

Good news from Israel

An Israeli company called SodaStream's environmentally sustainable product lets thirsty consumers make soda in their own homes, reusing the same bottles over and over again. SodaStream's Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Druze employees prove that coexistence between Jews and Arabs is possible in the region.

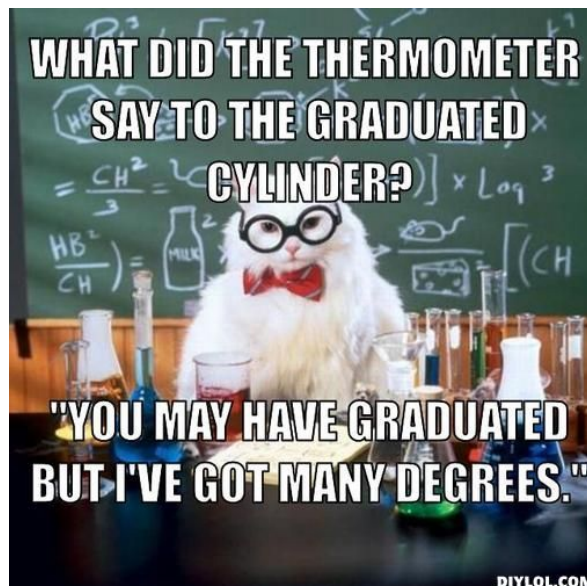
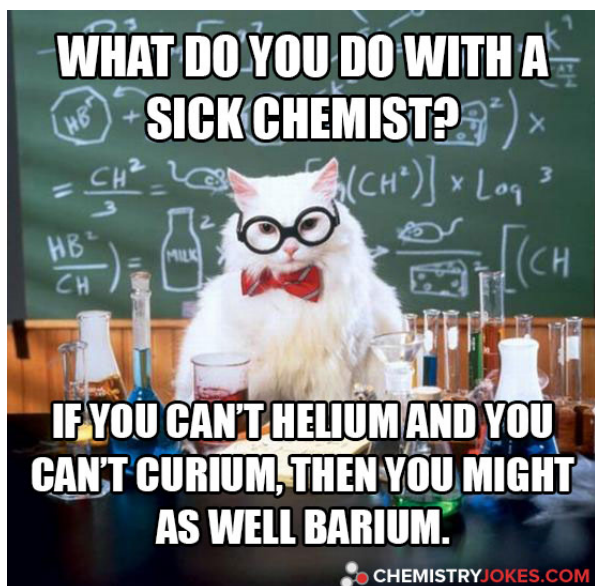
Recently, 2,000 Israeli and Palestinian employees came together at the company's headquarters in southern Israel to celebrate the end of Ramadan as well as peace and harmony.



Please watch the video (less than 2 minutes):

<https://www.facebook.com/StandWithUs/videos/10155679819921309/>

Two cats were sitting on a fence near a tennis court. "You seem really interested in the game," said the first cat, "Who do you like?" "None, my old man's in the racket," he replied.





**Mt. Olives, Talmidim/Disciples asking Yeshua:
When will be the end of this age? Seeing as it will happen HERE.**

Key lessons to prep for the end:

1. Don't be deceived! Many in My Name.
2. Wars, famines, earthquakes ... beginning of birth-pains.
3. Imprisoned, hated, executed, betrayed
4. False prophets within, without

[Next descriptor of end times ...]



Mattityahu (Matthew) 24:12

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תִּתְקַרֵּר אֲהֶבֶת רַבִּים.

“and many people’s love will
grow cold because of increased
distance from Torah.”

[Stern reverses the phrase order to make it flow, but literally: Increased iniquity הַהִפְקָרוֹת anomian = lawlessness → Love grow cold]

Outline of this message:

1. Increased **הַפְּקָרוֹת** *hef-kay-rut*
2. Love grow cold

[What does this exactly mean?

How does it apply to us?]

hef-kay-rut **הַפְּקָרוֹת**

noun abandon, anarchy ; lawlessness, licentiousness,
adj. unbridled, libertine, irresponsible

→ Love grows cold

[As people have described the Gay Pride parade in Tel Aviv, or Woodstock 1969]

2 Kefa/P 2.7-8

...Lot, a righteous man who was **distressed by the debauchery** of those unprincipled people; for the wicked deeds which that righteous man saw and heard, as he lived among them, **tormented his righteous soul day after day.**

[Environment

Lot kept his faith, but barely.

