Youth; Part 4

An explanation of topics for a dialogue with young people; topics where young people have to deal with in their lives, with support of Scripture.

Young Christian, are you only interested in your smart-phone and iPad? Or are you aware of how young people are misled in this world? Do you see through those, with their smoothed out face, who 'say' they care for young people? Today's young people are promising, but certainly need Christian attention.

NKJV (Proverbs 14:15) 15 The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps.

Can you distinguish word-artists with their word-games



Some are adept at inventing <u>contemptuous</u> words for others whose thoughts and behavior they do not like, or whose ideas do not fit with their policies.

Especially (young) people who ponder, who critically follow the results of others, are not respected and are put away as conspiracy thinkers.

Christians have already been given the 'label' doom thinkers.

People who think traditionally are also called 'populists', a word that intentionally has been given a negative charge.

Populism - from the Latin word populus 'people' - is really nothing else, but opting for the interests of 'the people'.

Jesus also suffered from such word-artists.

On a certain occasion they called him Beelzebub, or possessed by Beelzebub (= Satan):

NKJV (Matthew 12: 22-26) 22 Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. 23 And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" 24 Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." 25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

The theme of this article is how young people can protect themselves against deception, by structural practicing of Christian principles.

Jesus was a righteous personality in His days on earth. He wanted to do perfectly the things that His Father had asked Him to do. The Jewish leaders could not bear that, they became <u>jealous</u>. Their jealousy turned into <u>hatred</u>. And with that, Jesus became the target of many accusations:

NKJV (Mark 3: 2) 2 So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

NKJV (Luke 11:54) 54 lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.

Jesus never got carried away with their depraved behavior.

Consider the following example, when the chief priests and scribes and elders wanted to catch Jesus on his words:

NKJV (Mark 11: 27-33) 27 Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. 28 And they said to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?" 29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: 30 The baptism of John--was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me." 31 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 32 But if we say, 'From men' "--they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. 33 So they answered and said to Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus answered and said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Jesus had corrected these disrespectful persons with their indecent question, with what authority Jesus taught the people and who had given Him the authority to do so. For it was their task that they had renounced. They had added and taught the spoken traditions, thereby making God's word powerless. (Matthew 15: 1-9) When Jesus asked them a question back about John's baptism, they could not answer. They absolutely could not bear that correction and they wanted to take revenge:

NKJV (Mark 12: 13-17) 13 Then **they** sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in His words. 14 When they had come, they said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; for You do not regard the person of men, but teach the way of God in truth. **Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?** 15 Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see it." 16 So they brought it. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." 17 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <u>And they marveled at Him.</u>

A perfect answer from Jesus. How Jesus dealt with such situations, every young Christian can learn from that and can try to imitate that. Not to let others succeed, that you accept ideas, which go against Christian principles. Like in education. Schools increasingly deviate from neutral education, where young people can form an opinion themselves. The teaching material is no longer based on the Judeo-Christian principles, but on the exact opposite. The level of

education has also been drastically reduced. More and more young people do not know the tables, have difficulty calculating and reading. Even an analog clock is difficult. But they do teach about abortion, evolution or political (socialist) opinions. Or the gender-neutral education with the role play, intended to confuse children about their gender at a young age and to encourage them to come to a new understanding of their gender.

In our opinion, this kind of things does not need to be encouraged to young people and giving as a result extra confusion. The result is, that irreversible choices are made far too quickly. Both adolescent blockers and sex hormone therapy often make the younger sterile. https://www.strategic-culture.org/news/2019/04/14/frankenstein-designer-kids-what-youdont-know-about-gender-transitioning-will-blow-your-mind.html

This stimulation is often done by parents and teachers who call themselves 'progressive'. Progressive is another label from the word-artists. Progressive means that you want to improve society in a positive, innovative way.

But is that really so?

These progressives have rejected the entire Christian faith, or have given it a subordinate place. They have exchanged the wisdom, insight and knowledge of our God (YHWH) for their own wisdom:

NKJV (Proverbs 12:15) 15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, **NKJV** (1 Corinthians 3:19) 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God....

Don't allow classmates to seduce you with dirty talk, sex, drug use, lies, violent games, vandalism, theft, etc.

That behavior is called group pressure, and means that you are put under pressure by the group to participate. Every younger is sensitive to group behavior and wants to belong. But Christian youths should never be ashamed of the Christian faith.

Show in your answer that you want to be a Christian.

But for them, you are a weak or boring person or a game breaker if you don't participate. So what?

Well, then be boring, but at the same time righteous, merciful and with loving care for others. You cannot remain popular in the group at the expense of the Christian faith:

NKJV (2 Corinthians 6:14) 14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

You can defend yourself with thoughtful words, just like Jesus did. Let your classmates be <u>astonished over you</u> at such a moment, even if they won't admit it.

