February 22, 2025 Be quick to listen but slow to speak! Yaakov 1.19

From Jimmy Johns



- 5. 70% of house guests snoop through other peoples medicine cabinets and drawers.
- The first toilet cubicle in a row is the least used (and consequently cleanest).
- The toilet is flushed more times during the Super Bowl halftime than at any time during the year.
- 8. November 19 is world Toilet Day.
- 9. People use about 57 sheets of toilet paper everyday.

artist's conception of the DART spacecraft approaching the Didymos asteroid system before deflecting the Dimorphos moonlet NASA



It's only recently that we became aware of 2024 YR4 at all. The rock was discovered on Dec. 27, 2024, by the NASA-funded Asteroid Terrestrial-Impact Last Alert System (ATLAS) telescope in Chile. [Viewable in S Hemisphere due to curvature of the earth.] It is moving fast—about 38,000 mph, according to NASA's calculations, or more than twice the velocity of an Earth-orbiting satellite. It's that screaming speed that causes even a relatively small asteroid to pack such a destructive wallop.

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

Math:

17,000 mph is the speed of low earth orbit, like the ISS

[https://time.com/7225374/do-you-need-to-worry-about-asteroid-2024-yr4-hitting-earth/?utm_source=beehiiv&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter-the-brief& bhlid=2dc81d40346cec6b218623d20c7ffe784f45f0b1]

Dec. 22, 2032. That's the day the asteroid dubbed 2024 YR4 may strike our planet. According to NASA, the odds of a collision are just 2.3%.

But that nearly doubles the 1.2% risk the U.S. space agency and the European Space Agency (ESA) calculated in late January.

Dec. 22, 2032 - only 7 years away!



Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, discovered the data while reviewing SSA records for potential waste or fraud.

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/us/database-lists-12-million-people-older-than-120eligible-for-social-security-musk-

5811532?utm_source=Morningbrief&src_src=Morningbrief&utm_campaign=mb-2025-02-18&src_cmp=mb-2025-02-

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Disputed at

[https://www.marketbeat.com/articles/tens-of-millions-of-dead-people-arent-getting-social-security-checks-despite-trump-and-musk-claims-2025-02-18/?utm_source=miximedia&utm_medium=miximedia|

- 120-129-year-olds are getting 3.5 million checks each month from Social Security.
- 130-139-year-olds are getting 3.9 million monthly checks.
- 140-149-year-olds are getting 3.5 million monthly checks.
- 150-159-year-olds are getting 1.3 million monthly checks.
- 160-169-year-olds are getting 121,807 monthly checks.
- 170-179-year-olds, are getting 6,087 monthly checks.
- 180–189-year-olds are getting 695 monthly checks.
- 190-199-year-olds are getting 448 monthly checks.
- 200-209-year-olds are getting 879 monthly checks.
- 210-219-year-olds are getting 866 monthly checks.
- 220-229-year-olds are getting 1,039 monthly checks.
- And there are checks being mailed to one person recorded as between 240-249 years old and the other as 360-369 years old!

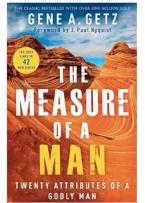
There are 12.4 million monthly Social Security checks being issued to "people" who, according to records, are 120 or more years old!

Cruel: Elon Musk Cuts Off Social Security Benefits For Thousands Of Revolutionary War Veterans

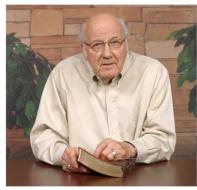


Furthermore, if we total up the number of people listed as "eligible" for Social Security, which is **398.4 million** people — then compare that total to the U.S. population of **341 million**, there are 57 million MORE people "eligible" than the total U.S. population!

[Source: Liberty Counsel Action is a 501(c)(4) taxexempt non-profit organization. Donations are not tax-deductible.]



Men's Meeting curriculum [An issue spoke to my heart that was my "download" for the message.]



Gene Getz, author [Story p 26-27

SW story re monthly lunches with my 4 kids]

Yaakov 1.19 Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: <u>let every person be quick to listen</u>, slow to speak, and slow to anger.





quick to listen, slow to speak
1. Listening to G-d
2. Listening to people
3. When truth is utterly violated.
Rebuke



Greatest commandment according to Messiah and to midrash?

