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## Articles

### DIVERSITY: Folly!

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True Diversity is Intellectual, Individual and Unique: There will Never be Another You. Everyone is Individually Diverse without regard to race or sex! What makes some people more diverse and more unique than others in the eyes of Devil-Media and Professor-Diversity? Race - and a variety of Sexual Perversions is the insane answer. What does “inclusion” mean? Exclude reality and truth, accuse the innocent, and invite depravity and deception.

**To Devil-Media, Leftist Political Snakes and Professors-Diversity:** Deception is - Truth, Darkness is Light and imposing their Darkness on the masses Heaven. Diversity Professors’ home is the University. University Faculty, and Politicians are Diversity-Devils faithful. Diversity Professors play high priest of good and evil but are really - Satan’s high priest of - Diabolical Socially Destructive Standards? Diversity-Devils infect their diversity-mind-slaves with Victim-Psychology: That justifies Hate and Accuse those who do Not believe you - Diversity deserves Forced Acceptance - based on your race and sexual perversion.

Professor-Diversity - Does “Freedom of Sexual Orientation” include - My and most Americans “Sexual Orientation.” In **Matthew 19:4-5** “The Creator made them male and female and said: For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife.” The professor Screams: Obviously Not: That is legally “**Discriminated**” **Against** - and Banned from being taught in university or public school. Stupid Professor-Diversity: That is Tyranny, Domination and Subjugation - Not Freedom. Why do Educators and Politicians Preach “Discriminating” against - The Freedom to Believe God and teach “God ordained “Sexual Orientation””? Answer: Arrogant - Devil Media and Diversity-Devils authority to dictate “good and evil” must Not be questioned.

Senator Tim Scott of SC made this Diabolical Statement “Diversity is the -fabric of our people - and makes us the strong nation we are.” The fabric of a Nation - that promotes Lasting Peace and Security is: “Love God and Love your Neighbor as yourself.” Not, Race, and a variety of Sexual Perversions. A Diversity Fabric of Nations: based on Race, and Sexual Perversion - will lead to Mind Control and Slavery; freedom of Thought, and Speech, abolished. Race is irrelevant: “Love God and your neighbor as yourself is “critical.” Those who believe God are being made targets of sexual perverts and Devil-Media.

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Those who believe God: Should also be - free to promote what they believe publicly, and in Education. By Excluding Christians who believe God: Perverse Sexual Indoctrination Reigns. Professor-Diversity: Is being normal and non-diverse a problem? Answer: No - As long as you are Convinced that the Diverse - because of - Race, need protection from White People and, the - Sexually Insane those who believe they can change their gender, need protection from Reality, and all Sexual Perverts - need protection from God and those who believe God.

“Equal Justice Under Law” is being - Repealed: And replaced with Extreme - Special Rights – based on Race and Sexual Depravity. Devil-Media, Diversity professors and Congress described: Jeremiah 23:14 “They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that No one turns from his wickedness.” And Jeremiah 7:28 - “Truth has perished; it has vanished from their lips.”

Diversity professors are racist: Racist terms, that are used by Educators and politicians. “Person of color” Everyone fits into that designation except White Men Women and Children. That racist statement discriminates based on race. Blacks charging “Racial Profiling” are: Playing Victim and Racist Profiling all White America.

Devil-Media, black leaders, and Democratic Party snakes, attacks on police in, defense of Black Criminals, have turned Black neighborhoods into, Black Criminal Protection Zones Where blacks are killed daily. And those black lives Do Not “Matter.” For political advantage Devil-Media presents black criminals as victims and police as Criminals. We need the following Black Criminal reform Not Police reform: Respect Police and even the Bad Ones will respect you; disrespect police and even the good ones will disrespect you. Teach that to: Racist, NAACP and Black Criminal Lives Matter, Hate Demons. Black Leaders - In your Endless Search for Racist: Look in the mirror. Devil-Media and their faithful: promote this madness: America has Good Black Criminals but Bad White Police?

Most blacks today, are racist and proud of it: That is why they call - blacks, who are Not Racist “Uncle Tom or Not Black enough.” Thank God for “Uncle Toms” Blacks who are “not black enough” and White People. They are free to obey God and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” “As yourself” means, consider your white neighbor as black “as yourself” and your black neighbor as white “as yourself.” Non-Discrimination Laws: Discriminate against white people and Christians who believe God. Dimwitted politicians Assume blacks do Not Discriminate against whites and Sexual Perverts do Not Discriminate against Christians who believe God. The Opposite is TRUE.

Why are Diversity Professors and the racist NAACP - teaching that blacks cannot be racist? That teaching is diabolical; that justifies “Killing White Men Women and Children is “fighting Racism. Racism is in the heart: The skin is innocent white or black. New York Times Justifies Black Racist Murderers: When Black Criminal Lives Matter - Racist, killed five white policemen in Dallas, New York Times called it “Pay Back.” That reporter should be fired and arrested for promoting murder based on race.

Media encourages black racism: When Obama was president - Young black racist men, were punching old white men and women in the face knocking them unconscious at malls and on public streets. Obama Played Dumb but black racist leaders and Media Devils call it a “knock-out game.” Black Racism has been written into Law: Only blacks can be “Civil Rights” Violated and only white people can be “Civil Rights” Guilty? That is **Legal Black Racism**. Lawmakers Surrendered Racial Equality - to Pander for Black Votes and appease Devil Media. Color Blind Justice is the Remedy: All considered the - SAME RACE - in Court, and No one is to be Rewarded or Condemned based on Race. That would restore equality and real “Social justice” for all. And would take money out of Civil-Rights. Then black accusers and their lawyers like vultures would fly away.

Do universities really need, diversity professors? Promoting humility and truth is of greater social value. Brothers and Sisters Repent: “A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out; those who, believe God, will rise to live and those who, believe the Devil-Media, will rise to be condemned” John 5:28-29. God sacrificed his Son and Paid our debt of sin; *Christ Jesus Crucified: is Light that shines beyond the Grave*. True Diversity: You are unique, one of a kind, there will never be another you!

