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1Co 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

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DOES BEING RELIGIOUS MEAN WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?



ALL SPIRITS ARE NOT HOLY:

“Beloved, believe Not every spirit, but *try the spirits* whether they are of Yahweh [“God”; KJV].” (I Jn. 4:1)

“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, paying attention to Deceitful Spirits and Doctrines of Demons. “(I Tim. 4:1)

“Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared... For-bidding to marry [celibacy].” (I Tim. 4:2)

KINDS OF SPIRITS:

UNCLEAN SPIRITS (Lk. 6:18; Acts 5:16; spirits who break the Laws of clean/unclean [meats, persons, Lev.12-13, 15])

DECEITFUL SPIRITS (I Tim. 4:1)

EVIL SPIRITS (Lk. 7:21)

“FAMILIAR” SPIRITS (KJV). Isa. 8:19; “...mediums, and spiritists who whisper and mutter..” [NAS]; (A spiritist believes the dead communicate with the living; basically immortality of the soul.)

HOW DO WE KNOW WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

IF We Speak According to the Law:

“To the Law and the Testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” (Isa. 8:20)

Obey the Truth:

“...obeying the Truth through the Spirit...” (I Pet. 1:22; Jn. 14:17) **Strive to Avoid Sinning:**

“For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the Truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins.” (Heb. 10:26) “Whosoever committeth Sin transgresses also the Law: for Sin is the Transgression of the Law.” (I Jn. 3:4)

WHAT IS TRUTH?

“Thy righteousness is...everlasting, and thy Law is the Truth.” (Psa. 119:142)

THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES NOT REPLACE THE COMMANDMENTS:

Submit to Yahweh’s Righteous Law:

“For they being ignorant of Yahweh’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of Yahweh.” (Rom. 10:3).

Live as Yahshua Did

“For the Messiah (Christ) is the ‘final goal toward which men are striving’ [“end”; KJV] for righteousness....”

(Rom. 10:4). To follow in his steps who did no sin.” [1 Pet. 2:21,22].

Common False Doctrine: Teaching Grace Replaces the Law “For there are certain persons men crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of Yahweh [“God”; KJV] into licentiousness...[lawlessness; immorality].” (Jude 4)

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Prayer is an essential element in spiritual vitality. It’s in prayer that we develop the close personal relationship with God

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that makes his spirit a power in our lives. We repent in prayer. It's in prayer that we labor for the salvation not only of ourselves but of others. It's in prayer that we give praise and thanksgiving to God and seek of him those things of which we have need. It's vital to pray—and to understand how to pray, when, for what.

Even if you have been praying for years, it would be worthwhile for any and all of us to review from time to time principles revealed in the Bible regarding prayer.

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Dear Laura -

Obed Mambwe again requests food and Bibles in his language (Zambia uses English for education and commerce) but provides no contact information - where & how to donate (address, email, website, social media, phone, etc.) A namesake from Lusaka Zambia is mentioned online as an ASL interpreter; also, on Facebook and LinkedIn, educated near London, and worked in the USA through the Embassy. Is he the same person? Assuming this is a legitimate request, more information about him would be helpful.

Also do you have contact information for Paul Janvier Mbock of Cameroon? A Google search doesn't even mention him.

Thank you!

Name Removed

Editor's Response:

First of all we don't know anything more about either of these people you have mentioned in your letter. We do have email addresses for both, but we don't give out anyone's email address and most of the time we remove them from articles that we print. The only option I can offer you is that I can send your email address to both gentlemen, and they can email you if they want to. Also, you might try the drop down menu on our website under categories and just above trending. That drop down is most of what we have printed by the author. Laura Lee

Have a Great Sabbath!

Valentine's Day and Real Love

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How can we say, "I [love](#) you"? Let me count the ways!

On their wedding anniversary, a husband might give his wife a lovely card and a gift, some flowers, and maybe even a romantic dinner at an upscale restaurant. With them, he is saying, "I love you." On Father's Day, his wife might give him a card and a gift. Likewise, she is telling him that she loves him.

