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#### **To Be Set Free by Applying HIS WAY through HIS SON...**

Hope your sabbath has been a refreshing, and joyous one so far... Hard to believe a week has come, and gone as the Passover season once again is but a memory... Hope yours was spiritually edifying... I wrote what was below yesterday to help those who are still under the impression that God's holy days were no longer necessary to be maintained... It is so easy to gravitate towards beliefs that are contrary to God's Word... We are all born with a rebellious spirit to one degree, or another, and find it easier to adopt forms of worship that are contrary to how our Wonderful Father desires for us to honor Him due to this carnal state of being... Coming out of her, spiritual Babylon, and keeping oneself from consuming the cup of abominations that she symbolically wields, takes more than just ourselves to overcome as we all know... As Revelation chapter 17 declares:

"**17** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment *and* doom of the great [a]prostitute who is seated [b]on many waters [influencing nations], **2** *she* with whom the kings of the earth have [c]committed *acts of* immorality, and the inhabitants of the earth have become intoxicated with the wine of her immorality." **3** And the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was [d]entirely covered with blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. **4** The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious stones and pearls, [and she was] holding in her hand a gold cup full of the abominations and the filth of her [sexual] immorality. **5** And on her forehead a name was written, a mystery: "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES (false religions, heresies) AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." **6** I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints (God's people), and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus [who were martyred]. When I saw her, I wondered in amazement."

The Spirit of God helps us to understand just how seductive Satan is through the harlot... One could surmise that the serpent is the harlot simply because she represents everything that he has propagated, and manipulated mankind via various means to sin against the will of our Creator... All of course for control purposes as the more lawless behavior defines an individual's spiritual state, Satan is given control over the lives who continue to exercise what God considers sin, and with extremely sinful behavior, abominable... If sin is not dealt with in accordance to God's definition of what HE considers transgressing His commandments, over time, and as history has proven repeatedly, abominations become adopted as an exercise of one's freedom of expression within society... We are clearly seeing this now within the USA as morality is eroding, and good as God defines it to be, has become evil...

The seduction, as we have witnessed here in America since the 1960's, has taken time... But when what some may consider the least of God's commandments are broken on a continual basis, or changed to conform to a traditional way of worshiping God, the seduction is afoot for Satan... Simply because all the devil needs is a little bit of bad leaven, or sin that is a normalized function within society, in order to ensure his manipulating tactics to succeed... Full reliance upon our Savior's help via His Spirit is so essential... Yet, as has always been the case for humanity, that which is seen is far easier to believe in than the ONE WHO is not seen, but is Spiritual... The devil utilizes acceptance by one's family, and peers within society as a tool for compromising the Eternal One's will also as sin is normalized even within the worship of God...

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I addressed the fact that the apostles, and disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ continued to worship God through their keeping of God's holy days even after His death as scripture points out... We have to be careful not to omit God's traditions of worship by replacing them with doctrines that are essentially sinful from His vantage point... We can most certainly convince ourselves that we honor HIM by doing so... When in fact the opposite is true... But one must also understand the importance of ensuring that the life we live also honors God while worshiping HIM in accordance to HIS will... It is a process, and at times can be arduous... But as we learn to love God, and revere HIM through His Way of worship, it becomes easier, and more meaningful...

We only make God's commandments a burden when we do not in reality want to exercise them... That can get one in trouble simply because from a spiritual perspective it is easier to devise ways to get around maintaining the WAY, TRUTH, and LIFE that our Savior has always represented... Oh those false doctrines through the manipulation of God's Word via taking a verse out of context... Instead of ensuring we search for the Truth on all matters pertaining to God's will for us by utilizing all of His Word... While being led by the Spirit of God to do so... The Truth will set us free from what is in reality spiritual bondage when we fail to embrace the WAY that our SAVIOR represents in SPIRIT, and in TRUTH... God bless, and I hope your Sabbath is an edifying one... What a blessing to have the freedom to maintain that which has always been good, and based on our Father's righteousness... Take care, and again below this is what I had written, and posted on another site... Love, and peace through our Beloved Friend, and Savior...

