

Creation -- is *The Earth* Millions of Years Old?

by Terry Knutson (South Dakota)

The purpose of this article is to show why I believe that the creation of Genesis 1 was the original creation not a recreation.

Within the last 10 years in the Churches of God organizations many of the doctrines have come up for study. Many people have gone back and reprov'd their beliefs. There have been many controversies, to name a few, Passover, Pentecost, sacred names, calendar, etc. The most recent, (The Deity of Christ).

There is one doctrine that is carried over from the old Worldwide Church of God into all of the offshoots that no one seems to have looked into.

I am surprised that no one has written anything about it by now.

That is the doctrine on Creation.

The doctrine according to the Churches of God states that in the beginning millions or billions of years ago God created the universe and earth and then put Lucifer and his angels on the earth to administer God's government and then some time later Lucifer and 1/3 of the angels rebelled and left the earth in a catastrophic condition and then God recreated the earth in the 6 days mentioned in Genesis 1:2-31.

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Evolution, Evolution Mutation or Creation?

by Laura Lee (North Dakota)

Some people are teaching evolution, in that we evolved over millions or billions of years. Some people are teaching what is known as the "Gap" doctrine, which seems to be a mutation of evolution and creation combined. Those who promote and teach a "Gap" doctrine, generally use Genesis 1:2 to prove there is a "Gap" in the creation account, saying there were millions or billions of years between verses 1 and 2. There are so many variations of these evolution and mutated evolution doctrines that it would take volumes to write them all down. So instead, what we need to do is look at what the Bible, God's word has to say about the "Creation Account".

I will systematically go through the "Creation Account" as stated in Genesis 1:1 through Genesis 2:4 to prove from scripture that God really did create the heavens and the Earth in six days, with no gap, and that our planet Earth is only about 6000 years old.

"Creation Account" Day #1--Genesis 1

1. In the beginning (Strong's #7225) God created (Strong's #1254) the heaven (Strong's #8064) and the earth (Str. #776).

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What is the Mark of the Beast?

by Laura Lee (North Dakota)

In Revelation 13:16-17 it says "And he (the antichrist) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a **mark** in their right hand or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The word all in verse 16 is further explained in Strong's #3956--"... "the whole world has gone after him" Did all the world go after Christ? "then went all Judea, and were baptized of him in Jordan." Was all Judea, or all Jerusalem, baptized in Jordan? "Ye are of God, little children", and "the whole world lieth in the wicked one". Does the whole world there mean everybody? The words "world" and "all" are used in some seven or eight senses in Scripture, and it is very rarely that "all" means all persons, taken individually..."

Further evidence for this definition of all is given when we read in Revelation 20:4 "...and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands;" In other words scripture shows that not all people will receive the mark of the beast.

Strong's #3956 for the word all has two separate definitions, they are as follows: 1. individually a. each, every, any, all, the whole,

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What Ezekiel 38-39 Reveals About a Future World War III

--- Part #6

by Steven M. Collins (South Dakota)

Other Resources:

This concludes this detailed explanation of the critically-important prophecy of Ezekiel 38-39. A few closing issues need to be addressed. While the roles of many nations are identified in this research report, some are not. This author previously authored another lengthy research report on the topic of prophecy which includes more detailed information comparing Ezekiel 38-39 with other "latter day" prophecies found in Daniel, Numbers and other books of the Bible. The other research report identifies more modern

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Framed for Murder by Officers of the Law

The P. F. Lazor Story--Part #2

by P. F. Lazor (California)

PRISON: THE NIGHTMARE HAD NOT YET BEGUN -21 YEARS OF TORTURE LATER, STILL IN PRISON TWELVE YEARS AFTER PAROLE DATE PASSED

I have never been legally sentenced to prison -- for 21 years. The judge refused to let me complete my motion for new trial before pronouncing judgment. California statutory law (Penal Code §1202) says that makes my judgment and sentence void; it doesn't legally exist. The courts have no regard for what any law says in this case. But, assuming my commitment to prison had been legal, my parole

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Disclaimer of Arlan Weight's Article: Go To Your Brother... -- Part #2 (January 2006)

Arlan Weight's article:

It most assuredly hinders the success, especially if the first time the person involved in the infraction, finds out, is when the minister shows up at his or her doorstep. How often has this occurred? And then we wonder why the bad attitude. How would you feel if you're confronted by the minister of some perceived problem and its the first time you became aware of it? What kind of thoughts would run through your mind? What kind of feelings would it generate toward the people you suspect informed the minister? Would you have a bad attitude?

Look at what Proverbs 18:8 says "The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly" ...kind of like an ulcer. If you've ever had one, you know it's always a touchy thing from then on. So also is talebearing, it's always in the back of your mind of what someone else said about you. They may have thought they were doing right when they told the minister, but again it's not what the instruction says. It says "go and tell him his fault between you and him alone."

In fact the problem may just go away by itself if we give it a little time to let the dust settle. Take a look at Proverbs 26:20. "Where no wood is, there the fire goes out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceases."

So this is the first thing that went wrong in trying to reconcile a brother over some perceived problem. Instead of helping the situation, telling the minister introduced another problem, and maybe involved more people now. It's not hard to see how some simple little thing can grow and grow when this kind of thing takes place. Let's be honest about it, can we admit that this has happened, maybe we were even involved in the telling.

Gaining Your Brother...

Going to your brother, one on one is for the purpose of 'gaining your brother'. One can see this from the context and the way it is written. If it is just for the sake of airing out your grievance with him, there would be no need to do the next phase of taking one or two others with you.

When coupled with Matthew 5:24 one can see **Jesus' strong emphasis is on reconciliation and nothing less. One can see it is so important that unless you have spent effort to reconcile, you might as well forget your prayers being answered.**

He's saying don't even think about talking to me until you've settled matters with your brother.

Darwin & Laura Lee (North Dakota) write:

Arlan leaves out a very important verse here and in our recent dealings with him after having caught him in a sin, we can clearly see why he left this verse out and you will also see as you go through this. Matthew 5:23-24 go together. If you separate these two verses you lose the instruction.

Matthew 5:23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest **that thy brother hath ought against thee;** Matthew 5:24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, **first be reconciled to thy brother,** and then come and offer thy gift. What we are talking about here, is if you harmed or injured or sinned against your brother or sister in any way and you know it because your **brother or sister told you about it,** then you best go first and try to reconcile with your brother before you offer your gift to God, because if you do not, God will not hear you.

Matthew 18:15-17 is the instruction for the person who has been wronged by another person and Matthew 5:23-24 is the instruction for the person who has done the wrong thing to another person.

Reconciliation between people is of the utmost importance to God, but it cannot take place unless both parties follow the instructions intended for them in the Bible.

When we use Matthew 18:15-17 to try to restore a brother or sister to the Kingdom of God and/or to friendship, there is only so much we can do on our own. We go to our brother or sister and try to tell them what the problem is, but if they do not even want to acknowledge what they did to us then they are not sorry and they will continue to do the same thing to us and/or others. This would mean that you have not been able to restore this brother or sister back to the Kingdom of God and/or to friendship.

When you apply Matthew 18:15-17 or it's principles to straighten out a matter between you and a brother or a sister, please don't feel as if you have failed when you are unable to restore that brother or sister back to the Kingdom of God and/or to friendship, because there is more to the instruction.

One of the main and leading reasons why there are so many splits in the Church of God today and why there are so many problems in the world, is because most people do not want to admit they even did anything wrong to injure or hurt another person. You can go to a person as Matthew 18:15-17 says and we should because it is a command of God. But even when you follow that instruction in Matthew 18:15-17 to the

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minutest detail of the instruction you will in many cases fail to restore that brother or sister to the Kingdom of God and/or to friendship, and the reason is that people do not want to admit that they have done

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Power Steering in Our Lives

by Ted Saunders (Washington)

Solomon asked God for help when he became king over Israel.

5. In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and **God said, Ask what I shall give thee.**
6. And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.
7. And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and **I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.**
8. And thy servant *is* in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.
9. **Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people**, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?
10. And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.
11. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and **hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies;** but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; (1 Kings 3:5-11)

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Place Commandments in One's Heart

by Wayne Schatzle (Ohio)

In the aftermath of shootings at high schools - many are now taking a serious look at our failures of present-day parenting. One such effort to rectify the moral decline in our young is a movement to install the Ten Commandments in our schools. I personally like the idea, yet it would represent several problems for most Americans.

First, it would be necessary to legally establish this is, indeed, a nation that recognizes the God of Abraham, Jacob and Moses, and his code of righteousness; that we acknowledge God has authority over us and we accept our part of the covenant attached to those laws.

Secondly, we must not only hang those tablets on the wall as just another stone idol - but we try our best to keep those laws, not our children only, but the parents as well.

Third, major overhauls must take place in our Christian denominations. Most are thinking with their heart by wanting the Commandments in place and forgetting that most churches today believe, as an article of faith, that the law is "done away" with and trying to obey anything would be some sort of insult to "faith."

Some rather creative language is used to give the appearance of seeking God, all the while showing contempt for what he says. One commentator characterized the Ten Commandments posting as a last-ditch effort by the all but dead 30-year-old "moral majority" movement who has tried in vain to instill character apart from adherence to God's law. I would suggest that before a person joins any movement to put the Ten Commandments anywhere, he or she first consider putting them where God intended them to be in the first place - in your heart - and find out exactly what your church does believe about the law. God's law is holy, the Commandments are holy and just and good, and any

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The Great Commission -- Matthew 28:19-20 -- Part #1

by Larry Volk (North Dakota)

Traditional Christianity (Catholicism and Protestantism) is very zealous about what it erroneously believes is the mission of the Church of God. Matthew 28:19-20 is perhaps one of the most quoted yet misunderstood passages in scripture.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (age)."

Matthew 28:19-20

Traditional Christianity has misapplied Matthew 28:19-20; taking these verses out of their historical and chronological context in order to justify numerous centuries of atrocities that were committed in the name of God (The crusades, various Inquisitions both Catholic and Protestant, as well as numerous religious wars down through the centuries).

Traditional Christianity erroneously teaches that the Apostles were sent out to preach the gospel to the world, preaching conversion or suffer the torment of eternal damnation in hell fire. It is quite easy to justify this subtle twisting of Scripture when it is quoted out of its historical and biblical context. However, when quoted in its biblical context, Matthew 28:19-20 becomes historically relevant and brings Holy Scripture to life.

What was the "Great Commission" Jesus the Christ spoke of? What did He say his commission was? What did He tell the Apostles their commission was? What was the commission Jesus Christ gave to the Apostle Paul?

Did the resurrected Christ give the Apostles one last universal commission just before his ascension; or was the resurrected Christ giving

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This is called The Gap Theory. This is the term I will use from now on in this article. I plan on showing that to believe in the Gap Theory requires a lot of speculation and scripture twisting. I plan on showing that the Bible teaches a recent creation around 6,000 years ago.

In Gen. 1:2--The earth was -Hebrew word for was is Hayetah. In the Old Testament it is used at least 3000 times. It is translated as was and not have become. Hebrew linguists have almost uniformly rejected the translation became or have become.

The earth was without form and void-Tohu and Bohu. Gap theorists say tohu and bohu describes a chaotic condition as the result of judgment. I believe the proper translation is unformed and unfilled. After the first day of creation, the earth was unformed and unfilled and God took the next 5 days to form and fill it. The Tanakh reads-- when God began to create heaven and earth, the earth being unformed and void. This is probably the more accurate translation.

On day 4 when God made the sun, Gap theorists really do some scripture twisting - now they say he made the sun billions of years ago at the creation but he made it reappear on the fourth day. If this is true, then Gen. 1:25 when God made the beasts of the field the Heb. word for made ASA 6213 in Strong's and also has the same meaning in Gen. 1:16 for the word made--and God made two great lights and also in Gen. 1:26 make is the same word--and God said let us make man in our own image and likeness and let them have dominion. Did God make Adam billions of years earlier and then thaw him out on day 6?

The word for created is Bara Strong's number 1254 and is used interchangeably with ASA throughout Chapter 1. In Gen. 1:26 Gods says let us make and in 27 it says so God created man. In Gen. 2:3 it says 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.

People should read the Bible for what it says and don't try to read their own ideas into it. Read Ex. 20:11--For in 6 days the Lord God made heaven and earth and all that in them is-- how much plainer can you get.

In Mark 10:6--But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. Christ specifically says that it was from the beginning not a recreation. Christ is quoting from Genesis 1:27.

Gen. 3:20 says Eve was the mother of all living, proving that there could not have been any people living on the earth before Adam and Eve.

Now some of you are going to ask when did Lucifer fall or sin? Now I will come to that.

When God said in Gen. 1:31- Behold it was very good, he meant what he said. This was a sparkling, crisp, new creation. There was not or never up to this time any death or suffering or any sin. If you believe that Ezekiel 28:13--refers to Lucifer it says he was perfect in the Garden of Eden. Ezekiel 28 seems to indicate that the Garden of Eden was with Adam and Eve and not up in heaven or any preadamite Garden of Eden. The Gap theorist says this means heaven or a Garden of Eden before Adam.

Gen. 1:26--Adam was to have dominion over the whole earth, how could he have had dominion if Satan was already the God of the world?

Satan sinned or rebelled after the first week of creation -- The Book of Jubilees says 7 years. I am not saying this is right or not, but it had to be before Cain was born.

15. And in the first week of the first jubilee, Adam and his wife were in the garden of Eden for seven years tilling and keeping it, and we gave him work and we instructed him to do everything that is suitable for tillage.

16. And he tilled (the garden), and was naked and knew it not, and was not ashamed, and he protected the garden from the birds and beasts and cattle, and gathered its fruit, and eat, and put aside the residue for himself and for his wife [and put aside that which was being kept].

17. And after the completion of the seven years, which he had completed there, seven years exactly, and in the second month, on the seventeenth day (of the month), the serpent came and approached the woman, and the serpent said to the woman, 'Hath God commanded you, saying, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?' (The Book of Jubilees 3:15-17)

Lucifer possibly got upset about serving Adam because Heb. 1:4 says about angels, aren't they all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them which shall be heirs of salvation.

The purpose of angels were to serve man, never to have their own society where they administer God's government.

In Gen. 1:28---Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth is used to imply that there was life on earth before Adam and Eve. The word replenish comes from the Hebrew word Strong's number 4390 Male pronounced Maw-law, it means to fill, it does not mean to refill --look it up in the Strong's. Most of the translations say fill not refill.

Death Before Sin?

The people who believe in the Gap Theory, don't understand Romans 5:12--Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin and so death

passed upon all men for that all have sinned.

