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Greetings Friend,

Recently I received a study against keeping the feasts of Lev. 23 written by David Clayton. As I have reviewed it I thought to share my response with others. David is likely a very nice person .. I don't know him. My response is toward some of the ideas that he believes are true. You .. will be left with deciding which is more Scriptural.

The first point I would like to make has to do with who you would go to if you needed some dental work. Would you go to someone who had no experi-

ence .. or to someone who is well versed in dentistry? If you needed some important work done on the engine in your car .. would you rely on someone who had never taken an engine apart before? If you needed surgery for appendicitis .. would you seek out an automobile mechanic or a medical doctor?

If you wanted to know about the value of worship on the Seventh-day Sabbath .. would you seek out a Roman Catholic, a Lutheran, or a Baptist? Or would you seek out someone who had actual experience in "Sabbath Keeping" such as a Seventh-day Baptist, Seventh-day Adventist, or an observant Jew?

I think any thoughtful individual can see the futility of seeking out those who have little to no experience unless they were simply seeking a little sympathy. In the same way .. why would anyone seek out an informative appraisal of the Scriptural Feasts from someone who is without the necessary training and experience?

Musicians follow law while playing music. Is the musician "under the law" or "in bondage" to the law of music .. or is the law a description of the character of the music? Why does a skilled musician follow the law of music? What happens to music which is "free from the law"?

In building a house Carpenters apply the law (knowledge, teaching, instruction, doctrine) they were taught. The pilot of aircraft follow the law .. without which he could not fly. The law is a blessing to those who seek quality.

Contained within the words of David Clayton's article is the very revelation of anti-Semitism and destructive hatred toward the weekly Sabbath. I appreciate the way this may sound but I'm not attacking David Clayton .. I do not

know him .. I'm only referring to the line of reasoning revealed within his article. This very same reasoning lay at the heart of the arguments which caused the Armstrong Church of God to give up Saturday Sabbath observance and created a rift within the membership that split the doctrinal rocks beneath their feet.

One important rule for the study of Scripture and the eventual harmonious settlement upon that which is reliable depends upon a consistent line of reason. One sound must not cancel out another. The law of harmony demands that one sound amplify others which are similarly synchronized.

Paul was a Jewish Rabbi taught by Gamaliel .. and their perspective on the law was as a Pharisee. The argument that David Clayton puts forth is the very same argument that Sunday keepers use to show that Paul was warning believers to forget the Seventh-day Sabbath.

The problem is that several verses in the NT evidence that Paul was observing the seventh-day Sabbath. This fact cancels out any teaching which uses Paul as a champion of Sunday observance. If Paul was in any way teaching against the Sabbath .. he wouldn't be allowed to teach in the Jewish Synagogue.

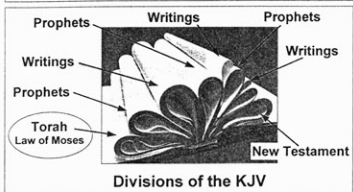
Some say that in the "Christian dispensation" it is okay to eat unclean animals as flesh food. Again there are NT verses and simple logic which will not allow Paul to be teaching against his Jewish heritage.

To teach that Paul was advocating that we worship on Sunday, eat swine, and many other false teachings is to perpetrate a fraud upon the believing community. Unfortunately many people have fallen for the scam because they don't really know their Bible.

As a 4th generation SDA I have been a part of all the teachings, preachings, and reachings within the SDA Box. The SDA Church has contributed it's own set of definitions and terminology to the theological dictionary which has been innocently inherited from anti-Judaic church fathers. In order to sort out the slag from the gold the material has to undergo tremendous heat leaving people feeling burned and betrayed.

What is meant by the "Law of Moses"? David Clayton never explains what the "Law of Moses" is and it is clear within his study that he doesn't know. I don't blame David for not knowing .. for I was unaware of this basic truth or how to apply it. Having a correct understanding for the right definition will correct the navigational heading and in time guide us to a safe destination.





