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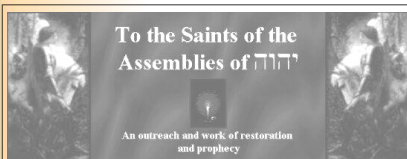
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Scriptural Allusions I

He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. (Proverbs 2:8, HKJV+S)

Since the Millerites to today, 7th Day Baptist and Adventists derived denominations have been teaching of a 3 ½ year time period when the present day saints will be cave-dwelling in a place called Petra. Afterward, the Messiah will return and judge both the quick and the dead (2 Tim 4:1) converting those found worthy into immortal beings (1st resurrection) (Rom 8:11).

Meanwhile, the rest of the world will experience the fruits of their rebellious ways and ensuing devastation. And when the [nuclear?] dust settles, the millennium will finally begin with the mountainous task of reconstruction in preparation for Yahweh Himself to return at the end of this one-thousand years, at which time the Great Judgment occurs (2nd resurrection).

Aside from the few anachronistic applications and errant private interpretations, there are certain truths to these prophesies. However, in this month's issue, instead of repeating the feared dogma of false prophets, we will discuss the *how* or *why* we should want to be a part of the greatest offer ever offered to mankind.

What do the scriptures say about 'The Way'?

In my early years I heard sermons that talk about the millennium.

These sermons often dwelled upon the events prior to and the fearful events preceding the millennium but never clearly connected the *how* or *why* the saints were numbered among the priesthood under the Order of Melchizedek. I found answers, or rather they found me, in the scriptures. The answers to my questions all seemed to evolve around a phrase that I had often read over but not considered it anything more than it's literal meaning - a line leading to a place or point; contextually, however, it can also meant how something is done or how it happens. For myself, the scriptural phrase 'the way' revealed a more complete understanding of what Yahweh expects of a saint and for what purpose they are [should be] so committed in their quest. I discovered that the ramifications of observing 'the way' are far more reaching than just the millennium itself. And surprisingly, this message had been given from the very beginning.

'The Way'.

The first mention of 'the way' is found early in Genesis. Upon Adam and Eve's defiance to the instruction to stay away from the tree of good and evil. With a little coaxing from Satan, they reckoned it to be acceptable to eat the fruits thereof. Subsequently,

... *he drove out the man;*

and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way^{H1870} of the tree of life. (Gen 3:24, KJV)

If we study the source of the term 'the way' we find it derives from the Hebrew word derek, Mickelson's *Enhanced Strong's Greek and Hebrew Dictionary* (Stergio: Mickelson, 2008) #H1870 defines it as,

- H1870, דֶּרֶךְ derek (deh'-rek) n-m.
1. a road (as trodden)
2. (figuratively) a course of life or mode of action

The Ancient Hebrew Lexicon of the Bible [AHLB] (Stergio, 2008) adds,

Strong's #1870: AHLB#2112 (N) 2112) Krd (Krd DRK) ac: Tread co: Road ab: [from: hr - as a path]

It is significant that Yahweh inspired this message to be written early in the scriptures referring to a path, a way of life. As one reads through the scriptures, we find many more references containing this same phrase/message. For example, we find it in the following,

- Gen 18:19 ... YHWH's promise to Abraham for abiding in 'the way'
- Jud 2:22 ... we are instructed to walk therein
- Prov 6:23 ... the commandments are a lamp to our feet [and] are 'the way' of life (Also see Deut 6:25 ... is our righteousness)
- Mat 21:32 ... John (the immerser) came by 'the way' of righteousness
- Mat 22:16 ... Yashua is our example, He taught 'the way' of YHWH
- Acts 16:17 ... Paul taught that 'the way' is our way [to] salvation

So the obvious question arises, Where do we find 'the way', and what is the way?

