Vexation of the World by Doyle Carter (Tulsa, Oklahoma)

Do you feel vexed or disrupted by the news every night at 6pm? Does the world around you make you angry due to it's corrupt ways? There are times when you can feel helpless as you watch events, whether world or local, that go on around you. But we do have hope in God and deliverance from trials.

In **2 Peter 2:5-9**, Peter wrote, "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bring in the flood upon the world of the ungodly... and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ash... an example unto those that after should live ungodly; and (*Continued on page 7*)

Do You Really Believe in the Bible?

by Clyde Ferrell, Jr. (Mount Calm, Texas)

Just what does it mean to believe in something? To believe, is to accept that (something) is true or (someone) is telling the truth. (To believe in) have faith in truth or existence of. The character word in believe is the word truth. Therefore, when one says they really believe in the Bible they are saying they believe in it's truth. Now since the truth is found in the words of that book in written scriptures it is logical to say you believe in the Bible because of what it has to say. Correct? (*Continued on page 9*)

The Khazars and the Modern Jews

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Let us consider an aspect of Jewish history which is sometimes controversial. This is the history of the Khazar kingdom, whose later monarchs adopted Judaism.

Some maintain that the Khazars were non-Israelites who, en masse, accepted Judaism and became the forebears of the Ashkenazi Jews of Europe. This viewpoint tends to disenfranchise Ashkenazi Jews as "legitimate" Jews from (*Continued on page 7*)

The Blood of the Covenant by Marisha Hileman (Toledo, Ohio)

Zech. 9:9-17-(V.11) "--by the BLOOD OF THY COVENANT--" Heb.10:29- "<u>Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye, shall he be</u> thought worthy who has COUNTED THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing and has done so despite unto the Spirit of Grace?")

Heb.13:20- "Now the Ylohim of peace that brought again from the dead our Master YaHVaHOSHA, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through THE BLOOD OF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT." Lev.17:11

Heb.9:1-28- But Messiah came as an (Continued on page 9)

By Changing Its Dictionary Definition, Can a Tulip Become a Rose? by John Leitch (Canada)

In recent weeks, Canadian newspapers have been filled with the on going controversy over same sex marriage. The main issue (if this writer understands correctly) is not that people who have "same sex attraction (SSA)" be allowed to live together but that this living together be called a marriage.

The problem seems to be, with the (Continued on page 10)

Why Isn't God Answering Your Prayers Like He Should? by Nathaniel Burson (Big Sandy, Texas)

Everyone knows what the bible teaches about Faith. And you also know that the Creator of the universe has promised to answer your prayers. Quickly, and dramatically. To quote just two scriptures:

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye SHALL receive.

John 14:14 If ye shall ask ANY thing in my name, I will do it. These promises CANNOT be broken. (Continued on page 6)

The Elimination of Personal Freedoms is Alarming. Is it Any Wonder Big Brother is

by Richard Markland (Lebanon, Ohio)

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If you pay attention to the news on any given day, another law is either eliminated or passed due to the threat of terrorism. "Privacy" is now a word only found in the dictionary. A familiar rock song from the 70's has become the (*Continued on page 11*)

Discipleship and Stewardship

A Cure for Doctrinal Chaos and Organizational Disunity -- Part #5 by B. L. Cocherell (San Jose, California)

Older Men:

Be circumspect, be honorable, have self control, be incorruptible in the faith, be benevolent, and be consistent (Titus 2:2).

Young Men:

Be sound minded, be a model of (*Continued on page 3*)

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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.

Ezekiel 33:8-9 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove (expose) them.

1 Timothy 5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

Disruption of Sabbath Services (11-19-06) by Darwin & Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Our Sabbath Services were delayed yesterday (11-18-06) as Arlan Weight stopped in yesterday. He came with no remorse for the havoc he has reeked over here in this small group. He came in still trying to justify his own actions as appropriate. He came in telling us that he would forget everything if we would forget this would everything, claiming be forgiveness and reconciliation. We tried to make it clear to him that there were several problems that needed to be worked out between us before true reconciliation could take place.

In order for any true reconciliation to take place there has to be an admission of wrong doing and a promise (repentance) to at least try very hard not to continue to do the same thing in the future. Arlan doesn't want to do either of those at this point.

He also accused us of forcing him into the meeting we had with him at Perkins Restaurant on January 2, 2006. Let the record show that Arlan was asked for approximately 1 and a half months before that meeting to set it up on his own and he would not meet with us according to Matthew 18:15. Arlan also knew far in advance that we would bring a witness and ask to meet with him, which we did on January 2, 2006. We brought a tape recorder as a witness. We went to his door and knocked and when he answered we told him we wanted to meet with him. He had a choice at that point whether he would meet with us or not. At that time he said he would meet with us at Perkins Restaurant. Not only did he choose the place of the meeting but he also came to the meeting in his own truck. We had only gone to Arlan's house that night of January 2, 2006 to see if he would meet with us, as

according to Matthew 18:16. He is the one who chose the place and that he would go. Now as of yesterday he is accusing us of having forced him to meet with us that day. Arlan also knew very long in advance that we would make public the matter according to Matthew 18:17 if he did not want to work on the problems which occurred due to his actions toward us.

We tried to explain to Arlan when he came that unless these underlying problems between us are resolved to everyone's satisfaction that no true reconciliation can take place between us. His response was "What do you want? Blood?" Our response was that we would like to see some remorse coming from him. Some sorrow for the things he has done to us. His attitude and words were that he doesn't believe he has done anything wrong to us. We said that if you don't think you have done anything wrong and we just forget the whole matter and pretend none of it ever happened, then the next time a problem arises within our Sabbath group, the same stuff will occur as it was never resolved.

We explained to Arlan that we have proof in his own hand writing and on tape in his own words that not only did he lie to us on several occasions, but he also sought revenge on us and actually carried it out.

It has been over a year since Arlan last came here for Sabbath Services and our Sabbath Services were greatly upset when he came here displaying the same attitude and

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virtuous works reflecting righteousness, have integrity, be dignified, and have speech that cannot be condemned (Titus 2:6-7).

Older Women:

Be circumspect, be honorable, have self control, be incorruptible in the faith, be benevolent, be consistent, have holy behavior, shun evil behavior, drink wine in moderation, and be a teacher of that which is righteous (Titus 2:3-4).

Servants (voluntary or indentured):

Be subordinate/obedient to your master, make an effort to please one's master, do not be argumentative, be an example of your Saviors instructions (Titus 2:9-10; Col. 3:22).

Husband and Wife Relationships:

- Sexual relations (1 Cor. 7:3-5)
- Unconverted spouse (1 Cor. 7:12-16)
- Submission, love, and honor (Eph. 5:22-25; Col. 3:18-19; 1 Pet. 3:1-7)
- Divorce (Matt. 5:32, 19:9; Lk. 16:18)

Young Married Women:

Be discreet, be morally beyond reproach, be maternal, be affectionate and subordinate to one's husband, be modest in dress and appearance (Titus 2:4-5; 1 Pet. 3:1-3).

Speech:

- Do not attack another person's character (Titus 3:2).
- Avoid absurd questions about genealogies, as well as arguments and controversy about God's law (Titus 3:9).
- Shun profane babbling (2 Tim. 2:16).
- Do not utter foul speech (Eph. 4:29; 1 Pet. 3:10).

Official Capacity:

The following scriptures contain a number of rules that apply to those who serve within the family in an official capacity. See 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 1 Tim. 3:1-11, 5:1-3; 2 Tim. 2:24-25; 1 Pet. 5:1-6; Titus 1:5-10.

Judicial System:

The Judicial system for resolving personal and collective problems within the Father's earthly family is clearly set forth in Matthew, chapter 18 and should be studied and understood. In this chapter, Christ sets forth a step-by-step procedure that each member should follow in order to resolve problems within the collective church. The following is a short list of judicial rules of conduct and instructions concerning how to deal with specific situations within the Father's family:

- Accusation, rebuke, and sanction of
 - an elder (1 Tim. 5:19-21)Conflict resolution (1 Cor. 6:1-9.)
 - Rebuke and forgiveness (Lk. 17:3-4;
 - Matt. 18:15, 18-22) • Punishment (Matt. 18:17; 1 Tim. 5:20)
 - How to treat a heretic after failure to heed two reprimands (Titus 3:10)
 - Withdraw from the disorderly brethren (Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Cor. 5:9-11; 2 Thes. 3:6, 14-15; 1 Tim. 6:5)

DUE DILIGENCE AS A STUDENT

As previously stated in this study, the simple truth is that no one can learn the Father's will for their life or become conversant with his laws, precepts, and principles by osmosis. Learning and practicing the Father's truth and way of truth takes time and effort.

If you are serious about being educated in the Father's truth and way of truth, it is your responsibility to do one or both of the following: 1) Seek out spiritual leaders whom you believe are teaching truth and study their teachings as they relate to biblical topics; 2) Design your own course of study without a spiritual leader or teacher.

Regardless of what method of study you choose to pursue, it is your responsibility as a student of truth to put forth a diligent effort to determine whether or not what is being taught or studied conforms to the Father's truth and way of truth as contained in the Bible. See 2 Tim. 2:15-16; Phil. 2:12-13; Heb. 11:6.

STEWARDSHIP

There is a tremendous misconception during this age of the church that only the ministry and those in official positions of service to the collective church are stewards of the church. This misconception has for generations effectively neutralized the Father's family as a powerful and effective instrument of Christ to proclaim the Father's plan of salvation for humanity, to proclaim his soon coming kingdom to the world, and to prepare a people to rule the world with him after his return.

What is a steward and what is stewardship? Who are the stewards and what is the function of stewardship within the Sovereign Father's earthly family of kingpriests?

The English word 'steward' as used in the New Testament is translated from the Greek words 'epitropos' and 'oikonomos' and their various derivatives. Depending on the context in which they are used, these words can mean the following:

- A commissioner
- A domestic manager or guardian
- The management of a household, lands, or an estate and its affairs, specifically, the administration, management, or oversight of another person's property.
- One who has the care and tutelage of children
- One to whose care or honor anything has been entrusted, an overseer, (i.e., an employee in that capacity). By extension, a fiscal agent, treasurer of household affairs; especially a manager or a superintendent.

Although there are many nuances to the meaning of stewardship and the aspects of stewardship within the Father's earthly family, the basic function of a steward and stewardship is to care for another person's affairs or possessions with which one has been entrusted.

The Father's children are his possessions, which he has given in trust to his first-born son to oversee while teaching his truth and way of truth to them and administering his work on earth through them. See Eph. 1:15-23, 5:23; Col. 1:16-18.

Under the stewardship of Christ, the Father has entrusted his children with stewardship over his truth and way of truth, which his children are to learn and practice to the best of their ability while administering their individual skills, talents, gifts of the spirit, and functions and responsibilities within his family as king-priests. See 1 Pet. 4:1-11.

A Steward

A steward within the Father's family is simply a student of his truth, his way of truth, and his rules of conduct for his earthly family. A steward in the Father's family is responsible for practicing and perfecting what is being learned in the context of fulfilling their personal functions and responsibilities within his family. See Eph. 4:11-16.

Stewardship is the most difficult and the most rewarding phase of discipleship. Stewardship within the Father's earthly family of king-priests requires you to be proactive in administering your personal skills, talents, gifts of the spirit, and your functions and responsibilities within the Father's earthly family.

Stewardship is the process through which the Father's adopted children perfect a holy attitude, holy behavior, and holy character (1 Pet. 1:13-16) while exercising his purpose for them through diligent and active participation in the affairs of his earthly family. See 2 Tim. 4:16-17; Jms. 3:13; 2 Pet.

3:10-14.

Being a proactive steward requires you to make and carry out personal decisions predicated on your education in the Father's truth, his way of truth, and his rules of conduct for members of his earthly family of king-priests.

It is through voluntary active involvement in the affairs of the Father's earthly family as a steward of his truth, his way of truth, and the practice and enforcement of his rules of conduct within his family of king-priests, that you can truly grow spiritually and become a viable, productive, and beneficial member within his family.

Each member of the Father's earthly family is bought and paid for with the blood of Christ. Therefore, each member is obliged to be a trustworthy steward of their own mind and body, because they belong to the Father by right of purchase: "What? Don't you know that your body is the temple of the holy spirit which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: therefore honor God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19-20 Para.).

"For one that is called in the Lord, being a slave, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also one that is called, being free, is Christ's slave. You are bought with a price; do not be the slaves of men" (1 Cor. 7:22-23 Para.)

Stewardship Begins

Stewardship within the Sovereign Father's earthly family begins the instant you receive the indwelling of the holy spirit. From this point forward the things that come under your stewardship continue to increase as your spiritual knowledge, understanding, and gifts of the spirit are increased. Likewise, the things that you are responsible to increase in value for the Father also increase in number.

The simple fact is that everyone who is adopted into the Father's family of earthly king-priests is a steward within his family.

All who are called to participate in the first resurrection are expected to perform certain tasks and fulfill certain responsibilities for God while living in the flesh. However, few realize this important fact and therefore most are ill prepared for their role as a steward within the Father's family. This situation exists because of a lack of education in the Father's truth, his way of truth, and a steward's functions and responsibilities within his family.

PROFITABLE AND UNPROFITABLE STEWARDS

In the parable about the events that will precede his return, Jesus explains the need for each steward in the Father's earthly family to be actively working to increase the value of what has been entrusted to them. It is no accident that Matthew records the parable of the unprofitable servant after the parable of the Ten Virgins, which tells us that we should always be prepared to meet Christ at his coming.

Matthew 25:14-30

"It will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability..." (vs. 14-15 NIV).

When Jesus returns, each steward within the Father's earthly family must give an account of what they have done with that which has been placed in their trust (2 Cor. 5:10). The faithful stewards are the ones who increase the value of what was placed with them to increase. These individuals receive a reward that is representative of their efforts (vs. 20-23). However, some individuals will not try to increase what is entrusted to them: "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master', he said, I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you" (vs. 24-25 NIV).

Notice what happens to the person who does nothing with the opportunities that come their way and the spiritual blessings and gifts that are given to them to increase in value: "His master replied, You wicked, lazy servant! You knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed [i.e., You understood what I was doing and yet you did nothing]. You should have at least put my money in the hands of an investor, then I would have received my money back with some interest added to it... Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents ... And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (vs. 26, 28-30 NIV Para.).

