



To the Saints of the  
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## Greetings friends! Chodesh 6 is here!

Like the other seasons of the year summer has its own purpose in the scheme of things - for growing in the Northern hemisphere, for summer harvest in other parts of the world while it is yet winter for our friends down under [our Australian friends]. There's also a good reason why some up here in the Northern hemisphere sometimes become down under. It is the grape harvest season in many parts of the world which brings to us a great variety of new fruits and wines. There are some great health benefits to eating the fruits of summers' bounty and the wine of its grapes, but also there are some dangers for some. At the end of this newsletter I've included a few examples of the pros and cons of grapes in our diet and of partaking of wines, differences in the varieties and their appropriate uses in dining and religious observance use.



But first ... **the DATA!**

## The DATA!

On **Tuesday August 17, 2004** there will be a new moon over Jerusalem Israel at sunset. At 6:00 PM [18:00 hrs.] the new moon will be about 1 day, 14 hours and 39 minutes past conjunction with a 2.6% illumination. By the time it gets to us here in the USA on **August 17** it will display a 4% illumination.

NOTE: New moon seen the even before date shown in banner [top right].

This will be chodesh 6 [Strong's 2320 - new moon] of the biblical calendar year. See **1 Samuel 20:5** for a biblical example of the use of the word "chodesh" actually translated into English for us as

*new moon.*

The Calendar of the Saints [new moon chart](#) has a graph near the bottom showing the number and names of all the months and the expected beginning dates.

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### Scriptural Allusions

**Mat 24:24** For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

(See [page 9](#) for a complimentary OT verse.)

complete booklet with answers to all your biblical calendar questions may be found at "[The Sacred Calendar Book](http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html)", <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>  
So just where do the names of the months come from?

## Names of the Month Roman month

### The Roman month of August

Latin Augustus  
"Augustus"  
Latin Augustus mensis "month of Augustus"  
Latin sextilis mensis "sixth month"



Sextilis had 30 days, until Numa when it had 29 days, until Julius when it became 31 days long.

Augustus Caesar clarified and completed the calendar reform of Julius Caesar. In the process, he also renamed this month after himself.

Emperor Augustus of Rome was born with the given name Gaius Octavianus on September 23, 63 B.C. He took the name Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus (Octavian) in 44 B.C. after the murder of his great uncle, Julius Caesar.

In 27 B.C., the Roman Senate granted Octavian the name Augustus, meaning "the exalted." They also gave him the legal power to rule Rome's religious, civil and military affairs, with the Senate as an advisory body, effectively making him Emperor.

Rome achieved great glory under Octavian/Augustus. He restored peace after 100 years of civil war; maintained an honest government and a sound currency system; extended the highway system connecting Rome with its far-flung empire; developed an efficient postal service; fostered free trade among the provinces; and built many bridges, aqueducts and buildings adorned with beautiful works of art created in the classical style. Literature

flourished with writers including Virgil, Horace, Ovid, and Livy all living under the emperor's patronage.

For a list of Augustus accomplishments please see this interesting article: [The Deeds of the Divine Augustus](#) and also [Augustus, First Roman Emperor](#).

## The Jewish calendar month

"Chodesh Elul," the Month of ELUL

"Elul" is the Sixth Month of the year, counting from "Nisan," called in the Chumash, "the first month." Counting from "Tishrei", the month of Rosh HaShanah, "Elul" is the twelfth, and last month in the year. Like the names of the other months of the Hebrew Calendar, "Elul came up", or "returned with," those Jews who returned to Israel from the 70-year Exile in Babylonia. The expression "returned with" is particularly significant in this case in that this is the month of "Return to Hashem," or "Repentance."



## The Biblical Calendar Month [KJV]



Biblical happenings in the **sixth month**:  
[1Ch 27:9](#); [Eze 8:1](#);  
[Hag 1:1](#); [Hag 1:15](#);  
[Luk 1:26](#); [Luk 1:36](#);

[Neh 6:15](#);

**Strong's Hebrew 2320 - chodesh** kho'-desh from 2318; the new moon; by implication, a month:--month(-ly), new moon; and Abib means green ears of grain.