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**We are redeemed from sin, and set spiritually free from spiritual bondage due to this former fallen state of being by the blood of the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ... The Passover week, or 7-day period of Unleavened Bread, officially ends today, and serves as a reminder of what our Messiah did for those who place their faith in Him, and His redemptive sacrifice made on our behalf nearly 2,000 years ago...**

**In Acts chapter 20, God's Word reminds us that Paul continued to maintain this 7 day period of Passover week... As it is how our Creator, and Savior is honored in His declaration as to how HE is to be worshiped in accordance to the very Word He represents... Reminding one that does so it is by HIS sacrifice, not animal sacrifices, nor ceremonial washings, we are made spiritually clean...**

**Paul, and the original apostles-maintained God's holy days after His death, and resurrection... Our Creator had begun with physical Israel to show the nations how the One True God wanted to be worshiped, and they were to be an example of HIS WAY... But instead of exercising the will of God, which they had made a covenant with HIM to do, Israel adopted false forms of worship, and committed idolatry by taking the customs of the Gentiles, and how they honored their so-called gods... Assimilating them into their worship of Him... Which God considered dishonorable to HIM, and eventually lead to Israel actually forsaking God altogether... Except of course when HE began to withdraw His blessings for their disobedience... But even then, it was God that was being unjust, and unfair from their vantage point... Repentance for their sinful ways was the furthest thing from their hearts, and minds due to sins power over their lives... Their idea of right, and wrong had been skewed by their practice of lawlessness as God defined it to be.**

**Simply because sin, the false worship of God, as well as other so-called deities can in time cloud our judgment, and become so habit forming... Like a spiritual drug, and even with the best of intentions, transgressing God's commandments, or confusing the WAY, or TRUTH our Savior represents, can cloud one's judgment, and if not dealt with through repentance, can lead to even greater confusion within one's worship of God... As Acts chapter 20 verse 6 reminds us of Paul continuing to honor God with his Creator's Way of worship... But with an even greater understanding because of God's Truth being magnified within Paul's heart, and mind through the Son, and HIS SPIRIT within this apostle of God...**

**"6 We sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread (Passover week), and within five days we reached them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.**

**Recall that it was on the 50th day after our Lord Jesus Christ had been resurrected, and arose to heaven to be accepted by HIS FATHER to fulfill the sacrifice as the Wave Sheaf, and the First Born among many brethren, that those who believed in HIM were commanded to meet together in Jerusalem, and receive the Holy Spirit on the**

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day of Pentecost... Acts chapter 2 reminds us of what God began, and continues to do within us on a Spiritual level... Receiving the Holy Spirit is the beginning of one's growing in grace, and in knowledge as the unearned GIFT of salvation is granted those who believe in God's grace shown through the Son of God:

"2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place, 2 and suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 There appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were being distributed [among them], and they rested on each one of them [as each person received the Holy Spirit].

How much one grows in grace, and in knowledge depends on how much of God's Word, what our Savior represents, is applied in how we live our life... Is it in accordance to God's will, or strange doctrines that have been brought into the faith which do not honor God at all?... As Paul warned Timothy, as well as those who read his 2nd letter, we have to allow for God to lead us to Truth in accordance to HIS WORD... God is not the author of the confusion that exists in our world today as it pertains to how we are to live the life HE has granted us through His Son both physically, and spiritually...

Our Father in heaven grants us His Spirit to help us on this spiritual journey through His Son in order to ensure we are rightly discerning the very Truth HE represents... With the understanding that we have been redeemed through His death, and resurrection to have life, and to utilize HIS WORD to prove all things... While working out our salvation with fear, and trembling as Philippians chapter 2 reminds us... In the 3rd chapter of 2nd Timothy Paul instructs us to be diligent in Truth in our worship of God... As Christ Jesus our Lord died to ensure we would understand the true worship of God, and to bring us out of our spiritual stupor through the application of God's will for us as HE trains us in the WAY of righteousness:

"12 Indeed, all who delight in pursuing righteousness *and* are determined to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be hunted *and* persecuted [because of their faith]. 13 But evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in the things that you have learned and of which you are convinced [holding tightly to the truths], knowing from whom you learned *them*, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings (Hebrew Scriptures) which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus [surrendering your entire self to Him and having absolute confidence in His wisdom, power and goodness]. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; 17 so that the man of God may be complete *and* proficient, outfitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work."

