A Voice Silenced is Never Silenced, But Amplified

I had been contemplating what to share with you and was going back and forth on a number of possibilities. Then yesterday afternoon after my Rabbi's conference call ended at 3 pm, I am listening to Fox News and hear something disturbing and startling, yet had very few details. Charlie Kirk had been shot at an event he was putting on in Utah. Utah, a shooting, Charlie Kirk. So, I was glued to the television for a while as I was hungering for more details.

Charles James Kirk (October 14, 1993 – September 10, 2025) was an American <u>right-wing</u> political activist, author, and media personality. He co-founded the <u>conservative</u> organization <u>Turning Point USA</u> (TPUSA) in 2012 and was its executive director. He was the chief executive officer (CEO) of <u>Turning Point Action</u> (TPAction) and a member of the <u>Council for National Policy</u> (CNP). He was one of the most prominent voices of the <u>populist MAGA movement[a]</u> in his later years.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlie Kirk

September 10, 2025 Charlie Kirk was assassinated.

One shot fired.

This was not a random act of violence in that his events are planned well into the future. A single shot rang out, not a spray, but a single shot.

It was premeditated and therefore intentional.

Why?

One can speculate about all the possible reasons, yet why is anyone assassinated?

Why was Lincoln assassinated?

John Wilkes Booth assassinated President Abraham Lincoln out of fervent support for the Confederacy and opposition to abolition and Black rights. Booth saw Lincoln as a tyrant and was enraged by the Confederate surrender and Lincoln's support for Black voting rights, leading him to plot the attack to revive the Confederate cause and destabilize the Union government

Why was MLK assassinated?

Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated by <u>James Earl Ray</u> on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, while planning the <u>Poor People's Campaign</u>, a national movement to end poverty. The widely accepted narrative holds that Ray acted alone, but a 1999 civil trial in Memphis concluded that King's death resulted from a conspiracy involving the U.S. government, the mafia, and Memphis police, allegations disputed by the Justice Department due to perceived lack of evidence.

Why was JFK assassinated?

Numerous official investigations have been unable to definitively confirm a motive for President John F. Kennedy's assassination

. The man accused of the crime, Lee Harvey Oswald, was killed before he could be tried, and his own motivations remain unclear. As a result, many different theories, both official and unofficial, have emerged over the decades. There would be numerous theories about government involvement as to the silencing of its own Executive. A deep state before we even knew what the term was. Eisenhower used the label "Military Industrial Complex."

Why was RFK assassinated?

Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated by <u>Sirhan Sirhan</u> because of his support for Israel, particularly the U.S. military support provided during the <u>Six-Day War</u>, which Sirhan saw as a catalyst for his actions on the night of the murder. Sirhan, a Palestinian Christian, also cited his consumption of alcohol on June 5, 1968, the anniversary of the 1967 war, as a factor in his state of mind when he shot Kennedy after Kennedy's victory in the California Democratic presidential primary

Why was Malcolm X assassinated?

Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965 due to his bitter falling out with the Nation of Islam (NOI) and its leader, Elijah Muhammad, whom he had publicly condemned for moral failings and whose organization he had left in 1964 to form his own movement. His assassination was carried out by members of the NOI, who viewed him as a traitor

One is assassinated to have their voice silenced. The strange thing is, you may silence the messenger but you won't silence the message if it is truly transformational. Their messages were not.

Lincoln's message embodied in our constitution, "All men are created equal" including Negros would continue to resonate and would not be denied. It would take nearly a century to bring forth the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965 because the message was transformational. The message would be taken up by people such as Martin Luther King Jr.

The message transcended the messenger.

Strangely, during our Tuesday evening Bible study, in sharing one of the exhortations from the writes of Hebrews...

Heb 10:32 But remember the earlier days, when, after you had received the light, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings.

Heb 10:33 Sometimes you were publicly disgraced and persecuted, while at other times you stood loyally by those who were treated this way.

Heb 10:34 For you shared the sufferings of those who had been put in prison. Also when your possessions were seized, you accepted it gladly; since you knew that what you possessed was better and would last forever.

