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Articles

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Yes, you read the title correctly.

To introduce the topic of this discussion, I would like to begin by stating that there are many instances in early Biblical history of people marrying closely related family. Based on Biblical text it doesn't seem to be a big deal.

If we take the Bible literally at its word, this practice would have been necessary just after Adam and Eve were expelled

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from the Garden, and then again immediately following the Genesis Flood.

However, in the book of Leviticus 18:6 things appear to have changed. It states: *“None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him.”*

Some might ask: “Why now? Did God suddenly change His mind?” Does the Bible know best?

What we don’t usually take into consideration is that Adam and Eve had a 100% pure genetic code.

#1. MUTATIONS

Beginning at the generation immediately following that of Adam and Eve, copy errors would have been made in the DNA sequence, and over time, these errors would only worsen, producing non-beneficial genetic traits and mutations.

#2. BIRTH DEFECTS

Two people who are related will share a similar genetic make-up, in fact, it will identically overlap in some cases. This means that any recessive genetic traits have a great chance of being passed on to their children, and the more this inbreeding takes place, the more **birth defects, mutations, and even mental disabilities**.

#3. THE BIBLE KNOWS BEST

The above two are just a couple of the known reasons that it is not recommended to marry family members... But just because we are aware of scientific reasons does not mean that there aren’t more good reasons. The Bible ALWAYS knows best, and the Lord in His infinite wisdom told His people what to do for their own good. Perhaps down the road we will learn new insights which further verify the importance of this topic and reveal God’s wisdom and Divine inspiration.

These are 3 reasons that it is not a good idea to marry individuals in your closely related family.

At the appropriate time in history, we were commanded not to marry close relatives, and long before genetic science, once again, the Bible knew best.

I’m David Rives,
Truly, the heavens declare the glory of God.

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What About Repentance Anyway? **(Copyright 2004) by Wayne Schatzle (West Chester, Ohio)**

If you would ask 10 different people: what does the word, “*repentance*” mean? You may get 10 different answers. Nowadays the term “repentance” is relegated to comic strips, with the little bearded guy holding a sign saying, “Repent, the end is near”. Although repentance is indeed an important element in the salvation process, modern churches have distilled the salvation message to simply: “Jesus, I give you my heart” and presto chango I am in the Kingdom. This is a popular formula for salvation because it is easy and doesn’t interfere with our lifestyles and will garner more converts.

The key to salvation is a repentant heart. Notice Mark 1:15, “the Kingdom of God is at hand **REPENT**, and believe the gospel”. {6:12} “So they went out and preached that people should **REPENT**”. {Acts 2:38} “and Peter said, **REPENT** and be baptized for the remission of sin...” {3:19} **REPENT** and be converted that your sins may be blotted out”. {17:30} “God now commands all men to **REPENT**”. Ok, so we need to repent for salvation- but just what does that old term mean anyway?

The word repent is actually from two Greek words which means, “metamorphose” or in popular terms “to morph”. It is a very intense word that denotes a transformation; reversal, or to think differently. Dictionaries will show the meaning

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as deep sorrow, contrite, penitent. True Believers are called new creatures in Christ for a good reason as their whole lives will change, as Peter said, others will think you are strange that you no longer run with them. {1 Peter 4}. Also, we are to prove our genuine repentance to God by doing "WORKS befitting of repentance {Acts 27:20}". How can one stay in his sinful ways and be counted as "saved" when we read that the Goodness of God leads one to repentance? {Romans 2:4}. The change should be so dramatic as a caterpillar to a butterfly, so it is with a person truly seeking the Face of God.

There is a deceptively false conversion described in the bible that has been around since the beginning. This heresy will omit biblical repentance. Witness the record in Acts 8 of Simon of Samaria, who was a believer and was baptized but still had his old nature- Peter told him to repent of his unrighteousness. Notice in your bible the many warnings of false prophets; apostles; teachers; brethren and even false CHRISTIS! {Mt 24:11 & 24; 2 Cor 11: 13 & 26; Gal 2:4; 2 Pet 2:1; and especially the letter of Jude}. The message to the seven churches of Asia in Revelation was that they were to overcome and repent in order to reap the rewards offered them. In the parable of the wedding feast {Matt 22} many, both good and bad, were invited to the feast. When one man was discovered in attendance without wedding garments he was bound and cast out. Commentaries agree that the lesson to be learned is that one offered salvation must change their ways to be included in the Kingdom of God. The Apostle Paul described the life after repentance as putting on a "new man" which was created according to God in righteousness and true holiness and the old man is buried {in the watery grave of Baptism} with all the sinful nature inherited from the ways of the world. For Godly sorrow produces repentance to salvation. {Eph 4; Col 3; 2 Cor 7:9}.

The single greatest event in a person's life is to repent. It is the first step to life eternal. As our Savior said," unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

What does the Bible say about abortion?

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Abortion is the murder of a potential human being who resides in the womb. What Scripture says about it has deeper spiritual consequences than society realizes.

Each pregnancy is a miracle, made possible so that another human being has the potential of becoming one of God's sons or daughters and inheriting eternal life. The great sin of abortion is that it is man's attempt to thwart God's plans for a large family.

Part of the human (not the Bible) rationale for supporting abortion is that what is in the womb is not a person. Since it is not a person (as the argument goes) that is attached to a woman's body, she has the sole right to make decisions about it. The truth is, however, that what is conceived is a new life unto itself.

When is a human created?

Conception brings together all the genetic instructions needed to create a unique, never-before-existed human being. All that is needed from this point forward is a safe and nurturing environment in which to grow. The killing of a child in the womb completely stops this natural growth process.

What grows within a woman when she becomes pregnant is a human life. According to Scripture, the taking of that life through abortion is murder based on the sixth of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17).

Biblical examples

God inspired King David to recognize that his life began at conception when he caused him to write how "wonderfully made" he was in the womb. David attributes to God his creation as a human being, in the body of his mother, at least six times in Psalm 139:13-16. Scripture does speak of knowing a person even before they are created (see Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:13-17, 31-33).