שַ**ׁמַע**, יִשְׂרָאֵל יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יִיָ אֵחָד. ^{6.4} בּ

Sh'ma, Yisra'el! Adoni Eloheinu, Adoni ekhad. Hear, Israel! Adoni our God, Adoni is one.

Many times in Revelation: He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

Also, an apocalyptic sense to the parable use. Hear the end.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 13:1

בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יָצָא יָשׁוּעַ מִן הַבַּיִת וְיָשַׁב עַל-יַד הַיַּם.

That same day, Yeshua went out of the house and sat down by the lake;

Mattityahu (Matthew) 13:2

פִיוָן שֶׁנִּקְהֲלוּ אֵלָיו הֲמוֹן עַם רַב יָרַד לַסִּירָה לָשֶׁבֶת בָּהּ וְכָל הֶהָמוֹן עָמֵד עַל הַחוֹף. but such a large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there while the crowd stood on the shore.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 13:3a

אָז דָּבֵּר אֲלֵיהֶם רַבּוֹת בִּמְשָׁלִים

He told them many things in parables:

proverb, fable, allegory מַשַׁל שִּי בּ

[Several types of parables in Tanakh/Heb scrip

- Stories: Yekhez Ezk 24 Jerusalem like a cauldron boiled dry, ~in judgement
- Ju 9.7 contention among the sons of Gideon parable of the trees.
- Is 5 vineyard like Israel

Rabbinic style also

Greeks used fables but different.]

Psalm 78.0-2 Listen, my people, to my teaching; turn your ears to the words from my mouth. I will speak to you in **parables** and explain **mysteries** from days of old.

Hidden truth?

- 1. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate or teach some truth, religious principle, or moral lesson.
- 2. a statement or comment that conveys a meaning indirectly by the use of comparison, analogy, or the like.

Mattityahu 13.10-17 Then the talmidim came and asked Yeshua, "Why are you speaking to them in parables?" He answered, "Because it has been **given to you** to know the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but it has not been given to them.

For anyone who has something will be given more, so that he will have plenty; but from anyone who has nothing, even what he does have will be taken away. Here is why I speak to them in parables: they **look** without seeing and **listen** without hearing or understanding.

That is, in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Yesha`yahu [Isaiah] which says, `You will keep on **hearing** but never understand, and keep on **seeing** but never perceive, because the heart of this

people has become dull -- with their ears they **barely hear**, and their eyes they have closed, so as not to see with their eyes, **hear with their ears**, understand with their heart, and do t'shuvah, so that I could heal them.'

[So, the question to ask ourselves is, are we hearing from G-d? Time in His word with obedient ears. Do, and obey, do and repent, do and allow the Spirit to work!!

It's NOT a given that reading = receiving unless we have a yielded heart.]

But you, how blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear! Yes indeed! I tell you that many a prophet and many a tzaddik longed to see the things you are seeing but did not see them, and to hear the things you are hearing but did not hear them. [Mystery to me since 1969 when I came to faith.]

Why are some people's eyes open, other closed?

~Karate lessons?: 6 different katas

^{Eph 5.13-14} But everything exposed to the light **is revealed** clearly for what it is, since **anything revealed is a light**. This is why it says, "Get up, sleeper! Arise from the dead, and the Messiah will shine on you!"

[Why do some people get the light, the revelation, some don't. Just don't have karate minds??]

Sovereign choice

Acts 9.15 "This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name to the Goyim, even to their kings, and to the sons of Isra'el as well."

[G-d's description to Hananyah/Ananias about rebirth of Shaul.

Absolute choice? Just way easier. Shaul still could have resisted.]

<u>Selective Sealing</u> ^{2 Cor. 4,2-4} We refuse to make use of shameful underhanded methods, employing deception or distorting God's message. On the contrary, by **making very clear what the truth is**, we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

[This is a reason why some don't, or why it's harder.]

^{2 Cor. 4.2-4} So **if indeed our Good News is veiled**, it is veiled only to those in the process of being lost. They do not come to trust because **the god of the 'olam hazeh** has blinded their minds, in order to prevent them from seeing the light shining from the Good News about the glory of the Messiah, who is the image of God.