And what if you get insulted? Or being ignored in a mean way? Or other injustice? And the others apparently have fun about that?

Then do not be overwhelmed, that will only cause stress and tension.

Preferably discuss these things with your Christian parents. They will always support you. Always keep a cheerful heart, because in fact the perpetrator must be deeply ashamed:

NKJV (Proverbs 17:22) 22 A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

NKJV (Proverbs 24: 1-2) 1 Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them; 2 For their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking.

As a younger, pray to your Heavenly Father for strength. Consider what Jesus has endured for us. Believe Jesus words, because whoever trusts in Jesus will <u>never</u> be ashamed:

NKJV (1 Peter 2: 6) 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

Is it really true that the world has said goodbye to Jesus' teachings?

What is going on in the US?

The number of Americans who no longer belong to a Christian religion is growing shockingly:

http://endoftheamericandream.com/archives/the-number-of-americans-with-no-religion-has-increased-by-266-over-the-last-3-decades

There is increasing resistance to those who attach importance to Christian households and families. The Christian monogamous lifestyle is being replaced by other cohabitation forms.

Universities and colleges in particular teach their vision as a strong recommendation.

This 'being right' of the academic world is also called 'politically correct'.

It is a term taken from the Chinese (Marxist) leader Mao Zedong.

Karl Marx was the one who wrote the communist manifesto "das Kapital".

Communism is based on 'socialism', which is certainly not the same as 'social behavior'.

Social behavior is fellow human behavior, selfless or merciful behavior.

Socialism is a political structure that strives for a fair relationship between rich and poor.

Socialism is therefore also a word of the word-artists, a confusing word.

Nowhere has socialism worked, everywhere the leaders have been more important than the others.

Such as in China, where with the best (Marxist) intentions and the most beautiful plans a fantastic future was sketched, but where this has unfortunately resulted in many millions of deaths as a result of famine and oppression. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cultural Revolution

Christianity, on the other hand, does work, because Christianity is based on justice by using Divine principles and is merciful towards fellow humans.

Does the Main-Stream Media still provide credible reporting?

According to Professor Peter Phillips, Professor of Sociology, Ph.D., University of California: "Eighty percent of all news reports in the newspaper or in the media are forwarded by a public relations propaganda firm, whether public or private. That is a study we have been working on." (https://youtu.be/xiN9EznSoTc)

The current world power, the US, has three major press agencies: Reuters (located in nearly 200 countries), Associated Press and in France there is still the AFP agency.

They are certainly not financially disinterested objective press agencies.

The news items are mainly distributed around the world by Reuters or Associated Press through 6 major US news companies:



Because of their dominant position, the press agencies have every opportunity to keep the past dead or to change as they wish.

https://off-guardian.org/2019/03/08/the-propaganda-multiplier/

Young people are best reached by the media, with short videos or with catchy photos. The media know that. Many young people only want to focus their attention short on something.

This article is also unusually long for many young people to read, but it is necessary. The photos in the media must immediately tell a desired story.

For the media the result counts, it seems they don't care if that's the truth.

Therefore, you always have to ask yourself: Why do I get this specific information in this specific form at the moment? Ultimately, it's always about questions of power. "

(Dr. Konrad Hummler, Swiss banking and media executive)

Always think about who (or which industry) earns the most money or has an interest in the reporting.

To name a few examples:

- The war industry has an interest in as many wars as possible.
- The pharmaceutical industry has an interest in as many prescription drugs and vaccinations as possible.

Young people are (fortunately) still idealistic and open-minded.

Have often little insight into the greed and power of some people and how they lobby with those, who make decisions. The manipulation of the news plays a major role in this.

Is the previous part about controlled news-influence hard to believe?

Then have a look at the enlightening 'parrot' video about the Sinclair Broadcast Group below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWLjYJ4BzvI



George Orwell, an English writer, wrote the book '1984' about a society under a totalitarian state. Below a few quotes from the interesting book:

"The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history."

People are the easiest to destroy by erasing or denying their history.

"Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past."

Rewriting or distorting history is apparently necessary in order to decide the desired future for the concerning persons.

"War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength."

Everything has been turned around, the lie rules.

NKJV (Isaiah 5:20) 20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil;

Is there a medicine for the current world?

By continuing to use the invented labels and keep repeating them, a contradiction has arisen in society, a division into groups. This is also called polarization.

But this division gives rise to conflicts.

Learn to recognize the invented labels and lies, because there are people in the background who have an interest in it:

NKJV (Romans 1:25) 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie,

There is also a saying about this:

"If two dogs fight for one bone, the third one walks away with it alone."

If two parties have a fight, a third party can benefit from it.

But what if the third party deliberately caused this fight?