**Nehemiah 6:15** So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month **Elul**, in fifty and two days. [KJV]

Comment from **MHC... Nehemiah 6:15**  
Nehemiah is here finishing the wall of Jerusalem, and yet still has trouble created him by his enemies.

i. Tobiah, and the other adversaries of the Jews, had the mortification to see the wall built up, notwithstanding all their attempts to hinder it. The wall was begun and finished in *fifty-two days*, and yet we have reason to believe they rested on the sabbaths, #v. 15]. Many were employed, and there was room for them; what they did they did cheerfully, and minded their business because they loved it.

Harvest time in Israel:

Elul (Aug/S ep)		Date harvest / summer figs
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For further reading see "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)". Most common Roman calendar month references are NOT correct per biblical calendar - [see tefukah](#)]

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Data this month is also from [Home Planet for Windows](#) and [Ephemeris vs. 2.0](#) software for Windows operating systems. These are free software packages and are available free for download at: <http://www.fourmilab.ch/>

Actual new moon sightings list for the last 2-3 years dates can be seen at the monthly new moon chart at: [Calendar Info](#) <http://users.adelphia.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/nmcalchart.html>

Note from the author: The differences of the traditional Hebrew calendar, the Biblical and the Roman calendars reveal much regarding the histories and customs of their respective authors. We today use the civil Roman calendar for our commerce and governments with almost global acceptance. However, for the Bible student it

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**The Sadducees**, who arose from the faction of the priestly sons of Zadok that aligned themselves with the Hasmoneans, became the sect of the Sadducees or the party of the Sadducees ([Acts 5:17](#)). The Sadducees, drawing from the upper classes mainly priestly families and lay families with whom the priests had intermarried constituted the pro-Roman and pro-Greek establishment of Roman Judea, with reactionary leanings bent on maintaining their control of the vassal Jewish state. The Pharisees were constantly at odds with this priestly aristocratic establishment power group.

Politically right-wing reactionaries, the Sadducees were seen by the Pharisees as decadent. In turn, the Sadducees rejected many of the Pharisees' doctrines which they saw as unjustified innovations. Josephus, who was more than a little biased, wrote:

What I would now explain is this, that the Pharisees have delivered to the people a great many observances by succession from their fathers, which are not written in the laws of Moses; and for that reason it is that the Sadducees reject them, and say that we are to esteem those observances to be obligatory which are in the written word, but are not to observe what are derived from the tradition of our forefathers. And concerning these things it is that great disputes and differences have arisen among them, while the Sadducees are able to persuade none but the rich, and have not the populace obsequious to them, but the Pharisees have the multitude on their side. ([Josephus Antiquities 13.10.6](#); [Whiston 1957:397](#).)

The Sadducees were politically astute realists. They not only held control over the priesthood, but indulged the Romans and the Greeks, and resisted any change that would threaten their privileged status. Josephus would have his readers believe that the Sadducees would defer often to the Pharisees for otherwise the public would not put up with them ([Josephus Antiquities 18.1.4](#); [Whiston 1957:531](#)).

This priestly aristocratic party, who were pragmatic Hellenized Jews held in contempt and resisted by the Pharisees, readily aligned themselves with their Roman masters—for the Sadducees comprised a classic collaborating elite. The priests, who were largely Sadducees, were Hellenistic and assumed Greek names. In fact, in the writings of Josephus not a single one of the first-century high priests bore a Hebrew name. Of the Sadducees, the Herodians comprised a group of supporters of the ruling family of Herod and constituted the pro-Herodian party. ~ end ~

should be noted that there are several factions among each of the faiths thus the sometimes confusing and differing names of the months, seasons, beginning of

years including sometimes even the [Holy Days](#).

For further reading see [The](#)

**Sacred Calendar Book**. Most common Roman calendar month references are NOT correct per biblical calendar - [see tefukah](#)]

**The birthstone** for the month of **August** is the **sardonyx**, the color is **green**, the flower is the **gladiolus**. (see chart below)

**Biblical stones for this month:** (see chart below)

### Holidays August 18

Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

Hawaii : Admission Day (1959) - -  
- - - ( Friday )  
Mich : Montrose-Blueberry  
Festival - - - - - ( Friday )

### Religious

#### Observances August 18

**RC** : Commemoration of St Agapitus, martyr

**RC** : Comm of St Helena, empress, mother of Constantine the Great

**Ang** : Commemoration of William Porcher DuBose, priest

### This Day in Christian History - August 18

**1688** Puritan clergyman John Bunyan, 69, preached his last sermon, before dying 13 days later. In 1678 he had authored Pilgrim's Progress, an allegory describing the difficulties encountered in the Christian life, while journeying through this world.