According to Paul, when asked these same questions, his answer was direct,

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the YY Yeshuw`a Moshiach, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. (Acts 16:31, HKJV+S)

Further study reveals more. Many in Yashua's time did not understand all things upon initially taking that first

step. The process of conversion, as it turns out, is a lifetime effort of acquiring knowledge and putting it to practice [faith>works]. In our last issue we discussed conformity and how behavior can lead attitude (spirit of man) until one day attitude takes the lead. Conversion is a process that demonstrates well that by

* Plato coined this aspect of our existence (spirit of man) as our psyche - a *philosophy* not far from the truth, but also containing a lot of errant philo-baggage.

submitting to the Ruach Codesh to guide us with knowledge and discernment, and by applying this better behavior, we displace our former carnal spirit of man* and progress spiritually. So it was during Yashua's time also. A rather humorous example is given to us in the book of Acts. But I am getting ahead of myself. Back to the point ...

And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the YY; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the YY, knowing only the immersion of Yochanan. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of 'Elohim more perfectly. (Acts 18:24-26, RNKJV)

Apollos, who had been schooled using the incomplete and paraphrased Hellenized Alexandrian scripts, had not yet heard of the Messiah's arrival and resurrection. Aquila, a renowned speaker in his time, and Priscilla, a gracious host and also a learned consult to both Paul and Timothy during their journeys, found it necessary to complete Apollos' understanding in order for him to progress spiritually, and to prevent further promotion of the ways of the expired priesthood (see Heb Ch 7, vs 12 specifically). As hoped for, Apollos responded positively and the Spirit guided him. Afterward, he continued on to champion the Renewed Covenant and good news of the dismissal of the constraints of the rabbinic oral code and Yashua as the Messiah (vs 26-7) under a new priesthood.

But what about the way? What is it we may do to stay the course? I, for one, initially needed an example. Here's one example that I found.

Ye call me Master and Rabbi: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Rabbi and Master,

have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. (John 13:13-15, RNKJV)

Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. (John 8:28-9, KJV)

It was in these verses that I finally awoke to the concept that we need to demonstrate our walk in faith according to the 'the way' (although I didn't call it that then) ... and that we must abide by the will of Yahweh throughout our lives. Even so, it was also realized that it is His decision, not mine to make, whether He considered anyone worthy of entry into the Father's house. Of course many will say that they learned that early, and some not. I was 20 years old at the time, spent the next 2 decades proving the Proverbs, and trying to practice what was revealed according to the measure given to me (Rom 12:3). It just takes longer for some.

So how does abiding to Yahweh's will effect our lives? Whether in the ancient days or now, many promises are given. To understand better, in Deuteronomy we find how it effected the lives of the Hebrews in their place in time. Mind you, even today, Yahweh knows best what our needs are and how to fulfill them ... even in today's technological oriented society.

'The Way': According to Deuteronomy

Blessings of obedience

It shall happen, if you shall listen diligently to the voice of Yahweh your God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command you this day, that Yahweh your God will set you on high above all the nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you shall listen to the voice of Yahweh your God. You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field. You shall be blessed in the fruit of your body, the fruit of your ground, the fruit of your animals, the increase of your livestock, and the young of your flock. Your basket and your kneading trough shall be blessed. You shall be blessed when you come in, and you shall be blessed

when you go out. Yahweh will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be struck before you. They will come out against you one way, and will flee before you seven ways. Yahweh will command the blessing on you in your barns, and in all that you put your hand to; and he will bless you in the land which Yahweh your God gives you. Yahweh will establish you for a holy people to himself, as he has sworn to you; if you shall keep the commandments of Yahweh your God, and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of Yahweh; and they shall be afraid of you. Yahweh will make you plenteous for good, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers to give you. Yahweh will open to you his good treasure in the sky, to give the rain of your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand: and you shall lend to many nations, and you shall not borrow. Yahweh will make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall be above only, and you shall not be beneath; if you shall listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God, which I command you this day, to observe and to do, and shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. (Deut 28:1-14, WEB)

Wouldn't it be grand beyond our dreams to experience, to be a part of, these blessings during, and after, the millennium? Can we imagine the joy of fulfillment and potential as fellow priests, co-rulers over communities, cities, and perhaps even countries and the happiness resulting for those whom are served? Can we begin to appreciate the satisfaction of being able to teach our own families and relatives of this wonderful truth? ... to see many repent and to become part of the family of Elohim? Each one of us likely has had some vision of this utopian world. Here's a more contemporary Western scenario of a day in the life. The place in time envisions the millennium after a period of restoration.



