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Homosexual Idolatry: Intimidating Fabricated-False Diagnosis is Satanic Mind Control of Mayo Clinic and Psychologists. To rationalize their own perverted minds and accuse the innocent. Transgender, Gender Dysphoria, and Homophobia - Planted in Minds will be Harvested in Hell. Democrats and Dimwitted Republicans: “Equal Justice under Law” is made void with pandering - Special Rights based on race and sexual perversion. Special Rights: Establishing LGBT adopted children of the State must be honored is - Devil-Worship. And discriminates against those who believe God. Transgender is a Fraud: Dr Frankenstein can mutilate and Drug a man delusional, but he cannot create a woman out of a man. That is medical malpractice and should be against the Law. What state will be the first to outlaw such evil? Isaiah 5:20 “Woe to those who call evil good.”

Transgender Fraud: Those who desire to change their gender need reality denying counseling, not law forcing others to embrace their perverted - Homosexual Delusions. **Gender Dysphoria Insanity:** A man who Pretends he is a woman or woman who Fakes being a man, also need: Reality denying counseling. Instead: Dr Frankenstein, Devil-Media, Democrats, and University Delusional Encourage the Sexually Perverted and Insane and accuse all who will not embrace their madness of being insane. Using “fabricated fake diagnosis” “Transphobia” **Professor-Delusional:** Accused a reporter of “transphobia” because he did not agree that men menstruate. Devil-Forbid: That may offend sexual perverts pretending to be women. **Ban Sex-Ed K-12** - Stop LGBT Indoctrination of children. Teachers: Are drugging and Psychologically Castrating School Children! Send a boy or girl to school and Frankenstein’s child comes home.

Devil-Media, Democratic Party Snakes and Educators are really saying: If you’re not as crazy as I am - something is wrong with you. Non-Discrimination and Hate Crime Law: Why? To Discriminate against and hate Christians and Jews who believe God. And gives pandering - attack-rights - to always offended black racist and sexual perverts. Romans 1:28 “Since they did Not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to depraved minds.”

Homophobia: A “Fabricated Diagnosis” to intimidate and ridicule those who will not bow to depravity. State officials, Educators and many church leaders are hopelessly “Homophobic.” “Homophobia” Really is - Fear of being accused and criticized by the Devil-Faithful for Not worshipping the Devil by honoring what God decreed evil.

Bruce Jenner: Now - Frankenstein’s Child Caitlyn: Mutilated and drugged Bruce pretends to be a woman - calls his fraud - Caitlyn. What is Bruce Jenner? A delusional, drugged, and mutilated man - pretending to be a woman. Devil-Media, Dr Frankenstein, and educators - deceived Bruce: They know transgender is an impossible fraud. But are using him to Mock God’s Creation of male and female.

Has the Devil Recruited you? Yes, if you are Homophobic-Fearful of being criticized for Not honoring sexual perverts parading their sin. State officials: License - Sexual Perverts to flaunt their depravity. Most, republicans, all democrats, educators, and church leaders have swallowed the **Devil Snare**. Example: Republican talk show host instead of defending God’s Truth - and rejecting the premise of the “Made-Up Fraud Diagnosis” “homophobia” boast “I am Not

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Homophobic.” That is real “homophobia” confessing out of FEAR “I do Not believe God” I believe Devil-Media, Democratic party snakes and Educator’s Delusions - instead.

Devil-Media: Recruited - **Sean Hannity.** Sean swallowed the Devil’s snare. Giving the Devil his platform: Interviews - Bruce Jenner - pretending to be a woman referring to Bruce as a woman using Caitlyn. Sean, you should know better - repent. You should have advised Bruce: Take off his makeup, mini skirt and high heel shoes, stop - living a lie - and behave like a man. **Dennis Prager** - Dangles on to the Devil’s Snare: Preaching Sexual Perverts flaunting depravity must be “Respected” instead of exposed as evil and called on to repent. Conclusion: According to Dennis - God’s Word and those who believe God must be disrespected? NIV - Psalm 12:8 “The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men.”