[Pharaoh hardened his heart.

Absolute veiling, or just way more difficult?

We need to pray for those around us to have "hearing ears." "No one can come to me except my father draw him."]

- 1. Are you hearing daily from G-d's Word?
- 2. How are you applying what you heard?
- 3. Are you sharing that insight with anyone?

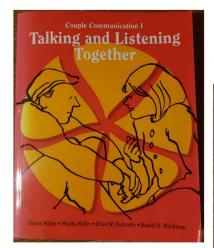


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We have TWO ears and one mouth. Is there a lesson?
Hear twice as much as we speak!

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Dawn and I took a class in communication. For marriage, but not only for marriage. Any relational dynamic, friend, family, co-worker.



How to hear someone:

Attend: eye contact. Put your phone away. Hands OFF keyboard. Don't focus on your response. Make brief notes, but focus on the one you are hearing!

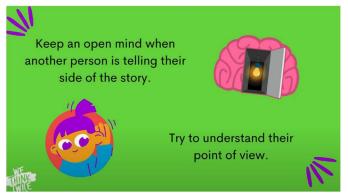
Acknowledge: nod, uh-huh, yes, indeed!

<u>Invite</u>: Tell me more about that. Please give me an illustration of that concept.

<u>Summarize</u>: briefly, without comment or evaluation or negation or agreement, restate what you heard. Without sarcasm!

Ask: Open questions, not yes or no questions.

Only when you can acceptably summarize do you get your turn to speak.



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Don't interrupt.

- to stop or hinder by breaking in
- to cause a disruption in a conversation or discussion

Very hard for a New Yorker. If you just can't wait, Golden words: "Excuse me."

When I was a science & math teacher, the key to the success I had is when I could discern where a student was stuck in

understanding something. "Mr. Wolkenfeld, this makes no sense at all!"

[I had slides and illustrations then, just like now. The truth of chemistry is not different from the truth of theology.

The speed of sound affected by temperature is LIKE the openness of heart affected by the Ruakh.

"No sense at all," seems really negating my whole presentation.]

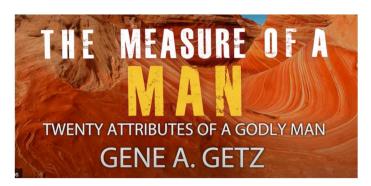
"Can you be a little more specific?"

Unlock the key disconnect.

[Two students in 11 years who would frequently reverse some concept which would undermine the whole dynamic of the day's teaching.. Listen over and over and get it.

Listen. Think how they are thinking.

Applies to our communication of Yeshua. Sometimes people may see flaws in our lives.]





Eph 4.16 From Him the whole body is fitted and held together by **every supporting ligament**. The proper working of **each individual** part produces the body's growth, for building itself up in love.



- Members of one another
 Be devoted to one another
 Honor one another
 Edify one another
 Accept one another
- Instruct one another
 Care for one another
 Serve one another
 Submit to one another
 Confess our sins to one another
 Pray for one another

What is the first step we can take as men to determine what people really think of us?

Are there areas in our lives where we believe people have false views of us and have misjudged our attitudes and actions?

Are we aware of any attitudes and actions in our lives right now that are hurting our reputations?

What steps can we take immediately to rebuild our reputations in those particular areas?

What one thing would you like to do immediately to begin to enhance your reputation as a talmid / follower of Messiah?

Give permission to a friend, confidant, to ask about your thought life.

[Yeshua was exemplary in HEARING us!!]

Yeshayahu/ Is 42.1-3 Behold My servant[a], whom I uphold. My Chosen One, in whom My soul delights. I have put My Ruakh on Him, He will bring justice to the nations. He will not cry out or raise His voice, or make His voice heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break. A smoldering wick He will not snuff out.

[He will not disrupt or crush those reaching out to Him. Not interrupt, but hear OUR hearts!]

Mishlei/Prov 12.17-19 A fool shows his irritation immediately, but a prudent person overlooks an insult. He who tells the truth tells what is right, but a false witness, deceit.