**1856** Birth of Charles Gabriel, American sacred music artist. He edited a great number of hymnbooks, and wrote several hymns, including "More Like the Master," "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" and "Send the Light."

**1927** At age 20, Christian radio pioneer Theodore Epp was converted to a living faith. In 1939 he founded Back to the Bible Broadcast, an evangelistic radio program with outlets today on over 600 stations around the world.

**1930** English apologist C. S.

Lewis wrote in a letter: 'One creeps home, tired and bruised, into a state of mind that is really restful, when all ambitions have been given up. Then one can really for the first time say, "Thy Kingdom come."

**1963** Swiss Reformed theologian Karl Barth wrote in a letter: 'Even if there is cause for great dissatisfaction with one's church, one should stay in it in the hope that new movements will come.... Only in this way could I continue to be a member of the Evangelical Reformed Church.'

**Source: William D. Blake.**  
ALMANAC OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987.  
Additional information supplied by the author. Contact via E-mail: [William D. Blake](mailto:William D. Blake).

### Scriptural Reading

**Rom 8:18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

**Rom 8:19** For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

**Rom 8:20** For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope,

**Rom 8:21** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**Rom 8:22** For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

**Rom 8:23** And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption ...

### Signs in the lights of the heavens?

What is the Sign of the Messiah's second coming? Click on this link: [Signs](http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/course/lesson14.html) or copy:<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/course/lesson14.html>



For current biblical calendar information please see the articles [Calendar Info](#) and [Calendar of the Saints II](#).

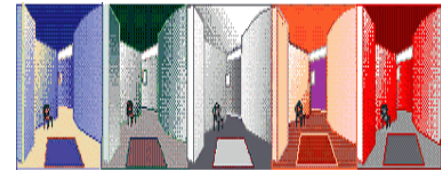
plastic box with a lid to avoid flavors being transferred to it from foods stored nearby. Soft cheeses such as cottage cheese and

cream cheese are best stored in the carton in which they are purchased. These do not keep as well as hard cheeses and should be eaten within a few days of purchase. Keep all types of cheese in the refrigerator or a cool pantry (below 41 degrees Fahrenheit). For the best results, cheese to be used on a cheese board should be removed

from the refrigerator and unwrapped about an hour before serving. This will allow it to come to room temperature and develop its full flavor and texture.

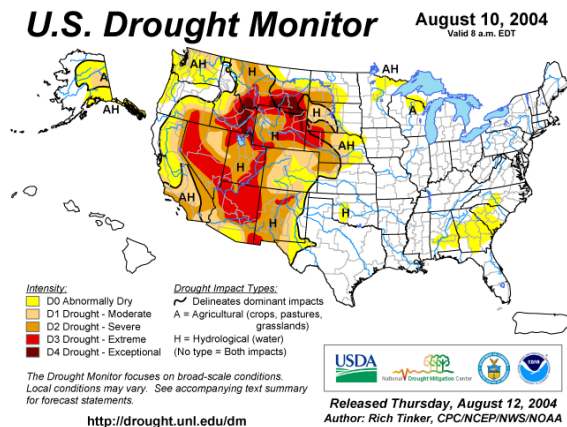
**Colors** do effect our comfort as well as our appetites. For example, from [Color Matters - Bulletin Board](#):

### Color and Energy Matters for Interiors



The colors used inside a residence or workplace can also save on energy costs. The Environmental Protection Agency reports that electric lighting accounts for 25% of the electricity used in the USA

The same principle, the lighter the



Further reading of [The Sacred Calendar Book](#) can also be seen at:  
<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

### Drought Info:

The graphic below is of the current Western USA drought as given from NOAA and the others whom comprise the Drought Monitor:

### Tips from the "Old Farmer's Almanac"

**Q**uestion: What is the best way to store cheese?

**A**nswer: Cheese should be eaten by the "use by" date on the package, and once opened, it must be stored properly to retain its flavor and moisture. To prevent hard cheeses and soft mold-ripened cheeses from drying out, wrap them in foil or waxed paper. Ideally, the wrapped cheese should be placed in a

color the higher the reflectivity can be applied. Dark walls absorb more light and reflect less. Consequently, far more lighting is required for rooms with dark walls than those with light walls. In addition to the walls, it is a good idea to keep the ceiling light and bright for good reflectance. Most major paint manufacturers can tell you the Light Reflectance Value (LRV) of any color paint chip. White reflects 80% of the light, black 5%. Therefore, the higher the LRV number of the paint color, the less artificial light you will need.