Do this - Intimidated and fearful - Conservative talkers: A man calls himself “transgender” boast about success living as a woman. Reply: A man who pretends to be a woman is a perverted fraud, then hang up. God is to be honored - Not sexual perverts intent on - **painting you and your listeners with their guilt.** Leviticus 19:17 - NIV “Do Not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will Not share in his guilt.”

State Devil-Worship: Special Rights - forcing sexual perverts on Americans. Can Matthew 19:4-5 “The Creator made them male and female, and said: For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife” be forced on Americans? No – then “Equal Rights Under Law” demands - neither should sexual perverts be forced on Americans. Compelling an employer to hire a man pretending to be a woman and dressed as a woman is tyranny. God’s rebuke to LGBT America and “Last Day” - TEST of Salvation Is: President Joe Biden and Devil-Media’s faithful Lawmakers and Church Preachers, forcing or intimidating you to bow the knee to sexual perverts parading their depravity - Luke 17:28-29.

State Leaders Create this Law in your State: In Court all are male and female. Reject the fraud of transgender. And in court all are the same race or Judicial and social Depravity will Dominate! “Special Rights” based on being black, and a sexual pervert - makes being white and believing God a crime and makes void freedom of speech and “Equal Justice Under Law.” Money facilitates black racism: Take money out of the Un-Civil-Rights Law - then black accusers and their damned lawyers like vultures will fly away.

America: Free yourself from Devil-Media and **Repent.** Let go of the Devils: Honor-Evil-Snare it will twist your mind and drag you to Hell. Take hold of God’s Anchor of Truth. Judgment Day is the day of your, death; you will Not remember being dead. Our Father in Heaven paid our debt for sin. True freedom is freedom from sin. God’s great sacrifice has been given for you: Jesus Christ Crucified is - Light that Shines beyond the graves.

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Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian-born Nobel prize winning laureate, suffered for eight years in a Soviet labor camp because he refused to acquiesce to the tyranny of the Marxist Soviet regime. In explaining how this could have happened in his beloved Christian homeland, he wrote,

If I was asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous Revolution that swallowed up some 60 million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to report, “Men have forgotten God; that is why all this has happened.”

The DNC’s Official Rejection of God

In 2019 the Democrat National Committee (DNC), the governing body of the Democrat Party, took a sharp turn down the very path of which Solzhenitsyn warned. They unanimously passed a resolution in which they affirmed atheism and declared that neither Christianity nor any religion is necessary for morality and patriotism.

Not a single Democrat leader—neither Joe Biden, Chuck Schumer, nor Nancy Pelosi—has protested this affirmation of

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atheism and rejection of Christian morality by their party. And just as happened in Russia, we see this same party putting itself in the place of God with attempts to control every area of our lives, including how we think.

Atheism and Tyranny are Siamese Twins

Atheism and agnosticism inevitably lead to tyranny. Having rejected God and all transcendent moral constraints, political leaders become emboldened to act like God and impose their values and political vision on the populace without debate or hearing opposing views. "We the people" becomes a forgotten relic of the past.

At a Democrat-run school board meeting just last week in New Jersey, parents who expressed concern about the teaching of transgenderism to their children were told that they have no say in what their children are taught in the public schools. This is not surprising for in atheistic/Marxist thinking, children belong to the state, not the parents.

During the covid pandemic, it was Democrat governors and local officials who were most tyrannical in their attempts to control every detail of their constituent's lives—all in the name of "safety."

Governor Gavin Newsom, a rising star in the Democrat Party, just signed into law a bill that forbids doctors to criticize his state's position on the Covid virus and its treatment. The governor's edicts are not to be questioned, even by trained doctors and scientists. He and his cronies have put themselves in the place of God and this should be frightening to every American.

Cancel culture, which is intolerant of opposing views, is another expression of tyranny that is arising in this nation as the fruit of rejecting God. William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, got it right when he said, "Those who will not be governed by God must be ruled by tyrants."