- His wife looked back, apparently longingly, regrettingly at their depraved and now demolished home environment.
- His daughters and sons-in-law scoffed,
- He didn't even try his sons [implies he had].
- His daughters that he rescued had the spirit of Sodom: depravity and debauchery. So, how does the depraved world around us affect us?]

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[Other translations ...]

^{ASV} And because **iniquity** shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall wax cold

^{CSB} Because **lawlessness** will multiply, the love of many will grow cold.

^{MSG} The **overwhelming spread of evil** will do them in - nothing left of their love but a mound of ashes.

If we are around iniquity *hefkayrut* הֶפְקָרוּת lawlessness *anomia* enough, it will do us in.

[Define terms better in practical terms ...]

So, what behaviors/ lifestyles constitute iniquity *hefkayrut* הֶפְקָרוּת lawlessness *anomia* ?

[R rated movies, porn on your computer or phone.

No one knows ... just you ... and G-d!??

Umbrella.]

Eph. 4.19 **indecency...the practice of every kind of immorality, with greed for more.**

Eph. 5.3-5 **Sexual immorality and any impurity or greed—don't even let these be mentioned among you, as is proper for *kedoshim*, holy people. Obscene, coarse, and stupid talk are also out of place,**

Bill Gothard on the umbrella of spiritual authority, protection, and leaks



[https://www.google.com/search?safe=active&biw=1165&bih=826&tbm=isch&sa=1&ei=HkAuW5X4FcS8sQWrjIOIAQ&q=bill+gothard+umbrella+with+holes&oq=bill+gothard+umbrella+with+holes&gs_l=img.3...2159172.2162286.0.2162749.11.11.0.0.0.173.741.9j1.10.0....0...1c.1.64.img..1.1.172...0i30k1.0.r11FRUzG1g0#imgrc=KduzfF5iDwbKwM:]

Eph. 5.3-5 **but instead let there be thanksgiving. Know for certain that no immoral, indecent, or greedy person — who is really an idol worshipper at heart—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and God.**

- the malice and wickedness of outrageous persecutors
- the treachery and hatred of the deniers/apostates,
- the heresies of false teachers;
- the wickedness that prevailed in the lives and conversations of some called believers.

[John Gill: does not say their love shall be lost, but wax cold]

People issues -- I don't like him/her

She intimidates me: too smart, too loud, too beautiful, too athletic, too rich.

He repels me: too irresponsible, too weak, too impoverished, too sloppy

Jonathan Bernis:

- Work and overwork doesn't really drain or discourage a person. [building project]
- Adversity, conflict, moral failure discourage and weaken.

[Something radical, from Blaine Robinson's website ...]

lawlessness: Greek. *anomia*

1. from *nomos*, law, and the negative particle "a," making the word the equivalent of Torahlessness or living contrary to Torah commands.
2. does not mean abandonment of governmental laws, rather a rejection of God's authority and His commandments as the standard for ethics and morality, his Torah.
3. **most people's:** lit. "of the many." Even today lawlessness pervades the Body of Messiah since many believers don't believe the Torah commandments have any authority and tend to pick and choose what commandments they will obey.

[<http://www.blainerobison.com/bible2-matt/mattnotes24.htm>]

Andy Stanley, the pastor of North Point Community Church in Georgia, recently announced that Christians need to “unhitch” the Old Testament from their understanding of the faith.

By this Stanley means to instruct people to ignore the Old Testament and focus solely on the resurrection of Messiah, especially in evangelism. This statement was part of a sermon series encouraging those who've left the faith to reconsider.

Andy Stanley: “Messiah's new covenant, His covenant with the nations, His covenant with you, His covenant with us, can stand on its own two nail-scarred resurrection feet. It does not need propping up by the Jewish scriptures.

“The Bible did not create Christianity. The resurrection of Messiah created and launched the faith. Your whole house of Old Testament cards can come tumbling down. [!] The question is, did Messiah rise from the dead? And the eyewitnesses said he did.”

[<https://answersingenesis.org/christianity/andy-stanley-says-we-need-to-unhitch-the-old-testament-from-our-faith/>]

Messianic Judaism: Throwing away the Torah, the Tanakh [Hebrew Scriptures]

is a form of

iniquity *hefkayrut* הֶפְקָרֻת lawlessness *anomia*

Does a faith walk without Torah lead to coldness of love?

[We all know fervent, beautiful believers NOT into Shabbat, the holidays, or Israel. Many Jewish believers have assimilated so. Nevertheless, I've heard it said, at the least, that a Torahless faith is like a black and white movie, and Torah and the Jewish connection brings the color.