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## How are God the Father and Yeshua One? (Copyright 2008) by Bryan T. Huie (Dennard, Arkansas)

To most Jews, including many Messianics, the nature of God is defined in the **Shema**:

DEUTERONOMY 6:4 " **Hear** [*shema*], O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is **one** [*echad*]! (**NKJV**)

Messianics apply this understanding of the oneness of God to a confusing statement by Yeshua recorded in the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. In response to the Jews' request to confirm that he was the prophesied Messiah (John 10:24), Yeshua stated:

JOHN 10:30 "I and the Father are **one** [*hen*]." (**NASU**)

What did he mean by this declaration? Was Yeshua here applying the **Shema** to himself and stating that he and God the Father were the same being? Was he proclaiming that he was co-equal and co-eternal with the Father, as Trinitarianism teaches? Was Yeshua saying that he and the Father were of the same essence or substance? Just what exactly was he trying to convey?

We will closely examine the Hebrew word for "one" (**echad**) a little later in this study. First, let's look at the Greek word **hen**.

In **Vincent's Word Studies of the New Testament**, the late Professor Vincent states that **hen**, the Greek word translated "one" in John 10:30, is "the *neuter*, not the *masculine e*??, *one person*" (p. 197, vol. II).

Regarding this statement by Yeshua, the **Abingdon Bible Commentary** says: "V. 30 does not affirm a metaphysical unity, but a moral, and we must not read the later creeds into the words" (p. 1079).

In **A Commentary, Critical, Experimental, and Practical**, Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown write of this verse: Our language admits not of the precision of the original in this great saying, 'We (two *Persons*) are One (*Thing*).' Perhaps '*one interest*' expresses nearly, though not quite, the purport of the saying. (p. 414, vol. III, part I)

The use of **hen** in John 10:30 clearly indicates that Yeshua was not claiming that he and the Father were the same being. An examination of how the same Greek word **hen** ("one") is used in other Scriptures will help us see what Christ did intend to convey by his statement.

Let's look at Yeshua's prayer to the Father on the night before his crucifixion. In this supplication, he speaks several times of the state of being "one":

JOHN 17:11 "I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, **that they may be ONE** [*hen*] **even as We are.** (**NASU**)

Here Yeshua prays that God the Father would keep his disciples in His name (Heb. **YHVH**, the very same name which the Father had given to Yeshua), that they could be **one** just as Yeshua and God were one. The key question that we must answer about this statement is this:

**How was it possible for Yeshua's disciples to be ONE in the same way that Yeshua and the Father were ONE?**

A little later, Yeshua reiterates his request to God regarding the "oneness" of all believers:

JOHN 17:20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in me through their word; 21 **that they all may be ONE** [*hen*], **as You, Father, are in me, and I in You; that they also may be ONE** [*hen*] **in us**, that the world may believe that You sent me. 22 And the glory which You gave me I have given them, **that they**

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**may be ONE [hen] just as we are ONE [hen]: 23 I in them, and You in me;** that they may be made perfect in one [eis], and that the world may know that You have sent me and have loved them as You have loved me." (NKJV)

Here Yeshua further defines the "oneness" shared by him and his Father. He says that the Father was **IN** him, and that he was **IN** the Father. Before we can go any further, we must first identify HOW God the Father was in Christ, and HOW Christ was in the Father.

To see how the Father was in Yeshua, we need to go back to the time of his baptism:

LUKE 3:21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while he prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And **the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon him**, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in you I am well pleased." 4:1 Then **Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, (NKJV)

As the symbolic form of the dove indicated, the Father came to dwell within His Son through the Holy Spirit at the time Yeshua's ministry began. Of course, this does **not** mean that Christ was void of the Holy Spirit before this time. However, at his baptism Yeshua was given an unlimited measure of the Holy Spirit (John 3:34) to fulfill his earthly mission.

To fully understand how the indwelling of God the Father in Yeshua was through His Spirit, we must grasp the true nature of the Holy Spirit. Most Christians believe that the Spirit is the third person in the divine Trinity. However, this teaching is not scriptural. Paul defines God's Spirit for us in his first letter to the Corinthians:

I CORINTHIANS 2:9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into **the heart of man** the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (NKJV)

In the Bible, the heart corresponds to the mind as the place where thought and understanding take place. As many Scriptures show (cf. Gen. 6:5; Isa. 65:17; Jer. 3:16; 23:20; Mark 7:21), the heart and mind are synonymous. In fact, the **Authorized Version** even translates the Hebrew *ruach* ("spirit") as "mind" in several places (Gen. 26:35; Pro. 29:11; Eze. 11:5; 20:32; Hab. 1:11). So, in I Corinthians 2:9, Paul is saying that it hasn't entered into the mind "of man" (Gr. *anthropou*, lit. "of mankind") what God has prepared for humanity.

I CORINTHIANS 2:10 But **God has revealed them to us through His Spirit**. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. (NKJV)

Here Paul qualifies his earlier statement. There are some people who **do** know what God has prepared for mankind, because He has revealed it to the minds of those who have His Holy Spirit.

I CORINTHIANS 2:11 For what man knows the things of a man except **the spirit of the man** which is in him? **Even so [houtos kai] no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.** (NKJV)

In verse 11, Paul draws an analogy between the spirit (i.e., "heart" or "mind") of man and the Spirit of God. In his own peculiar style, Paul tells us that God's Holy Spirit is really His Mind. To demonstrate this, he draws a comparison between the human spirit and God's Spirit. He tells us that only the spirit ("mind") within a man knows the thoughts of that man. Paul then goes on to say that only the Spirit ("Mind") of God knows the thoughts of God. The connecting phrase "even so," a translation of the Greek *houtos kai*, shows that Paul is comparing the human spirit or mind in the first part of this verse with God's Spirit or Mind in the final part. He explains this concept more fully in the next few verses.

I CORINTHIANS 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But **we have the mind of Christ.** (NKJV)

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How do we have the mind of God in us that was also in the Messiah? Through God's Holy Spirit.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5 For let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **(DRA)**

God's Spirit, when it combines with our human spirit, allows us to understand the things of God from His perspective. When God gives us His Spirit, we can begin to comprehend what He is doing and why He is doing it.

