

*Skia* – Foreshadows

Relationship, Not Religion...

Leviticus is the heart and soul of the Torah. In it, Yahweh presents His seven-part plan of salvation (the Miqra'ey) as well as the basis of His redemptive timeline (the Yowbel). The Miqra'ey, meaning "Called-Out Assemblies" begin in the spring with Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits. These are followed fifty days later by the celebratory ecumenical feast of Seven Sevens, known as "Weeks."

The first four Miqra'ey were not only prophetic, they were actually fulfilled, played out in human history during the Messiyah Yahushua's sixth advent. He sacrificed Himself as the Passover lamb on Nisan 14, which was Friday, April 1, 33 CE on our pagan calendars. He paid the penalty for our sins, voluntarily separating Himself from God, on Unleavened Bread the following day. This, the most important date in human history, occurred on a Sabbath, Nisan 15, in Yahweh's year 4000 (Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 33 CE on a Roman-Catholic calendar (Roman in the sense of Julian and Catholic in the sense of Gregorian)).

His mission accomplished, the Messiyah Yahushua rose as a celebration of the FirstFruits harvest of souls on Nisan 16 (April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 33 CE). Fifty days later, the Feast of Seven Sevens, known to Christians as "Pentecost," was fulfilled right on schedule on Sivan 6, 4000, making it May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 33 CE, when the Set-Apart Spirit came upon the *ekklesia* or "Out-Calling," adopting and empowering them.

Taruw'ah, often called "Trumpets," is the first of three Miqra'ey which have not yet been fulfilled. Yahweh's fall festivals coincide with the fall of man. Taruw'ah, which means to "shout for joy" and "to signal an alarm," is prophetic of the harvest of souls known as the "rapture."

This Miqra' is followed by Yom Kippurym, or the Day of Reconciliations, where we are summoned to come into God's presence or face the consequence (the annihilation of our soul). Prophetically, it signifies Yahushua's awesome and judgmental return to earth in the waning and terrible days of the Tribulation. And

based upon the evidence He has provided, we can count on His return being separated from His departure by exactly forty Yowbel (2,000 years).

Five days after His final advent, on the Miqra' of Sukah, known as "Tabernacles" and "Shelters," God will establish paradise on earth, ushering in the Millennial Sabbath and fulfilling the Miqra', by camping out with His creation. As such, it serves as the conclusion and it specifies the purpose of Yahweh's plan of salvation. God wants to camp out with us.

Since Rabbinic Judaism has corrupted the Miqra'ey, observing senseless religious rites in their stead, and Christendom has concealed them, substituting pagan holidays in their place, the vast preponderance of people living today are unaware of what the seven Miqra'ey represent. Only a tiny fraction of the world's populous understands that the Called-Out Assemblies are prophetic as well as instructive, telling us precisely when every significant event in Yahweh's plan of salvation has or will occur—as well as revealing the meaning behind them.

Therefore, this volume of *Yada Yahweh* will be devoted to presenting God's seven Miqra'ey as well as His Yowbel. Their historic context will be explored. Their purpose will be examined. Their current relevance will be asserted. And their prophetic implications, past, present, and future, will be revealed.

Each of the seven Miqra'ey and the Yowbel will have an entire chapter devoted to them. We will examine the role each played during the Exodus, during the Old Covenant, during the life of the Messiyah Yahushua, during the era of the Renewed Covenant, as well as what each portend prophetically.

After reiterating the importance of keeping the Sabbath—something else Christians fail to do, Yahweh introduced His *mow'ed*/meeting schedule with mankind, saying that His *qodesh*/set-apart *miqra'ey*/called-out assemblies should be *qara'*/proclaimed: **“These Godly ('el-leh) appointed symbolic meeting places and times (*mow'ed* – the designated periods which are related to others for a specific purpose authorized by the authority; the set-apart feast and festival celebrations of communion, the betrothal appointments) of Yahuweh, these related ('asher) set-apart (*qodesh*) assemblies of the called out (*miqra'ey* – rehearsals for calling us together; from *qara'*, to call out, to read, and recite), shall be proclaimed (*qara'* – called out, read aloud, and recited) in relationship to ('asher) their appointed symbolic meeting times (*mow'ed* – their fixed betrothal appointments where the assembly focuses on the specific purpose which was designated by the Authority).”** (Leviticus 23:4)

The Creator of the universe, the Author of Life, the one and only God and Savior, the singular Authority qualified to judge human souls, just announced that He had established some specific meeting times. You'd think that this would be sufficient to get our attention and attendance. But no; for sixteen centuries

Christian clerics have not only concealed these appointments, they have replaced each of them with a clever satanic counterfeit.

That was wrong; this is right: the *mow'ed* represent “specific meeting times” which could be considered “betrothal assemblies.” Their prophetic message is to be *qara'*: “proclaimed, called out, read aloud, and recited.” That is why they are named—*Miqra'ey*—“Called-Out Assemblies.” They are *asher* “related” to everything that is important to God. In the business of spiritual affairs, they are meetings with the Boss. These gatherings, often called “convocations,” are celebratory, replete with festivals and feasts. They are not only signals and signs of things to come, they build upon one another, leading to the desired conclusion.

As signals and signs, the *Miqra'ey* serve as “rehearsals” for actual events—the most important events in human history from God’s perspective. While some were drawn from history, commemorating the past, as rehearsals they were all directed toward a more important and more public future enactment.

The definition of “convocation” is telling: “a group of people gathered in answer to a summons.” We have been summoned to appear by the ultimate Judge. But, I dare say, most every Christian has missed most every date. Shame on us. Shame on every pastor, priest, and cleric. The mandate is clear. We are to “call out” these *Mow'ed Miqra'ey*: “address them by name, proclaim them, preach them, and publish them.” Our very soul is at stake.

And in this regard, *qodesh*, the Hebrew term used to define the *Mow'ed Miqra'ey*, is the same word Yahuweh consistently uses in reference to His Spirit—our source of eternal life by way of adoption into God’s family. So, it’s the “set-apart” *Miqra'ey*/Out-Calling, for the “set-apart” *Ekklesia*/Called-Out, for the purpose of uniting us with the *Qodesh* “Set-Apart” Spirit. You have to be rather dense not to see a pattern developing.

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Let’s begin our quest for understanding at the beginning—in the fourth day of Creation. **“God said, ‘There shall be lights (*ma'owr* – luminaries) in the expanse of the heavens to divide (*badal* – separate and set apart) day from night. And let them exist as symbols and signs (*'owth* – signals, distinguishing makers, and remembrances; non-verbal representations which have meaning; illustrations, examples, and metaphors which make something more clearly known; an accounting used in evaluating recompense and reward; communicative standards; an ensign at the end of an upright pole conveying the leader’s message to his followers) for the appointed symbolic meeting places and times (*mow'ed***

– the designated periods which are related to others for a specific purpose authorized by the authority; the set-apart celebrations of communion), **for days, and for years** (*sanah* – as a measure of life).” (Genesis 1:14)

*Mow’ed*, meaning “appointed meeting time and place,” *Chag*, meaning “celebratory festival feast,” and *Miqra’*, meaning “called-out assembly,” represent the three titles Yahweh uses in Leviticus to describe the celebration of His seven scheduled appointments with mankind. God introduced the first of these terms, *mow’ed*, on the fourth creative day. He was revealing that something, or more accurately, Someone, associated with Light would serve as an ‘*owth*/signal with regard to the *mow’ed*/appointed meetings, inferring that the first of these would be fulfilled in conjunction with mankind’s fourth millennium.

Speaking of *the* Someone who is to be equated with Light, God said: **“They exist as lights** (*ma’owr* – luminaries) **in the expanse of the heavens to give light** (*’owr*) **upon the earth, existing and established. God fashioned** (*’asah* – prepared, appointed, and instituted) **the two large luminaries** (*ma’owr*), **the greater** (*gadawl* – the more enormous in magnitude and intensity, the mighty, important and distinguished; from *gadal*, meaning “to be magnified and powerful; to make and do great things) **Light to rule** (*memshalah* – have dominion and authority over, to govern) **the day and the lesser** (*qatan* – smaller, insignificant, and unimportant, the younger chronologically, the lowly of status; from *quwt*, meaning loathed, opposed, abhorred, and detested) **luminary to govern the night** (*layil* – the absence of light), **and the stars.”** (Genesis 1:15-16)

The “insignificant, younger, lowly, and loathed luminary” is our Adversary, Satan—the spirit designed to make choice credible. The “greater and distinguished, magnified and powerful Light who can do all things” is our Savior, the Messiyah Yahushua.

Prophetically, and right on schedule, on the *Mow’ed Miqra’*/Appointed Meeting Time for the Called-Out Assembly of Sukah/Tabernacles, **“the greater light”** became visible to us as a wondrous indication that our Savior had arrived. “A child was born and a Son was given to us.” And just as a son is a diminished version of a father, this Son was a diminished manifestation of our Heavenly Father.

Demonstrating the connection between the Genesis 1:14-18 prophecy and its Tabernacles 2 BCE fulfillment was the centerpiece of the “*Chay-Life*” chapter. So rather than repeat that review, let’s instead contemplate how the Apostle Yahuchanan, known as John, connected the dots for us. Speaking of the beginning, Yahuchanan/John conveyed the connection between creation, the Word of God, Light, our spiritual adoption into our Heavenly Father’s family, Yahweh, Yahushua, the *Miqra’ey*, the Torah, and our resulting good fortune this

way...“**At** (*en*) **the beginning** (*arche* – initiation of the first cause) **existed** (*eimi* – was, is, and will be) **the Word** (*logos* – message and reason, the embodiment of conception), **and the Word** (*logos* – communication, teaching, and instruction) **existed** (*eimi* – exactly corresponding to, as an identical representation or stand in) **as a beneficial extension of** (*pros* – advantageously alongside and in association with) **Yahuweh** (ΘΝ – used as a placeholder for God’s name), **and also** (*kai*) **Yahuweh** (ΘΣ – as a placeholder for God’s name) **was, is, and will continue to be** (*eimi* – exists identically as and corresponds to, and is a representation and stand in for) **the Word** (*logos*).” (Yahuchanan/John 1:1)

If you open any English Bible, you will see “God” and not “Yahuweh” written in this verse and in the next. And if you check a concordance or interlinear, you will find that the title was based upon the Greek word for God “*theos*.” However, if you dig a bit deeper and explore what’s written on the earliest Greek manuscripts of the Renewed Covenant, those penned before Constantine and Catholicism in the first-, second-, and third-century, you won’t see *theos* on any page. Not once, not ever. A placeholder is used instead, either ΘΣ, ΘΥ, ΘΩ, or ΘΝ is depicted, each with a horizontal line drawn over them.

There are six other placeholders which are universally applied in all of the earliest extant manuscripts. They are ΙΥ, ΙΣ, and ΙΝ for “Yahushua;” ΚΣ, ΚΥ, ΚΩ, and ΚΝ for “Upright One;” ΧΣ, ΧΥ, ΧΩ, and ΧΝ for “Messiyah—the Implement of Yah;” ΠΝΑ, ΠΝΣ, and ΠΝΙ for “Spirit” as in our Spiritual Mother, the Set-Apart Spirit; ΠΠ, ΠΠΣ, ΠΠΙ and ΠΠΑ for our Heavenly “Father;” and ΥΣ, ΥΥ, ΥΩ, and ΥΝ for “Son.”

While we will delve into the reasons for deploying placeholders in great detail later in *Yada Yahweh*, suffice it to say for now that the most rational explanation for them is two fold. First, neither Yahweh nor Yahshua can be accurately transliterated in the Greek alphabet, so rather than making a mess of God’s name, the writers of the Renewed Covenant all used placeholders. They knew that that we could easily find the proper pronunciation by examining the Hebrew Torah, Prophets, and Psalms.

And second, with regard to God’s titles, rather than writing out the Greek terms, placeholders were used so that we would be encouraged to examine their Hebrew equivalents, and thereby come to better appreciate their full meaning in the context of Scripture. This straight-forward approach to the existence of the placeholders is affirmed by the fact that Yahushua consistently told His audience to look to the Torah, Prophets, and Psalms for answers, and because there are countless citations of Old Covenant passages in the Renewed Covenant, showing us exactly what terms and concepts each of the placeholders represent.

**“This manifestation of equivalence** (*houtos* – marker which demonstrates similarity) **existed** (*eimi* – was) **in** (*en*) **the beginning** (*archei* – the initiation of the process, the first cause and origin) **along side** (*pros* – favorably with and for the advantage of) **Yahuweh** ( $\Theta$ N – used as a placeholder for God’s name).” (Yahuchanan/John 1:2) Yahushua is a diminished manifestation of Yahweh, set apart from Him to enlighten and save us. That is to say, Yahushua is part of Yahweh, and not a separate individual or persona.