There are many important lessons that can be learned from what is said to this unprofitable individual:

- 1.When the Father calls a person to salvation, that person has enough personal attributes to be spiritually successful and secure salvation with the help of the holy spirit dwelling in them; otherwise, that person would not have been called.
- 2.At the proper time, each person is given additional attributes according to their potential to produce value for the Father. See Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-10, 28-30; Eph. 4:11-16.

3.Although, each individual may have

different opportunities, attributes, skills, talents, and spiritual gifts to work with, each person is required to add to the value of what they have.

- 4. The parable clearly shows that, if a person feels inadequate or is unable because of some valid reason to do an individual work by themselves, he or she should find a way to place their skills, talents, or spiritual gifts under the direction of someone who is more able to use them to produce a positive result for the Master.
- 5.The parable infers that, if a person will make an effort to accomplish something of worth for the Master, they will receive a reward for that effort.
- 6.Unprofitable individuals will not be punished because of a feeling of inadequacy or because of being unable to increase that which they were to increase; the punishment is the result of doing nothing.
- 7.The reward that the unprofitable person should have received for being a faithful steward will be given to those individuals who seize opportunity and are willing to extend themselves and make an effort to increase that which they were given to increase.

Personal Works:

While reprimanding the Corinthians for their cliquish attitude and behavior, the apostle Paul speaks to a person's personal work as a member of the Father's family. Paul explains that your work will be tested for its worth. If the work does not endure the test of fire, there will be no reward for the effort. But if the work endures (i.e., has benefit to the Father), there will be a reward. Regardless of the worth of your work, you will still gain immortal life; if you do indeed put forth an effort to do a work for the Father. See 1 Cor. 3:1-15.

When Paul's reprimand is viewed along with the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30), it becomes crystal clear that each member of the Father's family is expected to put forth an effort to do something beneficial for him.

Clearly, each member of the Father's family must increase their personal worth for the benefit of the Father, and each member must help to increase the overall value of the entire family through fulfilling their functions and responsibilities within his family.

You are to accomplish something of value for the Father to claim as his own. If you do nothing with what is given to you, you are considered unprofitable and will not be granted immortality. See Matt. 25:14-30; Lk. 19:12-27; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 22:12.

THE FAITHFUL AND UNFAITHFUL STEWARDS

Many of the parables that Jesus spoke are clearly set in the context of stewardship in the Father's family at the end of the age. These parables consistently show rewards for faithful and consistent performance of one's calling and punishment for failure to perform the Father's will in one's life. The context of the parable of the faithful and unfaithful steward in Luke 12:42-48 is no different and leaves no doubt as to the outcome of these two opposite attitudes and behaviors: Jesus says, "Who is that faithful and wise steward whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household?... Blessed is that servant who his Lord [Jesus Christ] when he comes shall find so doing. The Lord shall make him ruler over all he has" (Lk. 12:42-44 Para.).

Here, Jesus gives the keys to understanding what is required in order to be a faithful and wise steward who is blessed at his coming. These keys that will help to secure your place in the first resurrection are faithfulness, wisdom, and perseverance in your walk with God.

A Warning

"But if the servant [the elect] says in his heart, the Lord delays his coming [which all ten of the virgins did] and they begin to beat their fellow servants, and they eat and drink and get drunk. The Lord will come in the day when he is not looking for him,... and the Lord will cut him apart and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers" (Lk. 12:45-46 Para.).

If you become lazy in your calling; neglect your responsibility to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Father and the Son; neglect diligently to carry out your functions and responsibilities as a steward of the things the Father has entrusted to you; or become abusive to others within the Father's family you are in serious danger of losing your salvation.

These types of attitudes and behaviors occurred during the first age of the church and can easily be found within the Father's earthly family during this age. Being cut apart and being seen as an unbeliever alludes to the punishment of the second death from which there is no return.

"That servant who knew his lord's will, and did not prepare, neither did his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But if he did not know [i.e., was ignorant], and did things worthy of stripes he shall be beaten with few. For to whom much is given much is required..." (Lk. 12:47-48 Para.).

The context of verses 47 and 48 concerns the difference between knowing and not knowing what your responsibilities are before God the Father and Jesus Christ.

If you know the Father's will and know what is expected of you, but do not faithfully do it, you will be severely punished by Jesus Christ.

A person who is ignorant of what is required, will receive a lighter punishment, but not because he or she is guiltless, but because he or she is not guilty of blatant and willful rebellion. Instead, that person is guilty of being lazy and faithless in pursuit of the Father's will in their life. See also Revelation, chapters 2 and 3.

The point in verses 47 and 48 is that the more you know about the Father's will for your life, the greater the opportunity to grow spiritually, the greater the opportunity to serve the Father and his family, and the greater the requirement to do what you know is his will in a thoughtful and diligent manner. Whether you have a great or a small amount of skill, talent, spiritual gifts, or spiritual knowledge and understanding, you are expected to diligently seek and perform the Father's will in your life.

Diligence

The following observations by William Barclay concisely state the necessity for those who believe they are followers of the God of the Bible to diligently seek and perform the Father's will in their life.

In The Daily Study Bible Series, The Gospel of Mark, Barclay says, "No man can tell the day or hour when eternity will invade time and the summons will come. We would like him to find us with our work completed. If we really know what Christianity means we will know that there is no part of life when the master is away. We are working and living forever in our great task master's eyes. There is nothing so fatal as to feel that we have plenty of time" (pp. 167-168).

In The Daily Study Bible Series, Gospel of Matthew Volume II, Barclay observes, "The parable has two universal meanings, it warns us that there are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute. It is far too late for a student to be preparing when the day of the examination is come. It is too late for a man to acquire a skill or character if he does not already possess it. It warns us there are certain things which cannot be borrowed. A man cannot borrow a relationship with God, he must possess it for himself. We cannot always be living on a spiritual capital which others have amassed" (pp. 320-321).

THE PARABLE OF THE SEEDS

Jesus spoke the parable of the sown seeds to a large crowd and ended it with this warning: *"who has ears let him hear"* (Matt. 13:4-9). This means that those who understand must pay attention.

Who are those who have ears to hear in

this age? Those who have ears to hear are those who have the holy spirit dwelling in them. These are the ones who have the ability to understand the things of the spirit. See 1 Cor. 2:9-16; Jn. 14:26,16:12-13.

The parable of the seeds can be summarized as follows: Within the Father's earthly family, there are three basic categories of people:

- Those who **Go Backwards**: These individuals endure for a while, but allow the things of the world to become more important than the pursuit of righteousness and revert to their former lifestyle.
- Those who **Stand still**: These individuals stand still spiritually because they are spiritually lazy, lethargic, and lukewarm. These have little or no desire to grow in grace and knowledge or actively fulfill the functions and responsibilities to which they were called to perform.
- Those who Go forward: These individuals understand that they are expected to do the Father's will in their life and use the physical and spiritual gifts that he gives them to produce something of value for him. willing, These individuals are dedicated. teachable. and responsible students of truth and the way of truth, they grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Father and his Son, and are a reflection of the Father's influence in their life. These are spiritually successful stewards who are doing the Father's will in their life.

A DANGEROUS ATTITUDE

Of all the seven groupings of the Father's earthly children directly spoken to by Jesus Christ, those having the Laodicean attitude are the most pointedly reprimanded and condemned by him: "To the angel [messenger] of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things says the Amen [Jesus Christ], the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I wished that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:14-16 Para.).

These are stewards in the Father's family who are neither faithful nor unbelieving; rather, they are completely indifferent. Their indifference and lack of commitment to the truth and the way of truth is sickening to Jesus. These individuals are so self-satisfied that they think everything is fine and that they are doing great works. They view themselves as the recipients of

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great spiritual understanding, but they have practically none.

Jesus Says to those of the Laodicean attitude: "Because you say, 'I am rich; and have need of nothing, and do not know that you are wretched, and miserable and poor and blind and naked. I advise you to buy from me gold having been refined in the fire by me, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, and your shame and nakedness may not be revealed. And anoint your eyes with eye-salve, that you may see" (Rev. 3:17-18 Para.).

Here, we see a people who are so apathetic and lazy because of their perceived knowledge and spirituality that they are in danger of being cast away from God. They are self-deceived into thinking that they are spiritually rich; however, they are spiritually poor. Christ is giving them their last opportunity to repent and become zealous for God. If these people will hear and heed what he is saying, he will again establish fellowship with them. If not, they will be cast into the Lake of Fire with the unrepentant wicked. These individuals are clearly in danger of falling into the category of the unprofitable steward noted in Matthew, chapter 25, verses 24-30.

Their indifference has left them selfdeluded and they do not realize they are spiritually poor, miserable, wretched, blind, and naked. Those who lead such a people and do not repent themselves are in deep trouble. These individuals have no real commitment to spiritual growth and they feel secure as long as they associate with a particular group of people. This kind of attitude leads to indifference and complacency, which will result in intense trials in the hope of awaking them to their need of genuine repentance and the performance of their commitment to the Father: "As many as I love. I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous then, and repent. Behold I stand at the door and knock: If any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in to him, and I will dine with him and he with me" (Rev. 3:19-20 Para.).

The kind of rebuke that Jesus speaks of here is a severe rebuke that compels a person to see the error of their ways. Christ is showing, in an extremely strong way that some of the elect who are in this decadent condition can expect extremely severe trials that come directly from him.

He says he is at the door knocking (Rev. 3:19-20), hoping these wayward children will let him back into their hearts and minds. But he will not force his way into their lives. These individuals have to make a decision to repent of their nauseating quality of being spiritually lukewarm, self-satisfied, complacent, and in need of nothing. Read the entire article at:

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God CANNOT lie (**Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18**). So what is the problem? Why doesn't God INSTANTLY, DRAMATICALLY answer your prayers – as He has PROMISED? Is God UNABLE to save you? Is the LIVING GOD UNABLE to do the things you ask for? What does your BIBLE say?

Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the LORD'S hand is NOT shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But YOUR INIQUITIES have separated between you and your God, and YOUR SINS have hid his face from you, that he WILL not hear.

YOU have separated yourself from God, by YOUR sins. God promised to answer your prayers, but YOU are not holding up YOUR end of the bargain! God has not changed. He never changes! (**Hebrews 13:18, Malachi 3:6**)

Luckily for you, God thought this might happen, and He DESPERATELY wants to be able to answer your prayers, so He gave you instructions – just in case.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

In order to fix this...in order to CHANGE the fact that God doesn't hear your prayers like he PROMISED He would... And you yourself know he doesn't... YOU have to draw closer to HIM. This means that you must CHANGE what you are, and what YOU are doing, and God will come CLOSER to YOU – so he can HEAR your prayers! This is another PROMISE that CANNOT be broken!

But how to draw close to God is not properly understood by most today. Don't believe me? Why are prayers not answered as they were in the days of the apostles? Or David? Or Moses? Or Job? Has God changed? Impossible. No, YOUR SINS, and the SINS of all those who ask in prayer, and don't receive, are to blame!

But again, God saw this coming, and he left instructions for you.

1 John 3:22 And WHATSOEVER we ask, we receive of him, BECAUSE we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

God tells you EXACTLY how to receive whatever you ask of him! You keep his commandments... and you DO those things that are pleasing in his sight. This includes loving your enemies (Luke 6:35), Turning the other cheek (Matthew 5:39), being persecuted without a cause, patiently (1 Peter 2:19) – In short, by actually DOING everything He tells you to do!

But notice the verse before that -

1 John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

This is the real key! This is HOW you get your prayers answered. Your heart must not condemn you – At all! You must be BOLD, and CONFIDENT, when you ask of God, to expect to receive an answer. But there is only ONE way to be BOLD when you go before your Father in heaven. Guess what that is? By KNOWING, fully and completely, that you ARE DOING those things that are pleasing in his sight!

When you pray, there is a little voice there, saying "Hey, remember what you did this morning? This afternoon? You don't deserve this. You sin all the time, and you'll do it again tomorrow"?

That is your heart condemning you. That is what keeps your prayers from being answered. And there is only one way to silence this voice. By JUDGING yourself.

1 Corinthians 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

Now, let's say you get a speeding ticket. You go before a judge, the police officer tells his side of the story – you tell yours - and the judge decides who is right, and who is wrong, and what punishment is needed to ensure that you don't do it again.

But what if you were able to do that for yourself? Correctly - Righteously? What if you were able to judge yourself, and do whatever it took to prevent yourself from doing it again – you wouldn't need a judge, now would you? Certainly not. You just judged yourself.

God is telling you to do the same thing, with EVERY ACTION you do, and He won't have to. You must stop everything, and think – long and hard, RIGHT NOW, about EVERYTHING that you are doing. Let that little voice go, let it run wild and condemn you - and listen to it! Compare it against the Bible, and find out what you do that your heart condemns you for. Judge yourself, AND STOP doing things that YOU KNOW are wrong!

That little voice doesn't hassle you for things you know you'll never do again. It bothers you for things that you did... and will do again, because you have not yet JUDGED YOURSELF!

You must let that voice find EVERYTHING that you're doing that even MIGHT be wrong, and STOP IT. Then that voice will know that you listened to it, and then when you pray, YOUR HEART WON'T CONDEMN YOU!

It doesn't even matter if it's wrong or not - if you think it MIGHT be wrong, it WILL impede (hinder) your prayers!

Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

If you're concerned about something you're doing, if you can't CERTAINLY tell yourself – based on the word of God – that this is good, then you MUST, absolutely MUST, remove it from your life.

You must make a judgment, a judgment on yourself. And stand by it. And if you can't convince that voice that this is okay, then you have a choice to make.

Do you want God to hear your prayers, or do you SO love this WORLDLY THING, that IT is more important to you than Having GOD ALMIGHTY hear you? That is the question you must ask yourself.

And remember... you can convince yourself of almost anything. But your conscience will always know the choice you made, And it WILL always impede (hinder) your prayers.

So start now! Examine your actions, your morals, and decide which of them you wouldn't want God to know about, and which you think he might not like, and clean up your life! And then... Then...

Isaiah 58:9-11 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

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delivering just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.)"