Genesis 3:21---When Adam sinned, then God probably killed two lambs or sheep to cover them, this had to be the first time in all of the creation that blood was shed. This brought death into the world because of sin. Sin caused all the death, bloodshed and suffering that was to come. So you could not have had anybody living before Adam and Eve. You could not have had any animal death before the sheep were killed to cover sin. If there was any death before sin, that would make God responsible for death. God is not responsible for death--sin is the cause of all death, bloodshed and suffering.

Romans 8:20-22--implies that the whole creation was affected by Adam's sin not just man.

Blood covers the penalty of sin. That happened when Jesus shed his blood for our sins. Heb. 9:22--without shedding of blood is no remission of sins. It all goes back to the events in the Garden. If there was any kind of death or bloodshed before this how could our sins be covered by Jesus shed blood.

This is probably all new to the Church of God thinking but we all should grow in grace and knowledge.

History of the Gap Theory

So first lets go back and review how and why the Gap theory got started.

Up until the early 1800's the majority of Christians believed in the 6,000 years ago creation which the Bible teaches. Then some scientists began teaching that the earth was millions of years old and later billions. Some theologians tried to be in line with what was called the true science of the day. So they tried to put millions of years into the Bible as a compromise. They placed the millions of years between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.

Thomas Chalmers was credited with being the first proponent of the Gap Theory in 1814. Later in the 19th century GH Pembers Book - "Earth's Earliest Ages" advances the Gap Theory. In 1909, the Scofield Study Bible promoted the Gap Theory in its Bible and after that Clarence Larkin in the "Dispensational Truth" promotes the Gap Theory. The writer of the 2 books no doubt influenced Herbert W. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong could not have gotten this from the Church of God Seventh Day because they don't believe in the Gap Theory. They believe in the 7 day creation. There are many scientists today, who believe in the young earth creation. The Gap Theory is a compromise theory in comparing what the Bible says to what the scientists say.

All the scientists were saying that the earth was billions of years old and the Christians were trying to fit the billions of years into the Bible so they fit them in

between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. Why compromise the Bible with the absurd theory of evolution. This falls right *into the theory* of evolution because *it* requires millions of years *to accomplish*.

Many people who believe in the Gap theory do believe that there were no humans before Adam. They believe that the Neanderthal man, the Java man, the Piltdown man, etc. were hoaxes. But evolutionists say that 100,000 years ago modern man appeared on the scene.

The Gap theorists will say that the scientists dating methods are wrong because they know that there were no humans before Adam. But when evolutionists date dinosaurs at 200 million years ago the Gap theorists say they are right. You can't say that carbon dating is wrong when it dates man at 100,000 years and right when it dates dinosaurs at 200 million years. You can't pick and choose to support your beliefs.

The prelood atmosphere would have affected the carbon dating greatly.

In summary or conclusion:

There is no reason to keep teaching the Gap theory, it compromises the word of God with billions of years taught by the scientists. And also allows time for evolution to take place. If it could be proven that the earth is only 6,000 years old, what would that do to the theory of evolution. Would *this* cause a spiritual revival that Satan would not want to happen?

The Gap Theory teaches that there was death, bloodshed, disease and suffering before sin. How could the death of *the* animal killed to, cover Adam and Eves nakedness mean anything if death, bloodshed, disease and suffering were common occurrences before Adam's sin?

If the Gap theory is true and Lucifer was put here to administer God's government on earth what would have happened if Lucifer and the angels would have never sinned. Would they be still on earth ruling today and would there have been no need to create man?

Do you believe that man was God's second choice?

From Genesis to Revelation you can't find evidence of a preadamic world.

I will conclude by giving the websites of four of the top creation organizations at the bottom of this paper.

Many of the people in the Church of God are starting to learn the truth about creation through these organizations and to reject the teaching of millions of years in Genesis 1.

Unfortunately during the 30's and 40's none of this knowledge was available to Mr. Herbert Armstrong when he was establishing the teachings for the church.

Check the following web sites;

- ★ **Answers in Genesis**
<http://www.answersingenesis.org/>
- ★ **Institute for Creation Research**
<http://www.icr.org/>
- ★ **Creation Science Evangelism**
<http://www.drdino.com/>
- ★ **Creation Evidence Museum**
<http://www.creationevidence.org/>

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2. And the earth (Strong's #776) was without form (Strong's #8414), and void (Strong's #922); and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3. And God said, Let there be light (Strong's #216); and there was light (Strong's #216).

4. And God saw the light (Strong's #216), that it was good: and God divided the light (Strong's #216) from the darkness.

5. And God called the light (Strong's #216) Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. (Genesis 1:1-5)

Because the King James Bible uses the word "heaven" singular in verse one, some will argue that the atmosphere around the Earth already existed for millions or billions of years before God "redecorated" the Earth as they say started with verse 3. The word "heaven" in Genesis 1:1 is Strong's #8064 and can include all the heavens, including the one that God resides in as well as the atmosphere surrounding the earth. It has been translated as "air" 21 times in the King James Bible. The same Hebrew word for heaven "**Shamayim**" is translated as "heaven" or "heavens" throughout the Old Testament. If one looks at several Bible translations, one will see that some translations use the word "heaven" in verse one and some use the word "heavens" in verse one. This is important to know, because evolution mutaters will play a little word game here with "heaven" as singular to get you to swallow the evolution mutation doctrine. The same word, Strong's #8064 "**Shamayim**" is translated as "heaven" in Genesis 1:1, 1:8, 1:9, 1:14, 1:15, 1:17, 1:20 and as "heavens" in Genesis 2:1, 2:4, 2:4.

Another word game that evolution mutaters play is by their use of the word "Earth". They seem to want Genesis 1:1 to show that the Earth originally was a solid mass of land before the destruction which to them took place between verses 1 and 2. In Genesis 1:1, "Earth" is Strong's #776 "**erets**" and simply means the whole Earth or any part of the earth, whether it be covered in land or water or a combination of both. This

will be a very important point as we continue on through this account. Also pay very close attention to how the word "Earth" is used in context of each verse it is found in. As you will see it can mean the whole planet or a part of the planet.

The major word game that evolution mutaters use is in their use of the words "create" Strong's #1254 "**bara**" and "made" Strong's #6213 "**asah**". Evolution mutaters define these two words very narrowly and insist that their definitions are the only ones that can be used for these two words. They insist that "create" "**bara**" only means "it is created from nothing", and "made" "**asah**" only means "do, did". It is important to know that throughout scripture the word "create" "**bara**" and made "**asah**" are used interchangeably as if they share some common definitions, which they do. Evolution mutaters will insist that the word "made" "**asah**" never means to create something from nothing, however scripture shows otherwise, see Genesis 1:25 where it clearly shows that the land bound animals were "made" rather than "created". Also Genesis 1:27 clearly shows that both man and woman were created. If the word "create" "**bara**" only means "to make something from nothing", then why did God make Adam from "dirt" and why did God put Adam to sleep and remove one of his "ribs" in order to make Eve? (Genesis 2:7 and Genesis 2:21-22) This just doesn't sound to me like God created man and woman from nothing. Looks like he used dirt and a rib. The animals were also formed out of the ground by God. (Genesis 2:19)

The word "beginning" used in Genesis 1:1 is Strong's #7225 **Re'shiyth** and means first, chief, choice part or beginning. Evolution mutaters will always tell you that in Genesis 1:1 it shows that God created the heaven (singular) and the earth, but in verse three God redecorated the Earth millions or billions of years later. The Bible tells us otherwise. In the beginning God created male and female also, Mark 10:6 But **from the beginning of the creation** God made them male and female. Beginning as used in Mark 10:6 in the Greek has the same meaning as in the Hebrew. This would mean that man and woman were created in the "beginning" just like the heaven(s) and the earth.

Genesis 1:2 is where evolution mutaters go to prove that Satan was on the earth in the beginning and then he went to heaven to overtake God's throne and then God threw him back to his first estate which was earth. One problem here is that you cannot find one scripture from Genesis to Revelation that shows that Satan ever lived on earth (with the dinosaurs) before man and woman were created. Because scientists claim that

dinosaurs lived millions or billions of years ago many people jump to scripturally unsupported ideas that Satan and the dinosaurs lived together millions or billions of years ago. There is plenty of archeological proof to show that dinosaurs are not millions or billions of years old, but that they lived right along side man. The Bible also supports this idea. Dinosaurs are reptiles. They are animals and they are mentioned in various places in the Bible. The "behemoth" which is possibly known today as a "brachiosaurus" is found in Job 40:15-24 and the "leviathan" which is possibly known today as the "kronosaurus" is found in Job 41:1, Psalm 74:14, 104:25-26 and Isaiah 27:1. Strong's #8577 **"Tanniyn"** in Hebrew is dragon (dinosaur) in English. Evolution mutaters claim that when "dragon" is used in the Bible that it always refers to Satan. Do a word search here on your own. You will find that a dragon is an animal and is shown to be so in many verses. Evolution mutaters have a real big problem when they set out to say that "dragon" throughout the Bible always refers to Satan. In Genesis 1:21 we are told that God created **"tanniyn"** (dragons) on the 5th day of creation. So if dragon always refers to Satan, then Satan was not created until the 5th day. This would mean that Satan the Dragon could not possibly have been on planet earth before Genesis 1:1 in order to wreck the earth so God could redecorate it in Genesis 1:3.

Evolution mutaters use "without form" **"tohuw"** Strong's #8414 to show that there are millions or billions of years between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. They claim that God would not make anything in vain and then they send you over to Isaiah 45:18 to prove it. Think about this for a minute or two. Suppose that you are taking a pottery class and your first project is to make a bowl out of clay. When you first get your clay and you start working with it, does it at all resemble a bowl or is it sort of a blob "without form" and "void" "empty" Strong's #922 **"bohuw"**? Truth be known, evolution mutaters seem also to have only one meaning for the word **"tohuw"** and that is "vain". If something, whether it be the earth or a bowl is just not totally formed yet because you are just now creating it, there is nothing "vain" about it one way or the other. Evolution mutaters also argue that God did not create the earth in vain, but he created it to be inhabited. While you are creating your bowl and it is still in "blob" stage are you creating it in "vain" or do you mean someday to put something in your bowl and eat it. I rest my case, with my point being that everything which is created or made starts out "without form" and is "void" empty. In the Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible under the word **"tohuw"** we find several

meanings but under the very two meanings that evolution mutaters go to for their proof that the earth is millions or billions of years old, "vain" and "without form", there is an asterisk and when you look at the bottom of the page, it says the following: "Inexact translations". In other words we have some sort of a translation problem in any verses in Hebrew using **"tohuw"** as translated into English as "without form" and "vain". Young's does not seem to state what the translation problem is and I was unable to track it down. If someone knows what it is, please write to us.

In Genesis 1:3 we are told that God said "Let there be light: and there was light." This does not look like God created or made this light, because it doesn't say He did either in verse 3. In Genesis 1:1 thru Genesis 2:4, there are two Hebrew words translated as "light", one is **"owr"** Strong's #216 and the other is **"ma'owr"** Strong's #3974. According to the Hebrew **"owr"** seems to mean almost any kind of light and **"ma'owr"** seems to mean the light of the luminaries such as sun, moon and stars. What causes a problem with the light in verse 3, is that so far God has not created a sun, moon or stars, so what light is He talking about here? Do you remember when Moses went up on the mountain to see God and when he came back down his face shone? (Exodus 34:29, 34:30, and 34:35). In verse 2 we were told that the "Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." So I don't think it would be going too far to say that the brilliance of God is the "light" spoken of in Genesis verse 3. Also see: Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

"Creation Account" Day #2--Genesis 1

6. And God said, Let there be a firmament (Strong's #7549) in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7. And God made (Strong's #6213) the firmament (Strong's #7549), and divided the waters which were under the firmament (Strong's #7549) from the waters which were above the firmament (Strong's #7549); and it was so.

8. And God called the firmament (Strong's #7549) Heaven (Strong's #8064). And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Firmament here is Strong's #7549 **"raqiya"** and I am not sure that anyone really knows why it was called a "firmament", but I do know there are many theories out there about it. In verse 8 the Bible says the firmament was called "Heaven". In Genesis 1:14 it clearly shows a firmament/heaven where the stars were being placed. In

Genesis 1:20 it clearly shows birds flying in the "firmament". In Ezekiel 1:26 and 10:1 it seems to indicate that another firmament would be the one God resides in. Whether God made 1 heaven or 3 heavens on creation day 2 is not clear, so we don't know except that when one gets down to Genesis 2:1-4 it does say "heavens" plural. Some Bible versions do translate the word "Heaven" in verse 8 as "Heavens".

"Creation Account" Day #3--Genesis 1

9. And God said, Let the waters under the Heaven (Strong's #8064) be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10. And God called the dry land Earth (Strong's #776); and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11. And God said, Let the earth (Strong's #776) bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth (Strong's #776): and it was so.

12. And the earth (Strong's #776) brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13. And the evening and the morning were the third day.

On creation day 3, God spoke and the dry land appeared. Please note that on day 3 it does not say that God created or made the trees or the plants and yet we know that he did. He just spoke it and it happened.

"Creation Account" Day #4--Genesis 1

14. And God said, Let there be lights (Strong's #3974) in the firmament of the heaven (Strong's #8064) to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons (Strong's 4150), and for days, and years:

15. And let them be for lights (Strong's #3974) in the firmament of the heaven (Strong's #8064) to give light (Strong's #216) upon the earth (Strong's #776): and it was so.

16. And God made (Strong's #6213) two great lights (Strong's #3974); the greater light (Strong's #3974) to rule the day, and the lesser light (Strong's #3974) to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven (Strong's #8064) to give light (Strong's #216) upon the earth (Strong's #776),

18. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light (Strong's #216) from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

On day 4 we are starting to see that when God says "Let there be...", it's just another way to say "made" "**asah**" or "create" "**bara**". This is the day that God created the sun, the moon and the stars. The second heaven would have had to have been created on day 2 in order to accommodate the sun, the moon and the stars.

In verse 14 we see that the lights were made for signs and for seasons. The word "seasons" here is "**Mow'ed**" and means "appointed time" or "set feast". In other words, God's law was already in force by Day 4. God's Holy Days were meant to be kept right from the very beginning and for all of man kind, not just the Jewish people.

"Creation Account" Day #5--Genesis 1

20. And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth (Strong's #776) in the open firmament of heaven (Strong's #8064).

21. And God created (Strong's #1254) great whales (Strong's #8577=dragon/dinosaur), and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

22. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth (Strong's #776).

23. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

On day five God has created the birds (and flying insects) which fly in the "open firmament of heaven", which means God created the 1st heaven on day 2 to accommodate the birds and the moving creatures.

