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Scriptural Allusions I

And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of the first year for a sin offering. (Num 15:27, KJV)

Introduction

At some time during life most of us wonder why so many things seem not to go the way we expected. We sometimes think about why it can be so difficult to communicate with our spouse, family, friends, and co-workers. Even the most astute bible student and practitioner can find it difficult to navigate in a seemingly environment. The disciple-saint, trained by the wisdom of the scriptures, may first think to consider if they themselves have neglected or are lacking somehow in the discipline of their faith. Perhaps they sense that they should have more or less empathy, or even have feelings of incompetence, that is, lacking the required knowledge to contend with a given situation. And as all people do at one time or another, when outcomes seem to repeatedly fail, we invariably begin to look outside of ourselves for the reason.

The Blame Game

Of course there are as many different reasons and responses as there are people. One such reason comes from a popular theory from just over two generations ago. In 1969 a theory coauthored by psychologists J. Bowlby and M. Ainsworth was dubbed the *Attachment Theory*.

Bowlby's *Attachment Theory* explains that attachment, coupled with the desire to explore, creates what is called a *control system* enabling us to develop the abilities we have in matters

of survival. Co-theorist Ainsworth expanded on this theory by expanding the theory into three types,

... secure, avoidant, and resistant. The secure type is when an infant seeks protection or comfort from their mother and receives care consistently. The mother is usually rated as loving and affectionate. The avoidant type is when the infant tends to pull away from their mother or ignore her. The mother is usually rated as rejecting of the child's attachment behavior. The resistant type is when the infant tends to stay close to their mother. The mother is usually rated as being inconsistent in their care (Fraley & Spieker, 2003).

Erin J. Lee (2003) of the Rochester Institute of Technology wrote of this theory,

The attachment model explains infant behavior towards their attachment figure, during separation and reunion times. It is believed that attachment behaviors formed in infancy will help shape the attachment relationships people have as adults.

The most important tenet of the *attachment theory* is that an infant needs to develop a relationship with at least one

Theory – n. A scientific hypothesis that survives experimental testing becomes a theory.

primary caregiver for the child's successful emotional. The impact of psychodevelopment, and in particular for learning how to social development can be effectively regulate their feelings. Fathers or any other either the greatest asset or

Control system -n. a device, or set of devices to manage, command, direct or regulate the behavior of other device(s) or system(s).

individuals, are equally likely to become principal attachment figures if they provide most of the child care and related social interaction. A child's success with relationships and life in general are greatly influenced by the quality of attachment during infancy and childhood.

The attachment theory has had a great impact upon Western society. Even as the critics were suggesting the theory as incomplete, it evolved into a pop-culture mantra and became popular to blame one's parents [and/or primary guardian] for difficulties one experiences later in life.

Are the sins of the fathers inherited by their children?

The short answer to this section title is both yes and no. Regarding the soul and spirit of man [a living needed? Were you abused as a child? With careful sentient being (H5315)] we must acknowledge the inherent characteristics of our biological, cognitive, and psycho-social development.

Our biological development is a very important part of our overall development. For example, if we are descended from healthy parents, we may anticipate a influence our development? life with minimal health issues. The inverse can also be true. If we come from a family with a history of heart disease or cancer, the probability is that we too may develop health issues. Genetics can effect our health for Christians, nothing could many generations that follow.

Cognitive development refers the development of the brain – physically and as developed through intellectual stimulation. Normal development enables an individual with all the tools necessary to learn healthy emotions and adaptive skills. However, for various reasons not all people's brains develop the same. Other cognitive development issues observed include clinical personality disorders and a host of other maladies. Underdevelopment of certain parts of the brain has been proven to contribute to criminal behavior. Cognitive development is key and contributes to the reason some people seem to develop normally while others cannot.