**“Everything** (*pas* – all things, totality and completeness, the beginning and the end) **came to exist** (*ginomai* – appeared, became real, experienced, and known) **through** (*dia* – by way of, on behalf of, because of, and on account of) **Him** (*autou* – the manifestation of equivalence). **Without** (*choris* – apart from, independent of, separated from) **Him** (*autos*), **nothing** (*oude*) **exists** (*ginomai*).” (Yahuchanan/John 1:3) *Ginomai* and *ginosko* are related words. Yahushua *ginomai* “appeared in our place and time” and was “experienced” by us so that we might *ginosko* “come to know, recognize, be aware of, learn about, understand, acknowledge, and become familiar with” God—our *ginomai* “source of existence.”

Equating “life” with “light,” and linking these concepts to the “sign” made manifest in the fourth day, we read: **“In** (*en*) **Him** (*autos*) **life** (*zoe*) **exists** (*eimi*), **and the Life** (*zoe*) **exists as** (*eimi*) **the Light** (*phos* - luminary) **of men** (*anthropos* – humankind). **And the Light** (*phos*) **appeared in, became visible and known** (*phaino* – was brought forth, was seen, and shined) **in** (*en*) **the darkness** (*skotia* – in the evil world and realm), **but** (*kai*) **the sinful and lightless world** (*skotia* – darkness) **did not** (*ou*) **comprehend and acknowledge** (*katalambanomai* – understand and choose to associate with, grasp hold of, or develop a relationship with) **Him** (*autos*).” (Yahuchanan/John 1:4-5)

This passage not only forms a bridge to the fourth day of Genesis, it presents the Light as the bridge to life. The compound Greek word *katalambanomai* is comprised of *kata*, meaning “to be in accord with” and *lambano* meaning “to receive, grasp hold of, and claim for one’s self” the Light so that we might experience Life.

Speaking of the Yahuchanan the Immerser, **“He went out and came forth** (*erchomai*) **to** (*eis*) **witness** (*martyria* – testify with first-hand knowledge to the reputation and evidence) **in order to** (*hina*) **testify** (*martyreo* – speak on behalf of) **concerning** (*peri* – with regard to) **the Light** (*photos*) **so that the result would be** (*hina* – for the purpose) **that all** (*pas* – everyone) **would think and trust** (*pisteuo* – rely upon the [Light’s] trustworthiness) **based upon his account** (*dia autos* – through him).” (Yahuchanan/John 1:7)

Fulfilling the promise of Genesis 1:14-16: **“The True and Reliable** (*alethinos* – authentic and genuine, that which bears the name and resemblance, corresponding to in every respect) **Light** (*phos*) **who** (*hos*) **exists** (*eimi*) **to enlighten** (*photizo* – provide light and make known, shine upon and illuminate, to bring light and render evident to) **all** (*pas*) **mankind** (*anthropos*), **came** (*erchomai* – arrived from another place to appear before the public) **into** (*eis*) **the world** (*kosmos* – universe).” (Yahuchanan/John 1:9)

I capitalized “True and Reliable” because the late first-, and early second-century manuscripts of this passage rendered *alentnos* with a placeholder (ANO), suggesting that it was a divine title in which a more complete understanding could be derived by searching the Torah, Prophets, and Psalms. Therefore, Yahushua is being equated to the message in Genesis One which began: **“God said, ‘Let there be light, and light existed. God saw** (perceived and regarded, appeared and presented Himself, became visible and distinguished that) **the light was good** (pleasant, cheerful, and agreeable; of a higher nature; beautiful, valuable, beneficial, and prosperous, and thus reliable and true).” And as you may recall, there were four equally valid ways to convey the meaning of these Hebrew words, all of which are relevant here. **“God** (*elohiym*) **said** (*‘amar*), **‘Let there be** (*hayah*) **light** (*‘owr*) **and light** (*‘owr*) **existed** (*hayah*),” or **“Let Him be light and He was light,”** or **“I was, am, and will be Light, always existing as light,”** even **“Yahuweh is Light and Yahushua shall become light.”** (Genesis 1:3)

Speaking of this Light, the Apostle went on to reveal: **“He came to exist in the world, and the universe came into being through Him, and yet the world did not come to know, recognize, acknowledge, or understand** (*ginosko* – becoming known to or one with) **Him. He came to His own** (*idios*), **and yet those who were His own did not come close and receive** (*paralambano* – accept, join themselves to, firmly grasp hold of, or closely associate with) **Him.”** (Yahuchanan/John 1:10) It’s sad but true. God Himself came into our world but we did not even recognize Him. And that means that God didn’t fit man’s image of God.

While the purpose of this review was to demonstrate the correlation between the prophecy regarding Yah’s *mow’ed* Miqra’ey, the arrival of the Greater Light, and mankind’s fourth millennium as predicted in Genesis and its fulfillment as depicted in John, entire libraries could be filled from their basements to the heavens trying to convey the full measure of what follows. It serves as a confirmation and summary of everything we have uncovered thus far and of everything we will discover as we press on through the Word.

So, to set the scene, we have just been told that God, who is Light, came to exist in our dark world. And yet, most men, including His own people, failed to recognize Him as such. You see, Yahweh doesn’t fit the religious conception of

deity. Unlike religious and political leaders, God doesn't want to be worshiped with men groveling at His feet, kissing His ring. He doesn't want to be seen standing on a pedestal talking down to men. He doesn't want statues erected to Him (most certainly not crucifixes). He has no interest in wielding His power or demonstrating His authority. He most especially has no interest in control.

God bowed down, humbled, and diminished Himself so that we might choose to accept Him, trust Him, form a familial relationship with Him, and love Him. He came into our world to rescue us, paying our penalty, so that He could bring us home—to His home. Yah wants to be our Father, not our lord and master.

All we have to do to live forever with Yahweh is use our freewill—the power of choice—to grasp hold of the opportunity He has given us to become His children—reborn spiritually into God's family. But don't accept my word on it. God revealed...**“But to the degree that they received, grasped hold of, and associated with Him, to them He granted the right of choice as the expression of freewill and the opportunity to become Yahweh's children. Come to exist reborn in this place and experience this by relying upon His personal and proper name, that is not out of blood, nor out of the desires of the flesh, nor out of the decisions and designs of man, but instead being born unto Father Yahuweh.”**

Now that you have the gist of what God promised, here is the same passage more fully translated and amplified...**“But (*de* – by contrast) to the degree that (*hosos* – to as many as, and so long as) they received, grasped hold of, and associated with (*lambano* – joined themselves to, acknowledged, and accepted) Him, to them He granted the right of choice (*exousia* – the expression of freewill, liberty, power of individual authority) and the opportunity to become (*didomi* – making the payment so as to allow, and giving them the right to be) Yahweh's (ΘY – as a placeholder for God's name) children (*tekna* – sons and daughters). Come to exist in this place and experience this by (*ginomai* – come to acquire and experience this characteristic, state, and status, and arrive by way of being reborn) relying (*pisteuo* – thinking to be trustworthy and true, having the confidence to place your complete trust) upon (*eis* – in) His (*autos*) personal and proper name (*onoma*), that is (*hos*) not (*oude*) out of (*ek* – from or by means of) blood (*haima*), nor (*oude*) out of (*ek* – from or by means of) the desires (*thelematos* – purpose, decisions, intent, wishes, and will) of the flesh (*sarx* – corporeal and physical body and human nature), nor (*oude*) out of (*ek* – from or by means of) the decisions and designs (*thelematos* – intent, wishes, and will) of man (*andros*), but instead and by contrast (*alla*) born unto Father (*egennethesan* – based on *gennaos*, brought forth into existence by a father who is) Yahuweh (ΘY – used as a placeholder for God's name).” (Yahuchanan/John 1:11-13)**

Mankind was given freewill so that we might make the choice to associate with God, availing us with the opportunity to become Yahweh's children. Choice is therefore, the only inalienable human right.

*Teknon*, or in the plural, *tekna*, is *the* goal. It is *the* reason—for *everything*. We have been given the opportunity to become part of Yahweh's family because God wants the pleasure of our company. Imagine that!

Fully amplified, *tekna*, in addition to “children, offspring, and sons and daughters” defines “an intimate and reciprocal relationship formed between individuals, especially with regard to the bonds formed between a parent and a child.” A *tekna* relationship is “based upon love, affection, friendship, and trust.” In one word, Yahuchanan has conveyed the very essence of the *beriyth*/covenant and the entire purpose of Scripture.

But of course to capitalize upon this magnanimous gift, one has to “rely upon, have confidence in, and consider trustworthy and true” a “personal and proper name” which has been completely copyedited out of Scripture. If that does not make you want to undue the damage the religious community has done, and share Yahweh's name every chance you get, I don't know what would.

The deeper we dig into the annals of etymology, the better it gets. *Tekna* is derived from *timoria*, which means “to render help and assistance.” And *timoria* is derived from *timoreo*, meaning “to become a guardian and succor.” Since succor isn't a commonly used English term, you might be interested to know that *Merriam-Webster's Dictionary* defines it as: “to run to the rescue, to bring aid, and to furnish relief.” So *tekna* not only defines Yahweh's objective and mankind's opportunity, it describes the means God has deployed to accomplish our shared goal.

*Tekna*, as the means to the end, and the way to God, lies at the heart of the *mow'ed* Miqra'ey. And they serve as Yahweh's seven-step path home. And as such, “home,” Yahweh's Sukah, His Tabernacle and Shelter, is the pivotal term in this next verse. **“And (*kai*) the (*ho*) Word (*logos*) became (*ginomai* – came to exist and appeared publicly on the stage of history as) **human and corporeal** (*sarx* – flesh) **and** (*kai* – then) **Tabernacled** (*skenoo* – took up residence and lived, camping out) **with and among** (*en*) **us** (*ego*), **and** (*kai*) **we beheld** (*theaomai* – visited with, looked upon, and contemplated) **His** (*autos*) **status and reputation** (*doxa* – brilliant, shining, radiant splendor and glorious greatness, honor, and power), **as** (*hos* – identical to) **the unique, one and only begotten** (*monogenous*) **from** (*para* – as an extension of) **the Father** (ΙΙΡΣ – *patros* – parent), **full of** (*pleres* – totally filled and complete with, not lacking any) **good will, loving kindness, undeserved favors** (*charis* – unmerited gifts, grace, joy)**

**or truth** (*aletheia* – authenticity, honesty, and trustworthiness).” (Yahuchanan/John 1:14)

The connection between the promise that the Greater Light would become visible to us as a sign in conjunction with Yahweh’s *mow’ed*/meeting schedule in the fourth millennium of human history, and Yahucanan’s confirmation, is now complete, right down to naming the day we first laid our eyes upon Him—the Miqra’ of Sukah.

This is further explained when we examine *mono* more closely. It means “to be one of a kind who travels and abides in a place and time which is separated from their base or source.” *Genous* is from *ginomai*, “to come into existence, appear publicly on the stage of history, to fulfill, receive, and arise.”

Turning our attention to the Miqra’ of Sukah, or Tabernacles, Tents, and Shelters, the connection is lost on most people because *skenoo* is rendered “dwell” in every English translation. Mind you, it isn’t that translators don’t know that *katoikeo* and *oikeo* are the Greek words for “dwell.” And any scholar worth his splendid doctoral robes knows that *skenoo* means “to establish one’s tabernacle.” After all, the only derivative of *skenoo* found in the Renewed Covenant, *skenoma* is rendered “tabernacle” each time it appears. So there is a reason the clerical ones collectively chose to mistranslate *skenoo*/Tabernacle. And I dare say that the only reasonable conclusion is that they had no respect for the Miqra’ of Sukah and preferred the pagan celebration of Christmas instead. So they concealed the truth in preference to their counterfeit. It is how religions are made.

**“For this reason** (*hoti* – by way of identification and explanation) **out of** (*ek* – by means of and as an extension of) **His substance and completeness** (*pleroma* – contents which fill up) **we** (*ego*) **all** (*pas* – each are totally completed and) **receive** (*lambano* – accept, grasp hold of, acquire, obtain, experience, and benefit from) **unearned favor** (*charin* – the gracious gift of loving kindness, mercy, good will, and acceptance which are undeserved and absolutely free) **and also** (*kai*) **great joy** (*chariots* – abundant and attractive life in overwhelming gladness and pleasure).” (Yahuchanan/John 1:16) It’s hard to beat the deal Yahweh is offering.

Because the next sentence is often mistranslated and misconstrued, I’d like you to read it through once before I amplify it. **“For the reason the Torah through Moses was given, acceptance and truth through the Messiyah Yahushua came to exist.”** One simply led to the other. The Messiyah Yahushua, who is the Truth, the living manifestation of Yahweh, leaps out of the pages of the Torah, and appears in our world to accept us.