The Vision

There is a Olde Western style ranch located in the mountain tree line with open grasslands below for livestock, and of course the occasional softball game. The main house is a large 2 story ranch with a center courtyard. This grand old house has many rooms on the upper level and more in the perimeter for guests. The main level has a large common kitchen and dining hall. This house resembles a bed and breakfast facility except that it also has the many amenities of a home, such as a library, a well equipped entertainment room, and a few designated private rooms for the resident house managers to conduct business, and for storage of house wares, foods and such. The house has a tree shaded roof afforded by the giant cottonwood trees surrounding it and a very comfortable end to end porch built like a boardwalk with hitching posts beside the stairs at its entrance - this accommodates the resident grandchildren to hitch up the pony before washing up for lunch.

On the property is also a barn where the organically fed cows (a very lucrative food business now a days), some chickens, a milk cow and goat, and a few other various edible critters are roaming around. There they live and reproduce and manufacture fertilizer for the gardens which is for the organically grown seed crops (another very lucrative food business now a days). Of course the livestock are taken care of by the younger and the elders. The house is maintained by the able women and men and the balance of the technical hardware and facilities are assigned to the trained and able among the youth.

The utilities and facilities management is amazing because it is nearly self sufficient. Food storage is by refrigeration and the natural cooling of the modified earth berm root cellars. Electric for refrigeration is on line and connected to solar wind turbines and photovoltaic collectors. Since electricity is only needed for long term food storage, off season heating system operation, and lighting, wood burning (fossil fueled) steam generators back up the system. The lighting system itself is electrically aided by solar passive light shafts; candles and lamps may be used in the winter - which also offer pleasant scents, and solar and daylight in the summer months. Winter heat is supplied by a hybrid hi-efficiency solar/gas in floor system but also includes radiant wood stove heat backup, of which the fuel wood is supplied from timbers already on the property. Southwestern style kiva's are numerous within the facility and are often used for heat and ambiance by burning juniper wood for its incense effect.

Not much goes to waste on this ranch. Conservation practices are an important fact of its stewardship.

Additionally there is a facility similar to a small warehouse located across from the barn yard, up wind of course! Here is a display of arts, crafts, toys, wooden and iron creations, glass and sculptures from around the globe all of very high quality and valuable to any who may see these items - another very lucrative business now-a-days.

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Although historians and romance writers often referred to it by other names, in the legend of King Arthur *Avalon* also represented such a community. Here's a description by 12th-century historian Geoffrey of Monmouth.

The island of apples which men call "The **Fortunate Isle**" (*Insula Pomorum quae Fortunata uocatur*) gets its name from the fact that it produces all things of itself; the fields there have no need of the ploughs of the farmers and all cultivation is lacking except what nature provides. Of its own accord it produces grain and grapes, and apple trees grow in its woods from the close-clipped grass. The ground of its own accord produces everything instead of merely grass, and people live there a hundred years or more. There nine sisters rule by a pleasing set of laws those who come to them from

our country (Monmouth, 1925).¹

The Way, a path to Salvation

Matters overlooked and lack of forethought at best adds up to 'the best of intentions'. Intentions alone are not enough. Yahshua gave us the illustration of a young rich man who has practiced Torah all his life with the sincerest intentions. Consider the example of the rich man (Mat 19:16-23).

Yeshuw`a answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (John 14:23) ...

¹ *The Vita Merlini*: Latin text translated by Parry, J.J. (2008).

And this from a child's view ...