The third developmental area, and a powerful influence upon the behavior of most, has been part of a long debated topic referred to as nature versus nurture.

greatest curse in our lives. Suppose you were born to a family in Greece; for

Hypothesis - n. A testable proposal intended to explain certain facts or observations.

those so inclined, one is likely to be indoctrinated with a host of mythological gods and the preeminence of scholarly pursuits. A well known axiom once stated [paraphrased], "Be careful the company you keep, you become like them". It follows that, for those reared in Grecian culture, pantheism and/or atheism becomes a central part of one's Philo-sophy of life. In the Orient, the collective is most important over individual recognition; but, in a Western society individualization and self-sufficiency are the predominant beliefs. Other influences closer to home also have an impact on our devellpment.

Do you come from a supportive or an abusive family? Did you grow up in a conservative or liberal family setting? Was your parent an alcoholic? Did you have a poor diet during your developmental years? Did your parents [or guardian] counsel [authoritative] with you, or dictate [authoritarian] when correction was introspect one can realize many aspects of one's life that has had a lasting influence upon our lives. All this and more is an example of our psychosocial development.

How much do our families and friends

Do the children really inherit the iniquity of the fathers? My family are go wrong here, right?

Delusion - n. an erroneous belief that is held in the face of evidence to the contrary.

What About the Influence of the Spirit(s)?

From a scriptural perspective, iniquity is simply rejection, or violation, of Yahweh's will in one's life as detailed in the Torah and Renewed Covenant. Not many so called Christians abide by these covenant terms. Subsequently, due to ignorance, naivety, errant doctrines, and outright neglect deception becomes their choice. While we may understand how our for-father's health behaviors and life choices can influence their descendants, how [if at all] does it transfer into one's spiritual development? The following is a compilation of actual experiences that lightly discusses the topic of evil spiritual influences. For those who are sensitive to this topic, please stop here and turn to the Lighter Side section.

Disclaimer: We at TTSAOY in no way intend to

trigger some phobic or repressed issues, nor do we take any responsibility past this point for the reader's impressions other than to inform by offering examples and attempt to offer an answer to such matters.

Certain persons lives deliver them into a kind of emotional blindness. Anxiety, depression, and a sense of futility may ensue. Such persons can experience deep insecurities allowing themselves to become vulnerable to the persuasions of elaborate, poetic, witty and ingenious turns of phrases of those who would deceive. Some are quickly lured into the deception of cults and secret societies¹. Such are, as the world so calls them, persons that join secret societies shadowy organizations many of which many are connected to the Illuminati². Are they initially aware of their actions and their outcomes? No, not all. But when the spirit of oppression [Osheq³] surfaces, one needs to

From an exclusive Interview with an Ex-Illuminati Programmer/Trainer. The Illuminati - Freemason Connection (Note that the author of this article's name is missing, likely a protective measure).

Q: Was - and is - there an infiltration of the Masonic Order?

A: The Freemasons and the Illuminati are hand in glove. I don't care if this steps on any toes, it's a fact. The Masonic temple at Alexandria, Virginia (the city itself was named after Alexandria, Egypt, and is a hotbed of Illuminati activity) is a center in the Washington DC area for Illuminati scholarship and teaching. I was taken there at intervals for testing, to step up a level, for scholarship, and high ceremonies. The leaders in this Masonic group were also Illuminists.

This has been true of every large city I have lived in. The top Freemasons were also top Illuminists. My maternal grandparents were both high ranking Masons in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa. (president of the Eastern Star and 33rd degree Mason) and they both were also leaders in the Illuminati in that area.

Are all Masons Illuminati? No, especially at the lower levels, I believe they know nothing of the practices that occur in the middle of the night in the larger temples.

Many are probably fine businessmen and [many are]
Christians. But I have never known a 32 degree or above who wasn't Illuminati, and the group helped create
Freemasonry as a "front" for their activities.

(http://theforbiddenknowledge.com/hardtruth/part4.htm)

know they are not alone to fight this battle.

Here is the witness of an actual victim and family member who had joined an esoteric organization involved in *unholy* activities (names withheld).

A young lady who told my wife she felt like she had curses on her from her father. She said "he was the Grand Something of a lodge up north and he had molested her as a young girl." She also said, "he spoke things over her, maybe some kind of prayers or chants." I told her about the "prayers of release of such vexations." This girl was so desperate to be free of these problems; she was willing to try anything.