Yeshua, through the power and understanding given by God's Holy Spirit, was able to overcome temptation while here on earth. Even though he was tempted in all things just as we are (Heb. 2:18; 4:15), he was able to overcome and triumph over his human nature and mind by the greater Mind of God.

Thus, we have answered our earlier question about HOW the Father was in Christ. God was in Yeshua the same way He dwells in us: through His Holy Spirit.

Conversely, because of the presence of God's Spirit, Christ was able to remain in the Father by overcoming his own desires and being in total obedience to His will. Here are several Scriptures that show this truth:

JOHN 5:30 "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because **I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.** **(NKJV)**

JOHN 6:38 "For I have come down from heaven, **not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.**" **(NASU)**

JOHN 15:10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as **I have kept My Father's commandments** and abide in His love. **(NKJV)**

LUKE 22:42 Saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from me; yet **not My will, but Yours be done.**" **(NASU)**

The Messiah subordinated his own will to that of the Father while he was here on the earth. That is how he remained in the Father.

This pattern shows us how Messiah's disciples could be "one" just as Yeshua and the Father were one. God would be in the disciples through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit the disciples would obey the commands of Christ (which are actually the commands of God the Father-John 14:24) and abide in God's love. As the Mediator between the heavenly Father and His human children (I Tim. 2:5), God's Holy Spirit flows through Christ our High Priest to reside in us (John 15:26; Acts 2:33).

So, we can see from the teaching of the New Testament that Yeshua and the Father are said to be "one" because they were **united** in purpose and goal. God the Father commanded the Son, what he should do and what he should say. The Son obeyed perfectly, never sinning by breaking God's Law (II Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; I Pet. 2:22; I John 3:5).

This understanding of oneness between the Father and Son is in perfect harmony with **the Shema**. The Father is the only true God, as the Son himself confessed (John 17:3). The Son is subordinate to the Father (Mark 13:32; John 10:29; 14:28; I Cor. 11:3; 15:27-28) and is **one (echad)** with Him, seeking always to accomplish the divine plan for mankind. The Hebrew word **echad** has as one of its prominent meanings "unity," as the following verses clearly show:

GENESIS 11:6 And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are **one [echad]** and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. **(NKJV)**

Speaking of the descendants of Noah who were building the Tower of Babel after the Flood, **YHVH** said that they were "one." Plainly **echad** here means that they were united in their desire to build the tower.

GENESIS 41:25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The **dreams** of Pharaoh are **one [echad]**; God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do: **(NKJV)**

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Joseph told Pharaoh that the two dreams he had dreamed (seven fat cows eaten by seven skinny cows and seven plump heads of grain consumed by seven thin heads) were "one." That is, they were unified because they both had the same meaning -- the coming of seven years of good harvests and seven years of famine in Egypt.

JUDGES 20:1 So all the children of Israel came out, from Dan to Beersheba, as well as from the land of Gilead, and **the congregation gathered together as one** [*echad*] man before the LORD at Mizpah. (NKJV)

Here we see the gathering of all the tribes of Israel together "as one man before **YHVH** at Mizpah." This Scripture speaks of a physical **union** of all the children of Israel in one place.

While there are numerous other examples from the **Tanakh** which show that **echad** can and frequently does mean "unity," probably the most telling example given is that of the union of a man and woman as "one flesh" in marriage:

GENESIS 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called **Woman** [*'ishah*], because she was taken out of **Man** [*'ish*]." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, **and they shall become one flesh** [*v<sup>e</sup>hayu l<sup>e</sup>basar echad*]. (NKJV)

Marriage, where a man and woman become **one flesh**, is a picture of how God the Father and Yeshua are one. Understood correctly, it also explains how we as believers become one with God and Yeshua (John 17:11, 21-23).

The first thing we must understand is HOW a man and woman become one flesh at marriage. Clearly, they do not merge into one literal body and cease to exist as separate biological organisms. So exactly what makes a man and woman "one flesh" in the biblical sense?

Paul gives us the answer to this question, as well as the answer to how we can become one as the Father and Yeshua are one, in his first letter to the Corinthian assembly:

I CORINTHIANS 6:16 Or do you not know that **he who is JOINED** [*kollomenos*] to a harlot is one body with her? For **"the two,"** He says, **"shall become one flesh."** (NKJV)

Paul's comment here shows that it is the physical act of sexual intercourse between a man and a woman that makes these two individuals "one flesh." The example Paul gives is that of an illicit sexual copulation between a male member of the Corinthian congregation and a prostitute. However, by extension we can see that the same type of physical joining within the confines of marriage is what makes a husband and wife "one flesh" also.

Just as Paul condemns becoming "one flesh" with a harlot, the author of Hebrews speaks approvingly of sexual intercourse within the confines of marriage:

HEBREWS 13:4 **Marriage is honorable** among all, and the **bed** [*koite*] **undefiled** [*amiantos*]; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (NKJV)

"Bed" comes from the Greek noun **koite**. This word, which is the origin of the English "coitus," is used here as a euphemism for sexual intercourse. The Greek word translated "undefiled" (**amiantos**) literally means "pure." The point of the author is that the joining as "one flesh" of a husband and wife through sexual intercourse is honorable and pure in God's sight. However, sexual activity outside of the divine institution of marriage is a sin and will be punished by God.

Paul's next comment in I Corinthians sheds light on how the physical act of sex by which a man and woman become "one flesh" pictures the spiritual oneness shared by those who have the Holy Spirit.

I CORINTHIANS 6:17 But **he who is JOINED** [*kollomenos*] **to the Lord is one spirit with Him.** (NKJV)

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In I Corinthians 6:16-17, Paul uses the exact same Greek verb (*kollomenos*) to describe the **physical** joining in sex with a harlot and the **spiritual** joining of God's spirit with that of a believer. The reason is because the physical is a picture of the spiritual. Just as a man and woman become "one flesh" when they unite in sexual intercourse, God and man become one when the Holy Spirit unites with our human spirit.