Now, here it is again, fully expanded: **“For the reason** (*hoti*) **the Torah** (*nomos* – prescriptions, instructions, and law) **through** (*dia* – by means of) **Moses**

(*Moeoes* – a transliteration of Mosheh meaning to draw out) **was given** (*didomi* – granted as a gift, and bestowed for our advantage), **acceptance** (*charis* – joyous favor, loving kindness) **and** (*kai* – also) **truth** (*aletheia* – the manifestation, appearance, and verification of essence of the matter) **through** (*dia*) **the Messiyah** (XY – placeholder for Implement of Yah) **Yahushua** (IY – placeholder for Yah-Saves) **came to exist** (*ginomai* – were fulfilled and completed, happening in human history).” (Yahuchanan/John 1:17)

Directly from an interlinear we read: **“Because the law through Moses was given, the grace and the truth through the Messiyah Yahushua became.”** The Torah wasn’t replaced by Grace. The Torah is the source of Grace.

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Before we examine Tabernacles, and the other six Miqra’ey, in the context of the Torah, let’s look deeper into what the Renewed Covenant has to say about their relevance. One of the more interesting discussions regarding Yahuweh’s Feasts occurs in Paul’s letter to the Colossians. The passage, and the context in which it resides, is one of the most misunderstood in Scripture, and that is partly because the most important insights are concealed by corrupted translations.

For example, the discussion includes a verse which has been errantly rendered to suggest that all of God resided bodily in the Messiyah—a logical and physical impossibility. All of God won’t fit anywhere. If Yahshua represented the undiminished totality of God, His physical presence would have instantly incinerated all life on earth and obliterated our planet, solar system, and galaxy.

The second misconception portends that the “law,” and therefore the “Torah” was nailed to the “cross” and thus made obsolete. The implication here is that the “Gospels” abrogated the “Old Testament.” Many of Christendom’s myths have been fabricated on this absurd premise.

These corruptions were followed by a verse used by many to errantly suggest that the “Feasts of the Lord” are now passé. In religious minds, Christmas and Easter trump Tabernacles and Passover—Sunday has replaced the Sabbath. If it were true, then there would be no benefit to understanding what Yahuweh had to say about His seven Called-Out Assemblies.

But in actuality, the Renewed Covenant says that Yahuweh’s Festival Feasts actually predict and foreshadow that which is to come, as does the Sabbath. Therefore, by examining Passover, Unleavened Bread, FirstFruits, Seven Sevens, Trumpets, Reconciliations, and Tabernacles we will find that just as the exact

dates of the Messiah's sacrifice on Passover, Unleavened Bread, and FirstFruits were predictable in 33 CE, a thousand years before they occurred, we can now precisely date the beginning of the Tribulation (Kislev 4, 5993/Saturday, November 14, 2026), the moment Yahshua will return (Tishri 10, 6000/Monday October 3, 2033), and the beginning of the Millennial Sabbath (Tishri 15, 6000/Saturday October 8, 2033). Moreover, in the Fall of 2008, we can also narrow down the time of the Taruw'ah/Trumpets harvest known as the rapture to one of eighteen remaining days, with the Sabbath of Tishri 1, 2023 or the Sabbath of Tishri 1, 2026 being the most likely. But even more than this, by understanding Yahweh's prophetic picture and plan, we will get to know Him better.

With all of the misconceptions regarding the feasts and prophetic events swirling around the pundits of religion, let's see what the author of relationships had to say through His implement Saul. More than anyone on the planet at the time the divine writ was being completed, Paul, as a Tanach (a Hebrew acronym for Torah, Prophets, and Psalms) scholar, recognized that the Renewed Covenant was simply the affirmation and fulfillment of the Old. With that in mind, let's dive into his letter to the set-apart assembly at Colossae to see if we can make sense of what has confused so many.

Paul began by articulating the message of Yahushua, which put him in the center of Yahweh's will, making him useful and productive. He was engaged in the business of educating others about how to form a reciprocal familial relationship with God. In this regard you will notice that he calls Timothy his brother, as well as those he was writing to in Colossae, because they all shared the same Heavenly Father and Spiritual Mother. They were family.

**“Paulos, one who is sent forth with the message of (*apostolos*) the Messiah (XPY – placeholder for Implement of Yah) Yahushua (IHY – placeholder for Yah-Saves) through (*dia*) the desire, choice, and pleasure (*thelema* – the will, mind, and purpose) of Yahuweh (ΘY – placeholder for God's name), and our brother (*adelphos*) Timotheos (meaning one who values God), to the set-apart (*hagios* – revered and cleansed) in Colossae, to those trusting (*pistos* – convinced and reliant) brothers in the Messiah (XPΩ). Grace (*charis* – unmerited favor and mercy, loving-kindness and joy) and a state of a unified and reciprocal relationship (*eirene*) to you from Yahuweh (ΘY), our Father (ΠΠΙ).” (Colossians 1:1-2)**

As a reminder, the capitalized Greek letters within the parenthesis represent the placeholders used throughout all of the 70 extant first-, second-, and third-century Renewed Covenant manuscripts for the two names and five titles attributable to Yahuweh, Yahushua, and the Set Apart Spirit. The names were not transliterated and written out because there was no Y, H, or W sound attributable to the letters in the Greek alphabet. The titles were represented by placeholders

rather than translated words because the Hebrew terms were more accurate and descriptive than their closest Greek replacements. Furthermore, by using placeholders rather than transliterations and translations, we are required by design to examine Hebrew Scripture to understand Greek—viewing the Renewed Covenant through the perspective of the Old.

By way of example, in Hebrew, the language of divine revelation, *'ab*, the term for “father” is the first word listed in most dictionaries (it is Strong’s 1). In paleo-Hebrew, it is comprised of two symbols, an ox’s head as an indication of strength and power, and a tent, representing family and home. It is thus symbolic of the covenant and indicates that when we put our Heavenly Father first, we get to live in His home.

To solve the deficiencies inherent in the Greek language, there is a considerable effort currently underway by well-meaning Yahuwdaym to suggest that the Renewed Covenant was originally scribed in Aramaic and then translated into Greek. On the positive side, in the Aramaic Peshitta, the names and titles attributed to God were accurately conveyed. But while the claim of linguistic authorship may be true, and at times even helpful in removing Roman Catholic corruptions, there is a problem with the language theory. The oldest extant Aramaic Renewed Covenant fragment dates to the sixth century and the oldest Peshitta manuscript dates to the eleventh century. Therefore, until much older texts are found, even as translations, the 70 pre-Constantine, first through third-century Greek manuscripts of the Renewed Covenant remain the most reliable witness of Yahushua’s testimony.

Paul goes on to say: **“We have heard of (*akouo* – are aware of and have paid attention to) **your reliance on (*pistis* – trust and confidence in) the Messiah (XPY – Implement of Yah) Yahushua (IHY – Yah Saves), and the love (*agape* – the choice to affectionately regard others) **you have (*echo* – possess) for all of those who are set apart (*hagios* – cleansed and purified, those souls brought into God’s presence and community, those separated for God’s purpose).”** (Colossians 1:4) It is as simple as this: rely on Yahushua and you will be cleansed and brought into Yahweh’s presence, joining the family of those who are set apart.****

*Agape* is “love resulting from a conscious evaluation and choice.” As such, it is one of the most appropriate and telling of terms—literally defining the purpose of Yahweh’s Word and the intent of His plan. It is also revealing that *agape* is “love manifest in an attitude of appreciation.” In the plural, *Agapai* was the word Messianic Yahuwdaym (then known as the “Followers of the Way,” and today as the early Christian Church) used to describe the “love feasts of Yahuweh, the public assemblies they observed in connection with the celebration of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and FirstFruits.”

Eternal life in heaven awaits those who rely on Yahushua. And the means to this optimal outcome is the Word. **“As a consequence** (*dia* – as a result of this, through this way, in a future time you will proceed from here to there because) **you have the expectation** (*elpis* – confidence and trust in the future prospect) **reserved for and awaiting** (*apokeimai* – established and existing for) **you in heaven** (*ouranos* – the abode of God), **which** (*hos*) **you previously came to hear and understand** (*proakouo*) **in** (*en*) **the Word** (*logos*) **of Truth** (*aletheia* – that which is objectively verifiable and is in accord with the facts) **that of the good news of the healing Messenger** (*euaggelion*) **present with, inside, and among you** (*pareimi eis* – having arrived, existing in your presence).” (Colossians 1:5-6)

The reason that it is important to start with Paul’s introduction, rather than just jump into his commentary on the prophetic nature of the Miqra’ey, is to appreciate how the apostle operated. First, he named the author of the message he was sharing (Yahushua). Then he articulated the source of his authority (Yahuweh). Third, he said that the purpose of his message was to help others establish a familial and reciprocal relationship with the Father. The means to this grace-based and joyous condition—that experienced here on earth and awaiting us in heaven—was hearing and understanding the written Word and accepting Yahushua’s healing message. When this is done, Paul tells us that God comes to live within us, forming a loving and growing relationship which sets us apart unto Him.

Speaking of the message and Messenger having arrived and being present with the Colossians, Paul’s Scriptural love letter says that: **“In the same way** (*kathos* – accordingly, and in the same manner, proportion and degree, just as) **also it** [the Word] **and He** [Yahushua] **exist** (*eimi*) **within** (*en* – in, near, and among) **all others of similar status** (*panti* – everyone belonging to the same class or group) **in the world** (*kosmos* – universe), **bearing fruit** (*karpophoreo* – being effective, productive, causing good results) **and enabling growth** (*auxano* – speaking of an outside power stimulating, nurturing, and increasing life, empowering us to reach its full potential and become greater), **just as** (*kathos*) **also it and He is in and with you, setting you apart** (*apo*) **the day you listened and understood** (*akouso*), **came to fully know and receive** (*epiginosko* – were acquainted with, becoming completely aware of, recognizing, acknowledging, comprehending, and accepting) **Yahweh’s** (ΘΥ – God’s) **grace** (*charis* – unearned favor, generous and helpful gift given out of love and kindness) **by way of the divinely disclosed and verifiable truth** (*aletheias* – the manifest essence and appearance of unveiled truthfulness and uprightness).” (Colossians 1:6)

Yahushua is the diminished, human manifestation of Yahuweh, who came into our world to expose the nature and purpose of God, to reveal the truth, and to execute Yahuweh’s plan to give humankind the most wonderful gift in the

universe. To that end, *charis* is “grace.” *Charitoo* is “to bestow an unearned and unmerited favor.” *Charisma* is “a gift.” *Charizomai* is “to bestow freely.” *Chairo* is “to rejoice and to be very happy.”

These things known, contemplate the power of what comes next: **“The familial love (*agape* – affection resulting from a conscious evaluation and choice) in and with (*en*) the Spirit (IINI – placeholder for *Ruwach*) is the reason (*dia* – and the way) we also are set apart (*apo*) and have not ceased (*pauo*) since the day we heard and understood the message (*akouo*). Our communicated advocacy (*proseuchomai* – prayer; from *pros*, to advantageously come near and *euchomai*, to express one’s desires conversationally) for you asks for (*aiteo* – calls for) you to be filled (*pleroo* – liberally supplied) with correct and precise knowledge regarding (*epignosis* – to become thoroughly acquainted with and accurately know the evidence pertaining to) His (*autos*) purpose and will (*thelema*) in (*en*) all (*pas*) insight and wisdom (*sophia* – intelligent understanding based upon experience and full and accurate knowledge, discretion and judgment) and the awareness that connects and relates things (*synesis* – promotes discernment by bringing together what is known) by way of the Spirit (IINI – *Ruwach*).”** (Colossians 1:8-9)

This passage includes a lesson in how to think, and therefore it reveals the most prudent path toward the goal of understanding the mind and purpose of God. This instruction was so important, it became *the* prayer of the apostles. Therefore, it bears repeating: **“Our communicated advocacy (prayer, advantageous conversation) for you asks for you to be filled (liberally supplied) with correct and precise knowledge regarding (to become thoroughly acquainted with and accurately know the evidence pertaining to) His purpose and will in all insight and wisdom (*sophia* – intelligent understanding based upon experience and full and accurate knowledge, discretion and judgment) and the awareness that connects and relates things (*synesis* – promotes discernment by bringing together what is known) by way of the Spirit.”**

According to God, thinking which leads to understanding combines “an accurate assessment and awareness of all the evidence,” which is “knowledge” combined with “discernment,” which is the ability to evaluate the evidence judgmentally.” This instruction presupposes that one without the other is useless. God’s teaching even defines “discernment” as “the ability to make connections.” Wisdom is the result of seeing the relationships between things. It is the essence of being judgmental and it results in accurate, moral, logical, and civil conclusions which are based upon fact, not opinion.

The reason this message is so vital is twofold. First, there is nothing more important than knowing God in the sense of recognizing who He is and what He said as well as acknowledging Him, accepting Him, and electing to rely upon

Him. The apostles' prayer was for us to be "liberally filled with correct and precise information" about God and the best place to achieve that goal is to study the Word as it was revealed. And that means that man's corruptions must be removed, as they pollute the evidence. In computer jargon: "garbage in—garbage out."