I am not saying, of course, that every Democrat is bad and that every Republican is good. That is not the case. The fact remains, nonetheless, that the Democrat Party, without opposition from within, has chosen to reject the role of faith and Christian morality in the life of the nation.

America's Founders Were People of Faith

The path taken by the Democrat Party is away from America's founding generation, which considered Christian faith and morality to be the key for social stability and prosperity. James Madison, America's fourth president and the chief architect of the U.S. Constitution, wrote,

The belief in a God All Powerful, wise and good, is so essential to the moral order of the world and to the happiness of man, that arguments which enforce it cannot be drawn from too many sources nor adapted with too much solicitude to the different characters and capacities impressed with it (Hyatt, [*1726: The Year that Defined America*](#), 111).

George Washington, after taking the first presidential oath of office with his hand on a Bible, gave his first inaugural address in which he warned the new nation,

The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the external rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained (Hyatt, [*Pilgrims and Patriots, 2nd Edition*](#), 173).

John Adams, America's second president, sounded a similar note in a 1798 address to the officers of the Massachusetts Militia. He declared,

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious [Christian] people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other" (Hyatt, [*1726: The Year that Defined America*](#), 168).

The well-known Catholic scholar, William Novak, was correct in saying,

Far from having a hostility toward religion, the Founders counted on religion [Christianity] for the underlying philosophy of the republic, its supporting ethic, and its reliable source of rejuvenation (Hyatt, [*1726: The Year that Defined America*](#), 171).

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We Must Have a Christian Awakening

This November 8 election may well be the most important of my lifetime and I encourage everyone to cast their vote. This election, however, will not save America for America's sickness is not merely political, but spiritual and moral. There must be a return to the God of Whitefield, Edwards, Washington, Lincoln, and King.

So, as we prepare to vote in this election, let us recall the warning of Solzhenitsyn. Let us also ask God to visit this nation once again with another Great Awakening.

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Shatnez

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I received the following question from Jeanine Kersey Russell of North Dakota: **“I have a question. Is there a cotton only in clothing or bedding that is part of your church's belief.”**

I believe where people get this from is:

Lev 19:19 Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of **linen and woollen** come upon thee.

Deu 22:11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, **as of woollen and linen** together.

To save space I will stick to the question asked and not include the commentary in regard to the cattle or the seeds. Here is what the following commentators say in answer to your question.

Jamieson-Faussett-Brown

neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee — Although this precept, like the other two with which it is associated, was in all probability designed to root out some superstition, it seems to have had a further meaning. The law, it is to be observed, did not prohibit the Israelites wearing many different kinds of cloths together, but only the two specified; and the observations and researches of modern science have proved that “wool, when combined with linen, increases its power of passing off the electricity from the body. In hot climates, it brings on malignant fevers and exhausts the strength; and when passing off from the body, it meets with the heated air, inflames and excoriates like a blister” [Whitlaw]. (See Eze_44:17, Eze_44:18).

John Gill

neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee; for, as Josephus (l) says, none but the priests were allowed to wear such a garment, and with which the Misnah (m) agrees; in which it is asserted, that the priests have no other clothing to minister in, in the sanctuary, but of woollen and linen; which seems to be a better reason of this prohibition than what Maimonides (n) gives, that it was on the account of idolatrous priests, who used to go clothed with such a garment, and a metal ring on their fingers: the Jewish tradition is, nothing is forbidden on account of divers kinds (i.e. in garments) but wool and flax; camels' wool, and sheep's wool, mixed together, if the greater part is camels', it is free, but if the greater part is sheep's wool, it is forbidden, if half and half, it is forbidden; and so flax and hemp mixed together; also that nothing is forbidden on such account but what is spun and wove (o): the design of this, as of the other, seems to be in general to caution against unnatural lusts and impure mixtures, and all communion of good and bad men, and particularly against joining the righteousness of Christ with the works of men, in the business of justification: Christ's righteousness is often compared to a garment, and sometimes to fine linen, clean and white; and men's righteousness to filthy rags, Rev_19:8; which are by no means to be put together in the said affair; such who believe in Christ are justified by the obedience of one and not of more, and by faith in that obedience and righteousness, without the works of the law, Rom_5:19 Rom_3:28; to join them together is needless, disagreeable, and dangerous.