PERFECT, BUT NOT TOO PERFECT

Once in a village long, long ago, there was a home with a family inside of it. And in that family was a father, a mother, a brother, a sister, and a grandmother. In this village it rained all the time. More than London, or the Amazon or all the rainforests in the world combined. In this village also were a church, a store, a mill, and a monument for the chief: Jades Samoa. This wasn't a village like in Africa or Cambodia, but a very nice village.

The people wore amazing clothing. Better than any fashion brand today. The buildings were made perfectly with smooth glass, smooth brick, and the smoothest wood. These buildings could withstand anything from a simple hurricane to a giant monsoon.

The villagers drank the purest water and the finest wine. They were elegant, graceful, civilized, and always stood straight up. There were fantastic parties thrown every night and the people gathered and talked and laughed about their lives. Their beautiful and perfect lives.

All the children were given the finest educations by the most brilliant adults; whom were smarter than Leonardo DaVinci and Albert Einstein would ever fathom to be.

The streets were made of pure diamond and the lampposts of ivory. The cars never used any energy and never depreciated. They had plush seating made of soft leather.

Every home was built according to the family, but every home was very large and spacious. They contained the finest furniture and the finest robotic staff that never became tired and always completed every demand made by their masters.

There was no poverty, or crime, or homelessness, or unemployment. No one had diseases, or depression, or insomnia, or fears, or anything. They were always happy and pleased, but not too happy.

They weren't perfect though. The people could still look [puffy eyed in the mornings], women still worried about their weight, teenagers were still hormonal, and people still had bad hair days.

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These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:25-27)

The rich man intimated that works alone qualified him to be among Yashua's chosen disciples. Yet when he was put to the test, he walked away from the greatest offer that anyone could ever receive, because of his lack of faith. Yes, many are called, but few chosen, straight is the gate, but narrow the entrance.

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matt 7:14, KJV)

Among its many promises, the way leads us to the tree of life ... a lifetime process of converting the spirit of

man into the likeness of Yahweh. We are to seek perfection as Yahweh is perfect.

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (Mat 5:48)

As was Abraham, the saints are called the Friends of Yahweh through their demonstration of faith and works (Jam 2:21-23). The saints are also called, "faithful and wise servant(s)" (Mat 24:44-46). They are granted passage into the kingdom of Yahweh and as brothers and sisters to Yashua (Rom 8:29).

Salvation ... What is it?

What is Salvation? The word 'salvation' means salvation from eternal death, that total and final annihilation of the body, mind and spirit: the death from which there is no return and to which there is no end (Loughran, 1999)².

Contrary to popular teachings, salvation is not just a

² Stewarton Bible School, D.B. Loughran (1999). *Vital Topics: Salvation: Stewarton Bible School*, Stewarton, Scotland.

matter of acknowledging and accepting the Messiah. Yes, we must first believe that Yahushua is come in flesh, is of His Father, and is alive in spirit today (1 Joh 4:2-3). That alone, however, does not guarantee salvation.

What is required?

The Apostle John offered this insight for those seeking an answer.

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. (John 4:22)

Jews, not in the sense of ethnic identity but rather by that which was foretold and fulfilled in Yah'shua Messiah.

Salvation is of the Jews?

Is of the Jews. Rev., rightly, from the Jews [ΕΚ] . Not therefore belongs to, but proceeds from. See Genesis 12; Isa 2:3; Mic 4:2. Even the Old Testament idea of salvation is bound up with Christ. See Rom 9:4, 5. The salvation is from the Jews, even from that people which has rejected it. See on 1 19. On the characteristic is from, see on 1 46. The passage illustrates John's habit of confirming the divine authority of the Old Testament revelation, and of showing its fulfillment in Christ. (Vincent, 1985).

The following biblical historical records Judah's violation against the Covenant.

And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Yisra'EL [Northern ten tribes] committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Y'hudah [Southern tribes of Y'hudah and Benjamin plus a minority population from the other ten tribes] feared not, but went and played the harlot also. And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks [idolatry]. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Y'hudah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the YY. And the YY said unto me, The backsliding Yisra'EL hath justified herself more than treacherous Y'hudah. (Jer 3:8-11, HKJV+S)

... but for Judah's half-hearted repentant attitude (vs 10), and especially due the promises that Yahweh had made with Abraham (Gen 22:15-18), Judah was spared from divorce for her spiritual infidelity.

