

LIFE IS WHAT IT IS - ??

Living in a “free” society has its challenges!

In the journey of life we are faced with constant challenges and decisions. Some of these challenges and decisions can be life changing and should be approached with as much clarity as possible. How we handle these moments is influenced by our “world view”. We are told that those of us who are fortunate enough to live in the Western World are free to choose our path. However is this correct? Freedoms once available are no longer. The threat of litigation is alive and well. Expressing an opinion about certain behaviours or peoples can quickly land you in court. Commenting on certain subjects can cause violent reactions from sections of our communities. There are not only “no go zones” in our suburbs but there are “no go zones” with our opinions. No longer are you free to have a negative opinion about homosexuality, Islam, abortion, euthanasia, global warming, and socialist agendas. However you are completely free to have a negative opinion about traditional marriage, conservative values, Judaism, Christianity, Israel, and belief in HaShem without fear of persecution. We are coming to a point in the West where our freedoms of opinion are no longer free. Our right to mature dialogue and debate on any given subject is no longer allowed. We are actually being told what “freedoms” we are allowed to exercise. Sadly these allowed freedoms are drawing people further and further away from HaShems instructions. Those that believe in the God of Israel and people who have a world view influenced by principles of Torah are silenced whenever possible. The world view of the general populace in the West has changed and with it have come changes in “freedom”. It is fair to say that even 50 years ago the Western World had a predominately Judaic – Christian world view. This is no longer the case, and this reversal in world views has and is bringing significant challenges. The goal posts have been moved from being entrenched in a solid biblical world view and they are now in constant motion. I remember a time in school when we sang the National Anthem and had belief in God. The existence of God was hardly questioned because the existence of God was the dominate world view. I remember a time when there was no trading on a Sunday because that was known as “Lord’s Day”. Hotels closed their doors at

6-00pm and fathers went home to their wives and children. When people went out, they dressed up not down, ties were always worn and women wore feminine clothes that were modest. Children addressed their elders as Mr. and Mrs. Respect was given to the police, teachers and clergy. Sport was played for fun not money. Families ate around the kitchen table at the same time, with no TV in the background or mobile phones going off during the meal. Child minding centres were few and far between. Families consisted of a married man and woman with children. This has all changed because we have indeed been free to change our traditions and conditions. There is little doubt that a free society can be a wonderful society to live in. It allows people to fulfil their potential, resulting in wonderful discoveries and advancements in so many areas. In a free society people are allowed to think, explore and develop new and exciting ideas. Yet there is a danger to our communities and countries when our freedom of thought and action lead us away from the Creator of heaven and earth. History is littered with past “world powers” whose freedoms extended to their destruction. If freedoms are left to follow their natural course, you will witness them turn into restricted governments of those who came to power through those freedoms. The so-called “Arab Spring” is proof of this.

Freedom is a wonderful privilege and we should exercise it with extreme caution. Freedom gives you choices and it is those choices which can either bring life or death. When you have freedom of choice, choose with care and thought, as each choice and action will result in change.

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