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(e) תרביע "non facies coire", V. L. Pagninus, Drusius. (f) Misn. Gelaim, c. 1. sect. 6. (g) Hilchot Gelaim, c. 9. sect. 3. (h) De Special. Leg. p. 784. (i) Misn. ut supra, (f) sect. 9. (k) Misn. Celaim, c. 1. sect. 7, 8. (l) Antiqu. l. 4. c. 8. sect. 11. (m) Celaim, c. 9. sect. 1. (n) Moreh Nevochim, par. 3. c. 37. (o) Misn. ut supra, (k) c. 9. sect. 1. 8.

George Haydock

Kind. Mules were therefore either brought from other countries, (3 Kings 10:28,) or they were produced by some of the same species, as, good authors assert, is frequently the case in Syria, Cappadocia, &c. (Pliny, [Natural History?] 8:44; Pineda) (Tirinus) --- Spencer (Leg. 2:20,) says, without any proof, that this law had a reference to the impure conjunctions of animals, in honour of Venus and of Priapus. --- *Different seeds*, &c. This law tends to recommend simplicity and plain-dealing in all things; and to teach the people not to join any false worship or heresy with the worship of the true God. (Challoner) --- *Draw not the yoke with infidels*, 2 Corinthians vi. (Theodoret, q. 27.) These different colours were not in themselves evil, since they were used in the priests' vestments. They insinuate, that we must avoid schisms. (Worthington) --- The sowing of different seeds tends to impoverish the soil. (Pliny, 18:10) The Egyptians sowed various seeds on a board, covered with fine mould; and, observing which sort was destroyed by the heat of the sun in the dog-days, superstitiously refrained, that year, from sowing any of it, lest it should produce no crop. (Palladius) --- *Sorts*. The Rabbins say of linen and wool, as Deu_22:11 They allow other sorts. Josephus ([Antiquities?] 4:8,) supposes, that garments of the former description were thus reserved for the priests alone. The *Flamen*, among the Romans, could not wear a woollen garment sewed with thread, without committing a sin; *piaculum erat*, says Servius. These precepts were to be literally observed, though they concealed a moral instruction of the greatest consequence, importing that all unnatural intercourse was to be avoided. Pythagoras conveyed his instructions under similar enigmatical expressions, saying, "we must not stir up the fire with a sword," &c., as Solomon does likewise. (Pro_30:15; Sir_12:3; Sir_12:6.) (Calmet)

Biblical Illustrator

Woollen and flaxen threads

Not only is it forbidden to weave woollen and flaxen threads together into one material to make wearing apparel of it; but, according to the administrators of the law during the second Temple, an Israelite must not mend a woollen garment with a flaxen thread, and *vice versa*. One of the reasons which the ancient canonists assign for this prohibition is that "wool and linen were appointed for the priests alone." This law is observed by the orthodox Jews to this day. (C. D. Ginsburg, LL. D.)

I did check and the Jewish people do keep this law today and most of us probably also keep it without knowing there even was a law until now. For one thing I can't wear any kind of wool as it makes me itch. So as far as I know, I don't even own any.

To answer the question though, the prohibition does not seem to be that you only use cotton, but that you do not mix the linen (flax) with wool (sheep). In doing research on this even if you buy a suit or anything with shoulder pads or the like, I guess some manufactures use rags for padding which could be wool mixed with linen. If you aren't sure what is in your clothing, I found that there are at least 60 labs in the United States alone that can tell you if your clothing is mixed with wool and if it can be fixed or if you should throw it.

I personally never gave a thought to this law before I got this question, but it is in God's law and because it is part of God's Law, we should all be keeping this law.

I welcome any input I can get from others in regard to the law of **Shatnez** which is the Jewish word for this law as I understand it.

What is considered Shatnez?