The second aspect of rational thought requires judgment—the ability to properly assess the evidence, to make the proper connections between things, and thus to be logical, discerning, and discriminating. Access to all of the evidence in the world does you no good if you can't process it rationally—if you don't understand how the pieces fit together. In fact, without a functioning filter and proper perspective, "liberally supplied information" just adds to one's confusion. It's like dumping a thousand-piece puzzle on a table and not having an idea as to how to put it together.

But on the other hand, even the most logical and rational judge can't render a just verdict if he or she has access to insufficient information or considers contaminated evidence. Valid conclusions require adequate and accurate data.

Satan, being a cunning old schemer, uses this equation in most all of his deceitful and oppressive political and religious schemes. Where he can (such as in Communist and Islamic countries today, or in Catholic countries prior to the Reformation), the Adversary uses his minions to conceal information, to make access to the truth difficult, or to corrupt the facts. His tools include inquisitions, iron curtains, control of the media, propaganda, and limits on free speech.

However, in the West, and particularly with the birth of the internet, where it has become difficult to conceal and control information, Satan's little helpers strive to make judgment a crime. Such is the purpose of the Socialist Secular Humanist's replacement moral code known as "Political Correctness." It makes being discriminating and judgmental a sin, whereby the advocate of reasoning is humiliated and banished from public forums. From the PC "tolerant" and "multi-cultural" perspective, there is no right or wrong and therefore mutually exclusive and opposed dogmas are deemed to be equally valid. So why choose between them?

When either side of the equation tampered with, freewill becomes irrelevant because making an informed rational decision is impossible. Without freewill, the masses are not only easy to control, the number of people who break out of the societal matrix and come to know and accept the Truth becomes infinitesimal. This is man's and Satan's win-win strategy.

I have personally taken the time to demonstrate to Humanists, Muslims, Catholics, Mormons, religious Jews, and Protestant Christians that based upon the evidence their position is irrational and thus untrue. And while they are unable to

refute anything I share with time on the basis of fact or reason, it makes no difference to them. They are unwilling to let go of the lies which separate them from God no matter how overwhelmingly or convincingly they are exposed.

In political arena, the 53% of Americans who voted for Obama, a political unknown, based solely upon his promises are evidence of this. So are the 47% of Americans who voted for McCain. While they had had a lifetime of evidence to evaluate, they were unable to process it rationally or morally, and recognize that he had become a hypocrite akin to George W. Bush.

Before we leave this passage, please note that it begins by sharing that “familial love” is a direct benefit of understanding the Word, but more than that, it credits the Set Apart Spirit for this result. Then Paul explains something I’ve long wrestled with. From the moment he was exposed to the truth everything changed. He was consumed with a desire to share what he had discovered. Those who pretend to have a relationship with God, and yet are content to wave their arms in church, listen to a sermon, and drop a few shekels into the pot, aren’t acting as if they have been reborn into the most exciting family in the universe. I know; I used to be one of them, and I was living a lie. Our passion for God’s business is the barometer between *faith* on one hand versus *trust* on the other. Do you *believe* that God exists or do you *know* Him—*yada* Yahweh?

Based upon Colossians 1:8-9, there are two things required to cross the divide between faith and trust, between belief and knowing. The first is “**an abundance of correct and precise knowledge.**” The second is discernment: “**an awareness which connects and relates things.**” Therefore, the crux of the Scriptural message has been surmised in these opening words. God wants us to have a loving familial relationship with Him. The only means to that state is for us to be given the choice to love Yahweh, hate Him, or ignore Him. Love cannot be compelled. This known, the central ingredient of choice is the possession of accurate data and judgment, the ability to be discerning, the moral capacity to discriminate between right and wrong, good and evil, the things of God and the things of man.

While I recognize that I’m being repetitive here, this passage, combined with the opening stanza of John, encapsulates the mission of *Yada Yahweh*. Freewill, access to accurate information, and rational thinking, collectively compel people to choose to form a relationship with Yahweh. A curtailment or corruption in any of these things has the opposite effect. In other words, these Renewed Covenant verses provide a succinct summery of the message I’m trying to convey.

Having freedom of choice has no value if either access to information is curtailed or judgment is incapacitated. As I hinted at earlier, for a thousand years the Catholic Church ruled over its victims by limiting the people’s access to

God's Word. It was a crime punishable by death to own a copy of the Scriptures. Today, Communists and Muslims oppress their victims by outlawing free speech and freedom of the press. However, things are no better in America or Europe even though Westerners are awash in information.

While I stated earlier in this chapter that mankind's only inalienable right was to choose, for that God-given right to have any value, people must also have the right to know and the right to be judgmental. The purpose of the *neshama*, or conscience, God's unique gift to humankind, is to help us filter the evidence and make the right choice. We were given eyes and ears so that we might know, minds so that we might understand, and a conscience so that we might prudently discern the purpose of God and the way of the Spirit.

Introductions made and purpose stated, we turn now to the second chapter of Colossians. In context, the most prominent Hebrew scholar of the day revealed that men ruled and fleeced others with false and foolish, seductively deceitful human philosophies and traditions. **“Be discerning and see to it (*blepo* - come to understand by carefully evaluating the evidence so) that no one takes control of you, leading you away in submission (*sulagogeo* - robs you and misleads you, taking you captive, victimizing or brainwashing you with religious error or false teaching) by way of (*dia* - on account of) philosophy (*philosophia* - human wisdom and understanding, the love of science, theology, and humanistic thought) and meritless, empty, and vain (*kenos* - failed, false, and futile, foolish and worthless) deceit (*apate* - trickery and deception, seductive delusions leading to dissipation) according to (*kata*) the traditions and teachings (*paradosis* - the transmission of legends, customs, and doctrines which are often used to suppress and rule, [read the religions and political systems]) of man (*anthropos*) according to (*kata*) the rudimentary basic and natural elements of (*stoicheion*) the world (*kosmos* - universe) rather than according to the Messiah (XPY - placeholder for the Implement of Yah)...”** (Colossians 2:8)

We have been given a choice: man or God, deceit or truth, religion or relationship, death or life. This is a stunningly important passage for those who have acquiesced to the cultural norm, those who are political and/or religious. If you are, the antidote for these things is discernment—a judgmental review of evidence. (I was once very religious, to the point of being an elder and evangelist. I was once very political, to the point of holding fundraisers for presidential candidates in my home. But as a direct result of comparing man's religious and political endeavors to what I was encountering in Scripture, I disavowed all such associations.)

In this regard, *sulagogeo* speaks of those who become the prey of others—of those who allow others to control them. They are literally carried off and kidnapped as booty. Figuratively, they are robbed of their relationship with God

by way of false religious teaching. In fact, the Latin word from which we derive “religion” means to “to bind” just as *sulagogeo* speaks of making people captives.

While the purpose of all religions is to bind the masses to cleric and king, there is one religion which is completely embodied by *sulagogeo*: Islam. Not only is Islam Arabic for “submission,” the religion was initially funded by kidnapping and the slave trade—making booty of men. If you are unaware of this, read *Prophet of Doom* starting with the “Pedophile Pirate” chapter.

In Colossians 2:8, *kenos* describes that which is “aimless and meaningless, senseless, devoid of morality and value.” It is “a lifeless vacuum in which nothing good exists.” It is not only “untrue,” but “vain” in the sense of “failed, frivolous, as well as arrogant.” *Kenos* even conveys the notion of “irrational, unjustifiable, foolish stupidity.” As I study the philosophy of man, especially as it is manifest in Socialist Secular Humanism, with its moral code and its requisite account of the spontaneous generation of the universe leading to life, I cannot help but see *kenos* in every word. Believing ourselves wise, we have become fools.

*Apate* is another insightful term. It is best described as “a beguiling delusion which leads to dissipation—to foolishly and wastefully becoming so insignificant as to completely vanish, no longer existing.” As such, it describes the fate awaiting those victimized by religion and politics—their souls will cease to exist.

The world is full of seductive schemes. Muhammad and Allah told Muslims that the “reward for killing atheists, Christians, and Jews was a paradise filled with perpetual virgins and rivers running with wine.” Popes wove a beguiling religion around the myths of Mystery Babylon to lure Roman Catholics into believing that they held the keys to heaven, and thus that trusting in them, submitting to them, paying them, led to paradise. Jewish rabbis said that they were the arbitrators of a nameless g-d’s will, and that acknowledging them as such, and following their interpretations and rules, led to heaven. With Socialist Secular Humanists, they promise utopia on earth, and yet the more they are empowered, the more depraved and hellish earth becomes.

In a passage replete with revealing words, *paradosis* is another jewel. It conveys “a teaching or tradition which is handed down over time, generation to generation, to which people acquiesce and surrender.” Such human designs become customs over time and are followed habitually by the masses without thinking. Examples of *kenos apate* traditions are: Sunday worship services, bowing down, partaking in the Eucharist or Communion apart from Passover, observing Lent, Easter, Halloween, and Christmas, calling Yahweh “Lord,” and the Messiyah Yahshua “Jesus Christ,” referring to the called-out assembly as “the Christian church,” praying to Mary, acknowledging a Trinity, believing that the

cross is a Scriptural symbol, and referring to Yahweh's Word as "the Bible," replete with "Gospels, Old and New Testaments."

The notion that God died and went to hell is an example of a *paradosis* which is *kenos apate*. (God is immortal and He can't by definition go to the place of separation.) So is the teaching that all souls matriculate to either heaven or hell. (Which if true would make God sadistic.) Religions and political cultures are based almost exclusively on *paradosis*/traditions, most of which are derived from human *philosophia kenos apate*. And they all, without exception, lead to the dissipation of one's soul.

The next verse is actually a continuation of the previous sentence, the one in which God warned us not to submit to the false and lifeless philosophies or the beguiling traditions of man. However, based upon the renderings found in most all English translations, it appears that clerics and kings have done their utmost to muddle Yahweh's message. And that's because if it were clear, they would be deprived of their power and authority. In that light, the notion that there is a "Godhead" is a human *philosophia kenos apate*. All of God could not possibly fit into a three dimensional human form—that is unless your god is very, very small—say about the size of a man.

**"...because** (*hoti* – explaining and connecting related content) **inside** (*en*) **Him** [the Messiyah Yahushua] **resides all that which is in accord with** (*katoikeo pas* – dwells each and every significant aspect of what comes down from and is according to) **the content, completeness, and fulfillment** (*pleroma* – the full measure of that which completes, the abundance, and which is liberally supplied from) **the divine qualities** (*theotetos* – the nature and character of God) **bodily** (*somatikos* – corporeally, in a tangible way, in human form)." (Colossians 2:9)

*Katoikeo* is a compound term comprised of the words for "reside and dwell," *oikeo*, and "to come down from, to be in accord with, and be according to," *kata*. Ignoring the first half of the word, translators universally render it "dwells." Figuratively, therefore, *katoikeo* is used to convey "the secure and permanent possession of a human soul by God." In other words, once adopted, we remain a Yahuw-dym—related to Yah. But before we contemplate the implications of this word, let's consider the next one.

*Pleroma* can be "an overflowing abundance of influence, energy, or wealth" or "the complete fulfillment of that which was intended and which now has been accomplished." As such it conveys "the full measure of what is required to achieve the stated objective and fulfill any promises which have been made." *Pleroma* is based upon *pleroo* which means "to supply liberally in abundance and to render complete," in addition to "completing promises, consummating predictions, and fulfilling prophecies."

*Theotetos* has a singular appearance in Scripture. The other word errantly translated “Godhead” in Romans 1:20 is actually *theiotetos*. While they appear to be similar, *theotetos* is derived from the noun *theos*, meaning god, where *theiotetos* is nearly equivalent to the adjective *theios*, meaning “related to God.” In Romans, Paul uses *theiotetos* to declare that Yahweh is related to and revealed through Yahshua. In Colossians, the message is that Yahshua is the corporeal manifestation of Yahweh’s nature and character, His divine qualities, and that He represents the complete fulfillment of God’s message and promises—the remedy for human traditions and deceptions. Simply stated: if you want to know what God is like, what He wants, and what He thinks is truthful and important, look to Yahshua, not man. The Messiyah is the Word made flesh. Nothing more, nothing less.

Therefore, in context, Paul is saying that rather than be deceived and robbed by human philosophies and traditions, look to Yahshua as the complete fulfillment of all that Yahweh promised and predicted, as someone whose life is in complete accord with Yahweh’s nature and character. So if He observed the Sabbath, celebrated Passover, and relied upon Old Covenant Scripture, so should you.

By using these words, Paul could have been saying that Yahweh’s Spirit completely filled every pore of the Messiah’s existence, making Yahshua as complete a manifestation of God as human form allows. And Paul might also have been addressing his two most vociferous *philosophia kenos apate* foes, the Rabbinical Jews who claimed that God was incorporeal, and the Gnostic Christians who said that spirit and flesh could never coexist.

Since he was inspired by Yahweh, I’m going to give him credit for communicating all three of these concepts in addition to one more we will discover in a moment.