The King James Bible translates Strong's #8577 "**Tanniyn**" as whales in verse 21, however other Bible versions translate it in various forms, such as: sea monsters, sea animals and monsters. In the King James Bible it is translated as: sea monster, 1 time, whale, 3 times, serpent, 3 times and dragon 21 times. Dragons, dinosaurs were reptiles so they would spend time both in the water and on the land, just as reptiles do to day. When Satan is referred to as a "Dragon" in the Bible, it is what we call a "metaphor".

"Creation Account" Day #6--Genesis 1

24. And God said, Let the earth (Strong's #776) bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth (Strong's #776) after his kind: and it

was so.

25. And God made (Strong's #6213) the beast of the earth (Strong's #776) after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air (Strong's #8064), and over the cattle, and over all the earth (Strong's #776), and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth (Strong's #776).

27. So God created (Strong's #1254) man in his own image, in the image of God created (Strong's #1254) he him; male and female created (Strong's #1254) he them.

28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth (Strong's #776), and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air (Strong's #8064), and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (Strong's #776).

29. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth (Strong's #776), and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for **meat**.

30. And to every beast of the earth (Strong's #776), and to every fowl of the air (Strong's #8064), and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth (Strong's #776), wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for **meat**: and it was so.

31. And God saw every thing that he had made (Strong's #6213), and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

On day 6, God created the land animals and Adam and Eve. In verse 25, it clearly says that God "made" "**asah**" the beasts of the earth. On day 5 for the reptiles, water bound creatures and birds, it was said that they were "created" "**bara**". This gives us one of many good examples right from the Bible itself, to show that "made" "**asah**" and "create" "**bara**" are interchangeable.

On day 6 before iniquity entered the world, God meant for all people and animals alike to eat plants. Look at verses 29 and 30 where it clearly shows what God intended for us to eat from the beginning. In Isaiah it shows that the animals will go back to a state of eating only plants in the future. (Isaiah 11:7)

"Creation Account" Day #7--Genesis 2

1. Thus the heavens (Strong's #8064) and the earth (Strong's #776) were finished, and **all the host of them**.

2. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made (Strong's #6213); and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made (Strong's #6213).

3. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created (Strong's #1254) and made (Strong's #6213).

Again, in these verses we see the word "made" "**asah**" and "create" "**bara**" being used interchangeably.

In verse 1, it shows that God created the heavens (plural) and the earth and "**all the host of them**." The word "host" as used here can also include the "angels". 1 Kings 22:19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and **all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left**. 2 Chronicles 18:18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the Lord; I saw the Lord sitting upon his throne, and **all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left**. In other scriptures the "host of heaven" can include animals and sun, moon, stars and planets. So what does it mean when it says "all the host of heaven?"

God also created on the 7th day, the Sabbath. Please remember that at this point there were only 2 people on earth and they were not referred to as Jews. The Sabbath was made for all of man, from the first man Adam to the last man. God's Sabbath law was fully in force by the 7th day of creation.

Summery--Genesis 2

4. These are the generations (Strong's #8435) of the heavens (Strong's #8064) and of the earth (Strong's #776) when they were created (Strong's #1254), in the day that the Lord God made (Strong's #6213) the earth (Strong's #776) and the heavens (Strong's #8064),

In this verse the word "generations" means "begetting or account of heaven", Strong's #8435. In other words, this is the "history" and/or the "record" of the birth of the heavens and the earth. Please take note that "heavens" is plural in this verse.

Conclusion

I understand that it may be hard for many people to grasp that God created everything in 6 days and then rested on the 7th day, however that is what He says: Exodus 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. Exodus 31:17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: **for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth**, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Evolution mutaters invalidate the above 2 verses because the word "made" is used rather than the word "create", however in Exodus 20:11 it includes everything under the word "made" even those things which were stated in the creation account to have been created. So I hardly believe that to be a valid argument to prove a gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.

On day 2 did God create 2 heavens only or did he create 3? Again the Bible is mute on this point. There is no mention in the creation account of angels being created at this time, however we do know that Lucifer/Satan was a murderer and a liar from the beginning: John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.** 1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; **for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**

We also know that Christ was foreordained from the foundation of the world to die for our sins. 1 Peter 1:19. But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20. Who verily was **foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Again, there are no known scriptures that show that Satan was living on the earth with dinosaurs before the creation account begins in Genesis 1:1. In order to come up with that story one has to make it up in their own mind. Was the 3rd heaven including the creation of angels included as part of the creation in Genesis 1:1 to 2:4 or did God create the 3rd heaven and the angels before Genesis 1:1, we don't know unless we can find the proof within the scriptures. What we do know is that God knew that man would sin and Christ would need to die for us before the foundation of the World. How would he know this unless it was all part of the over all plan?

Scientists today are finding that their methods of dating the earth and other elements of our world are not turning out valid data. Things known to have been made recently are being dated at millions of years ago in some instances. Scientists continue to

try to fool the multitude of people because the only other alternative to evolution is creation and if they (the scientists) had to go that route, then they would all have to change the way they think and do things. It's all about not keeping God's law.

Not all scientists believe the earth is millions or billions of years old. Many are now in this day coming to understand that the dating methods they use don't work and that the earth is probably very young. It is not a right thing in the sight of God when one believes scientists over the word of God. Either you believe God when he says he created the heavens and the earth in 6 days or you don't. It doesn't matter when the mutated doctrine of a combined evolution/creation came about, because the bottom line is that it came into being contrary to what the Bible actually says and the whole premise is to discredit what God says in the Bible. The Bible is a record from beginning to end of how man continuously refuses to believe and obey God. Read it, the majority of the people recorded in the pages of the Bible refused to believe and obey God, few are found to be righteous in the sight of God.

One can find scientists who believe the earth is millions or billions of years old and one can also find scientists who believe the earth is less than 10,000 years old. This is why one needs to take God's word over man's word. Pure Evolutionists have a need to get rid of God the Creator all together. Evolution mutaters have a need to take science and make the Bible fit into it. Creationists take the Bible and then see if science fits into it any place. Which one are you and can you prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that you are right?

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everyone, all things, everything 2. collectively a. some of all types

Mark or Name or Number

Notice in verse 17 above that it says "...mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." So this could mean there is more than one kind of mark or that all three are just different words for the same mark. Strong's #4742 says the following: "A mark pricked in or branded upon the body. To ancient oriental usage, slaves and soldiers bore the name or the stamp of their master or commander branded or pricked (cut) into their bodies to indicate what master or general they belonged to, and there were even some devotee's who stamped themselves in this way with the token of their gods." This definition seems only to apply to one word "mark" used in the Bible, which is used in Galatians 6:17 and indicates marks of the Lord Jesus. I use the Strong's

definition here to show the different ways people can be marked and why a person would be marked.

This article is primarily written with concern to the "mark of the beast", but I want to show that God also marks people. Read Revelation 7:3 "Saying, hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." This and many other verses in the Bible show that God will seal his people.

In Revelation 7:3 the Strong's definition for "seal" is: **Sphragizo** (sfrag-id'-zo); Word Origin: Greek, Verb, Strong's #4972

1. to set a seal upon, mark with a seal, to seal
 - a. for security: from Satan
 - b. since things sealed up are concealed (as the contents of a letter), to hide, keep in silence, keep secret
 - c. in order to mark a person or a thing
 1. to set a mark upon by the impress of a seal or a stamp
 2. angels are said to be sealed by God
 - d. in order to prove, confirm, or attest a thing
 1. to confirm authenticate, place beyond doubt 1d
 - e. of a written document 1d
 - f. to prove one's testimony to a person that he is what he professes to be

Throughout scripture, both Old and New Testament, a seal is something which is out side the human body and does not require cutting, tattooing or branding irons. Notice 1b above which indicates it may well just simply be a divine hiding or concealing of those who are God's. In other places it indicates a stamp via a signet ring. Notice in Revelation 7:3 that God's people will be sealed in their foreheads by God. I cannot fully explain this sealing by God as far as what it will be, because at this point I do not fully understand it either, however all verses I have looked at, the Hebrew and Greek words used indicate something which occurs without a physical cutting, tattooing or branding with irons. Even in Genesis 4:15 when God marked Cain the very definition of the Hebrew word "mark" there does not indicate any physical cutting, tattooing or branding with irons. If God marked his people in that way, He would be breaking His own law. (We will get to this law later.)

With this in mind, let's look again at Revelation 13:16-17 and the Strong's definition for "mark" as used there: **Charagma** (khar'-ag-mah); Word Origin:

Greek, Noun Neuter, Strong #: 5480

1. a stamp, an imprinted mark
 - a. of the mark stamped on the forehead or the right hand as the badge of the followers of the Antichrist
 - b. the mark branded upon horses
2. thing carved, sculpture, graven work
 - a. of idolatrous images

Look closely at 1b and 2, because both seem to indicate a physical mark of the antichrist.

My Own Skepticism

Several years ago, you would have heard me laugh when others mentioned conspiracy theories involving the "mark of the beast" being microchipping. You would have heard me say impossible. How would they even be able to do that? All the people in the world? Impossible!

Well, let's look at this concept from a different perspective and look at it in light of some real things which are now taking place in the world we live in.

In 2008, it will become mandatory for all farm animals to be microchipped. See: USDA Web Site at:

http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/about/reference_docs.shtml

You may look at this point and say, so what? I say, look at and consider this, when the government is able to control the food supply of the whole world, we have a problem. This microchipping of farm animals in this country is to become mandatory in 2008 and the enforcement of it will be in the form of stiff monetary fines, confiscation of farm animals and farm land. This will run many of your smaller farmers out of business. This mandatory microchipping is to eventually include the whole world and some countries have already complied.

This is all being done under the premise that we need to track animal disease. What they don't tell you is that the meat will be long into the food chain and being eaten before they will even know the animal was sick. The microchip is with the animal and not in the travels of each piece of meat that moves to the grocery stores, for example, hamburger.

Already they are pushing voluntary microchipping of people. There are reports of the military microchipping their soldiers. Go to:

http://www.prisonplanet.com/Pages/activist_boycott_microchips.html

There are also reports of microchip experimentation being done on the mentally ill and on prisoners. If you think this technology will not impact you in some way, look again.

Revelation 13:16-17 "And he (the antichrist) causeth all, both small and

great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Here the key words are "causeth" and "receive", in other words the antichrist will do certain things to cause people to get duped into receiving this "mark of the beast". What might some of these things be? One thing that is being pushed right now is medical records and oh, wouldn't it be nice to have all your medical records on a microchip so incase you are unconscious when they bring you into a hospital that they can just read your microchip. Let me ask you, do you know anyone who has "bird flu" yet? They are really pushing the concept right now of a world wide epidemic of "bird flu" and have gone so far as to make a movie about it before it even happens. Don't you think this is a little bit strange? What about using microchips to track your children when they are abducted? Sounds like a very good idea, doesn't it.

What about your money, I don't know if you have noticed, but the banking system is going toward electronic banking at break neck speed. Remember part of the verse says that you can't buy or sell if you don't have this mark or name or number. If all banking goes to electronic means then you will need a card or a microchip to access your own money. Credit Cards and Debit Cards are already starting to be replaced with a Card you just swipe and go. Very simple concept, next will be showing people how simple a microchip in your hand works to just walk past the scanner and go. Eventually perhaps every monetary transaction will go to electronics in the form of a microchip and we will not be allowed to buy or sell unless we have a microchip. Please understand that should things come to this point that God will provide food for those who are his, just like he provided manna and quails during the Exodus.

There are reports that at some point you will not be allowed to ride on public transportation unless you have a microchip and they will do it under the premise of disease tracking, sound familiar?

So will the antichrist cause people to take the "mark of the beast"? You bet he will, but many and maybe all people that take this "mark of the beast" will for the most part receive it willingly, believing it is a good thing.

What about those who are forced to take the "mark of the beast"?

My personal opinion is that there is a difference between those who willingly receive the "mark of the beast" and those who are made to take the "mark of the beast"

and only God will know who those people truly are. For example, during World War II, many Jewish people were branded/tattooed with a number. To see how elaborate this number tracking data base was, go to: <http://www.ibmandtheholocaust.com/articles/auschwitz.html> The prisoners who were tattooed at these German concentration camps were tattooed against their will.

There are reports that the mentally ill and prisoners today have been or are being experimented on by microchip implantation. Since the mentally ill are not in control of their own minds, this microchipping would be against their will.

In the case of prisoners, it would all depend on whether they were being microchipped with their permission or without their permission as in the concentration camps of World War II.

There are also reports that new born babies are having microchips implanted in their belly buttons. It is unclear whether this is with the permission of the parents or not. Parents who give their permission to have their children microchipped are certainly causing their children to receive microchips against their will in most cases.

The choice is not to die or take the "mark of the beast".

In Revelation 13:15 it says: "And he (the antichrist) had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

If you combine this verse with verses 16 and 17 and look at it logically one can see how they work together. Let's just connect the dots for a moment. If the beast is a system, how would the beast speak without talking as we do? The beast would speak through it's system. Let's just suppose that microchips are the "mark of the beast". I am not saying that they are the "mark of the beast" for sure, but let's just pretend for a moment and see where this might go.

Let's pretend that microchips are the "mark of the beast" and that they are voluntary for each person to receive right up to the very end before Christ returns. We are all going, what a relief, but wait a minute. The beast (system), tells us that we must have microchips in order to ride on any public transportation (buses, airplanes, trains, subway's etc.). Now we have most poor people and business personnel microchipped. The mentally ill and prisoners are better controlled and tracked using microchips. Now we have most mentally ill people and prisoners microchipped. We are told by the beast system it is better to have our children microchipped so we can find them if they are abducted. We all go great

idea and now most children are microchipped. We are told by the beast system that our medical records need to be put on a microchip and carried around by us for easy access and many think what a great idea. So many more are microchipped.

Here's the one that will cause us to be killed as stated in verse 15. When the beast system proclaims that all money will be handled electronically and you will have to have a microchip in order to access your money. This will mean that you cannot buy a car let alone the gas to fill it. You will not be able to buy or sell food or anything else that you need. No more Wal-Mart shopping, unless you have a microchip. Eventually those not taking the microchip (mark of the beast) will all starve to death because they refused the microchip, thus the beast system caused them to be killed for not worshipping (going along with the system).

Are these microchips programmed?

These microchips or RFID Tags can be programmed as explained at the following web site:

http://www.tlashford.com/frames/RFID_basics/RFID_tech.htm There are reports that these microchips can be susceptible to certain weather conditions and computer viruses can infect them. Some reports also say that even though these microchips are being promoted as a way to protect a person's identity from theft that they will actually make it easier for your identity to be stolen, wiped out or even replaced with someone else's identity. All very scary concepts if they are true. For more information see the following web site: <http://libertyark.net/>

Read Revelation 14:11, "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

So those who have the "mark of the beast" will be tormented because of it. Whether that would be due to a microchip which is influenced by weather or reprogramming or by some other method, whatever the "mark of the beast" is, a person does not want that mark. So we should all be watching this latest technology which is coming on the scene.

