

# Yahwism vs. Christianity

The Basic beliefs of the Assembly of Yahweh, Cascade, compared with those of Modern Christianity

## Introduction

It appears to be much easier for the ordinary religious person to remain on a wide path pushed along by ignorant religious masses rather than to sidestep onto the narrow path that leads to Scriptural truth. Over the last 15 years we have discovered that most people are not willing to bear the discomfort of following the narrow constricted way and to enter the narrow gate as taught by Yahshua the Messiah (J-sus the anointed) that leads to life. Yahshua said that “few there are that will find it.” To us, that statement has become very true (Matt. 7:13-14).

It takes a considerable amount of dedicated time, effort, and research to separate Scriptural truth from religious fiction and error, or to separate the truth from the fabrications and traditions developed during the last 2,300 years by religious leaders. Those lacking the time or ability to do the necessary research will often place their confidence and build their “faith” upon their own understanding, or to save time and effort, may decide to place their trust and build their faith upon what is taught by their substitute authority. In such cases one should diligently weigh all the evidence presented to them “as truth” regardless of the source. It is foolish to place your eternal destiny on someone’s biased opinion without the presence of reason, or worse yet, upon “blind faith.”

Countless books have been written on religious subjects especially on the “Christian” religion. Christian bookstores are filled with commentaries and opinions prepared by the so-called know-it-alls. Unfortunately, many people appear to be the most comfortable believing what someone has taught them from their early childhood. Few are willing to take the time or to make the effort to verify and/or to determine for themselves whether what they have been taught by others is actually accurate, has a solid foundation, and is the real truth.

Do we of the Assembly of Yahweh, Cascade, know it all? The answer is no, and we will readily admit that we do not. We are however seekers for the truth and are not afraid to discard error or a long held doctrine or belief based upon what we were told as children by our parents, by tradition, by some denomination, or by some preacher. We are willing to discard any long held belief when we discover scriptural or scientific evidence to support the contrary. Are you willing to do this?

**The Bible “contains” the words of YHWH** <sup>1</sup> (but also the uninspired words of men)

Many Christians believe that their Bible<sup>2</sup> is the inerrant<sup>3</sup> word of “God” and then usually add “in its original form” as a “coverall phrase.” Often quoted is 2 Tim. 3:16. However, even this verse *correctly translated* reads, “All writing given by inspiration of Theos (G-d) is profitable . . .” Note: that this is a “qualified” statement. *It does NOT say that all writing “is” given by inspiration of Theos (G-d)* That would be an “unqualified” (includes every written thing) statement. The belief that everything written “is” the inspired word of Yahweh is completely false. Not everything written is inspired by Yahweh. This simple error also leads many to come to false Biblical conclusions that can in turn result in the fabrication of other false doctrines. The truth is, that many different authors have contributed to the various “copies of the manuscripts” that are found in the book called the Bible. This includes both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Greek writings.

Original manuscripts of the Bible do not exist, they are all are copies. There have been changes made to all these writings over many years. There have been revisions, there have been additions, there have been portions removed, and there have been copy errors made, some portions of the manuscripts are not legible. Some have pieces missing that required “fill-in” by scholars. The Hebrew script and Alphabet has changed over the years from Early Semitic Pictographic form (where each letter represented an object) to Middle Semitic script (an evolved simplified form of the original pictographic form). It then changed to the late Semitic script that

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<sup>1</sup> The Hebrew letters Y-H-W-H (Yahweh) form the name of the Almighty Creator, with the meaning in English - “He exists.” It is the Hebrew verb of “being” i.e., as in “will-be-ing-was” (past, present, and future) in all the tenses.

<sup>2</sup> The word “Bible” where used throughout this document is the common term for the book that contains both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Greek New Testament writings.

<sup>3</sup> Without any errors in the original document.

stemmed from the Aramaic script of the Arameans of Babylon (that also carried along their influence) to post 70 AD Massoretic adulterated “vowel pointed” Hebrew. (Original Hebrew does not have "vowel pointing").