Since the “Godhead” translation of *theotetos* is used to confuse people into believing that if there is a Godhead, there must be Trinity, and to think that “Jesus was at the same time all God and all man,” I’d like to dig a bit deeper. I checked the text of this verse on parchment P46, the late first-century, and thus earliest, manuscript containing this passage. There, unlike *theos* which is always represented by one of four placeholders (ΘΣ, ΘΥ, ΘΩ, or ΘΝ), *theotetos* was spelled out, strongly suggesting that it was being used as an informative term rather than as a title. As such, this lends credibility to it conveying God’s “divine qualities, His nature, character, and personality.”

Recognizing that every biblical linguistic tool was written either by those who created our translations or exists to support them, you should not be surprised to find “Godhead” in their list of definitions—even though not one of them even

attempts to justify the use of “head.” But what they have to say beyond that erroneous conclusion is informative. For example, in the *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Literature*, we read that *theotetos* “conveys the character and nature of divinity.” The *Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament* says that *theotetos* is “an abstract noun for god emphasizing His divine nature.” In *Strong’s*, *theotes* is “deity, the state of being God.” The *Complete Word Study Dictionary* says: *theotetos* is a “feminine noun from *theos*, meaning god or deity and reveals God’s personality.” The *Dictionary of Biblical Languages With Semantic Domains* claims *theotes* describes “a divine being.” In the *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament* we discover: “*theotes*, or deity, is an abstract noun derived from *theos* which only appears once in the NT. The noun is not found in the Septuagint or in the writings of Josephus, but is attested in other Hellenistic literature, including Plutarch, Lucian, and Proclus. There it means ‘deity, the rank of God, and defines divine qualities’” This scholarly tome went on to suggest that the passage could be saying that “in the Messiah the deity lives, fulfilling prophecies and redeeming creation.”

And just in case you are want to ignore all of this evidence, clinging to the notion that there has to be a “Godhead” in that verse, or you still want all of God to fit within the form of a man, Yahweh inspired Paul to use the actual Greek word for “head” in the next sentence. Moreover, He told us that we would also be *pleroo* in the same way Yahushua is. **“Even also (*kai*) in and by (*en*) Him [the Messiyah Yahushua] you have been (*eimi* – you exist) made totally complete, abounding and liberally supplied (*pleroo* – given an overflowing abundance of influence, energy, and wealth, fulfilling the promise and achieving the objective), for He exists as (*esti*) the head (*kephale* – the uppermost, supreme and most prominent, the cornerstone) of all creation (*arche* – the chief architect and builder from the beginning, the power from before the commencement of time, the authority over all that was caused to exist) and the one with unlimited authoritative power (*exousia* – the one in charge with unrestricted dominion).”** (Colossians 2:10) The moral of the story is that if you want to be like man and die, rotting in the ground, trust human philosophers and observe man’s traditions. But if you want to be like Yahshua, who is God, trust His words and follow His example.

*Kephale* and *arche* used in combination tell us that the Messiyah Yahushua is the cornerstone of creation, the supreme architect and builder, the one who existed before time began, or in a word: the Creator. *Exousia* describes God’s status. As God, Yahushua has unlimited freedom, authority, power, and capability. This passage tells us that when it comes to “being complete, abounding and liberally supplied,” we shall be just like Yahushua. Moreover, as adopted children of Yahweh, we inherit all that is His, meaning that we will be “given an overflowing

abundance of influence, energy, and wealth.” God’s gift to us is that once adopted by Him, we will become ever more like Him.

Paul was also acknowledging that the Set-Apart Spirit was in Yahushua, and that because of Yahushua, the Set-Apart Spirit of Yahuweh can now be in us. It is the Spirit who supplies us liberally, makes us complete, and most importantly, makes us like our Creator. There is no better news than this.

Moving on, we discover that circumcision, one of the key symbols of the Old Covenant, was not abandoned but instead symbolically fulfilled in the Messiyah—just like the Miqra’ey depict God’s role in our salvation. **“Also by and in (en) Him you are circumcised (peritemno – cut around and set apart). It is a circumcision not made with hands (acheiropoietos), but in the removal and laying aside (apekduasis – the stripping away and completely and advantageously separating from one’s self) the sin and error (hamartia – that which has accumulated as a result of wandering away and forsaking our inheritance) of the physical mortal body (soma sarx) by the circumcision (peritome – by the division and separation) of the (tov) Messiyah, the Anointed Implement of Yah (XPŶ as a placeholder).”** (Colossians 2:11)

The purpose of circumcision has now been explained. It isn’t a ritual, it’s a prophetic and redemptive message to man—one which the Messiyah fulfilled. Circumcision is symbolic of Yahushua’s removal of sin from our mortal bodies, setting us apart unto God. The Savior accomplished this by being cut off from God Himself and then separated from Him on the Miqra’ of Unleavened Bread in 33CE, thereby redeeming us by paying the penalty we ourselves owed.

While some of these concepts may be foreign to you at this time, in the *Salvation* volume of *Yada Yahweh* you will discover that the Spirit of Yahweh was removed from Yahushua moments before His body died on Passover. God’s soul was sent to the place of separation to remove sin from our souls on Unleavened Bread. Then before sunrise the following morning, body, soul, and Spirit were reunited and rose as a celebration of FirstFruits. So, the act of circumcision depicts the process which led to our salvation as well as the result—that of being set apart unto God.

While this is serious business, it’s funny in a way. The thing that is “cut around and removed” is coterminous with the business end of the portion of man’s anatomy responsible for creating life. Our violation of the covenant, of which circumcision is the symbol, precludes us from the inheritance of eternal life God is offering. So by way of remedy, Yahushua removed “sin and error” from our mortal bodies—restoring us to the position of being reborn as Yahuweh’s sons and daughters.

The verbal metaphor continues with the symbolic burial of the sin which Yahshua has removed. This is followed by a rebirth which results from immersion in His Spirit, all leading to resurrection and eternal life. These words also infer that we are somehow brought along with Yahushua as He fulfills Passover, Unleavened Bread, and FirstFruits. **“Buried together with (*sunthapto* – from *thapto*, meaning to bury and *sun*, meaning with) Him by (*en*) immersion (*baptisma* – submersion [in the Spirit]), in (*en*) Him (*hos*) you are also risen together (*sunegeiro* – from *egeiro*, meaning aroused and awakened from sleep so as to rise up and appear, and to be born; and *sun*, a preposition denoting union) by way of (*dia* – through, by means of, on account of, and by reason of) trust in and reliance upon the truth and trustworthiness of (*pistis* – recognition and acceptance of) the work of (*energeia* – active and effectual power, energy, and force of) Yahuweh (Tÿ placeholder for ‘*Elohiym*, God) who raised Him (*egeiro* – restored Him to life, caused Him to stand, and caused Him to appear and rise) from (*ek* – out of) lifelessness (*nekros* – destitution and death).”** (Colossians 2:12) Yahushua is the way. He is truth. He is life.

*Sunegeiro*, meaning “to rise together,” confirms that the harvest of souls depicted prophetically in the Miqra’ of Trumpets is a collective affair. Yahshua will be the reaper. He will come for us, gathering us together, snatching us up, and bringing us into His presence. This is the way the pre-Tribulation harvest known as the rapture will occur. The Yahuwdym who have died after the fulfillment of the FirstFruits harvest in 33CE, but before the Taruw’ah harvest on this side of November 2026, will be awakened from their sleep and they will rise. Then those Yahuwdym who are alive at the time will join them in the air. Gathered together, Yahushua will take us all to heaven

**“And also you being lifeless (*nekros* – dead, futile, useless, of no value, and vain) in your fallen state (*paraptoma* – in your deviation from the truth and the way, sin and transgression, false beliefs, and error) still retaining the foreskin of (*akrobustia* – being uncircumcised in) your flesh (*sarx* – mortal human nature) were made alive, restored together with (*suzoopoieo* – caused to live in union with; from *sun*, meaning together with, and *zoopoieo*, that which produces life and has the power to make alive again with) Him. You were pardoned as a favor (*charizomai* – graciously forgiven and restored, having your debt paid and then canceled) from all, individually and collectively each and every (*pas*) lapse in judgment, deviation from the way, sin and error (*paraptoma* – false step and transgression).”** (Colossians 2:13)

God’s Passover solution is a gift. There is nothing we can do to add to it or pay for it. There are very few sins it doesn’t cover. And there is nothing new about it. We read these same words in the Old Covenant. We are all fallen, flawed mortals in need of the restoring and redemptive gift Yahweh has to offer. And

speaking of that gift, *charisamenos* defines it as being “freely given, a favor which cancels a debt.” It is “a pardon which graciously forgives.” Salvation is redemption: a ransom was paid to free us from the consequence of sin.

And please note, in this verse and in the one which follows, we are being assured that our every sin will be pardoned and expunged from our record. Our ledger will literally be erased and then destroyed.

Quoting the verse out of context, countless Christian theologians contend that this next sentence says that “the Torah or Law itself was nailed to the cross, crucifying its significance in the dispensation of grace.” But that’s not what the words reveal. Paul is *confirming* that the Torah’s promises of redemption are true—that they have been fulfilled. **“Erasing, doing away with, and anointing so as to wash away (*exaleipho* – removing and wiping the record clean, eliminating, obliterating, and canceling) the ordinance and decree (*dogma* – the official verdict and requirement, the conclusion based upon the rules, the judgment) of the written certificate whereby the debt which must be paid at the appointed time is acknowledged (*cheirographon* – the written document which proves one’s indebtedness and confirms their obligation to pay) that was according to (*kata* – that which pertained to) us, which was opposed to and against (*hupenantios* – adversarial and hostile to, contrary to) us, He lifted it from us and took it upon Himself (*airo autos* – removed it and bore it Himself, carried it away and destroyed it) from (*ek* – out of and away from) our midst (*mesos*), advantageously nailing it to (*proseloo autos* – affixing it securely to, using spikes to fasten it to) the upright pole ( $\Sigma$  T P  $\Omega$  – placeholder for *stauros* – vertical stake or pillar which serves as a foundation; from the base of *histemi* - to stand so as to enable others to stand and be established).”** (Colossians 2:14) It was the record of our sins that was nailed to the upright pole. That was the purpose of Passover and Unleavened Bread.

*Exalieipho* is a compound word comprised of *ek*, meaning “from, out of, or off,” and *aleipho*, meaning “to anoint, to smear or rub, to blot out, expunge, or apply an ointment.” Collectively, the union of these terms tells us that the official record of our transgressions has been “erased, blotted or smeared out, stricken from the roll, wiped clean, expunged, removed, done away with, abolished, obliterated, eliminated, canceled, utterly destroyed, and caused to disappear.” Simply stated, Yahshua’s gift anoints us in such a way that the record of our sins, past, present, and future, is obliterated. Even God has no access to it. The slate will be wiped clean and then destroyed.

Returning to Christian mythology for a moment, in a way, I almost wish Yahushua had seen to it that a copy of the Torah was nailed to the “cross.” That way more people would have understood why He was hanging there. The world would have seen the Word and the Word together and come to see them as one.

Ultimately, the Word of God became flesh so that creation could nail the Creator to the upright pole in accordance with the Torah, Prophets, and Psalms. The truth of what happened there is lost without the Torah's explanations—especially the Miqra'ey. We are left with little more than a ghoulish crucifix and a disjointed religion.

Those responsible for the Messiah's murder and those who would be responsible for murdering the truth behind it (the Torah), were condemned and rebuked: **“Having exposed** (*apekduomai* – having stripped and laid bare, disarmed and discarded, separating Himself from) **the authorities** (*arche* – the magistrates and leaders, those who initiated the action [of murdering the Messiah]) **and those officials wielding religious and political power and influence** (*exousia* – those in positions of judicial, clerical, and governmental authority), **He** [the Messiyah Yahushua] **made an example out of them, disgracing them publicly** (*deigmatizo* – exposing that which they wished to conceal, proving His point and putting them to shame) **unambiguously, bluntly, and frankly** (*parrhesia* – without reservation or ambiguity, in open, bold, plain and outspoken words, having the confidence and courage to converse with candor), **triumphing over** (*triambeuo* – being victorious over) **them.”** (Colossians 2:15)

The truth is disarming, making honest words the most effective weapon in the world. And there is no better way to wield them than “unambiguously, bluntly, and frankly without reservation.” If we want to win the war of ideas, we need to stop using bullets and bombs and start using words to expose the lies and liars in politics and religion. This is the opposite of political correctness because PC is Secular Humanism's replacement morality.

While Yahushua was a pacifist with regard to fighting and physical combat, He was not the least bit tolerant or accepting of deceit. He aggressively attacked lies and liars, especially political and religious ones. But He did so by exposing and condemning their teachings, doctrines, and dogmas—not their bodies or souls. After all, their bodies and souls were mortal and thus irrelevant. It was their politics and religions that He was worried about. And if we are to follow His example, we ought to disgrace them publicly as well.

