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Original nature says, "Peace begins with me." Fallen nature says, "Peace begins when you go away." Religious prejudice is what happens when we interpret religious teachings through our fallen nature.

Any message that says, "Here's what I can do, what we can do to make things better," is worth listening to. Any message that says "These people are the problem. Here's what's wrong with him/her/them, let's get rid of them," is not worth listening to. Such thinking only leads to more conflict and does not solve problems.

Making things better starts with controlling ourselves. It does not start with attacking others.



This is why we have signs that say, "No smoking." We don't say "No smokers." What a mess that would be. "Excuse me, are you a smoker?" "No." "So why do you smell of smoke?" "Well, my brother smokes. He's trying to quit but he can't." "And you associate with him?!?" "Well, he's my brother." "No excuse!! No smokers, no smoke sympathizers. OUT!!"