When the Yahudim of the Southern Kingdom were taken into Babylonian captivity, they adopted the Aramaic script, which is still in use today. Around 1,000 BC, the Greeks adopted the Middle Semitic script which began to evolve independently over centuries to become the Greek script used today.<sup>4</sup> Most of the various books in the Bible that are available to us today were written by unknown authors, all have unknown dates of origin. There are also concepts and stories within the writings of the Bible, that according to any reasonable amount of logic, or scientific evidence cannot be true. There are also events that according to the known history of the time cannot be supported and are therefore most likely false, or spurious, or at best, are not reliable for formulating accurate conclusions.

We believe, that the Bible “contains” the inspired words revealed to various authors from the messengers (angels) of Yahweh because that claim is made by the authors of some of their writings. Having said that, the opposite is also true; the Bible also contains as recorded in written form by various authors, the uninspired words of various uninspired men. The Bible contains a snapshot of Adamic<sup>5</sup> man as viewed by many unknown authors. The Bible contains a formulated history also by unknown authors, of Yahweh’s dealings with a particular family of these selected Adamic people called the Israelites.<sup>6</sup> Intertwined in our current Bible are writings that bear truth and writings that are clearly false, or have errors. Even though this is clearly the case, it is not a reason to discard all the Hebrew Scriptures, or all the Greek writings. Our Almighty Sovereign Creator Power Yahweh did not leave His Adamic people without the ability to discover the truth, or to know His will and His plan for their lives. The truth has always been available. It is visible in the Science of Creation (the Almighty’s general revelation) and it is found in the recorded word (the Almighty’s Special revelation). However, it does take willingness by the religious pilgrim along with a faithful prayerful and deliberate quest to find it. With the discovery of the truth the pilgrim will find a new freedom. Along with that newly discovered truth many old pre-conceived doctrines will have to be thrown aside and discarded or at the very least, placed on an upper shelf for further review as knowledge and truth continues to be revealed to those that seek it.

“Even theologians recognize that the Hebrew Scriptures did not just fall from heaven, and that the history of its production spans over one thousand years. That knowledge has made it necessary for scholars to give an account of its formation, and one would think that the notion of the Scriptures as canon<sup>7</sup> would “pop up” at the end of this current history. Oddly, however, the usual scholarly approach to the study of the formation of the Bible *starts with the concept of a canon* and then tries to account for the history on its terms.”<sup>8</sup>

#### **Definitions:**

**“Yahwism”** (Yah’-wism) is a term used to refer to the worship of the One Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power of Israel, who named Himself **YHWH** “Yahweh” (Ex 3:15) in accordance with a Contract made between this Power and the people of Israel to keep certain commandments, Deut. 5:1-22. The term Yahwism is sometimes used to describe a religious belief which is found in some groups that use the proper Scriptural names “Yahweh” and “Yahshua” instead of the unscriptural Christian replacement words “G-d” “Lord” “Jehovah” and “J-sus.”

**“Tanakh”** is an acronym for the whole of the Hebrew Scriptures, **“Torah-the Law, Nevi’im-the Prophets, Ketubim-the Writings”**). The Tanakh is the only acceptable foundational source for Israelite Yahwism.

**“Yahwism”** describes the original monotheistic belief of the Ancient Hebrew Patriarchs as found recorded in the Tanakh. The Tanakh contains a written history of the ancient Hebrews, and of their chosen Israelite descendants, as well as the revealed knowledge given only to them by the One Almighty Sovereign Creator

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<sup>4</sup> From the “Ancient Hebrew Lexicon of the Bible” page 14.

<sup>5</sup> A word used to denote a reference to the descendants of Adam, excluding all non-Adamic races. The word *Adam* means to *blush* i.e. to show blood in the face, from the reddish skin color of the newborn white Adamic child. See Strongs #119.

<sup>6</sup> The descendants of Jacob renamed *Israel* by YHWH, (Gen 32: 28), the name means to “overcome, to rule with El.”

<sup>7</sup> The word Canon means “a norm” or “a standard.”

<sup>8</sup> Who wrote the New Testament, (Creating the Christian Bible), by Burton L. Mack, pg 276.