Look at the two illustrations above. In the bottom picture is a King James Version of the Bible with the New Testament included. In comparing the KJV with the TaNaCh .. there are obvious differences. "TaNaCh" is an anagram which is a word formed from portions of other words. "Torah, Nevi'im, Ketuvim" (Law, Prophets, and Writings or the abbreviated form is the "Law and the Prophets" as in Matt. 5:17). In Paul's day there were no New Testaments. So Paul had to teach out of the Old Testament scroll documents which are divided up as shown in the top illustration. Notice how the divisions were made. When the Bereans searched the Scriptures to see if these things were so .. it was not a KJV they were looking through. There is no place in the TaNaCh (OT) plainly stating that YHWH's festivals were no longer to be observed.

The Law of Moses (Torah) is the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, & Deuteronomy. The Mosaic Law (instruction) is the most important section of the Bible .. for it is the test to see whether those coming after are in harmony with Yahweh. Those who say, "Moses' Law (teaching) was done away with at the cross" .. have just begun a foundation for evolutionary teaching along side eating swine and Sunday worship. It is by the Mosaic Law (doctrine) that an individual's teachings are tested. If the teacher speaks according to the Torah of Moses .. there is light in them (Isa. 8:20).

Those who do away with the Law of Moses .. do away with the Creation story, Cain and Abel story, the Flood story, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and many other stories .. as well as the ten commandments. Having done away with Moses .. these false teachers can now teach another gospel which will not be challenged if the minds of the people are kept within their theological box.

Books of the TaNaCh Jewish Old Testament Bible

TORAH

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

PROPHETS

Joshua
Judges
Samuel
Kings
Isaiah
Jeremiah

Ezekiel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

WRITINGS

Psalms
Proverbs
Job
Song of Songs
Ruth
Lamentations
Ecclesiastes
Esther
Daniel
Ezra-Nehemiah
Chronicles

In Judaism the Law of Moses (Torah) is considered the central document .. the foundation upon which every theological doctrine is built.

In the Old Testament Hebrew .. the word "Torah" doesn't mean "law" .. it means **Teaching, Instruction, Doctrine**. The Hebrew word "Torah" comes from an ancient root word "Yarah" which means: to Teach, point or shoot straight like an arrow to a target, and to flow forth as rain. Hence we get the idea of "the latter rain". The New Testament word for "law" is "nomos" which doesn't mean "law" it means "**knowledge**" and can be seen in various words. **Agro**nom~~y~~ means "knowledge of agriculture". **Astro**nom~~y~~ means "knowledge of the stars". **Econo**m~~y~~ means "knowledge of system". **A**nom~~y~~ous means "unknown" and **Deutero**nom~~y~~ means "second knowledge".

How many of you have been taught that you should not put other books upon the Bible? I was taught this idea. So let's examine the issue and see if we can understand this idea without becoming superstitious about it. Is it okay to put on top of the Bible .. your phone book, a dictionary, a gardening book, a Sears catalogue? What about a book written by your favorite author?



I hope the answer to all these questions is "No!" In the Orthodox Jewish community members are instructed from an early age that you should not place the Bible in the trunk of your car or on the floor .. it should be given the highest place of honor and respect.

Now take your Bible and place it on the table in front of you so that the words "Holy Bible" indicate that it is right side up. The KJV is made up of 66 books including those of the NT. When you open your Bible, the first five books you come to are those which comprise the Torah .. the Law of Moses .. also known as the Pentateuch. So the Torah (instruction) of Moses is on top of everything else. When people say, "The Law of Moses was done away with at the crucifixion of Y'shua" .. they are showing a tremendous lack of respect for the very words and thoughts which Yahweh dictated to Moses.

It may prove to be a useful revelation to you to do an informal survey of your friends as you come in contact with them. Ask them, "What do you understand is referred to as the "Law of Moses"?. I'm sure you will get some very different answers. This will illustrate how important it is to learn the truth about this issue and the need to be a part of the process of teaching others what the truth really is.

Many people will tell you "The Law of Moses is the ten commandments". others will tell you "it's the ceremonial law". a few may be able to tell you, "The Law of Moses is the Torah or Pentateuch .. first five books of the OT."