Note the following in regard to the argument that an abortion does not kill a "real" person. After God miraculously caused the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb she travelled to stay with Elizabeth (Luke 1:56), who was six months pregnant. When she arrived the baby inside Elizabeth, upon hearing Mary's voice, leaped with joy (Luke 1:41)!

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The above example reveals that a six-month old fetus not only can detect a person who had been conceived just weeks earlier but also can recognize their mother's voice and respond to it! It would be ridiculous to think that Elizabeth's child was responding to an abortable "mass of tissue" inside Mary!



Princess Marie Franziska
von Liechtenstein at age two
Friedrich von Amerling, 1836

Abortion justifications

Abortion has been sadly practiced and justified by humans for a very long time. In fact, according to Roman law, even a newborn baby was legally not considered a person until the father accepted him or her as a family member (The IVP Bible Background Commentary, comments on 1Corinthians 7:1-7). The taking of the life of someone in the womb, through a variety of usually crude means, is condemned by both Christians and Jews.

Simply put, abortion is man's deceived attempt to deny God a family through murder. Clearly, such behavior is not his perfect will. What grows inside a pregnant woman is a child, someone with a purpose in the Eternal's plan for all man. One has to wonder what things in the world would have been different if killing unborn babies was not an option.

This Web site supports the teaching that human life does not begin at birth, but rather at the moment of conception when sperm and egg unite to form all the genetic instructions necessary to produce a human. Killing, through abortion, what is formed after conception is a grievous sin, according to the Bible, worthy of heartfelt repentance.

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ANGEL, NO PARDON, NAME IN HIM

EXODUS 23:20-23 Behold, I send an Angel (1) before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. 21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions (2): for my name is in him (3). 22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice and do all that I speak; then

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I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. 23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

PRESENCE, REST

Exo 33:11 And the LORD [YHWH] spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle. 12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. 13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people. 14 And he said, My presence (4) shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest. (5)

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- 1) [see EX 23:20] **Angel** [H. 4397 mal’ak; to dispatch as a deputy, a messenger specifically of God; amongst other titles].
- 2) [see Ex 23:21] **Psalm 2:12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.
- 3) [see Ex 23:21] Eph. 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,:15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, (see also Matthew 21:9)
- 4) [see Ex 33:14] And he said unto him, If thy presence [H.6440 Panim or face; the noun can be singular or plural in meaning] (see also Isaiah 63:9; also 1 Corin. 10:4 – the Rock that followed the Israelites)
- 5) [see Ex 33:14] [the Savior said] Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

It appears to me the one whom fits Exodus 23:20 is our Savior himself.

Note added by Laura Lee (Exodus 23:20):

Behold, I send an **Angel** before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. [King James Bible \(Oxford\) 1769](#) (As near as I can tell there were 47 translators and a multitude of sources used.)

‘Lo, I am sending a **messenger** before thee to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee in unto the place which I have prepared; [Young's Literal Translation 1862](#) (Young used the Textus Receptus and the Majority Text as the basis for his translation.)

Behold, I send a **messenger** before thee to guard thee in the way, and to bring thee to the place which I prepared. [Julia E. Smith Translation 1876](#) (Translated from the original tongues.)

“Messenger” would have been a better translation here. When translators chose to use angel here it gives some people the impression that Christ is not only an angel but a created being when he is not.

Have a Great Feast!

Prophecy Articles

“And the Earth Helped the Woman” (Copyright 2022) by Rich Traver (Clifton, Colorado)

*The Book of Revelation might be referred to as “The Book of Two Women”.
Satan being deeply involved with one of them and Intent on destroying the other.
Especially interesting is the Earth’s Peoples’ Reaction to them both.*

As this generation approaches what has been called “the end of this present age”, Satan is described as being in a state of panic, knowing that he has but a short time remaining. That awareness would leave us with the realization that desperation would ensue and that he would do all in his power to effect chaos and mayhem while he still is able.

Casting Out a Great Flood

In Revelation chapter 12, we have this dramatic scene: *“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

[13] *And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.*

[14] *And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.*

[15] *And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.*

[16] *And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.*

[17] *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

A Careful Overview

Now, let’s look at this prophecy more analytically. *“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”* So, at some point, there’s a consequential change as it regards Satan and his agents having access to God. He is ‘cast to earth’ where his last struggle to retain the influence he has had since the Garden of Eden will ensue; perhaps breaching limits imposed since the time of the Noachian Flood. ¹

[13] *“And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.”* This situation causes Satan to react against God in the only way he can at this point, to persecute the people that God loves and is working with in preparation for a new age. Satan’s wrath is going to be specifically directed at the Saints, but perhaps not only them! That may be where ‘the earth’ being helpful enters the situation.

Protected in Wilderness

[14] *“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”* Now, this time span (3½ ‘times’ (years)) correlates with those final 42 months when God’s two witnesses will be on the world stage chiding and condemning earth’s inhabitants.

¹ While the Ark was being prepared, there were some restrictions imposed on what the spirit world could do to influence humanity. 1st Peter 3:20

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[15] *“And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.”* The nature of this ‘flood’ is the subject of many speculations.

What comes out of someone’s mouth? Wouldn’t it be words, lying words, massively clever deceptions? That logically would lead to responses on the part of those who accept those words as truthfulness!

[16] *“And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.”* But it’s this development that’s even more difficult to explain. What is meant by ‘the earth’ and what is the form or the nature of that help?

War Against Commandment Keepers!

[17] *“And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”* This picture is somewhat easier to envision. It identifies who this particular woman is: the peoples (the Church) of God. However, Satan becoming especially wrathful suggests his lack of success in his efforts against the Saints, specifically the Commandment-keeping ones. And we shouldn’t overlook the reference to ‘the testimony of Jesus Christ’. That too is an important qualifier! (Having the True Gospel!)

But, another revelation here is that there are still Saints who aren’t under ‘wilderness protection’ that he can target as his war efforts escalate.

What we need to consider is the possibility of there being a broader echelon of individuals that might fall under this ‘woman’ category. In our generation, the churches of God are in a rather weakened state. Their real ‘power’ is now scattered at best, due to a variety of divisive factors. (This was prophesied.)²

But, are there peripheral peoples, believers to some degree at least, who might be these ‘helpful’ ones? In other words, those who we might regard as at least ‘nominal Christians’?