Power of all things. That Power is named Yahweh. The revealed knowledge found in the Tanakh (as was given through the Creator's messengers) contains an ancient revolutionary system of life with justice that supersedes all other man-made systems of government, ideology, and theology. It recognizes only one Almighty Sovereign Creator Power. This one "Spirit Being" was the Mighty Power of the Hebrew fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and is also recognized by the Hebrew descendants of Jacob called Israel. According to the Tanakh (the foundation of our belief) we believe that there is no other Power besides the ONE Almighty Sovereign Creator Power of the Hebrew Scriptures named Yahweh.

Within the writings of the Tanakh we find the Ten Commandments, Deut. 5: 1-22. The Ten Commandments formulate the written Contract/Agreement that Yahweh made through Moses with Israel at Mount Hor'eb. This promise continues with the Israelites and their descendants. The Ten Commandments are the only known "uni-lateral" written (in stone) contract that the Almighty Sovereign Creator Power has ever made with His created beings. No people other than the Israelites have a Contract/Agreement with "The" Almighty Sovereign Creator Power of all things. All True Israelites will believe in keeping (up-holding) the Contract with their Almighty Sovereign. The Israelites of the Assembly of Yahweh, Cascade, also recognize that the teachings of Yahshua of Natsarith (the First Century Prophet to Israel) are of value since they follow the principles established in Tanakh and are founded upon the Contract.

There are a variety of religious groups that call themselves "Israelites," all having differing viewpoints. Most are adherents to their own specific beliefs. Some may be physical descendants of Jacob/Israel; some are not. Like Christians, there are differences between them. Not all of the people that call themselves "Israelites" are believers in Yahwism, since many add the man-made opinions and customs found in the New Testament Greek writings of the Pharisee Saul/Paul, to what is found in the Tanakh (the only foundational belief of Yahwism).

There are Jewish groups that say they believe that the Tanakh is their only authority, and reject the historic Yahshua (J-sus) and all of the Greek Synoptic Gospels. They call themselves Karaite Jews. They say they are Jews, but they are actually Israelites since they use only the Tanakh as their sole foundation for belief.

Most people have been led to believe that all Jews are of the Semitic family of Jacob/Israel. However, about 90% of the Jews today call themselves Ashkenazi Jews, and about 5% call themselves Sephardic Jews. The true original Ashkenazi people were descendants from Noah's son Japheth but not from Noah's son Shem. Therefore, an Ashkenazi Jew cannot be a Semite. The Sephardic Jew is a mixture of Israelite and the Assyrian Sephardic race that migrated from Assyria to replace dispersed Israel, (721 BCE). The resulting mixed race became known as the Samaritans of the Greek New Testament writings. Of the remaining 5% of the people now called Jews, a few may be descendants of the original tribes of Israel, but many are converts to the religion of Judaism. To a great extent Jewish beliefs rely on man-made additions to the Tanakh and on man-made opinions, customs and traditions developed by their Rabbis. These beliefs are documented in the various Jewish Talmud's and the Jewish Kabala. These documents and beliefs have usurped, replaced, and added to the pure word of Yahweh found in the foundational Scriptures of the Tanakh. Therefore modern Jews are not True Israelites.

"British Israelism Israelites" are people that may have originally descended from the Israelite tribes that migrated into the Western European nations and into Great Britain. They keep some of Yahweh's festivals and appointed times as well as the Sabbath, but many also add the entire Greek New Testament writings and the writings of the Pharisee Saul/Paul to their belief. When they rely upon the opinions found in the writings of the Pharisee Saul/Paul they subsequently adulterate Yahweh's pure word in the Tanakh. Some also add many of the modern doctrines developed by Constantine Romanism<sup>9</sup> to the mixture of their belief; therefore they are not True Israelites.

There are Israelites that believe that the Tanakh is the only source for eternal life and is the only reliable foundation for their belief, for doctrine, and righteous living. These Israelites consider the sayings, insight, and teachings of the Hebrew Yahshua as recorded in the Greek Synoptic Gospels called Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Thomas to be in harmony with the principles first established in the Tanakh. But, they do not use the New Testament writings as an authority to develop doctrine, or belief. These Israelites set-apart the Sabbath, and

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<sup>9</sup> Constantine Romanism is another name for what has developed into "Modern Christianity."

keep the Commandments. Their Hebraic belief is founded only upon the Tanakh without man-made additions or any of the opinions, or any of the "new" doctrines developed from the New Testament Greek writings. This belief is Yahwism, and it follows the ancient belief of the Israelites. Therefore these are the True Israelites.