It is important to the whole issue to use the correct terms when discussing the codified teachings of Moses: namely the Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments. There is no place anywhere in Scripture where you will see the words Moral law or Ceremonial law as if they were two monolithic divisions of codified law. This idea is a fantasy .. a figment of the imagination. It is not and can not be supported by Scripture so let's discard it's usage.

Remember, .. you are to judge whether my words can be supported by Scripture. "If the glove doesn't fit .. you must acquit." It was a gut-wrenching thing for me to realize that I needed to change my way of speaking about the Bible. Once I did and made those necessary changes .. a veil was lifted from my eyes about other things. I may be your favorite author, but if the words "moral and ceremonial" cannot be found in Scripture, .. my usage doesn't make it Scripturally sound or sacred truth.

Paul was not a Seventh-day Adventist .. the SDAs didn't come onto the scene until nearly 1800 years later. We can tell by examining the words of Paul what he was using for his authority. It can be shown that the instruction of Moses was the primary authority which Paul referred to in order to establish his teachings. Those who are unfamiliar with the Torah of Moses will not see the references in the New Testament.

Moses "Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together." Deut. 22:10

Paul "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:" 2 Cor. 6:14

An ox is clean .. the ass is unclean. Many parents and pastors have used 2 Cor. 6:14 to warn their youth to seek a mate who is in religious agreement; a believer. We are warned not to marry a donkey .. nor be one! Firstborn donkeys are the only unclean animals redeemed.

Moses "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." Deut. 25:4



Paul "For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." 1 Cor. 9:9

Paul "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."



For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." 1 Tim. 5:17-18

Moses "Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates: At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto YHWH, and it be sin unto thee."

Deut. 24:14-15

Paul "The labourer is worthy of his reward." 1 Tim. 5:18

Moses "At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death." Deut. 17:6

Moses "One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established." Deut. 19:14

Paul "Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses." 1 Tim. 5:19

Some would like to point out that since the cross we are no longer under a theocracy (a God-centered) government. So stoning of murderers and other evil doers is not in our hands to do. However, the problem with this reasoning is that the Jews were not allowed to stone people at their whim since they were under the government of Roman authority many years before the cross. When they brought the woman taken in adultery to trick Y'shua .. they were hoping to see Y'shua take up stones against her .. so they could accuse Y'shua to the Roman authorities as a murderer.



Today, as voting members of US society .. it is up to us to form laws that are in harmony with Torah in order that we may be blessed instead of cursed as a nation. What loving father or mother would not defend their own family even to the point of taking the life of some intruder!! Members of a jury are to judge not only the person on trial but also the law to see if it is a fair or just law. As witnesses against an individual we are under the personal responsibility to be truthful witnesses. Words can bring life or death as surely as picking up stones.

"Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them."

¹³And after they had held their peace, **James answered, saying**, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: . . .

¹⁵Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: ²⁰But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. ²¹**For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.**" Acts 15:12-21

Paul "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. ¹²But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. ¹³**For Adam was first formed, then Eve.** ¹⁴**And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."**

1 Tim. 2:11-14

Paul "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, **as also saith the law.**"³⁴ And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. ³⁵What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? ³⁷If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord."

1 Cor. 14:34-37

Paul above .. uses the story of Adam and Eve to support his stand on the role of women and states that it's "the law" .. a commandment of YHWH. This is because the story of Adam and Eve is recorded in the "Law of Moses" .. the first five books of the Bible.

Laura and I had the honor to fellowship in a Saturday-Sabbath Amish worship service. Only the men read from the Bible and made comments .. women sat in silence (except singing) separated from the men. This is also true in an Orthodox Jewish synagogue today. Conservative-Traditional and Reformed synagogues are more lenient.

There are many other places where NT apostles used ideas which came from the "Law of Moses" (Torah) The Torah of Moses is the foundation upon which all Scriptural doctrine is built .. nail it to the cross .. and you have no temple either on earth or in heaven. Judaism considers the Torah to be a living document .. able to meet man in every age for as long as time shall last.