But our society, urged on by the greeting card industry and other merchants, tries to tell us that it is not enough for family members to declare their love for each other on anniversaries, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. You must do it all over again—on Saint Valentine's Day!

But God's people reject this idea; they do not keep Saint Valentine's Day. Why not? We can discover the reasons by answering five questions one by one.

Question 1: *Who was Saint Valentine?*

"Valentine" was apparently a very popular name among the so-called saints of yesteryear, as history records a considerable number by that name. However, the most famous "Valentines" were two martyrs whose festivals both fall on February 14. Yes, there were two Saint Valentines! Most people never realize that!

One was a Roman priest, while the other was the Bishop of Terni, a town in central Italy. Apparently, these two men had

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quite a lot in common: They lived at the same time, around the second half of the third century AD. Moreover, they died on the same day and are supposedly buried along the same street, the Via Flaminia, an ancient Roman road that ran northward from Rome over the Apennine Mountains to the Adriatic Sea. A street seems a strange place for burials of clergymen, but evidently, the Roman Church honored them with monuments along this famous road.

Except for the setting of their feast day, the historical record gives no indication why either of these men is connected with sexual love and romance. Apocryphal accounts say that Saint Valentine secretly married Christian couples against the emperor's command, but the stories originated hundreds of years after both of these men were dead, allegedly to bolster the saint's ties to the Medieval festival in his honor.

This, in a nutshell, is about all we know about the two Saint Valentines. Not much, is it?

Question 2: *What are the real origins of the celebration of this day?*

As far back as documented history goes, we can trace the celebration to two ancient Roman fertility festivals: a lesser-known one on February 13 called the "Faunalia," in honor of the [god](#) Faunus, and the better-known one on February 15 called the "Lupercalia," honoring the god Lupercus. The Romans considered Faunus and Lupercus to be closely related, and some historians even think they are the same god, named differently by ancient Italians living in different regions.

The main center of the ancient Lupercalia celebrations was the cave of the Lupercal on Rome's Palatine Hill. There, Romulus and Remus, the legendary founders of Rome, were supposedly nursed and brought up by a she-wolf. The Greek word for "wolf" is *lukos*, and the Latin name for the gray wolf is *canis lupus*, hence the terms "Lupercal," "Lupercus," and "Lupercalia." Some traditions even say that Romulus and Remus instituted the Lupercalia feast.

Space restrictions forbid going into the details of all the strange rituals performed at the Lupercalia, but a few are worth mentioning. One ritual had two young priests running almost naked (remember, this is in mid-February!) around the old city walls, slapping any bystanders they met with thongs cut from animals that had been sacrificed earlier. A smack from one of these thongs was supposed to cure sterility.

Another rite was a purification ceremony held during the Lupercalia, at which the priests of Pan Lyceus purified Roman women. Suffice it to say that the details of how this happened should not be repeated in mixed company!

Question 3: *How did the Lupercalia transform into Valentine's Day?*

The feast of Lupercalia was very important to the Romans, as was the feast of Faunalia to other Italians. The former is regarded as the oldest of the Roman festivals and, along with the Saturnalia, among the most significant. The import of this festival is borne out by the fact that a primary function of two of the most prominent families of the ancient Roman nobility, the Fabius and Quinctilius families, was to organize the annual Lupercalia festivities.

A modern parallel of this would be if a nation's President or Prime Minister were to dedicate two of his top cabinet officials and their entire staffs to the organization of the annual Saint Valentine's Day celebrations! Sound ridiculous? Nevertheless, that is how important the ancient Romans thought the Lupercalia was.