We of the "Assembly of Yahweh, Cascade" are of the family of True Israelites because our belief is Hebraic Israelite Yahwism. Through many hours of research and diligent study we have discovered that Christianity has from its early birth quickly incorporated many pagan concepts and practices in order to be acceptable to the gentiles (non-Israelites). As a result, Modern Christianity has veered away from the original foundational Hebraic belief of Yahwism that the prophet Yahshua embraced. It should be remembered that Yahshua and his twelve "appointed" Apostles only recognized the Tanakh as their only foundation and their sole authority.

We believe that the proper definition of a word and its meaning in the ancient language is directly related to the culture and the historic time during which the word was used. A word may have different meanings depending upon the culture that is using it, and may at times change with time. In order to understand the ancient Hebrew (pre-paleo) language, it is important that we also understand the ancient Hebrew culture of the time. For this reason we of the Assembly of Yahweh, Cascade, strive to understand the customs and culture of our ancient Hebrew fathers when we study the Tanakh or the words of Yahshua from the Greek New Testament when searching for revealed truth. Through this study, major differences have developed between the Scriptural Hebraic Yahwism of the Tanakh, and modern Christianity that is founded upon the Paul/Saul writings in the Greek New Testament. The major differences that have been summarized below are a result of these studies.

## **20 Major differences between Yahwism of the Hebrew Scriptures and Christianity:**

### **1. The Foundational Scriptures - Yahwism**

Our Statement of Belief (see <http://assemblyoftrueisrael.com>) is based upon the foundational writings found in the Tanakh (omitting the fictional Book of Esther). The Tanakh is the original Israelite source document for Monotheism. Monotheism is the belief in only one Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power named Yahweh. Also acceptable writings (but NOT foundational) are the historical events and the teachings of the First Century Prophet to Israel Yahshua Messiah commonly known as *J-sus the Christ* as found in the synoptic gospels. We include some subsequent writings such as the book of James that appear to have been authored by an Apostle of Yahshua. We do not accept the writings of the Pharisee Paul/Saul of Tarsus as reliable or authoritative for formulating any doctrine, since Yahshua never taught him. We believe that the Tanakh contains all the information necessary, given from the Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power to His select and chosen people Israel. It contains guidance, instructions on how to inherit eternal life, and how to live "faithfully" and righteously according to His will, thereby becoming a member of His household.

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity adds to Yahweh's words by accepting the writings and opinions of those that claim to have received a "newer" revelation. Most of the Christian belief system and doctrinal standards are founded upon the Greek writings known as the New Testament. New religions always require "new" revelations in order to have a foundation for authority. The one having the new revelation always becomes the authority for that new "revealed" religion. Like Joseph Smith founder of Mormonism, and Muhammad founder of Islam, the Pharisee Paul/Saul is the founder of modern Christianity because he claims a "new revelation." Through the writings of Paul/Saul, Christianity has developed into a belief system containing many doctrines amalgamated with ancient pagan mythology. This new religion with its beliefs was attractive to First Century Gentiles (non-Israelites) since many were already familiar with these early pagan ideologies. However, these beliefs were not those taught by the Prophet Yahshua from the Tanakh.*

### **2. Creation - Yahwism**

The Tanakh teaches that the Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power of the Universe is Yahweh, and that He is the origin of all that exists and will exist. Yahweh is without a beginning and without

ending. Since the Creator is eternal, the Universe (the mark of His existence) must also be eternal and must always have existed in one form or another in times past. As long as the Creator Himself has existed, creation has existed. In fact the Creator's name YHWH (Yahweh) means "He Exists" in Hebrew. Our solar system may have been created in seven phases or ages of unknown duration, but we believe that the scientific physical evidence that rejects the seven literal days of the creation theory is absolute. We believe that the Creator is the origin of the scientific record and that He influenced the written record found in the Tanakh; therefore, both must be in perfect harmony with each other.