Peter understood that the world around us with its disobedient attitude toward the correct way of life that God presents us with, would cause us anguish. We are surrounded by the evil in this world without any justice to correct it. Or so it seems.

But in verse 9, Peter reassures us by saying, "The Lord Knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and reserve the unjust unto the Day of Judgment to be punished."

Yes, as the examples of Lot and Noah show us, God can deliver us from this world of evil and punish the unjust on the Day of Judgment, but we must endure until the end just as Noah had to wait until it rained before he was delivered and Lot had to wait until the angels came to witness the evil of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Remember what Jesus said in **Matthew 24:13**, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

So we are to be like Lot and Noah enduring the events around us and being strong in the Lord God. We are not to give up when people or events in this society of great evil continue to vex our soul "day to day"; for God is just and will deliver his people when it is time and will reserve the unjust for their time of punishment.

So I encourage you to be strong in the Lord God and look forward for the day that Jesus Christ will come to correct the problems of this world.

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the tribe of Judah, and it is historically inaccurate. This viewpoint assumes: (A) all Khazars were gentile, (B) all Khazars accepted Judaism and (C) no members of the house of Judah were already living among the Khazars.

All three assumptions are incorrect.

It is well-documented that numerous Jews lived in the Parthian Empire and many them accompanied the migrating of Parthians toward Europe through the Caucasus Mountains and into territory north of the Black Sea. Other Jewish migrations to the region of Khazaria occurred in the centuries prior to the fall of Parthia, as we shall soon document. This region (the Transcaucasus and north of the Black Sea), through which hordes of Israelites and Jews passed on their way to Europe, was the homeland of the Khazars. How could the Khazars all be gentiles when their homeland had been the main expressway for the tribes of Israel as they left Parthia and Scythia? The Khazar region also included the former kingdom of Iberia, which had borne a Hebrew name since its founding soon after the fall of the Israelite capital of Samaria. Iberia had also been ruled by kings with the root-word "Phares" in their names, confirming their descent from King David of Israel. Surely, there were still Israelites left in this region when the Khazars came to power there in later centuries.

There is considerable evidence that the Khazars were a mixture of races and ethnic groups. The Encyclopaedia Britannica records that some "Khazars" were first noticed in Armenia in 198 A.D.¹ This was 28 years before Parthia fell. When Parthia collapsed, millions of Semitic people from Parthia poured through the region later to be called "Khazaria" like a tidal wave on their way to Europe. During the centuries of the great migrations of Parthian and Scythian refugees through the Transcaucasian region, the descendants of the ten tribes of Israel were dominant in the region which later became Khazaria. The Khazar rulers did not adopt Judaism until the year 740 A.D. or even later. Let us consider how many waves of Jewish refugees entered Khazaria before that event occurred.

Large numbers of Jewish refugees had settled in what became Khazaria long before the Khazars were even a recognizable people. It is recorded in The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia that: "Vakhushti's History of Georgia informs us that permission was granted to a Jewish legation which had appealed to the prince of Mtskhet, after the destruction of the First Temple at Jerusalem (586 B.C.E.), to settle on the outskirts of Mtskhet." ² Jews from the tribe of Judah began settling in the Transcaucasus from the time Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians! The same source records many more waves of Jewish migration to this region: "Another influx of Jewish refugees into various Trans-Caucasian regions took place after the destruction of the Second Temple at Jerusalem (70 C.E.). The height of the influx during the first centuries of Christianity is confirmed by the chronicler Faustus of Byzantium (4th cent. C.E.), who reports that the Persians, under King Sapor II (360 C.E.), invaded Armenia, and took with them to South Persia more than 75,000 Jewish captives, the progeny of those who had previously come to the Transcaucasus from Palestine." ³ (Emphasis added.)

The Jews had seen the Caucasus region as a hospitable refuge for centuries, and they went there in large numbers. Why shouldn't they? From 700 B.C, until at least the 5th century A.D., it was inhabited by many descendants of the ten tribes of Israel (called Scythians, Iberians, Sacae, Goths, etc.), and many of the Israelite kings were Jewish, descendants of King David's dynasty. The Persian King, Sapor II, was from the Persian Sassanian kingdom that had driven the Parthians out of Asia. There had to be an immense number of Jews in the Transcaucasus region for him to take over 75,000 Jews captive in a single raid in that area! That they were descended from Jews who had originally migrated there from

Palestine confirms they were racial members of the tribe of Judah! The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia continues: "Subsequently they [Transcaucasian Jews] were joined by other Jews from more westerly regions; from Asia Minor, the Crimean Peninsula, and especially from Byzantium (to escape from the severe persecutions which they had been suffering at the hand of Emperor Justinian in the 6th cent. C.E.). It is evident...that Jewish immigration into the Caucasus took Place not only at different times but also from different directions." (Emphasis added.)⁴

We're not done yet. Many Jews, whose forefathers had lived peacefully under the Parthians, finally migrated out of Persia centuries after the Parthians had done so. Consider this account: "From Arabic and other sources, primarily the Old Persian chronicle Derbend-Nameh...we may conclude that many Jews migrated from North Persia and Mesopotamia to the Northeast Caucasus during the 5th and 6th centuries (under the Sassanids). Other groups of immigrants followed... When, in the 8th century, the Arabs conquered part of Daghestan, they found a large Jewish population there." ⁵ (Emphasis added.)

Many people from the tribe of Judah migrated to the Caucasus from the former region of Parthia because of Sassanian persecution. By the time the final waves of "Parthian" Jews entered the Transcaucasus, the descendants of the Parthians and Scythians were already occupying new homelands in Europe. For many centuries before Khazar rulers adopted Judaism, there had been numerous migrations of the tribe of Judah (Jews) into the region later called Khazaria. There would have been some remnants of the ten tribes of Israel in that region as well. Indeed, Jewish sources claim that there were identifiable remnants from the tribes of Issachar. Manasseh. and Simeon living in Khazar regions, and that their archaic Hebrew names and the lack of any Levites among them supported the conclusion that they were not Jews, but Israelites from the ten tribes of Israel.⁶ Since huge numbers of people from the ten tribes of Israel had lived in or passed through this region from the 8th century B.C. until at least the 5th century A.D., some remnants of Israel's ten tribes should be expected there. However, this region had many non-Israelites as well. The Encyclopaedia Britannica states that: "...the Khazars had reappeared in Armenia, though it was not till 625 that they appear as Khazars in the Byzantine annals...described as "Turks from the East." 7

The Transcaucasus were getting crowded. Not only had numerous Jews lived in this region for centuries (coming from Palestine and Parthia), but there were Turks, other races and even residual Israelites from the ten tribes whose main body had migrated through this region on the way to Europe. Khazaria came to include not only portions of the Transcaucasus, but also part of the steppes north of the Black Sea.

There is evidence that most Khazars were of the Caucasian race. The Encyclopaedia Britannica states that the Khazars were part of the "white race of the steppe," ⁸ and adds that the Khazars, in response to being threatened by other Turkic tribes (such as the Petchenegs), built a stone fortress with the help of the Byzantines. The Britannica adds: "Famous as the one stone structure in that stoneless region, [the fortress] became known far and wide amongst the hordes of the steppe as Sar-kel or the White Abode. Merchants from every nation found protection and good faith in the Khazar cities... The dynasty accepted Judaism, but there was equal tolerance for all, and each man was held amenable...to the official judges of his own faith." 9

The Khazars were known by their contemporaries as a white Caucasian race, and they built a great fortress to protect themselves from marauding Turkic tribes. Yet some of the Khazars were, themselves, called Turks. They were capitalists known for faith," and practiced religious "qood tolerance. In doing so, they perpetuated Parthian traditions, for the Parthians were famous for honest dealings and religious tolerance. It is also evident that the entire nation of the Khazars did not adopt Judaism. The "dynasty" (the ruling class) adopted Judaism while the commoners still practiced their own faiths of Judaism, Christianity or Islam. The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia adds this comment on the Khazar conversion: "...it was chiefly due to the cultural superiority of the Daghestan Jews that the 'Kahan' (king) of the mighty state of the Khazars was converted to Judaism together with his court and part of the Khazar population between the 8th and 9th centuries."10 This account indicates that, besides the ruling class, only a "part" of the Khazar population adopted Judaism over the next century. Notice the title of the Khazar King: Kahan. The Hebrew word for "priest" is "kohen." ¹¹ The consonants of the Khazar king's title with the Hebrew word for "priest" are identical (K-H-N). This argues that the king of the Khazars, who already had a Hebrew title at the time of his conversion to Judaism, may have already been a racial member of the house of Judah. Why else would he already be known by the Hebrew word for "priest?"

The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia also states that the conversion of the Khazar "Kahan" and his court may not have occurred until between 786 and 809 A.D.¹² It further records how few people actually converted to

Judaism as a result of their monarch's conversion. It states regarding the Khazar King's conversion: "...he and about 4,000 Khazars were circumcised; it was only by degrees that the Jewish teachings gained a foothold among the population...the Jews were greatly outnumbered by the pagan masses, by Moslem and Christian inhabitants of the cities." ¹³

The Khazars were not a majority Jewish state. They had leaders of the Jewish faith, but only a sizeable minority of Jews among their numbers. A total of only 4,000 new conversions to Judaism in a large nation was actually a small number of converts. The requirement of circumcision was likely a disincentive for most Khazar men to convert to Judaism. Most Khazars remained in pagan or Christian religions. In the later centuries of the Khazar kingdom, many adopted Islam. The Encyclopaedia Britannica records that one of the major Khazar cities, Itil, had 30 mosques around 924 A.D.¹⁴

The Khazars also included Turks (descended from Esau, also called Edom). The Edomites were fellow-Semites as their forefather, Esau, was a son of Isaac. The Israelites had been commanded by God in Deuteronomy 23:7: "Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother ...the children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the Lord in their third generation." (KJV)

God called the Edomites "brothers" of the Israelites because Esau, the father of the Edomites, was the brother of Jacob, the patriarch of the Israelites. The above commandment required full admittance of Edomites into the congregation of Israel "in the third generation." The Edomites (Turks) living in Khazaria who became Jews were regarded by divine law to be fully assimilated into the tribe of Judah by the time the third generation was born. This assimilation would have been accomplished prior to the fall of the Khazar Empire.

There isn't space to fully discuss the Edomites, but Esau gave birth to many tribes of his own, each headed by a "Duke" (see Genesis 36). Genesis 36:15 lists the first (and likely foremost) "duke" of Edom as "Duke Teman." The consonants of Teman are T-M-N, which were the same consonants of the Ottoman Empire, which eventually came to be called "Turkey." The second Edomite Duke was named "Omar," and another name for the famous "Dome of the Rock" in Jerusalem is "the mosque of Omar," named after a powerful Islamic Caliph.

When word spread on the trade routes that Khazaria had adopted Judaism, Jews from the Diaspora would surely have migrated to Khazaria to seek refuge there. According to The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia: "the report of the marvelous conversion [of the Khazar rulers] spread throughout the Jewish world." ¹⁵

This would have steadily increased the number of people from the tribe of Judah among the Khazars as more Jews migrated there for sanctuary and freedom of religion. When Khazaria fell, its people, including the Jews, would have been pushed toward eastern Europe to seek refuge and new homelands. The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia records that the Jews of Khazaria migrated to Kiev and parts of Russia, while the remaining Khazars joined the Magyars and migrated to modern Hungary, becoming Christians.¹⁶

Khazaria's Jews eventually became "Ashkenazi" known as Jews. Some mistakenly link this name to a son of Gomer (Genesis 10:3). The name actually has Parthian origins. The Encyclopedia Britannica (1943 Ed., Vol. 17, pp. 576-577) records that the name "Ashkanians" was a Persian/Arabic name for the Parthians. The derivation of "Ashken-azi" from "Ashkan-ian" is easy to see. Therefore, the term "Ashkenazi Jews" actually proclaims an ancestry among the "Parthian Jews." This is very consistent with the historical record which confirms many Jews lived in Parthia and that they migrated out of Parthia into the Transcaucasus and the Black Sea regions.

In conclusion, the historical record indicates that the Khazarian Jews were, for the most part, refugees from the tribe of Judah who had settled in that region. There were converts to Judaism from other races as well, but God's assimilation laws defined their offspring to be "fully Jewish" within a few generations. The Ashkenazi Jews are part of the modern Tribe of Judah. God himself has made that clear in our modern time as he directed many Ashkenazi Jews to help found and settle the modern Israeli state, fulfilling the prophecy in Zephaniah 2 that "Judah" would again inhabit its old homeland in the Mideast.

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Let us go a step further and say, "I believe in Jesus". What does that mean? Does that mean you believe in the flesh, bone, and body of Christ and that is it? Or does it mean you believe not only in that, but what He taught and what He did for humanity?

The point is, when you say you believe in something, there is more to it than meets the eye. The Bible says, "The demons believe and tremble" (James 2: 19). To believe is to take action and to do and be a part of what you profess you believe in. To say I believe in the bible and it's Christ is a shallow belief, if you don't do and practice what is taught in the book.

Do most professing Christian churches in our world today, practice the teachings of the Christ of the bible, or do they practice the European, Catholic, Protestant concepts of the council of Nicea of Rome? History bears much of the truth concerning our so called Christian churches of today. The insertion of Roman paganism into the fray leaves many questions as to the truths of modern day Christianity from why worship on Sunday, to why celebrate pagan festivals such as Easter and Christmas?

In traditional Christianity today, one has to define who's truth is being followed. It is obvious it is not the Biblical Truth's that modern day churchanity adheres to as symbolism and ritualism have replaced forgiveness, repentance and life style change. Pagan truth or Bible truth, does anyone really care?

In America we are the land of many religions. There is not a religion that exists that we don't have bits and pieces of. In our mixing pots of churches, as far as the bible goes, we do everything we can to discredit what it says. For example: I've had discussions with some of my friends about the biblical laws of clean and unclean meats. To them these laws are old fashioned and not for us today. (Leviticus 11)

Many churches today teach that the Ten Commandments are not necessary for us to follow, they are old laws that don't apply to us. If the Ten Commandments were so bad for mankind, why are they considered to be the backbone of the Old Testament? Today they are considered the limp bone of the New Testament. **Hello!** The Old Testament is the foundation upon which the New Testament is built. It's the only revealed printed word that the New Testament Church had.