My thoughts ran to the repeated pattern that, regardless of what one may believe or say, most secret societies are false religions steeped in witchcraft, which mix the Holy with the profane and invite in spirits of error and perversion among others. Once the door is opened and the enemy has been given the opportunity, the attack against the children is relentless until the devil gets his due. I cannot tell you the number of horrible stories of perversion, rape, molestation, and incest we've heard.

Insertion: ... of the signs of spiritual involvement, sexual improprieties are usually the first indication (Martin, 1999).

Among the fruits of spiritually involved secret societies we see a persistent pattern of morbidities including: Unexplained infirmities, primarily breathing or lung disorders with asthma and allergies leading the list. We also see a host of other ailments we can directly attribute to the curses. Our emotions are altered in the process. Two emotional areas we see heavily affected are anger and fear, and as are all emotional disorders, these are often coupled with paranoia. As we look into the rites and rituals of such organizations the reasons for these fruits become quite evident.

Note: If anyone is experiencing such things as we disclose in this section, please contact us for further information. There is help nearby.

Yes, life's choices can effect a person and their families and friends throughout the rest of their lives. What is the answer? Are the children to be left helpless bringing harm to themselves and generations that follow? Can anyone escape such a Nemesis? For those who may have had this or similar experiences and should your heart(s) be in the right place, the answer is emphatically, and thankfully, YES!

What do the scriptures say?

To regress, we need to answer, "What is sin and how does it relate to iniquity?" Sin is simply the

² A globally manipulative organization directed by and through their ritual practice of Satanism.

^{...} meaning oppression, extortion (to obtain from a person by force, intimidation, or undue illegal power), cruelly. The Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines "oppression" as unjust or cruel exercise of authority or power; it is a sense of being weighed down in body or

mind; depression.

violation of Yahweh's handbook for life, the Torah, including the revisions of the Renewed Covenant (1 John *3:4*).

Whosoever committeth sin [G266] transgresseth also the law [G458]: for sin is the transgression of the law [G458]. (KJV).

Sin ...

G266 ἀμαρτία hamartia (ham-ar-tee'-ah) n. 1. a sin {properly abstract} [from G264]

G264 ἀμαρτάνω hamartano (ham-ar-tan'-o) v.

- 1. (properly) to miss the mark (and so not share in the prize)
- 2. (figuratively) to err
- 3. (especially, morally) to sin

Law ...

G458 ἀνομία anomia (an-om-ee'-ah) n.

- 1. illegality, i.e. violation of law
- 2. (genitive case) wickedness [from G459]

G459 ἄνομος anomos (an'-om-os) adj.

- lawless
- 2. (negatively) not subject to (the Jewish) law
- 3. (by implication) a Gentile
- 4. (positively) wicked

[from G1 (as a negative particle) and G3551]

G3551 vóμος nomos (nom'-os) n.

- 1. law (through the idea of prescriptive usage)
- 2. (genitive case) regulation
- 3. (specially) of Moses (including the volume), also of the Gospel
- 4. (figuratively) a principle
- ... (Strong's, 2010).

Iniquity, then, is simply a pattern of violation of Yahweh's will in one's life as detailed in the Torah and Renewed Covenant – whether through ignorance, or opposition. Of the physical laws, the scriptures tell us many examples, many of which we ourselves may or may not have anything to do with their origins.

- Biological and cognitive development example: a learning deficit example by mental or physical impairments; While at the top of a great mountain, presumed to be Mt. Tabor, Yah'shua is approached by a man with a son whom had an affliction with symptoms like epilepsy. [Matt 17:14-15; Mar 19:14-29; Luk 9:37-431

the second rank, of liars and equivocators, as the Pythian Apollo]. This lady was a servant to her masters in the art of divination (the art prophecy by supernatural means). After Paul rebuked the demon, her masters had Paul and Timothy seized, convicted, and commanded they be beaten. [Act 16:16-22].