Paul as Yahuweh's messenger is focusing in on a theme. He began by explaining how one goes about joining Yahweh's family. Now, he is exposing, refuting, and condemning false teachers and teachings. He is warning people not to be seduced by human philosophies, human traditions, or human political and religious schemes. Truth has the power to make us like God while deception has the power to destroy us. The choice is simple: you can trust God or man. That is the message here.

Before we read on, the operative word in the next verse is *krino*. Stripping it of religiosity and examining it through the lens of etymology we discover that first century Greeks would have understood *krino* to mean: “to separate by breaking apart, to be disunited and severed from someone or something, or to be divided out.” *Krino* also meant “to assess, to evaluate, to select, and to decide.” It only means “to judge” in the sense that separating fact from fiction helps us assess and evaluate the evidence which in turn leads to wise decisions or good judgment.

That understood, Paul began with *oun*, meaning “these things being so.” These things in context are represented by the choice of either having our sins obliterated by Yahushua’s sacrifice or being led astray by the disgraceful and deceitful dealings of human authority figures. Yahweh wants to unite us with Himself through His Word so we are not separated from Him by the traditions of men.

**“Accordingly therefore** (*oun* – consequently, these things being so), **let no** (*me*) **individual** (*tis* – someone or anyone) **separate you** (*krino* – divide you out, break you apart, causing you to be disunited and severed [from God], question or evaluate you) **by eating** (*brosis*), **or in drinking** (*posis*), **or in any part of** (*meros* – any share of, any element of, or with regard to the purpose of) **the celebratory feasts** (*heortes* – the set apart days or festivals, holidays [specifically Passover, Unleavened Bread, or FirstFruits]), **or start of the month** (*neomenia* – the new moon, or lunar calendar, used by Yahuweh as a measure of time to specify the exact date of each of His seven Miqra’ey), **or of the Sabbath** (*Sabbaton* – seventh day when ordinary labor is to cease; Friday at sundown to Saturday at sunset) **which** (*hos*) **exist as** (*estin* – identically represent, corresponding exactly to without contingency, stand for) **archetype foreshadows** (*skia* – adumbration images which represent the real object, less illuminated sketches or outlines which are suggestive, partially disclosing the framework, a reflection) **of that which is intended and will take place at a future point in time** (*mellonton* – of things to come which must be, of subsequent and sequential predictions, of future events which are destined, inevitable, and certain, denoting the mindset and the intent [of God] regarding an intended, substantive and absolutely sure act in time) **through** (*de* – now developed continuously via closely related events by way of) **the** (*to*) **body** (*soma* – the physical and corporeal organized whole) **of the** (*tou*) **Messiyah** (XPY – the Anointed Implement of Yah).” (Colossians 2:16-17)

There is a lifetime of learning contained in these words. And since they provide the keys to understanding, to being united with Yahweh, let’s give them the credit they deserve.

The verb *estin*, meaning, “exists identically as, exactly corresponding to,” is rendered in the present tense, meaning that the Scriptural portrayal of food, drink, feasts, Yahweh’s calendar, and the Sabbath currently exist as foreshadows of

what is to come. The voice is active, signifying that these specific subjects exist as symbols of what will be. Moreover, the mood of the verb is indicative, meaning that this prophetic insight is real, and that it portrays something which can be relied upon.

*Skia* is a two dimensional representation of a three dimensional object, like a photograph of a landscape. It is “a perfect image prefiguring future events.” Accurately translated “adumbrate,” *skia* conveys the notion that the Scriptural depictions of food, drink, feasts, the calendar, and the Sabbath “disclose a plan, providing the outline of that which is to come”—in this case Yahweh’s prophetic plan.

*Mello* is a strengthened form of *melo*, indicating that this topic is something which is “deeply cared about.” It is not a passive verb and often suggests “suffering for some and eager anticipation for others” So by using *mello*, we know that the “impending fulfillments of these foreshadowings will be experienced by some and endured by others.” And the verb is rendered in the present tense, meaning that God is currently about the business of fulfilling these promises exactly as He rendered them.

So rather than saying that we shouldn’t allow men to judge us by whether we follow Yahweh’s guidance on what is good for us to eat and drink, on our willingness to celebrate His seven Miqra’ey, or our compliance with the Commandments (namely the Sabbath), Paul is telling us not to be fooled by the traditions of men which are counterfeits of them so as to let them separate us from Yahweh. He is telling us not to trust the Church or observe their Sunday or holiday observances because these things will sever our relationship with God. Moreover, Yahweh doesn’t want people evaluating and judging His plan based upon errant human opinions and practices in this regard. Far too many souls are lost in the maze of unsanctioned Christian beliefs and traditions.

Interesting in this regard, in addition to “eating,” *brosis* defines that “which is corrosive, rotten, worm-eaten, and cast down” While the Torah has some insightful, accurate, and helpful things to say about foods that are good to eat and those which are not, the whole concept of the Jewish dietary laws is nothing more than misguided human tradition. As for drinking, Scripture says that wine is good but that being drunk is not.

But there is more to the foreshadowing provided by eating and drinking than this. Wine is the symbol of the Messiah’s blood shed for the atonement of sin. We are to drink it during the Passover celebration in remembrance of what Yahushua did. Likewise, unleavened bread represents our mortal bodies purged of their sin. That is why “eating” it during the Miqra’ of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and FirstFruits was mandated by God.

Rather than discount Yahuweh's Commandments and Miqra'ey, Paul was reinforcing their redemptive and prophetic significance. He was telling us what I have been shouting since the beginning. Specifically regarding the Sabbath of the seventh day of creation and of the Fourth Commandment, he was confirming that they are predictive of salvation being a gift that man cannot work for. And they tell us that man's seventh millennia will be lived in the restful company of our Creator and Savior. Yahuweh's seven Called-Out Assemblies represent God's plan of salvation. They foretell the means, the timing, and the order the essential redemptive and reconciliatory events will occur. And that is why there was a reference to the new moon in the list. It provides the means to calibrate Yahweh's calendar, and thus can be used to determine the dates for "impending fulfillments."

Speaking of food, drink, the calendar, Sabbath, and Feasts, Paul said that they were *skia*. Greek dictionaries define *skia* as an "archetype" an "adumbration," and as "foreshadowing." Webster says that an "archetype" is: "the original pattern or model from which all things of the same type are representations." They say an "adumbration" is "the act of foreshadowing, of partially disclosing by providing an outline and sketch of what is being predicted." Merriam Webster says "foreshadowing is used to represent, indicate, and typify beforehand what is going to occur."

There are some additional insights, albeit subtle. First, *soma* is a singular term describing "a body comprised of an organized whole of individual parts and members." Yahweh is one, and yet He manifests Himself to humankind in His Word, by way of a corporeal physical body, and as the Set Apart Spirit. Second, the article before *soma/body*, and *soma* itself, are "gender neutral." This suggests that the fulfillments will occur through the Son, masculine, and Spirit, feminine. Third, there is an article before the "XPY" placeholder for Messiyah. It is ignored when English translations errantly replace the divine title with "Christ." The article is needed however for the title Messiyah, the Anointed Implement of Yah.

When Paul wrote these words, the first four Feasts had been fulfilled: Passover (Nisan 14, 4000/Friday, April 1, 33 CE), Unleavened Bread (Nisan 15, 4000/the Sabbath, April 2, 33 CE), FirstFruits (Nisan 16, 4000/before sunrise, April 3, 33 CE), and fifty days later, the Feast of Weeks, known to Christians as Pentecost (Sivan 6, 4000/May 22, 33 CE) when the Spirit came upon the *ekklesia/out-calling*. So by saying that the "lunar calendar, the feasts, and the Sabbath exist as archetype foreshadows of that which is intended in the future," he confirmed that Taruw'ah, Kippurym, and Sukah are depictions of what must still be accomplished—and even when the fulfillments will occur.

There are only three significant prophetic events which have the potential to meet this criterion: the Messiah's Harvest of Souls, His Return in Power and

Glory, and the beginning of His Millennial Sabbath. According to this passage, they will be fulfilled the way they were depicted in Scripture and on the designated date specified on Yahweh's calendar.

Therefore we know that there will be a significant harvest of souls on Taruw'ah/Trumpets, that Yahushua will return on Yowm Kippurym/the Day of Reconciliations, and that the Millennial Sabbath will begin on Sukah/Tabernacles. But more even than this, when we combine those conclusions with the reference to Yahweh's calendar and the six plus one methodology of the Sabbath also being prophetic, we are able to see the framework of Yahweh's timeline, and thereby establish the exact dates.

Scripture tells us that mankind's chronology began with the fall of Adam just shy of 6,000 years ago. When we apply the six plus one formula imbedded in the Sabbath, and recognize that the seventh millennia represents the Millennial Sabbath, and that the return of the Messiyah must immediately precede it, we can be assured that His arrival is near.

But there is more. Since we know that the first four Miqra'ey were fulfilled in year 4000 of Yahweh's calendar, and in 33 CE on ours, we know that the sixth millennia will end and the seventh will commence in 2033. And that means that Yahshua will return on Tishri 10, 6000 which begins at sundown on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and continues through sunset on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2033 on our calendars. This means that the Millennial Sabbath will commence on Tishri 15, 6000 which is Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2033 in pagan reckoning.

Also, since we know that the Tribulation is seven lunar years long, from these Scripturally mandated dates, we can deduce that it will begin on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 which is Kislev 4, 5993 to Yahweh. The Taruw'ah harvest known as the "rapture" must thus take place on Trumpets (Tishri 1) between now and then. My best guess is the Sabbath of September 16<sup>th</sup> in 2023, or Tishri 1, 5990 to Yahweh. However, I wouldn't be surprised if it occurred three years later, on the very cusp of the Tribulation—a scant ten days before all hell breaks loose.

We turned our attention to this passage because it is used by many to refute the obvious connection between the Sabbath and God's timeline, between the Miqra'ey and our Redemption, between the Old Covenant and the Renewed. And yet, we found just the opposite. The self-serving and often anti-Semitic politicized clerics of Christendom in their ignorance and disdain for the Torah would have you believe that Lent, Good Friday, and Easter have replaced Passover, Unleavened Bread, and FirstFruits. I don't think so—nor does God.

Since Yahushua fulfilled the first three prophetic rehearsals, the very heart of the Torah, in the right order, on the right day, and in the way they were depicted, even without this Colossians passage, a thinking person should recognize that the

Messiyah's enactments were related to and predicted by the Miqra'ey. And since the Festival of Seven Sevens was fulfilled right on schedule, fifty days later with Pentecost (Greek for fifty), wouldn't it be reasonable to assume that Yahuweh would be consistent deploying the remainder of His redemptive plan? Might the harvest of the "rapture" occur on the next Miqra', that of *Taruw'ah*/Trumpets? After all, every reference to this harvest mentions trumpets and shouting. And shouldn't we expect Yahushua to return to reconcile mankind, who he created on the sixth day, on the sixth Miqra', the Day of Reconciliations? Wouldn't it be reasonable to assume that the Millennial Sabbath, the time when Yahweh is predicted to camp out in our presence for a thousand years, might begin on the seventh Miqra, that of *Sukah*/Shelters—the Festival where we pitch a tent and camp out with God? And might this predicted thousand-year Sabbath occur during man's seventh millennia? Are you making the connection?

Moving on to the next verse in Paul's letter to the ekklesia in Colossae, we discover that it continues along the same line, confirming that our rendering of the previous passage was accurate. God does not want us to be separated from Him based upon our ignorance of the prophetic and redemptive symbolism of wine, bread, His calendar, the Sabbath, and His Miqra'ey. And He is especially concerned about people being beguiled, and separated from Him by way of religion and politics.

An entire book could be written on this verse. So, take a deep breath and bear with me as we journey into it. To make it easier, I'll present it stripped of amplification first, and then again with all of the nuances provided.

**“Let no one beguile and disqualify you, insisting on misdirected submission or a messenger's religion. Those who claim to have seen and experienced supernatural visions and to have received messages and speak as an authority about religious revelations, who have entered into the mysteries are thoughtlessly, rashly, and irrationally puffed up with pride without reason or justification by their own thinking, opinions, morality and fleshly desires.”**

**“Let no one (*medeis* – let absolutely nothing whatsoever) **beguile and disqualify you** (*katabrabeuo* – rob you of the prize, depriving you of your spiritual reward through deception, judge you as unworthy, decide against and condemn you, cheat or defraud you), **insisting on** (*thelon en* – desiring) **misdirected submission** (*tapeinophrosynei* – obeisance, humiliation, self-abasement, effacement, or degradation born out of the arrogance and pride of man, mortification, degradation, and indignity) **or** (*kai*) **a messenger's** (*angelos* – spiritual envoy's or minister's, one who goes forth to announce and proclaim) **religion** (*threskeiai* – religious worship services and observances). **Those who** (*hos*) **claim to have seen and experienced supernatural visions and to have****

**received messages** (*heoraken* – acquired information and understanding) **and speak as an authority about religious revelations, who have entered into the mysteries** (*embateuon* – a technical term used with initiates to the Babylonian-based mystery sun-god religions as the inductee entered the inner circle and the secrets were unveiled, literally meaning to step in and participate in religious dogmas based on the authority of conceited messengers arrogantly claiming ecstatic mystical visions) **are thoughtlessly, rashly, and irrationally** (*eikei* – vainly, groundlessly without consideration or cause and without beneficial result) **puffed up with pride without reason or justification** (*physimoumenos* – arrogant and conceited exaggerators focused on natural phenomenon and nature-based religious doctrines, leaders who are inflated with haughtiness and hubris, self-exalting and self-important souls engaged in the discussion of the universe’s and man’s origins and natural processes) **by their own thinking, opinions, morality** (*noos* – faculty of understanding, reason, awareness, orientation, and moral attitude and inclination) **and fleshly desires** (*stakos* – corporeal animalistic nature).” (Colossians 2:18)

Let’s begin our analysis of Yahweh’s message with *katabrabeuo*. It is a compound word with *kata* meaning “down from” and *brabeuo* meaning “those who direct, control and rule.” This conveys the idea that those doing the “defrauding which robs us of our spiritual reward” are political and religious leaders—something which is confirmed as we move through the verse. Throughout the Colossian dissertation, they have been the enemy. The choice remains: trust man or trust God. It’s religion or relationship. Both isn’t a viable option.