Vanguard of Opposition

Now, in our current world situation, where a behind-the-scenes overarching world power is creating and imposing control measures, strict protocols and mandates, the voices of opposition having any real effectiveness seems to be from the Religious Right, not so much the Church of God. (In fact, there are churches where their decision to remain out of the fray is their chosen approach!³) Few have noticed or acknowledge that there is such an overarching world power, above individual national governing bodies, that has somehow persuaded most world governments to comply with its agenda-driven dictates. But this realization can help explain the dynamics of what is happening in the world at large right now.

That same overarching power is also controlling the stream of information available to the people with bribes, blackmail, intimidation, and various other forms of coercion: This being the way that the few impose control over the many. Control the Media! Control the legislators! Add to that the control of healthcare and access to commerce,⁴ we can see a dark haboob⁵ rolling over unsuspecting society.

Who has the incentive and means to run meaningful interference? More than that, who is in a position to ‘help’ the Saints, whether directly or indirectly? The idea of being ‘helpers’ suggests these aren’t the Saints themselves. What it does indicate is that these aren’t among the agents that Satan is using. They reflect a sentiment not present in Satan’s war efforts. This would indicate some form of kinship.

Swallowed How?

Another factor we need to consider in this is what it means that *‘the earth swallowed up the flood’*. That would be speaking of swallowing or somehow ‘absorbing into itself’ what is being ‘issued out of Satan’s mouth’. How does the earth do that unless it’s referring to the cognitive human beings upon it? It should be apparent that these ‘helpers’ aren’t among the

² Daniel 12:7 “...it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.” (The same interval as Revelation 12:14.)

³ Consider the ‘lukewarm attitude’ spoken of in the last message to the Churches: Revelation 3:15-16.


⁴ Being unable to buy or sell! Revelation 13:14

⁵ Haboobs are dust storms caused by strong winds flowing downward and outward from thunderstorms.

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'swallowers'. That too might offer a clue. On the basis of what would they know to reject Satanic lies? (Will this 'swallowing' exhibit similar characteristics as did the whole of Germany swooning over Hitler in the onset of WW2?)

And once swallowed, what's the resulting situation? Does the 'flood' still exist after it's been swallowed? And who is it that does the swallowing? We would have to realize that it's the majority of peoples. Just look at the percentage of people who have fallen so wholeheartedly for the current 'political mandates'.

And what form does the 'help' take? Could their actions serve as a focal activity to distract attention away from the Church of God? 

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Letters

Letter from Curtis Dahlgren (March 27, 2023)

Thanks for publishing. Like the Hi all column too.

Prayer Requests

Prayer Request for John & Sandy Kile (March 25, 2023)

John is in rehab for a fall, pneumonia, and cancer. When John gets out of rehab both John and Sandy will be going into assisted living.

Prayer Request for Norma Aga (March 28, 2023)

Long time member, Ms. Norma Aga (90+ years old), is having very difficult health issues this morning. Please remember her in fervent prayer to Yahweh.

Prayer Request for John & Sandy Kile (March 29, 2023)

Thanks for posting the prayer request, thought about doing it, just didn't, don't know why. gotta be brief. Johnny walked in here yesterday with his cane! not a walker! Both been approved for assisted living. he may get there before I do. Still recovering from a 3-week cough that took me to urgent care that turns out to be bronchitis plus a dash of thrush of the mouth as a side order. Have two courses of meds to take that if they dont kill me I should get better. ha! ha! (Sandy Kile)

Prayer Request for Donald Trump & his family (March 30, 2023)

Legal problems that affect the entire country.

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: Colossians 2:16-17

Article by Dwight Fleming

Comments by Ray Daly (Lincoln, North Dakota) & Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Ray writes:

Regarding Dwight Fleming's comments regarding Col. 2:16-17.

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Does it not show in the use of "shadow", that it is referring to something not readily identifiable? Let's use the meanings of the Passover as an example. For the Israelites basically understood that the "Lamb" was a type of human sacrifice for them. They knew it, but they did not know what to look for.

Laura writes:

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in regard of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbaths **Col 2:17** Which are a shadow of things to come for the body of Christ. (My Version)

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days; **Col 2:17** Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. (KJV)

These verses are saying that you should not let any man or woman judge you in keeping the law, the annual holy days, the calendar or the weekly sabbaths because all of these things are a shadow of things to come in the future for the church of god, ecclesia, body of Christ.

The word shadow means it is giving us a picture, though small of what is to come in the future. And yes, it is similar to how the sacrifice of the lambs were a shadow of Christ coming and being sacrificed.

Ray writes:

But, when Christ did sacrifice his "Body," it was supposed to be a clear evidence that it was his body that was the picture given by the lamb. The lamb was of someone to come, and Jesus was the "fulfillment of said lamb's sacrifice. Note the word "fulfillment". For it was, as I have read from Hebrew writings, that once the meanings and intents of a holy day were "fulfilled", it was not necessary to any longer use the "shadow" of said holy days. On this point, note that the Jews of Jesus day no longer observed the Passover practice of killing a lamb, and putting the blood on the doors of their homes. They did not do this anymore, simply because, to them, their "Passover Lamb" had already been sacrificed.

Laura writes:

That is right, once Christ was sacrificed along with the Passover lambs that part of the plan of God was fulfilled and there was no longer a need for sacrificing the lambs anymore.

As far as daubing the blood on the door posts, that was a one-time thing in Egypt. It was part of the plagues that God brought on the Egyptians.

The shadows of the law and holy days has not been fulfilled yet, so you still have to keep the law and the holy days that are a part of the Law of God. That has not been done away with or fulfilled.

Ray writes:

Based on what occurred in the early 600's BC, when an individual came into Babylon, and had a ministry the exact same as Jesus did in the 1st century AD. They named him "Bel" and ceased worshipping "Baal". If the reader cares to look up this Bel's ministry, they can look it up on the net (Wikipedia, for example) under the Persian name "Mithra's".

Laura writes:

If you have this information and can prove what you say is true then why don't you just give us the web page address for where you have found this information. The only thing I can find on Wikipedia in regard to "Mithra's or Bel" is that they are pagan God's. In other words they are of Satan and have nothing to do with God the Father or Christ.