Yah'shua was able to heal people of their afflictions as were the Apostles documented to do in their ministries. In timwes such as today, when society is far from their Creator, and even the remaining saints have but a little power (Rev 3:8), it becomes imperative that the saints hold fast and secure their salvation to the faith once delivered. We at TTSAOY emphasize the importance of addressing the needs of the *spirit of man* that dwells in all – including the saints. Why? To better enable the saints toward their goals. By neglect, the virgins were rejected at the door. By neglecting the spirit of man that dwells within all, [harnessing the enmity within] one simply cannot grow to spiritual maturity.

Yah'shua once made a declaration that shocked the hearers. Perhaps this may help better understand how the three domains mentioned in the first section and how the words sin and iniquity apply?

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 [G458, see above]. (Matt 7:22-23, KIV)

The Syriac Peshitta states it this way,

... And then will I declare to them; I never knew you. Depart from me, ye doers of evil. (Matt 7:23, Murdock)

In the maidens' example, iniquity came in the form of neglect ... of 'the way'. The phrase 'The way' is mentioned in the scripture 377 times. As ti

Delusion - n. an erroneous belief that is held in the face of evidence to the contrary.

pertains to the positive, it means basically a life in compliance to YHWH's laws, judgments, and statutes, including the revisions in the Renewed Covenant, that embody Yahweh's will. So, does iniquity mean that a person is evil?" Since the saint's words are to be "vea, Psychosocial example - In Paul's travels to yea, or nay, nay" (Mat 5:37), let's just speak it in truth Thyatira, he and Timothy experienced an event and in Spirit. Many among the saints have a history of demonstrating both psycho-social social and choosing false notions derived from traditional beliefs. spiritual influences upon the people. A lady led to make oaths taken in ignorance, naivety, errant was possessed of the spirit Python [a spirit of doctrines and sadly by outright neglect resulting in a

misplaced sense of righteousness. Many will live their entire lifetime in some form of *spiritual-delusion*. See Ephesians 6:10-18 below.

Conclusion: "There must be some way out of here" (Dylan, 1967)

In the book of Ezekiel it mentions that the children will inherit the sins of their fathers.

After cutting 2 tablets of stone per instruction Moses delivers them up to Mt. Sinai as instructed. There he meets the I AM and receives the commands, judgments and statutes that define the very Creator Himself. Among these instructions this astounding proclamation of declaring His name is delivered along with a curious warning to all that was to follow,

And YHVH descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of YHVH. And YHVH passed by before him, and proclaimed, YHVH, YHVH-El, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. (Exod 34:5-7, RNKJV)

Rotherham's Bible (1994) says it this way,

And Yahweh descended in the cloud, and took his station with him, there,—and proclaimed himself by the name Yahweh. So Yahweh passed before him, and proclaimed,—Yahweh, Yahweh, A GOD of compassion, and favour,—Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and faithfulness:

Keeping lovingkindness to a thousand generations, Forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin, Though he leave not, utterly unpunished, Visiting the iniquity of fathers Upon sons, And upon sons' sons, Unto a third and unto a fourth generation. (Exod 34:5-7, EBR)

At first reading one may conclude that whatever iniquity the fathers did will effect the lives of their children for at least three to four generations. Yahweh even advises that those who are born out of wedlock among His chosen people are not even allowed to enter into the congregations of the people for up to ten generations (Deu 23:2).

Gill's Commentary⁴ clarifies.

visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children; meaning chiefly, if not solely, the iniquity of idolatry; which being such an insult on his

honour, "crimen laesae majestatis", is treated by him as high treason is among men; not only he punishes the authors and perpetrators of it in their own persons, which is meant by "visiting", but upon their children also, which are parts of themselves; and whatsoever is inflicted on them is the same as on themselves, and is an addition to, and a sensible aggravation of their punishment; and especially these are visited in such a manner, when they tread in their father's steps, and fill up the measure of their iniquity. So the Targum of Jonathan, "visiting the iniquity of ungodly fathers on rebellious children:"unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; as all idolaters must be thought to do, whatsoever love and affection they may pretend to God, by worshipping idols before him, besides him, along with him, or him in them: "the third and fourth generation" are mentioned, because sometimes parents lived to see these, and so with their eyes beheld the punishment inflicted upon their posterity for their sins, which must be distressing to them; or, however, these being but small removes from them, might impress their minds and affect them, to think what their sins would bring upon their descendants, who would quickly come after them, and share in the sad effects of their iniquities, and so be a means to deter them from them.