Caution: Don't go overboard. An extremely high lighting level combined with very light walls is bad if it creates glare and / or too much brightness on the wall. This causes excessive stimulation and irritation of the eyes. Eye fatigue will follow.

A tip for saving on heating and cooling costs: The color of a room will affect your perception of temperature. Tests document that people estimate the temperature of a room with cool colors, such as blues and greens, to be 6-10 degrees Fahrenheit cooler than the actual temperature. Warm colors, such as reds and oranges, will result in a 6-10 degrees Fahrenheit warmer estimate. The colors used in this test are Munsell Value 7-9 Chroma 1-4. (Information on the [Munsell System](#))

**Color does play an important role in energy conservation.**

For serious inquiries please check the [Color Matters](#) web page for some colorful insights pertaining to this topic.



**Pro's and con's of grapes in our diet and of partaking of wine**

[A collection of various writings by actual vineyard owners and other articles found on the internet]

**A little History**

**WINE**, and a sense of humor for that matter, were given to us by a beneficent God who knew from time to time we would need them. The Bible has a lot to say about wine. In fact, the grapevine and its primary product, wine, is mentioned more than any other plant.

In the book of Genesis, chapter 9, after the Great Flood, Noah begins anew by planting a vineyard and making wine. He is credited as being the first to plant a vineyard. Lamech, Noah's father, said that Noah would "bring us relief and comfort from our work and the toil of our hands." This he surely fulfilled as the first wine-maker.

With the first wine, came the first occasion of drunkenness. The Bible warns of the pitfalls of too much wine. It declares wine is a mocker and whoever is led astray by it, is not wise. On the other side of the same coin, it reminds us God made the wine that gladdens the heart of man. Clearly, moderation is called for here.

From ancient times, the Levant has been famous for the quality and quantity of its wine. The Bible says little though regarding the use of wine in ordinary life. It was customary to present wine to travelers. It was used at feasts and marriages. In times of scarcity it was mixed with water and sometimes even with milk. Its importance is evident in the fact that Israel was deprived of it by God as a punishment.

In the New Testament, we see Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine for the marriage celebration at Cana. How we wish we could have tasted that wine! Paul recommended wine to Timothy as a digestive aid. Its symbolic importance for Christians is well known and practiced today.

**Should we drink wine for our health?**

Something akin to the shot heard 'round the world on the dawn of American Revolutionary War, was heard in the wine world Sunday night, November 17, 1991. The event was the airing of The French Paradox segment on 60 minutes. The French Paradox was a term coined on that program to describe the apparent unlikely relationship between that fact that while the French, especially those in Southwestern France, eat inexcusable amounts of heart-

**THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL (JACOB)** Gen 32:28, Gen 49:1-33

Levi	Carbuncle	Eh1 (Aug/Sep)	Yellow and green	Bareket	(Jews)	3 Leah	Gen 29:34
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Gen 29:34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. Gen 49:5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. Gen 49:6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. Gen 49:7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

stopping, artery-clogging saturated fats, smoke Gauloise cigarettes, and exercise very little, they have one of the lowest heart attack rates in the world. Their moderate and daily consumption of red wine was given as the most likely reason for this phenomenon. The program unleashed a red wine mania. Within weeks of this program, sales of red wine in the United States, shot up 40% (about 2.5 million bottles) wine and health quoteand Gallo Winery had to put their leading brand, Hearty Burgundy, on allocation. The sales of red wine for the year following the broadcast was up 39%. American's had taken this health message to heart.

The Apostle Paul recommended to Timothy to drink wine for his stomach's sake and for his often infirmities. The Bible often makes references to the value of wine for health and enjoyment. Our ancestors knew of its aid to health when drunk in moderation. In fact, up until the 18th century, wine played a central role in medicine. Wine inhibits the growth of all micro-organisms that are the cause of disease in man. Because of its alcohol and acid content, they simple die in it. In the modern world, wine is accepted as a healthful drink. Only in the United States are we once again, beginning to rediscover its value to society. For many years, we focused in the dangers of overindulgence. To be sure, there are dangers to the over-use of wine. The Bible too, warns of this. But in moderation, it is a healthy beverage.