Firmly entrenched in Roman life, Lupercalia survived even the arrival of Christianity in Rome. The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* asserts, "The annual celebration of the Lupercalia went on until AD 494, when it was changed by Pope Gelasius I into . . . the feast of the Purification." Remember that a major ritual during the Lupercalia was the Roman women's purification by Pan Lyceus priests. Pope Gelasius I substituted his interpretation of God's post-pregnancy purification ceremony as a direct replacement for a heathen one!

The Roman Church initially observed the Feast of the Purification on February 14, forty days after Epiphany (January 6). The Armenian church still celebrates it on that date. Later, the Catholic Church moved it to February 2, forty days after [Christmas](#) (December 25), and the empty day on the liturgical calendar was filled, apparently arbitrarily, with the dedication of February 14 to the two Saint Valentines.

As an aside, in the Roman Church, virtually every day is a feast day in memory of one "saint" or another. Emperor Justinian established February 2 as the Feast of the Purification in AD 542, and today, some call it "Candlemas." It may be significant—and it seems too much of a coincidence not to be—that February 2 is also a prominent day for those who

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practice [witchcraft](#) around [the world](#). Strangely, it is also Groundhog Day in the United States and Canada.

Question 4: *What does God think about it?*

God warns His people literally hundreds of times in both the Old and New Testaments to stick to His ways, His laws, and His feasts, being careful to stay away from the pagan ways of the surrounding world. For example:

Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods. You shall make no molded gods for yourselves. ([Exodus 34:12-17](#))

Then, right after this instruction, God commands His people to keep *His* feasts: the Feast of Unleavened Bread (verse 18), the weekly [Sabbath](#) (verse 21), Pentecost, and the fall feasts (verse 22). Now notice [Numbers 25:1-3](#):

Then Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So, Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.

The Bible contains numerous warnings for God's children to cling to His ways and shun pagan ways with abhorrence. Were we to look up all the scriptures containing the word "gods," we would find hundreds of cautions and commands to avoid and forsake them! But probably no scripture in the whole Word of God puts it better than [Deuteronomy 12:29-32](#):

When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you have displaced them and dwell in their land, take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, "How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise." You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

Question 5: *What should we do about it?*

The Scriptures, even the few verses we have included here, are quite clear that those called into God's church should not keep Saint Valentine's Day. At best, it is an ancient pagan festival covered with a microscopically thin "Christian" veneer. The alternative is likewise clear: We must keep God's [holy days](#) with [joy](#) and zeal.

God gave the ancient Israelites the authority and responsibility to go into their new homeland and tear down all the places of pagan worship. He, of course, has not given us that authority and responsibility. We must make the best of living amid this thinly disguised paganism!

For most adults in God's church, Valentine's Day celebrations present few problems. In the unlikely event you receive an invitation to a Valentine's party, a simple "No, thank you" usually suffices. To avoid getting into a troublesome—and probably unnecessary discussion—plan in advance a couple of good reasons (true ones, of course!) why you cannot attend.

Our children, particularly the younger ones, have the most problems with avoiding Valentine's Day celebrations. High schoolers should be able to do their own advance preparations as the adults do. Most teens have been through it often enough to know what to expect and how to avoid it, but we cannot expect our younger children to handle it independently. They need help, parents!

Warning: Please do not rely on that ten-minute chat you had last August or September with your child's new teacher, during which you told her all about the [Feast of Trumpets](#), the [Day of Atonement](#), the [Feast of Tabernacles](#), [Halloween](#), Christmas, New Year's Day, Valentine's Day, [Easter](#), and the [Days of Unleavened Bread](#). Take some extra time shortly

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before Valentine's Day to drop by the school for a friendly talk with the teacher (or teachers, as may be the case).

If you definitely cannot get to the school to see the teachers in person, write a friendly little note of explanation to each of them and send it along with your child[ren]. Remember to be nice! It is not the teacher's fault that the school's curriculum is built around the world's celebrations and holidays. Also, consider that they have not been given the ability to understand these things as we have. It was not that long ago that we, too, were "in the dark" on these matters!