Is this a salvation issue?

I have heard some say what's the big deal? It doesn't matter whether I get a microchip or not. Well, really, and are you absolutely sure? Some say this is not a salvation issue. Well, look again, because there are two things which do make this a salvation issue. First of all if the microchip is the "mark of the beast", scripture clearly says you will not be in the first resurrection if you

have one implanted. See Revelation 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." This scripture clearly shows that those who did not receive the "mark of the beast" will be the ones that rule with Christ for a thousand years.

Okay you say, but if the microchip is not the "mark of the beast" and I have one, then I am in the clear, right? Well, not really. Remember earlier in this article when I went into God sealing His people and tried to make it clear that that sealing would be something outside our body or something supernatural. The reason it would have to be, is because God is not going to be found breaking his own law. In Leviticus 19:28 it says: "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the Lord." Mark here is *Qa`aqa`* (kah-ak-ah'); Noun Masculine, Strong's #7085 and means incision, imprintment, tattoo, mark.

So the point is that even if a microchip is not the "mark of the beast", by getting one you are still breaking God's law because He commands us not to tattoo our body. Microchips are considered to be tattoos whether done by incision or injection. Microchips (RFID Tags) are imprinted or engraven technology. Microchipping of animals and people is just a more elaborate system than the one that Hitler used on the people he ran through concentration camps and into gas chambers. You think it can't happen to you?

Conclusion

This article is not meant to promote an old conspiracy theory. This article is meant more to give a warning to everyone to watch what is going on in this world. Mandatory microchipping of all farm animals is going to take place in 2008 unless someone stops it or God intervenes. A national ID system for people is also in the works, which will probably start with a microchip on your drivers license and then go to a microchip in your hand. If that happens, then we won't be able to drive our own cars unless we are microchipped and for those who don't get the microchip it can also mean loss of employment.

As I said, I am not a person who jumps on the conspiracy theory band wagon or promotes things which are not possible. These microchips called RFID Tags are very real. These RFID Tags are the same tags they are going to mandatorily microchip farm

animals with in 2008, they are the same ones they are using to theft proof store merchandise and they are the same ones being implanted in people who are at this time volunteering to receive them. These RFID Tags come in many forms, shapes and sizes. These RFID Tags are to be global and will more than likely at some point replace paper money, coins and check books.

I am not setting this theory in stone as I clearly do not know what the "mark of the beast" is, however I am presenting a possibility of what it could be and trying to warn anyone reading this article that even if RFID Tags are not the "mark of the beast", it is still against God's Law to have one implanted in your body. It would be doubly against God's Law for you to cause another person to have one implanted, for example your children.

Please watch and pray as the end draws closer. If someone out there has more information on this subject, please send it in the form of an article so we can look at it for consideration to print or send it in the form of a letter to the editor.

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nations (Germany, Egypt, Jordan, etc.) in terms of whether they will be allied to the nations of the house of Israel, NATO and the Western World) or the attacking nations of Gog's alliance (Russia, China, Iran, etc.). The previous research paper was written in the aftermath of the events of the terrorist attacks upon America in "9/11" of 2001. It is entitled "A New Look at Prophecy" and it may be accessed at: <http://www.israelite.info> or <http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/main> This previous research report also contains a specific scenario re: how the attack of Russia, China, Iran, etc. could take place and unfold against the USA, the NATO nations, etc.

In April, 2005, there were media reports that Iran was threatening to cripple the USA via the use of an EMP (electro-magnetic pulse) nuclear weapon. These weapons could be aimed against the USA and the West on cruise missiles launched from ships located off our coasts. This report was on FOX-News, national talk radio and the internet. One report on this possibility can likely be found at: <http://www.worldnetdaily.com> (see archives for an article on 4-25-05 by Joseph Farah entitled "Iran plans to knock out U.S. with one nuclear bomb"). The earlier prophecy report written by this author in 2001 proposed a scenario where Russia, China, Iran, etc. could cooperate by attacking the USA with an EMP nuclear bomb coupled with volleys of cruise missiles from ships located

off our coasts. I encourage the reader to look for the recent media report at <http://www.worldnetdaily.com> and then to read this author's earlier research report ("A New Look at Prophecy") found at the prophecy links of <http://www.biblestudy.org>. This author still regards the scenario presented in the earlier report to be consistent with biblical prophecies and modern events.

Many media articles have also indicated that China is engaged in a rapid expansion of its military forces, and that it is cooperating closely in this effort with the Russians. Seeing the advance of NATO, the EU, and of the democratic governments that were once ruled by Russia in the old Soviet Union become nations, Russia is becoming increasingly angry and resentful at the USA, Europe and the Western bloc of nations. As Ezekiel 38-39 approaches its inevitable fulfillment, the reader should expect Russia, China and Iran to mask their hostile intentions with peaceful gestures, disarmament agreements, etc. This may deceive gullible western governments, but Ezekiel 38-39 will still be fulfilled. Indeed, since Ezekiel 38-39 reveal that the western nations will not expect the surprise attack launched by Russia and its allies, western blindness to the dangers posed by Russia, China and Iran is to be expected. God states in Ezekiel 38:10 that he will put in the minds of the Russian, Chinese and Iranian leaders the decision to attack the nations of the modern tribes of Israel at the time of his divine choosing. When God decides this event should occur, no force in heaven or earth will stop it from occurring.

Most readers will already realize that modern Jews/Israelis constitute the "house of Judah," but many will find the concept that the "house of Israel" (i.e. "the ten tribes of Israel") can be found among the modern nations of North America, Europe, Scandinavia, etc. to be a new one. For abundant evidence and documentation about this assertion, the reader is referred to the author's books on this subject, which can be previewed and/or ordered at: <http://www.bibleblessings.net>. Articles by the author about the history and migrations about the ten tribes of Israel may also be accessed without charge at: <http://www.israelite.info>

Could The Prophecy Fail?

It is worth noting that God has sometimes uttered prophecies which he later decided to cancel or delay. One famous example is the prophecy about the doom of Nineveh in the book of Jonah (Jonah 1:2, 3:4) which did not come to pass because the King of Assyria and the people of Nineveh humbled themselves before the Creator God

(Jonah 3:4-10). Another is a pronouncement of doom upon the dynasty of wicked King Ahab of ancient Israel (I Kings 21:21-22) which was delayed for a generation because Ahab humbled himself before God (I Kings 21:27-29). We must always remember that God is utterly sovereign and responsible only to himself; there is no higher authority requiring God to do or not do something. In both the above-cited cases, simply "humbling oneself" before God altered the fate of nations and national leaders.

While it is possible that modern nations could "humble themselves" before God, it is unlikely because modern nations have been duped by the theory of evolution into thinking there is no real Creator Being who monitors and directs human affairs. The above-cited biblical examples also involved short-term prophecies which were intended for fulfillment within the lifetime of the prophet and the national leaders involved in the prophecies. There was no great alteration of God's overall plan for mankind's history involved with reversing or delaying such prophecies which had limited application (for one nation or one human king).

However, Ezekiel 38-39 was given during the 6th century BC and it is a very critical prophecy about the fates of many nations on earth in the time frame just prior to the return of Jesus Christ (i.e. "coming of the Messiah") to the earth. This period of time is called "the latter days," and (as we have seen) there are many prophecies about this pre-millennial period of time throughout the Bible. Because this prophecy involves the destinies of many nations who will be involved in the climactic, global events on the earth at the end of this age, this prophecy represents a major aspect of God's overall plan for mankind. Therefore, it is highly likely to come to pass as originally inspired. Based on the prayers of God's people, however, the timing or details of events in this prophecy could be altered even as the overall fabric of the prophecy is preserved. The prophecy in Joel 2 illustrates this point as it indicates God's intervention in human affairs will occur only *after* his priests and people pray fervently to him for that intervention.

The prophecy of Ezekiel 38-39 is also the most divinely affirmed prophecy in the entire Bible! The phrase "thus saith the Lord God" is a particularly strong one when found in prophecies in the *King James Version* of the Bible. The prophecy of Ezekiel 38-39 contains this strong divine affirmation seven times (38:3, 10, 14, 17 and 39:1, 17 and 25). No other prophecy in the Bible is so divinely "stamped with God's personal affirmation" than Ezekiel 38-39. The fact that Ezekiel 38-39 is "sevenfold affirmed by God" indicates it is very likely that this prophecy will be fulfilled in it's entirety.

When Will Ezekiel 38-39 Be Fulfilled?

This author offers no prediction for any specific year for the fulfillment of the prophecy of Ezekiel 38-39 as no year is identified in the prophecy itself. However, world events confirm that this prophecy is heading inexorably toward fulfillment. There are some biblically-based guidelines which do describe some benchmark events which will indicate the fulfillment is near.

Revelation 11 includes a prophecy that just prior to the end of this age, God will send two great prophets, called "the Two Witnesses," which will give a final warning to mankind about the climactic events about to be fulfilled before this age ends. Revelation 11:3 reveals their mission will last three and half years ("1260 days"), which coincides with the time allotted to the final rule of a figure called "the beast" in Revelation 13:4-5. This author believes the two time periods will be simultaneously fulfilled. Revelation 11:5-6 indicates that the Two Witnesses will be given unprecedented divine power to work miracles and smite the nations with plagues "as often as they will." The Beast will be allied to a second figure, called the "false prophet" or "son of perdition" in some prophecies, and the beast and false prophet will also do great miracles by the power of Satan, the dragon (Revelation 13, II Thessalonians 2:3-11). Biblical prophecies indicate that the nations and most people will follow the beast and false prophet. After 3 and ½ years, the Two Witnesses will be killed by the forces of the Beast and false prophet, and the nations declare a great celebration (Revelation 11:7-10), thinking the beast and false prophet have won and an era of peace and safety has begun. However, their joy is short-lived. I Thessalonians 5:3 prophesies this declared time of "peace and safety" is quickly replaced by a time of "sudden destruction" and the arrival of "the day of the lord" (the time of divine intervention at the end of this age).

Ezekiel 38-39, Joel 2, Jeremiah 30, Zechariah 14, etc. (examined above) all describe portions of the divine intervention which occurs at the end of this age (i.e. "the day of the Lord."), and all of them conclude with God's personal intervention in man's affairs. Therefore, they can all be quickly fulfilled right after the death of the Two Witnesses. This indicates that the attack of Russia, China and Iran will occur soon after two events: the death of the Two Witnesses, and, the global party which will occur after their deaths. Indeed, it is highly likely that the miracle-working power of the Two Witnesses is the only thing holding back this attack, and, that Russia, China and Iran launch this attack quickly after their deaths.

Revelation 11:9 reveals that the Two Witnesses will be dead for only "three and

1/2 days" before they are resurrected, so the resurrection of the dead which accompanies God's divine intervention (i.e. the return of Jesus Christ) occurs three and 1/2 days after the Two Witnesses die. Many Christians expect a "seven year tribulation" divided into two distinct three and 1/2 year portions. However, scriptural fulfillment does not require so much time. Revelation 11 indicates there will be a 3 and 1/2 year period of time followed by a three and 1/2 day period of time. Matthew 25:1-13 includes a parable that at the end of this age, the Lord will return much earlier than most Christians expect. A mistaken assumption that there must be a seven-year tribulation period could easily foster such a false impression. Scripture indicates there will be a three and 1/2 year period of time during which the Two Witnesses will contend with the Beast and False Prophet. However, Revelation 11 reveals this will be followed by a 3 and 1/2 day period of time, not a second three and 1/2 year period of time before the Lord's return.

If the reader can determine who the Two Witnesses are, they can be reasonably sure that the attack of Russia, China, and Iran will be launched within the three and 1/2 day period of time between the death of the Two Witnesses and the end of this age. It is the surprise attack of Ezekiel 38 which will be the "sudden destruction" prophesied by I Thessalonians 5:3. Once this attack begins, a vast number of latter-day prophecies are fulfilled and the day of the Lord concludes this 3 and 1/2 day period of time. Also, a great earthquake will strike the earth (Ezekiel 38:20, Revelation 13:18). Given the lethality of nuclear weapons, it is not surprising that a nuclear World War III would quickly threaten the existence of mankind on the earth, triggering divine intervention (Matthew 24:21-22). However, unless the Two Witnesses start doing miracles on the very first day of their ministry, it may not be easy to determine when their 3 and 1/2 year mission has begun. Once they die though, the war of Ezekiel 38-39 will begin (perhaps within hours of the deaths of the Two Witnesses) and the end of this age will occur within three and 1/2 days of their deaths.

THE GREAT HOAX OF EVOLUTION:

It was mentioned earlier that modern nations have been so deceived by evolutionary theories that they have lost sight of the fact that a very real Creator Being exists and that he can intervene in human affairs whenever he wishes to do so to fulfill his biblical prophecies. Even readers of this research report may have difficulty with their faith in a Creator God due to the fact that students have been "force fed" the theory of evolution for decades in modern public school systems. For this reason, the fallacy

of evolutionary thought must be addressed directly.

Even though evolution is only a weak and unproven theory, those who control the educational and scientific communities have taught evolution as if it were an established fact. To be scientifically verifiable, all theories must be conclusively demonstrated as factual in empirical evidence which is confirmable, predictable and observable. This is the essence of the scientific method. Evolution fails all these tests. Indeed, it can be shown via the scientific method that evolution is a complete hoax.

If all life truly "evolved" from non-living things, then there must be powerful forces in the universe which inexorably reshape matter (A) from simple forms into complex new ones, and (B) from chaotic into orderly new forms. No such forces exist. Indeed, it is easy to prove that the opposite is true: That without outside intelligence acting upon it, matter inexorably deteriorates (A) from complex into simple forms and (B) from orderly into chaotic forms.

If a prairie farmstead is abandoned and untouched by any outside intelligent actions, does it (A) spontaneously evolve into a brand new strip mall or an office complex or (B) inexorably deteriorate back into its simpler component elements? Obviously, the latter is true, but for evolution to be true, option "A" above must occur. Indeed, given enough time, an abandoned farmstead will eventually deteriorate so completely that there will be no evidence it ever existed! It is a scientifically predictable, observable, and confirmable fact that matter, left to itself, will inexorably deteriorate into ever-simpler forms. Evolution cannot be true, based on this scientific fact.

Also, if a well-tended garden is abandoned and it is untouched by outside intelligent actions upon it, will it (A) spontaneously evolve into an ever-more beautiful and well-ordered garden, or will it (B) deteriorate into a chaotic, disorganized weed patch? Everyone knows that answer "B" is the correct one. It is totally observable, predictable and confirmable that matter, if left to itself, will not evolve into more orderly forms. Only if an abandoned garden spontaneously "evolves" into an ever-more beautiful and orderly garden can evolution be seriously considered, but anyone who has ever tended a garden knows such an option is laughable and ridiculous! These examples utilizing the scientific method will allow any observer to confirm that there are no evolutionary forces in the physical universe.