### **Dangers for some**

Addictive personalities, compulsive and habit prone individuals probably should not drink wine as they also should not gamble, or eat to excess. As the scripture says there are those whom "inherit the sins of their fathers for 3 to 4 generations". This may cause some to have imbalance in their metabolisms of

which could render them as having "addictive personalities". And this not necessarily directly because of their forefathers, but also may be caused by environmental and other factors such as diet.

It is duly noted that the prayers of the saints go out for those whom suffer this indignity by no fault of

that conventional methods fail because mainstream methods do not recognize the genetic and biochemical imbalances that research has shown to be at the heart of addiction. By focusing on readjusting these imbalances through diet and nutritional supplementation, herbal medicine, acupuncture, and biofeedback, alternative practitioners are contributing to significant, long-lasting and positive changes.

### **Causes of Addictions**

According to Leon Chaitow, N.D., D.O., Of London, England, experts are unable to agree on what causes addiction. Long perceived as a problem of weak willpower, substance abuse is now considered by most researchers in the field to be a "disease" similar in development to diabetes. In other words, according to Dr. Chaitow, a genetic predisposing condition is usually present that is triggered by familial, environmental, societal, and dietary factors. As a

result, even stabilized, an addict must closely monitor the addictive substance throughout his or her lifetime.

### **Treating Addictions**

Over the last decade, substance abuse treatment in the United States, has been focused primarily on 12 step support groups and individual talking therapies, controlled by medication such as methadone and antidepressants, expensive month long hospital stays, and of course, criminal punishment. It is still unknown whether these methods, combined or individual, will be successful in the long run. However, a 1980 Rand Corporation study confirmed earlier research which found that the addictive population studied, once sober, or "clean" had less than a 15 or 20 percent rate of continued abstinence. Compared to such low success rates, the following alternative approaches

### **For the Want of a Nail**

*[Todd Rundgren Lyrics \[excerpt\]](#)*

...  
For the want of a nail, the world was lost  
For the want of a nail, the world was lost

For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost  
For the want of a shoe, the horse was lost  
For the want of a horse, the rider was lost  
For the want of a rider, the message was lost

For the want of a rider, the message was lost  
For the want of a message, the battle was lost  
For the want of a battle, the war was lost  
For the want of a war, the kingdom was lost

(such a tiny thing) ...

their own:

**... suffering, in one form or another, is visited upon children unto the third and fourth generations for sins committed by their parents or grandparents.** Blessings, by way of comparison, fall upon children unto a **thousand generations**; so beware of judging the Most High on this point.  
**(Exodus 20:5-6, Exodus 34:6-7)**

For a more full Biblical explanation about human suffering please see the full article titled "[Human Suffering](#)", lesson 15. of the **Bible Study Course** listed at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~dwlacey/>

Says By: [Sharon Meadows, PhD](#) of addictive personalities ... Addictions afflict millions of people in the United States alone. Alternative practitioners believe

offer great Promise.

### **Diet**

Proper diet is essential in treating addictions, according to Kathleen Des Maisons " My main focus is to reverse symptoms of addiction by changing the clients neurochemistry and nutrient deficiency through dietary intervention". She states" this principle is called `biochemical restoration`. If this is accomplished, then the addictive behavior that has previously been unmanaged can be reversed. Ultimately, the goal is to teach our clients how to recognize and modulate their feelings by paying attention to the foods they eat. Since their main problem is processing sugar and carbohydrates, Maisons approach is to immediately place them on a program of three meals a day which an emphasis on eating proteins at each meal. Most people in an addictive state are very protein deficient. First of all, normally they have not been eating regularly, and secondly, they don't have protein when they do eat because their bodies are craving sugar and simple carbohydrates. So by getting them to eat regularly of protein foods, which are the most complex foods and take the slowest time to breakdown in the stomach, you start to alter their neurochemistry. They become able to maintain a very stable blood sugar level and a very consistent supply of serotonin and dopamine (neurotransmitters) to the brain, so that they do not crave the artificial high from alcohol or drugs.