Love for God

Most importantly, how can we tell God we love Him if we compromise with His instruction and observe this day, especially considering our understanding of its origins? He specifically commands:

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.
(I John 2:15-17)

We can be glad that God has freed us from the modern versions of the old pagan holidays. Paul reminds us, "No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please Him who enlisted him as a soldier" (II Timothy 2:4). As we take care not to entangle ourselves in the affairs and holidays of this world, we can instead focus our thoughts on God's revealed holy days and appreciate how observing them provides a unique understanding of Christ's marvelous work and God's plan for both us and the rest of mankind.

This should make us realize how much He has given us, motivating us to keep His true Sabbaths and holy days more effectively and appreciatively. So, how can we show God we truly love Him? His Word in I John 2:3, 5 tells us, "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. . . . Whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him."

That love is *real* love!

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Was Tom Homan Right to Rebuke the Pope?

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In an open letter to the U.S. Catholic bishops, Pope Francis rebuked the Trump administration for its deportation of illegal

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immigrants. Francis insisted that assigning criminality to illegal status is contrary to Christianity and warned that such an approach will “end badly.”

This is not the first time the pope has taken issue with Trump and his approach to immigration. In 2016 Francis held a mass near the Texas/Mexico border where Trump was planning the building of the border wall. He afterwards declared that anyone who builds a wall, rather than a bridge, to keep out migrants “is not a Christian.”

Trump's Border Czar, Tom Homan, who is a lifelong Catholic, took Francis to task and rebuked him for his criticisms. Here are three reasons Homan is right to rebuke the pope.

Reason #1

He's Too Far Removed from the Situation

Is it not strange that an Argentinian pope who resides in splendor in Rome feels he has the right to instruct America how to handle its border crisis and immigration system? In his response to the pope's criticism, Homan said, “I have harsh words for the pope. He ought to fix the Catholic Church, and concentrate on his work, and leave border enforcement to us.” As documented in my book, *Infallible Pope: Key to Unity or Source of Division*, the papal office has a long history of meddling in issues and with people that are of no concern to it.

Reason #2

The Border is Not His Concern

According to Roman Catholic doctrine, the pope derives his authority to speak from Peter through a long line of ecclesiastical succession. However, in Scripture, Peter is presented as a very fallible individual who denies the Lord (Luke 22:55-62), waffles concerning true doctrine (Galatians 2:11-14), and is rebuked by Jesus for trying to meddle in John's ministry and calling (John 21:20-22).

Concerning being rebuked by Jesus, this occurred in a post-resurrection appearance to His disciples recorded in John 21. In this appearance, Jesus addressed Peter and asked him three times, *Do you love Me?* When Peter answered in the affirmative, Jesus then exhorted him to *Feed My sheep* and to *Follow Me*.

Peter then turned, looked at John, and said to Jesus, *But Lord, what about this man?* With a gentle rebuke Jesus replied, *If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow me* (John 21:22).

In other words, there were issues and things about other believers that did not concern Peter. John had a relationship with Jesus that was of no concern to Peter. Peter must give himself to his own task and not meddle in the affairs of others.

In the spirit of the words of Jesus to Peter, Homan said of the pope, “I wish he would stick to the Catholic Church and fix that and leave border enforcement to us.” Yes, as Jesus said to Peter when he meddled with John's business and calling, *What is that to you? You follow Me!*

Reason #3

His Actions Do Not Match His Words

The pope's words would carry more force if he practiced what he preaches. But while rebuking the Trump administration for its deportations and national security, he lives in splendor behind the high walls and tight security of the Vatican. Homan rhetorically asked, “So, he's got a wall to protect his people and himself, and we can't protect the people of the United States?”

Pope Francis reminds me of the wealthy elite on Martha's Vineyard who had proclaimed themselves a “sanctuary city.” But when Governor Ron DeSantis bused illegal migrants to Martha's Vineyard, the residents there found a way to very quickly have them removed. It is like Hollywood elites who verbally champion the rights of the homeless and illegal migrants to live anywhere they choose . . . except inside the high walls of their gated communities.