It was through this spiritual joining of spirits that Yeshua could rightfully say that he and God the Father were one. As He always does, God has given us a physical representation of a spiritual truth. We can become one with God just as He and Yeshua were one when we receive the gift of His Holy Spirit.

**Must we agree about everything?**  
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Must Christians agree perfectly with church leadership before they can "walk" together or meet with other members? How has a misunderstanding of a verse in the book of Amos led to the separation of believers?

Amos, one of the twelve Biblical Minor Prophets, wrote his book in 796 B.C. In it, he wrote an interesting statement that is sometimes misinterpreted by some church groups and fellowships.

Hear this word that the Lord hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt . . . Can two walk together, except they be agreed? (Amos 3:1, 3, KJV).

Some church groups have used an errant understanding of Amos 3:3 to justify shunning or disfellowshipping a member because they disagreed with some minor doctrine. Amos' statement has been used to imply (if not outright state) that unless one agrees with a church's top leader or with the ordained ministry, he or she cannot attend church services or retain the right to be considered a church member.

A closer examination of the Hebrew text, however, shows that the actual meaning of Amos 3:3 is "can two walk together unless they (agree to) meet somewhere."

In other words, if two people cannot agree to a meeting place, then how can they walk side by side? If I agree to drive my friend to church services, we first have to agree to a meeting place before we can travel together to worship God. Sadly, even some church members may use their misunderstanding of Amos to justify shunning others in their group.

Diotrephes, a vain leader of a first century fellowship group, was the type of person to grasp at any reason to shun fellow Christians and even forbid some of them from meeting together!

I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, the one who loves to be chief among them, does not accept us. Because of this very thing, if I come, I will call him to account for the actions that he is practicing with evil words - maliciously berating us; and he is not satisfied with these things, for he himself neither receives the brethren, nor does he permit those who wish to receive the brethren, but he forbids them and casts them out of the church (3John 9 - 10, HBFV).

Can two walk together and still disagree? Our division should not be with each other but with the world that does not know or obey the true God.

**Prophecy Articles**

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Daniel, a Jewish captive in ancient Babylon, had been given several prophetic visions concerning future empires that would dominate the world over many centuries till the "latter days." Daniel wanted to know what would befall his own people in the latter days. He sought an answer from God. Daniel was highly loved by God. Normally, the answer to his



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request would have been immediate. However, this time, it was delayed. **Time was delayed.**

What caused this delay? Notice: "Then said he [a heavenly messenger] unto me, 'Fear not, Daniel. From the **first day** that you did set your heart to understand and to humble yourself before God, your words were heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days, . . . Now I am come to make you understand what shall befall your people in the latter days'" (Daniel 10:12-14, see also verses 1-11).

Circumstances on the earth caused a **time delay** for when Daniel received his answer. The heavenly messenger was dispatched on the very first day that Daniel prayed for an answer. The messenger was held up until Michael, a heavenly prince, came to his aid (Daniel 10:13). This opposition by the prince of Persia delayed time by three weeks. Not a long delay, but still a delay.

The children of Israel who escaped from Egypt weren't as fortunate. They were geared up and ready to enter the Promised Land of their inheritance when an evil report caused them to lose faith. We all know what happened. Another **time delay**. This time delay was for 40 years with severe consequences. Everyone 20 years and older would die in the wilderness with only two exceptions. See Numbers 13 and 14.

Hezekiah was faithful in restoring the true worship of the Eternal God to the House of Judah during his reign as king. When the Assyrians threatened Jerusalem, God heard Hezekiah's plea for help. See 2 Chronicles 32:1-23; 2 Kings 19:14-20, 35-36. God responded with divine intervention which saved Jerusalem from conquest.

In time, Hezekiah fell ill. The prophet, Isaiah, came to him with a message from God that the time of his death was near. Hezekiah wept bitterly and reminded God of his faithfulness hoping for mercy. God granted his request which caused another **time delay**. This time delay was for fifteen years. See Isaiah 38:1-8.

Did Jesus ever hint that His glorious return could be **delayed**? After giving His disciples the events that would lead up to His return, as recorded in Matthew 24, He then warned them about being ready. He also warned against improper behavior by anyone as a result of any **delay** of His return. See Matthew 24:45-51.

Jesus also mentioned in Matthew 24 that a time of Great Tribulation would come which would destroy all life if not cut short (Matthew 24:21-22). Destruction of all life by human folly was not a possibility until the development of the hydrogen bomb and the amassing of nuclear arms by the U.S. and Russia. When the threat of nuclear annihilation of all life upon the earth becomes imminent, this appears to be the **trigger** for God's intervention with the return of Christ. Consequently, if that trigger or imminent threat of annihilation was **delayed**, then Christ's return would also be delayed.

During the last 12 to 14 months, the year 1987 kept coming up by various means which made me wonder if God was trying to **highlight** a significant event that occurred in 1987. Personally, 1987 was a milestone year for me since I purchased my property that year. After getting it paid off, it became a launching base for traveling abroad. I was able to tour Egypt and Israel in 1991. In 1994, I toured England and western Europe on one tour and then traveled through Germany, Poland, Russia, and back through Scandinavia on the second tour. The two tours were back-to-back over a period of about five weeks. More about my tour in Russia in a minute.

However, I knew that whatever significant event that had occurred in 1987, it had to be much greater than a personal event. Finally, I came across a video with Scott Ritter. He explained the importance of the INF Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union or Russia. Scott revealed that the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty allowed the world to step back from the edge of a nuclear holocaust. Scott has recently said that if not for the implementation of that treaty, which he helped to bring about, then none of us would be alive today.

The INF Treaty did more than limit the number of nukes each country could have. It was the first nuclear arms treaty which reduced and eliminated a certain class of nuclear-armed missiles but only on land not on the sea. The U.S. wanted to place intermediate-range missiles in Europe. The time for a nuke to reach Moscow from Europe is much less than from North America. If a missile was accidentally launched toward Moscow from Europe, then there would be very little time to ascertain if it was an actual attack or just a computer glitch. This would force Russia to launch their missiles which could cause a doomsday scenario as portrayed in the movies.