Granted, Christ did change some things, but He did not do away with the definition of sin. (1 John 3:4) "Sin is the transgression of the law" (God's law) He did away with sacrificial law and the penalty of breaking the law, eternal death. He sacrificed His life for those who would truly believe in Him.

Most of today's clergy teach a 1st day of the week worship day, not a 7th day Sabbath. What does the 4th commandment say? Do we forget that it says, "Remember the Sabbath day". Why do we overlook scriptures like Matthew 5:17-18, where it says, "Not one jot or one tittle will pass from the law until all is full filled, until heaven and earth pass away."?? Do we really believe the Bible?

I know people who say they are Christian and yet forgiveness is not a quality that appeals to their so called Christian way of life, moreover a grudge is more appealing than love. Even Christ made reference to the attitude of false Christianity when He said, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord when you don't do the things I say"? (Luke 6:46)

Then again, maybe it's just me and I have a wrong understanding of what a Christian should be. I do know this, none of us are perfect, but if we say we are Christian we should live by what the book says, not by what tradition teaches us. "Do you really believe the Bible."? If you do, then do what It says.

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High Priest of good things TO COME-- Verse 12 -neither by the blood of goats and calves BUT BY HIS OWN SINLESS BLOOD, He entered in ONCE to obtain ETERNAL REDEMPTION FOR US.

Deut.9:11- "--at the end of 40 days and 40 nights, YaHVaH gave Moses two tables--of the Covenant.

Deut.30:15- "See, I have set before thee this day LIFE AND GOOD, and death and evil."

Luke 1:71, 72- "To perform the mercy promised TO OUR FATHERS, and to REMEMBER His Holy Covenant."

YaHVaH made a PERPETUAL and EVERLASTING Covenant with Abraham and with Ysrayl through Moses, which COVENANT man has broken over and over through the ages by the power of "HATE"

Satan left the throne of his Creator because he HATED humankind and refused to "SERVE" them!

King Jeroboam was filled with hate against his brother Yahdah and led his subjects away from not only the THRONE OF DAVID but WORSE!- away FROM THE ALTAR OF YaHVaH in Yahrusalem because he HATED the heavy load of taxes and labor imposed on his throne! Instead of turning to YaHVaH he took it on himself to settle the score by his own devises!

<u>CHRISTIANITY was conceived, devised,</u> <u>established on HATE for JUDAH under</u> <u>Constantine who made it a law against</u> <u>JUDAHIZING ON THE SABBATH by</u> <u>establishing his SUNDAY LAWS so as not to be</u> on the same path with the HATED JEWS!

The Holy Covenant laws were ratified, by the blood of goats in the Old Testament and by the Blood of Messiah in the New Testament-Heb. 9:22, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin and sin is the transgression of the Covenant laws of YaHVaH-1st John 3:4.<u>The worst lie of Christianity is</u> that <u>Messiah shed His Blood to FREE us from His</u> <u>Father's Old Covenant laws of DEATH and of</u> <u>JEWISH WORKS! The TRUTH is that YaHVaH-HOSHA shed His Blood to RETURN US</u> <u>BACK TO OUR COVENANT WITH HIS</u> <u>FATHER!</u>

Zech. 9:11-16-- "BY THE BLOOD OF HIS HOLY COVENANT HE WILL SAVE US!"

Isa. 42:6-"-- YaHVaH will give thee for a COVENANT to the Gentiles."

Isa. 42:16-17- I will bring the blind by a way they knew not and lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them and crooked things straight-AND THEY SHALL <u>BE TURNED BACK</u> and be greatly ashamed.

To read of Israel's REPENTANCE and RETURN to YaHVaH'S Holy Covenant, read Ezek. 20.

Ezek. 20:34-44- "I will bring you out from the nations where you have been scattered-AND WITH FURY POURED OUT. (37)-I will cause you to pass under the rod and BRING YOU INTO THE BOND OF THE COVENANT, (V38)-And I will purge out from among you THE REBELS--and THEY SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THE LAND OF YSRAYL AND YOU SHALL KNOW THAT I AM YaHVaH."-Judges 8:33- Jer.23:13-40- Jer.31:18- Jer.3:8-22- Isa.59:20-21- Isa.14- 2nd Ch. 7:14

Messiah YaHVaH-HOSHA shed His blood for His Father's COVENANT in the New Testament-Matt.26:26-28- Heb.9:7-28. A TESTAMENT is a will. A COVENANT is an AGREEMENT. A COVENANT was made between Ysrael and YaHVaH in the OLD TESTAMENT to be His NATIONAL WIFE! Acts 3:22-26 <u>Deut18:15-18- YaHVaH told Ysrayl that</u> <u>He would send His Son to speak HIS</u> <u>COVENANT WORD, bom of THEIR SEED</u>.

John 12:48-50- "I have not spoken of Myself but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say--and I know that HIS COMMANDMENT IS LIFE EVERLASTING, whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said to Me, so I speak." John 14:10-24.

So the Son is RETURNING Israel BACK to the Father's Holy Covenant. Messiah did not shed His precious blood to break COVENANT with His Father! He shed His blood to RETURN US BACK TO THE FATHER'S COVENANT with Ysray!!

The 1st century (A.D.) Christians gave their lives in testimony and Covenant AGAINST THE ROMAN BEAST POWER OF THE WORLD, and their souls were carried to the throne of YaHVaH! Surely! They would be shocked to see their loved ones now WORSHIPING from the altar of that ROMAN BEAST OF DECEPTION, CLAIMING to be teaching the PURE WORD OF YaHVaH! Instead they are teaching TRUTH/UNTRUTH to DECEIVE! And the UNTRUTH part of their DECEPTION is the HEART AND SOUL of YaHVaH'S WORD! The COVENANT OF YaHVaH is the HEART AND SOUL OF HIS WORD so when ROME removed it and SUBSTITUTED pagan holidays and GRACE WITHOUT WORKS (Free to break COVENANT with our FATHER/CREATOR and forget His MEMORIAL well-all that is left is the SHELL OF HIS WORD-without the meat! This was accomplished during the DARK AGES OF EUROPE when KNOWLEDGE was lost but His sheep LOVE TO HAVE IT SO! Years of enlightenment has not changed their hardened hearts!

But never fear! It is all in the Father's plan that MANY should be saved out of all the nations! The FATHER will have the final WORD. He says He is going to RETURN us BACK TO HIS PURE WORD and to HIS COVENANT!

Without the COVENANT that was ratified by the blood of the Father's ONLY BEGOTTEN Son, all the Words of the holy prophets are meaningless and without force. Therefore a half truth is no truth at all!

Rev.18:4- YaHVaH says for us TO COME OUT OF HER, YE MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her SINS, and that ye receive not of her plagues! Yes! YaHVaH is talking to HIS PEOPLE, ISRAEL who should know better than to worship at the throne and altar of ROME!

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dictionary, which most Canadians have on their shelf. The dictionary and Canadian law defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman. People who have SSA want to solve their problem by simply redefining the meaning of marriage. They feel if the dictionary meaning can be changed, then their same sex union will have credibility, and be accepted by the Canadian public.

Many rights and privileges come with the title of marriage. Although these privileges could be attained, by passing laws in the Canadian Parliament, SSA people's main target seems to be that very annoying dictionary. Without changing the troublesome definition, people who have SSA seem to feel they will always have the uneasy feeling of not being accepted by the Canadian public. The way it stands now, SSA people claim to have a marriage but the dictionary says otherwise. Their solution to the problem makes me think of a gardener wanting to change the definition of tulips, so it would enable him to have more roses.

Much of the opposition, to the marriage of SSA people, seems to be coming from the denominations of traditional various Christianity, who want the dictionary meaning to remain in place. Although unknown to the vast majority of traditional Christianity, they also have a very similar problem with the dictionary, as do SSA people. Was not one of the lessons Christ taught; a person should not be trying to remove a speck from someone's eye when they have a log in their own (Matt. 7:3-5)? I suppose the question to be asked is, are Christians to be policeman to the world, forcing others to abide by the rules of the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 5:12-13) or be witnesses and lights to the world (Acts 1:8, Matt. 5:14-16)?

Traditional Christianity wants the title of Christian but they do not follow the dictionary definition. My Webster's Dictionary, which I have in front of me on the desk states, "Christian (kris'tyan) n. follower of Christ and following Christ; relating to Christ or his religion". This does seem to fit the definition in 1 Corinthians 11:1, where Paul states, to follow his example as he follows the example of Christ (NIV). A concordance will show numerous places where Christ instructs people to follow Him.

This writer may not be the sharpest knife on the shelf, but I do know; traditional Christianity is as far from its dictionary definition, as is "same sex marriage", from the dictionary definition of marriage. The point with same sex marriage is, the dictionary states "marriage is between a man and a woman". The point with a Christian is, the dictionary states, "it is a person who follows Christ and His religion". Christ, as a human, was an observer of the Hebrew religion, as were all the Apostles. Although many people see the obvious problem in same sex marriage, few people want to admit the differences between traditional Christianity and the dictionary meaning of the term Christian.

A person could make a long list of differences between the example Christ set and the customs of traditional Christianity, but I will only list a few major ones.

A---Christ's life was regulated by a calendar God gave to the Hebrews. Although the Hebrew calendar is still in existence today, traditional Christians have chosen to have their religious life regulated by the Gregorian calendar of today's world.

B---There is no record of Christ joining any denomination. Today, the majority of people who call themselves Christian are members of various fragmented denominations and religious parties. Christ preached a message of unity (John 17:11) as did Paul (Ephesians 4:3-6), but traditional Christianity still covets its divisions.

C---Christ ate lamb for Passover. Traditional Christianity has ham for Easter.

D---Christ observed the Sabbath on the last day of the week. Traditional Christianity observes the first day of the week.

E---Christ's human life was centered on His Father's will. Jerusalem and its Temple. Christ observed the Temple's festivals and Sabbath days (7th day of the week, Passover, Atonement, Pentecost etc.). These days, were commanded by the Father in Leviticus 23 and were also observed by the Apostles after Christ's ascension to heaven. The majority of people going by the title "Christian" today, observe entirely different days than those which Christ observed. How does one, fit the dictionary's definition of a Christian, if a person is observing entirely different days?

F---Christ loved his Father's law and said it would not disappear until heaven and earth pass away (Matt. 5:18). Traditional Christianity doesn't believe this (even though heaven and earth still exist) and claim the law disappeared at the cross. A person would think, believing what Christ said, must somewhere fit into the definition of a Christian.

People have the strange notion that if something is called by a different name, it will change what it really is. God says there will be a day when what is evil, will have a meaning of that which is good (Mal. 2: 17). God says wee to the people who think they can just change the meaning of words instead of being honest (Is. 5: 20). I think we will all agree; it is deceitful to give something a name, which it is not. Do people really think by changing the definition in the dictionary, it will make something acceptable in God's sight? Reader, do you think simply changing the dictionary meaning of a Christian, will increase the number of righteous people? People can change the dictionary all they want, but it is this writer's opinion, a tulip can never become a rose, anymore than a person not desiring to imitate Christ, can become a Christian. Nor can the union of two people of the same sex, become a Biblical marriage.

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theme song for BIG Brother: "You ain't seen nothin yet."

Could the lack of a spiritual basis for people's lives have something to do with the size of BIG BROTHER? It should be a simple question. The answer, however, is not as simple as it should be because of the complex lifestyles of so many people.

Americans are about to find out about a technological wonder called "The Radio Frequency Identification Tag", or otherwise known as "RFID". For something so small, it has huge capabilities. It's now used by many companies and will soon be the greatest obstacle to personal freedom in the history of America. Its use, on the surface, appears innocent, but the concern I have is its sinister use. It's applauded by companies such as Wal-Mart, IBM and Proctor and Gamble. The list of companies using it is growing.

Not only is the RFID Tag a tool for companies to increase profits, prevent theft, and correct inventory problems, but it is now planned as a way to locate people. Do you want to make sure you know where your child is at all times? A bracelet with an RFID Tag is available. Are you concerned for the safety of your parent who is afflicted with Alzheimer's? A chip can be inserted anywhere in the body in case they leave the house. Are you afraid of losing your favorite pet? A chip implant placed within Rover or Felix can be tracked for thousands of miles. Are you tired of using cash or credit cards? By having a chip placed under the skin of your hand, the money is automatically deducted from your personal bank account when making a purchase or paying a bill.

How more obvious can it be that we are living in the days of Revelation 13:6-7? The Mark Of The Beast has arrived. There are many people, however, who are completely unaware of its sinister use and simply look at it as a technological wonder.

BIG Brother's tentacles are everywhere

Our children are restricted from saying the Pledge of Allegiance in schools across America. The word "Jesus" is under attack when it is mentioned at the end of a prayer. The Ten Commandments are offensive to atheists and those who do not understand the true definition of the separation of church and state. America is a nation that talks the talk, but refuses to walk the walk. It professes itself to be "Christian", but its citizens and leaders are not standing up for the God it claims to worship.

The biggest issue this past holiday season was whether "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays" was offensive. Why? Because trying to accommodate Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Atheism are a recipe for disaster. Spiritual and political correctness are a deadly duo with both barrels loaded. Mental terrorism now defines daily life in America.

What you can or can not say or do is according to what is allowed by law. If you say the wrong thing, or look remotely suspicious, you can be questioned as a possible terrorist threat. If you walk through an airport with a look of disgruntlement and nervousness, you can now be taken aside and questioned. When all is said and done, who is the real terrorist?

The eye of BIG Brother is dictating human behavior in many American cities. Americans are now watched with a careful eye by officials who fear acts of terrorism. At every turn, personal freedoms are vanishing. Political correctness is a cancer eating away at the very heart and core of society. The feeling of what may be good for you, may not necessarily be good for me, will soon be a thing of the past as BIG Brother grows in size and scope.

Few people are willing to admit what is wrong because the blame game becomes personal. Because we are constantly reminded that a terrorist could strike at any moment, BIG Brother will grow into a Frankenstein monster. Anyone protesting its size will be silenced.