Shatnez (or Shaatnez or Shatnes) is **cloth containing a mixture of wool and linen**, which is prohibited under a strict reading of Jewish law (see Leviticus 19:19 and Deuteronomy 22:11). Only sheep's wool is considered "wool", and therefore the prohibition does not apply to other animal fibers such as camel hair, mohair, angora, cashmere, alpaca, or vicuna. The term "linen" refers only to fibers from the flax plant, and not to cotton, hemp, jute and other plant-based fibers. A combination of other materials such as linen and cotton or wool and silk does not create Shaatnez. The prohibition against Shatnez also does not apply to wearing separate garments made of wool and linen. For example, a wool jacket

may be worn over a linen shirt as long as the two garments are not sewn or twisted together. From: [WHAT IS SHATNEZ?
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Echoes are heard within the tomb my mind is unable to escape. Its darkness embraces and smothers the human spirit. Light is not permitted beyond a thick coal black canvass called depression. The words have no meaning that I hear each day. The people I see beyond the steel door that holds me captive have no purpose. Quiet moments are not permitted.

There is no beauty in this world. There is no exit. Once this world is entered, there is no escape.

Hate has found a home. Anger thrives and grows. Madness is a constant companion for those who are all too willing to abide by its rules.

Freedom is held closely in the darkness of the night. Sleep provides escape to imaginary places taken through dreams.

Reality welcomes me with open arms each morning. The journey taken is a familiar one. My steps are placed within those of the day before.

I await the day when I no longer hear mindless echoes within the tomb I now live. My spirit will no longer be threatened by a thick coal black canvass called depression. The light promised by God will shine in full strength. The hope I now have will become the freedom I yearn for.

Prophecy Articles

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In the Book of Revelation, the 7th seal reveals the 7 trumpets. In chapter eight, the first four sound. At the end of chapter eight, the last three trumpets are then called "woes." Thus, the 7 trumpets are broken into a **four-three pattern**. This pattern is a KEY clue to how and when the 7 trumpets will sound. It so happens that the **seven annual Sabbaths** listed in Leviticus 23 also fall in a **four-three pattern** according to the Jewish civil year which begins on the Feast of Trumpets.

Consequently, the First Trumpet will sound on a future Feast of Trumpets. The Second Trumpet will sound on the Day of Atonement. The Third Trumpet will sound on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. The Fourth Trumpet will sound on the Last Great Day.

The First Trumpet will warn of an outpouring of hail and fire causing a **third** of the earth to be burned. The Second Trumpet will warn of a **third** of the sea being turned into blood. The Third Trumpet will warn of a **third** of the rivers and springs becoming bitter as wormwood. The Fourth Trumpet will warn of a **third** of the sun, moon, and stars being darkened. These "trumpet plagues" are not brought about by God but by a limited nuclear and chemical attack launched against an area covering a **third** of the earth, sea, and sky. Looking at a globe, the North and South American continents of the New World would certainly cover about a third of the earth. Could this limited attack described by the first four trumpets be the Beast power based in Europe attacking America and the Western Hemisphere?

Following the successful attacks described by the first four trumpets in the autumn, the Fifth Trumpet will sound on the First Day of Unleavened Bread in the spring. At that time, an invasion of the Middle East is launched perhaps to gain control of the oil fields. This causes China and India and other Asia countries to quickly launch a counterforce of 200 million troops to stop this power grab by the Beast. To neutralize this large of a force, the Beast will be forced to use nukes. Thus, the Sixth Trumpet will sound on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread warning of an ensuing nuclear showdown that would destroy all life on the earth. This is the Great Tribulation when all life will be destroyed if not cut

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short.

By then, the Two Witnesses will have finished their 1,260 days of prophesying. Those in Jerusalem, who will have heeded Christ's warning, will flee into the wilderness from the invading armies of the Beast. This is pictured in Revelation 12 as the woman (Jerusalem) fleeing for "a time, times, and half a time." This does not mean three and half years as many suppose. Rather, it is the time between Passover and Pentecost. After the woman flees to safety, the Beast will fight against the Two Witnesses still at Jerusalem. He will manage to kill them which the entire world will celebrate as a great victory.