We would do well to dwell on what that means. YHWH is eternally infinite and omnipresent. What YHWH dictated to Moses on Mt. Sinai was not temporary in any way. Man in a fallen condition is temporary .. but not YHWH. The fact that YHWH is living and eternal .. means that what He uttered to Moses is also infinitely eternal. The idea that the God of the OT was angry, swift to justice, and without mercy .. while the NT God is here to bring freedom and permissiveness .. is a false idea. A gospel which presents a Saviour or prophet who speaks contrary to Moses is a false message .. the spirit of antichrist. This is the main reason why more Jews do not accept the Christian swine eating and Sunday keeping Jesus.

Moses "All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which YHWH swore unto your fathers. ... ³And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that **man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of YHWH doth man live.**" Deut. 8:1-3

Y'shua "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4

Moses "And YHWH commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it. ¹⁵Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that YHWH spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: ¹⁶Lest ye corrupt yourselves,

and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, ¹⁸The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: ¹⁹And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shoulddest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which YHWH thy Mighty One hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. Deut. 4:14-19

Moses "When thou art come into the land which YHWH thy Mighty One giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. ¹⁰There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or **an observer of times**, or an enchanter, or a witch, ¹¹Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. ¹²For all that do these things are an abomination unto YHWH: and because of these abominations YHWH thy Mighty One doth drive them out from before thee. ¹³Thou shalt be perfect with YHWH thy Mighty One. ¹⁴For these nations, which thou shalt possess, **hearkened unto observers of times**, and unto diviners: but as for thee, YHWH thy Mighty One hath not suffered thee so to do. Deut. 18:9-14

Paul "Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, **ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.**"⁸ But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, **how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?** ¹⁰**Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.** ¹¹I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain." Gal. 4:8-11

Satan has always had his counterfeit time periods for celebration and worship. All one has to do is look at the many civilizations and their cultures that make up the nations of the earth and it is easy to learn that they have their harvest festivals and worship cycles dedicated to their many gods. Paul is warning against this practice.

One of the many sins of the children of Israel was that of worshipping idols. They wanted to worship also the sun, the moon, and the stars. In Deuteronomy 4:19 they were warned not to indulge in such worship. In spite of such warnings, sun-worship prevailed many times. Asa and Josiah, kings of Judah, found it necessary to take away the sun images which had been kept at the entrance to the temple. p. 80

SUN, WORSHIP OF. The worship of the sun has found varied forms as far apart as the cult of Apollo in Greece and the religion of the Mayas and Incas in the American continent. Egypt, however, in the ancient world, was its special home. Breasted writes: "In a land where a clear sky prevailed, and rain was seldom seen, the incessant splendor of the sun was an insistent fact, which gave him the highest place in the thought and daily life of the people" (History of Egypt, pp. 58, 59). The center of such worship was On, or Heliopolis, a city in the Delta. Here the sun was called Re, the solar orb. Atum was the dying sun, tottering to the west. As Kephi, the sun was a youth rising with vigor. In the reign of Amenhotep IV, or Ikhnaton, a purified form of sun-worship was introduced. (See Chapter XVIII in 1. H. Breasted, op. cit.) p. 813

SUNDAY. The name Sunday is derived from pagan sources. Dividing the calendar into seven-day weeks was the work of Babylonian astrologers. From them the plan went into Egypt, where the days were named for planets, one for the sun. By 250 A.D. this method of reckoning time had become well established throughout the civilized

world. (Cassius, *Hist. of Rome*, 37:18). After Christianity had been planted in northern Europe, the Teutonic people substituted the names of their gods for Egyptian titles, so we have Twes-day (Tuesday), Woden's Day (Wednesday), and Thor's Day (Thursday). But the first day continued to be called Sun's Day, largely because Emperor Constantine by royal decree in 321 made it Solis Day, day of the sun, p. 814