We are told that the U.S. Patriot Act enhances the ability to catch terrorists, but how many average Americans have attacked the United States? No one wants to say that radical Muslims are responsible for our loss of freedoms because if it is mentioned, accusations of prejudice and intolerance are brought against the person who has said it.

All it will take is for one lone individual to

carry out a major terrorist attack and more freedoms will vanish. America is only one attack away from the declaration of MARTIAL LAW.

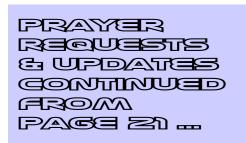
Every four years, Americans turn out by the millions to vote. Anyone who does not take part in the election process is looked upon as not having the right to complain. Has anyone stopped to consider how voting is the means by which things do not change? By constantly voting for the same political candidates, the size and scope of BIG Brother is continually maintained and fed. If more people did not vote, a strong message would be sent to Washington and BIG Brother would be crippled.

Because the blame game is pervasive, it's exactly what BIG Brother needs in order to grow. Finger pointing has become the favorite American pastime and the lack of personal responsibility encourages BIG Brother to pass laws that dictate behavior.

The reason BIG Brother is growing is because America is relying upon BIG government to protect it. Until the country wakes up from its blind acceptance of technological advances for protection, and its willingness to lose personal freedoms in exchange for security, a state of siege mentality thrust upon our personal freedoms will only get worst. Far too many people are using human reasoning as their basis for accepting what is happening.

Due to a national disease called complacency, Americans will soon find it's too late to stop BIG Brother in its tracks. It's already later than we think, but those who warn of such dangers, are looked upon with suspicion and even possibly a threat to national security.

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June 7, 2007--P.

Please pray for me to be delivered from the horrible criticism, ridicule and gossip that has taken over my mind. Thank you. P.

June 8, 2007--P. F. Lazor

Another person to pray for is PF Lazor, in prison for about 25 yrs. for a murder he didn't commit. He's illegally been denied a

parole hearing, they (the prison system) keeps making up false reports against him, including one by the chaplain who branded him as "uncooperative" because PF keeps the Sabbath. PF's starting to see some sort of break, like consulting someone who can help him get a parole hearing, but a lot of money needs to be raised in 30 days for this to happen (before the petition can be filed for parole), if I understood his letter correctly. However, money for him has to be sent to a trusted friend: {Gayle Travis, 21736 Orange Ave., Castro Valley, CA, 94546, phone: 510-925-7346} because the prison will confiscate any money sent directly to him in prison! Not only that, but it results in severe penalties for PF! It's a deplorable situation. He needs all the help of any kind he can get. Our prayers need to go up to Yehovah's halls of justice, there is very little justice left in the halls of injustice down here. Thank you all for your prayers, Sandy Kile

June 14, 2007--Kaylah

I am a single mother of two children. I just finished two years of college and helped another student finish her degree. Those 4 years of my life seem wasted now as I look for a job in this area. So I need a prayer to help me find a job that can support my children and myself. Thank you for your time. Kaylah

June 14, 2007--Sergio

I want to thank everyone for their prayers. Sergio died yesterday (13 June). With him was his wife and son. He had a long battle with cancer and pain left from chemo. Please pray for his son, Sergio, and wife, Mireya, during this time of loss. Wily Elder

June 15, 2007--Patty Sawyer

Hi everyone here's an updated on my friend Patty Sawyer, She is going to have surgery to have her gall bladder removed. Right now what we need to pray about is that this can be done laparoscopically vs. the old fashioned large incision. The laparoscopic surgery is easier on the body and provides for quicker recovery and a shorter stay in the hospital. The surgery is scheduled for Monday June 17th or possibly Sunday June 16th. As I understand what Patty has told me they will also be doing a biopsy of the polyp on her liver at the same time to determine if it is cancer or not. Your prayers thus far have been heard and our loving Heavenly Father and our Elder Brother have sustained her through some rough days. So please keep up the GREAT job of remembering her in your prayers. In summary here's what she specifically needs prayers for. 1.That the surgery can be done laparoscopically and that it goes without any complications. 2. That

the polyps are not cancerous. 3. That she have a speedy recovery in part so that she does not have to miss much work. 4. That Our Father continues to comfort her through this difficult time and give her strength. Patty also wanted to say thank you for all your prayers. Even though she is still very sick I can hear in her voice that she is stronger than she was a week ago [which is amazing since she hasn't had hardly anything to eat or drink this last week.] We both know this added strength is due to your prayers. So thank you and please offer up these continued prayers with joyful thanksgivings and praises for the answered ones to date. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and please forward this information to people you had shared the previous request with. Bryn

June 16, 2007--Patty Sawyer

Update on Patty Sawyer: Correction on gall bladder surgery and biopsy on polyp date: Monday June 18th or possibly Sunday June 17th.

June 16, 2007 -- Loretta Overman

Request prayer for Loretta Overman of Wentsville, MO who lost her 33-year-old son, David in May, and her daughter Sharon died last December.

June 20, 2007--Patty Sawyer

Hello everyone, I wanted to give you an update of my friend Patty Sawyer to let you all know that your prayers are indeed being answered. Patty had surgery on Monday and they were able to do the surgery laparoscopically which is a true blessing and a definite answer to prayer. Patty had her surgery Monday afternoon and she was home by Tuesday afternoon. She is still weak and in some pain but seems to be recovering nicely. They also did the biopsies on the polyps and it will be a few days before we know the results. As good as everything is going I would like to ask that you would please continue to pray for her and remember the following in your prayers. 1. Please offer up prayers of thanksgiving for what our Father has already done. Miracles have indeed happened and we need to remember to have an attitude of gratitude for these answered prayers. 2. Pray that her recovery from the surgery continues to go well and that she is ultimately completely healed. 3. Pray that the biopsies come back cancer free. 4. Pray that she be strengthened emotionally. Obviously going though any health crisis is tough on the body, but she is also very stressed with worry about the unknown both physically and financially. She has good insurance, but there is time off from work and financial considerations outside of health care cost to worry about. So



please remember these considerations in your prayers as well. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and may our loving Heavenly Father bless all of you for your prayers of love and healing for this dear friend of mine. And please pass this e-mail along to anyone you have shared this prayer request with. Thanks again, Bryn

June 26, 2007--Colleen Kile

Update on Colleen Kile, Good news everyone... Colleen [who was bitten by a deer tick] says she is starting to feel more like a real person again, and may even have the energy to watch TV tonight. Thank you everyone for your prayers, and love, and concern. People from as far away as AZ have written and prayed for her. It is wonderful to have a church family like this. Thank you so much, and thank you and praises to Yehovah and his Son, our Elder Brother Yayshua who have made this possible. With great appreciation, Sandy

June 30, 2007--Arlan Weight

We received word this afternoon that Arlan Weight is in the hospital, MedCenter One here in Bismarck, North Dakota, for something to do with his heart. This is all we know. Pray for Arlan's complete recovery. Cards for Arlan can be sent here. Please be sure to put his name on the outside of the envelope so we don't accidentally open it. Darwin & Laura Lee

June 30, 2007--Patty Sawyer

Dear Brethren, Here's an update on Patty Sawyer's progress. Patty's recovery from surgery has hit a slight snag. From the surgery she has developed two hernias in her abdomen. These will have to be corrected by surgery, but her doctor says it would be unwise to try to do it anytime soon since he feels that she still needs to recover more from the gallbladder removal. So ves she is looking at going under the knife vet again. That is unless she is healed of these before then. So please pray that she is. Also she did get the tests back from the biopsies and when I asked her what the news was she said she preferred to not say which obviously means the news is not good, I assume cancer, but as she said she can only deal with one crisis at a time. Brethren I am asking that you continue to pray for Patty so that our loving Heavenly Father and His Son our Healer - Yayshua Messiah, will continue to bring her through this trial. I know it is easy to loose hope when it seems like the news is bad, but do not be discouraged by this news, have faith, continue to believe, continue to pray. Patty knows your prayers are helping her deal with all this. She is strengthened by your prayers. She needs you and your prayers now more than ever. Your prayers

are making a difference!!! YOU are making a difference so don't loose heart and don't stop now. I thank you and Patty thanks you for your continued prayers, Bryn

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words that he used in January when we met with him at Perkins Restaurant face to face. He seems very much not to have any regrets, remorse or sorrow over anything he has done to us or others in the course of this whole mess. We totally regret that Arlan continues down this road to destruction, but he is not going to be allowed to come in here and disrupt our Sabbath Services even one more time in the future. We hope we were able to make it very clear to him that he needs to set up a meeting with us outside of Sabbath Services to resolve these problems between us or he will not be allowed to come back in here. We are not disfellowshipping Arlan, we do however have to try to allow those who do come here on the Sabbath to be able to worship in peace and we just can't do that if Arlan is going to come in here on the Sabbath and create even more problems.

We sincerely hope and pray that as Arlan reads this he will either feel a need to resolve these problems that exist between us and will set up a meeting or meetings with us to start working on resolving these problems between us or if he does not want to do that, that he will at the least honor our request for him not to show up for Sabbath Services with us until such time that he does meet with us to work on resolving these problems. Let the record show that it is totally Arlan's choice whether he will work toward reconciliation with us or not. Let the record also show that when this reconciliation process starts that we will post it here also. Let the record also show that we did not want any of this to become public knowledge, but in carrying through from Matthew 18:15-17 the principle is to let the church know when a brother does not want to work toward problem resolution involving sin, which would result in true reconciliation.

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Women Shouldn't Speak? (02-15-07) by David Ben-Ariel (Toledo, Ohio)

The below letter is written in regard to the article "Let Your Women Keep Silent in the Churches:" by Laura Lee.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

Shalom Darwin and Laura,

I just read your article (Laura) attempting to justify women doing what only God has ordained men to do: preach. NONE of the examples you give prove your point and prove just the opposite. Sharing dominion over nature, creation, is not the same as who has the right to preach. That is non sequitur (a statement so foolish, or illogical that it can not be responded to) and a dangerous leap in logic!

Laura Lee writes:

Before you start saying that the idea of women preaching/speaking/teaching is so foolish that you can hardly respond to it, I would suggest that you get rid of your bias against women and study the words in your Bible more deeply.

The word "prophet", Strong's #5030 (Hebrew) which generally refers to men has the meaning of "spokesman, speaker, prophet". The meaning doesn't change in the New Testament, Strong's #4396 (Greek) which means among other things "of men filled with the Spirit of God, who by God's authority and command in words of weight pleads the cause of God and urges salvation of men." In other words, a prophet is not just a man who foretells the future, but a prophet is one who preaches, speaks or teaches. He is one who expounds (gives a detailed account of) the word of God to those who will listen.

The word "prophetess", Strong's #5031 (Hebrew-feminine of #5030) which refers to women has the meaning of "inspired woman". In the New Testament it is Strong's #4398 (Greek-feminine of #4396) which means among other things "a female who declares (for example, to announce publicly) or interprets (for example, explains or expounds) oracles (for example, the Bible)." The meaning doesn't suddenly change because one is a man and one is a woman. according to these words, "prophet" and "prophetess", both men and women can expound on the word of God either privately or publicly as needed. There can also be false prophets and false prophetesses and the way you tell the difference between false and true is whether they are teaching what the Bible actually says or some off the wall doctrine as the one you are trying to feed us.

Sharing dominion over nature, creation as you put it was brought into **my article** to prove that both men and women were created by God in the image of God. In other words God created both man and woman to have dominion over the rest of the creation equally. Adam and Eve were meant to work together as a team/family. It was never meant to be a boss/slave relationship.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

God ordained men to be the head of the household and of the household of faith. It does not mean women are stupid or unable to be eloquent or a spiritual leader - it's simply not their place and they're *trespassing* when they follow deceived Eve and try and teach Adam (who wimply went along, abdicating his God-ordained role).

Laura Lee writes:

I totally agree with you that men are the head of the family, however what does that mean? It means that the man, husband is to lead his wife and his family as Christ leads His Church, not to boss them around or lord it over them. A husband or any man for that matter does not come between a wife or any woman and Christ. Women with God's Holv Spirit in them are responsible to Christ for what they do and teach, just as men are. When it comes to our relationship with God the Father and His son Christ it does not matter whether you are a man or a woman, you are responsible to God and to Christ for what you do and for what you teach. Men are not the head of a woman's faith in God and women should never follow any man whether it is their husband or not when he tells her to do anything which is against the law of God.

If you are trying to say that women have no right to publicly expound on the word of God because Eve was deceived, that is a lame argument, because men also deceive other men and lead them astray. When a person has God's Holy Spirit dwelling in them and they use that Spirit, then neither man or woman using that Spirit of God to teach others whether it be privately or publicly should be intentionally leading anyone astray. God's Spirit dwelling in both men and women gives them <u>all</u> what it takes to understand God's word, if they use that Spirit.

Look for a moment at Adam's sin. The Bible is real clear on the fact that Adam knew better, he was not deceived. Adam was far more responsible for that original sin than Eve was, because he knew better and he went along with it anyway. Now what you seem to be proposing is that we continue to charge all women with Eve's deception, but we make all men into leaders because he (Adam) sinned on purpose. Seems a little bit out of whack to me. If you are going to continue to charge all women with Eve's sin, then you also need to be consistent and charge all men with Adam's sin.

According to the law of God, we are each individually responsible for our own sin, so even though we living in this day are suffering from the effects of the original sin of Adam and Eve, we are not responsible for their sin, only for our own sins: 2 Kings 14:6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the Lord commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man (or woman) shall be put to death for his own sin.

It is time that men like yourself quit penalizing women for what Eve did and do as scripture tells us all to do, which is to work together (both men and women). Read Ephesians 5:1-21 to see how the brethren (both men and women) are to work together.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

Yeshua doesn't try and usurp the authority of the Father! (1 Corinthians 15:24). Neither should women vainly attempt to usurp the God-given authority of men, any more than children ought to disobey their parents. God does have government structure and family order according to His purpose, even as He has called Israel before other nations - not because we're better, but because He has chosen it to be that way in His infinite wisdom and Father knows best.

Laura Lee writes:

I agree that God has order. How does a woman publicly expounding on the word of God usurp authority of men, disobey God or create disorder? Is this what you see when a woman speaks or is this what you were taught while in the "Worldwide Church of God?"