[He will not disrupt or crush those reaching out to Him. Not interrupt, but hear OUR hearts!]

Mishlei/Prov 12.17-19 Reckless speech is like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

[Rash speech, let it flow.]

Why is this important?

Vayikra/Lev 19.17-18 "'Do not hate your brother in your heart, but **rebuke your neighbor frankly**, so that you won't carry sin because of him. Don't take vengeance on or bear a grudge against any of your people; rather, **love your neighbor as yourself; I am Adoni**.

[Rebuke is intrinsic to love.]

Mark 12.28-31 One of the Torah-teachers came up and heard them engaged in this discussion. Seeing that Yeshua answered them well, he asked him, "Which is the most important mitzvah of them all?" Yeshua answered, "The most important is, 'Sh'ma Yisra'el, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai ekhad [Hear, O Isra'el, the Lord our God, the Lord is one], and you are to love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your understanding and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.'

[Implies the rebuking part.]





[Nothing to hear. Just the rebuking aspect.]



JD Vance at the Munich, Germany, Security Conference

JD Vance gave specific examples of the erosion of fundamental liberties in countries whose leaders were in the room. One of the most disturbing cases took place in Britain, where a 51-year-old veteran was arrested for silently praying within 200 meters of an abortion facility.

He wasn't obstructing or interacting with anyone; he only stood there with his head bowed. When a police officer asked him if he was praying, he said, "Yes." He was charged with a crime and fined thousands of dollars.

As Ronald Reagan famously said, "If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

Current Hamas travesties

15 bombs were found in buses that were intended to go off at 9 am during peak hours of commute. Thankfully (aka miracle), the terrorist set the timer wrong and no one was hurt. Only losing a few buses in Bat Yam [Tel Aviv]. Hamas claimed the buses.

[from Sally Shiff]

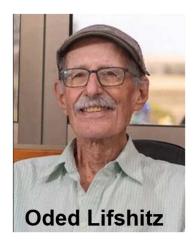






All of the explosions on Thursday occurred in parked, empty buses across the central city of Bat Yam, located just south of Tel Aviv. There were no injuries in the attack.

[https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/netanyahu-orders-massive-counter-terror-op-after-bus-bombings/#google_vignette]



Oded Lifshitz, 83, a lifelong peace activist and one of the founders of Kibbutz Nir Oz, was murdered in captivity as well.

Mom Ariel



Shiri and and Kfir Bibas.

Shiri and sons being abducted from their home on Oct. 7, 2023















Mom Shiri and Ariel and Kfir Bibas, in better days. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNLnOr6z_as]



According to the assessment of professional officials, based on the intelligence available to us and forensic findings from the identification process, Ariel and Kfir Bibas were brutally murdered by terrorists in captivity in November 2023. [from Sally Shiff]

The babies' captors murdered them with their bare hands, then mutilated their bodies in an attempt to conceal their crimes. An Israeli military spokesman said Friday that the two Bibas children were savagely beaten to death by the terror group and didn't die in an IDF bombing as had been claimed.

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https://mailchi.mp/jij/shiri-bibas?e=5b00c6e90f

https://www.nysun.com/article/may-god-avenge-their-blood-netanyahu-expresses-outrage-after-hamas-fails-to-return-the-body-of-shiri-bibas]

During the identification process, it was determined that the additional body received is not that of Shiri Bibas, and no match was found for any other hostage. This is an anonymous, unidentified body. [from Sally Shiff]



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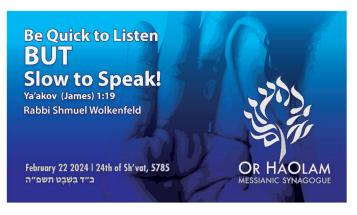
The body of Shiri Bibas was returned to Israel from Gaza on Friday night, the Hostage and Missing Families Forum announced Saturday.

Our response to total falsehood: Stand strong, rebuke, "fight, fight!"

A MOST politically incorrect cartoon. Maybe less so now...



Note US military 2024 US military 2025 Enlistment is way UP!





- 1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
- 2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
- 3. Are you listening to others?
- 4. How are you applying what you heard?
- 5. Are you asking this of another?