I expanded upon what others had suffered in paying the price to follow Yeshua. Yeshua, himself, the messenger suffered greatly. They plotted to kill Him...Kill the Messenger, Kill the Message.

Bringing forth El'iazar, resurrecting him, caused a stir among the religious leaders, amplifying their fear...

- Joh 11:45 At this, many of the Judeans who had come to visit Miryam, and had seen what Yeshua had done, trusted in him.
- Joh 11:46 But some of them went off to the P'rushim and told them what he had done.
- Joh 11:47 So the head cohanim and the P'rushim called a meeting of the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we going to do?—for this man is performing many miracles.
- Joh 11:48 If we let him keep going on this way, everyone will trust in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both the Temple and the nation."
- **Joh 11:49** But one of them, Kayafa, who was cohen gadol that year, said to them, "You people don't know anything!
- Joh 11:50 You don't see that it's better for you if one man dies on behalf of the people, so that the whole nation won't be destroyed."
- Joh 11:51 Now he didn't speak this way on his own initiative; rather, since he was cohen gadol that year, he was prophesying that Yeshua was about to die on behalf of the nation,
- Joh 11:52 and not for the nation alone, but so that he might gather into one the scattered children of God.
- Joh 11:53 From that day on, they made plans to have him put to death.
- Joh 11:54 Therefore Yeshua no longer walked around openly among the Judeans but went away from there into the region near the desert, to a town called Efrayim, and stayed there with his talmidim.
- Joh 11:55 The Judean festival of Pesach was near, and many people went up from the country to Yerushalayim to perform the purification ceremony prior to Pesach.
- Joh 11:56 They were looking for Yeshua, and as they stood in the Temple courts they said to each other, "What do you think? that he simply won't come to the festival?"
- Joh 11:57 Moreover, the head cohanim and the P'rushim had given orders that anyone knowing Yeshua's whereabouts should inform them, so that they could have him arrested.

Consider this warning of a P'rush to his colleagues and what might possibly happen.

- Act 5:34 But one of the members of the Sanhedrin rose to his feet, a Parush named Gamli'el, a teacher of the Torah highly respected by all the people. He ordered the men put outside for a little while
- Act 5:35 and then addressed the court: "Men of Isra'el, take care what you do to these people.
- Act 5:36 Some time ago, there was a rebellion under Todah, who claimed to be somebody special; and a number of men, maybe four hundred, rallied behind him. But upon his being put to death, his whole following was broken up and came to nothing.
- Act 5:37 After this, Y'hudah HaG'lili led another uprising, back at the time of the enrollment for the Roman tax; and he got some people to defect to him. But he was killed, and all his followers were scattered.
- Act 5:38 So in the present case, my advice to you is not to interfere with these people, but to leave them alone. For if this idea or this movement has a human origin, it will collapse.
- Act 5:39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop them; you might even find yourselves fighting God!" They heeded his advice.
- Act 5:40 After summoning the emissaries and flogging them, they commanded them not to speak in the name of Yeshua, and let them go.
- Act 5:41 The emissaries left the Sanhedrin overjoyed at having been considered worthy of suffering disgrace on account of him.
- Act 5:42 And not for a single day, either in the Temple court or in private homes, did they stop teaching and proclaiming the Good News that Yeshua is the Messiah.

The message did not die with the messenger as was considered a possibility based on past experience. The message continued, the message spread beyond it place of origin and would continue to do so.

Yeshua would use this method in a way of posing questions to His disciples, but it wasn't known by the name I am using but a very Jewish means of provoking learning and understanding.

From this article "The Art of Asking Questions"

SOCRATES (469-399 B.C.E.), the great Greek philosopher and mentor of Plato, was in the habit of asking disconcerting questions. To this day, persistent questioning in search of clarity is known as the Socratic method. For this habit, among other things, he was put on trial by the Athenians, accused of 'corrupting the young,' and sentenced to death. Nothing could be less like Judaism, in which teaching the young to ask questions is an essential feature of Pesach, so much so that the Haggadah—the narration—must be in response to a question asked by a child. If there is no child present, adults must ask one another, and if one is eating alone, one must ask oneself. In Judaism, to be without questions is not a sign of faith, but of lack of depth. 'As for the child who does not know how to ask, you must

begin to teach him how.' Many of the customs of seder night (dipping the parsley and removing the seder plate are two examples) were introduced solely to provoke a child to ask 'Why?' Judaism is a religion of questions.

https://lessons.myjli.com/why/index.php/2016/11/30/the-art-of-asking-questions/

What is the Socratic Method?