### **Wine Has Anti-Cancer Edge**

Among alcoholic beverages, wine would seem to be the drink of choice when it comes to reducing the risk of cancer in the upper digestive tract. Danish researchers writing in the British Medical Journal say that all types of alcohol aren't equal when it comes to posing a risk for such cancers -- because of a substance called resveratrol, found only in wine.

Known to inhibit cancer growth, the substance is found only in grapes. And researchers say their study of drinkers of wine, spirits and beer shows that "Wine drinkers may be at lower risk of developing upper digestive tract cancer than drinkers who have a similar intake of beer or spirits." But moderation is the key, the investigators say. The risk for wine drinkers increases if they imbibe too heavily. Individuals drinking hard liquor or beer in moderation still had three times the risk for cancer of the throat, mouth and esophagus than those preferring wine in the same quantity.

### **Red or White?**

**True or False:** White wine is to be drunk with white meats and fish, red wine goes with beef, and sweet wines go with desserts, period, and to do it any other way is courting a visit from the Wine Police.

The answer is *False*, but the truth is that until a couple decades ago this is how people decided what to drink with dinner. Thankfully, our minds have broadened. The current thinking is that since food can be every bit as complex as wine, the options for creating rich pairings are staggering. And it cannot be stressed enough: a successful pairing is one that you find pleasing -- maybe nobody else on the planet likes Champagne with liverwurst, but you happen to find the combination absolutely transporting.

If there is a rule of thumb it would be either to go for complementary flavors or flavors that contrast. For example, a dish with citrus would be complemented by a fruity wine; a hearty stew would go well with a full-bodied wine; and a delicately flavored dish, such as poached sole, would be in good company with a dry, crisp wine. Whereas a rich cream sauce would contrast nicely with a highly acidic dry wine; and a simple snack of bread and

cheese would turn positively ambrosial when paired with a complex full-bodied red. The best advice of all is to experiment, open-mindedly, and frequently.

What follows are some truths about how wine can react with food:

- A wine high in tannins (Bordeaux, for instance) mated with a food high in tannins (like walnuts) will render the wine almost undrinkably dry and astringent.
  - \* Protein tends to calm tannins, so a very tannic wine might be rendered glorious when enjoyed with rare beef.
  - \* Delicate foods - veal, or filet of sole for example - will be overwhelmed by a full-bodied red wine. By the same token, a hearty lasagna will virtually cancel out a dry, medium-bodied Sauvignon Blanc.
  - \* A wine can add its primary flavor to a dish, giving food a layer it didn't start out with.
  - \* Some wine and food combinations result in a flavor that was not present in either one and is not meant to be, metal for instance. Try white turkey meat with red Bordeaux if you doubt this.
  - \* Sometimes it's as though this wine has been searching all its life for this food and fireworks ensue.
  - \* Tannic wines make sweet foods taste less sweet; salty foods emphasize tannin.
  - \* Salty foods mute the sweetness and enhance the fruitiness of a sweet wine.
  - \* Wines that are high in acid taste less acidic with salty or sweet food; acidic wines also can offset oily foods.

Remember - any combination you enjoy is a good combination!

### **Use of wine for religious observation**

In the scripture of the Bible we see that wine is used for many reasons of which offerings are not the least of these. We today of God's churches are most

reminded of this matter at the Passover Memorial when those who partake of the Passover also share in the partaking of wine - a symbol during this somber observance of the blood of Christ.

In Moses' time we are told how God instructed the people of Israel to prepare offerings upon their entry into the promised land - before a revolt lead by Korah, Dathan and Abiram commenced. See **Numbers 15:1-41**.

**Numbers 15:7** And for a drink offering thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of wine, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

See also **Numbers 16** regarding Korah, Dathan and Abiram attempt to preempt Moses' [YHWH's] authority. Needless to say Israel sinned a great sin and was to wonder in the wilderness for 40 years instead of entering the promised land right away. But when they did the offerings were most assuredly observed according to their original instruction.

#### **Bible word(s) search [KJV]**

Wine - found 237 times in the Bible

Wine offer - 18 times

New wine - 18 times

Winepress - 17 times

Wine offering - 16 times

Wine sacrifice - 4 times

Sometimes used as a symbol:

Oil, wine - Gladness. (**Rev. 6:6; Psalms 45:7; 23:5**)

#### **A warning:**

**Proverbs 21:17** He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

#### **Advise:**

**Proverbs 31:6** Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

**David sings praises** to God of the blessings of His greatness:

**[Psalms 104:1-35]**

**Psalms 104:15** And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

## **A sounding of the trumpet!!!**

**Mat 24:5** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

### **THE CREED OF THE ALEXANDRIAN CULT**

1. There is **no final authority** but God.

2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.