### ***Christianity***

*Christians believe in the seven literal 24-hour days of the creation theory against overwhelming scientific and scriptural evidence to the contrary. Christians believe in a beginning and in an origin or a beginning for all of Creation and for our solar system, . . . Therefore it would also stand that Christians must believe that the Creator Himself had a beginning, for it would be absurd to believe that a Creator would exist eternally in times past without evidence of His existence or His beginning.*

### **3. Creator - Yahwism**

The Tanakh teaches us that there is only One Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power, and that there is no other. The One Creator being is a being without a physical body and He alone has exclusive power and control over all His creation and His created beings. Although Scripture records His attributes (described by man's limited knowledge) as many and diverse, He Himself is not divisible into more than one entity. He always remains a unified One and cannot be divided into two or more persons or beings. He is at the same time past, present, and future, omnipotent and omnipresent, all-powerful, and all knowing, knowing the beginning from the ending. As a non-physical entity He cannot die. The Commandment to "Have or hold no other Powers" before Him is the First Commandment.

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity teaches that the "G-d" of the Bible is actually formed of three persons "in one essence" called "the Trinity." It is believed that J-sus as "G-d the Son" has existed along with the first person of the trinity called "G-d the Father." Both "G-d the Father" and "G-d the Son" exist alongside a third person called "G-d the Holy Spirit." These three persons together constitute the "one" Christian G-d. Since Christianity also believes that "G-d the Father" is a spirit, Christianity really believes in two "spirit" beings that are called "G-d" (G-d the Father and G-d the Holy Spirit). Christianity also teaches that the G-d J-sus died and was resurrected. Having "other" powers before the Almighty Sovereign Creator Power, and praying to "J-sus" (as a substitute power) violates the First Commandment.*

### **4. The origin of Adam- man - Yahwism**

According to a literal Genesis account using the Hebrew word "yom" to mean a 24 hr day rather than an unknown age of time, Adam-man and his wife "Chava" (Chava means *living* in Hebrew) were formed by the Creator some 6,000+ years ago. Yet, the scientific evidence (which must always be in harmony with the scriptural) clearly indicates that some form of man-kind has existed hundreds of thousands of years ago in the past history of our planet. The physical evidence also indicates that various races have come and gone throughout the history of our planet earth. Some races like the Aborigines in Australia have a scientific history much longer than the Genesis account of Adam. Therefore Adam-man and Chava his wife cannot be the original parents of all the various races on planet earth, but instead became a new race among those that were existing at the time of their formation by Yahweh.

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity teaches that Adam was the first man created, and Eve his wife was the first woman created on the planet. It is believed that Adam and Eve are the parents of all the various races and skin colors of people now found on our planet, and that they are the origin of all man-kind. This would also mean that all of the species of man-kind has "evolved" from the one species into the various and diverse races and skin colors now found on the globe beginning with Adam and Eve some 6,000+ years ago. This would mean that Christianity believes that the various races evolved from one.*

## **5. History of Adam- man - Yahwism**

The Tanakh records the exclusive history of the people (Hebrews) that are the descendants of Adam-man. Although other races are mentioned at times within the Tanakh, these other races are incidental to the Scriptural history of the descendants of Adam-man and his wife Chava. This is supported by the physical evidence that there are some races like the Chinese race that have a written uninterrupted history that pre-dates the scriptural written record of Adam-man.

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity teaches that the Tanakh covers the history of all the various races and people on planet earth, since it is believed that Adam and Eve were the first people on earth from whom all the various races have their origin. However, this belief contradicts the scientific and scriptural record.*

## **6. The flood of Noah's time - Yahwism**

Science indicates that the earth in its ancient history and during its early formation was at one time covered with water, but we do not believe that the flood of Noah's generation covered the entire globe. The Hebrew word translated "earth" in the Tanakh has the meaning of "soil" or "ground" that is firm and bordered with water. To the ancients when the ground they were living on is covered with water like during a flood, it would appear to them that the whole "earth" is covered. Noah's flood destroyed a contaminated Adamic people that had become wicked through miscegenation with other races, but Yahweh spared Noah and his family who were pure in their genealogy. Only the land animals and people living within the flooded land area perished.

