

## Preaching to the Deaf?

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When will the majority of Assyrians act like Assyrians and give a little thought, dedication and heart to Assyria and to the desperate and vulnerable Assyrians?

No one is telling you not to indulge yourselves at your weddings, parties, hookah lounges, social clubs, daily Starbucks, Las Vegas casinos, travels, and every fun activity you desire, but, for heaven's sake think a little about Mother Assyria, ask about your brothers and sisters in Occupied Assyria, give a little to protect and restore Nineveh and support Assyrians to remain in Assyria.

A week ago, an Assyrian from northern Iraq, loyal to the Barzani family, sent me a message on Facebook. He ridiculed the work of the Assyrian activists in the West. He wrote that the Diaspora Assyrians care strictly about their drinking and khomlana (pleasurable activities). I stopped here, because I could not argue that he was wrong.

We are on the verge of extinction on the lands of our ancestors in Occupied Assyria and it is becoming clear that only the few really care. What happened to the grandchildren of the survivors of the Assyrian genocide? How did we become so detached and heartless towards our martyrs, our defenseless families in northern Iraq and towards helpless Assyria? I guess to keep preaching to the deaf is a waste of time.