What are the Conditions of Salvation?

Like Judah, a lukewarm or half-hearted response to Yahweh's calling is not an acceptable sub-rider of the renewed Covenant terms. Yahushua explains,

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (Matt 7:21)

The Master Rabbi (Joh 1:38) Himself has told us that He said and/or did only as the Father has revealed to Him those things to say and do (Joh 8:28; 13:15). Chiefly, and often repeated, is the instruction to first 'love the Father with all your might' (Mat 22:37). Secondly, to love our neighbors (vs 29). How, then are we to demonstrate that love, to prove ourselves worthy? Yahushu explains clearly what it is not.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matt 7:22-23).

If you are reading this newsletter, the good news is you are redeemed (Rev 14:2-4). At this place in time "your mission, should you choose to accept it" (Mission Impossible, 1966-2011), is to walk in faith by 'the way' of Yahweh – His instructions of acceptable conduct. The end result is your acceptance into the family of Elohim.

Consider these things while preparing for the upcoming Fall Festival Days, a feast celebrating the dwelling of the saints in the presence of their Creator. And, although 'the way' doesn't fully describe the unimaginable blessings that are in store for the saints, and remaining humans on earth during the millennium, it offers an answer to those who would inquire about the reason of hope that is in them. The message? ... that the saints are themselves a part of the Holy family of Yah!

And what may we say to those who ask "... what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" (Mat 19:16)

And he said unto him, ... if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. (Mat 19:17)

May peace come upon your house,

D Lacey, SMin, TTSAOY

FYI

Like a compass is to a hiker, 'the way' is a phrase often used in the scriptures that teaches us the direction towards YHWH's will that all mankind should live life more abundantly, and inevitably, to the obedient, to receive personal salvation. Certain sects have adopted this phrase as a denominational doctrine. Here's a little history behind the doctrine of 'the way'.

Although the Didache is not a definitive nor approved text as is the texts of the KJV (or Authorized Version), new consensus is emerging which dates the Didache to about the turn of the 2nd century. At the same time, significant similarities between the Didache and the gospel of Matthew have been found[36] as these writings share words, phrases, and motifs. The Didache is often referred to as the origin of the doctrine of 'the way'. Here is what the Didache says regarding 'the way'.

The first section (Chapters 1-6) begins: "There are two ways, one of life and one of death, and there is a great difference between these two ways."

The closest parallels in the use of the Two Ways doctrine is found among the Essene Jews at the Dead Sea Scrolls community. The Qumran community included a Two Ways teaching in its founding Charter, *The Community Rule*.

Note: It is likely that John the Immerser was schooled by the Essenes of Qumran at some time during his youth. The proximity of John's early years in the Western regions of the Dead Sea placed him within 5 miles of Qumran where the Essenes, a scholarly sect, taught the children in the region from the manuscripts.



Throughout the Two Ways, there are many Old Testament quotes shared with the Gospels and many theological similarities, but Jesus is never mentioned by name. The first chapter opens with the Shema ("you shall love God"), the Great Commandment("your neighbor as yourself"), and the Golden Rule in the negative form (also found in the "Western" version of Acts of the Apostles at 15:19 and 29 as part of the Apostolic Decree). Then comes short extracts in common with the Sermon on the Mount, together with a curious passage on giving and receiving, which is also cited with variations in Shepherd of Hermas (Mand., ii, 4-6). The Latin omits 1:3-6 and 2:1, and these sections have no parallel in Epistle of Barnabas; therefore, they may be a later addition, suggesting Hermas and the present text of the Didache may have used a common source, or one may have relied on the other. Chapter 2 contains the commandments against murder, adultery, corrupting boys, sexual promiscuity, theft, magic, sorcery, abortion, infanticide, coveting, perjury, false testimony, speaking evil, holding grudges, being double-minded, not acting as you speak, greed, avarice, hypocrisy, maliciousness, arrogance, plotting evil against neighbors, hate, narcissism and expansions on these generally, with references to the words of Jesus. Chapter 3 attempts to explain how one vice leads to another: anger to murder, concupiscence to adultery, and so forth. The whole chapter is excluded in Barnabas. A number of precepts are added in chapter 4, which ends: "This is the way of Life." Verse 13 states you must not forsake the Lord's commandments, neither adding nor subtracting (see also Deut 4:2,12:32). the way of Death (chapter 5) is a list of vices to be avoided. Chapter 6 exhorts to the keeping in the way of this Teaching:

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The Vision

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The main road bordering the ranch leads to a sizable city nearby. Since the ranch is along a scenic route, many frequent our facility. In the Fall, there is a produce market selling organically grown produce which advertises the availability of organically fed beef, poultry, mutton, cabrito, and even gourmet cheeses. These items are offered only after the Fall season festivals. The folks nearby learn this as a bench mark in time in anticipation of the food and craft markets that occur just afterward; through which the newest of citizens to the kingdom (the children) are introduced in a very pleasant way to the feasts of YHWH.

Looking over the shoulders of the booth attendant, some notice the front porch where they observe some children cranking on a homemade ice cream machine and some men BBQ'ing over a campfire style pit for dinner. Shoppers sometimes ask, "Who runs this ranch?", and "What do you mean by after the Fall Season celebrations?" ... a great opportunity to present the goods news and let the wonder they observe to witness to it. It's a typical day in the life here on the ranch!

Who would own this ranch and who are they?

The ranch is a business after all. The ranch performs several business activities on site and over the internet. The skilled and able persons of this group work outside the facility as well, working at jobs which produce income from which contributions are received and the board of elders manage the estate with. Business is sufficient and affords the ability to plan for the inheritance of their children's children - per scriptural instructions.

The ranch is in an estate of which all the participating members are owners - an employee owned estate/business established, per say, a charitable operation which benefits its occupants largely by the inherent benefits and fewer constrains of more densely populated environments. Age makes no difference here because everyone contributes to the maintenance of this beautiful property. One will see wonderful arts and crafts, informational and educational booklets when visiting. The ranch hosts such an inviting and friendly atmosphere to the overnight visitor (it is also a B&B seasonally) that the visitor and the passerby would most certainly be moved to ask questions – of which the elder men and women respond in a friendly and interesting way - (1 Peter 3:15 ... be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:)

Here, at this ranch, you will find YHWH's representatives, spiritual members of the priesthood, whom desire to "let" the light of Truth shine to all who may visit them.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Indeed the purpose of the saints seems to be (is in fact) to glorify YHWH in all things. Still, in their wisdom, they plan ahead for their progeny.

Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

They are a happy people. It is the assurances from the Father Himself that makes it so.

John 15:16 ... I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

This is the visions of one man. There are as many visions as there are saints.

~ A revised version from 'The Vision': Info letter, March 18, 2004



Utopia \U*to"pi*a\, n. [NL., fr. Gr. not + ? a place.] 1. An imaginary island, represented by Sir Thomas More, in a work called *Utopia*, as enjoying the greatest perfection in politics, laws, and the like. See *Utopia*, in the *Dictionary of Noted Names in Fiction*. 2. Hence, any place or state of ideal perfection.

For Your Consideration

Where is thy sting, O death? And where is thy victory, O grave? Now the sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is [in the] the law. (1Cor 15:55-6, James Murdock Translation of the Aramaic Western Peshitto New Testament)

No, Shakespeare did not first say this, it was a quote by Paul as stated to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15:55-56). For clarification,

vs. 56. If there were no sin, there would be no death. Man's transgression of the law gives death its lawful power.

strength of sin *is* the law—Without the law sin is not perceived or imputed (Rom 3:20; Rom 4:15; Rom 5:13). The law makes sin the more grievous by making God's will the clearer (Ro 7:8-10). Christ's people are no longer "under the law" (Ro 6:14). (Jamieson, Fausset, & Brown (1961).