But then, the 7th Trumpet will sound on Pentecost which brings about the Resurrection of the Elect. The sky will roll back, and the very throne of God will be revealed from heaven, causing the wicked inhabitants of the earth to scurry into their holes like rats. Christ will send His angels out to gather together His elect from the four winds to meet in the clouds. This Resurrection party will consist of two groups as pictured by the two wave-loaves. The 144,000 and the innumerable multitude will end up in heaven as described in Revelation seven where the marriage of the Lamb will take place.

Christ will confirm the covenant with many for one week which will complete the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy found in Daniel nine. The seven weeks of Daniel's prophecy will run from Passover to Pentecost. The sixty-two weeks of Daniel's prophecy will precede the seven weeks when the rebuilding of Jerusalem will start to allow the repopulation of the city after a major missile attack had caused the bulk of the inhabitants to flee for 1,260 days.

Between Resurrection Pentecost and the following Feast of Trumpets, the seven last plagues of God's wrath will be poured out upon the wicked inhabitants of the earth who refuse to repent. These seven last plagues will cause all nations to pull together to fight against this alien invader. Also, during this time, the resurrected saints in heaven will prepare for the upcoming battle when Christ will return to the earth to establish His divine rule. Christ will come on a white horse as described in Revelation 19 with His army of saints from heaven on the Feast of Trumpets. They will stand upon the Mount of Olives from where they will launch their plan to capture Jerusalem from the armies of the Beast. The call will go out for everyone to join the fight against this "invasion from Mars."

Armies from all over the world will assemble in the valley of Jezreel near Megiddo. From there, they will march down the Jordan Valley to reach Jerusalem using the Valley of Jehoshaphat as cover. This will bring about the Battle of that Great Day of God Almighty (Revelation 16:14) which will take place on the Day of Atonement. These puny troops will be crushed like grapes in a press causing their blood to gush out for miles. This is pictured by the goat which is slain on the Day of Atonement. Satan will be taken that day (the live goat) and cast into the bottomless pit (a major oil well near Jerusalem) where he will be locked away for a thousand years. Thus, all rebellion will be put down to bring about atonement (not salvation) so that Christ may dwell and rule on the earth for a thousand years as pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles.

SEVEN TRUMPETS OF REVELATION

1	2	3	4	Trumpets	5	6	7
Trumpets	Atonement	Tabernacles	LGD		First ULB	Last ULB	Pentecost
Attack against U.S., Canada, and Western Hemisphere					Israel invaded		2 Witnesses killed Resurrection Wedding in Heaven

The above Trumpet events lead up to the Resurrection on a future Pentecost

The 7 Trumpets will sound on the annual Sabbaths according to a future Civil year of the Hebrew Calendar which begins in the autumn with Trumpets

However, the Holy Days are being fulfilled according to the Sacred year of the Hebrew Calendar which begins in the spring

After the Resurrection the Seven Last Plagues will be poured out between Pentecost and Trumpets

Christ Comes to make War
(Revelation 14 & 19)

Resurrection	7 Last Plagues	Christ on White Horse	Great Battle	Christ Reigns
Pentecost	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Trumpets	Atonement	Tabernacles

Letters

Letter from Duncan Nyozeni (December 17, 2022)

Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your email updates that you are sending to me. It is really interesting to read your articles.

God bless you.
Duncan

Iron Sharpening Iron

(Agree or Disagree with Something Printed)
New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

In regard to: Black Citizens of America

Article by Ray Daly
Comments by Ray Daly (Lincoln, North Dakota)

Continuing the points, the fellow brought up, to whom I sent the previous material on who wrote the book of Revelation. He also felt that the apostle John was the individual that met with the Gentiles at Ephesus and baptized

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there. And the John that was put in prison on an island off the coast of Ephesus. Again, he claims it was the apostle John, which he likely learned from the teachings of WCG, or a related church. I'll go from point to point with what Scripture offers on the topic.