Another reason why the evolution of life forms is impossible involves what some scientists have called "irreducible complexity." Stated simply, it means that all life forms have internal systems which are so interdependent that unless ALL the

component systems of any and all life forms came into existence *at precisely the same instant in time*, the life form itself cannot ever live. This is a true scientific principle, and it verifies that the theory of evolution is a complete hoax. Let's consider human beings, mammals, reptiles, birds, etc. No such creature can live at all unless it comes into existence *at a specific point in time* with functioning circulatory, nervous, digestive, skeleton-muscular, respiratory, and other systems! If any of these systems are not fully developed, the organism cannot live. *There is no possibility of life unless it comes into existence at a specific point in time with all internal systems fully developed and functional.*

It is a logical and scientific impossibility for an organism to live if it has one internal system "ready to go" but the other systems are only partially formed. Indeed, no living organism can propagate itself unless it comes into existence with the capacity for a fully-developed reproductive system as well! A creature also needs to come into existence *at the same point in time and in the same geographical location* as a member of its own species with the opposite gender! If this does not occur, there can be no mating or reproduction of the species. Given these logical facts, the account of the beginning of life in the biblical book of Genesis is the only logical, scientific explanation for the existence of all life forms. Most Americans are logical enough thinkers to see this fact. An NBC poll released on the evening news on 3-25-05 reported that 57% of respondents believed the biblical account of creation and only 33% believed in evolution.

This digression about evolution was deemed necessary because the illogical theory of evolution permeates our entire culture and it acts as an inhibition to faith in the Bible and the prophecies contained in the Bible. Readers should realize that the apostles of evolution actually have no logic or solid science to support their case. No matter how many times it is repeated in word or print, evolution will always be illogical and unscientific. This author believes the apostles of evolution actually know this is true, and that is why they vehemently oppose the teaching of true creation science in the schools. They realize that if true scientific creationism is taught side by side with evolution in schools, the theory of evolution will be the loser.

Once evolution is exposed to be the hoax it is, the only alternative for the cosmos and the stunning complexity of life on earth is a divine creation. For this reason, you can be sure that the Bible is the word of a Creator God and that his prophecy of Ezekiel 38-39 will come to pass. If the reader desires further evidence that biblical prophecies have

been fulfilled throughout world history, much more evidence will be found in the author's book which can be previewed and/or ordered at: <http://www.bibleblessings.net>

Conclusion:

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date was, nonetheless, March, 1992. Even if I had been actually guilty.

As punishment for having a physical disability, my imprisonment has been essentially converted into a unique nightmare that may have no end short of my death by actual prison-torture. **MCS** [Multiple Chemical Sensitivities] is now, finally, recognized as a physical, medical disability and reality. I've had a form of it since birth and, consequently, entered CDC (California Department of Corrections [sic]) with it, in the early 1980s. Then, most doctors didn't recognize that it was real, and thus began a terror campaign with thousands of malicious, false reports, and tens of thousands of special punishments that self-perpetuate forever. In CDC, Jacketing a prisoner with a charge of "manipulation of staff" is worse than any other crime in existence. My MCS adverse reactions to halogens (including fluoride and chlorine in public and prison drinking water and many foods), means that the only way I can drink water that's not specially filtered or distilled, and many foods likewise, is to become toxically ill and experience a dehydrating effect with every drink of this chemically-treated water. (This is not as ironic as it may seem, as fluoride is the ingredient used in DCon rat poison to bring about their agonizing death,' involving a dehydration process).

Sparked from my MCS condition which they labeled as "staff manipulation" (highest form of "troublemaker" and "danger to the public"), over 1500 named CDC employees would eventually jump on this bandwagon of sadistic hatred in a literal war of terror against one man, while I behaved consistently as a model prisoner. They simply **invented** a profile of the most extreme opposite, and affixed it to my name and prison number. More is regularly added in secret. This has kept me in the worst, most violent, oppressive prisons in the state for most of my imprisonment, and intensified

gruesome tortures, that many prisoners of war have not been allowed to be subjected to.

Here are a few highlights these tax-paid "officers of the law" have achieved in this insanely sadistic war of terror, because I had a disability and, in the process of trying to get minimal, reasonable accommodations for it, inadvertently exposed their vicious cruelties and demented criminality.

- I've been violently brutalized by guards, including acts such as trying to murder me by throwing me on my head off a high balcony and tearing my beard out by the roots in fingerfulls, while hysterically, maniacally laughing in ecstasy (1984-1995);
- Been persistently set up by guards, by "counselors" and administrators to have other prisoners brutalize and murder me, giving the most violent, homicidal inmate "shotcallers" the "green light" to have me viciously "hit" (1992-2003);
- They've destroyed my previously perfect hearing, one ear virtually deaf, and the other damaged worse with a rare hyperacousis condition, where certain pitches of normal sound strike my brain and nervous system so traumatically that it's akin to being hit in the head with a baseball bat and shocked in the heart with high voltage (1986-present, with continuous takings/destruction of my hearing aids);
- My vision has been severely damaged by years of forced toxic ingestion, repeated head trauma and other abuses, almost certainly permanently (1983-present, continuously);
- I have permanent spinal, pelvic and elbow damage from a car accident, when guards horse playing, smashed their "chase" car into the other car I was in. I was being transported to a hospital after almost having my arm amputated from an infection deliberately inflicted by these agents, including medical staff, whose prolonged denial of intervention exacerbated the condition to this degree (1994);
- Near murders: Eleven times I have been starved, dehydrated and emaciated by cachexia to the point where it was doubtful my life could be pulled back and saved. On hundreds of other occasions and generally for 21 years, I've been kept in a state of chronic dehydration-torture as a daily norm (1983-present);
- They've tortured me with bromine poisoning, used as a chemical nerve-toxin, pumped in our cell vents, (they admit this, supposedly to kill air duct bacteria). I've been laughed at while screaming in pain day and night in a locked cell for days on end, as they tried

to force me to commit suicide, and I nearly did, to end the pain. This pain is greater than all others in my life combined, (except one, also inflicted by CDC staff); probably as painful as slow testicle crushing (2001-2003);

- I've been shot twice (1998, 1999), while set up by CDC employees to be stabbed to death by inmates (these were block guns, but the old style that shot compact blocks that would split the meat of the body open, blind and kill);
- I suffer extreme toxic reactions daily from chemical sensitivity to cleaners, deodorants, tobacco, smoke, chemical food and water additives, which I'm forced to breathe and ingest continuously day and night, unnecessarily (1983-2004);
- In 2001 these agents set me up to be attacked by inmates, from which I have permanent brain damage, affecting my balance, memory, confusion, analytical and other intellectual and artistic processes, from being kicked and stomped in the head repeatedly. They were rewarded, and I was sent to the hole. They weren't. They were not prosecuted. I'm still trying to get a medical examination ordered years ago. It's now 2004;
- I've had toxic boils repeatedly surgically cut out of me, where after these agents have repeatedly falsified the official medical documents to cover up this senseless horror (1980s, 1990s);
- CDC agents have robbed me of my property **over 75 times** (usually grand theft), sometimes to the tune of thousands of dollars of items, and often irreplaceable items, such as my life works of music compositions, other art, and legal evidence proving my innocence (1983-2003);
- I've had over 30 retaliatory, terrorizing, life-changing transfers all across the state; to continuously sabotage all my court actions and destroy my family, wife and little children, which they did, many years ago;
- I've been denied any canteen/commissary for 20 years continuously, except once, as a penalty (punishment); for litigating against CDC while literally starving due to food allergies, and denied needed medications for years, available only via canteen. (This is unheard of as to any other prisoner in California prison history);
- These rogue agents (all members of the CCPOA guards' Union that has owned the past few California governors), have sabotaged and blocked my court access for the past 21 years, destroying every court case I ever filed and, consequently,

I am procedurally barred from using the courts due to my state of indigence which CDC keeps me in;

- I presently suffer under a crushing "Central File" (my "profile") of over **8000 pages**, being illegally denied a full review of since 1987. Hence, the parole board and no one else can ever find the dozens of laudatory reports submitted by the few courageous, honest guards and administrators who have stuck their necks out to tell the truth about my continuing model prisoner conduct;
- Similarly, my honest, favorable psych reports are now buried beneath a deluge of malicious, scurrilous ones, dishonestly penned as retaliation, to perpetually have parole denied. This, and drugging prisoners senseless with violence-inciting dope, has now become the CDC psych department's primary function and purpose.

All of these shocking crimes have been committed (and continue to be) by a literal street-gang of terrorists, a private army carrying on a personal war of horrors in their secret cities on American soil. This is at a cost of \$millions, for the sick, sadistic sport of twisted, depraved sociopaths imprudently deputized and trusted with badges, guns and misplaced authority, to carry on a personal war; in this instance, against one man.²

And yet what I have described is only a ripple in the skin of the tip of the iceberg of this worst form of death ever devised by demonically-driven men: **Death By Imprisonment**, USA style. Contemporary language has no words yet to define or describe what's going on in these places.

I have no desire to complain, but only to explain, as I hope I've somewhat achieved in this brief expose. To everyone who reads this and is touched by it, your involvement to stop this sickness and insane terror, is necessary and urgent. I don't mean for me, but for us all; for what is left of our country. For anyone who would be interested in writing me, who could perhaps offer some form of outreach, I welcome your correspondence, at:

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Mule Creek State Prison
P.O. Box 409000
Ione, CA 95640 (USA)

(Please do not send money to this address, as prison staff steal it all with no chance of recovery, ever.)

Outside contact person and address, for those who prefer:

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San Ramon, CA 94583 (USA)
Tele: (925) 277-9665

Your support in whatever way possible, would be appreciated and welcomed. This could have been you. More than ever now, it

still could be.

². A book is presently being written about all this, with Inclusion of documents proving most of it, and also covering the author's life before this ordeal. It's entitled **AGAINST ONE MAN**.

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We love because he first loved us... being thankful is means for being rooted and established in love.

Being thankful is being mindful of the love of the Father and of Jesus the Christ -- Love which stabilizes and establishes us. Love for God is to obey God ... to do so establishes us in conviction and power!

Jesus says: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32).

Peter says: "We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, which God has given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32)

Branches of the true Vine must have light: "whoever lives by the truth comes into the light" (John 3:21). The earliest known word of the LORD is: "Let there be light!" -- this first declaration especially befits His nature and character! "Children of light" are children of the Creator of the heavens and the earth!

To "seek his face" as we are enjoined to do, is to seek the Light -- life and strength for a branch or a seedling!

Light powers the physiology of a living plant, with air and water crucial also; those two remind me of the Holy Spirit.

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Then Solomon received:

29. And God gave Solomon **wisdom and understanding** exceeding much, **and largeness of heart**, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

30. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.(1 Kings 4:29-30)

We all know what eventually happened right?

4. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and **his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.**

5. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after

Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6. And **Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father.** (1 Kings 11:4-6)

God gave powerful great understanding and wisdom to Solomon but he ended up turning after other gods so God saw his heart as not being perfect with the LORD. Notice that even though David committed some very grievous sins, God described his heart as being **perfect with God**. Looks to me like God completely totally forgave all of David's sins.

Solomon had even greater opportunity with the **power** assisted wisdom in his mind to be right with God. Yet God did not force him in which way to steer his life thoughts and behavior. I believe Solomon fully understood which should be the best way to steer his own life but let his desires influence him to steer off course!

God gives individuals His Holy Spirit at the moment of conversion which guarantees salvation as long as that Spirit does not leave for some reason that is unpardonable. God desires that all should have salvation through faith (which comes by hearing God's Word) and His Grace.

1. Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2. By whom also we have **access by faith into this grace** wherein we stand, and rejoice **in hope of the glory of God.** (Romans 5:1-2)

God alone determines what kind of spiritual end creation He **plans** to make each of us into. The characteristics of full love towards God and love towards others is intertwined with the beauty God sees.

16. Then they that feared the LORD **spoke often one to another:** and the LORD **hearkened**, and heard *it*, and a **book of remembrance was written** before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

17. And **they shall be mine**, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day **when I make up my jewels**; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. (Malachi 3:16-17)

God considers how he can use each of us to influence the lives of his other creations in progress along with consideration of the state of completion of our own spiritual creation as part of His determination of how long our human lives will last.

A sanctification process starts up at conversion in which God our Master Potter shapes his "clay" vessels spiritually.

8. But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we

all *are* the work of thy hand. (Isaiah 64:8)

With his indwelling Spirit working in us as we live through life experiences which continues until we are fired in to final spiritual configuration when Christ returns at the last trump to make us immortal.

51. Behold, I show you a mystery; We **shall not all sleep**, but we shall all be changed,

52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this **mortal must put on immortality**.

54. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, **and this mortal shall have put on immortality**, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. (1 Corinthians 15:51-54)

God will give us the final full **immortality** when Christ returns at the last trump.

God uses his Holy Spirit in our lives to give us **power** much like power steering in a car. Jesus also dwells in us through God's Holy Spirit and that is how the mind of God shows us the way to walk.

27. To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the **hope of glory**: (Colossians 1:27)

The functioning of living creatures in this world shows us God does not intend for us to be mindless robots who have every thought and move determined by Him.

19. Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed *it* unto them.

20. For the **invisible things of him** from the creation of the world **are clearly** seen, being **understood by the things that are made**, *even his eternal power* and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (Romans 1:19-20)

God develops our spiritual capabilities through life experiences in which we learn to steer our direction in life for His glory. This learning process extends to the very end of our lives as each of us learn many things daily often times through sufferings.

8. Though he were a Son, yet **learned** he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9. And **being made perfect**, he **became the author of eternal salvation** unto all them that obey him; (Hebrews 5:8-9)

God expects us to go where He shows us but God does not absolutely dictate where we must go. God teaches us His way of life and empowers us to overcome sin and various life challenges. God expects us to

use His limitless power to overcome rather than trust in our own finite limited human strength.

However, God may perform miracles in our lives or eliminate challenging trials when He sees fit as a means of encouraging us.

So what does God get out of the deal?

He gets absolutely devoted sons and daughters who can go to and fro doing wonderful delightful things in His name **forever** to his great **Glory**.

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organization that does not teach that should be avoided (Matthew 5:17-20).

Yes, time is ripe for reform, not only in our schools, but our individual lives. Listen, no one can spot a hypocrite faster than our children. We cannot simply post a picture of a couple slabs of stones and expect a miraculous change in the minds of our young people. We must honor God by showing obedience to him, as an example for our children to follow.

If you are fed up with the condition of today's world, this is the time to change, beginning with the man in the mirror.