Saints, I don't like persons who make loose and false assumptions about the times. There have been too many false prophets declaring false dates, offering false hopes, all the while stealing your own identities, and all in the evident name of \$\$\$ and notoriety. The saints are fully warned not to take any one of them seriously. Neither do we. The sober-minded saint must have on the full armour of Elohim. Paul explained what this armour is, and how to use it to the Ehisian saints. Here it is with reference notes in text. Note this is from the KJV, unedited. Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18

Our life is a warfare, not only against flesh and blood, but also spiritual enemies

- 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [Eph 3:16];
- 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Col 3:12; 1Thess 5:8;
- 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

The complete armour of a Christian

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.³⁴⁵ Eph 2:2;

Stergiou, C. (2010). John Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible: TheWord (Ver. 3.2.1.1167) [Computer software]. Corfu, Greece.

2Cor 10:4;

- 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; Isa 59:17; Luke 12:35; 2Cor 6:7; 1Pet 1:13; [Job 29:14]; [1Thess 5:8];
- 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

and how it ought to be used

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Luke 18:1; Rom 12:12; Col 4:2; 1Thess 5:17;

In closing, I thought it might encourage all to include this statement from the introduction of the book *Be Right, or Go Wrong* (Bothe, 1996).

Scriptural writings record eight covenants between the creator and the human creation. The eighth and last covenant spells out the circumstances under which the covenant is to be consummated: When the fathers stop blaming the sons for the fathers' troubles, and the sons stop blaming the fathers for the sons' troubles, the creator's laws will then be written in their hearts and minds.

People will [then] conduct their affairs as the creator intended by thinking, saying and doing only what is right.

~ To the worthy saints, may peace be upon your house ~

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Scriptural Allusions II

And the times of this ignorance YHVH winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: (Acts 17:30, RNKJV)

For Your Information [FYI]

Factions of the Second Temple

(A lesson about the importance of unity)

It was an era of great political upheaval internally, with an ongoing struggle for supremacy amongst different groups of Jews. The Jewish factions crystallized into four sects:

- 1. The Pharisees were the led by the rabbis and Sanhedrin (rabbinical supreme court). The word "Pharisees" comes from the Hebrew word *perushim*, "separatists." There are various views as to the etymology of this word. One explanation is that they separated themselves from the follies and pleasure of the world. Another is that they were careful to maintain ritual purity, and separated themselves from those who did not strictly observe these laws.
- 2. The Sadducees rejected the Oral Torah and the leadership of the rabbis. Many of them were rich priests and they took control of the priesthood, sometimes buying their way into the office of High Priest. Those who wanted to befriend the Romans were mostly Sadducees.
- 3. The Zealots were passionate nationalists who broke away from the Pharisees because they wanted to fight the Romans at all costs, while the Pharisees hesitated. (Although the Pharisees too wanted to be free of Roman rule, they thought it wiser to pursue peace. They feared the Roman reprisals to a noholds-barred revolt would destroy the nation.)
- 4. The Sicarii were against any form of government altogether. "Sicarii" literally means "dagger-men." They resorted to stealth and terrorism to achieve their objectives. They would carry small daggers under their cloaks and stab their enemies Romans or Roman sympathizers, often wealthy Jews and elites associated with the priesthood and then blend into the crowd. (In contrast, the Zealots aimed their violence against Romans.)

While the First Temple was destroyed due to idol worship, illicit relationships and murder, our Sages attribute the destruction of the Second Temple to the baseless hatred that prevailed among the Jews. If the Jews had been united, they would have merited G-d's protection. They would have withstood the Romans. It was the factionalism among Jews that ultimately brought about the destruction of the Second Temple.

