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How do I start a conversation with someone about naturism?

I believe biblically based Christian naturism is the way to go and I want to share the experience with a friend or loved one, but how do I start that conversation?

“Hey, do you want to get naked” just doesn’t feel right. Are there ways to bring up the subject and not sound like some sort of pervert?

Are there ways that are easier and less awkward?

Most people are not very experienced at testing someone’s receptiveness to the subject of nakedness and the Bible. So, I gave this a lot of thought. A while back I needed to approach a pastor about his belief on the subject, so I went over dozens of ways to do it and settled on one question that worked in this case.

The question I asked was... “Did God command Isaiah to go into sin in Isaiah chapter 20?” The question can be as varied as you like, but this is the point where textile only people have the most trouble keeping their “naked is a sin” position.

One answer they can give is “Yes”, although you are very unlikely to get that response even though it is the only answer that goes with their position. Most of them know that God does not command his prophets to go into sin. Prophets were put in place to direct people out of sin, yet God commanded Isaiah to be naked for three complete years.

The answer the pastor gave me (which is a typical answer), was that Isaiah was NEARLY naked. My response was that NEARLY all of us have sinned then (Rom 3:23). If the Bible does not mean

what it says, but only means what you want it to say then we have a problem already. The Bible (if it is indeed the very Word of God) demands a literal interpretation and if you can change it to mean whatever fits your view then you my friend have a very liberal interpretation of scripture rather than a literal interpretation. A good version of this position can be found in Mathew Henry's commentary on Isaiah 20... "the garments that Isaiah was left wearing sounded a lot like something you would find on an English gentleman of Mathew Henry's time." Contrary to this pastor's answer and Henry's commentary, the Bible says naked and then for clarification it adds "and barefoot" so just in case you might try to say... "well not completely naked". Then in verse 4 for further clarification the Word even adds "with their buttocks uncovered". Add to that the fact that the Hebrew word used in Isaiah is also the one used in Genesis 2:25, "They were both naked..." It is also the same one used in Job 1:21, (Job speaking) "Naked came I out of my mother's womb," We all know that babies come out of their mother's womb without any under garments, at least all of mine did anyway.

Another response that you might get is the other person's refusal to even engage in talking about the subject. I was using email when I received what I think is the best answer on this position ever. The response was "I will not get in the weeds with you", meaning that they have no answer that they can support with scripture, so they just can't talk about this. This response is why we chose to name our Articles page...A Word from the Weed Patch.

The method used to introduce me to the subject was "What do you think of naturism?" Well, I answered it with a question of my own... "What is naturism?" I was uninformed to say the least. This method allows you get to have a bit of a discussion at least before they find themselves in a corner. I am not good with the

indirect approach, so I do not use this one, but you may find it quite effective.

The bottom line is that if you want to start a conversation with someone about biblical naturism there are several “conversation starters” available to you, but we simply recommend an honest approach, knowing full well that you should be prepared for at least some push back. The idea that naturism could be God’s preferred method for His children to live (after all He did create us that way...in His image and then proclaimed it to be good) is a bit of a startling revelation to most and can take some time to adjust to.

We put the nakedandunashamed.org website together to give you a resource to use when talking to others about the subject, but you should be prepared for even the best of people to trust their bias, their church and their friends over the very Word of God.

Please feel free to use the Contact Us page if we can ever be a blessing to you or anyone with questions...we are here to help!