1) Acts 15:14. "Simeon [surnamed Cephas] has declared how God [through His son Jesus] at the first did visit the Gentiles." Historical records say that Jesus spent some time in India and to the north of India [where the half tribe of Benjamin, Reuben, and Gad had been settled by the Assyrians.]. And those same records tell of his spending as much as two years on Easter Island and other islands in the area. He is said to have sailed from there to northwest South America, spent time in Central America, and also into today's "United States". Even the Cree Indians of Canada have memories of his meeting with them. Though they may have migrated there in later times. After his witnessing in these areas, it says he got on a ship in Central America and "sailed east". If this is so, and why ought it not to be, using the words of Acts 15:14. Thus, if he did sail "east" from Central America, does this not support his being "in his 40's" when he began his ministry to Israelites? Sorry for the length.

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In regard to: Black Citizens of America

Article by Ray Daly

Comments by Darwin & Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Ray's Iron Sharpening Iron:

Continuing the points, the fellow brought up, to whom I sent the previous material on who wrote the book of Revelation. He also felt that the apostle John was the individual that met with the Gentiles at Ephesus and baptized there. And the John that was put in prison on an island off the coast of Ephesus. Again, he claims it was the apostle John, which he likely learned from the teachings of WCG, or a related church. I'll go from point to point with what Scripture offers on the topic.

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Laura writes:

I believe RH was asking you for evidence of what you said in an article that you wrote. I will let him defend himself if he/she needs to do that.

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Laura writes:

RH was not asking you to prove how old Jesus was or where he traveled to. He/She asked you for evidence in regard to what you wrote in an article you wrote. Christ was crucified in His early 30's and he never traveled to all those countries you are claiming he traveled to.

Act 15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

Acts 15:14 does not prove that Christ traveled to all the places you say, and it does not tell us who wrote the book of Revelation or any of the books of John.

According to the Gospels, Jesus was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth, engaged in itinerant ministry throughout Galilee, Judea, and places between them, and was executed in Judea just outside Jerusalem. Except for a brief stay in Egypt with his parents as a baby (Matt. 2:12-15, 19-23), all of Jesus' mortal life appears to have taken place within a radius of roughly a hundred miles of the place of his birth. The Holy Land where Jesus lived from the mountains north of the Sea of Galilee to the desert south of Jerusalem is such a tiny region that it could fit within the bounds of Lake Michigan with room to spare. From: [Did Jesus Visit Other Parts of the World? The Bottom-Line Guide to Jesus, Part 3 | Biblical Christianity \(irr.org\)](http://www.irr.org)

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Laura writes:

Joh 8:57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

In this scripture the Jews are mocking Christ because they don't believe he is God and that He saw Abraham personally. Abraham lived long before this incident and part of their mocking is because Christ is not even 50 years old so how could he know or see Abraham who lived long before this.

And again, no one asked you about this and it is not evidence for anything that you were asked about.

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Laura writes:

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

And still there is no evidence in this verse as to who wrote Revelation and the four books of John.

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Laura writes:

Act 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, **Act 19:2** He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. **Act 19:3** And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

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Laura writes:

When it says, "Unto John's baptism." It is talking about John the Baptist.

Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:**

John the Apostle was an old man when he was exiled to Patmos where he wrote the book of Revelation. So, this event took place long after Christ was crucified. Orders not to go to the gentiles to preach more than likely changed over time.

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Laura writes:

Most of what you have said in this "Iron Sharpening Iron" is not true and none of it is scriptural proof as to who wrote the book of Revelation and the four books of John.

Ray's Iron Sharpening Iron:

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Laura writes:

Ray, I emailed you and asked you to send proof of what you said here:

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This is a quote from Ray Daly's article:

"..... Another report states that at the end of the first century AD, the Ethiopians (now Christians) received the new Canon directly from the hands of "Mark". Known also as John. It would have been this John Mark that wrote the book of John, and the three letters of John. This Canon was exactly the same as the New Testament books we have today. With the exception of the book of Revelation, which was not a part of said Canon. I won't cover it here, but it is Scripturally and historically supported that it was John the Baptist that wrote Revelation."