If a woman publicly speaks with the encouragement of her husband, she is certainly not disobeying her husbands commands nor is she taking away her husbands authority from him as he is giving his blessing to her by encouraging her to speak or expound on the word of God. Let's use an example here: If a wife/woman studies in detail the 6 day creation of God from the Bible and her husband has not even read it at all, who is more qualified to speak publicly in regard to the subject, the wife/woman who studied it in detail or the husband/man who has not even read it? A man who has never even read the material is not qualified to speak on it publicly just because he is a man, which is exactly what you are proposing here.

Do a search of the internet for the word "usurp" (authentein) as used in I Timothy 2:12, which is the only place in the whole Bible that that Greek word is used. You will find that there is much confusion as far as what that particular word meant at the time the book of Timothy was written. Words change meaning over time. For example the word "gay" used to mean "joyous" when I was a kid and now days it means "two men having sex with each other".

The Greek word "authentein" has more than one old meaning and may have more to do with sex and murder/suicide than with having authority over men. In the book of Timothy they are having to combat the doctrines of Diana: "The city of the Ephesians was a worshipper of the great goddess Diana" (Acts Chapter 19). Among the doctrines of the goddess Diana was the doctrine of women having superiority over men." Quoted from: "Let Your Women Keep Silent in the Churches:" The passage in I Timothy 2:12 is not necessarily referring to women who have God's Holy Spirit. When you read verse 12 in context of other verses before and after it, it becomes pretty clear that a false doctrine is being debunked here and not a teaching that women who are part of the family of God are being silenced.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

Satan is the one who coveted "equality" actually supremacy - with and over the Father! He is the wicked one who thought he was being unfairly controlled by a domineering God, restrained, repressed, oppressed, held down and cruelly kept in his place (Isaiah 14:12-15). Sympathy for the devil? Never! Such bitter attitudes and warped way of thinking cost him everything as he will ultimately be destroyed in the Lake of Fire, "and the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6).

Laura Lee writes:

So you believe that women who speak publicly are in rebellion to God. If that be your belief and the case, then tell me why you have subscribed to this newsletter for so many years. Not only is the editor of this newsletter a woman, but that woman also speaks publicly within this newsletter. There is really no difference between a woman speaking from a pulpit or in writing which goes out to the public. Both have the end result of publicly expounding on the word of God. A man can fall into the sin of wanting to be equal or superior to God just as much as a woman can and I am sure many people do this, but when a person has God's Holy Spirit and uses it as God has ordained it to be

used, you will find those people submitting to God and each other and not elevating themselves above anyone, man or woman.

Those who believe themselves to be superior or equal to God are in essence following Satan and not God. People can want to be equal or superior to God even with out speaking from a pulpit, it is called absolute power, which is absolutely wrong and has nothing to do with public speaking.

Here in Numbers 11:25-29 a young man went to Moses to squeal on Eldad and Medad who had God's Holy Spirit and who were teaching in the camp instead of the tabernacle. Pay very close attention to what Moses tells the young man in verse 29.

25. And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

26. But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

27. And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

28. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29. And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that <u>all</u> the Lord's people (men and women) were prophets (speakers, Strong's #5030), and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!

David Ben-Ariel writes:

Korah, Dathan and Abiram tried to force themselves into an office that God hadn't given them under the guise of "we're all equal." They added insult before their injury, accusing Moses and Aaron of being on a power-trip like feminists today falsely accuse men who stand up for the biblical law and order as having big egos and wanting to "lord" it over women: "They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them [chanting the mantra of "we're all equal"], and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?" (Numbers 16:3). An earthquake swallowed their pride and their rebellion went down in history; The Beast will soon trespass on "the holy place" upon the Temple Mount and

install some abomination in the Temple, besides being inducted into office there (Matthew 24:15, 2 Thessalonians 2:4). Both examples reflect Satan's discontent and idolatrous mindset, his "covetousness, which is idolatry" (Colossians 3:5, Revelations 21:8).

Laura Lee writes:

Please take note that in this example by David Ben-Ariel all the players are men and not women, so tell me how this proves that women are not to speak? These are men wanting to take over Moses place, not women. How do you want your doctrine to play out, either all men are allowed to be equal heads or they aren't. You can't have this both ways. Find us an example where women are trying to usurp the authority of men and not an example where men are trying to usurp the authority of other men.

In the case of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, I believe that what they wanted to do was take over Moses place even though they knew full well that God appointed Moses to lead his people to the promised land. Read the entire chapter of Numbers 16. God destroyed wicked men that day, men who were hostile to God. (Numbers 16:26) These three men wanted to take over the camp and run the project. This is about men wanting absolute power and not about women speaking in public. Please take note that all the people that followed Korah, Dathan and Abiram to provoke the Lord, including their wives and children were killed that day. (Numbers 16:32)

Please take note that most of the people during the Exodus did not have God's Spirit so they were not for the most part doing what God wanted them to do.

This set of scriptures in no way proves that women who have God's Holy Spirit and who are teaching the word of God are not to speak publicly.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

Deborah wasn't a spiritual preacher - she was a political Margaret Thatcher (Judges 4:4-5). Regardless, exceptions are not to be twisted as the rule.

Laura Lee writes:

Deborah was no carnal political leader as Margaret Thatcher was. Deborah was a Judge in Israel who would have had the exact same duties as any of the men who were appointed as Judges to Israel.

Judges 4:4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. (verse 5) And she (Deborah) dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children (men and women) of Israel came up to her for judgment (of right or wrong according to the law of God).

Deborah was in a public office set up by God. Judges 2:16 "Nevertheless the Lord raised up Judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them." Deborah was over men. Judges 4:6-7 "And she (Deborah) sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand."

Wow, how dare Deborah that usurper of mans authority go to Barak and tell him what God has commanded.

Barak did not even want to go to battle without Deborah. Judges 4:8 "And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go." Deborah must have been a real important **public** leader in God's eyes for Barak to feel this way. In the next verse she even warned Barak of God delivering the battle to a woman and Deborah went with him, as he wanted her too. And obviously she was usurping no man's authority since God appointed her to the office of Judge where she was allowed to give directives to both men and women.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

Huldah was consulted **in private**, she didn't preach or take the stand (2 Kings 22:13-20).

Laura Lee writes:

If men know so much about God, then why would a King have to send a man to listen to what a woman has to say about God. I think for the most part that what you are against in having a woman teach or speak publicly is that **she would be telling a man what to do or correcting him in some way**, correct? Isn't this what you mean by women usurping authority over men, which I am using loosely throughout my answers in this letter. This is your whole reason for bringing in wimpy Adam who listened to his wife, correct? Eve was not publicly speaking at the time of the original sin either. There were only two people on earth at the time.

The King sent representatives to speak to Huldah one on one and she (Huldah) spoke for God: 2 Kings 22:15 "And she (Huldah) said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,..." By what authority does any woman even have the right to speak to any man for God, according to your doctrine of Satan? Huldah's speaking or teaching situation is no different than that of Eve, except that Huldah had God's Spirit and was apparently greatly respected for her ability to speak for God or the King would not have sent a representative to speak to her about what God wanted. This is certainly an example of a woman teaching a man about God.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

Phoebe was a deaconess and served as such - not as a minister (Romans 16:1-2).

Laura Lee writes:

I love this set of scriptures the best, because it is so clear that Phebe was a minister that a person would have to be blind not to see it.

Romans 16:1 "I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant (servant, minister, Strong's #1249) of the church which is at Cenchrea:" Romans 16:2 "That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist (provide to, Strong's #3936) her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer (a woman **set over others**, Strong's #4368) of many, and of myself also."

Strong's #1249 "Diakonos is translated as minister 20 times, servant 8 times and deacon 3 times: Listed here are a few of those scriptures:

John 12:26 "If any man (anyone, any person, man or woman, Strongs #5100) serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant (servant, minister, Strongs #1249) be: if any man (anyone, any person, man or woman, Strongs #5100) serve me, him will my Father honour." This verse shows that any man or woman who is a servant or minister of God will be honored by God. We are not talking about a rank here. A servant by Bible definition would be any person, man or woman, doing whatever a person is able to do, to serve God and Christ and the rest of the Brethren, whether that is to pray for others, to teach someone, to speak (expound on the word of God or to instruct others) whether publicly or privately or to do whatever is needed to serve the Church of God.

Romans 15:8 "Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister (servant, minister, Strongs #1249) of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:" In the case of Phebe, Strongs #1249 was translated as "servant" and in the case of Christ it was translated as "minister", but it is the same exact word. In neither case was it translated as deacon and even if it had been, it is still the exact same word in the Greek.

2 Corinthians 3:6 "Who also hath made us able ministers (servant, minister, Strongs #1249) of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." This verse shows us that the spirit of God is what makes us ministers and if you read the rest of chapter 3, you will see that the spirit of God is given to men and women alike and makes them all ministers of God. Again, minister is not a rank. A minister is a servant of God who does the work of God according to the fruits, gifts or talents that God has given to them.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

Anna praised God and **didn't preach in any official capacity,** any ordained office (Luke 2:36-37).

Laura Lee writes:

I am not sure what it is about those who teach false doctrines, but they usually skip giving the very scriptures that will prove them wrong every time. Let's go with Luke 2:36-38 instead of Luke 2:36-37: "And there was one Anna, a prophetess (a female who declares or interprets oracles, Strongs #4398), the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she (Anna) coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of Him (the Lord) to all (some of all types, meaning both men and women, Strongs #3956) them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

Anyone who is one of God's and has the Spirit of God dwelling in them, whether man or woman whether speaking publicly or privately is teaching the word of God in an official capacity, because when God called us to be his servants this is the job that he called us to do. Anna was speaking to anyone (man or woman) who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. Just as nothing in the above verse says she spoke privately, it is clear that she "spake of Him to <u>all</u>". Which is more than likely a public setting where men and women are present.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

Same goes for Miriam leading the women (only) in praise - **no official capacity**, especially over men.

Laura Lee writes:

Again, any man or woman who is God's and has the Holy Spirit dwelling in them is teaching in an official capacity. Exodus 15:20 tells us that Miriam was also a prophetess. If Miriam was not fit to teach men, then she was also not fit to teach or lead women in any capacity but that is not what scripture tells us.

I believe that you are having a

disconnect here because you believe that a minister is someone who is over people, in other words you believe it is a rank. I can see that you believe this when you make the statement "especially over men". All those who have the holy spirit dwelling in them are ministers, whether men or women. None of the brethren are to lord it over each other. If one is a servant of God they are to serve the brethren in whatever capacity they are able to, including to speak or teach the brethren publicly.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Laura Lee writes:

Again, you missed a scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:5 "But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth (to prophesy, to be a prophet, **speak forth by divine inspirations**, to predict, Strongs #4395) with her head uncovered dishonored her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven."

David Ben-Ariel writes:

1 Corinthians **14:34-35** Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

Laura Lee writes:

I fully addressed this scripture in my article, "Let Your Women Keep Silent in the Churches:" but I have some additional questions for you: #1--Where exactly is there a law stated anywhere in the Bible that women are not to speak in the church? #2--What if a woman does not have a husband at home to ask? #3--What if a woman does have a husband at home to ask but he is pure evil?

David Ben-Ariel writes:

Ephesians 5:22-23 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Laura Lee writes:

The very scripture you use says "Submitting yourselves **one to another** in the fear of God." This clearly looks like equal spiritual footing to me.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

1 Timothy 2:11-12 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Titus 2:5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Laura Lee writes:

Many of these scriptures you have listed here were addressed in my article, "Let Your Women Keep Silent in the Churches:" I suggest you read the article again, but this time read it word for word and look up those things which are being said.

David Ben-Ariel writes:

The Word of God has been clear on this matter for centuries. It is only due to the spirit of rebellion in this degenerate time that this ungodly leaven has begun to rise again among some. Don't be misled like Eve who fell for the serpent's lies (Genesis 3:13, 1 Timothy 2:14). Don't let the plain and simple Scriptures be twisted to your selfdestruction (2 Corinthians 11:3). Everybody has their God-ordained place and we should praise God for what He has given us to do within that holy place - not trespass on another's responsibility. A deaconess shouldn't think she's an elder or a deacon think he's an apostle, but all must remain subject to the Word of God and maintain humility and grace and grow in their proper office, their God-given station in life, so help us God (Romans 12:3). Prayerfully, David Ben-Ariel

Laura Lee writes:

The doctrine you are teaching that women should not be allowed to speak publicly is a doctrine of Satan, devised to give men the authority to lord it over women, oppress women, rule over women, teach women that men are between them and God, teach hatred of women, teach that only woman is responsible for the original sin, and worst of all to keep women from teaching the word of God to a sinful world. Women as well as men are all responsible for their own sin and they are also responsible for what they teach. If any man tells a woman to do something that is against God she is not to do it, because she will be responsible for the sin she commits.

If women were to submit to their husbands no matter what, then Sapphira should have been praised for having gone along with the lie her husband was telling. Sapphira was given a chance to tell the truth, but instead she continued her husbands lie and God killed her too. A man is only a man and only the head of his house if he rules his family as Christ rules the church. No woman will ever take any man's authority away from him by teaching the word of God, it just won't happen since all the brethren are to submit one to the other. This means men submit to women and women submit to men. If women do not want to submit to God given correction given by a man and men don't want to submit to God given correction given by a women then these people aren't brethren. There is only one reason why men do not want to be corrected by a woman and it is all about their own ego and an underlying hatred of women. When any man feels he should be elevated to a higher position than a woman even if she might be more qualified than him, he is pulling rank and none of this was ever about rank.

Letter found on line at:

Supports Gary Sem (12-28-06) by Ray Daly (Lincoln, North Dakota)

This letter is in response to a letter "The Key Error in World War III Scenario by Collins", which was published in Issue #36.

Ray Daly writes:

Darwin & Laura

Greetings. This is in response to a comment by Gary Sem, on page 17 of your issue #36. He said, "MODERN 'JEWS' ARE NOT ISRAELITES"! I don't know his sources, but the following very, very much supports his conclusion.

I recently sent an article to **Dixon** covering this very subject. Since I don't know if he will print it, I will present a condensed and paraphrased version for you. The materials I present are from two authors, Alan Morrison, whose work essentially covers the Jews of Eastern Germany and Eastern Europe, following the end of WW II.