3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority** on what is right and what is wrong: what constitutes truth and what constitutes error.

4. There **WAS** a series of writings one time which, **IF** they had all been put into a **BOOK** as soon as they were written the first time, **WOULD HAVE** constituted an infallible and final authority by which to judge truth and error.

5. However, this series of writings was lost, and the God who inspired them was **unable to preserve their content** through Bible-believing Christians at Antioch (Syria), where the first Bible teachers were (Acts 13:1), and where the first missionary trip originated (Acts 13:1-52), and where the word Christian originated (Acts 11:26).

6. So, God chose to **ALMOST** preserve them through Gnostics and philosophers from Alexandria, Egypt, even though God called His Son **OUT** of Egypt (Matthew 2), Jacob **OUT** of Egypt (Genesis 49), Israel **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 15), and Joseph's bones **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 13).

7. So, there are two streams of Bibles: the most accurate though, of course, there is **no final, absolute authority** for determining truth and error: it is a matter of preference are the Egyptian translations from Alexandria, Egypt, which are almost the originals, although not quite.

8. The most **inaccurate translations** were those that brought about the German Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Boehler, Zinzendorf, Spener, etc.) and the worldwide missionary

movement of the English-speaking people: the Bible that Sunday, Torrey, Moody, Finney, Spurgeon, Whitefield, Wesley, and Chapman used.

9. But we can tolerate these if those who believe in them will tolerate US. After all, since there is **NO ABSOLUTE AND FINAL AUTHORITY** that anyone can read, teach, preach, or handle, the whole thing is a matter of PREFERENCE. You may prefer what you prefer, and we will prefer what we prefer; let us live in peace, and if we cannot agree on anything or everything, let us all agree on one thing: **THERE IS NO FINAL, ABSOLUTE, WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF GOD ANYWHERE ON THIS EARTH.**

This is the Creed of the Alexandrian Cult.  
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**Connections: Member to Member Georgia Lee Dugic**, 66, of Warren, Ohio, died July 22 after a long illness. She was born in Grafton, W.Va., and was employed at GE Ohio Lamp. She was a member of the Church of God in Youngstown, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, James; her father, Richard Dixon of Massillon; four daughters, Jody Odum of Boardman, Brenda Heitzwebel of Anna Maria, Fla., Shelley Kolesar of Chicago, Ill., and LaTricia Sullivan of Denver, Colo.; three sons, Timothy Heitzwebel of Houston, Texas, Richard Heitzwebel of Orange, Calif., and Edward Dugic of Navarre, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Burial was in Pineview Memorial Park.

#### From Church of God News:

### Joseph A. Orie, Nigerian Evangelist, Dies

Born April 4, 1943,  
Evangelist  
Joseph A. Orie  
died at the end  
of the Sabbath



on April 27, 2004. He was ordained by the late J.O. Nwokafor, General Overseer of the Church of God Seventh Day in Nigeria. Through self-study, Orie distinguished himself as a learned minister.

He served several local Churches, and evangelized throughout southeastern Nigeria, establishing Churches as he went. At one time, he was General Overseer of the Church in Nigeria. He preached at his home Church at Egwe-Oguta, Imo State, where just a few months before his death he baptized five new converts.

Joseph Orie is survived by his wife Mabel, and five children, one of whom is married, and the others adolescents. Among those who gave funeral orations were

Pastors Boniface 'Bonny' Okolo, and Jude Adindu Anyanwu, Giving & Sharing representatives in Nigeria. Pastor Jude reports that Orie wrote many songs, and I hope to be able to share some of them with you.

My friendship through correspondence with Joseph Orie extended back more than twenty years. He impressed me as a dedicated servant of the Messiah.

The dedication of the Church of God in Nigeria has been an inspiration to others and myself. As Pastor Jude states, Pastor, Evangelist, prophet Joseph

Arodiwe Orie was an erudite minister with all the wealth of Scriptural experience and learning.