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And when was the INF Treaty signed? December 8, **1987**. I can't help but believe that the implementation of that treaty, which started in 1988, caused a **delay** of the **trigger** that would initiate the return of Christ. The treaty was scrapped by the U.S. in 2018. The only arms limitation treaty still in effect between the U.S. and Russia is the START treaty first signed in 1991 and renewed in 2010. It has been extended till February 2026. START stands for "Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty." Because of the Ukraine War, any talks to further extend this treaty have broken down. The world is once again headed for nuclear annihilation.

When the **Delay** occurred back in 1987, it was shortly after that the Soviet Union collapsed, and the Cold War ended in 1991. How did the U.S. treat Russia in the aftermath? This ties in with the bad behavior that Christ warned against as a result of His delay. The misery that is happening in Ukraine today is the result of broken promises that the U.S. made to Russia. Russia suffered economic hardship in the 1990s.

My tour in Russia in 1994 was very exciting. We picked up a Russian escort in Minsk to ride on our tour bus during our time in Russia. Olga was a schoolteacher. However, because of the economic situation at that time, she had to take on another job as our escort. Simple things, like toiletries, were highly valued since they were not in abundant supply at that time, if I remember correctly. However, bananas were abundant during my few days in Moscow. As I walked around on the streets near my hotel, all of the public trash cans were filled with banana peels. I made sure not to slip on any peels that had fallen on the ground. People are people no matter where you go. The Russians were proud of their modern subway in Moscow and made certain our tour group took a short ride on it. However, a nurse in our tour group was not allowed to visit a Russian hospital to compare it to those in Canada or the U.S.

The Russian people desire to live in peace and security just like anyone else. It is unfortunate how Russia was treated after the collapse of the Soviet Union back in 1991. Jeffrey Sachs, an American economist, witnessed firsthand the arrogance of America toward Russia which has led to the current turmoil in Europe and Ukraine. This American arrogance is mentioned in Hosea 5:5 (NIV translation) which will cause a "stumbling." Once Europe grows completely tired of American arrogance and hegemony, it is likely that NATO will collapse.

This was predicted by the prophet Jeremiah: "All your allies have forgotten you; they care nothing for you. I have struck you as an enemy would and punished you as would the cruel, because your guilt is so great and your sins so many" (Jeremiah 30:14 NIV). This does not mean that other nations are without any guilt.

Scott Ritter has recently come out with a new book detailing his involvement of implementing the INF Treaty, called, "Disarmament in the Time of Perestroika: Arms Control and the End of the Soviet Union." His comments and insights are worthy of consideration. Also, several short videos are linked below which will provide greater details of the INF Treaty and America's missed opportunities to secure better relations with other countries.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74INHXJzfEw> Signing of INF Treaty 1987

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GQX7NX9V4Y> INF Treaty scrapped in 2018 and what it means.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2enTI5nsii8> Jeffrey Sachs on America's arrogance

# Have a Great Sabbath!

## The Duality of Prophecy

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Many people find the subject of prophecy to be the most fascinating aspect of Bible study, and they eagerly pursue it. Some scour the newspapers, books, magazines, and television and radio news for the latest tidbit that fulfills their favorite prophecies. Unfortunately, few understand the vital keys to understanding the Bible's prophecies, and thus many of them are wildly misunderstood.

Among the keys to understanding prophecy is the fact that most prophecy is *dual* in nature. Throughout Scripture, we see duality in many things, often a physical reality that prefigures or corresponds to a spiritual one. For example, God made a material creation and a spiritual creation ([Genesis 2:1-4](#)). The first Adam was physical, and the second Adam, Christ, is spiritual ([I Corinthians 15:45-47](#)). The Old Covenant was based on physical descent and physical blessings and cursings. The New Covenant, which superceded it, is spiritual (Hebrews 8). At the first coming of Christ, He came in the weakness of flesh; when He comes again, He will be a powerful spirit Being.

A list of everything in the Bible that demonstrates duality would be a very long list indeed. So it is with the prophecies, most of which consist of two predictions: a type and an antitype. The *type*, usually a relatively minor event in history, symbolizes a major event that will occur later, often during the end time. The major event is the *antitype*.

### A Source of Confusion

One of the best examples of a dual prophecy is the Olivet Prophecy recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. Many years ago, while studying this prophecy with the "help" of a commentary, I became very confused. At the time, neither the author of the commentary nor I understood this vital principle of duality. Thinking that this prophecy referred only to the destruction of Jerusalem, the commentator frankly admitted that he did not understand why Christ said that His coming would occur "immediately after the tribulation of those days" ([Matthew 24:29](#)).

Today, we understand that the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 was a type of the Great Tribulation that will occur in the time immediately preceding Christ's [second coming](#). We can see that He actually prophesied *two* events: Jerusalem's

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first-century destruction was the type, and the Great Tribulation of the end time is the antitype.

This particular prophecy highlights how vital it is to understand the duality principle. Many early Christians did not understand that the Olivet Prophecy was dual, fully expecting Christ to return after the destruction of Jerusalem. When He failed to appear, some were very disappointed and became disillusioned. Some lost **faith** and stopped believing. This disappointment proved a major factor in causing the early church to fall into apostasy in the closing decades of the first century.

Failure to understand the duality of prophecy also played a role in the Jews' rejection of Christ. The Jews thought (and still think) the Messiah would come as a conquering, human king to restore Israel to its former wealth and power. This idea was based on the many prophecies in the **Old Testament** that actually describe the *second* coming of Christ and His millennial reign. An understanding of this principle of duality, along with careful study of the many prophecies showing the suffering and death of the Messiah (like Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53), may have prevented this tragic error.

The typical fulfillment often stops short of fulfilling the *whole* prophecy. Jesus points out a clear example of this in **Luke 4:16-21**. On a **Sabbath** day in Nazareth shortly after He began His ministry, He publicly read from **Isaiah 61:1-2**, stopping abruptly after the first line in verse 2. He told the amazed audience, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." This portion of the prophecy was fulfilled, in type, during His earthly ministry. It will be completely fulfilled, as the antitype, throughout the whole world during His millennial reign. Had Jesus read any further, He would have spoken of events belonging exclusively to His second coming, so He stopped reading so He would not claim to be fulfilling them. An astute Jew, upon hearing Christ's words, could have avoided the error that led his countrymen to reject and condemn Him to crucifixion.