For Your Consideration [FYC]

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. (Prov 13:24, KJV)

King James had a way with words, words that are oftentimes can be misunderstood. For example, an aurthoritarian could easily take home the message from this verse, "Go forth and return not thou without a sufficient lash that I may admonish you therewith." Today, one might hear it this way, "Now, go fetch a switch, you need your paddlin'."

Actually, this verse does not at face value make a good argument for corporal punishment; it actually delivers the message that part of a parent's duty is to instill a sense of self-discipline with their children by teaching them to abide by the rule(s) of the house [rod, scepter, or staff H7626]. Chastening simply refers to reproving, warning or instruction, sometimes requiring restraint (garnering their attention) [H4148]. Spiritual chastening and reproof is similar. We shouldn't shy away from a ministering elder if approached with a seemingly aggressive posture. A child's father would also seem that way, yet it is out of love that they do so.

When a saint is acting outside the Father's rule of law, there is accountability. Even Apollos was ere chastened and shown the 'rod' of truth.

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 Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. 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 God more perfectly. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: For he mightily convinced the Jews, [and that] publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ. (Acts 18:24-28, KJV)

Apollos' error was that he was taught from the Alexandrian Hellenistic texts, an abridged writing of the oracles written by corrupted mercenary priests from Samaria who left void the latter events fulfilling the prophesies of the Messiah and His message of the Kingdom of YHWH. As popular a speaker as he was, his doctrines were incomplete and was seen as counterproductive for the many newly converting saints. It was the combined wisdom of Aquila, a recognized speaker himself, and Priscilla, Aquila's wife, that took him aside and "expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly".

Responses to such a matter may vary according to the unique situation, however, it is important to remember that the saint is to be quick in their service to YHWH regardless of what others having less spiritual insight may think. Paul offered this instruction to his adopted son Timothy.

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. (2Tim 4:2, KJV)

... and to the Ephesians

... acknowledge mutually our several faults, to pray one for another

- 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: Mark 6:13;
- ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
- **16** Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- 17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 16 Ikgs 17:1; Luke 4:25;

and to reduce a straying brother to the truth

- 19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Matt 18:15; [Luke 17:3];
- ²⁰ Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. Prov 10:12; 1Pet 4:8;
- O: When confronted with an Apollos, what is your approach?

The Lighter Side

Rosh Chodesh 4, June 2014

The new moon should be visible within the realm of Israel on **June 29, 2014** Jerusalem Standard Time [JST] after sunset [1][2][3].

The Data:

Sunset 7:48 PM (JST) Moonset 9:06 PM Age 1.6d/30 since last

Illumination 4%

[1] Lunisolcal V4.5 (Voeking, 2013)

[2] Ephemeris V2.0 (Sachs, 2000-2001)

[3] SkyViewCafe V5.8.6 (Shetline, 2000-2013)

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The Feast Days of Yahweh (2014)

-	Abib 1 (Starts @ sunset Mar 31)	-	Apr 1
-	Yah'shua's Kiddush	Abib 13	Apr 13
-	Passover Memorial (at even)	Abib 14	Apr 14
I, II	Passover Feast (DUB)	Abib 15-21	Apr 15-21
-	Wave Sheaf	Abib 16	Apr 16
III	Feast of First Fruits (Pentecost)	Abib 16 + 49	Jun 4
IV	Feast of Trumpets	Day 1 of 7 th new moon	Sep 27
V	Atonement	Day 10 of 7 th new moon	Oct 6
VI	Feast of Booths (FOT)	Day 15-21 of 7 th new moon	Oct 11-17
VII	Last Great Day (8 th Day)	Day 22 of 7 th new moon	Oct



When Ignorance Begets Confidence

The Dunning-Kruger effect describes a cognitive bias in which people perform poorly on a task, but lack the meta-cognitive capacity to properly evaluate their performance. As a result, such people remain unaware of their incompetence and accordingly fail to take any self-improvement measures that might rid them of their incompetence.

... in other words, Stupid is as stupid does. ~ Forrest Gump



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<u>Notes</u>

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