Ray writes:

And note that Christ's shed blood and beaten body was for everyone that seeks him. He gave his disciples wine and bread (not unleavened), as a sign of their having accepted his sacrifice. It was a one-time thing for each convert. The apostles and their servants would do the same with each of their "new" converts. Taking the wine and bread regularly, is the same as crucifying Christ over and over again. He told his disciples that when they gave the wine and bread to others, for one time only, then they were picturing what Jesus did for them. For there is no command given to them to do it regularly.

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Laura writes:

If you had not thrown out the Law of God, you would see the command in the bible.

Passover and Unleavened Bread are the same feast.

Eze 45:21 In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

And when it says “this do in remembrance of me” it is saying do it more than once. So if, and most know that Unleavened Bread is to be kept once a year and since Passover and the First Day of Unleavened Bread are the same day then Passover is the first of the appointed annual feast days of God.

Luk 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, **This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **Luk 22:20** Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.**

These verses are talking about Passover.

Exo 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. **Exo 12:15** Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. **Exo 12:16** And in the first day *there shall be* an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save *that* which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

Where in scripture does it say that the bread and wine of Passover is only a onetime thing? Send me the scripture that says that.

In regard to: Biblical Teaching of Sabbath Keeping

Article by Richard Douglas Mauck and Sandra Faye Mauck (Pulaski County, Kentucky)
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Richard & Sandra's Article:

Below, I begin the minimum treatise's I've written to help explain the Sabbath day.

Ten teachings, almost 57,000 words, and over a decade of work. How does one summarize that? Here is what you need to know.

1. Time markers in Scripture.
2. A day start is sunrise.
3. The correct definition of sunrise.
4. The correct definition of sunset.
5. The correct definition of between the evenings.
6. That even/evening is our modern day afternoon.
7. What a perfect week is.
8. How to count 7 perfect weeks to Shavot.
9. The difference between Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
10. Passover is one day.
11. Feast of Unleavened Bread is 7 days.
12. When the word feast is used, you need to know what it means.
13. When the words unleavened feast are used, you need to know what that means.
14. Feast and Unleavened Feast do not always mean the same thing each time they are used.
15. The correct definition of a “high sabbath”.
16. The correct definition of preparation day.
17. Need to know that Rabbinic Judaism does not override Scriptures, it is the other way around.

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18. Need to know that the Last Supper cannot be the Passover feast. If it were, then Christ has sinned.

One can only know these 18 things, by using the proper Calendar of Scripture.

Laura Lee writes:

First I want to say that I am truly sorry that you spent over a decade on this false doctrine. That is a lot of time, so I doubt that you will want to hear what I have to say about all this, however since I let you have your say, I would appreciate it if you listen to what I have to say about all of this. I am going to go over what you sent to us and show you from scripture and a few other documents, where you are wrong. The only thing I have to say about your list above is that it is quite a list, which I do not agree with all of the things on your list but let's continue.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

Calendar of Scripture

Part I - Mechanics of the Calendar

1. I have tried to find a name for the Scriptural Calendar that is not in common usage. There are many people, and I am sure their numbers will grow especially if they borrow from what is written here, that have developed calendars which they name the Bible calendar, Yah's calendar, creation calendar, and more. So, the calendar I have been led to develop is named the Calendar of Scripture, also known as the Scriptural Calendar. I believe this to be the most accurate of all calendars in use today no matter the source or name; be it Julian, Gregorian, Rabbinic Jewish, etc. The importance of this Calendar of Scripture is that it reflects the way time was kept from the beginning (Genesis 1:1) until some time after Yahoshua's departure back to the right hand of the Father.

Laura Lee writes:

It looks like you not only made up your own calendar, but you seem also to be encouraging others to make up their own calendars. There is only one calendar that I know of that has been sanctified and that would be the Hebrew Calendar as preserved for us by the tribe of Judah. The Hebrew Calendar is the most accurate calendar there is. Even after over 1700 years of not being tweaked all the Holy Days fall in the right seasons and the Full Moon always shows up on Passover/First Day of Unleavened Bread and also on the First Day of the Feast of Tabernacles. Not only that but no one made it up. It was the calendar being kept at the time of Christ.

So, tell me Richard, is your calendar sanctified? Does the Full Moon show up every Passover/First Day of Unleavened Bread and every First Day of the Feast of Tabernacles? If not, you may have made up your calendar in vain. Also, by encouraging others to make up their own calendars you are creating a great deal of confusion.

[1Co 14:33](#) For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

To prevent confusion there should only be one calendar by which to keep God's Holy Days. Is your calendar the one that was used at the time of Christ, and can you prove that?

Richard & Sandra's Article:

2. The Scriptural Calendar was changed by Gentile and Jew alike. This is by no means an exhaustive look at some calendars. Hillel II, the son and successor of Judah III, was a Hebrew Sanhedrin leader circa 320-385 AD. Traditionally he is regarded as the creator of the modern Jewish calendar. Others ascribe the Jewish calendar to Moses Maimonides, also known as Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon, sometimes contracted to Rambam, who lived circa 1137-1204 AD. The modern civil calendar, widely in use today, was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII; hence its name of Gregorian calendar. The Jewish calendar is normally referred to as a lunar calendar, even though the movement of the sun is involved in its making, and Gregory's calendar is considered a solar based calendar. The Calendar of Scripture is lunar and solar based, because God has created two time pieces for us to use. Genesis 1:14 KJV, "**And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.**" Genesis 1:16 KJV, "**And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.**" Genesis 1:18 KJV, "**And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.**" Psalm 104:19 KJV, "**He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.**"

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Laura Lee writes:

I don't believe anyone in the Saturday sabbath keeping community would dispute the fact that God gave both the sun and the moon as time pieces and the calendar that most of us keep is a lunar/solar calendar. It is called the Hebrew Calendar.

I noticed that the only scriptures you quoted above were the ones that fit your calendar doctrine. If your calendar is true, why not quote the whole thing?

Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: **Gen 1:15** And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. **Gen 1:16** And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also. **Gen 1:17** And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, **Gen 1:18** And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good. **Gen 1:19** And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

What you are trying to tell us is that your calendar was the one that God used from the beginning of time, however that is not true and people will see that as we get further into this. Richards calendar is based on there being a “New Moon Day” before the seven days of creation. The problem with that is that as you can see the moon was not created until the fourth day of creation, which on Richard's calendar would be the fifth day of creation or Thursday. Do I have that right?

Also you are stating above or at least implying heavily that Maimonides and Hillel II created our modern day Hebrew calendar when that is not true at all:

Moses Maimonides tells us that the moon sightings were secondary to the astronomical calculations in the Sanhedrin at the time of Christ. All Hillel II did was to make those same calendar calculations public:

<https://www.church-of-god-bismarck.org/linked/maimonides.pdf>

From Maimonides page 3

4. The court used to employ methods of calculation of the kind employed by astronomers in order to ascertain whether the new moon of the coming month would be seen to the north or to the south of the sun, whether its latitude would be wide or narrow, and in which direction the tips of its horns would point. And when witnesses appeared in order to testify, the court used to examine them as follows: Where did you see the new moon, to the north or to the south? In which direction did its horns point? How great was its altitude, in the estimate of your eyes, and how wide its latitude? If their testimony was found to conform with the results of astronomical calculation, it was accepted; but if it was found not to conform, it was rejected. From: [Maimonides-P.pdf \(church-of-god-bismarck.org\)](#)

From “The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar” by Arthur Spier:

In the fourth century, however, when oppression and persecution threatened the continued existence of the Sanhedrin, the patriarch Hillel II took an extraordinary step to preserve the unity of Israel. In order to prevent the Jews scattered all over the surface of the earth from celebrating their New Moons, festivals, and holidays at different times, he made public the system of **calendar calculation which up to then had been a closely guarded secret**. It had been used in the past only to check the observations and testimonies of witnesses, and to determine the beginnings of the spring season.

In accordance with this system, **Hillel II formally sanctified all months in advance**, and intercalated all future leap years until such time as a new, recognized Sanhedrin would be established in Israel. (End Quote)

As you can see the Hebrew calendar complete with the correct holy days and their correct dates was sanctified into the future by the Sanhedrin which at the time of Christ was given the job of sanctifying the calendar all through the years that the Sanhedrin existed. The Jews at the time the Sanhedrin could no longer meet to sanctify the calendar understood full well that people would fall into confusion as the church of God has done in our day if they did not make the calendar calculations public so everyone could keep the same days at the same time.

For those who do not understand the Hebrew Calendar I suggest you read Maimonides, The Comprehensive Hebrew

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Calendar by Arthur Spier and Understanding the Jewish Calendar by Rabbi Nathan Bushwick. Also pay close attention to articles we print in regard to the Holy Days and Weekly Sabbaths as the dates given for the Holy Days on the Hebrew Calendar can all be proven from scripture.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

3. Even though Scripture does not teach a calendar, one can reasonably deduce from the information given that a solar year was three hundred sixty days in the beginning, with twelve lunar months of thirty days each. Genesis 7:11 KJV, "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." Genesis 8:3-4 KJV, "3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. 4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat." It appears that here in Genesis we are shown that a five month period was exactly one hundred fifty days or five thirty-day months.

Laura Lee writes:

Do you honestly believe that God would tell us to keep His Holy Days and then He would not leave us a calendar to keep them by?

Calendars are not based on past conditions. Calendars are based on what we have now. When Noah was in the ark, it was a transition between pre-flood time and after-flood time. Just about everything changed during the flood. What we are left with today is 365.2422 days in a year on a solar calendar. This is why February has a 29th day every four years plus some other calculations to do with this method still coming up short.

A lunar year is 354.37 days long and a lunar month is approximately 29.530589 days long. So, as you can see neither of these is anywhere near a year consisting of 360 days or 30 days in a month. To top all that off, you have to use both the sun and the moon in God's Calendar, and I know of no one who can do this perfectly, but the Hebrew Calendar is pretty close to keeping perfect time. For those who have studied the Hebrew Calendar, it is said to be the most accurate calendar that ever was.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

4. The changes in format of the Calendar of Scripture is the most drastic when placing the days of a month in their proper spots. For those who religiously follow the current modern calendars in use, both the Rabbinic and Gregory's calendar, this placement of the days within a month will disturb your sensibilities the most. I suggest, if you want to make use of this calendar for prophecy, for tracking of events and festivals and sabbaths, and especially for discerning the order of events in the histories written in the Bible, that you should just get over it. Check the calendar out, use it, and learn to think outside the box*.

*NOTE: Interestingly, under the unktion of the Holy Ghost, I started the box thing a couple of decades back, around 1985-6. It was strange to see when it started to make the mainstream circa 2005. It's in commercials, it's on the news, it's in the workplace and marketplace. It was originally employed as a witnessing example. It originally was used to help people be set free to come to know the one true God and His Son that sacrificed His Blood and Life so that man could be reconciled to Him. Now it is used by the secular world to sell tacos.

Laura Lee writes:

I think you might have a problem being reconciled to God if you insist on making up your own calendar and then telling God where His Holy Days are on it.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

5. When it comes to keeping track of God's time pieces, we can only make guesses as to how He started it all and what has changed since then. A day is normally considered to be approximately twenty-four hours from one sunrise to the next.

Laura Lee writes:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And yes, there are 24 hours in a day.

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Richard & Sandra’s Article:

6. The moon goes through phases throughout a month. In the beginning and now, a new moon always started a month. A new moon is the day that the disc of the moon is dark and therefore not visible. In the beginning of time there were two new moon days every month; one at the beginning and one at the end of every month with four seven-day weeks in-between. Now, some months do not end with a new moon day and those months only have twenty-nine days in them. The beauty of this calendar is that if one ever becomes disoriented and loses track of the days or months, all that needs to be done is to wait for the new moon and you can start counting the months again.

Laura Lee writes:

I believe someone has led you astray. There is only one new moon per month, just like there is only 1 full moon per month. And it shows up once approximately every 29.5 days.

From the Farmer’s Almanac:

The new Moon marks the beginning of a lunar cycle. This means that there's a new Moon about once a month, because the Moon takes about a month (29.5 days) to orbit Earth.

