

NAIM Ministries ProD Assignment

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Response to the Truth and Reconciliation Material

Nothing new in the material but it was a good read and video watch in order to be fresh with the related information. For all of us there are the associated stories that we have heard over the years that are disturbing to say the least. Unfortunately, so much of this was done under the auspice of Christianity by “Christian” leaders. There should never be an attempt to minimize the trauma associated with the misuse of power and the resulting abuse in various ways. I am grateful for the very public apology given by Steven Harper some years ago. I suspect all of us can remember where we were when it was given.

I can't help but ask the question, “How do we move forward from here?” There are the many that simply say, “Get over it,” with shallow awareness of the damage done. Then there are those that wallow in the blame game and get stuck demanding an endless stream of “help” to alleviate the enormous difficulties associated with the past. The government is usually a target of this along with the assorted Christian institutions. As I watched and read and thought I came away convinced of two things. They are:

- 1) Solutions are available in the collective Christian community that needs to desegregate. If not in local substance, at least in character.
- 2) The blame game will never restore lives. I recall Star Parkers comments surrounding the civil rights era. She writes about the support the Jewish community gave to the Black movement, supporting it until the fork in the road. When the Black community got involved in the blame game with ever increasing demand of more of everything, the Jewish support stopped. As the victim card was played, they made their exit.¹

Good exercise.

Does anyone actually read these? If someone is reading this, you will like reading this writing by a Blackfeet young lady.

It makes me sad when I see natives bashing other natives or saying we're colonized because we believe in Jesus and celebrate his birth, death, and resurrection. I am not mad at you, just sad really because you know not of the real Christ Jesus, but just of what the evil men who lied and committed heinous acts against our ancestors did all while claiming to be doing God's work, but it WAS evil men who did this, NOT my Jesus! I am not less of a native because I make Jesus my Lord and Savior, but if you think so then so be it, but then you can't say you're native either if you don't uphold every cultural rules

¹ **Blacks: Stand by the Jews: Star Parker slams African-Americans for supporting Muslims**
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of do's and don'ts or participate in all your tribe's ceremonial practices, which in that case I would say there are hardly any natives at all except those who are truly devote to upholding every practice and rule without missing a beat... BUT!!! That's wrong to think either of those things, so this mentality needs to stop. Our people need healing of what has happened in a healthy way, a way that doesn't encourage bitterness or continue to perpetuate hate towards Christianity or those who believe in Jesus... If you at all feel this way I hope you find healing and peace with the past, that's not to say approve or accept what has happened, but true peace to where are able to overcome historical pain so that you can truly be free ♡ and to know that Jesus would have never come to our people in such a way or ever approved the force of religion unto people. When Jesus came to people and they denied him, he left and nothing more, so the Jesus I know would never ever ever ever hurt you, He loves you, whether you accept that or not it is totally your choice, but he loves you either way.... I hope what I said helps bring clarification if not I hope you come to know in time, but I do not have any hard feelings towards you just want you to experience peace, I pray you are loved and well ♡ God bless :)