The Socratic Method is a form of question-and-answer discourse that Socrates used to explore complex ideas by asking students to examine their own beliefs and uncover inconsistencies or contradictions within their thoughts. This method does not involve providing answers but rather uses probing, openended questions to guide students toward a more profound understanding of a topic and themselves, ultimately fostering critical thinking and self-awareness.

How it works

1. Initial Statement:

A student makes a statement, belief, or argument on a topic.

2. Socratic Questioning:

2The educator, or another participant, asks a series of questions designed to:

- Clarify concepts: Ask for more detail and deeper understanding of what the student means.
- **Probe assumptions:** Question the underlying beliefs or presuppositions of the student's argument.
- Seek evidence and rationale: Ask for reasons and supporting evidence for the student's position.
- Explore alternative viewpoints: Consider other perspectives and potential counter-arguments.
- Examine implications and consequences: Analyze the logical implications of the student's arguments.

3. Aporia:

The questioning continues until contradictions, inconsistencies, or a realization of ignorance is exposed in the student's initial understanding.

4. Self-Discovery:

Students are led to refine their own statements, consider new information, and arrive at more accurate conclusions or a deeper understanding of the complexity of the issue.

Goals and benefits

• Fosters Critical Thinking:

Students learn to analyze information, evaluate arguments, and form their own conclusions.

This the premise, the foundation for what I continually instill into you...

- Know What You Believe
- Know Why You Believe It
- Be Able To Defend Your Position

Using Scripture as a foundation for your beliefs, rightly divided will lead to a strong foundation. It will lead to a confident believer.

Charlie Kirk was a Christian and used this method to engage with anyone who was willing to have the conversation. He was dynamic in his approach, passionate about the message and the people he engaged with. He mastered the Socratic Method. He mastered it because it is how he lived. The more you do something, the better you get at it.

This is something I have been doing for years, and will engage with anyone willing, yet not many are willing because they fear, for one thing that they will be wrong. If you have truly come to understand Scripture, in its proper context, then you have nothing to fear.

Consider Sha'ul's words to Timothy. One of great experience, who once was on the other side of God, an enemy of Messiah, is not one of its strongest and most potent evangelists.

- 2Ti 1:3 I give thanks to God, whom, like my forbears, I worship with a clean conscience, as I regularly remember you in my prayers night and day.
- 2Ti 1:4 I am reminded of your tears, and I long to see you, so that I might be filled with joy.
- 2Ti 1:5 I recall your sincere trust, the same trust that your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice had first; and I am convinced that you too now have this trust.
- 2Ti 1:6 For this reason, I am reminding you to fan the flame of God's gift, which you received through s'mikhah from me.
- 2Ti 1:7 For God gave us a Spirit who produces not timidity, but power, love and self-discipline.
- 2Ti 1:8 So don't be ashamed of bearing testimony to our Lord or to me, his prisoner. On the contrary, accept your share in suffering disgrace for the sake of the Good News. God will give you the strength for it,
- 2Ti 1:9 since he delivered us and called us to a life of holiness as his people. It was not because of our deeds, but because of his own purpose and the grace which he gave to us who are united with the Messiah Yeshua. He did this before the beginning of time,
- 2Ti 1:10 but made it public only now through the appearing of our Deliverer, the Messiah Yeshua, who abolished death and, through the Good News, revealed life and immortality.
- 2Ti 1:11 It was for this Good News that I was appointed a proclaimer, emissary and teacher of the Goyim;
- 2Ti 1:12 and this is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, because I know

him in whom I have put my trust, and I am persuaded that he can keep safe until that Day what he has entrusted to me.

2Ti 1:13 Follow the pattern of the sound teachings you have heard from me, with trust and the love which is yours in the Messiah Yeshua.