It is HIS will that is to be done in our lives, and when Jesus returns to establish HIS kingdom on earth, the peoples of the nations will be instructed to come up to HIS holy mountain... So as to worship our Great Creator in Spirit, and in Truth... As Zechariah chapter 14 declares to us of this yet future time:

"16 Then everyone who is left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and celebrate the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles). 17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, there will be no rain on them. 18 If the family of Egypt does not go up [to Jerusalem] and present themselves, then no rain will fall on them. It will be the plague with which the Lord will strike the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles). 19 This will be the [consequent] punishment [for the sin] of Egypt, and the [consequent] punishment [for the sin] of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles)."

The nations that challenged our Savior's authority over them after HE establishes Zion upon HIS return, occurs after the 1,000 year reign of peace... Also known as the Gog, and Magog war of Ezekiel chapters 38, and 39... In Revelation chapter 20 it is summarized as follows:

"7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison (the abyss), 8 and will come out to deceive *and* mislead the nations which are in the four corners of the earth—[including] Gog and

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Magog—to gather them together for the war; their number is like the sand of the seashore. 9 And they swarmed up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints (God’s people) and the beloved city [Jerusalem]; but fire came down from heaven and consumed them.”

Which is why it is vital for those called through the Lord Jesus Christ to embrace God’s Way of worship, and how we are to conduct ourselves as HIS saints... The Truth will be applied to all nations, tribes, and tongues when Christ Jesus returns as KING of kings, and LORD of lords to establish the kingdom of heaven upon earth in accordance to the will of the Father... Even if our Savior has to use a rod of iron to do so... Which, according to what God’s Word declares, Jesus will be forced to do so... It would also behoove us as HIS disciples to ensure we are on the same page as well now... After all, HE suffered, and died because of our spiritually dead state of being due to embracing lies rather than the TRUTH HE alone represents... Coming out of Spiritual Babylon is done by seeking, and applying God’s Word in Spirit, and in Truth...

We must allow for our Savior to teach us the WAY, TRUTH, and LIFE HE alone represents by submission to the Father’s will as Spiritual Israel... Called out of the fallen state of this world as ambassadors of the kingdom of the Most High from every tribe, nation, and tongue. God is not a respecter of persons, and if one is willing to learn, and apply HIS WAY once saved by the blood of the Lamb, they will be blessed, and be the living sacrifice we are called out through Christ Jesus to be... The application of the Truth of the gospel concerning why HE died will be even greatly understood because of Truth our Redeemer alone defines... God bless, and have a wonderful day...

## **The World’s Buckling Supply Chain**

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A convergence of adverse and unexpected events has resulted in a global supply chain crisis of enormous proportions, threatening to derail worldwide economic activity in virtually every financial sector, with social and political stability stumbling in its wake.

The trouble began with the global lockdown—beginning in the spring of 2020—in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consumer demand for goods and services tanked rapidly, as many workers were laid off or forced to work from home. At the same time, students were required to school at home via the Internet, and everyone had to refrain from normal leisure and entertainment activities. A global recession followed, forcing many businesses to scale back their operations severely, if not to close down altogether.

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As economic activity declined, so did orders for durable goods like appliances, televisions, tools, cars and trucks, and furniture. As the demand for durable goods waned, so did orders for the various components used to manufacture those goods, like computer chips, nuts, bolts, nails, and glues. As the need for such parts diminished, so did orders for raw materials like steel and aluminum, lumber, precious metals, plastics, paper, and rubber. Finally, with decreasing demand, the vast sales, distribution, and transportation networks needed to support the entire process had to scale way back or shut down.

The manufacturing supply chain is global in scope and reliant upon cheap, human labor for much of the process. Shutting it down was easy when the orders dried up and the laborers were suddenly unavailable. However, bringing it all back up to speed in the face of sudden, increased demand for durable goods has proven to be a massive challenge that is still seeking solutions. From continuing pandemic confusion, worker shortages, energy disruptions, political infighting, and cultural changes, and because of its global complexity, the supply chain is buckling and about to snap.