Richard & Sandra’s Article:

7. Please note that there is a difference between a new moon and a new moon day. A new moon is the day that zero percent of the moon's crescent is visible. A new moon is assigned to always be the first of a month, and in a thirty day month the thirtieth is a new moon day. The first of every month is always a new moon as well as a new moon day. The thirtieth of a month is a new moon day, but it is not a new moon. Sometimes the thirtieth of a month new moon day might have a one to three percent crescent visible, although with that small a crescent it may not be detectible with the naked eye.

Laura Lee writes:

I believe you are now playing word games. There is only one new moon approximately every 29.5 days. The new moon day is the first day of a lunar month. The thirtieth day of the month is just that, the thirtieth day of the month. No more and no less. Saying there are two new moon days in a month is like saying there are two full moons per month and there is actually only one full moon per lunar month.

Richard & Sandra’s Article:

8. In the beginning there were probably 360 days in a year. Now, so we are told, a year is a little over 364 days. There is no longer 12 months of 30 days each in the Calendar of Scripture. Instead, six of the months have only 29 days in them. Every several years a leap month must be added to the calendar. The modern Rabbinic calendar also does this same thing.

9. The leap months can occur every two or three years and roughly even themselves out in a nineteen year cycle. This is what the current Rabbinic calendar does and today's Scriptural Calendar follows the same pattern. But outside of the occasional insertion of a leap month between the eleventh and twelfth months and the counting of years the similarity between the two calendars differs greatly.

10. In Gregory's calendar there is only one type of day in a week, month, or year, and that is a weekday; in other words, a day that is part of a seven day week. A day must be a Sunday, or Monday, or Tuesday, or Wednesday, or Thursday, or Friday, or Saturday. There are no other choices in Gregory's calendar. The modern Rabbinic calendar does not have only one type of day in a week, month, or year, as Gregory's has, but there are two types of days. There are the work days in a week, six of them, followed by a sabbath day of rest. If one overlays the modern Rabbinic calendar with Gregory's calendar then the seven days of a modern Hebrew week, for convenience sake only, can be called a Sunday, or Monday, or Tuesday, or Wednesday, or Thursday, or Friday, and Saturday is unique because it is called the weekly sabbath day. The sabbath is different than the other days because the first six days are work days and the sabbath is a rest day. Both the modern Rabbinic calendar and Gregory's calendar are inferior calendars. One cannot hope to keep track of prophecy, or festival times, or a sabbath day, or even a month, with these calendars.

Laura Lee writes:

You do realize that the Gregory Calendar as you call it has nothing at all to do with the Hebrew Calendar. And the Hebrew Calendar is inferior because your calendar is superior? You made up your calendar. Those of us who use the Hebrew

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Calendar are not having a problem using it to keep track of Holy Days or Weekly Sabbaths, I am sorry that you do not understand the Hebrew Calendar. I know you don't understand the Hebrew Calendar because of statements you have made about it thus far.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

11. The Scriptural Calendar can easily keep track of the weekly sabbaths, the other annual sabbaths, a month, and it can assist one in calculating prophecy dates more accurately. The Scriptural Calendar does not only have one type of day as Gregory's calendar, or only two types of days as the Rabbinic Judaism calendar, but it has three types of days. The make-up of a month with a balance of new moon days and perfect weeks is where the strangeness comes in to the current mindset as I wrote in paragraph four above. The three types of days are new moon days, work days, and weekly sabbath days. Work days cover Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Work days are never new moon days and they are never a weekly sabbath day or Saturday. Weekly sabbaths are always Saturdays. Special sabbath days and festivals can land on any day from Sunday through Saturday and they can even overlap with a new moon day as it does on the first day of the seventh month of Ethanim (aka Tishrei). Numbers 29:1 KJV, "**And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.**" New moon days are unique to most people's idea of a type of day and will be discussed in its own paragraph. 2 Kings 4:23 KJV, "**And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.**" Colossians 2:16 KJV, "**Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days.**"

Laura Lee writes:

The first day of the seventh month is the Feast of Trumpets and it is the day the entire Hebrew Calendar is set by.

And why don't you quote Colossians 2:16-17 so you get the full meaning of what is being said?

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in **regard** of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the **sabbaths** **Col 2:17** Which are a shadow of things to come **for** the body of Christ. (My Version)

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in **respect** of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the **sabbath days**; **Col 2:17** Which are a shadow of things to come; **but** the body **is** of Christ. (KJV)

I am not quite sure how you are using Colossians 2:16-17 here but most non Sabbath Keepers use it to do away with the Law of God and the Holy Days. If you keep the Holy Days they picture the plan of God, if you don't keep them you are blind to the plan of God. What these verses are saying is to not judge people because they keep food laws or laws of God and annual holy days and the new moon day and the weekly sabbaths. So here we are talking about food laws and the law of God, annual sabbaths and weekly sabbaths. When it speaks of the new moon day here it is specifically referring to Feast of Trumpets and indirectly to the calendar which is set by the first day of the seventh month or Tishri one.

In verse 17 it is telling us that the things in verse 16 are a shadow of the things to come for the body of Christ. In other words, the things in verse 16 are all the things which tell us about the plan of God. The two verses go together, and they abolish nothing. They are both referring to the plan of God for His people.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

12. A new moon always begins each of the twelve months and the thirteenth month in a leap month year. If there are two new moon days in a row, the first new moon day is the thirtieth day of a month and the second new moon day is the first day of the next month. It is speculated that in the beginning that there were always two new moon days in a month, therefore, every month had thirty days. In modern times, there are some months with only twenty-nine days because there is only one new moon day in that month. New moon days only fall on the first or the thirtieth of a month. Work days never land on the first or thirtieth of a month. The first and the thirtieth of a month are never part of a week; in other words, new moon days are never a Sunday, or Monday, or Tuesday, or Wednesday, or Thursday, or Friday, or Saturday. New moon days are an entity of their own, they are not part of a week, ever. But new moon days are part of a month. Remember, you must think outside of the box, because new moon days are outside the weekly box. The lack of understanding of this Scriptural Calendar is why the modern Rabbinic calendar is so complicated and messed up. Gregory's calendar cannot compete either.