#### **Not All Prophecies**

Not all prophecies are dual, however. God's predictions regarding the fate of ancient city-states such as Tyre, Sidon, Ashkelon, and others do not appear to have an antitype. If they do, God has not revealed them. In general, God seems to have chosen to use the duality principle in those prophecies that deal directly with His people Israel or the church (spiritual Israel; see Galatians 6:16).

For example, ancient Babylon is one of the ancient city-states that does have an antitype. Under its greatest king, Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon conquered Judah and took the Jews into captivity between 604-585 BC (II Kings 24-25). In the New Testament, Babylon becomes a type of this world's society that rebels against God and persecutes His church (Revelation 17-18), and its fate will be the same as that of ancient Babylon: a heap of ruins, never to be raised again (**Isaiah 13:19-22**).

The principle of duality in prophecy is especially important to God's church today. Many prophecies in the New Testament predicted the great apostasy that took place in the church toward the end of the first century (**Acts 20:29; II Thessalonians 2:3-12; II Timothy 3:1-8; 4:3-4; Jude 3-4**). All these prophecies are dual. The **falling away** from the revealed truth of God that occurred in the first century is a type of an end-time apostasy. Over the past few decades, church members have witnessed some of these prophecies working out within the modern church of God. Duality in prophecy is being demonstrated before those who have eyes to see! And more apostasy will surely happen as we edge closer to Christ's return!

For this reason, we must be keenly aware of this important principle of understanding God's Word. We must constantly be on our guard, watching both church and world events, but most of all, our own spiritual condition, lest we be caught unawares. Listen to the urgent warning **Jesus Christ** gives to all of us who are living in the end time:

Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—lest, coming suddenly, He find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch! (**Mark 13:35-37**)

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## Letters

### **Letter from Curtis Dahlgren (February 18, 2023)**

Thanks, I got a kick out of reading another one I had forgotten. Think I'll repost it at Renew America.

## **Iron Sharpening Iron**

**(Agree or Disagree with Something Printed)**

**New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)**

**As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.**

## **In regard to: Chinese Spy Balloon**

**Article by Rich Traver & Laura Lee**

**Comments by Dwight Fleming (Oroville, California) & Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)**

I like your comment on the balloons. Very likely that they could be used for an EMP attack. Besides China, I am concerned about our own government spying on us. A U-2 spy plane crashed on August 7, 1996, here in Oroville. I remember seeing the pilot eject and the plane going down, crashing into the parking lot of the Oroville Mercury newspaper killing one lady. One report I found says the pilot died too even though he had ejected from the plane. The U-2 and the SR71 spy planes fly out of Beale AFB near Marysville south of Oroville. The SR71 is now retired but I still see a U-2 flying from time to time.

Spy Plane Crashes in Oroville, California:

[One pilot dead, a second injured in U-2 spy plane crash in rural Northern California - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](https://www.latimes.com)

### **Editor's Note:**

Dwight sent this to me in an email Monday 2-20-21, so I thought I would dig into things a little further. I did not realize this is so massive. All I can say is watch what you say and do as someone is probably watching or listening.

FBI uses planes to spy on people without a search warrant:

[FBI Used Spy Planes to Aggressively Surveil Florida Man \(theintercept.com\)](https://www.theintercept.com)

Surveillance of American Citizens

[Mass surveillance in the United States - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mass_surveillance_in_the_United_States)

I did not have time to read this whole thing, but I now know why the post office does not deliver the mail on time. It is because they have to take pictures of every piece of mail going through the post office. We are all being had by our own government in so many ways.

Also, in regard to the balloons, Hawaii now has one similar to the first one shot down on the east coast. Okay, so perhaps one can be a weather balloon that got off course, but two are questionable. They are more likely being sent for a purpose. (Laura Lee)

[Balloon Sightings Continue... Now Near Hawaii And Over China \(forbes.com\)](https://www.forbes.com)

## **In regard to: Must we agree about everything?**

**Article by Bill Hillebrenner**

**Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)**

This is an interesting article and many people have been thrown out of one church group or the other because they did

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not agree with the leader and/or because they tried to talk to other people within the group about various doctrines whether new or old doctrines. If people are not allowed to discuss their differences with leaders and/or other brethren people don't learn. We both, Darwin and I have our own disfellowshipment document which is generally given to those who are thrown out in Diotrephes style. Being disfellowshipped is not a bad thing as many people do not grow to full maturity in those groups that disfellowship people.

At first being disfellowshipped seems like a bad thing and then you say to yourself, what now? It wasn't long after being disfellowshipped and we were having bible studies and church services in our home. Shortly after that we started the first newsletter, so we didn't lose anything by being disfellowshipped, but we gained a lot.

Disfellowshipment is really not a necessary thing to do to anyone as most people who do not agree with the rest of the group will eventually leave the group on their own.

**Amo 3:3** Can two walk together, except they be agreed? (KJV)

**Amo 3:3** Can two walk together without agreeing where to go? (BSB 2016 by the Bible Hub)

**Amo 3:3** Can two people walk together without agreeing to meet? (CEV first produced by the American Bible Society in 1995)

**Amo 3:3** Shall two go together if they met not by appointment? (Julia E. Smith Translation 1876)

In Matthew, it tells us to leave the tares grow with the wheat until the harvest, so that should make it clear to all of us that disfellowshipment is not what God wants us to do to others within our various groups.

**Mat 13:30** Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. (KJV)

On the other hand it should be understood that we should all be agreed with Christ and even though we all know that has not happened yet, we should all understand that to make it into the First Fruit Resurrection we will all have to agreed with Christ and in doing that we will all be in agreement with each other.