Of immediate concern are the colossal backups and bottlenecks endemic to the worldwide transportation and distribution networks. These networks are accustomed to dealing with such challenges and can do so effectively when operating at peak efficiency. However, the pandemic continues to haunt the transportation system with a severe shortage of workers to pack, ship, receive, load and unload, and distribute the raw materials, components, and durable goods to their proper destinations.

Consequently, shipping and receiving ports are clogged as never before. Around the world, hundreds of massive transport ships float at anchor in line outside the ports awaiting access to a dock to load or unload their goods. In the meantime, the coveted dock space is already overflowing with innumerable shipping containers, filled with desperately needed goods and awaiting transport by a system vastly understaffed and unprepared to handle the increased traffic.

As a further consequence, large manufacturers are unable to resume operations full steam, and smaller manufacturers are shuttering their operations permanently, unable to afford the rising costs of doing business without a product to sell. Retailers are closing their doors, and the restaurant business, always dependent upon a healthy economy, is sinking fast.

And finally, because of the challenges mentioned above, consumers are witnessing empty shelves, depleted car lots, extended wait times for delivery of products, and rapidly rising prices. This situation is the formula for the dreaded phenomenon called stagflation, which is marked by declining economic activity, increasing unemployment, and accelerated inflation. Regrettably, many experts see no rapid conclusion to the crisis. Most predict it will extend well into 2022 or beyond.

Historically, a slumping world economy leads to widespread hunger, social and political disruption, wars, and upheaval of societal norms. Currently, the future looks bleak not only for the United States but the entire globe, as it searches for solutions from distracted, incompetent, and narcissistic leaders without involving our Creator. If these threats to world order continue unabated, we could soon see conditions increasingly conducive to a new world order, led by a troubling Beast power, full of promises, but just like our global supply chain today, ultimately unable to deliver.

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## **A Teenager’s Perspective**

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### **A Teenager’s Perspective on Living in an Abusive Home**

“All children deserve a father they aren’t afraid of. All women deserve a partner they can trust. All abusive men deserve a chance to break the cycle of abuse they learned from their fathers.” This is the dream of most families who are struggling with dysfunctional and abusive relationships.

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I agree with this dream. I grew up in a home where my father was abusive. If this dream had been a reality when my family needed it, perhaps I would have a father I could respect, and I wouldn't have a thousand memories I don't want to remember.

I've heard many family counselors say that divorce is incredibly hard on children; therefore, it is better for the family to stay together. In my opinion, those eggheads don't have a clue about what it is like to grow up in a violent home.

I don't want to promote divorce, but I don't believe the good Lord wants his children to stay in a relationship where daddy comes home drunk every night, reeking of cheap perfume, raging at his wife about how unattractive she is, and beating his kids. Granted, this is taking it to the extreme, but abuse is abuse.

If you are in a relationship which puts your life or the life of your children in danger, you need to get out. I promise that the Lord won't condemn thee unto hell for all eternity.

I'm not screwed up because my parents are divorced. I would be much worse off than I am now if my mom and I had stayed there.

When you do get out of an abusive relationship, and if he comes crawling back to you with promises not to do it again, don't go back. His promises are emptier than Al Capone's safe. He will do it again.

To those of you who take pity on these abusive men, pity them only because they do not know God's love. Please, I beg you, do not pity them because you think they are the product of a cruel society or their own broken homes. These men should be held as responsible for their actions as Hitler was for his.

Sincerely,

A 17-year-old punk who is twice the man any abuser could ever hope to be

This letter was based on an interview I had with a 17-year-old guy who grew up in an abusive home.  
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## **National Slavery: TRUMP, Jumps in the Swamp**

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TRUMP, and Republicans, giving tax dollars to Insurance companies in the form of tax credits to purchase insurance will guarantee, insurers, doctors and hospitals will charge more for services. And it will make Americans a type of bond servant to insurers; making it impossible for most Americans to pay for medical services, as needed, themselves. That is a form of slavery, buying slaves, for Insurers, with their own tax dollars.