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Laura Lee writes:

Personally, I believe the only messed up calendar here is yours. Who is speculating that there were two new moon days in a month from the beginning? Where is it in scripture? Again, the new moon only happens approximately every 29.5 days, so you can only have one new moon in a lunar month.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

13. Please think about this. Since the first of a month is always a new moon day which is not part of a week, then the second of every month is always a Sunday. And this is true all the way back to creation week. Therefore, the weekly sabbath always lands on the eighth of every month, all the way back to creation week. It never changes. Add seven days to the eighth of a month and you have the fifteenth, and that is always a sabbath too - in every month, every where, all the time, in history. Add another seven days and the twenty-second is always a weekly sabbath and so is the twenty-ninth. These dates and their assigned slots within a week never change. As the first of a month hangs by itself outside of a week, but within a month, so does the thirtieth of a month.

Laura Lee writes:

No one needs to think outside of any box for this calendar. Your calendar is a mess and I know of no one who would keep it except you and your wife perhaps. And the Sabbath is the seventh day of creation and not the eighth day of creation. You actually just put God in your box and called God a liar. If God had a day called a new moon day before the first day of creation week He would have said so, but He did not.

Not only that but by your inserting a new moon day before the first day of creation week you are claiming there was a moon before the first day of creation week. The moon was created on the fourth day of creation week (Genesis 1:14-19) not before creation week and not on the fifth day of your calendar. And don't try to tell us it was only a new moon day and not a new moon, because you already explained the difference between a new moon and a new moon day and the first day of a month on your calendar is always a new moon, but there was no moon before the first day of creation week.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

14. New moon days are non-work days, but there is no Scriptural prohibition from performing work on a new moon day, unless it is an annual sabbath day. New moon days, traditionally, were used as non-work days. But, under the Torah, no laws or rules were broken if someone chose to work on a new moon day. New moon days are not weekly sabbath days either. A new moon day can be an annual sabbath day if God has designated it as such as He did for the first of Ethanim (the seventh month).

15. Sample Calendar month follows:

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14 15
16 17 18 19 20 21 22
23 24 25 26 27 28 29
(30)

Every month follows this pattern.

Laura Lee writes:

So above is Richard's calendar month. The first and the thirtieth day if there is one is not counted as part of a week. The first and the thirtieth if there is one are only counted as part of a month.

It totally falls apart when you look in Genesis one as God counts down the days and see that God did not include a new moon day, in His creation, that falls outside of the week.

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It would be pretty hard for this new moon day to exist outside of the week from the beginning since scripture says the following.

Gen 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the **lesser light to rule the night:** *he made* the stars also. **Gen 1:17** And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, **Gen 1:18** And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good. **Gen 1:19** **And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.**

God didn't even create the moon until the fourth day of creation. If a new moon day is outside of the weeks, then God would have had to create the moon before the first day as spoken of in Genesis. You cannot have a new moon day either inside the box or outside the box without a moon. And there was no moon until the fourth day of creation.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

16. With the knowledge of this calendar one can always know when a weekly sabbath is; however, that is not important anymore. One can always know that Passover is the fourteenth and it is always a Friday, every year, and never changes. And so it is with every holiday or festival day. It is the same day of the month, every year, never a change. For those ministries, and I have not found one that is correct yet (but I have not seen all of them), that mistakenly dream up the events of crucifixion week, one can now determine, from Scripture, the true sequence of events. The Last Supper was on Wednesday, the crucifixion took place on Thursday, Passover was Friday.

Laura Lee writes:

Did you take math in school? Because if you did take math in school none of what you just said would even add up to anything. The last supper that Christ ate with His disciples was on a Tuesday night. Christ was crucified on Wednesday afternoon (between the evenings). Wednesday was the preparation day for Passover/First Day of Unleavened Bread. He was put in the tomb just before sunset on Wednesday and He rose just before Sunset on Saturday, which put Him in the grave for 3 Days and 3 Nights exactly as scripture tells us.

Mat 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

From scripture we know that Christ was risen already when they came to the tomb with spices on Sunday morning the first day of the week.

Mat 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Mar 16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

Luk 24:1 Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.

Joh 20:1 The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

And if you sincerely believe the weekly Sabbath is no longer important, tell that to God and see where it lands you. It is written into the law of God and the law has not been done away as many seem to believe.

Deu 5:6 I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. **Deu 5:7** Thou shalt have none other gods before me. **Deu 5:8** Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven image, *or any likeness of any thing that is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the waters beneath the earth: **Deu 5:9** Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me, **Deu 5:10** And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments. **Deu 5:11** Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain:

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for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless that taketh his name in vain. [Deu 5:12](#) Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. [Deu 5:13](#) Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: [Deu 5:14](#) But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. [Deu 5:15](#) And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day. [Deu 5:16](#) Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. [Deu 5:17](#) Thou shalt not kill. [Deu 5:18](#) Neither shalt thou commit adultery. [Deu 5:19](#) Neither shalt thou steal. [Deu 5:20](#) Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour. [Deu 5:21](#) Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any *thing* that *is* thy neighbour's. [Deu 5:22](#) These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone and delivered them unto me.

Most people who believe the ten commandments are to be kept keep all of them except the Sabbath Command which they throw out as well as all the annual Holy Days. Is there a problem with keeping God's Sabbath? Why not just get rid of all of the commandments and then your life will be better when people come and try to murder you because murder is okay for people to do without a law?

My question to you is why do you need a calendar? You don't believe you need to keep the Law of God, so why do you need a calendar? (It becomes apparent later in this article that Richard does not believe the Law of God is to be kept by Christians, that it was only for the Israelites.)

Richard & Sandra's Article:

17. I have not found anyone who makes a calendar like this. I make one for myself. Then I overlay Gregory's calendar so that I can keep proper track of all days and events. The only calendars I see in the marketplace, take Gregory's calendar and overlay the modern Rabbinic calendar on top of it. No where to be seen is the Calendar of Creation. There are a few people who have constructed a nearly correct calendar from Scripture. But some fail to begin the day at the correct time, and some fail to begin the month on the correct day due to a mistaken understanding of what constitutes a new moon. Sometimes these calendars, as well as the Rabbinic calendars, are up to two and three days off in the beginning of a month.