Talk is cheap. Leaders must lead by their actions, not just their words. Otherwise, it comes across as mere “virtue signaling.”

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The Best Way to Lift the Poor

As Christians we have a responsibility to care for the homeless, the poor, and honest migrants who have been trapped in an unfortunate political situation. One way we do this is by direct charitable actions.

However, we do this on an even wider scale by supporting a form of government that lifts the poor by creating and maintaining a prosperous economy that provides opportunity and well-paying jobs for the greatest number of people. Millions of immigrants arrived to this land poor, but because of the opportunities afforded them, they discovered what has been called "the American Dream."

But to have such a government and economy, we must return to our founding principles of Faith and Freedom. We must have a secure border and a form of government that facilitates and encourages individual liberty and Christian morality. The church in America has a vital part to play if this is to be a reality once again.

The Key to America's Greatness

The vital role of the church in America's greatness was highlighted in a statement by the French sociologist, Alexis de Tocqueville, after a six month visit to America in 1831. He came to study the nation's penal system and see if he could discover the reason for the young nation's rapid rise to influence and power in the earth.

The following quote is not found in Tocqueville's writings, but it has been historically attributed to him and has the sound and feel of Tocqueville. It was probably included in one of his many lectures, which someone wrote down and it later found its way into the written narrative.

Arriving on the heels of the Second Great Awakening, Tocqueville recounted how he sought for America's greatness in her institutions of government, her educational system, her factories, harbors, and vast commerce. He then said,

Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great (Hyatt, *Pilgrims and Patriots, Second Edition*, 177).

America's problems stem from a devastating loss of morality, truth, and spirituality, and only an Awakened Church can resolve the current crises and Make America Great Again.

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A Historic Moment

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was sworn in today as Secretary of Health and Human Services. I consider this a historic moment for our nation. May Bobby be successful in his efforts to Make America Healthy Again. It is sorely needed and long overdue.

Linked below is the video of his swearing-in ceremony. I encourage everyone to watch this historic moment. Mr. Kennedy is joined by his beautiful family at this ground-shaking event. Listen carefully to Mr. Kennedy's remarks after taking his oath of office. He is the right man for the job of bringing about a complete overhaul of a corrupt system which has greatly profited by mostly managing the symptom rather than eliminating the root cause.

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The second video linked below is Dr. Berg's interview of Doctor William Davis. They discuss the importance of an important gut microbe that has been largely eliminated by the use of antibiotics. The benefits of restoring this microbe are all positive and even life changing. Be sure to watch the video to the very end to see how to easily make a delicious treat to recharge your gut and improve your health.

Note: I was able to obtain the yogurt maker and other ingredients on Amazon. The yogurt maker should be able to keep a temperature of 99 degrees for 36 hours. Organic half and half can be obtained at your local grocery store. Other videos will provide good tips for making this yogurt-like treat. You may also want to obtain Dr. Davis's book, "Super Gut."

Video links:

JFK Sworn In: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hj4d8GCfI3o>

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Daily and effective prayer is essential to one's relationship with God. We are instructed in Scripture "...in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" ([Philippians 4:6](#)). We are given guidelines in various scriptures regarding prayer, including how to pray, in what spirit and attitude we should pray, and specific things we should pray for. How often do you remind yourself of these precepts, and are you applying them in your prayers daily?

The prayers of those faithful to God are of vital importance to him. And though he may not fulfill all of our requests immediately, he will in the long run answer the prayers of his faithful servants in a positive way. We must also see the vital importance of prayer pleasing and acceptable to God. It is a key to being granted a place in the Kingdom of God.

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Dear Laura,

I want you to know that I appreciate the work that you do to publish the Church of God Messenger, and I am sure your heart is in the right place, but I am writing to express my dismay at your editorial comments on Dwight Fleming's article about the Passover. Although I do not agree with all of Dwight's assertions or conclusions, I cannot support the practice of public, personal attacks on someone for their beliefs. It's one thing to post a rebuttal, but your comments struck me as harsh and vicious.

