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Rabbi Norman Lamm
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Dear Rabbi:

Due to the wide gap of our numbers in comparison with the other so-called monolithic faiths it appears wise policy to stress quality and diminish the importance of numbers in an open forum such as you did in your sermon in your usual superb manner last Saturday.

However, in the light of Torah, knowledgeable people must be deeply concerned about numbers and bend all efforts to find out where in the past we failed to carry out the first part of the covenant between G-d and Abraham which reads as follows: "Look now toward the Heaven and count the stars, if thou be able to count them and said unto him, so shall thy seed be." Evidently this means numbers. Then G-d said "I will make of thee a great nation. I will bless thee" etc. which also implies quality.

Our Creator was concerned with numbers for it is He who ordered the census to be taken. G-d also gave us all the guidance in His Torah to acquire both numbers and quality in which, in the past, we apparently failed by omission *anti numbers*.

You are right. Dialogues with Christianity will serve no useful purpose because we are almost 2000 years too late for that.

We are urgently in need of serious and constant dialogues between the learned and wise of our people to elicit the points of Torah which lead to accomplish that which G-d willed us.

With warm regards to you and yours, I am

Most sincerely yours,

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