

A Message from the Heart

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Do we want our last three-hundred-years history to be our destiny?
Do we want to repeat the horrifying past?

Motivators and history books teach us that every move we make and every decision we take today matters. What is more important is that because how life is many of these decisions or indecisions matter not only for you and me, but also for all of us. Our future generations will be affected by decisions, or indecisions, we make today. Because what we do today will decide the future for all of us and because we want the best for our people tomorrow, we must welcome criticism and accountability. No one should be excluded; no one is above the law. No one is better than you and I and no one is more Assyrian than you and I. No president, no patriarch, no bishop, no politician, no civic leader, nobody is better than you and I in the eyes of God.

God created all of us in his image and gave each one of us a purpose, a unique purpose and mission in life. I am grateful that I am still alive today because I feel that my purpose in life has not been fulfilled yet. I hope that I will be alive tomorrow to fulfill that mission. I want to give my people the best and to do so I must improve and be better today than I was yesterday. To improve who I am, I must accept criticism with open arms. Criticize me my brothers and sisters, explain to me as your brother why I need to do things differently, convince me, but do not attack me because I am not your enemy. Let us get rid of the anger inside of us. Let us not live our days in anger and miss on what we could accomplish if we just learned to forgive.

The truth must be said and if we truly cared, we must welcome it because it is for our best. I do not hate you when I write that you did this and that wrong. In fact, I have decided to forgive you for all the wrong things that you stated against me; I love you, you are my brother. But, if you are dealing with the devil, I must remind you of that; I must remind you that there are many devils on earth and I must remind of those horrifying yesteryears Assyrians went through.

If I had sinned forgive me, if I had made a folly pointed out to me, and if you think that I am lost guide me, but do it like a big brother and sister looking after his/her little brother. We need each other; we have only each other. The devil wants our demise; please do not put your hands in his. I am here, put your hands in mine and lets prove to the world what these two siblings could do.

Lets help each other to be the best we could and together we could help Assyria shine like no other.