Since Louise' reading was about acceptable foods, it seemed appropriate to show the worldwide map of McDonalds:

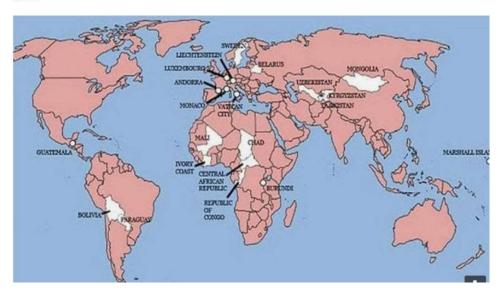


# Some other interesting maps while we're at it:

6. This map shows the countries (in blue) where people drive on the left side of the road.



7. This map shows countries (in white) that England has never invaded. There are only 22 of them.



11. This map shows (in red) the countries that don't use the metric system.



[All maps from Kathleen Eltrich, Feb 12, 2015 at 7:55 PM]

# Bat Mitzvah Message for Louise Ballard שׁוֹשִׁי בַּת יוֹחֲנָה Shoshi bat Yokhana

G-d intends our lives to be lived in blessing.

<u>First words ever spoken</u> Beresheet/Gen 1.27 So God created humankind in his own image; in the image of God he created him: male and female he created them. **God blessed them: God said to them**, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it."

# [Commissioning origination of the Jewish people...]

Beresheet/Gen. 12.1-3 Then Adoni said to Avram, "Get going out from your land, and from your relatives, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you. My heart's desire is to make you into a great nation, to bless you, to make your name great so that you may be a blessing. My desire is to bless those who bless you, but whoever curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

[Receiving G-d's blessing, blessing the Nations, receive blessing from the Nations. A whole exchange and communication of blessing.

# Vision for families.]

T'hillim/Ps 144.11-12 Rescue me, save me from the power of strangers, whose mouths speak worthless words and whose right hands swear false oaths. Our sons in their youth will be like full-grown saplings, our daughters will be like sculptured pillars fit for the corner of a palace.

[Strong ~pillars, upright, beautiful girls → women.]

Luke 2.25-33 There was in Yerushalayim a man named Shim'on. This man was a tzaddik, he was devout, he waited eagerly for God to comfort Isra'el, and the Ruakh HaKodesh was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Ruakh HaKodesh that he would not die before he had seen the Messiah of Adoni. Prompted by the Spirit, he went into the Temple courts; and when the parents brought in the child Yeshua to do for him what the Torah required, Shim'on took him in his arms, made a b'rakhah to God, and said,



[Note map of the nations behind]

Luke 2.25-33 "Now, Adonai, according to your word, your servant is at peace as you let him go; for I have seen with my own eyes your yeshu'ah [salvation], which you prepared in the presence of all peoples." Yeshua's father and mother were marveling at the things Shim'on was saying about him. Shim'on blessed them.

Mark 10.13-16 People were bringing children to him so that he might touch them...And he took them in his arms, laid his hands on them, and made a *b'rakhah* over them.

[So, what is the meaning of this "blessing."]

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# **Seven Critical Times of Blessing**

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- 2. Pregnancy
- 3. Birth
- 4. Infancy
- 5. Puberty
- 6. Marriage
- 7. Older Age
- [1. Blessing of G-d in "opening the womb" Rachel
- 2 A wanted baby. Words of welcome
- 3. Brit Milah, Baby Naming.
- 4. Acceptance, love, nurturing
- 5. Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- 6. 7 Blessings, taken from Gen 1
- 7. Prov 31.28 My aunt Betty at age 84 in the Bronx Bat Mitzvah.]

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Beresheet/Gen 21.9-14 Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom Hagar had borne to Avraham, making fun of Yitz'chak; so Sarah said to Avraham, "Throw this slave-girl out! And her son! I will not have this slave-girl's son as your heir along with my son Yitz'chak!" Avraham became very distressed over this matter of his son. But God said to Avraham, "Don't be distressed because of the boy and your slave-girl. Listen to everything Sarah says to you, because it is your descendants through Yitz'chak who will be counted...Avraham got up early in the morning, took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child; then he sent her away.