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the beleaguered apostles the courage they needed to carry out the commission He had given them when He was yet with them in the flesh, before his crucifixion, death, and resurrection?

For the answer to these and other related questions we must turn to the Holy Bible and look to it as our divine guide post for revealed truth.

Jesus tells us that he was sent to the **“lost sheep of the house of Israel,”** which includes both the house of Judah (Southern kingdom of Judah [924-562 B.C.] and the Northern kingdom of Israel [924-721 B.C.].

⇒ “But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Matthew 15:24 (KJV)

⇒ “But He answered and said, ‘I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’” Matthew 15:24 (NKJV)

⇒ “He replied, ‘It was only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel that I was sent.’” Matthew 15:24 (Moffatt Translation)

Jesus came to the House of Judah with divine revelation, which they rejected. Of the House of Judah, Jesus selected twelve apostles, which he commissioned to **“go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”** (Matthew 1:6).

Note: In 924 B.C. the United Monarchy (12 tribes of Israel) divided into the House of Israel (The Northern Kingdom) and the House of Judah (Southern Kingdom). It is

interesting to note that the first time the word Jew is used in the Bible (II Kings 16:6); we find that the Jews are at war against the Northern Kingdom of Israel! Both nations ethnically speaking are the children of Israel (Jacob), but they had split into two distinct nations that found themselves at war with one another.

The Jewish people in Palestine today “Israel” have never been known as, biblically speaking, the House of Israel (Northern Kingdom); but they have been and continue to be known as, biblically speaking, the House of Judah (Southern Kingdom).

According to Christ's own testimony, He was sent to **restore the Hebrew people back to the true worship of God, through the commission He gave the twelve apostles.**

⇒ “These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:” “But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Matthew 10:5-6 (KJV)

⇒ “These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: ‘Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans.’” “But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Matthew 10:5-6 (NKJV)

⇒ “These twelve men Jesus dispatched, ‘Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town; rather make your way to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’” Matthew 10:5-6 (Moffatt Translation)

Note: Traditional Christianity does not recognize the commission Jesus gave the twelve apostles, which was to go to the “lost sheep” of the house of Israel; not the Gentiles. This vital truth has been lost because Traditional Christianity rejects over two-thirds (the Old Testament and subsequently three-fourths of all prophecy) of the divinely inspired record the Creator (Christ Jesus) gave his disciples.

The Bible, both Old and New Testament, has a great deal to say about the “lost” commission Jesus gave his twelve apostles. Once properly understood in its biblical context, this wonderful commission reveals not only who the Houses of Israel and Judah are but their eternal destiny in the coming kingdom of God, as revealed in Jeremiah 31:31, Hebrews 8:6-12 and Hebrews 10:16-17.

Notice how Hebrews 8:6-12 and Hebrews 10:16-17 are the fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:31. “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the **house of Israel**, and with the **house of Judah**.”

Jeremiah 31:31 speaks of two distinct kingdoms; the House of Israel (Northern

Kingdom) and the House of Judah (Southern Kingdom). What is the subject of Jeremiah 31:31? Answer: The LORD will establish a "**NEW COVENANT**" with both houses of Israel.

Notice Hebrews 8:8, "THE DAYS COME, SAITH THE LORD, WHEN I WILL MAKE A **NEW COVENANT** WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND THE HOUSE OF JUDAH."

Notice Hebrews 10:16, "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAITH THE LORD, I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR HEARTS, AND IN THEIR MINDS WILL I WRITE THEM."

Comment: If the House of Israel was completely destroyed, and therefore no longer exists as a nation today or was absorbed by the House of Judah, God is a liar! And if God is a liar, then the promise of the "New Covenant," which the Lord spoke of in Jeremiah 31:31, Hebrews 8:8, and Hebrews 10:16, is also a lie.

However, scripture vindicates the LORD God. The LORD himself tells us through the prophet Jeremiah "If those ordinances (Sun, moon, and stars) depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever." **Jeremiah 31: 36 (KJV)**

The James Moffatt translation renders Jeremiah 31:36 as follows: "Only when this fixed order vanishes from my sight, says the Eternal, shall the race of Israel cease to be a nation before me."

Comment: The Sun, the Moon, and the stars continue to shine brightly in the heavens, therefore the race or nation of the Northern Kingdom of Israel continues down through history to this present age. (See **Jeremiah 33:20-21**)

This verse does not refer to the House of Judah, because they have never lost their ethnic and racial identity. Despite being sifted through numerous Gentile nations; the House of Judah has retained its national identity down to this present age. We know them today as the nation of Israel, in Palestine.

After the Northern Kingdom of Israel was conquered by the Assyrian Empire in 721 B.C., it mysteriously vanishes from the pages of history, shrouded in centuries of migrations that left the people of the Northern Kingdom of Israel lost to history. However, the believer need not be lost in a veil of historical confusion if he looks to biblical prophecy to guide him toward the divinely revealed identity of the Houses of Israel and Judah, as revealed in scripture and history. Most secular historians have mistakenly labeled the descendants of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, Gentiles!

This confusion can be alleviated by simply tracing the historical roots of the 12

tribed house of Israel. We must begin by identifying the first patriarchs of ancient Israel. The first was Abraham, the second was Isaac, Abraham's son, and the third was Jacob, Isaac's son. Jacob's name was changed to Israel.

Israel had twelve sons by four wives.

- Zilpah gave birth to Gad and Asher.
- Bilhad gave birth to Dan and Naphtali.
- Rachel gave birth to Joseph (who received Birthright promise) and Benjamin.
- Leah gave birth to Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Issachar, Zebulun, and Judah (who received the scepter promise).

After the death of Solomon, the United Monarchy was divided into the house of Israel and Judah.

The **Northern kingdom of Israel**, led by Jeroboam (I Kings 12:20) consisted of the following ten tribes:

- Reuban, Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Naphtali, Asher, Ephriam and Manasseh (Ephriam and Manasseh were the sons of Joseph by his Egyptian wife).

The **Southern kingdom of Judah**, led by Rehoboam (I Kings 12:1), consisted of the following tribes:

- Benjamin, Levi, Judah, and the remnant of the House of Israel that remained, and in time was absorbed into the tribe of Judah.

I Kings 12:1-24 tells us of the division of the united Monarchy after the death of Solomon. Notice verse 19, "So **Israel rebelled** against the house of David **unto this day**."

I Kings 11:1-13, explains how the House of Israel was divided by civil war after the death of Solomon, because he did not keep the LORD's covenant and statutes, which He had commanded him.

I Kings 12:20, "And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him **king over all Israel**: there was **none** that followed the **house of David**, but the **tribe of Judah** only."

I Kings 12:23-24, "Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto **all the house of Judah** and **Benjamin**, and to the remnant of the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house."

Comment: The House of Judah, under King Rehoboam was preparing for war against the house of Israel, under king Jeroboam, but the LORD forbade it so the children of the house of Judah returned every man to his house. The division of the House of Israel was ordained by the Eternal.

I Kings 12:28-33 tells us how Jeroboam led the house of Israel (Northern Kingdom) into idolatry.

Prophecy and History reveal the true identity of the so-called "lost ten tribes" of the Northern Kingdom of Israel! Ezekiel 34:1-31 is a prophecy of the captivity of the Northern Kingdom of Israel as well as an indictment of her prophets, who prophecy in their name, rejecting the will of God. To whom, God says, "**I am against the shepherds (ministers); and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.**"

Comment: The Northern Kingdom of Israel went into captivity because of the idolatry of its ministers, who feed themselves at the expense of the people, bringing the wrath of God upon the Northern Kingdom of Israel and eventually foreign occupation at the hands of Assyria.

II Kings 17:5-18 tells us that the Northern Kingdom of Israel was taken captive because of its idolatry, (verse 16) divination and enchantments (witchcraft verse 17). Because Israel played the harlot, "the LORD was very angry with Israel and **removed them out of his sight**: there was **none left but the tribe of Judah only**" (verse 18)

II Kings 17:8; tells us the LORD was angry with the Nation of Israel because it "**walked in the statutes of the heathen.**" Isn't it curious how modern Israel continues to walk in the "statutes of the heathen," through their idolatrous festivals of Halloween, Christmas, and Easter!

Notice the warnings God gave the ministers of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in **Ezekiel 34:1-31**.

"Prophecy against the shepherds (false ministers) of Israel... Woe be to the shepherds (false ministers) of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds (true ministers) feed the flocks?" Verse 2 "Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock." (The term "Ye" refers to false ministers while the flock refers to the people of Israel.) Verse 3 "...neither have ye (false ministers) sought that which was **lost** (people falling into idolatry), but with **force** and with **cruelty** have ye ruled them." Verse 4 "They were **scattered**, because there was no shepherd (true ministers): they became meat to all the beasts (false teachings of the various pagan peoples they came into contact with through the centuries) of the field, when they were **scattered**." Verse 5

Note Verse 5 is a direct reference to the Assyrian captivity and the later Diaspora to follow.

"My sheep (people of Israel) wandered through all the mountains (metaphor for taking a long journey), and upon every high hill: yea, my flock (people of Israel) became meat to every beast (war like people) of the field, because there was no shepherd (true minister), neither did my shepherds (**true ministers who are falling away from the truth**) search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; Verse 8 "Therefore, O ye shepherds (God will hold the ministers responsible for the sins of the people), hear the word of the Lord." Verse 9 "...I will require my flock at their hand...." Verse 10 "...I will deliver my flock from their mouth (future deliverance by Christ himself at his second coming)...." Verse 10 "...I, even I (God), will both search my sheep, and seek them out..." This is a prophecy of Christ's second coming. Verse 11 "...so will I (God) seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day...." Verse 12

Note: Verse 12 is a direct reference to Christ's in-gathering of the Houses of Israel and Judah from among the Gentile peoples and nations of the world at the second coming of Christ, and at the very close of what prophecy calls the "Great and Terrible Day of the Lord."

"...I (God) will bring them (House of Israel) out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land...." Verse 13

Note: Prophecy clearly reveals in verse 13 that the House of Israel has been scattered throughout the nations of the world, where they will remain until the in-gathering at the end of the age.

Verses 14 and 15 show that God will dwell among his people during the millennium, where he will personally teach mankind the way of peace.

Verse 16 tells us that Jesus will "**seek that which was lost....**"

Verse 23 tells us that at Christ's second coming he will set up his millennial rule at which time King David will once again sit on the throne of a united house of Israel and he will be "one shepherd over them (houses of Israel and Judah)."

Verse 24 tells us "And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them...." Verse 24

Verse 25 tells us that Jesus will make "a covenant of peace" with his people during the millennium, which is the "New Testament Covenant" spoken of in Hebrews 8:6-12 and Hebrews 10:16-17.

In Ezekiel 37:16, Ezekiel is told to take "one stick, and write upon it, for Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions."

Note: The two sticks symbolize the divided kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

"Join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand." Verse 17

Verse 17 is a prophecy of the end time in-gathering of the house of Israel and the millennial re-uniting of the houses of Israel and Judah for eternity, under the rule of King David, and the Creator, God (Jesus the Christ).

In verse 19, God, says, "Behold, I will take the *stick of Joseph*, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the *tribes of Israel* his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the *stick of Judah*, and they shall be one in mine hand." Compare with Hebrews 8:8-11

Hebrews 8:8 "...I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah."

Hebrews 8:10 "...I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a People."

Note: Hebrews 8:10 is a direct quote from Deuteronomy 5:29. When the New Covenant is established in the millennium, God will put his Laws into our minds and write them (the Ten Commandments) in our hearts. Nowhere in scripture does it tell us that God did away with his law! If Jesus nailed the Ten Commandments to the cross, why would he reinstitute them under the conditions of the "New Covenant during His millennial reign?" The answer is simply, they were never nailed to the cross and Jude the brother of Jesus warned true believers to look out for false ministers who would "turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness (license to sin), and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude calls man made grace devoid of the Law, "lasciviousness," which denies the only Lord God. Wow!

In verse 21, "...the Lord God (Jesus the Christ)" said, "I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land."

Note: Despite Traditional Christianities' denial of the existence of the descendants of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, God clearly shows that they do exist and that they will take part in the great end time in-gathering at the second coming of Jesus the Christ.

Verse 22 tells us that after the great in-gathering at the second coming of Jesus the Christ, Jesus "...will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all...." Compare with Hebrews 8:6-12.

When properly understood in its biblical context, Matthew 28:19-20: opens the

"mysteries to the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand." Luke 8:10

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birth of Jesus, the vast majority of Jews were not privy to the information. Several times the Jews remind one another that the Messiah was prophesied to come from Bethlehem, the town of David, but Jesus, they said, was from Nazareth. Jesus never enlightened them on the place of His birth nor did the Jews ever ask the question, "Where were you born?" They all assumed that He was born in Galilee and that Joseph was His natural father.

There are differences in the genealogies in Luke and Matthew. In Matthew, it says that Joseph (the father of Jesus) was the son of Jacob. In Luke, some suppose that the scriptures are saying that Joseph was the son of Heli, but that is not what it says. The genealogy in Matthew is of the line of Joseph and goes from oldest to newest, starting at Abraham and going to Jesus. The genealogy in Luke is the line of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and starts at the most recent and goes back in time all the way to Adam. The genealogy in Luke is the genealogy of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both Mary and Joseph are descendants of King David, but Joseph through Solomon and David through a son named Nathan.

Jesus had the natural bloodline connection back to the beginning, but he did not share in the blood of Adam. In a normal human fetus, there is no exchange of blood between the mother and child. Nutrients go through the cord and pass through a filter, but the mother's blood never comes in contact with the baby. The unfertilized female egg contains blood DNA markers but it does not contain blood. There are blood components in Human male sperm. An example is the chicken egg. There is no blood in that egg, but within moments of fertilization, a high-powered microscope reveals blood streaks forming in that egg.

The same holds true for the human. Adam contracted "blood poisoning" when he sinned, and he passed it on through the blood in his semen to all his progeny including you and me. The little bodies of your children have your blood, not the blood of your wife. All people die, even a little baby who may not live more than a few hours, but because it has that contaminated blood, it is subject to death.

Mary was "artificially inseminated" through the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was a descendent of Adam through His mother, but He did not have Adam's blood.

Thus, He did not have gray hair or wrinkles and would not have been subject to old age, infirmity, or disease unto death. He could get a cold, have a toothache or experience pain, but would have no fear of dying from any of these things. He said no man could take His life, but it was His to surrender.

Answer by: Michael Porter (Benin Republic)

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anything wrong to harm or injure another person.