ISHTAR (ish'tar), a Semitic goddess worshiped in Phoenicia, Canaan, Assyria, and Babylonia. Her name is spelled in various ways — Ash-toreth, Astarte, Ash-tartu (in the Amarna letters), Ishtar (in Babylonia), etc. The name and cult of the goddess were derived from Babylonia, where she was the goddess of love and war. The chief seat of her worship in Babylonia was Erech, where prostitution was practiced in her name by bands of men and women. In Assyria the warlike side of the goddess was stressed, and immoral rites were not a part of her worship. In Canaan her warlike attributes were dropped, and she became a moon-goddess and the consort of Baal. The Philistines worshipped her and built a temple for her at Ascalon. The immoral rites with which her worship was accompanied in Babylonia were transferred to Canaan (Deut. 23:18). As early as the times of Judges her cult had spread to the Hebrews (Judg. 2:13; 10:6). p.387 From: **Pictorial Bible Dictionary** by Merrill C. Tenney Zondervan publishers

In Jeremiah 7:16 we are told how YHWH's people have been stubbornly rebelliously making cakes to the queen of heaven (Ishtar-Easter) which is carried over in the celebration today using "hot cross buns" Easter eggs etc.

In Jeremiah 10 we are warned not "to learn the way of the heathen" .. and then Jeremiah describes a ritual that is similar to the celebration of X-mas.

Yes, heathen nations have "feasts" **"appointed times"** for celebration and worship. I refer to them as "beast days". Instead of asking whether it is Scriptural for NT believers to keep YHWH's Feast Days .. the question we should be asking is which should we be keeping?

The names of our months were affected by this same intent to bring confusion into worship. My birth date was September 22, 1950 and would be written as 9/22/50 .. but take a look at the name of the month which reflects the Scriptural calendar. **"Sept" means 7 not 9** .. "Oct" means 8, "Nov" means 9, "Dec" means 10. What happened that we have this crazy calendar today .. well the first clue is in the name of the calendar **"Gregorian"** after the Pope.

To the right is a clip from David Clayton's study against the feasts and other laws that YHWH gave to His people. David seems to know how justice was handled for he claims the Judges plucked out the eye of an eye offender.

The truth is that the Judges never did such a thing. It was understood that plucking someone's eye out could actually take the life of the individual and would then make the

judgment very unfair. This "instruction" is so that we can know that we are to be fair with our weights and measures .. "an eye for an eye" "tooth for tooth" actually means "value for value". This is something we practice today .. if I put a dent in your car we don't put a dent in my car to make things even .. instead we give monetary value to the offended party so that if possible they can have what has been damaged repaired, re-placed, restored, or at least compensated for. Two good books to purchase on these kind of things is **"Jewish Literacy"** and **"Biblical Literacy"** by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin.

David Clayton admits to having little experience with keeping the Law of Moses .. so it seems a bit foolish for me to trust his ideas regarding what Paul might be saying about the instruction of Moses.

It's certainly a good idea to wash your hands before eating .. however, this idea cannot be found in the Torah of Moses. It is the invention of the Rabbis. In Mark 7:1-8 is a lengthy reply by Y'shua dealing with this issue. Y'shua called it a commandment of men. It cannot be found in the Torah. SDAs have traditions of men as well .. so while studying one needs to examine the ideas they hold as an infallible doctrine.

David Clayton characterizes Paul as telling both converts and Jews that there is no value in celebrating the festivals of YHWH. Such an idea clearly goes against the record of Paul in his missionary journeys. It is also an idea which clearly contradicts the observations of Sister Ellen.

"Upon receiving warning of the plot, Paul decided to go around by way of Macedonia. His plan to reach Jerusalem in time for the Passover services had to be given up, but he hoped to be there at Pentecost." .. .

At Philippi Paul tarried to keep the Passover. Only Luke remained with him, the other members of the company passing on to Troas to await him there. The Philippians were the most loving and truehearted of the apostle's converts, and during the eight days of the feast he enjoyed peaceful and happy communion with them." Acts of the Apostles p. 389

Ellen was speaking according to the text.

"And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days." Acts 20:6

Conspicuously absent is the record of any letters from Paul informing the Philippians of their danger in observing the festivals of YHWH so long after the cross.

