

nearer now than when we first believed

"and do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." rom 13:11

can anyone honestly not agree with this statement?
nearer? definitely nearer; much nearer. we know this is the generation that shall see all these things come to pass. it is the season and fruit from His planting is ripening. soon the ripe will turn to rot if it is not harvested.

the Holy Spirit is busy even now, drawing in those stragglers that have been blinded or procrastinated. He is moving all over the world. though news sources will try to hide His works in lives, it remains like a wildfire that cannot be controlled or quenched. they say iran is now the fastest to feel that fire spreading.

we have multiple examples even among all the children of abraham. along with many jews now recognizing Jesus as the Christ, many arabs are coming to the light of that truth as well.

many arabs are having a visitation by a Man in white, showing them the truth of Jesus. the true colors of islam are being revealed. as the taliban's grip tightens, their actions reveal the true nature of their beliefs. power, at any cost, is their primary pursuit, leaving devastation and despair in its wake. the question arises: if allah condones such violence and destruction, can he truly be for those seeking peace

and knowledge?

the violent actions of the taliban, living consistently with their muslim beliefs, bring many to wonder just what exactly islam stands for. this doubt opens the doors for believers in the underground church to share the hope they have found in Jesus, offering truth to disillusioned muslims.

even now, in the war in israel, hamas is using their own innocent ones as shields for their deeds, even robbing them of desperately needed resources, supplying their own need instead. is this the way of allah; to use women and children as shields? it seems to be that is how most of his people interpret his desires anyway.

i have several muslim friends whom i love dearly. God loves them - my God! they are special, beautiful people but i know we are not following or serving the same god. i honestly can't imagine what it would be like to be born into a culture immersed in something deceptive.

they are a very religious people but that is where it stops; in religion and not a relationship. they do attentive homage to their god and even lie prostrate before him. then after due diligence they will beat their wives or children and go about murdering in because they believe their god demands it. it wasn't God's way when the so-called christians did it in the crusades and it is not right today. those doing so are wearing a false badge of belief.

Jesus taught to turn the other cheek; to love your

neighbor as yourself. win by tears and temperament rather than torture and trickery. exhibit Christ in yourself and let the Holy Spirit do the convicting and convincing. "and this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." john 17:3