It seems sadly ironic to me that it was at this meal -- the very meal in question -- that Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love one to another." I believe that having and showing love for each other far outweighs whether we have a correct understanding of the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion.

Sincerely,
Dave Rothwell

The commentary from February 15, 2025, which he is referring to:

Hi Everyone,

Passover is coming up and according to Dwight Fleming many people are confused about when to keep the Passover. Yes, we pulled his article apart because it is full of lies. Sorry, there is no other nice way to put that. I suggest that everyone read it. The black ink is what Dwight wrote, Darwin's is in purple ink and mine is in red ink.

You can't take one scripture that says, "The Lord's Supper" and build an entire doctrine around it. The scripture where it is used in the bible does not tell us that Passover was replaced with "The Lord's Supper" nor does it say anything about changing the day of Passover or replacing the name of Passover with the name "The Lord's Supper."

1Co 11:20 When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lord's supper.

If you are confused about what day to keep Passover, that confusion comes from Satan and not from God. When you mostly go to secular material to study the Passover you will become very confused and that is what Satan wants. If you study Passover from the bible and look at the meanings of the Hebrew words and look at all the scriptures in regard to the Passover, you will not be confused as to when the Passover is and what it entails. There are actually several very clear scriptures in regard to Passover so there should not be any confusion among God's elect.

Dwight put a sermon link at the end of his article from a secular source talking I guess about the lord's supper. At the very end in my last editor's note we have included a sermon link by William Dankenbring that Darwin found on the internet. William Dankenbring died in 2017 and when he was yet alive we did get quite a bit of his material for a while. We didn't always agree with everything he wrote but in regard to the Passover in this sermon he is right on and he uses good sources for what he says and explains how people go to secular works written by people that do not have God's Holy Spirit. He shows how these people are all mixed up in what they say. I believe it is about an hour and fifteen minutes.

For those who do not know who William Dankenbring was, he was a minister in the Worldwide Church of God at one point in time. He also attended Ambassador College. Worldwide Church of God was a good thing when they taught the right thing from scripture but when they taught the wrong thing people just glommed onto it like it was the whole truth and nothing but the truth even when it was not the truth.

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You have to study from scripture and not from secular material. Once you understand what scripture says then use other materials if you want but make sure it is proven materials and not a bunch of garbage that someone just threw together to try to explain something they did not understand.

Dwight has no understanding of when most of the Holy Days are to be kept and he seems to believe that Mose's wrote the law when in reality God wrote the law and told Mose's to teach it to others and to write it down. As God's elect, we are to teach the law of God and if we don't understand it ourselves then are we the elect and should we be teaching anything to anyone?

The article referred to here is called “Passover Confusion” by Dwight Fleming

Remember that if you have a prayer request or a time dated article to please mark it urgent in the subject line otherwise they just go unread into a folder waiting for their turn to be printed.

Please pray for our brethren in Kenya, Israel and all around the world. Even though some of us have peace right now, others do not. Pray for Donald Trump and His Family, that they may be safe during these trying times.

Also pray for those who have lost homes and family members and friends in the California wildfires.

Again, we are grateful to all the people who contribute to this newsletter.

Hope you all have a happy Sabbath,
(Written by Laura)

Editor's Note:

Since you don't specifically state which part of my commentary you had a problem with, it is hard to see exactly which part of my commentary you had a problem with.

With that said, I have the highest regard for Dwight Fleming. I believe he is a great writer especially when he writes about the things he does understand. Dwight has sent other articles here about the Holy Days and he clearly does not understand that the Holy Days are part of God's Law, which is not Moses Law. If a person does not understand the subject matter on any issue, he/she should not be writing (teaching) about it.