Freemasonry are secret organizations or secret societies. These are busy with secret and dark matters that cannot bear the daylight, and whereby nothing is 'what it seems':

NKJV. (Ephesians 5: 11-13) 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For <u>it is shameful even to speak of those things</u> which are done by

them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

First, our Christian struggle is against Satan and his demons, but also against the secret agenda and the <u>influence of power</u> of Satan's children.

Paul once described that <u>influence of power</u> with the following words:

NKJV (Ephesians 6:12) 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Never fall into the trap of apostasy, or never think that the Christian faith is no longer that important:

NKJV (1 Timothy 4: 1-2) 1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 <u>speaking lies in hypocrisy</u>, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

There is certainly a medicine for today's world, whereby all people can really become happy. The cure for all the current iniquities is to apply God's word. Success assured.

Is the influence of Social Media then better?

Young Christians are under the influence of news from Social Media, opinions and information from a world, with which they still have little experience:

NKJV (Ephesians 4:14) 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men,....

Applications such as Facebook change society by applying censorship.

Large Internet companies such as Facebook / Instagram and Google / YouTube work with algorithms, which are formulas and agreements for what is shown in the search results. In what order as with Google, and what is censored, so what they do not want commercially or politically or not find right. In any case, it is not the most neutral representation and they manipulate the freedom of other news through their manipulation.

Young people no longer get a clear view of world affairs, but a distorted view.

Facebook is also going to fight worldwide 'hostility to Islam':

https://news-for-friends.de/facebook-geht-jetzt-weltweit-gegen-islam-feindlichkeit-vor/

But why doesn't the genocide of Christians get attention?

http://endoftheamericandream.com/archives/why-does-the-mainstream-media-purposely-ignore-the-mass-killings-of-christians-that-happen-all-over-the-globe

What does the near future bring?

What does the Scripture tell us how to deal with this world with its money and wealth, where Christians should not be a part of?

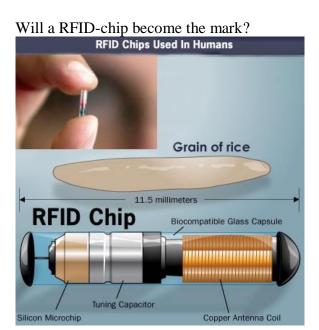
NKJV (James 4: 4) 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

We are not so far away from what is called 'the great tribulation' in the Bible. (Matt. 24:21) The planned roll-out of a New World Order with a central governance.

(See the remarkable project NEOM in Saudi Arabia: https://www.dojc.nl/?p=5231&lang=en)

A new (or neo-) communist system, where a few rich people have the power. Where all people are forced to accept a joint means of payment by the foretold <u>false prophet</u> (the Antichrist):

NKJV (Revelation 13: 16-17) 16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.



However, receiving the mark is not noncommittal to God:

NKJV (Revelation 14: 9-10) 9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, ...

Accepting the mark at the end time also means worshiping the beast, which means committing idolatry.

The pursuit of money and wealth appears to be a way of Satan to tempt us or to mislead us:

NKJV (Matthew 6:13) 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one....

(See also: https://www.dojc.nl/?p=4959&lang=en 2. Youth; money and how to deal with)

Parents, be prepared and DISCUSS with your children:

Children

Always tell your parents what you are having trouble with. As a young person once said: 'I still regret not telling my parents about my disappointment.'

Parents

Always keep the bond with your children open, so that the threshold for telling things is low. Listen carefully when they are hurt, ignored or humiliated.

If your child has found the courage to tell, don't blame your child.

Teach your children how to forgive others.

(See for this: https://www.dojc.nl/?p=4448&lang=en 4. The promised Messiah)

Discuss the (good) idealism of young people, but explain that some people deliberately mislead others.

Tell your child how it feels like to be humiliated, how much that hurts and how hard it is to forgive others. Even to forgive our enemies. (Luke 6: 27-31)

Explain that we live in the predicted time, which will be difficult (2 Tim. 3: 1-4), but also that there are unfortunately no people without mistakes.

Discuss with your children what they can do best, especially to continue to believe in Jesus words and to remain faithful to these.

Finally

Hosea describes what the adulterous world looks like now, a world that has turned away from our God (YHWH):

NKJV (Hosea 5: 4) 4 "They do not direct their deeds Toward turning to their God, For the spirit of harlotry is in their midst, And they do not know the Lord.

Christian youth, stay awake:

NKJV (1 Corinthians 1: 5) 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge,

It's a shame it has to be this way, but be critical to the things you read, that are told or are presented to you. As a Christian youngster you must always stay sharp for deception:

NKJV (Matthew 10:16) 16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Don't let yourself be dragged along with manipulated reporting!

Do not become a part of this world which will end soon.

Consider the promised eternal blessings for the Christian heirs. (Galatians 3:29)

Till here this part about how young people can protect themselves from being misled, by applying Christian principles.

P.S. On the site 'Disciples of Jesus Christ' there are more substantive Christian articles.