*Tapeinophrosynei* (pronounced: tap-i-nof-ros-oo-nay) is “misdirected submission manifest in cultic, cultural, and religious behavior.” It is a compound word with *tapeinos*, meaning “being brought low and not rising from the ground, being grief stricken and depressed, and having the poor sense to treat others in a demeaning and degrading way.” The second part of the compound term, *phrosynei*, is based upon the root *phren/phrao*. They mean “to be reined in and controlled by way of relinquishing one’s faculty of perceiving and judging.” Therefore in context, this compound word serves as a confirmation of one of the most important spiritual realizations I have come to understand this past year.

Those in religion and politics, in the media and academia, have beguiled the masses into submission, robbing them of their spiritual reward by suppressing their ability to be judgmental. But judgment, while condemned by political correctness as prejudicial and intolerant, is the cornerstone of liberty, choice, morality, justice, reason, understanding, wisdom, and civil society. Yahweh is judgmental and we must be too if we are to know Him and be like Him—even if we want to choose Him.

Those who “relinquish their faculty of perceiving and judging” are universally “reigned in and controlled” by others. They are robbed of their freedom and become incapable of evaluating evidence and rendering a moral or rational verdict. They are programmed, opinionated, destructive, and unproductive. More important, demeaned and degraded by religious and political leaders, they become incapable of knowing God. I will speak more about this sorry condition in a moment.

A direct translation of *tapeinophrosynei* could rightly be: “Islam,” which is Arabic for “Submission.” Every aspect of this admonition applies to Muhammad’s demonic dogma. In the Hellenistic world, the etymological derivation of *tapeinophrosynei* conveyed “submission to a mean-spirited and insignificant power,” and that pretty much sums up Allah, the Islamic incarnation of Satan. One of the synonyms listed for the word is “mortification,” which is defined as the “subjection of the body to self-inflicted pain, the denial of passion, and abstinence of certain foods and behaviors.” All of these are incorporated into Allah’s obsession.

I’m surprised so many have missed the connection to Islam in this verse. After all, Muhammad called himself the “**messenger**” of God. Islam, by his own admission is a “**religion.**” Muhammad’s Qur’an is based entirely on his “**claim to have seen and experienced supernatural visions and to have received messages.**” While he was a nincompoop, Muhammad “**spoke as an authority about religious revelations.**” And no wannabe prophet in human history was as “**thoughtlessly, rashly, and irrationally puffed up with pride without reason or justification by their own thinking, opinions, morality and fleshly desires,**” than was Allah’s messenger. When the Qur’an is ordered chronologically and set into the context of Muhammad’s life it becomes obvious that he created Islam because of his own personal lust for power, sex, and money. His ego was so large, that anyone who questioned his drivel was demeaned and assassinated.

But more than just Islam, *tapeinophrosynei* is the stuff of all religions—every one of them. They play no role in the relationship Yahweh wants to form with us. In fact they are all counterproductive because they “bring men down, causing them to defer to others in servitude.” They “reign in and control” people, causing them to “relinquish their ability to perceive and judge” for themselves.

While the impetus for the humiliation and submission of the masses is the arrogance of man, the Greek word *tapeinophrosynei* also signifies a “lowliness of mind” and an “inappropriately low estimate of humankind” in relationship to God. The message here is that religion only fools fools—it is an opiate for the ignorant, feebleminded, and apathetic. Further, religions seek to convince the masses that they are so lowly in relation to God they are incapable of understanding His divine writ and unworthy of addressing Him on their own. The

religious god needs to be feared; he dictates submission, he demands prostration which is demeaning, and he requires clerics to act as his intermediaries, performing as his authorized agents.

The real God created us in His image and thinks so highly of us, He wants to adopt us as His sons and daughters, bringing us into His family, developing a personal relationship with us. The real God hates it when we bow down to Him, when we fear Him, and when we submit to the will of intermediaries. The real God bowed down to us, reducing Himself to human form, sacrificing Himself so that we could stand with Him. Yahweh's plan and purpose is thus the antithesis of religious worship, of man bowing down, humbled in the presence of cleric and king.

For those who believe God wants us to bow down in worship before Him, I've addressed this myth in the "*Yasha' – Salvation*" chapter. For those who have been beguiled into believing that God approved of a Church hierarchy acting as intermediaries on His authority, please turn to the *God Damn Religion* volume for clarification. For those who believe what their English translation says and think God wants to be feared, understand that in Isaiah/Yasha'yahu 29:12-13, Yahuweh said that fearing Him was a manmade tradition. **"Then Yahuweh said, 'Forasmuch as these people approach Me with their mouths, and with their lip service (vainly seeking approval), yet they have removed their hearts (have wandered away spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually) from Me. Their fear (yir'ah) toward Me exists because it is taught (lamad - learned, studied, acquired through the instruction of, and is derived) from manmade traditions (iysh mitzvah - manmade commandments, human edicts and precepts) learned by rote."** Fearing God makes religions tick. Fearing man causes political schemes to prevail. Fear makes cleric and king rich and powerful. Both use the image of a fearsome deity to compel submission. It is why the Qur'an says: "Those who fear mind."

There is a reason why Yahweh chose the metaphor of family to demonstrate His purpose and His love. A child adores his or her dad, respects him, but does not fear him. A father sacrifices for his children out of devotion, wanting nothing in return other than the pleasure their company. The child inherits the father's fortune, whatever it may be, but does not deserve it and does not earn it.

While we are not to think so highly of ourselves that we replace Yahweh's instructions and traditions with our own, or try to rule over people, we ought to value ourselves as much as God does. And that means we should care enough to invest the time to learn what Yahweh has to say. That is the best way to keep from being victimized by man's religious and political schemes. Further, while we ought to rejoice in the notion that we were created in Yahweh's image, and that we are invited into His family and given His power, we ought not see ourselves as

deserving of any of these things. We are welcomed and accepted because of what He has done, not because of what we do. Yet because of what He has done, His Spirit lives within us, and there is nothing more beautiful or valuable.

Moving on, the next most revealing word in the Colossians passage is *threskeiai*, meaning “religion.” Amplified, it is “religious worship manifest in services and observances.” It is “belief in a supernatural power or service to idols demonstrated through ritual practices in the context of a zealous cult.” *Threskeiai* is the “act of being religious through the expression of formalized cultic or cultural rites.” Those who manifest *threskeiai* demonstrate a “great devotion to a person, idea, object, movement, book, or dogma.” As such, they can just as easily be Socialist Secular Humanists or Roman Catholics, Nazis or Muslims. These “religions” are the ultimate blight on the human condition—the bane of our mortal existence.

We find the same term used by Paul again when in Acts 26:5 he explains his migration away from “**as a Pharisee according to the strictest sect of the Jewish religion**” and toward the “**promises made by Yahweh to our fathers.**” In the ultimate choice between man and God, according to Yahweh, religion is on the wrong side of the divide.

While *threskeiai* is a very commonly used term in Greek literature, defining the fanatic and superstitious religious worship of a wide array of sun gods, celestial and earthly deities, the term only appears in three Renewed Covenant passages. Those who think “the Bible” promotes “religion” are badly mistaken.

*Threskeia*, the primary Greek word for “religion,” is based upon *threskos*, meaning “trembling in terror while fearing or worshipping God.” As such, it is the antithesis of what Yahweh wants. *Threskos* is in turn based upon *throeo*, which takes the fear one step further, meaning “to cry aloud, troubling the mind and alarming the soul.” In the midst of these terms, the Greek lexicons reveal *thriambeuo*, which is “a hymn sung in festal processions in honor of the god Bacchus”—the Roman sungod counterfeit of the Messiyah. And I suppose this is why most every lexicon I explored contained the phrases: “the etymology of *threskeia* is uncertain,” “the etymology is disputed and may have no bearing on the actual sense of the word,” or “being difficult to explain etymologically, the root is in significant conflict with the term used today.” Religious scholars don’t like the notion that God hates religion.

Adding insult to injury, all English translations of this passage suggest that God’s prohibition is against “the worship of angels” as opposed to “a messenger’s religion.” Not only is primary meaning of *threskeia* “religion,” not “worship,” the word for “of” does not exist in the text. Further, *aggelos* means “messenger, one who is sent to announce or proclaim” not “angel.” Since *aggelos* isn’t a name, the

word should have been translated and not transliterated into English. Amplified, an *aggelos*, in addition to messenger, means: “ambassador, envoy, representative, or teacher,” “any entity which performs acts on behalf of another.” While the term is used to describe Yahweh’s spiritual messengers, demons are also *aggelos*. In fact, Satan was an *aggelos*, making the *aggelos*’ religion a very bad thing.

In this passage, the “messengers who proclaim” are the religious leaders who beguile men, robbing them of a life with God by having them cower in submission before a deity of their own making. It is the morally corrupt and irrational message inspired by Satan’s *aggelos*.

This Colossian letter confirms the central thrust of the mission I have been called to pursue. Religion is of man. God doesn’t like it because it separates mankind from Him. Most societal traditions and human political and religious teachings are not only wrong, most are either misleading counterfeits or in direct conflict with Yahweh’s Word. For God’s truth to be known and understood, we must first clear 2,000 years of human corruptions from our minds and start again from the beginning. If time permits, when this mission is done, I will write *God Damn Religion—Satan’s Curse from Babylon to Bush*.

The reason I’m so concerned that the vast preponderance of people will never come to understanding what God has revealed in this regard is because most people have relinquished their ability to be judgmental. No matter how convincing Yahweh is, no matter how compelling His Word, plan, and prophecies are, it doesn’t matter if the recipient of this information is unable to process it appropriately, rendering a moral, rational, and reasoned conclusion.

Ultimately, Paul asks his audience, those we would today call “religious Christians,” a very difficult question. **“Since the Messiah binds us together (*syndesmon*) in one body, providing for us (*epichoregoumenon*) and uniting us so that we can rise up and stand together (*sybibazomenon* – be logically instructed, be known, and be certain, be enlightened, reconciled, and be held upright) and grow (*auxei* – increase in status, state, and respect) with Yahweh (ΘΥ – placeholder for ‘Elohym), if together with the Messiah (XPΩ) you died a natural death (*apothnesko*) separated from a series of elementary religious doctrines (*apo ton stoicheion* – set apart from the ranks of binding human teachings, taboos, ordinances, ceremonies and traditions in relationship to the natural world and supernatural powers) and the celestial creation (*kosmou* – meaning the sun, moon, planets, and stars), why do you submit to their authority, doctrines, and requirements (*dogmatizesthe* – subject yourself to their decisions and decrees and obey their set of fixed rules and imposed regulations)?”** (Colossians 2:19-20) That question is being asked today of every Catholic and Protestant Christian, every patriotic European and American.

Since I promised to revisit the judgment discussion, here is an excerpt from a future chapter for you to consider. In addition to *tapeinophrosynei*, every religious, political, and media leader today is actively engaged in *pseudologos*—inducing and inciting by argument, advice, or appeal, that which is untrue. The problem has become epidemic. **“They speak lies** (*pseudologos* – deceive with words, promoting, maintaining, affirming, and exhorting that which is false) **by way of hypocrisy** (*hypokrisis* – under false pretences, through concealment, insincerity and duplicity, by means of imitation, interpretation, and counterfeiting, pretending with flamboyant speech and practiced gestures). **Their individual** (*idios* – own, unique, separate, personal, and concealed) **conscience** (*suneidesis* – faculty for moral judgments, perceptions, and discernment, the ability to distinguish right from wrong, good from bad, and truth from lies) **is functionally destroyed** (*kekausteriasmenon* – their conscience is seared, consumed, scorched and scared, bearing the brand of a slave, deadening their perceptions).” (1 Timothy 4:2)

A *hypokrisis* is a public persona engaged in creating an impression which is at odds with their real motivation and agenda. A politician with a consistent voting record, whether it be liberal or conservative, who campaigns on the mantra of “change,” is a living embodiment of this concept. They are in a phrase “hypocritical conniving conspirators.” They are politicians, clerics, and media celebrities. Their holy grail is for you to believe their hopeful promises, errant ideas, and false perceptions are reality. Most every nationally and internationally known political, religious, and media personality falls under this condemnation. They are hypocrites, and are not what they pretend to be.