Laura Lee writes:

I find your calendar to be way off. And once again Gregory's calendar is not a part of the Hebrew Calendar, nor has it ever been. The Gregorian calendar was not even created until 1582. The Hebrew calendar has been in use since before Christ. As we already went over, the moon was not even created until the fourth day so according to you, even God does not have a perfect calendar such as yours which starts a month with a new moon day.

As far as the Hebrew Calendar goes, it is set from Tishri one and is meant to slide a little bit in order to have all annual holy days show up at the appointed time of God. Passover/First Day of Unleavened Bread and the First Day of the Feast of Tabernacles are always on a Full Moon and Tishri one is a New Moon. Your calendar prevents Passover and Tabernacles from showing up on a Full Moon.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

18. With this calendar other mysteries clear up as well. We can know that the seven days of creation did not end with the seventh day landing on a sabbath. That is why it is not called a sabbath, it is only called the seventh day on which God ceased from His work of creating. He ceased from His work on a Friday. But one must also know when a day begins, or one cannot properly know how to calculate this calendar. One must know where to place the International Dateline on its proper meridian (Deuteronomy 11:12 KJV, "[A land which \[Yahowah\] thy God careth for: the eyes of \[Yahowah\] thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.](#)"). Then one can determine what is meant in Scripture about the countdown to Shavuot which includes the counting of perfect weeks. One must know what a perfect week means. One can learn the proper meaning of "between the evenings". One can learn the true significance of "after the sabbaths" when the Marys arrived at Yahoshua's tomb after the crucifixion. **Basically, a whole wealth of**

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misinterpreted terms and sequences suddenly blossom to life from the pages of Scripture when one knows how to properly construct and use the Calendar of Scripture.

Laura Lee writes:

Wow, these things blossomed for me and a lot of other people without the use of your calendar, for no one has heard of your calendar unless they accidentally came across your website. Looks to me like your calendar is becoming more complicated as you go through things.

Exo 20:11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

Exo. 20:11 is referring to Gen. 2:2-3 so it doesn't matter if God didn't say in Genesis that the seventh day was a Sabbath day because He tells you for sure that it was in Exo. 20:11.

Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. **Gen 2:3** And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

A perfect week is seven days whether it is on your calendar, the Gregorian Calendar or the Hebrew Calendar. The count to Shavuot starts the day after Passover or Nisan 16.

Jos 5:10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal; and they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. **Jos 5:11** And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes and parched corn, in the selfsame day. (King James Version)

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Wycliffe's Bible tells us that they kept Passover in Gilgal on the fourteenth at eventide which is the end of the day at sunset. Passover is kept on Nisan 15 from evening to evening or from sunset to sunset and the morrow after the Passover they were eating the fruit of the land because they had already made the wave sheaf offering on Nisan 16 which is the day after the Passover (meal and death angel passing over).

And that should answer as to when the days start and end. They go from sunset to sunset and not from morning to morning as I am sure you are going to try to tell us.

Richard & Sandra's Article:

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In regard to: “And the Earth Helped the Woman”

Article by Rich Traver

Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Please remember that all prophecy is not set in stone. As we watch the end times develop, we may have to tweak some prophecies and not others.

The only thing I have to say about this particular article is as follows:

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil **is come down** unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. **Rev**

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12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child*. (KJV)

Some people think that Revelation 12:12-13 is talking about Satan recently being thrown from heaven. I am not clear on whether the author of this article believes that or not. These two verses are using past tense language. Satan was in the Garden of Eden, so we know from that that Satan was cast down to the earth in the beginning, probably sometime shortly after creation week.

The other point I want to add to this is that the Church of God meaning to most, those who came out of the Worldwide Church of God are the only ones that are considered as the elect? There is nothing in scripture that says that. The Saints or ecclesia are a group of people that keep the commandments of God. They are scattered throughout the world. The bigger picture here is that you are not saved because you go by the banner church of God or because you came out of the Worldwide Church of God. You have to be keeping the law of God and many of you are not doing that especially when you make up your own calendars and then put your own holy days on those calendars that you have created with your own hands with no authority from God. In this day and age, we also have many Sunday keeping churches going under the name "Church of God". So, if any of you believe you are saved because you came out of the Worldwide Church of God or because you are in a split off group called the Church of God, I would caution you to get rid of that idea or you may be sorry in the end.

The true ecclesia which consists of those who keep the commandments of God are the Church of God whereas a church group titled that may actually not have any of the true ecclesia in the whole group.

Announcements

Announcement from Craig White (March 28, 2023)

Check out Ronald's books at <https://ronaldwlodyga.wixsite.com/ron-s-books>

Announcement from Rich Traver (March 30, 2023)

The real reason they want you to hate Donald Trump

<https://twitter.com/PTRUMPFORTX2020/status/1641139526205599745>

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

Other Items

(Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

Human Control

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It seems that a number of people replying to this post on Twitter are rather uninformed, like most people who still rely on and believe the lying MSM narrative. You may have seen that the Moroccan Oper. Warp Speed architect who convinced Trump to pursue the poison (NOT a vaccine by any stretch of the imagination) was hung this past Monday at GITMO.

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<https://realrawnews.com/2023/03/radical-muslim-operation-warp-speed-architect-hanged-at-gitmo>

You may wish to listen to these two final videos from the Cabal Sequel series by the people in the Netherlands. It perfectly summarizes the REAL TRUTH about what has happened in the past 3 years throughout the world, which was simply a "test" for human control!

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/OfQHCaSZ1b1F/>

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Pruning Season

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We are told to "examine ourselves" before taking the Passover. Jesus said that He is the vine and we are the branches and His Father is the husbandman (John 15:1-5). The husbandman's job is to make the vine more fruitful. This involves watering, fertilizing, and PRUNING.

This pruning or cutting process may be painful but necessary. We are also being shaped as a stone to fit in God's house. This shaping or cutting is not easy but necessary to shape us to fulfill God's purpose.

A recent email from Lance Wallnau discusses this process that I found inspiring. I have copied it below for your personal review:

Surviving The Cut

Editor's Note: We were unable to get permission for reprint in a timely manner so just use the link above. Laura Lee

Notes