Over generous to employee's insurance, by unions, especially government employee unions federal and state and large employers; is - WHY - medical cost is so high. If all employers, only offered catastrophic, or hospital coverage; think of how much more competitive they would be world-wide. And, how many billions, the federal and state governments would save.

Stupid politicians, stop trying to buy our love, your enslaving the nation. Do nothing for us BUT KILL REGULATIONS; the less you do for Americans, the more freedom.

Slaves, to insurers: The first question you're asked when you visit your hospital or doctor's office is: Who is your Master? And, if you do not have an Insurance, Slave- Master they, show you the door. Bow the knee America; pay your Insurance

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Slave-Master or you will have your wealth plundered.

America is no longer a free nation; political leaders are selling us into slavery. They love snapping the Whip-of-Fear; so, we will pay the Gate-keepers; who showers them with millions of our dollars.

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**and the sermon notes of Enoch, seventh from Adam**  
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**"According to the *Oxford English Dictionary's* first definition, a 'skeptic' is 'one who holds that there are no adequate grounds for certainty as to the truth of any proposition whatever.'" – Michael Shermer of *Skeptic* magazine, quoted in *Time* magazine, last spring**

**"If Truth were dead, how would you *know THAT?*" - C. Dahlgren, 2017**

THINGS JUST GET CURIUSER AND CURIUSER (to coin a phrase). "Claim" is a favorite media word. If traditionalists "claim" something, it must be fake news, but if "Progressives" write something, the media and pop culture do not treat THEM skeptically. Shermer cites *The Miracle Myth*, a 2016 book by a University of Wisconsin-Madison professor (surprise, surprise!). We won't dignify that book with a quote here, but in the spirit of the season, here's a re-posting of my column from this week one year ago:

**"I HEARD your publication is hiring a new community commentator, and I'm here to apply for the job," said the stranger. "My name is Jude."**

Hey Jude! Jude what?

**It's just Jude, dude.**

Okay! So, what's that you have there? Your resume?

**This is a sample of my writing. It's a letter that I wrote to some new friends back in 66.**

You've been writing since 1966?

**That's just 66, dude.**

Whatever. But just for the heck of it, let's hear what you wrote there.

**OK – "I needed to write to you guys to urge you to stand up once and for all for the faith, because certain people have turned the grace of our Lord into license. Remember: He saved our people out of Egypt, but afterward destroyed some of them who believed not. For example, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities gave themselves over to lust and suffered the vengeance of fire as a result.**

**"Likewise, our contemporaries despise orthodoxy and speak evil of the prophets. Woe unto them! for they have gone the way of Cain, and after the error of Balaam, who was spoken to by a dumb ass. They are clouds without water, carried about by every wind, trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.**

**"ENOCH ALSO, the seventh from Adam, predicted all this. 'The Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints,' he said. 'To convict all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. And there will be ungodly mockers and scorners in the latter days who will walk after their own *ungodly* lusts. and then come the *Last Days!*'**

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"These are complainers, pedantic pundits, whose mouths speak great swelling words to impress people, having ungodly men's opinions in admiration in an attempt to gain advantage. But remember, you guys, the precious Words spoken long ago about ungodly sins. Hold fast to those words."

That sounds kind of *judgmental*, doesn't it?

**WELL DUH! What do think judgment IS?**

Well, it's not cool to talk about Sodom and Gomorrah. This is 2019, you know!

**I hate it when people miss the point. You see this Roman coin here? There are two sides to every story; also told my friends to have compassion and try to pull people out of the fire.**

That's interesting, but don't call us. We'll call you.

**P.S. I interrupt myself to go back to the original column that I had planned to submit this week before I was so rudely interrupted by certain events: "Question authority? NO, the media are now the authority and you're not entitled to your 'own facts,' they say ('It's six o'clock and we're here to tell you what the facts are.'" I hate to sound like a skeptic, but –**

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## **The 2-State – Non-Solution – in Israel**

**by Richard Frates (Easley, South Carolina)**

Palestinians seeking their own state in the West Bank and Gaza in Israel, with the help of the United Nations, is just an attack on Israel. And the so called "peace process" by the world nations, is an attack on Israel. A 2-state solution between Israel and the Palestinians is insane, unless the following conditions exist.