While I have always thought that most religious and political leaders know the truth, but have ignored and convoluted it out of convenience and out of a lust for power, sex, and money, God is suggesting that their conscience no longer functions. But that isn’t the biggest problem; it is the result. This malady is now ubiquitous in their victims. Mankind’s almost universal lack of judgment has bred confusion and immorality. It is a disease we have contracted from our leaders. It is why Yahweh warns us in the second commandment that the consequences of false religious and political teachings haunt future generations, spreading from one and infecting the other.

The common thread among these people and their victims is a dysfunctional *suneidesis*, best translated “conscience” from the Greek. This is the part of humankind which facilitates the ability to be judgmental, to be moral, perceptive, and discerning. The Greek term is derived from *suneido*, a word which describes the ability to consider and to be privy to something, to see things clearly, to know and to comprehend. *Sun* in Greek means to be “with” and *eido* is “perception and discernment which facilitates discovery, understanding, and experiencing

something and someone.” The something is the Word and the someone is Yahweh.

*Suneidesis* is therefore foundational to choice, to combining the collection of information with the ability to process it in a way which leads to understanding and to knowing. It provides the ability to choose wisely and morally between options and paths. *Suneidesis* is thus the essence of being judgmental. And being judgmental provides the framework for morality, civil society, and justice.

The mass extinction of our collective conscience, of our ability to be judgmental, is the result of Political Correctness, the hypocritical replacement moral code of Socialist Secular Humanism that was conceived by Adam Wieshaupt in 1776. It has become the national code of conduct for countries like the United States, where tolerance is demanded at the expense of discernment and rational objectivity. Its proponents see no hypocrisy in being intolerant of intolerance, or in sacrificing justice, common sense, or personal accountability to advance the adaptation of their moral code—one which is in every way opposed to Yahweh’s teaching. Without a conscience, society no longer has a moral filter, and thus no ability to be judgmental. Such a society is no longer free.

As we discovered earlier, judgment is the marriage of information and discernment. It is the ability to connect related details within the context of the big picture. Without it, we obfuscate the benefits of freedom of choice. And that’s catastrophic, because choice provides the underpinning upon which relationships and love are based. So when we lose this ability, all the information in the world won’t do us any good. We can no longer process it wisely and thus choose appropriately. That is why judgment has become the battleground upon which Secular Humanists are warring with God.

In the opening lines of Genesis 2, Yahweh makes a special point of telling us that the one thing which makes mankind unique, the thing which makes humans like God, and separates us from all other animals, is a *nesamah*. It is the Hebrew equivalent of *suneidesis*. In Genesis 2:7 we read: **“And Yahuweh God (*’elohiym*) formed (*yasar* – fashioned, created, and conceived) ‘Adam of the dust (*’aphar* – ground, earth, small particles of loose matter) and breathed (*naphach* – blew) into his nostrils (*’aph*) the *nesamah* of living/existence (*chayah/hayah*); and ‘Adam existed as (*hayah*) a living (*chay*) soul (*nepesh*).”** According to Scripture, all animals have a *nepesh*, or soul, a term analogous to consciousness. But only Adam was given a *nesamah*—conscience.

The *nesamah* represents the inherent ability to make an informed and wise choice—to be judgmental, to know right from wrong, to differentiate good from bad, to distinguish that which is true from that which is not. The *nesamah* endows us with the potential to know God and thus to receive His gifts of salvation and

eternal life. The *nesamah* provides us with the ability to understand His Word and to know Him. Empowered with truth and judgment, we are able to form a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father. The *nesamah*/conscience is what makes it possible for us to choose to be with Yahweh and to love Him. And that is why we are here.

For confirmation of this, we can turn to the book of Job. Written hundreds of years before the Torah, Job is foundational to our understanding. **“Indeed (‘aken – truly and surely) the Spirit (*ruach*), She (*huw*) in mortal man (‘*enowsh* – in the weak and frail, in humankind) and even the *nesamah* of the Almighty (*shaday*) provide understanding and wisdom (*biyn* – the ability to perceive and discern so as to apprehend information and make wise and moral judgments).”** (Job 32:8)

Scripture defines *nesamah* as “the part of mortal man that can know and respond to Yahuweh.” The *nesamah* makes the connection between facts and understanding, between the soul and the Spirit. While it does not make us immortal, it provides us with the ability to know, commune with, love, and trust the source of immortality. It is the thing that connects us to the source of life. Fittingly, *nesamah* is based upon *nasham*, meaning “the process of childbirth.”

The *nepesh* provides all animals with a sense of consciousness while the *nesamah* makes us human, providing us with our conscience—and thus the ability to be judgmental. It is that unique human element that seeks to *yada* Yahweh. But when the *suneidesis* (conscience, ability to be judgmental, to be moral, perceptive, and discerning) is repressed, God can no longer be known. That makes these warnings in the letters to the Colossians and Timothy especially important. It is the crux of freedom of choice and a matter of life and death.

Before we leave our time with Paul, let’s review what he told us: **“Be discerning and see to it (come to understand by carefully evaluating the evidence so) that no one takes control of you, leading you away in submission (robs you and misleads you, taking you captive, victimizing or brainwashing you with religious error or false teaching) by way of philosophy (human wisdom and understanding, the love of science, theology, and humanistic thought) and meritless, empty, and vain (failed, false, and futile, foolish and worthless) deceit (trickery and deception, seductive delusions leading to dissipation) according to the traditions and teachings (the transmission of legends, customs, and doctrines) of man according to the rudimentary basic and natural elements of the world rather than according to the Messiyah...”** (Colossians 2:8)

**“...because (introducing you to content upon which you can think and judge) within Him [the Messiyah Yahushua] resides all that which is in accord with (dwells each and every significant aspect of what comes down from and is**

according to) **the content, completeness, and fulfillment** (the full measure of that which completes, the abundance, and which is liberally supplied from) **the divine qualities** (the nature and character of God) **bodily** (corporeally, in a tangible way, in human form).” (2:9)

“**Even also in and by Him** [the Messiyah Yahushua] **you have been made totally complete, abounding and liberally supplied** (given an overflowing abundance of influence, energy, and wealth), **for He exists as the head** (the uppermost, supreme and most prominent, the cornerstone) **of all creation** (the chief architect and builder from the beginning, the power from before the commencement of time, the authority over of all that was caused) **and the one with unlimited authoritative power** (the one in charge with unrestricted dominion).” (2:10)

“**Also by and in Him you are circumcised** (cut around and set apart). **It is a circumcision not made with hands, but in the removal and laying aside** (the stripping away and completely and advantageously separating from one’s self) **the sin and error** (that which has accumulated as a result of wandering away, forsaking our inheritance) **of the physical mortal body by the circumcision** (by the division and separation) **of the Messiyah, the Anointed Implement of Yah.**” (2:11)

“**Buried together with Him by immersion** (submersion [in the Spirit]), **in Him you are also risen together** (aroused and awakened from sleep so as to rise up and appear, and to be born) **by way of** (through, by means of, on account of, and by reason of) **trust in and reliance upon the truth and trustworthiness of** (recognition and acceptance of) **the work of** (effectual power, energy, and force of) **Yahuweh who raised Him** (restored Him to life, caused Him to stand, and caused Him to appear and rise) **from** (out of) **lifelessness** (destitution and death).” (2:12)

“**And also you being lifeless** (dead, futile, useless, of no value, and vain) **in your fallen state** (in your deviation from the truth and the way, sin and transgression, false beliefs and error) **still retaining the foreskin of** (being uncircumcised in) **your flesh** (mortal human nature) **were made alive, restored together with** (caused to live in union with) **Him. You were pardoned as an unearned favor** (graciously forgiven and restored, having your debt paid and then canceled) **from all, individually and collectively each and every lapse in judgment, deviation from the way, sin and error** (false step and transgression).” (2:13)

“**Erasing, doing away with, and anointing so as to wash away** (removing and wiping the record clean, eliminating, obliterating, and canceling) **the ordinance and decree** (the official verdict and requirement, the conclusion based

upon the rules, the judgment) **of the written certificate whereby the debt which must be paid at the appointed time is acknowledged** (a written document which proves one's indebtedness and confirms their obligation to pay) **that was according to** (that which pertained to) **us, which was opposed to and against** (adversarial and hostile to, contrary to) **us. He lifted it from us and took it upon Himself** (removed it and bore it Himself, carried it away and destroyed it) **from** (out of and away from) **our midst, advantageously nailing it to** (affixing it securely to) **the upright pole.**" (2:14)

**"Having exposed** (having stripped and laid bare, disarmed and discarded, separating Himself from) **the authorities** (the magistrates and leaders, those who initiated the action [of crucifying the Messiyah]) **and those officials wielding religious and political power and influence** (those in positions of judicial, clerical, and governmental authority), **He** [the Messiyah Yahushua] **made an example out of them, disgracing them publicly** (exposing that which they wished to conceal, proving His point and putting them to shame) **unambiguously, bluntly, and frankly** (without reservation or ambiguity, in open, bold, plain and outspoken words, having the confidence and courage to converse with candor), **triumphing over** (being victorious over) **them.**" (2:15)

**"Accordingly therefore** (consequently, these things being so), **let no individual separate you** (divide you out, break you apart, causing you to be disunited and severed [from God], question or evaluate you) **by eating, or in drinking, or in any part of** (any share of, any element of, or with regard to the purpose of) **the celebratory feasts** (the set apart days or festivals, holidays [specifically Passover, Unleavened Bread, or FirstFruits]), **or start of the month** (lunar calendar used by Yahweh as a measure of time to specify the exact date of each of His seven Miqra'ey), **or of the Sabbath** (seventh day when ordinary labor is to cease) **which exist as** (identically represent, corresponding exactly to without contingency, stand for) **archetype foreshadows** (adumbration images which represent the real object, sketches or outlines which are suggestive, partially disclosing the framework, a reflection) **of that which is intended and will take place at a future point in time** (of things to come which must be, of subsequent and sequential predictions, of future events which are destined, inevitable, and certain, denoting the mindset and the intent [of God] regarding an intended, substantive and absolutely sure act in time) **through** (now developed continuously via closely related events by way of) **the body** (the physical and corporeal organized whole) **of the Messiyah.**" (2:16-17)

**"Let no one beguile and disqualify you** (rob you of the prize, depriving you of your spiritual reward through deception, judge you as unworthy, decide against and condemn you, cheat or defraud you), **insisting on misdirected submission** (obedience, humiliation, self-abasement, effacement, or degradation born out of

the arrogance and pride of man) **or a messenger's** (envoy's or minister's, the one sent forth to announce and proclaim) **religion** (religious worship services and observances). **Those who claim to have seen and experienced supernatural visions and to have received messages** (acquired information and understanding) **and speak as an authority about religious revelations, who have entered into the mysteries** (initiates to the Babylonian-based mystery sun god religions) **are thoughtlessly, rashly, and irrationally** (vainly, groundlessly without consideration or cause and without beneficial result) **puffed up with pride without reason or justification** (arrogant and conceited exaggerators focused on natural phenomenon and nature-based religious doctrines, self-exalting and self-important souls engaged in the discussion of the universe's and man's origins and natural processes) **by their own thinking, opinions, morality** (consciousness, own faculty of understanding, reason, awareness, way of thinking, orientation, and moral attitude and inclination) **and fleshly desires** (corporeal animal nature)." (2:18)

**"Since the Messiah binds us together in one body, providing for us and uniting us so that we can rise up and stand together** (be logically instructed, be known, and be certain, be enlightened, reconciled, and be held upright) **and grow** (increase in status, state, and respect) **with Yahuweh, if together with the Anointed Messiyah you died a natural death separated from a series of elementary religious doctrines** (set apart from the ranks of binding human teachings, taboos, ordinances, ceremonies and traditions in relationship to the natural world and supernatural powers) **and the celestial creation** (the sun, moon, planets, and stars), **why do you submit to their authority, doctrines, and requirements** (subject yourself to their decisions and decrees and obey their set of fixed rules and imposed regulations)?" (Colossians 2:19-20)

Yahweh could not have made it clearer. It is human traditions or the Word, religion or relationship, man or God. If we want to know, understand, and live with our Heavenly Father, we have to know, understand, and rely upon His Word—rejecting man's authority, doctrines, and requirements. Central to this pursuit is seeing Yahweh's calendar, His six plus one Sabbath plan, and especially His Miqra'ey—Called-Out Assemblies—as the foundation and blueprint of our redemption.