Given the explanations of 'the way', as described in the scriptures from Genesis through Revelation,

Q: What are your opinions regarding 'the way' and its connection to the law [H8451 תּוֹרָה תּוֹרָה towrah, or the Torah]?

For comments, essays, articles, and/or suggestions, please respond to: TTSAOY, c/o: D Lacey, 6801 W Kings Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382

The Data

Rosh Chodesh 6, August 2013

The new moon should be visible within the realm of Israel on August 8, 2013 after sunset.

Data for June:

Sunset (JST*)	7:30 PM
Moonset	8:09 PM
Illumination	3%
Alt.	25.44"
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Criteria: 18:00 HH Jerusalem, Israel [JST], or -2UTC time zone at 34.17' Lat.

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Comments from last month's issue: "Conformity"

Here are a few variations from the Authorized Bible version of Romans 12:2. please note: These quotes are actually translations from the same sources as the Authorized Version.

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of YHVH. (KJV, or the AV)*³

*And fasshion not your selues lyke vnto this worlde, but be ye chaunged in your shape, by ye renuing of your minde, that ye may proue what is the wyll of God, good, and acceptable, and perfect. (Rom 12:2, Bishops)*⁴

*And be not likened unto this world, but be changed by the renewing of your minds, that you may discern what is the will of Aloha, good, and acceptable, and perfect. (Rom 12:2, Etheridge)*⁵

*Do not imitate the way of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, that you may discern what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God. (Rom 12:2, LBP (ES))*⁶

³ The Holy Bible (1917 Edition) King James V

⁴ The Bishops' Bible of 1568

⁵ J.W. Etheridge Translation of the Western Peshitto

⁶ Holy Bible From The Ancient Eastern Texts: Aramaic Of The Peshitta by George M. Lamsa (1933)

The Feast Days of Yahweh

- Abib 1	-	Mar 14
- Yahshua's Kiddush & Renewing Covenant (at even)	Abib 13	Mar 26
- Passover Memorial (at even)	Abib 14	Mar 27
I, II Passover Feast	Abib 15-21	Mar 28- Apr 3
- Wave Sheaf	Abib 16	Apr 4
III Feast of First Fruits	Abib 16 + 49	May 17
IV Feast of Trumpets	Day 1 of 7 th new moon	Sep 8
V Atonement	Day 10 of 7 th new moon	Sep 17
VI Feast of Booths	Day 15-21 of 7 th new moon	Sep 22- 28
VII Last Great Day (8 th Day)	Day 22 of 7 th new moon	Sep 29

Scriptural Allusions II

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the Mitzvot of 'Elohim, and the faith of Yeshuw'a. (Revelations 14:12xx, HKJV+S)

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But the way of Death is this: first of all, it is evil and full of curses, lusts, adulteries, murders, thefts, idolatries, witchcrafts, sorceries, robberies, false witnesses, hypocrisies, double-mindedness, fraud, arrogance, boastfulness, jealousies, foul speech, pride, persecutors of the good, haters of truth, lovers of a lie, not regarding the reward of the righteous, not holding to the good or to the righteous judgment, spending sleepless nights not for good, but for wickedness; far from whom is gentleness and patience; loving useless things, seeking rewards, unmerciful to the poor, not helping the hardworking person, not regarding the one who made them, child murderers, destroyers of God's creation, turning away the needy, oppressing the distressed, wrongfully assisting the rich, unjust judges of the poor, altogether sinful. May you be delivered, my children, from all of these things?

