



PART 1: Seeing Jesus In His Context

The world needs hippies to point out alternatives to the entrenched system and warn of the impending disasters that await us if we don't change our lifestyles.

~ Skip Stone, *Hippies From A To Z*

I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

~ Robert Frost

Hippy is an establishment label for a profound, invisible, underground, evolutionary process. For every visible hippy, barefoot, beflowered, beaded, there are a thousand invisible members of the turned-on underground. Persons whose lives are tuned in to their inner vision, who are dropping out of the TV comedy of American Life.

~ Timothy Leary, 1967

The world is ready for a mystic revolution.

~ George Harrison

We are stardust, we are golden, and we've got to get ourselves back to the garden.

~ Joni Mitchell

Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect.

~ Mark Twain

So being a hippie is not a matter of dress, behavior, economic status, or social milieu. It is a philosophical approach to life that emphasizes freedom, peace, love and a respect for others and the earth. The way of the hippie never died. There have always been hippies, such as Jesus, from the first time society laid down rules.

~ Skip Stone

Jesus is the one who announces a morality without legalism.

~ E. Stauffer

Two thousand years ago Jesus caused a revolution centred in a paradigm shift. It all began when the Rabbi from Nazareth started acting in a way that didn't fit the common religious expectations of his day.

~ Mark D. Roberts

Through his teaching, Jesus clearly bursts the boundaries of religion.

~ Gerd Theissen

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus was calling his hearers, quite simply, to a new way of being God's people.

~ N. T. Wright

It is no surprise, in view of his teachings and actions, that Jesus was crucified. What is surprising is that it did not happen sooner.

~ Ben Witherington III

Jesus was not busy with a religious revival; he was busy with a revolution – a revolution in religion, in politics, and in everything else.

~ Albert Nolan

I am the Way.

~ Jesus

My view is that being a hippie is a matter of accepting a universal belief system that transcends the social, political, and moral norms of any established structure, be it a class, religion, or government.

~ Skip Stone, *Hippies From A To Z*