If it were in the world, Joseph was overdue for an award of a doctorate degree in religion, but suffice it to say that the Church of God is a spiritual Kingdom which does not place any premium on the award of worldly honor and distinctions as a result of one's great achievements, but her ministers are content with the manifestation of the gifts of God in them with which they work in the Vineyard of the Lord God.

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-- by Richard C. Nickels

### Scriptural Allusions

**Isa 9:15** The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail.

**Isa 9:16** For the leaders of this people cause *them* to err; and *they that are* led of them *are* destroyed.

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From **United News:**

**Bertha May Rothery**, a longtime member of the Church of God, died in her sleep May 11, 2004. She was 98. She had spent the past decade in an assisted-living home in Canby, Oregon, just south of Portland.

While she had several health issues in recent years, her mind remained sharp as a tack until the last couple of months. She had a wonderful memory and could recite the birthdays of all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She celebrated her 98th birthday on Saturday, May 8, and stopped eating the next day.

Her husband, Joe, preceded her in death in 1996. She has four living children: Lorene Leabo of Canby, Oregon; Joe Rothery of Portland; Marion McCullough of Big Sandy, Texas; and Alice Robinson of Berne, Indiana.

Joe and Bertha Rothery lived most of their lives in or near Portland. However, in 1968 they moved to East Texas to be near their daughters, Marion McCullough and Alice Robinson. They built a home in the country near Big Sandy and lived there nine years before returning to Portland in 1977 after Ambassador College in Big Sandy closed.

Mrs. Rothery was raised in the Church of God (Seventh Day). Her uncle, Arvin Stith, was an elder in that fellowship. She attended the Feast of Tabernacles in 1942 with Herbert and Loma Armstrong in Eugene, Oregon, while pregnant with her last child, Alice. She attended a Church of God (Seventh Day) congregation pastored by A.N. Dugger in the early 1950s. By 1954, she began attending the Radio Church of God congregation in Portland.

She and her family began keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy beginning in 1955, traveling to and from East Texas by automobile.

Howard Davis, an elder in the Portland area, officiated at the funeral, which was held in Canby.

Elsie Conley, 79, of Booker,

Texas, died July 1, 2004, of leukemia. She was a longtime member of God's Church, baptized in 1952.

Mrs. Conley was born Aug. 19, 1924, in Perryton, Texas. Prior to her marriage, she was an administrative employee of the Ochiltree county sheriff's department the first female deputy in the state of Texas. She attended the University of Texas in Austin before marrying Elmer Conley on July 28, 1946. For many years she served God's people as a deaconess and an elder's wife.

Survivors include her husband, Elmer, of Booker; a son, Bill Conley (and wife, Laura) of Clarksville, Arkansas; and four daughters: Donna (and Alec) Surratt of Cincinnati, Ohio; Barbara (and Guy) Burke of Wichita Falls, Texas; Patricia (and Rodney) Forrest of Gilmer, Texas; and Ruth (and James) Roberts of Booker. She is also survived by one brother, two sisters, 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held July 6 in Booker's Heart Cemetery with Guy Burke, a son-in-law, officiating.

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*Night is a good shepherd ... it  
brings home man and beast.*  
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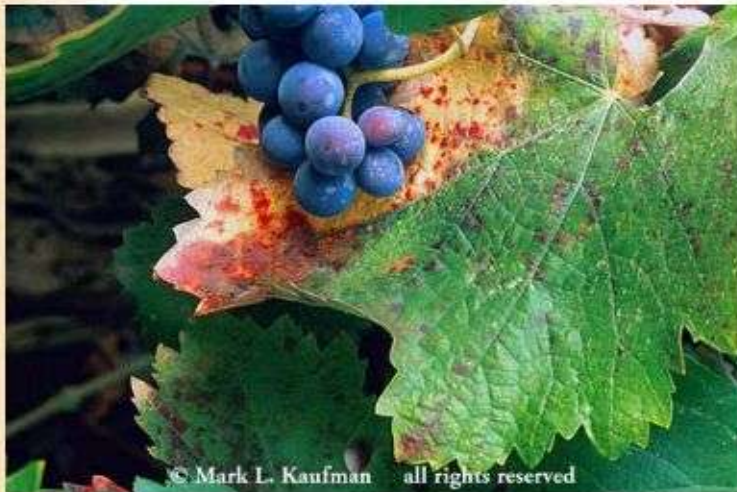
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