But I don't think it's quite that optional, ultimately. At least not for the fullness of the kingdom, and outreach, even non-Jewish outreach.]

When Paul presented Yeshua and the resurrection in pagan Athens in Acts 17, his message fell flat because they didn't understand who God was and why Messiah needed to die and be raised again.

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Acts.17.18 Some were saying, “**What's this babbler trying to say?**” while others, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign deities”— because he was proclaiming the Good News of Yeshua and the resurrection.

[Not the best response: “babbler”]

But when Paul started with the history in Genesis laying the foundation for the message of Messiah, some people were saved and others wanted to learn more. And our post-biblical culture is definitely a “Greek” culture much like Paul addressed in Acts 17!

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Acts 17.23-24 **Therefore what you worship without knowing, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by hands ...**

[Moreover, context of community ...]

Ro 11.17-18 **A wild olive branch — were grafted in among [Israel] and have become equal sharers in the rich root of the olive tree, then don't boast as if you were better than the branches! However, if you do boast, remember that you are not supporting the root, the root is supporting you.**

[With all due respect, Mr. Stanley is denying his support structure.]

Lastly, this tolerance that G-d seems to have about Torah-less believers will NOT continue into the Kingdom, the Millennium.]

Zekh. 14.16 **Finally, everyone remaining from all the nations that came to attack Yerushalayim will go up every year to worship the king, ADONI-Tzva'ot, and to keep the festival of Sukkot.**

[Sukkot, and by implication ALL the festivals will be kept in the Millennial Kingdom.]

A dear lady in KC who has greatly helped clarify and correct this in the Christian community]



**Marilyn Griffin
powerful insight**

[I will forever be grateful to her for her astonishing insight that built the core of her current ministry.]

Rev.2.1-4 **“To the angel of the Messianic Community in Ephesus, write: ‘Here is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven gold *menorahs*: “I know what you have been doing, how hard you have worked, how you have persevered, and how you can't stand wicked people; so you tested those ...You are persevering, and you have suffered for my sake without growing weary. But I have this against you: you have lost the love you had at first.**

[The early believers were NOT loveless ...

- *They were committed to die for Messiah.*
- *They knew the Word.*
- *They sacrificially gave.*
- *They labored to share the truth.*

So, how did they lose their first love??]

Marilyn's breathtaking insight



“left their first love,” a deliberate action requiring “teshuvah” to return and repent. Dr. Ryrice points out the word for “left” means “to quit or forsake.” By the Spirit revealing the historical record, we found through the sin of ignorance [SW:??] the early church fathers “left / forsook” their Hebraic (Abrahamic) parentage / heritage (Rom .4) embracing the deception that the church is the New Israel. This error gave place to anti-Semitism that impregnated the church and spread rapidly.

[http://www.mnewlife.org/files/Rev_Les_06_Seven_Churches_-_Ephesus.pdf]

Left your first love usually applied to spiritual life, she applies it to Semitic spirituality, Jewish covenantal awareness. Messianic movement, Or HaOlam about calling people to their covenantal identity in Yeshua.

Since the church world left out Israel, GREAT depredations.

I have to qualify all that by saying that this ministry now has some weaknesses, of which I've talked to her. Sacred Name, quoting Zohar and Talmud as if authoritative = Tanakh/Bible. So, I'm NOT giving MNL an endorsement like I used to. Not saying anything here I haven't said before to Marilyn. Do give her great credit for above!]

Summary: iniquity *hefkayrut* הפקרות lawlessness *anomia*

is unbiblical living: Sexual sin, greed, pride, social sin despising/ alienation, Torah rejection, replacing Israel

[In our environment, affects us, chills our love, especially if we expose ourselves much, dabble in these at all. Characterize all time, especially end time, our time]

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What constitutes cold love and hot love?

love: Greek. *agapē*, a relatively high level of interest in the well-being of another, affection, esteem, love. The noun *agapē* is one of the four Greek words for "love." In the LXX *agape* renders Heb. *ahavah* (SH-160, BDB 12), which is used of both human and divine love.

The Jewish translators of the LXX apparently coined the noun *agapē*, since there is no Greek literature earlier than the LXX that uses the word. God's nature and actions are the epitome of *agapē* (1Jn 4:8) and the preeminent virtue (1Cor 13:1-13).