David Clayton writes:

The civil laws were necessary for keeping society in order. These included laws such as, if a man plucked out the eyes of another, the judges should pluck out his eyes. Eye should be given for eye, tooth for tooth etc. These laws still exist today, but are not administered by God's people but by the civil government, because God's people are no longer all together in one nation, but rather are scattered in all lands and among all people.

David Clayton writes:

The Jews insisted that the hands should be washed before eating, but suppose the hands were clean? This did not matter. It did not make any difference to them. The law said so and the law had to be obeyed. There was no intelligence in their obedience. All that mattered was what the law said. The law was their master. They were under the law they did not know what their Master was doing.

The Beast Days or the Feast Days

Sunday Sabbath	Saturday Sabbath
Good Friday	Passover/ULBread
Easter Sunday	Wave Sheaf day
Whitsunday	Pentecost
Halloween	Trumpets
X-mas	Yom Kippur
New Year's	Tabernacles
Valentines	Chanachah (Feast of Dedication)

Paul wrote:

"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." 1 Cor. 5:7,8

The SDA Bible Commentary states that the Greek tense in this verse should be understood to read "Therefore let us continue to keep the feast".

Those who make a habit of using a double standard find it easy to apply the "trick" when reading these plain words. If this text stated, "Therefore let us keep the Sabbath" SDAs would be hanging onto the text with all fours and super-glue stating with great spirit, "It means exactly what it says .. don't spiritualize the meaning away!" However, the text reads, "Therefore let us keep the feast", (Passover - Unleavened Bread) and the idea doesn't fit SDA doctrine. The worst way to save face is to work a little magic and make the plain words become vapor .. spiritualizing away the plainest words of the Bible.

The truth is .. the words are "literally spiritual" in the same way that Sabbath observance is and Rabbi Paul was only repeating that which YHWH had instructed Israel many years before. In the past Passover was a poignant reminder of important events of salvation history and now they had another fantastic salvation event to add to the others. From the time of the cross .. the Apostles would be able to connect and reflect upon the significance of Y'shua's death and resurrection to the events of the spring festivals. It would from now on be a continuing study of deep significance .. a memorial of the past .. and a shadow of that which is yet to come every time the believers gathered to observe Passover or any of the other of YHWH's yearly festivals. What spirit speaks against the Appointed Times (feasts/mo'edim) of YHWH?

The NT doesn't tell us where Paul was every Weekly Sabbath day for even one year let alone several. We must draw reasonable conclusions based upon Paul's heritage and culture. Paul was Jewish as Y'shua was .. and Jews keep the weekly Sabbath as a holy day. They also observe Pentecost as well as Tabernacles among those other Leviticus 23 religious festivals.

Dear Friend,

I have offered and still offer \$1,000. to any one who can prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound, under grievous sin to keep Sunday holy.

It was the Catholic Church which made the law obliging us to keep Sunday holy. The Church made this law long after the Bible was written. Hence said law is not in the Bible.

Christ, our Lord empowered his church to make laws binding in conscience. He said to his apostles and their lawful successors in the priesthood "Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be binding in heaven." Matt. 16:19, Matt. 18:17, Luke 16:19.

The Catholic Church abolished, not only the Sabbath, but all the other Jewish festivals.

Pray + study. I shall be always glad to help you as long as you honestly seek the truth. Respectfully, T. Enright

21 years after the cross.

"And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not: But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus." Acts 18:21

25 years after the cross.

"For I will not see you now by the way; but I tarry to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost." 1 Cor. 16:7

27 years after the cross.

"For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost." Acts 20:16

It is eye-opening to trace Paul's journeys while reading the text. It will help in gaining perspective realizing that these people went to a great deal of perilous effort to travel these distances by land and sea. ☞

— Merwin Abbott.

Below is a copy of the original document written by Enright offering a \$1,000 reward for plain Bible texts supporting Sunday observance over the Sabbath. Many SDAs know about this letter .. but probably do not know what else it said. "The rest of the story!"

The Roman Catholic Church does not teach that the feasts ended at the cross .. instead they assume the power to change them.