Stephen Birmingham's work covers the Jews of both Eastern Europe and Germany, along with the Jews of "Western" Germany. Birmingham's period covers the time of Otto von Bismarck up until WWI. Both authors, when reporting on East European Jews, are dealing with the same peoples. Birmingham, when he discusses the "Western" Jews, is speaking of a different Jew!

Morrison says that most of the Jews in Israel today are eastern Europe Jews, and says nothing being related to the western Jew's!

The Encyclopedia Judaica, says (according to Morrison) that 85% of all Jews in Israel today are "Khazars". Eastern Jews

who migrated from that area or others.

This is who Morrison describes the Khazars as being. He says that there was a Kingdom called Khazaria, that existed from the 400's to the 1200's BC. It was located in the steppes of Russia. In the 600's AD, the Emperor of Khazaria became a Jew. He required his subjects to convert as well. Rabbi's from Babylon were called in to teach "their law".

Eventually, these Khazar "Jews" wound up in Eastern European areas. Quite likely as the result of the expansion of Islam. Anyway, it was from amongst the surviving Jews of the Holocaust that mostly wound up in Israel, the Jews of Khazaria (East Europe) or "gentiles" by race, and therefore not of Judah.

Birmingham covers "two" migrations of Jews to America, that took place from Otto von Bismarck, to the beginning of WWI. The first migration of Jews to America was mostly Jews from WESTERN Germany! This migration was about the 1860's-1880's. He says the eastern Jews in that same period, mostly migrated east! Back to their homeland in the Russian steppes. [Re: Fiddler on the Roof]!

The Khazar Jews, now in Russia, were forced to migrate back west when the Czar kicked them out in the late 80's or so.

Many of these Jews wound up in America. Many more simply went back to their former homes in East Europe. It was these latter who were the mostly persecuted by Hitler -- gentile Khazars.

This is getting long, so I will try to shorten it further. Birmingham makes clear distinctions between the first migration Jews to America from "west" Europe, and the second "gentile" Khazar migration from the east.

Birmingham describes (generally) the Khazars to have been, "shorter, stockier, darker, with dark eyes"! He also says of the western Jews (generally) were "Taller, slimmer, lighter, with lighter eyes and hair." The "Jews" in the "west" were little different in appearance than the rest of Israel!

By the way, Birmingham says that many, if not most, of the western Jews who came to America altered or changed their names and converted to Christianity, in order to not experience further persecution.

There are many other interesting points, but this should suffice.

Steven M. Collins writes:

It never ceases to surprise me how the "Jews are Khazars" arguments keep coming up. I have an article at my website, www.stevenmcollins.com, which specifically addresses this subject. The title is "The Khazars and the Modern Jews," and it is available at the "Articles" link. Another of my articles, **"Four Reasons the** Jews are Judah," is also available at the **"Articles"** link at my website. This second article details clear evidence that biblical prophecy identifies modern Jews/Israelis as the modern tribe of Judah. God has used the modern Jews/Israelis to fulfill his specific prophecies about "Judah" in the latter days (Genesis 49, Zephaniah 2, etc.), and there are no arguments based on mere "human reasoning" which will undo the clear scriptural evidence on the subject.

Letter found on line at:

http://darwinlauralee.com/l2007-040-03.htm ***THE END**************************

Needs Pen Pals (12-18-05) by Robert Goldman (lone, California)

Robert Goldman writes:

Dear Darwin & Laura Lee,

Hey! Just a quick note -- I just sent out a letter yesterday saying I hadn't heard from y'all in almost 30 days. So guess what -- yes I got y'alls newsletter, Article - "When Will God Heal?", and card by Laura -- I'm on y'alls prayer list! Thank you a whole bunch!!

I couldn't wait to dive into y'alls newsletter, it's such a breath of fresh air compared to the garbage that flows through here! I praise Yah for putting y'all in my path.

I noticed y'all had a letter with someone mentioning -- Pen Pals. How can I get involved in this? Please send info! Boy do I need some good fellowship with the body. Also the ad I sent y'all -- are you going to place it in your ad section? I didn't see an "Ad" section in the copy I just received. Is this just on y'alls web site?

Laura Lee writes:

Robert's address is: Robert Goldman #K64289, PO Box 409020, A1-236, Ione, CA 95640-9020 for anyone who would like to write to him on a regular basis.

Your Ad was printed in the letters section of **Issue #34** and it is also posted on our web site at: http://darwinlauralee.com/I2006-034-03.htm.

Robert Goldman writes:

Well, I'm going to make this short. Thanks again for what you have sent, when I'm able to, you are number one on my list to give to! This is a great forum! Shalom unto you two. In Yahshua's name, "The Word of Yahweh", Robert Goldman

P. S. I guess all I have to do is wait uh! Patience uh! Thanks y'all! You have my permission to give my address out! Thank you!

Laura Lee writes:

They say that patience is a virtue. I know it must be hard being in prison and waiting for things you want or like to come in the mail and we wish we had the time to answer every letter within a day or two of receiving it, but because we get so many letters from all over, that is not something we are able to do.

Letter found on line at:

http://darwinlauralee.com/l2007-040-04.htm

THE END***************************

Sun Calendar (02-05-06) by Richard Heath (Vero Beach, Florida)

This letter is in response to a letter titled "Calendar" by Richard Heath which was printed in newsletter Issue #31.

Richard Heath writes:

Dear Believers,

In response to your inclusion of my letter concerning the calendar in your latest issue of your newsletter, I am forwarding copies of the calendar that I alluded to, as well as its explanatory article. I hope that you are better able to understand the points that I brought up in the last letter, and my position on the Jewish calendar's errors after you read them.

There is, indeed, more than one 'Hebrew' calendar. This one (enclosed) could be so-called, as I am of Hebrew lineage myself. What I meant to imply was the difference between the JEWISH calendar that most believers utilize, and the Biblical, Torah-revealed schedule for YHWH's appointed festivals. They are definitely NOT the same thing, as the literature enclosed makes quite obvious.

Laura Lee writes:

First of all, there is only one Hebrew Calendar, if there were more than one, it would create confusion. Remember God is not the author of confusion, but man certainly is when he gets it in his head to do his own thing apart from God.

1 Corinthians 14:33 "For **God is not the author of confusion**, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

Proverbs 12:15 **"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes:** but he that hearkened unto counsel is wise."

Second, your Hebrew lineage does not give you any rights to make up your own calendar and create more confusion among the people of God.

And third, I went over the calendar literature you sent me and it is nonsense.

Richard Heath writes:

To this date; I have not found any scriptural support for the continued use of the moon (in ANY shape) for the regulating of time in the Torah-based calendar. A single scripture mentions both the moon and YHWH's mo'ed(s) in one sentence... that is Ps.104:19. However; a close examination of the word "appointed" lacks any intimation (hint) that the moon is 'MARKING' said mo'ed(s). Rather; the moon is "granted; provided; brought forth" (all alternate renderings of the same Hebrew word here translated "appointed") ...perhaps as a 'night-light' for man's enjoyment at these times. What it ISN'T is a 'marker.'

Laura Lee writes:

Psalm 104:19 He (God) appointed (ordained, instituted) the moon for seasons (set feasts): the sun knoweth his going down.

If God ordains the moon for set feasts, why do you make light of it. Psalm 104:19 is a very clear scripture in regard to the moon marking God's Feasts. If you throw the scripture away as you are trying to do, so you can promote your own doctrine, it makes you not wise, but a fool because you are doing away with what God says, so you can do it the way you believe it should really be. God does out rank you or don't you understand that?

Richard Heath writes:

I have composed a longer paper, which goes into much greater detail on this subject, but I will forego sending it, unless you request it.

Laura Lee writes:

If it is like the calendar papers you have already sent me, then the best place for the longer paper would be a trash can and make sure it gets completely destroyed so others don't find it later and fall into the ditch with you because they think to follow your false calendar paper.

Richard Heath writes:

Like yourselves; I believe that the cycle of the moon's phases was altered some time in the past. I came across this information in "The Y-Files.com" several years ago. Because of this celestial warping; I studied into what (exactly) YHWH based measuring His Holy Days upon... the <u>moonth</u> or the revealed (and UN-altered) 30-day chodesh. As this paper explains; there is no indication in Torah whatsoever that the moon continued to regulate the Holy Day schedule, once it fell out of sync with the chodeshiym.

Laura Lee writes:

Try this for evidence: Psalm 104:19 He

(God) appointed (ordained, instituted) the moon for seasons (set feasts): the sun knoweth his going down. The book of Psalms was written after Genesis.

Richard Heath writes:

It's my personal opinion that this is also the reason that YHWH's calendar only is concerned with the seven months in which His mo'ediym occur. He was able to "foresee" this skewing of time, and planned accordingly.

As a side issue, but interesting just the same; YHWH's Holy Days fall in the 'living' portion of the year, much like the 24-hour day is divided into two portions...our waking & working half, followed by the resting/sleeping half. YHWH's calendar mirrors this idea typically; with a year picturing a day.

If others wish to obtain this information, you may offer it free via my address, as you did previously. May YHWH grant you His blessings. I write--In YHWH's service, Richard

Laura Lee writes:

Richard's address is: PO Box 2474, Vero Beach, FL 32961. Richard you are teaching a false calendar doctrine. I am including your address here in hopes that others will also help you to see your error in teaching that the moon **as ordained by God** <u>does not</u> have anything to do with God's Holy Days when <u>in</u> <u>reality</u> God himself has ordained the moon for His set feasts. (Psalm 104:19)

I would also caution anyone reading this letter or this newsletter that it is important that you do deep studies into any doctrine presented to you before you follow the leader into the ditch.

Luke 6:39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind (mentally blind) lead the blind (mentally blind)? Shall they not both fall into the ditch? Matthew 15:14 Let them alone: they be blind (mentally blind) leaders of the blind (mentally blind). And if the blind (mentally blind) lead the blind (mentally blind), both shall fall into the ditch.

Letter found on line at:

In the Hole (7-13-06) by P. F. Lazor (Delano, California)

P. F. Lazor writes:

Dear Darwin & Laura,

Yahweh bless you and hope and pray you are well and prospering.

Enclosed is your subscription renewal/update form.

I did get your form a few days ago; as

you can see, they changed my address again. This prison complex is a CITY, (scary, for the public), which has many within, different prisons and each apparently has a different address. On June 15, evil prison employees threw me in the hole with malicious, invented reports so I have been without water since (but a few sips and it just makes me too sick to tolerate), vacillating between extreme dehydration/starvation and the gross, terrible chemical reactions of trying to ingest the chemical laced water and GMOchemical loaded, irradiated counterfeit food. (About 99%+ is now GMO here.) It's a very trying experience where death is often a comforting concept in comparison.

The guards who belong to violent street gangs here, have confiscated my parole legal files and aim to destroy it along with <u>all</u> my legal files and personal property; so I'm not sure if I'll ever get the chance, consequently, to get my parole challenge in the courts. The last 3 parole hearings, since 1994, the demonic prison people shut off all court appeals by confiscating and disposing of the parole case files while I tried to work on them.

Just before I went to the hole I made an amazing discovery. I found in the statute I'm sentenced to prison under, that the sentence (according to the statute passed into law) is not a "15 years - to-life" sentence at all, but is only a 15 years sentence, period. (Plus 2 for the gun used in self-defense.) 17 years, minus 5+ years good time credits; my sentence was fully served in 1994. When I took this info to my prison "case worker" to correct and set me free, (to begin that process), she instead wrote a false accusatory report to send me to the hole, indefinitely. All my addresses and stamps and envelopes have been confiscated, so I'm out of contact with almost everyone. If anyone wants to send stamps now is a time I really could use some. But if you put the word out, please state to NOT send money in any form to me ever in prison. Not only do the prison people simply steal 100% of it, always, but I get penalized and debited almost \$8's in postage I lose, each time that happens. Money can be sent for me to Gayle, if people want (I sure can use it for food and such when/if I get out of the hole), but Gayle is moving, presently in route, and won't have a permanent address for a few more weeks. (And her phone number is changing too).

I will try to update you if I survive this cachexia torture - I really may not.

I never did get your newsletter with the continuation of my "Framed" factual story, (Part II). If it might be possible for you to send that to me (again, presumably), I'd be grateful. Hopefully the prison people won't steal it (again).

I'm again (12th time) in a dangerous position of kidney failure and death from dehydration and starvation, which is what they do to me when they put me in the hole. I guess the next 1-2 weeks will determine if I survive or not. The California prison people murdered a man named Singh 2-3 years ago this way, and a girl named Joyce Beasea this way in 1993. They keep trying to make me next. Please put out prayers for me.

But I cannot respond to anyone, unless they send SASE because the prison people have stolen all my envelopes, stamps etc.; and within days I may not have the capacity to respond anyway.

Blessings to you and thank you,

Laura writes:

We would have sent **Issue #33** with the second half of your **"Framed" document**, in it as part of your subscription, but if you have not received it, please let us know and we will see what we can do.

Letter found on line at:

http://darwinlauralee.com/I2007-040-06.htm

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Life in Prison (06-03-07) by Richard Markland (Lebanon, Ohio)

Richard Markland writes:

Dear Darwin and Laura:

It has been quite some time since contacting you. As a matter of fact it was when I was in jail back in November. I appreciated the fact that you published the **poem** I wrote about Linda. Feel free to publish anything I send you.

I send a newsletter I write every few weeks. It is a personal perspective of the news. I also still write poetry. Actually, keeping up on world events is not quite as easy as having the internet, but my parents send news from the net and I listen to news programs on a radio I purchased.

I receive church literature from different groups and I was able to keep the 2nd Passover. Even if I wasn't permitted wine and unleavened bread, I know God honored what took place.

Entire Letter found on line at:

http://darwinlauralee.com/l2007-040-07.htm

to be continued in Issue #41

QUESTIONS SECTION ----

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QUESTION #62

Is it right to raise pigs not for consumption but for sale?

For the majority of my life I didn't realize that there were people who would want a pig for anything OTHER than consumption. I have now become aware of a small group of individuals who actually keep a (usually pot-bellied) pig as a pet... much like a dog or cat.

