you get the point my dear reader. Let us be critical thinkers who think before we speak. Let the Christian not be swayed to and fro by pop culture and its postmodernistic philosophies and demonic slogans. Let us make sure our worldviews are permeated through and through with Jesus Christ and with Scripture.

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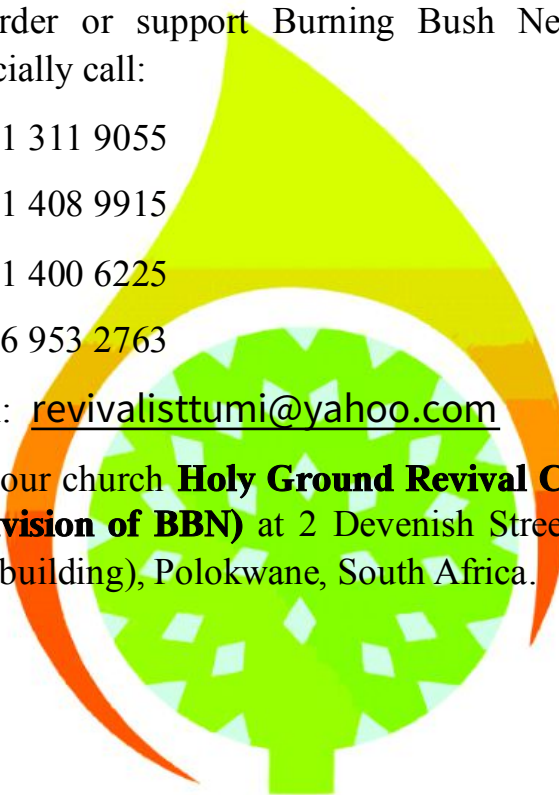
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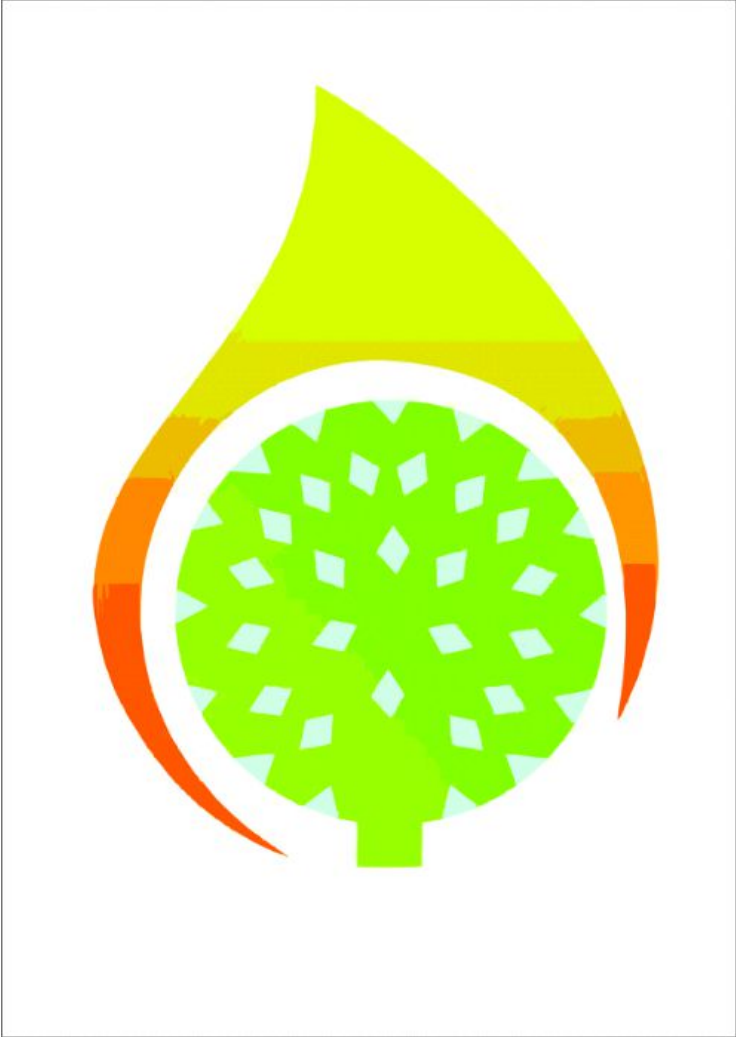
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