The essential factor in every passage employing *agapē* is the **willingness to sacrifice for an object**, which sets it apart from the affection of *phileō*, the family loyalty of *storgē* and the passion of *eros*.

will grow cold: Greek. *psuchō*, fut. pass., used in imagery of fire that changes from flame to a cold state; go out, be extinguished. The two preeminent commands are to love God and love one's neighbor. When people reject God's authority they will also become unwilling to sacrifice for the good of others

[<http://www.blainerobison.com/bible2-matt/mattnotes24.htm>]

¹ Kefa 1.22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth, so that you have a sincere love for your brothers, love each other deeply, with all your heart.

^{ASV} love one another from the heart fervently:

[Compare/contrast “offended.”]

^{MSG} love one another as if your lives depended on it.

^{NIV} love one another deeply, from the heart.

Look left and right.

- Would you take a bullet for ...?
- Would you have lunch with ...?

Hot love ... Love is patient and kind, not jealous, not boastful, not proud, rude or selfish, not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not gloat over other people's sins but takes its delight in the truth. Love always bears up, always trusts, always hopes, always endures.

[6x/sec exchange of joy/dopamine]

Hot love ... Rejoices always,

prays constantly, in everything gives thanks; for this is God's will for you in Messiah Yeshua.

[Arush and praise for all ... Tikkun]

It's also a bit subjective. Hot love for G-d is in people's expressions, face, eyes: love, joy, peace. Sister Davis [50 or so “older lady” as it seemed then] with a radiant shining face, in Schenectady, NY for me. Also the lovely and radiant teenager, Patty Fuller. Simplicity, modesty, glory. Great communication of exemplary LIFE to draw me to repentance and salvation!

Teerosh here last Tuesday and theme was the holiness of G-d, Yesha'yahu/Isaiah 6]

2 Corinthians 3:18 So all of us, with faces unveiled, see as in a mirror the glory of the Lord; and we are being changed into his very image, from one degree of glory to the next, by *Adonai* the Spirit.

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Are we exposed unnecessarily to iniquity? Torahlessness?
Is our love hot?]

Rev.3.15-18 “To the Laodiceans...I know what you are doing: you are neither cold nor hot. How I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth! For you keep saying, 'I am rich, I have gotten rich, I don't need a thing!'



Ray van der Lan:

<https://www.thatttheworldmayknow.com/hot-or-cold>

Several miles northwest of Laodicea, perched atop a small mountain, is a city called Hierapolis. At the base of Hierapolis is an extraordinary geological formation produced by the natural hot springs that surface around the city. Even today, the city is known for its steaming mineral baths.

About the same distance from Laodicea in the opposite direction is Colossae. Paul’s colleague Epaphras worked in Colossae, as well as in Laodicea and Hierapolis Col 4:13 Colossae had one thing Laodicea didn’t: a cold, freshwater spring.

Unlike its neighbors, Laodicea had no springs at all. It had to import its water via aqueduct from elsewhere: hot mineral water from Hierapolis or fresh cold water from Colossae. By the time the water from either city made it to Laodicea, it had lost the qualities that made it remarkable. The hot water was no longer hot; the cold water was no longer cold.

The Laodiceans were left with all the lukewarm water they could drink. There isn’t much use for lukewarm water. Yeshua wished his people were hot (like the salubrious waters of Hierapolis) or cold (like the refreshing waters of Colossae). Instead, their discipleship was unremarkable.

[<https://www.toughquestionsanswered.org/2014/09/05/what-did-jesus-mean-by-hot-cold-and-lukewarm/>]

It says love will grow cold, not die.

Yeshayahu/Is 42.1-3

Behold My servant, whom I uphold. My Chosen One, in whom My soul delights. I have put My Ruakh on Him, He will bring justice to the nations. He will not cry out or raise His voice, or make His voice heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break. A smoldering wick He will not snuff out.

“Here is My servant whom I chose, the One I love, in whom My soul takes delight. I will put My Ruakh upon Him, and He shall proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. A crushed reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

[G-d, if there is any spark of life, water that spark.]

Yeshayahu/Is.6.6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, with a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips. Your iniquity is taken away, and your sins atoned for.”

Yeshayahu/Is.4.4-5

After Adonai has washed away the filth of the Daughters of Zion and has purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, then Adoni will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her convocations, a cloud by day, and smoke and shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all, glory will be a canopy'

Rev.3.15-18 You don't know that you are the one who is wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked! My advice to you is to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich; and white clothing, so that you may be dressed and not have to be ashamed of your nakedness; and eyesalve to rub on your eyes, so that you may see.