You told us that "...it is Scripturally and historically supported that it was John the Baptist that wrote Revelation." But did not send any scriptural proof or any historical proof of such a claim. Most accounts outside of the Bible tell us that John the Apostle is the one who wrote Revelation and the four books of John. As far as scripture goes, right now, the only clue I know of is in Revelation 1:9-11:

Rev 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. **Rev 1:10** I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, **Rev 1:11** Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

The isle of Patmos (Greece) was like a prison island but by the time John the Apostle was exiled there he was too old to work as the other prisoners did and according to scripture that is where he wrote the book of Revelation. John the Baptist was long dead by this time. John the Baptist died right around the time that Christ was crucified. John the Apostle was exiled to the Isle of Patmos by Emperor Domitian around 94 AD. This would be 60 or more years after both John the Baptist and Christ had died.

Darwin writes:

John the Baptist Beheaded - Online Wikipedia: "None of the sources gives an exact date, which was probably in the years 28–29 AD (Matthew 14:1–12; Mark 6:14–27; Luke 9:9) after imprisoning John the Baptist in 27 AD (Matthew 4:12; Mark 1:14) at the behest of Herodias his brother's wife whom he took as his mistress. (Matthew 14:3–5; Mark 6:17–20);^[3] According to Josephus, the death took place at the fortress of Machaerus. The following comparison table is primarily based on the New International Version (NIV) English translation of the New Testament.^[4] The account of Flavius Josephus in *Antiquities of the Jews* was translated by William Whiston"^[5]

That would make it about two years before Jesus's crucifixion.

Mt 14:1 ¶ At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, (who was this Herod?) Barn's commentary: Verse 1. *Herod the tetrarch*. See also **Mr 6:14-16**; **Lu 9:7-9**. This was a son of Herod the Great. Herod the Great died probably in the first year after the birth of Christ, and left his kingdom to his three sons, of whom this *Herod Antipas* was one. He ruled over Galilee and Perea. Cmt. on **Mt 2:16**. The title *tetrarch* literally denotes one who rules over a fourth part of any country. In a remote signification, it means one who rules over a third, or even a half of a nation. **Mt 14:2** And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. **Mt 14:3** For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. **Mt 14:4** For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. **Mt 14:5** And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. **Mt 14:6** But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. **Mt 14:7** Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. **Mt 14:8** And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. **Mt 14:9** And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given *her*. **Mt 14:10** And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. **Mt 14:11** And his head was brought in a charger and given to the damsel: and she brought *it* to her mother. **Mt 14:12** And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

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That happened before Jesus died and long before AD 90 at the isle of Patmos where John had a revelation, and it wasn't John the Baptist as per Mat. 14:1-12.

Laura writes:

Then you want people to send you proof for when they disagree with your false claims. You were the one who was asked to prove what you said. Where is that proof? If you cannot provide people with proof for what you have written, then maybe you should not write articles. All proof for what you say should actually be included within the article itself. Some people include too many scriptures, but you provide very few and when you do, they do not seem to back up your opinions. Historical proof would be to quote from a book or from the internet and include the name of the book or the link to the web page and I don't know that you have ever provided us with any of that.

In regard to: When Were the Angels Created and When Were They Corrupted?

Article by Jeffrey Caldwell
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Recently I have been reading one of the books of the apocrypha named Esdras and I ran across this item which seems to support the angels having been created on the fourth day of creation. Particularly interesting is verse 46 which seems to indicate that stars (angels) were given the job to do service to man who was yet to be made. (Man was created on the sixth day.)

2Es 6:45 Upon the fourth day you commanded that the sun should shine, and the moon give her light, and the stars should be in their order: 2Es 6:46 and gave them a charge to do service to man, that was to be made. (From the World English Bible with Apocrypha)

In the Bible it says the following of angels (Which lends support to what Esdras says.):

Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?
Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Announcements

Announcement from William P. Goff (December 20, 2022)

Kenya Update

Greetings Brethren,

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Thank You

Bill Goff

Announcement from Zac Poonen (December 21, 2022)

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Tabernacles –September 30, 2023 to October 6, 2023

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