When conditions and the attitudes of Muslims and Palestinians, change to the point that they obey God and "love their neighbors as themselves" Matthew 22:37-40; and Jewish families can live safely in Gaza and the Palestinian controlled areas of the west bank, for a generation; then statehood for Palestinians can be considered. This is not impossible, peaceful Muslims live in Israel. Jewish settlements in the west bank are safer for Jews and peaceful Palestinians than the Palestinian controlled areas. The more Jewish settlements the more safety for the area. What is called a 2-state solution is devious and just an attack on the state of Israel. Wake up, you stupid Jews; the United Nations and President Obama cares nothing about the security of Israel. He is promoting evil, perverse, and dangerous policies in America and the world.

Palestinians consider martyrs, children that they tied bombs around and then sacrificed them to kill Israeli children. They practice human sacrifice to shed the blood of Jewish children, then celebrate in Gaza and the west bank when the bombs explode. This is the greatest perversion of religion; to fill their children with hate and then use them to kill the children of others.

And, President Obama believes that Israel should negotiate with those people, ridiculous. Obama is just pandering to deceitful Muslim leaders and unwittingly, justifying their bloody assaults against Israel. World leaders attempting to convince others that Palestinians would, be content, and suddenly live peacefully with Israel, if they were given statehood are deceitful; they know it is just a veiled way of furthering the attacks on Israel; to appease Muslim nations. What is called a 2-state solution for Israel and the Palestinians is embracing insanity. Jewish settlements on the west bank are safer for everyone than the Palestinian controlled areas. A Palestinian state - today - would be a state that is - ethnically

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cleansed - from Jews; only those who hate Jews would be welcome. The more the UN, Europe and the United States get involved with a so-called peace process, the less peace.

The best thing that the US should do for peace is, Nothing. There is no peace in Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, or Syria; and those we support in those nations are not peaceful. They are just using Americans leadership, wealth, and military, to take over their nations. America is being used by those who tell us they love America, when they really hate us. And we are stupid enough to believe them and arrogant enough to believe that we can produce peace. Diplomacy, is killing us; why not try staying home and solving our own problems? Will the Muslims that we support against Assad in Syria, allow for Jewish communities and Christians who support Israel to live safely in the nation if they take over? No, so why are we supporting them?

## **Holy Days 2022**

**Passover – April 16, 2022 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)**

**Unleavened Bread – April 16-22, 2022**

**Pentecost – June 5, 2022**

**Trumpets - September 26, 2022**

**Atonement – October 5, 2022**

**Tabernacles – October 10-16, 2022**

**Last Great Day – October 17, 2022**

## **Other Items**

### **Those Born 1920-1979**

**Sent by Robert Chisolm (Email)**

**READ TO THE BOTTOM FOR QUOTE OF THE MONTH BY JAY LENO. IF YOU DON'T READ ANYTHING ELSE---  
VERY WELL STATED**

**TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED the 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's!!**

**First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant.**

**They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.**

**Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints.**

**We had no child proof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.**

**As infants & children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, booster seats, seat belts or air bags.**

**Riding in the back of a pickup on a warm day was always a special treat.**

**We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.**

**We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.**

**We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank Kool-aid made with sugar, but we weren't overweight because,**

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**WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!**

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were OK.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVD's, no surround-sound or CD's, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet or chatrooms.....

**WE HAD FRIENDS** and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not poke out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them!

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned **HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!**

**If YOU are one of them CONGRATULATIONS!**

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated so much of our lives *for our own good* .

While you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave (and lucky) their parents were.

*Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!*

The quote of the month is by Jay Leno:

'With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?'

For those that prefer to think that God is not watching over us...go ahead and delete this.

For the rest of us...pass this ON!

## Birthday

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How I reacted on July 25th, my 70th birthday, when I was told I didn't look a day over 69, even without my dentures and in need of a shave.