Aside from this minute group though; virtually all pigs are raised for consumption, whether the one raising them consumes them or not. Understanding this; the question becomes 'Is it right to assist others to transgress Torah (the Law of God).' I can only hope that that question isn't too hard to answer! (But if it IS too hard to answer; allow me to say, "**NO**; it isn't right to raise pigs.")

Answer by: Richard Heath (Vero Beach, Florida)

Item found on line at:

http://darwinlauralee.com/q2007-040-01.htm

QUESTION #63

Is a Christian's faithfulness to God measured mainly by their church attendance and if not, are there more important standards of faithfulness God holds a Christian to?

There are certain situations to consider. I am in contact with 2 people in Fiji who have limited ability to assemble with others. But if we can assemble with others we should.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..." is an admonition from Hebrews 10:25. Christian fellowship is a pleasure that one should look forward to. Examples in the book of Acts show that Christian behavior would include assembling with other Christians. Instead of considering assembling with others as a litmus test of faithfulness, one might consider it as a contributing factor for faithfulness in other areas: love, obedience, kindness, perseverance, patience, etc.

Many times a problem that appears is in thinking of the church in materialistic terms. For example, many think of the church as a building or a corporation. There is nothing wrong with using a building and there's nothing wrong with incorporating so long as we keep in mind what the church is.

Where is the church?

Where is the temple?

If you have the Spirit of God dwelling in you, then you ARE the temple (1 Corinthians 3:15). You and the Spirit filled Christians you assemble with are the lively stones of the temple (1 Peter 2:5). And the stone that was disallowed by the builders has become the head of the corner (1 Peter 2:7). Christ is our Chief Corner Stone. The more we can be like our Savior, the more we reflect faithfulness, assembling with others being only one attribute out of many.

Answer by: Wily Elder (North Miami, Florida)

Item found on line at:

KIDS Korner ----

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We need submissions for "Kids Korner". Thank You!

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES ----

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May 10, 2007--Daniella Moerschel

I am writing to you to request help from you and your church. I would be eternally grateful for any assistance that you can give. I am 25 years old from your area in a halfway house here in Mississippi for women ages 18-30. I have been here 3 months and I will be released in 3 months so that I can return home there. We all work for free here and I help to cook and clean house. This is a huge 5 bedroom house out in the country shared by 6 women in each bedroom. The lady that runs this house is very good to all of us here but the rules are strict here. We are not allowed to go anywhere by ourselves. I truly need your help due to both my parents were killed 7 years ago in a plane crash. I have absolutely no one else to ask for help. I need your help with either a postal money order of any amount that you can send or a care package of canned food items (also coffee and tea) personal hygiene supplies (also razors, shave gel, maxi pads & tampons), first aid supplies and writing tablets, ink pens, envelopes and a full book of postage stamps. Will you help me, please? Any help in any way will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless you, Daniella Moerschel, PO Box 166, Derma, MS 38839

May 14, 2007--Wildfires in Florida

The following request is about the wildfire currently near the Florida/Georgia border. I heard officials say that what happens today (Monday, May 14, 2007) will determine the future with this fire. It's bad enough but if winds pick up it could get much worse. We need rain to put this thing out! We live about 45 miles from part of it and at times the smoke is bad. One is able to get a more accurate update from the various local and national new services. Please pray for rain and safety for all those who are involved and affected. Paul Gibson

May 19, 2007--Wildfires in Florida & Georgia

I want to thank everybody who has prayed concerning the wildfire in our area and in other areas. This particular fire is one of over 200 in the state of Florida. I don't know much about the fires in Georgia or Alabama. Many people are living in drought conditions in the Southeast. Continued prayers for all the fire crews and support groups are and will be greatly appreciated. Georgia http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/ Florida http://www.fl-dof.com/wildfire2007/daily_report.html (the one near us) Florida Bugaboo Fire - The fire continues to be active. The leading edge of the fire has advanced little in the last two days and remains approximately nine miles north of I-10 and 1.5 miles east of Hwy 441. Smoke will be a factor throughout the fire area and in surrounding communities. Rain received on Thursday night and early Friday morning did help firefighters. However, no additional significant precipitation is forecast. A Red Flag alert will be in effect today due to expected low relative humidity. Winds will be breezy from the east and northeast and combined with extreme drought conditions, moderate fire behavior can be expected. Crews will continue to improve fire lines, as well as a significant amount of mop up in the interior of the fire. Cause: lightning.

May 31, 2007--Kaylah's Friend

I would like to pray for a close friend of mine who is currently writing an essay for a college scholarship. He could use the scholarship in his future endeavors and so the essay is an important step in that achievement. With God's help, I believe he can reach his dreams and bring smiles to many along the way. Thank you. Kaylah

May 31, 2007--Sergio

Please pray for Sergio. He has been in a battle against cancer for over a year. He and his wife and son moved from Fort Lauderdale to Jackson Tennessee because home insurance rates have quadrupled in just 2 years because of the hurricane activity here in South Florida. He has a good hospice team in Tennessee. He has a tumor in his lung, cancer in his head, and pain in his leg because of chemotherapy he had a year ago. He stopped the chemo abruptly, seeing the harm it was doing. Wily Elder

May 31, 2007--Laura Lee

I guess I and steps just don't get along too well. Just before noon today, I was bringing our three dogs in from outside and I slipped on our patio steps. It's been raining here pretty steady for the last two days and the steps were wet and slippery. Anyway I think I am okay, but I'm in a lot of pain. My upper back and neck hurt and I may have bruised my tail bone. I already have a bad lower back and this really doesn't help. Please pray for my complete healing. Thank you. Laura Lee

June 2, 2007--Lorraine

Please pray for Lorraine, who is a young girl of 16 years of age and has been found with cancer. She is going through moments of difficult breathing, and much pain. Also pray for her Parents and Family who are in much anguish as can be expected, so they can receive fortitude and peace of mind at this moment. May Yahweh Bless and answer all earnest prayers sent to Heaven's Throne. G.A.

June 5, 2007--Patty Sawyer

Dear Brethren, I am writing today to ask for prayers for a very dear friend of mine who is having some serious health issues. Her name is Patty Sawyer and she has been diagnosed with polyps on her kidneys and liver as well as possible very serious gallbladder problems. Please ask that our loving Heavenly Father would pour out his tender mercies on this very dear woman and heal her. Please pass this e-mail along to others so that we can get as many people praying as possible. Thank you in advance for your prayers. Bryn

June 5, 2007--Virginia Sellers

Please pray for a Sister In Messiah Virginia Sellers, who just lost her Son. That the Eternal may give her the strength and fortitude that can only come from Heaven in this time of sorrow. G.A.



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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: August 15, 2007. 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 Front Door Open at 1:00 PM for Fellowship

BIBLE STUDY

Every 6 weeks on Friday at 8:00 PM at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota (701) 258-7172 Front Door Open at 6:30 PM for Fellowship and Pot Luck Meal (Bring Food)

FEAST OF TRUMPETS--SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

Come join us, services start at 2:00 PM at 320 N. Griffin St. in Bismarck, North Dakota (Fellowship starts at 1:00 PM)

Join us for a 5:00 PM meal at: Perkins Family Restaurant (Expressway Avenue) in Bismarck, North Dakota

Elijah's Wanted?

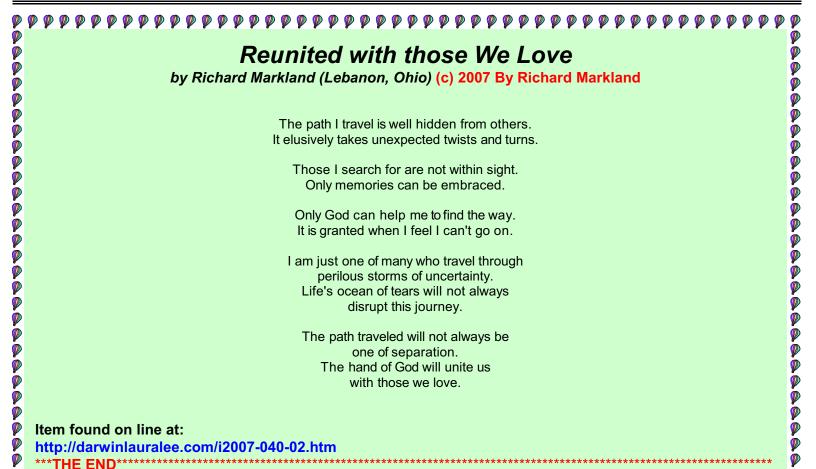
by Richard Heath (Vero Beach, Florida)

I would like to advertise a free booklet entitled: "Elijahs Wanted". People may request it via snail mail: Assembly of YHWH, PO Box 2474, Vero Beach, FL 32961 or e-mail: **SERVANTSOFYHWH@webtv.net**

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Transferred Again!

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by P. F. Lazor (lone, California)

<u>Change of Address Notice</u> --Transferred Again! New Address, Effective Now: P. F. Lazor C-73842, PO Box 409020 A5-147, Ione, CA 95640

I have been transferred again, back to the prison I left a year ago (Mule Creek State Prison, new address above). Please update, and discard all old addresses.

Urgent Notice About Mail Content: I need to take this opportunity to tell everyone who corresponds with me or sends me anything at my prison address - and this is urgent, so please heed:

Some very good-hearted souls, wanting to be of wonderful help to me, have sent checks/money orders to me at the prison. I must inform everyone please, <u>never</u>, <u>ever</u> send money in any form directly to me in prison (*not cash*, *not checks*, *not money orders* - *NOTHING MONETARY).* If/when this happens, I am charged, **punished**, and penalized for it, my court access gets cancelled and my legal efforts are destroyed. And **100%** of all money arriving at the prison in my name is simply *confiscated* by the prison, forever - with <u>no chance</u> of ever getting it back. (*plus, again, <u>severe penalties to me</u> ...*)

Please don't misunderstand, for those who wish to help; I do have <u>dire</u> <u>need</u> for monetary contributions <u>in any</u> <u>amount</u>. It simply CANNOT be sent to the prison for me. This is not a solicitation for your contributions; however, if you are so inclined, contributions are more than welcome but send them to: **Gayle Travis**, **21736 Orange Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546**, phone number (510) 925-7346

Gayle is my best friend of over 30 years, and she has special required prison approval to buy and send me packages of food, vitamins, clothes, shoes, typing supplies, and much else

that the prison does not (adequately) supply. She also coordinates my fledgling legal defense fund, in an attempt to hire a good attorney to get me out of here, back home after 24 years. Feel free to call Gayle if you wish, or send anything to her, for me.

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You can send postage stamps to me, at the prison, up to 40 stamps per mailing, maximum.

Thank you for abiding by this urgent condition, and thank you for your care -

We just hired an attorney for my parole matter. Since the prison system has never ceased for 15 months since my hearing in February 2006 to obstruct all chances of my accessing the courts with my own petition. We must raise the other half (\$4000.00) as quickly as possible in order for the firm to file it. We have faith we will.

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Subscription Update For Those Who Are Unable to Pay a Subscription Price for "The Church of God Messenger": Gift Donations Received: 06-04-07 -- SK -- \$5.00 06-11-07 -- RL -- \$10.00 06-22-07 -- SK -- \$5.00 Total = \$20.00 THANK YOU! Subscriptions Requested: 06-21-07 -- Janine Ziomek-Witek 1 Year Subscriptions Paid: Janine Ziomek-Witek \$12.84 Amount Left: \$7.16 Subscription Requests Pending at this Time: None

Why a Paid Subscription?

by Darwin & Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Hi,

As some of you may already know, starting on June 1, 2007 **all renewals** for a hard copy of "The Church of God Messenger" will now cost the subscriber money.

As some of you know, postage went up in May 2007. Newsletters sent to people in the United States used to cost \$.87 each for postage to mail them, that cost is now \$1.14 each for postage. Canada was \$1.15 each, it is now \$1.31 each, and other countries varied anywhere from \$2.40 to \$3.80, and now they all seem to cost \$2.70 each, which is a reduction for some.

Since we started this newsletter back in 2001, many have contributed to help us with these costs, but it just hasn't been enough to keep this newsletter coming for free. It has taken a toll on our finances having put us over \$9000.00 in the red since 2001. There comes a point where we have to say that is enough.

We are charging \$2.14 per issue in the United States, \$12.84 per year (6 issues), in Canada we are charging \$2.31 per issue, \$13.86 per year (6 issues), and in all other countries we are charging \$3.70 per issue, which comes out to \$22.20 per year. This price includes the full charge for postage per issue plus \$1.00 per issue to cover the cost of ink, paper, and equipment and equipment repair. This charge does not include any wages or any profit of any kind and if you believe that it does, please try to print your own newsletter sometime and see how much it costs you.

We do understand that some people just cannot afford to pay these costs for various reasons and we really don't want anyone to go with out if it is at all possible. For the month of June 2007 we did take in \$20.00 in gift donations and we did have one request for a newsletter subscription from one person who could not afford the subscription price so we paid her subscription price from the amount we received in gift donations. If there had been no money there, then no newsletter would have been sent to her. This leaves us \$7.16 in gift donations to put toward another subscription should someone not be able to afford the subscription cost.

Gift donations can still be sent to us at: Darwin & Laura Lee, PO Box 2333, Bismarck, ND 58502. When you subscribe online there is now a button on the subscription form for those who still want a hard copy newsletter and are willing to pay for it. For those who can afford to pay the subscription price but do not want to, the PDF File download on our Web Site is free and you can print that out yourself so you have your own hard copy. If you do not know how to do double sided printing to make this look like the one you always received in the mail from us, please email us and we will try to help you over email or the telephone if necessary.

We are sorry that we can no longer offer the hard copy for free, but we can't. So this now means that if someone cannot afford to pay the subscription price they are now solely dependant on those who do send gift donations. We will allow print space in up coming newsletters to let everyone know how much is sent in gift donations for each month and how many people have requested a free subscription so that we don't end up with a large amount of money and no subscriptions to put it toward. It is our thought to publish only the first and last initials of those who contribute along with the date and amount donated and publish the full name of those on our list who are requesting free subscriptions. If anyone has an objection to this, please email us at: the-bible-talkforums@earthlink.net

Please remember there are some people in prison and some people who are disabled who just don't have the money for subscription prices, so if you are able to help when you see there is a need, we hope you will do so. Thank You.

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