## Announcements

**Announcement from Gary Miller (February 19, 2023)**

**Prosperity Doctrine Sermon**

<https://youtu.be/PdCBSuEDyDw>

**Announcement from James Steinle (February 20, 2023)**

**PUTIN TO ADDRESS HIS COUNTRY TOMORROW TUES. - SOUNDS IMPORTANT!**

<https://haltturnerradioshow.com/index.php/en/news-page/world/electronic-billboards-in-moscow-preparing-for-historic-day-02-21-2023-no-turning-back>

**Announcement from Zac Poonen (February 21, 2023)**

**MESSAGES FOR THIS TIME**

**Don't Offer to God What Costs You Nothing**

<https://youtu.be/qCD1MPpkb7g>

(Message begins at Minute 26)

**Beyond Forgiveness to Victory over Sin (with Telugu Translation)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AX1DplrpAdY>

**CFC Bangalore**

<https://cfcindia.com>

**Announcement from Craig White (February 23, 2023)**

**Ambassador College Stats**

I have now been sent a very useful history of the first years of AC (statistics) by Kenneth Herrmann. It can be accessed [here](#).

**Announcement from Rich Traver (February 23, 2023)**

**Roman Catholic Church Split?**

After the RCC split, the larger element will likely embrace militancy, as per Dan. 11:36-39. They've already embraced the gay agenda.

<https://twitter.com/realstewpeters/status/1627860877130047488>

## Other Items

(Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

## Breaking News: China Shuts Off Comms with U.S.

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World Hal Turner 17 February 2023 Hits: 4606

- White House National Security Council Says Lines of Communication between U.S. and Chinese Military Officials have been Closed.

At present, China will not even answer our hotline calls. Techs confirm the line is working. It is ringing. China simply will not answer.

This is how and when mistakes happen.

**Editor's Note:**

There was no link included with this and we could not find one from Hal Turner, but we found one from Reuters that appeared to be similar. (Anyone submitting news items should include links. Thank you.) Laura Lee

[U.S. and China diplomats communicating, but not militaries | Reuters](#)

## Calling the Lambs

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These are excellent short videos and worth watching <https://www.youtube.com/@callingthelambs3870>

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**Editor's Note:**

There is a link on our website, to the right, under "Have you seen..." (Laura Lee)

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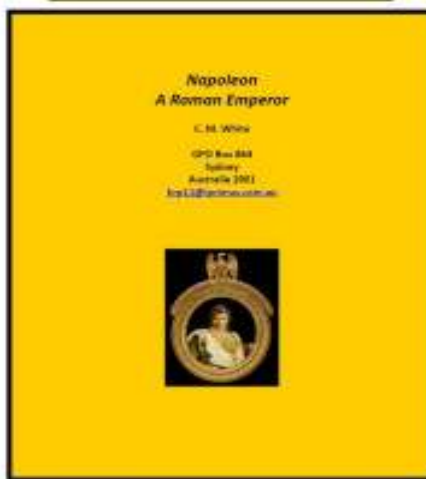
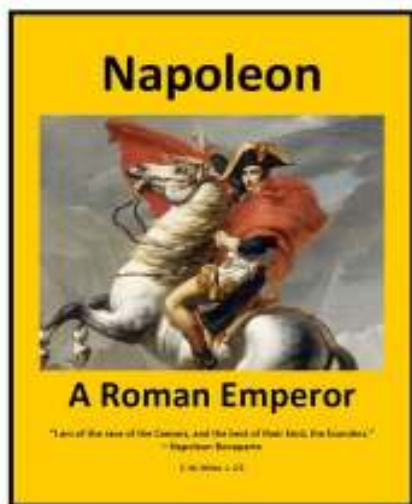
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## Napoleon

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In the 1990s I wrote how Napoleon came across as a sort of anomaly when one compares him with the Holy Roman Empire's emperors which I inserted into the book *The Great German Nation* (2007). But so were Mussolini and Hitler. Careful analysis found that he 'ticked the boxes' when it came to him qualifying as a successor to the Roman system.



In this article I attempt to:

- Demonstrate that Napoleon was a sort of Roman Emperor with some links to the Holy Roman Empire which inspired his legitimacy. In some ways he breaks the mold, but in others he fulfills the Roman-Beast continuum;
- Explore his similarities to the various aspects of the Roman, Holy Roman and the German Empires of both world wars and therefore his Biblical Beast-like credentials.

First of all, a little background to the Dictator – which is a mere outline of the vast amount of historical data and hundreds of works available.

He was born in 1769 on the island of Corsica of nobility (his family was conferred Noble status) – that same year Corsica was made a province of France). At the age of 9 he was sent to the Royal Military School, Brienne and by 1785 he had graduated as a second lieutenant. Thereafter he involved himself in readings in geography and history which added to his body of knowledge and intellectual prowess. His mother not only gave birth to a future emperor, but also to 3 kings and a queen and 2 princesses (ibid, p. 7).

““Men of genius are meteors destined to be consumed in illuminating their century”, wrote the then as yet unknown Napoleon in 1791, but it was not until his first military victories as commander in charge in Italy that Napoleon started to think of himself as one of them.” (M. Prutsch, *Caesarism in the Post-Revolutionary Age*, p. 22).

By 1793 he became a Brigadier-General in the French army and in 1795 Chief of the Army of the Interior. In 1797 he gained enormous popularity due to his commanding of the French army in victory over the Austrians.

“I am of the race that founds empires” he claimed (Andrew Roberts, *Napoleon the Great*, p. 4).

