

Messianic Rabbi: Can G-D Unfriend You?

G-D unfriended me—can that even happen? Let's find out.

If you use social media, and if you are like most people, then over the past year or so you have had plenty of opportunities to unfriend people. Between social demonstrations, political upheaval or religious disagreements, there have been times when I had to hit the unfriend button.

However, the unfriend button is not my first response to offensive posts or tweets. My first reaction to offensive statements or memes is to reach out to the poster and attempt to influence their actions by requesting they edit, clarify or delete their post.

If that doesn't work, and if they continue posting offensive posts, I will hide their posts so that I won't see them or they won't appear on my wall or feed. In other cases, I may hit the button that hides their posts for a period of time.

I use the unfriend button in those cases when the offense is so egregious and the poster is so pigheaded that I just have to cut the digital cord that connects them to me. Most run-of-the-mill aggression against me will rarely bring me to the point of unfriending someone. One notable exception is when someone claims I have been or I am being dishonest.

However, when someone attacks someone I love, such as my wife or my children, then I go full Papa Bear, and if I cannot convince that person of the error of their ways, their choice will result in being unfriended.

I was thinking about this concept, and that made me wonder how G-D would respond to these types of attacks. Does G-D "unfriend people," and if He does, what would it take for Him

to come to the point of severing a “friendship?” This thought brought me to a familiar verse found in Matthew 10:33 (TLV):

“But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.”

To understand this verse, we have to read it within the context that these words were spoken by Yeshua (Jesus). He was sending His disciples out to proclaim, “The kingdom of heaven has come near!” Yeshua went on to instruct His followers what to do if people rejected this message, which included “shake the dust off your feet.” It is after these instructions that we read Yeshua’s proclamation about those who deny Him before men.

Think about the gravity of this statement. Then, stop for a moment and consider the full implications of what denying Yeshua means. As you consider, remember that John 1:14 tells us:

“And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

The Bible tells us that Yeshua was the Word made flesh, and if we deny the Word is true, then we have denied Him. How might we deny Yeshua in this way? One way is when we interpret the Bible according to feelings or cultural shifts. A few examples of this may be not holding to the biblical concept of marriage being between one man and one woman.

Another example is the rejection of the biblical truth that life begins with conception. Another example is accepting the false belief that G-D abolished the Torah through the death of Yeshua, something that Yeshua directly rejected in Matthew 5:17-18:

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Torah or the Prophets! I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. Amen, I

tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or serif shall ever pass away from the Torah until all things come to pass.”

Each of the above false understandings can only be believed by one who rejects the Word of G-D as true—in other words, by calling G-D a liar.

One more example of someone denying Yeshua by rejecting the truth of G-D’s Word is the belief that Israel has been replaced by the church. In this case, not only does one accuse G-D of being a liar, but they also are attacking those whom G-D loves, those with whom G-D said He had made an eternal covenant, both physically and spiritually, those whom G-D proclaims are His bride.

If you are a believer in Yeshua as the Messiah, then there was a time that you became a friend of G-D, or said another way, G-D accepted your friend request. However, if you believe any of the above examples or reject any other truth expressed within the Bible, then you may be guilty of denying Yeshua before men.

Please remember what Revelation 22:18-19 says about adding to or taking away from the Word of G-D:

“I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book. If anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his share in the Tree of Life and the Holy City, which are written in this book.”

While being unfriended on social media may be hurtful, being unfriended by G-D could be eternal. {eoa}

Eric Tokajer is the author of *Overcoming Fearlessness, What If Everything You Were Taught About the Ten Commandments Was Wrong?*, *With Me in Paradise*, *Transient Singularity*, *OY! How*

Did I Get Here?: Thirty-One Things I Wish Someone Had Told Me Before Entering Ministry, #ManWisdom: With Eric Tokajer, Jesus Is to Christianity as Pasta Is to Italians *and* Galatians in Context.

Read articles like this one and other Spirit-led content in our new platform, CHARISMA PLUS.