Christ's definition of love is as follows:

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And in Romans: Rom 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Right after this scripture the commandments are listed. So, love has everything to do with keeping the law of God.

Then you have these scriptures about public rebuke:

1Ti 5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

The following was on the internet, and I couldn't have said it better if I had tried:

- Proverbs 27:5-6:
This passage states, "Open rebuke is better than hidden love; faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy".
 - This proverb suggests that while love is important, open and honest rebuke can be a more beneficial expression of care, even if it is initially painful.
 - The wounds of a friend, in this context, can refer to the discomfort of being rebuked, but the intent is to help the person grow and avoid harm.

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I want Dwight to make it into the kingdom with the first resurrection but if he keeps treating the keeping of the Holy Days as he does it isn't going to be because no one has tried to warn him. In my opinion he treats the keeping of the Holy Days as if it is a joke of some kind. Dwight has a great sense of humor but there are certain things that no one should joke about. The number one reason why God got so mad at and punished His own people was because of Sabbath breaking. That includes the annual Holy Days.

This is a public newsletter so when people send articles here to be printed, it is my obligation to point out to people what is wrong with their article publicly if we find something wrong with it. Dwight's article "Passover Confusion" was riddled with so many lies that Darwin interjected his thoughts in many places throughout as well.

I have no problem with Dwight holding on to his belief system if that is what he wants to do, but don't send it over here or we will tell you what is wrong with that belief system, just like we would tell a Sunday keeper what is wrong with their Sunday belief.

There are several examples throughout the bible where people were publicly rebuked. Just a couple are when Paul rebuked Peter for what he believed and when Steven rebuked a whole bunch of people for what they believed and then they killed him.

Since I am fishing for your reasoning, if it is my use of the word lie that you had a problem with, the definition of a lie is an untruth. If someone says the earth is flat, the statement is a lie by the simple fact that it is not true. No matter what words you use to tell someone that the earth is not flat they are still going to believe you are calling them a liar so why not just get to the point. It does not matter that a person actually believes the earth is flat and doesn't see that as a lie. What does matter is that it is not true which makes the repeating of it a lie and according to scripture someone should tell them it is a lie to show love toward that person.

It is true that if you tell a flat earth believer that the earth is not flat, they probably won't believe you but at least you told them. When you tell them the blood is no longer on you but on them. From the things that Dwight writes and sends over here, it becomes clear he is not doing any kind of a deep study of scripture and yet he has been in the church for over forty years. One article he sent over here he made the statement that Ninevah did not repent when Jonah came. The book of Jonah is 4 chapters long and just a simple reading of the book would clearly show you that Nineveh did repent and yet Dwight said they did not. Another article he wrote he was claiming Christ was not in the grave for 3 days and 3 nights even though Christ himself said he would be. These are huge errors that he is teaching to people, and God is not going to be happy with that no matter what kind of mushy love you use to cover it over.

The love that God wants you to have for His people is a lot deeper than the mushy love the world teaches. If someone is wrong and you can prove it from scripture, then you need to tell them even if it shatters their belief system.

Isa 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

To show love to your brethren is to point out their error when you can in hopes they will hear at some point in time what you said to them, because no one who is a law breaker will be in the presence of God because He cannot tolerate sin in His presence.

I am sorry that you did not understand my commentary. Some publications print articles with untruths in them and never even comment on them, leaving people confused, especially the writer. The Bible tells us to teach the law and when people teach against the law it is our obligation to try to point out what is wrong with what the writer is teaching or we will be held personally responsible for their sins because we didn't warn them. If you want to show love one to another then don't go along with their sin by not telling them about their sin. I am not one to beat around the bush and sugar coat what I say.

I find it interesting that you felt you should defend Dwight in his sin rather than to take your time to point out to

him what you felt was wrong with his article. That sort of leaves him confused don't you think? Perhaps you could have done a better job than we did. Laura Lee

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The Dream

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"I Just Had One Of The Most Alarming Dreams Of My Entire Life" By Michael Synder 2/15/25

<https://endoftheamericandream.com/i-just-had-one-of-the-most-alarming-dreams-of-my-entire-life/>
(In case you may have missed it).