Although he was exiled to the island of Elba, he managed to escape back into France in 1815, raise a new army and attempt to take back his empire. But in June of 1815 the armies of Wellington resoundingly defeated him and he was exiled to the small island of Saint Helena in the south Atlantic. He died in frustration in 1821 while the British Empire continued to expand and grow in power and prosperity. (44 Pages)

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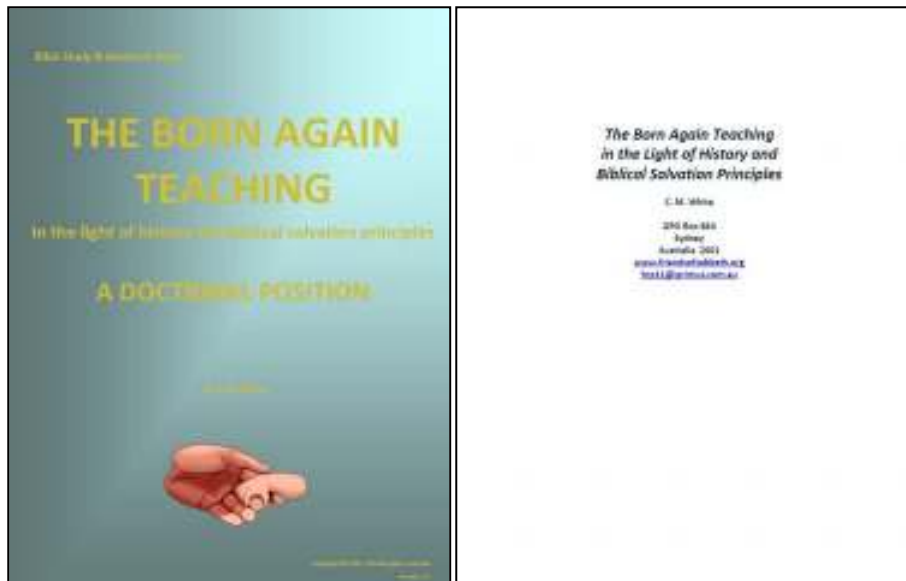
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## The Born Again Teaching (Copyright) by Craig White (Australia)



The purpose of this paper is to take another look at the born again doctrine; not just from the angle Herbert W Armstrong presented the case, nor the mainstream Protestant approach allegorising the words of Christ. The concept is not merely an argument that the new birth occurs at the resurrection or upon conversion to Christianity. Rather, this paper takes a brief look at the history of the doctrine as espoused by Herbert W Armstrong which may be traced at least back to Sabbatarians and Russellites in the 19th century. Thus, I attempt to show that we have an historical legacy that should not be ignored nor lightly dismissed. It should also be noted by the reader that the author presupposes that the reader already has at least a rough understanding of the view held by Herbert W Armstrong.

It is a certainty, as Protestants themselves admit, "Being born again is not conversion, nor a change of views, nor a change of affections, but a change of state" (A. Campbell, *The Christian System*, p. 61). Campbell, like some other scholars, is onto something. Born again is a state - but what exactly they cannot grasp. He is touching upon a concept that he cannot now seem to penetrate fully and reach its ultimate conclusion. It is a real obstacle to those that think that the Kingdom of God is here now; that Christians are a part of it now (and thus have no need to keep the Law as they have already made it); that prophecy is primarily fulfilled and therefore Christians must try and solve the world's problems now; and as a result Christians have immortal souls whose reward is to go to heaven. They know not the past, present and particularly the future aspects of God's Plan. They could know if they wiped away some of the baggage they have inherited and the paradigms they operate within and returned to Biblical doctrine. They could know if they kept the Law and the Holy Days which outline God's great Plan of Salvation for mankind.

Born again: an event at conversion, a state of being Christian or a future event? This paper will explore all of those aspects of the debate. (85 Pages)

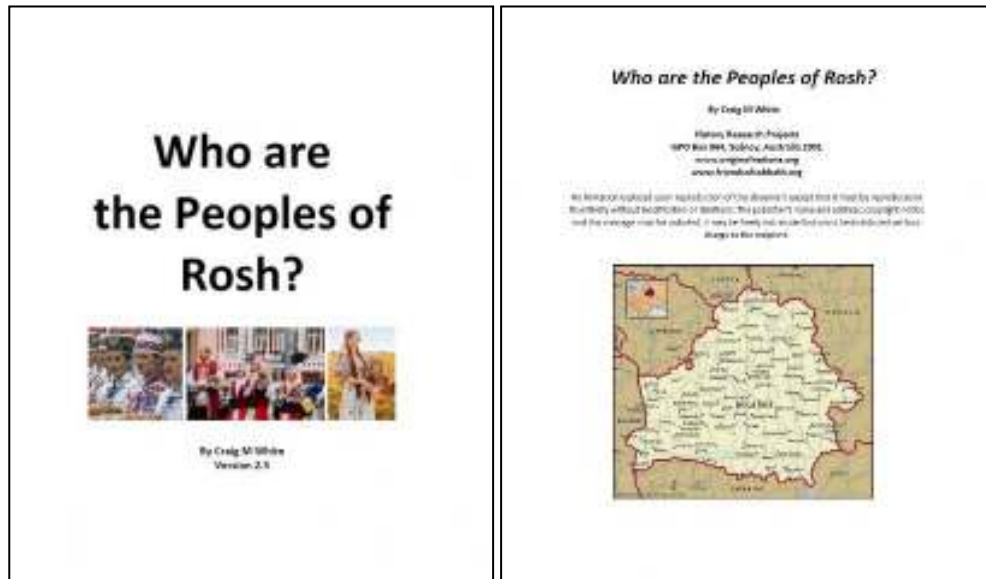
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## Who are the Peoples of Rosh? (Copyright) by Craig White (Australia)



The purpose of this article is not to re-hash the histories of the peoples of the Middle East or the Slavic nations of eastern Europe which would mean that a book of 400 pages would be required. Instead, I ask the reader to familiarise themselves with an outline of those histories and to follow me in a discussion of the Biblical origins of some of the peoples of western Russia. Books such as *The Origins of the Slavic Nations* by Serhii Plokhyy, *The World of the Neo-Hittite Kingdoms* by Trevor Bryce and *The Balts* by Marija Gimbutas are worthwhile reads in this context.

Instead, in this booklet we explore the peoples of Rosh mentioned in the Scriptures and their likely modern-day location and I expand upon the peoples of Rosh who reside alongside other nations resident within Russia and former Soviet Union republics. The other peoples of Russia, Ukraine and Baltic states are covered in detail in my book *In Search of ... the Origin of Nations* (chapters 8, 12). (26 Pages)

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### Holy Days 2023

Passover – April 6, 2023 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 6-12, 2023

Pentecost – May 26, 2023

Trumpets - September 16, 2023

Atonement – September 25, 2023  
Tabernacles –September 30, 2023 to October 6, 2023  
Last Great Day – October 7, 2023

## Notes