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Dear Friend, I have offered & still offer \$1,000. to any one who can prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound, under grievous sin to keep Sunday holy. It was the Catholic Church which made the law obliging us to keep Sunday holy. The Church made this law long after the Bible was written. Hence said law is not in the Bible. Christ, our Lord empowered his church to make laws binding in conscience. He said to his apostles and their lawful successors in the priesthood "Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be binding in heaven." Matt. 16:19. Matt. 18:17. Luke 16:19. The Church abolished not only the Sabbath, but all the other Jewish festivals. I shall be always glad to help you as long as you honestly seek the truth. Respectfully, T. Enright

The TEN COMMANDMENTS

And the Almighty SPAKE

all these words SAYING, . . .

It is often thought the exact words of Exodus 20 were written on stone and placed in the ark of the covenant within the Most Holy Place of the Temple. It is very easy to prove that this is not the case.

Yet, It is not my intention to detract from the infinite principle of those words.

On these next couple pages I will discuss the various ideas about the structure of the commandments on stone and how they are to be understood.

Some individuals assume King James English with all the "thee & thou" language came straight from the summit of Mt. Sinai. A disappointment it may be to discover Paleo Hebrew written on those two wonderful treasures.

Currently there are two main traditions regarding the Ten Words. A popular view holds that there are four commands on one table and six on the other. An older teaching describes five commands on each tablet of stone.

Josephus, a Jewish historian who lived at the time of the destruction of the temple wrote: "In this ark he put the two tables whereon the ten commandments were written, five upon each table, and two and a half upon each side of them; and this ark he placed in the most holy place."

This view is supported by Scripture.

"And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables." Exodus 32:15,16

Jewish doctrine teaches that the Ten Commandments are a brief index description of all the rest of the codified law with five commands on one table and five on the other. The first table specifies our relationship to our Creator while the second table teaches love for humanity.

The first five commands all include the Sacred Name "Yahweh" substituted as "LORD" in the text. The last five do not have the Sacred Name.

Jewish doctrine holds that the Ten Words are in fact Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments. These are separated as seen in the illustration above.

There is no such idea that these two tablets are to be understood as the MORAL LAW somehow separate from other body of law often referred to as CEREMONIAL LAW. These two concepts do not occur in Scripture as divisions of codified LAW. This is human tradition .. the commandments of men .. not the law of YHWH.

Commandments are direct commands from YHWH telling us who He is and that we are to give Him our consistent undivided love and loyalty.

Statutes explain how we are to worship Him and they are "ceremonial" in nature. Statutes are often not logical. However, if you will DO them then

you may be able to understand why and maybe receive the blessings associated. Do not misrepresent His Name. Remember to observe the Appointed Times i.e.

Sabbath days. No amount of logical argument will convince a person to observe the Sabbath at it's proper time. Nothing in nature sets the Sabbath day apart from other days in the year. It is only the EXPERIENCE which engraves the event in the heart.

In "honoring your father and mother" we receive a promise of long life in the land of promise. There is a fundamental reason for this .. as we listen to our parents .. they are to teach us Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments .. diamonds set in a golden setting of parental love. Who better to teach us about a loving Creator, our first parents, sin, ... a Saviour. For further reading see Deuteronomy 4.

Judgments are logical in nature and it is believed that if there were no "God" that man would be able to sit down and agree that it is best we not murder one another, steal from each other, or covet each other's possessions etc.

"Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled (fills full) the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Romans 13:8,9

In the above text .. there is no mention of the parental fifth command in this list .. indicating five on the second tablet. In using ideas and terminology which are foreign to Scripture in a theological controversy .. we completely open ourselves up to attack. To define the Sabbath day as Sunday steps outside the definition of Scripture. In the same way other terms like "secret rapture" place the defenders on quaking ground. We join them on their ground in defining Scriptural law as belonging to one of two imaginary monolithic divisions: MORAL and CEREMONIAL.

All law (instruction) from YHWH is MORAL or righteous in nature .. when YHWH invites us to meet with Him and each other at a certain time .. we cannot receive the blessings if we refuse. In the same way when society declares that it is okay to practice abominations, unjust weights and measures, eating the unclean, and the taking of bribes to pervert justice .. we bring curses on society.