Lighter Side



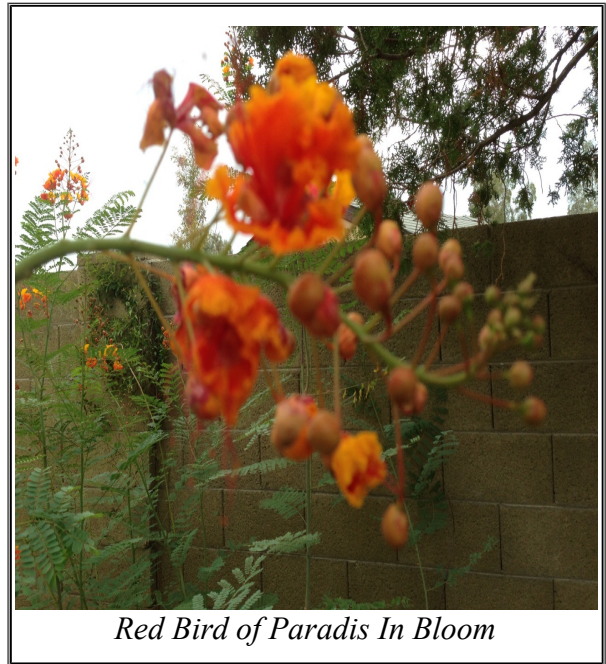
From: Brainy Quotes

The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men. It has God for its author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture for its matter. It is all pure. ~ John Locke



From: The Thinkest

"The knowledge of sin is the beginning of salvation"
~ Latin Proverb



Red Bird of Paradis In Bloom

Need a quick laugh? Here's a few.

*Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?
A. Ruthless*

*Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?
A. German Shepherds.*

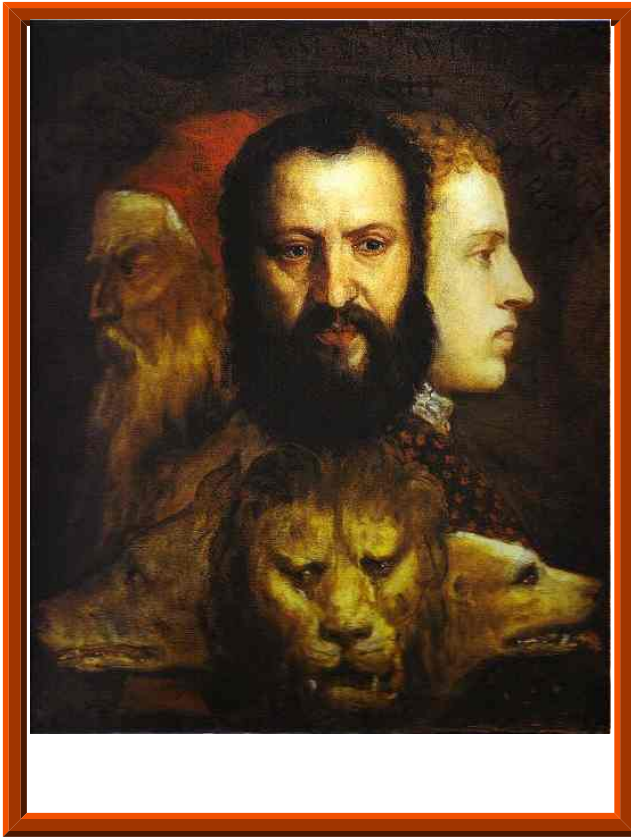
*Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.*

*Q. What was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.*

*Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.*

*Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
A. Samson. He brought the house down.*

*Q. Which Bible character had no parents?
A. Joshua, son of Nun.*



The painting above portrays three human heads, each facing in a different direction, above three animal heads, depicting (from left) a wolf, a lion and a dog. The painting is usually interpreted as operating on a number of levels. At the first level, the different ages of the three human heads represent the "Three Ages of Man" (youth, maturity, old age). The different directions in which they are facing reflect a second, wider concept of Time itself as having a past, present and future. This theme is repeated in the animal heads which, according to some traditions, are associated with those categories of time. The third level, from which the painting has acquired its present name, is suggested by a barely visible inscription, *EX PRAETERITO/PRAESENS PRUDENTER AGIT/NE FUTURA ACTIONE DETURPET* ("From [the experience of] the past, the present acts prudently, lest it spoil future actions").^{7 8}

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