Reconciliation between people will never happen unless both people involved follow the instructions which God gives to them in the Bible. The injured party is to follow the instructions given in Matthew 18:15-17 and the perpetrator of the infraction or crime is to follow the instruction as given in Matthew 5:23-24. In today's world you will find more of the Matthew 18:15-17 instruction being carried out than you will the Matthew 5:23-24. Many people whether in the church or not in the church have the attitude when confronted that the injured party should just get over it and move on. If the injured party has followed the instructions in Matthew 18:15-17 then God continues to work with them as they followed the instruction given. When the perpetrator of the injury or crime does not follow the instruction given in Matthew 5:23-24 then God cuts them off. Why does God cut them off? God cuts them off because they are in no way sorry for what they have done. When you injure another person in anyway, you commit a crime not only against the other person, but also against God himself. That means that you must repent to God for that crime as well as to your brother or sister who you have injured.

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Get Well Cards (01-17-06)

Janine Ziomek-Witek (New York) writes:

I'm sending these cards to you so you can forward them to the people on the list.

Thanks for your help.

Darwin & Laura Lee (North Dakota) write:

Thank you for sending the get well cards. They have been forwarded.

Works/Grace? (01-13-04)

Robert Barlow (Texas) writes:

I received your newsletter (January - February, 2004 -- Issue No. 19) and thank you for granting me your favor by adding me to your newsletter list. I dearly appreciate the gift you give me. As an analogy, by faith I

received, although, the gift was not free; someone had to sacrifice that I might receive grace. Isn't it wonderful that all of God's promises are given by trust in the payment Jesus Christ made on our behalf? He paid the price we could not pay.

Yes, you have discerned rightly that I am a believer in salvation by grace through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ of Nazareth -- and not by works of the flesh. It is Christ Jesus alone I trust in as my propitiation and atonement for sin, and not my works that I should boast.

Laura Lee (North Dakota) writes:

We also do not trust in works to gain salvation, but neither do we believe that the grace of Christ gives anyone a license to continue to sin.

To be at one with God, means that we keep all of His laws, which is possible through His Holy Spirit in us. If we keep those Laws of God, we are saved by Grace.

Robert Barlow (Texas) writes:

Laura, there are many who trust in good works or deeds to realize the promises of God. However they have not entered into His rest by the "labor of Love", but strive in a "love of labor" that is not of His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. His works are rooted and grounded in the works (or fruits) of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22) Paul tells us, what does it profit a man if we should do all good works and have not love? (1 Cor. 13:1-3) Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes [God in] all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. (1 Cor. 4-8) These are labors of the heart and find their perfection in grace by faith in Jesus Christ. Love is the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13:10) "Now the purpose of the commandments is love from a pure heart from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm. But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully." (1 Tim. 1:1-8) Laura there is a better way than the way you suggest.

Laura Lee (North Dakota) writes:

Actually I am not the one who suggests that we keep the Law of God if we love God or anyone else. God is the one that tells you that you need to keep His Law in order to have eternal life granted to you as a gift (by grace). Why would God want anyone in His

everlasting Kingdom if they are just going to carry on as they do now in sin?

I do not know what you are in prison for, nor do I know if you are actually guilty of the crime that you were convicted of, but for arguments sake, let's just suppose that you are guilty of whatever crime landed you in prison. Were you breaking the law by what you did? If you had been keeping the law, you would be free right now, but since you broke the law you are incarcerated in prison. If your crime involved destruction of property or life or stealing something which did not belong to you, then how does that show love for God or for those you hurt by your criminal actions? Do you understand that every time that you do anything from brushing your teeth in the morning to robbing the local bank, those are all considered to be works. You cannot get away from or eliminate works from your life. It won't happen until you are dead.

With all that said, you can do works for the good of yourself and others, which are acts of love toward God and others or you can choose to commit crimes which are considered to be acts of hatred towards God and others and will result in incarceration in prison and/or loss of eternal life. God gives you the choice.

Love is not something that is only in your heart and never gets out. Love is an action verb. Love is shown to God and to others by your actions which are considered to be works.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. (1 John 5:2-3) There is no better way than the way of God. Keeping His law keeps us free, breaking His laws brings on numerous penalties and eternal death.

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Follow God Always (12-22-05)

Christopher N. Bartch (Oregon) writes:

Hello! Well, it's the Sabbath even right now. I received your latest newsletter (Issue No. 30 - November/December 2005) earlier today and eagerly read through it immediately. I have a few comments that I wanted to pass along.

First off, really quick I wanted to give you my back - story in case you don't recall who I am (it's been awhile since I wrote first requesting to be added to your mailing list). I'm 26 years old, I grew up in the Worldwide Church of God and left with my family in 1995 to attend with UCG. Since my late teens/early adulthood I've been very active in the Church of God community, especially on the internet where I ran a large, popular COG

website and was active on many mailing lists and chatrooms. Well then I began making some really bad choices and ended up where I am. Coming to prison has been a disguised blessing in many ways, most importantly in that it's given me the focus and drive and time to really get grounded back into the faith that I grew up in. So that's my short story. Oh, and I'm married and have a 2 (almost 2½) year old son - they are my strength in here and I thank God for them every day.

Okay, now on to why I decided to write you in the first place. I'd first just like to say how much I've enjoyed your newsletter over the years. I was an early subscriber (when I was still free). I believe the first issue I got was number 2 or 3 and I've loved it ever since. I was so happy when I started receiving it again after coming to prison. It's always one of my favorite publications to read. So thank you so much for all the hard work you put into it and of course for sending it out to all the flock.

Well, I'm very sorry to hear of the accusations that have been made about you in regards to the prayer requests. It's a shame and I truly hope that the whole matter gets cleared up soon! (Same goes for all of Norman Edward's troubles. I was a loyal reader of Servants' News for many, many years.) I'm also very saddened to read of the problems that Ms. Rhoda Young had when her address got posted with her prayer request in "The Journal" and on "Prayer Lines". Living in prison and being around all these people, I know first hand how unscrupulous some people here are. But at the same time, there are many very good - hearted people here as well, who are really trying to do good, positive things with their lives. So I hope that the few creeps who do prey on people won't make the rest of us out to be pure evil in the eyes of all your readers. I would hate to see everyone be completely afraid of receiving a letter or get well card from a prisoner. Perhaps at some time you might consider posting an article highlighting some of the positive aspects of the prisoners who live and breath in God's word and who use publications (such as yours) and personal correspondence to do every possible thing to better their lives. I am not only blessed to have my loving and supportive wife, but also I have great family and friends who write and visit me. I can't stress enough how vitally important that interaction with loving people on the "outside" is. But there are far, far too many prisoners who don't get those letters or visits. So I would just hate to see a negative stigma placed on all the prisoners who may try writing someone to wish them well or whatever. Now, all that having been said, I fully believe that your policy of not posting people's addresses and instead just

forwarding letters and cards on is the best strategy. I really hope that Ms. Young's painful experiences weren't too traumatizing on her and won't make her or others too unduly fearful (certainly a bit of caution is fully warranted) of all prisoner correspondence.

Well, that came out a bit wordier than intended - I tend to babble in my letters (ask anyone in the Salem Church) - but hopefully at least my point came across understandably.

The second reason I am writing is because of your articles on the Hebrew Calendar. I've found your arguments to be among the best written and thought out in defending the calculated calendar. Studies on the calendar issue have always fascinated me.

I've read dozens of articles/studies/papers on the subject. I just bought a book called "The Jewish Calendar: Its Structures and Laws" by Rabbi David Feinstein (published by Mesorah Publications, 4401 Second Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11232). It hasn't arrived yet, but I'm really looking forward to reading it. I'm also planning on getting Spier's book sometime, hopefully soon. Well, I'd like to ask you a couple things. First off, you mentioned that you'd send a copy of Maimonides' "Sanctification of the New Moon" to those who can't download it off your website. I'd love a copy if you could send me one. Also, due to space concerns, I'm unable to keep all of your newsletters (I always pass them off to other interested people to read), but as I mentioned before, your writing on the calendar is so excellent. So I was wondering if it might be possible to get a compilation of all your writings on the calendar - articles, rebuttals, answers to questions, etc. - all compiled into a continuous article. Of course, if that'd be too much work to do I would completely understand. But I thought I'd ask.

Thank you again for all that you do in putting out your newsletter. I hope that God continues to bless all your efforts. I hope that your Holy Days were good. Take care.

Darwin & Laura Lee (North Dakota) write:

Thank you for this really wonderful letter. We felt that it would be of help to many other people in various ways.

I do remember you from way back in the area of time that Issues 2 and 3 were printed.

I also thank you for the information on the book by Rabbi David Feinstein and may even try to get that book for us here.

Enclosed with this Issue, please find your copy of "Maimonides" and other calendar information which you have requested.

Your letter seems to have been written by a repentant man and we sincerely hope you will continue to walk with God.

Thank You for the Card (02-09-06)

David Ben-Ariel (Ohio) writes:

If I didn't already thank you weeks ago for your card letting me know I'm in your prayers, I thank you now. And if it's not too much trouble, please let those folks (Joanne Saunders) in Washington whom you forwarded their card to me to know I appreciate their prayers too and praised God for all of your love (you and them). I don't mind if they have my email address. Thanks again.

Laura Lee (North Dakota) writes:

I did pass your e-mail address on to Ted and Joanne Saunders. I am fairly sure they will keep in contact with you.

Light Power of God (04-24-06)

Alex Cain (Via the Internet) writes:

Yes, having visited your web sight I go along with the idea that in Gen. 1:3 that it is God switching on his own light power that created the light in the first place. God the Logos has the ability to switch himself on and off at will because he is a God being. (This is a reference to the article: **Evolution, Evolution Mutation or Creation?** by Laura Lee, which is posted on our web site as well as on page #1 of this Issue.)

Need Pen Pals (03-26-06)

Doyle Carter (Oklahoma) writes:

Hello, my friend Jan in Buffalo, NY wants to contact female inmates to pen/share the Truth.

She wants to know if you have any one that needs a pen pal that is a female inmate?

You are welcome to send them to me email and I will mail the info or if you have her address you are welcome to write her. Have a great day.

Darwin & Laura Lee (North Dakota) write:

No, we certainly don't know Jan from New York, but you are welcome to give her our name and address if she would like to receive this newsletter, she may request it.

No, we don't no of any other women inmates that we could get Jan in touch with, but perhaps our readers do. If so send your name and address to us requesting to get in contact with Jan and we will pass that information on to Doyle to give to Jan.

**Let us know how you like our new Newsletter look and name. Thanks
Darwin & Laura Lee**

QUESTIONS SECTION

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QUESTION #55

What significance should the Passover observance have for the believer in Jesus today?

One key element in the plan of God is reconciliation of us to God.

"And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

This ultimate reconciliation with God is caused by the death of his Son.

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Romans 5:10).

The one thing that sets Jesus apart from all other good men is: He was raised from the dead, never to die again, and he has the ability to raise us up into bodies that do not die (1 Corinthians 15:52-54, John 6:40).

"No man can come to me, except the Father which has sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44).

There is a requirement we must meet in order to have a good resurrection.

"Whoso eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:54). This is accomplished by taking the wine and the unleavened bread once a year as a commitment to the person whose death allows us divine reconciliation.

"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. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20).

We are to take the wine and the unleavened bread in remembrance of Christ.

Just as the Children of Israel ate a lamb that was symbolic of the body of Christ, Christians eat unleavened bread, which is symbolic of the body of Christ.

"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

Leaven is symbolic of sin during Passover time. Leaven is also a sign of puffiness, symbolic of human pride. To truly forgive all who have harmed us we must set aside pride. Jesus showed us an excellent way to start the time for the consumption of Passover. He washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4-5).

The foot washing is to be continued.

"If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

One of the lessons of the foot washing is: The servant is not greater than his Lord (John 13:16). Whoever would be a chief must be the servant of all (Mark 10:44).

We need to examine ourselves before we participate in taking the bread and the wine (1 Corinthians 11:27-30).

Christ pointed out that the earnest and sincere prayer of a sinner repenting is the formula for justification (Luke 18:10-14). Christ mentioned this because the religious leaders of the day looked down their noses at people of other faiths (Luke 18:9). Repentance is a divine priority. We must repent of all sins, but especially of being unforgiving of others. We cannot be forgiven if we do not forgive (Matthew 6:14-15).

"...Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

The Old Testament Passover lambs were a symbol of the coming Messiah. This is the reason they were killed each year in the Spring, the same season in which Christ would be crucified.

After the death of Christ there is no need to sacrifice a lamb. Christ is the fulfillment of that symbol.

Christ was cut off in the midst of his week. He died on Wednesday the 14th of the Hebrew month Nisan. He died on the stake at 3 PM (the ninth hour) (Mark 15:34-37). This was the same time the Passover lambs were being slaughtered. That night most of the Jews would eat the Passover lambs, woefully unaware that the symbols of Passover had changed.

In the Old Testament, eating the lamb was symbolic of eating the future Messiah. However, in the New Testament, eating the unleavened bread is symbolic of eating our Messiah and Savior Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:26-28).

Just as people who go to a party together should be friends, so also the people who gather themselves to the Passover should be friends and disciples of Christ.

Disciples of Christ are those who are willing to be taught by him. A disciple is a learner. What is the mark of a disciple? It is the attribute of love for others (John 13:35). This is in opposition to the spirit of competition, greed, lust, and hostility.

You are a friend to Christ if you do what he commands (John 15:14).

If you are a disciple and friend to Christ, then and only then, should you participate in the Passover (foot washing, taking the wine, taking the unleavened bread).

Acceptance of the sacrifice of Christ is reconciliation with God, allowing us to be saved by his life (Romans 5:10). Christ was

raised from the dead. He is the living Messiah. He is not just a good teacher, a good leader, or a prophet. He is the first begotten from the dead who washed us from our sins in his own blood (Revelation 1:5).

"I am he that lives, and was dead, and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen..." (Revelation 1:18).

Answer by: Wily Elder (Florida)

QUESTION #56

I have the early writing of Armstrong where Pentecost was being kept on Monday for forty years and now some Churches of God keep it on Sunday how did this come to be?

Actually, it has been reported that, Elder, Armstrong, for a short time, at the very beginning of his conversion kept a Sivan 6 Pentecost as by the Hebrew Calendar observed by the majority of the Jewish community through out the world. His change to an always Monday Pentecost and then to a Sunday Pentecost (as the Karaite Jews observe) in the early 1970s, was based on a question that had arisen about the proper point of where to start the count from. Once, Elder, Armstrong made the decision to change from a Monday to a Sunday Pentecost there remained a certain contingent of loyalists who persisted that, Elder, Armstrong made a mistake and continued to observe a Monday Pentecost, which no Jew adheres to. The why then, as to the many Church of God groups keeping a Sunday Pentecost is to, Elder, Armstrong's change and influence in His teaching on the issue as to at what point one is to start the count from. For a more detailed explanation as to the specifics on this issue go to: http://www.triumphpro.com/pen_hwa.htm Read the article titled "Did Herbert Armstrong Ever Observe Pentecost on Sivan 6?" by William F. Dankenbring.