Re-read Exodus 20 to 34 to refresh your memory. As already noted, Exodus 20:1 states that YHWH "spoke" all these words. Moses records that we the people "removed and stood afar off" telling Moses to go up and hear YHWH and we would do what YHWH commanded.

So Moses climbed the mountain spending 40 days and nights with no food or water and wrote what YHWH dictated. Meanwhile the people became restless and worried at Moses' absence and decided to fashion a golden calf (beast) in order to get spiritual direction. Aaron, the brother of Moses, declared it "a feast to YHWH."

Moses is told to go down .. carrying the two tables of stone .. his righteous anger waxing hot .. he throws them down and breaks them expressing utter disgust with the abominations taking place at the bottom of Mt. Sinai. Moses grinds the gold into powder, scattered it upon the water, and made the Israelites drink of it.

So .. that first set of tablets broken at the base of Mt. Sinai, never made it into the golden ark of the covenant. You knew that right? What did go in the ark?

In Ex. 34 we watch Moses ascending the Mount with a new set of stone tablets which he has hewn out. Moses is up on the summit with YHWH for another 40 days with no food / water. As he comes down again, his face shining, we examine the stones he is carrying and discover.

We are warned again not to make and worship graven images and we are firmly instructed not to let our children attend celebration parties with other children who are practicing any heathen customs.

In Exodus 34:18-23 we are reminded.

"The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. . . . Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in eaving time and in harvest thou shalt rest. And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, (Pentecost) of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering (Tabernacles) at the year's end. Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before YHWH"

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"YHWH said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with YHWH forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments."

It has already been shown that this second forty day experience reveals that Moses was to tell the people to keep not only the seventh-day Sabbath but also the feast of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. It goes on to say (34:27), "after the tenor of these words" which means after the subject, idea, concept, intent, inclination, etc. .. has YHWH made a covenant with us. In other words there is much more than just the weekly Sabbath involved with the "Ten Commandment" covenant.

Just because we do not understand .. to wrap our mind around .. the expanse of these words doesn't mean that

we are without hope. It does mean that we need to spend time adjusting our thinking to fit the Scripture .. instead of adjusting Scripture to fit our thinking.

It means that we must have a new "EXPERIENCE" with the Bible and it's Author. It is never too late to start .. to be born again. New wine in old skins will destroy the container .. a new heart is the only way to hold heavenly gold.

What would it be like to go back to the Exodus .. to the foot of Mt. Sinai .. where YHWH began to speak to us? Would we be willing to stand there .. trembling .. for forty days and nights without food or water .. as YHWH engraved His character upon our very mind and heart? Would our face glow after this encounter as did the face of Moses? "Man does not live by bread alone .. but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of YHWH."

Some Theologians will tell you the feasts are good learning opportunities but the feasts are not "binding". Just what does that mean to you? The Weekly Sabbath day is a "feast day" .. the first one mentioned in Lev. 23. Just because you have never heard it described that way doesn't make it untrue. Is the Weekly Sabbath binding? Will you be eternally lost if you don't keep the Sabbath? We are under no binding obligation to keep the Sabbath or any of the commandments .. but we do reap the results of our choices in either blessing or cursing. Have you been blessed by Sabbath observance? What might you be missing? The Torah of Moses awaits you!

In the Biblical context .. "salvation" is an active idea just as alive and eternal as YHWH is. In fact Y'shua means Salvation in Hebrew. Salvation is a gift given not only at the cross .. but before the world's foundation, to Adam, Noah, when the death angel passed over, when the water's opened up, when manna fell, an ongoing daily process. Salvation (Y'shua) is also a way of life. Y'shua followed Torah and bids us "be like little children" and "Follow me".

By keeping Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments we learn to better serve, worship, and praise our Creator and in so doing we will find ourselves in a position where YHWH can bless us. Should we refuse to be instructed .. curses come .. grinding the spiritual gears in every area of our lives to the degree we refuse to follow Heaven's instruction. When we become inspired to learn more and seek to understand better the teachings of Moses which were given him by the Almighty .. it will be fulfilled ..