[Sent out with nothing except contempt and rejection from family.

# By contrast...]

Beresheet/Gen 25.1-6. Avraham took another wife, whose name was K'turah. She bore him Zimran, Yokshan, Medan, Midyan, Yishbak; and Shuach. ... Avraham gave everything he owned to Yitz'chak. But to the sons of the concubines he made grants while he was still living and sent them off to the east, to the land of Kedem, away from Yitz'chak his son.

[Sent out with blessing. Not Ishmael. Firstborn, supposed to have double blessing. Not covenant son, but blessed son.

Millennia later...]



[http://www.answeringmuslims.com/2017/08/the-psychology-of-islam-part-three.html]

Muhammed epitome of fatherlessness, lack of blessing.

- Muhammed's father died before he was born
- Sent to live with foster family shortly after birth
- About age 4 taken from foster family and back to mother
- Mother died when he was six
- Custody then to grandfather who died when Muhammed was 8.

With that many broken relationships [lack of blessing], tendency to distrust tradition and authority and rebel.

#### Rebel:

- attacked his own people theologically, morally, socially
- Subjugated his own tribe & city

**View of Father figures** 

Koran numerous stories about mother of Yeshua, all w/o Yosef Sura 19 taken from pseudo Matthew: Yeshua newborn and Miriam thirsty. Under palm tree and baby Yeshua speaks, spring appears, tree bends down to give fruit.

"He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. How can He have children when He has no wife?"

~Qur'an 6:101

"And they say: 'The Most Beneficent has begotten a son.' Indeed, you have brought forth a terrible evil thing—whereby the heavens are almost torn, and the earth is split asunder, and the mountains fall in ruins—that they ascribe a son to the Most Beneficent. But it is not suitable for the Most Beneficent that He should beget a son. There is none in the heavens and the earth but comes unto the Most Beneficent as a slave."

-Qur'an 19:88-93

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Followers of Allah are slaves. Apparently not voluntary love servants.]

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We Jewish people haven't honored our elder brother. Not the covenant brother, but elder nevertheless.

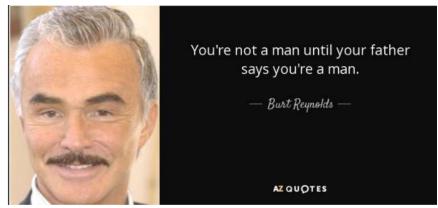
[Ever get a chance, often GREAT impact to express this to a Muslim, ask forgiveness.]

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[One of the main sources of teen rebellion is perceived lack of blessing. HaSatan, Satan is the accuser, so easy to perceive even with loving parents who are busy, own issues and baggage, limited skill and knowledge.

Communicate blessing.]



[http://www.azquotes.com/quote/798976

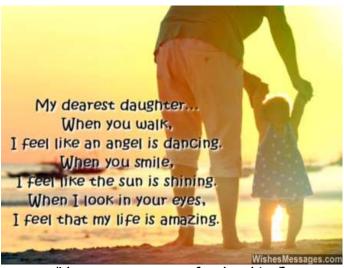
Applies to women too. Daddy communicates princess identity.]

All Dads and daughters, give a hug.
All of us guys...reach out in your spirit.
All women here, particularly Louise, receive this.

[Maybe a bit corny, but, I like corn...]



You are more priceless than silver, gold or platinum. Not because you are my daughter, but because you are simply awesome.



[https://wishesmessages.com/i-love-you-messages-for-daughter/]

She's stubborn, messy, a brat at times, clumsy, loud and silly, but in my eyes she is the definition of perfection and beauty...she is my daughter.

Daughters are flowers that are forever in bloom. [https://www.scrapbook.com/quotes/doc/44879/163.html]

Do you know how the story of your parents' lives went from being ordinary to extraordinary? When they became mommy and daddy to a sweet daughter like you.

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