His first two paragraphs to set the stage....

"I don't even know where to begin. I normally do not write an article on Saturday night, but in this case, I feel compelled to do so. I need to share the dream that I just had with everyone that I know, and the easiest way for me to do that is to publish it online. I want to get this out while the details are still fresh in my mind. I have really been shaken up by what just happened, and so writing this article is not going to be easy.

On Friday night, I went to bed shortly before midnight feeling perfectly fine. But then in the middle of the night I had a dream which shook me greatly. Sometime after 2:00 AM I suddenly woke up after the dream had concluded. I quickly realized that something was very, very wrong. I sat up in bed to see if that would help, but it didn't. So, I stumbled out into the living room and sat down. That didn't help either. I went over to the refrigerator and got out some apple sauce. I thought that if I got something in my system that might stabilize my physical condition."

The article and dream message were quite traumatic and powerful as he goes on to describe how he physically felt, what he saw and heard regarding Russia and Pres. Trump!

See James Steinle's other articles at:
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Message for America

(Copyright) by Dwight Fleming (Oroville, California)

John Mitchell of Rocklin, CA delivered a powerful message just before Independence Day of this year. It was just posted on the ICG YouTube channel. John does not hold back on describing the wretched condition that America has lowered itself to by following false and godless leaders who reject the God of the Bible and rebel against His Word. His timely message is based on Ezekiel's commission to warn the House of Israel.

The House of Israel was composed of the ten northern tribes which rebelled against Solomon's son after the death of Solomon. Their capital city became Samaria while Jerusalem remained the capital of the southern kingdom, aka, The House of Judah which consisted of the tribes of Benjamin and Judah.

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There are those who believe that Ezekiel's warning message was only for his day. However, the Book of Revelation, which has prophecies pertaining to the end times, reveals an interesting parallel. It is found in Revelation ten. The apostle John is told take a "little book" from the mighty angel and then eat it. It was as sweet as honey in his mouth. This is exactly what happened when Ezekiel received a warning message from God or a mighty angel. See Ezekiel 3:1-6.

After John eats the little book or scroll, he is told, "You must prophesy **again** about many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (Revelation 10:11). The little book or scroll obviously contained the same warning message that was first given to Ezekiel. It was a message of repentance. That message is sorely needed today before major calamities befall our nation unlike anything that we have seen thus far.

It is also interesting that the first four Trumpet plagues described in Revelation eight affect the earth and the sea and the sun in **thirds**. Ezekiel was told to **shave his head** and divide his hair into **thirds** which received different punishment (See Ezekiel 5:1-4). Notice that verse four says, "From there a fire will spread to **all the house of Israel**."

So, Ezekiel became **bald** to illustrate the punishment that would come upon the House of Israel. Isn't it interesting that the symbol for America is a **Bald** Eagle. "Make yourself **bald** and cut off your hair because of your precious children. Enlarge your **baldness** like an eagle, for they shall go from you into captivity" (See Micah 1:16).

The punishment foretold by God through Ezekiel does not have to come upon us and our children if our nation will repent and turn to the true God that is revealed in the Bible. Ezekiel's message is still being delivered today by a modern-day John since God desires that we repent rather than perish.

Here is the link to John's message to America: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zinnqPEIYyU>

See Dwight Fleming's other articles at:
[Fleming, Dwight – Church of God, Bismarck \(church-of-god-bismarck.org\)](http://church-of-god-bismarck.org)

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Holy Days 2025

Passover – April 13, 2025 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 13-19, 2025

Pentecost – June 2, 2025

Trumpets – September 23, 2025

Atonement – October 2, 2025

Tabernacles – October 7, 2025, to October 13, 2025

Last Great Day – October 14, 2025

Notes