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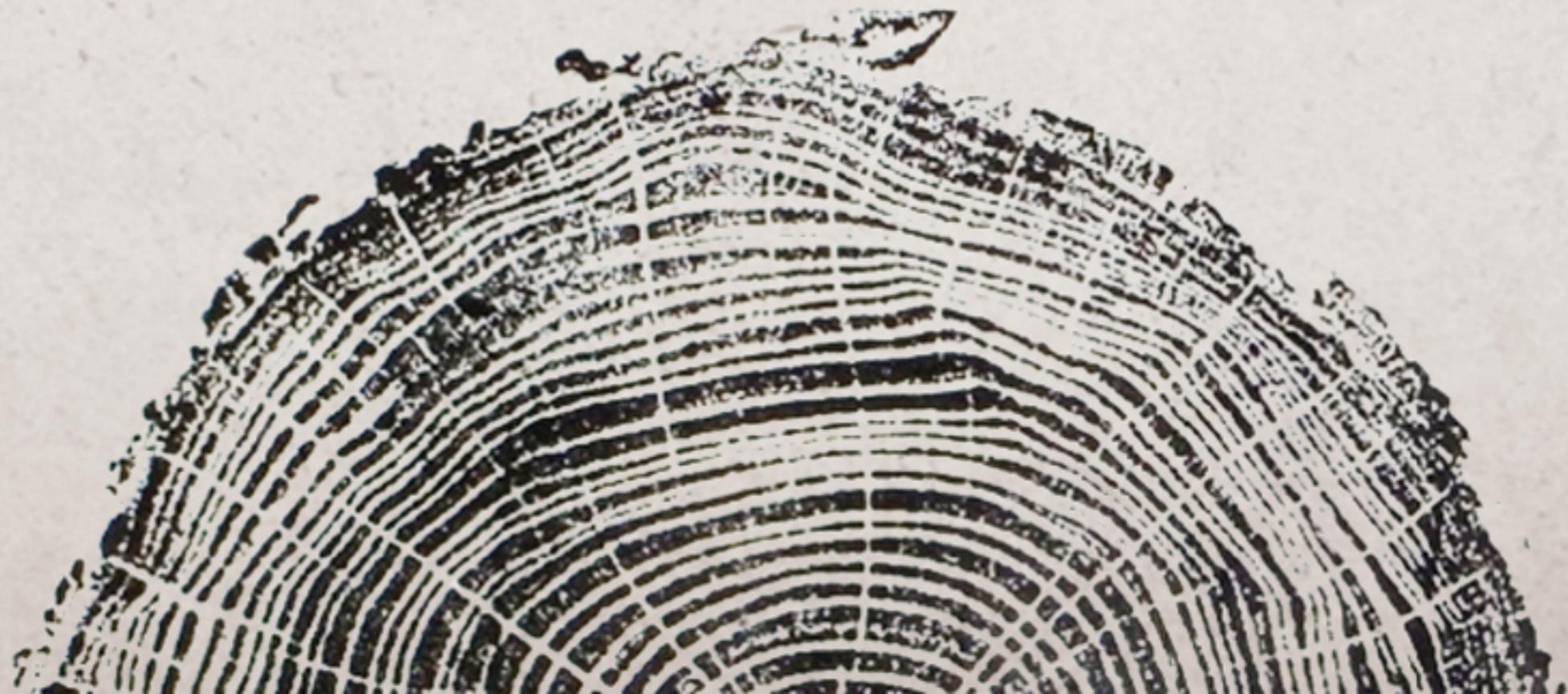
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# WHEN AND HOW TO BE HATED

John 15:18-16:17



"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father –the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

“All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogues; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.

John 15:18-16:15

I have told you these things, so that in me  
you may have peace. In this world you will  
have trouble. But take heart! I have  
overcome the world.

John 16:33

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.” (v9-10)

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (v12)

“This is my command: Love each other.” (v17)

To be at home with Jesus is to be at  
odds with the "world".

Learn something about the Christian's  
relationship with the *world*.

Learn something about the Christian's  
relationship with Jesus & Spirit.

For the first time in history a purely self-sufficient humanism came to be a widely available option. I mean by this a humanism accepting no final goals beyond human flourishing, nor any allegiance to anything else beyond this flourishing. Of no previous society was this true.

Charles Taylor, *A Secular Age*, 18

The Christian's relationship with the *world*  
will be complex.

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:15-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

John 17:15-18

- We are not of the world
- We are sent into the world
- We are not taken out of the world
- We are to love the world *but,*
- We are not to love the world

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If Christians are to be hated, may we be hated by the same people and for the same reasons as Jesus was hated.

It apparently deeply irritates the world that disciples' lives are not "rooted in" the world, which must mean that, by and large, disciples "do not go along with" it, or do not find their deepest joys, resources, or interests in it; indeed, that they honestly find much to **critique** in it, go against many of its major convictions, and seem sorely out of step with many of its major passions.

Frederick Dale Bruner, *John Commentary*

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:7

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have trouble. But take heart! I have  
overcome the world.

John 16:33

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where  
there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt,  
faith; where there is despair, hope; where there  
is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console; to be understood as to  
understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in  
giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we  
are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born  
again to eternal life. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Francis