Answer by: Darwin Lee (North Dakota)

QUESTION #57

It was once explained in a sermon that the listings of the lineage of Joseph back to David, in the beginning of the book of Matthew, was significant as to Christ's genealogical background. How could that be since Joseph was not Jesus' biological father?

We know the answer because it has been provided for us in the scriptures. The first book of the New Testament (some say it was Hebrews) was written maybe 15 to 20 years after the cross and the others came up to about 30 years later. Though Joseph made no secret of the circumstances of the

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April 15, 2006----Public Video Presentation--The Seventh Day, Part Three (48 Minutes) & Part Four (60 Minutes)

April 19, 2006----Last Day of Unleavened Bread/Passover Week--Public Video Presentation--The Seventh Day, Part Five (84 Minutes)

April 22, 2006----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

April 29, 2006----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #120 & Lesson #121

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If you want to host Sabbath Services and need 2 Sabbaths in a row for your presentation and/or would like to have your presentation listed on our Sabbath Schedule in our newsletter which is sent out to the public, the next deadline for that would be: June 15, 2006. On those Sabbaths of Open Hosting where no one signs up, we will just play a cassette tape by any of various speakers. All Sabbath Services are Hosted by Darwin & Laura Lee unless otherwise stated.

SABBATH SERVICES

Every Saturday at 2:00 PM at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota (701) 258-7172

Gate Open at 1:00 PM for Fellowship

BIBLE STUDY

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Gate Open at 6:30 PM Fellowship and Pot Luck Meal (Bring Food)

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A WOMAN RIDES THE BEAST-The Roman Catholic Church and the Last Days

On Friday, June 30, 2006 at 8:00 PM at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota, we will be showing a 58 minute video. Our gate will be open at 6:30 PM for fellowship and a Pot Luck Meal (Please bring food.) The video is titled, "A Woman Rides the Beast-The Roman Catholic Church in the Last Days. Hope to see you. Darwin & Laura Lee

PENTECOST

We will observe Pentecost here at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota on Friday June 2, 2006 (Sivan 6), with services at 2:00 PM (door open for fellowship at 12:00 noon). At 5:00 PM for anyone who would like to join us, we will meet for a meal and fellowship at the "Bonanza Family Restaurant" in Mandan. We realize that not all people will be observing Pentecost on the same day, so with this in mind, if you need a place to observe this day differently than we do, please contact us and if we can help you in anyway, we certainly will try.
Darwin & Laura Lee

Be Holy

While instructing the nation of Israel concerning how they should live their lives as his kingdom of priests, the Creator God told them to be holy because he was holy (Lev. 11:44-45). The apostle Peter repeated this same instruction to the Sovereign Father's holy nation of kings and priests (1 Pet. 1:13-16).

The word "holy" sounds very spiritual and for most people is an undefinable concept. Most people probably believe that this word means to be sacred, good, or godly. These definitions may be true but they do not give a detailed explanation of what it means to be holy or what it means to practice a holy lifestyle.

Because the instruction to be holy as God is holy is given to all who serve God; it is important to understand what it means to be holy and practice a holy lifestyle. Clearly, being holy and practicing holiness are not just abstract thoughts; they are something tangible that can be discerned if one is willing to search the scriptures. Otherwise, the instruction to be holy as God is holy would not have been given.

For your free copy of "The Holy Ones and God's Law" log onto <http://www.BibleResearch.org> or if you would like a formatted copy send \$1.00 to help defray the cost of printing, shipping, and handling to: P.O. Box 612440, San Jose CA 95161

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CHURCH OF GOD, BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR--Place of Safety

Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, I John 4:1-3. The test of the Spirit, as it states; is it from God, or not?

Based upon this confession, I must also confess that God has revealed to me, through a lot of prayer, answers. As He did with Aaron, and others. As the Apostles practiced in Acts 1:26, in the physical absence of Jesus Christ, in the flesh.

God, and His son, Jesus, have revealed the location of "The Place of Safety", as shown in Rev. 12:14 and 12:6.

This place will be in Ontario, Canada.

Now, I have a series of tapes telling this and other necessary things. The tape series is called, "Location of the Place of Safety Announced".

Tapes are free to all. I am presently unable to service requests due to lack of funds. Anyone desiring tapes, or to donate, should contact: Church of God, Bright and Morning Star, PO Box 7, Emporia, VA 23847

Our Mission Statement

at: <http://darwinlauralee.com>

As we have been given knowledge and understanding by the Great God who created all there is, visible and invisible, we are commissioned by Jesus Christ our High Priest to disseminate that same knowledge to others we come in contact with in one form or another in hopes that God will impart understanding of that knowledge to those we reach out to. True knowledge and understanding of God and His purpose for all humans as found in His word the Holy Scriptures can only be found by ones personal calling by God the Father. Those individuals whom God the Father calls will come to understand that His law is to be obeyed and will teach others the same. Our commission in part is to teach all people that salvation is from certain death because of disobedience to God's commands, but obeying all that He commands us to do is life eternal with God the Father and Jesus Christ. We are to live by every word of God, and teach others to do so as well. We must teach everything Jesus Christ has commanded us to do.

The Church of God Messenger

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

May/June 2006---Issue No. 33

CHURCH OF GOD, BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR

I have a tape series entitled, "God Reveals the Location of the Place of Safety" and "Why the Big Cats Disfellowship the Weak, and Poor, and Prophets".

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Our Beliefs

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We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that everything in it is True.

We believe that men's and women's interpretation of what is in the Bible is many times wrong.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

We encourage all people to deeply study the word of God for Truth.

We encourage all people not to take the word of any man or woman for what the Bible says without deep study.

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

We do not know everything and neither do you.

We should all correct each other in those areas where we might be wrong.

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

We believe that false doctrines should not continue to be allowed to be taught.

So if you have evidence of false doctrines posted on this Web Site (or in this newsletter), we need to see your proof.

Isaiah 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

We believe that teaching false doctrines is the same as lying.

We believe that many love the lies, please don't let it be you.

Isaiah 30:9-11 That this is a rebellious people, lying (deceptive) children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: Which say to the seers, see not; and to the prophets, prophesy not unto us right (true) things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits (deceptions and illusions):

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

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February 16-28, 2006

Greene, Irma--Muscular Dystrophy

Logue, Allison--Died 2-21-06

Logue Family--Twins

Parker, Les--Place to Live

Wells, James--Suicidal Tendencies

March 2006

Adam--Meningioma

All--For Health

Desi--Sick, Not Eating

Jessica--Gall Bladder

Delaney, Phillip--Cracked Spine

Excalante, Martha--Migraines-Depression

Fitch, Lisa--Trouble Breathing

Greene, Irma--On Oxygen Daily

Lee Family--Aquarium Fire

Nickels, Richard--Cancer

Savannah, Joyce--Place to Live

Wells, James--Suicidal Tendencies

Wells Family--Husband/Father is Sick

Ziomek-Witek, Janine--Ch. Medication

Jim Rector died on March 7, 2006

TEXARKANA, Texas--Jim Rector, 61, founder of Cornerstone Publications, died in his sleep in the early morning hours of March 7th, 2006. The causes of death were cancer and amyloidosis.

Jim, a longtime church member, was born August 6, 1944 in Washington, North Carolina. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In 1969 Jim moved to Ambassador College in Pasadena, Calif. and worked in the school's security office. He would later write and do research for the Worldwide Church of God's *Good News* and *Tomorrow's World* magazines, as well as for the church's booklet department.

Mr. Rector left the WCG in 1978 and didn't attend services with any church group until the mid-1980s when he discovered a Church of God International (CGI) congregation meeting near his home. In 1991 he left the CGI and soon formed Cornerstone Publications. For more information about Jim and his ministry please read his June 1998 interview published in *The Journal* at www.thejournal.org/articles/issue17/jimrector.html

Jim is survived by his wife of 34 years, the former Rita Nutt, and his daughter Katrina McAlister.

Some of Jim Rector's articles and audio messages can be found on the Cornerstone Web site at

www.cornerstonepublication.com

Richard Nickels has Adrenal Cancer

GILLETTE, Wyoming -- Richard Nickels, 58, has been diagnosed with cancer and given 6 to 9 months to live. The Victor Kubik Web site reports that the disease specifically is adrenal cancer which has spread to other parts of the body.

Richard founded the popular Giving & Sharing (G & S) bookstore in 1978. Bookstore operations have been indefinitely stopped to give Rich time to battle and receive treatment for his illness.

In a March 22nd announcement posted on the Bible Sabbath Association Web site, office manager Shirley (Richard's wife) stated:

"My husband Richard Nickels has been diagnosed with cancer. They say he has 6 to 9 months to live but we are going to Cancer Treatment Centers of America because they have had some wonderful results. We believe that God will heal him if it is his will."

Although the bookstore has been closed, plans are to continue updating the Giving & Sharing Web site and to keep publishing the online newsletter *Church of God News*.

**Viewer Says We were Wrong!
Book of Daniel is Worse than We
Reported!**

Sent by Keith Slough (North Carolina)

The Book of Daniel was aired by NBC on Friday night. Several NBC affiliates did not carry the program including those in Beaumont, TX; Tupelo, MS; Meridian, MS, Little Rock, AR; and Terre Haute, IN. In addition, NBC lost several million dollars when advertisers pulled out. NBC ended up selling the time for pennies on the dollar. The review below sums up the emails we received by those who watched the program.

"I watched the Book of Daniel show on NBC tonight just so I could see if it was as bad as you said. Mr. Wildmon you have it wrong - it was worse than you described. The so called pastor takes drugs, smokes, drinks, and takes the Lord's name in vain. He supports homosexuality and drug use. He broke the law by giving out prescription drugs to a Bishop. Two Bishops were committing adultery. They misquoted the Bible. The program portrayed our Savior in a joking way. There was a corrupt Catholic priest. The maid smokes pot. The Bishop drinks, the pastor's wife is a drunk and her sister is a lesbian and the son is a homosexual. One son sleeps around. I found this program very offensive to my Christian beliefs. They were poking fun at our Savior."

WBIR in Knoxville invited ministers in to see the program. Here are some of their comments. Rev. Brian Kearns, minister of Lighthouse Christian Church: "I think it's very demeaning to Christianity."

These comments are typical of those who watched the first episode.

Since the tone and content of the show is now known, call your NBC affiliate and ask them not to carry any more episodes of the program. Very important: Ask your local advertisers to pull their advertising from your NBC affiliate if they continue to air the program.

TAKE ACTION

Go Here to print out the NEW Pass Along sheet. Copy it and pass it out at your church.

http://www.afa.net/passalong/pdf/nbc_bookofdaniel2.pdf

Go Here to send a letter to the handful of advertisers who bought ads for pennies on the dollar.

<https://secure.afa.net/afa/afapetition/takeaction.asp?id=178>

The advertisers include Combe (Just For Men products), Mazda, H&R Block, and Burlington Coat Factory.

Sincerely,
Don

Donald E. Wildmon,
Founder and Chairman
American Family Association

**Happy Birthday!
by David Ben-Ariel (Ohio)**

8 years ago this week, on the eve of my birthday...

As reported on the front page of the Jerusalem Post (Jan. 8, 1996), the GSS (Israeli Secret Police) sought my deportation for ALLEGED involvement in a plot to "damage the mosques." This travesty of justice occurred during the witch-hunt that followed Prime Minister Rabin's assassination.

The Leftists were exploiting the death of Rabin to squash their legal opposition. Such Stalinist tactics were condemned by former Russian refuseniks and Prisoners of Zion. Thankfully, the regime of Shimon Peres was toppled with the election of Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu.

As a Christian-American member of the Temple Mount Faithful movement, I had been privileged to participate in their legal demonstrations during my 10-month stay in Jerusalem awaiting dual citizenship. Israeli television often showed me with my Jewish friends carrying Israeli flags throughout the Old City. I have also been published in the Jerusalem Post, the Traveller and other publications about the burning issue of the TEMPLE MOUNT. The Temple Mount suffers under a MILITANT MUSLIM OCCUPATION that FORBIDS CHRISTIANS AND JEWS FROM PRAYING OR READING THE BIBLE there.

This despite the fact that both Biblical Temples stood there, and it is the location where Jesus and His disciples taught and prayed. Israel has a law against such violent religious discrimination, but they're afraid or unwilling to enforce it. Such shameful appeasement rewards the Muslim aggressors and punishes the innocent!

The Temple Mount Faithful demands an end to this injustice. Meanwhile, the Muslim terrorists continue to destroy rich archaeological evidence upon the Temple Mount that proves JERUSALEM IS JEWISH! The world condemned the Muslim Taliban for blowing up a Buddhist idol, yet has remained deathly silent while JUDAISM'S HOLIEST SITE IS DESECRATED!

In my book, Beyond Babylon: Europe's Rise and Fall, I've called for the Israeli government to exercise its Biblical responsibility to BUILD THE TEMPLE. I wrote that book in the United States before any of

this trouble. It clearly explains that I'm not calling for any individual to remove the mosques, but rather expecting the GOVERNMENT to fulfill their historic obligations (if an "act of God" doesn't solve the problem first).

I mentioned this to the police during my six and a half hours of night-time interrogation by six different men. Later I was imprisoned in Jerusalem's rotting Russian Compound (built by the Turks) for several weeks until my heartbreaking deportation (for highlighting the plight of the Temple Mount).

As my attorney in Israel, Naftali Warzberger, has written, MY FUTURE IS LINKED WITH THE JEWS AND ISRAEL. That is why I'm confident justice will prevail. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D. Ohio) persistently presented this case of religious discrimination and political persecution before our State Department that turned a blind eye to the facts. (It's now evident why, since the former Consul General in Jerusalem, Edward G. Abington, Jr., is presently a paid lackey of the terrorist PLO! Talk about a conflict of interests that should be investigated!).

Senator Mike DeWine (R. Ohio) has inquired on my behalf to return to Zion and was informed that the Israeli Ministry of the Interior has made the decision not to grant the visa and does not offer any information behind their decision. They have since written Senator DeWine that I will not be eligible for a visa until 2005!

Gershon Salomon, chairman of the Jerusalem-based Temple Mount Faithful, assures me that a change is coming in Israel that will welcome me back and appreciate my efforts on behalf of Israel.

Check out **Beyond Babylon:
Europe's Rise and Fall**

<http://benariel.port5.com/>

**A gardener meditates on the
Scripture:**

by Jeffrey Caldwell (California)

"The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight..." (Isaiah 5:7).

The concept is beautiful, fully in accord with all I know about plants.

About being rooted, a phrase I recall most often is: "rooted and established in love". Ephesians 3:17

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7.

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