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity teaches that Noah's flood destroyed all of earth life containing breath on the Globe, and that all of life had a new beginning through Noah, and from the species of animals that were saved on the Ark. Since it is believed that our planet is only some six thousand years old, the ark would have had to accommodate all the species of life existing on the entire globe about 5,000 years ago including all the now extinct species, which is a physical impossibility. Scientific evidence also confirms that the flood of Noah's time was regional, not global.*

## **7. The proper name of the Almighty Creator - Yahwism**

According to the Tanakh, the proper Hebrew Scriptural name of the Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power is "YHWH" pronounced in English as Yah-oo-weh. Yahweh is the name that the Creator Himself has given to us; "YH" (Yah is the short form of this name). This name means "I Am" in Hebrew, (in English we would say Eternal or Existing). He says "I Am" we would say "He is" or the more accurate "He exists." Upholding HIS proper Hebrew name of "Yahweh" is the requirement of the Third Commandment.

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity uses various replacement titles of "G-d" "Gawd" "LORD" or "LORD G-d" as substitutes for the proper name of the Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power. These titles are all derived from pagan sources and are not proper names with Hebrew meanings. Some use the hybrid name "Jehovah." Ignoring and disregarding the proper name of the Almighty Sovereign Creator is a violation of the Third Commandment.*

## **8. The name of the First Century Prophet to Israel - Yahwism**

The name of the First Century Hebrew Prophet to Israel is Yahshua, pronounced as Yah-oo-shua. This Name in Hebrew means "Yah is Savior, or Yah saves." According to his own words, as found in the Synoptic Gospel called Matthew, Yahshua was sent only to the lost sheep of the house-hold of Israel (like many prophets that came before him). "Messiah" is the Hebrew word that means anointed. All Hebrew Kings, Priests and Judges delegated with special responsibility or appointments were "messiahs."

### ***Christianity***

*Christians use the name "Christ" or "J-sus" as inter-changeable terms. Some times even as a "first and last" name, such as "J-sus Christ." Both words are derived from the Greek through Latin, and then into English, resulting in a name that has become foreign to the original Hebrew name. The name J-sus does not pass on the original important Hebrew name of Yahshua meaning "Yah is Savior."*

### **9. The Commandments - Yahwism**

The Ten Commandments form the important Contract/Contract that Yahweh made with the Israelites. Blessing and life are received by keeping it, curses for ignoring it. Yahshua kept it, the Apostles kept it, and it is for us as True Israelites from the Assembly of Yahweh, Cascade to keep it as well. Eternal life is not attainable without "keeping" the Covenant (10 Commandments). Matt. 19:16-17.

The Commandments have not changed because Yahweh does not change. The Commandments are still in effect today for all True Israelites and for all that desire to become True Israelites and desire to inherit "life." The Ten Commandments form the only Contract/Contract that Yahweh the Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power has ever made with mortal Adam-man that obligates the parties, i.e. life by keeping them, death by rejecting them.

### ***Christianity***

*To most Christians, the "Ten Commandments" are only an idealistic moral code. They reason that they cannot be kept anyway, so most never even try keeping them. Ignoring the Contract/Contract with Yahweh eliminates any responsibility that Yahweh has with man leaving man responsible for his own miserable destiny leading to his own ultimate demise of eternal death.*

### **10. The 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath - Yahwism**

According to the instructions found in the Ten Commandments, the weekly seventh day Sabbath is to be observed as Yahweh's appointed day of rest. No labor or servitude is permitted on this day. Keeping the Sabbath (on the seventh day of the week) as the set-apart day of rest is the requirement of the Fourth Commandment.

### ***Christianity***

*Modern Christianity (Constantine Romanism) has changed Yahweh's day of rest to the first day of the week. The first day of the week actually honors the pagan "sun-god" (Sunday) and was established by the Roman Emperor Constantine to make his Empire Uniform and to use a day that was already established by Pagan Gentiles as the honored day for their gods. By not keeping the seventh day Sabbath as the proper appointed day of rest, Christians violate the Fourth Commandment each week.*

### **11. Yahweh's feast days - Yahwism**

Four major feasts of Yahweh should be observed. They are (1) Passover, also called the Feast of unleavened Bread, (the memorial of Israel's Exodus out of Egypt). (2) Pentecost "first fruits" (the memorial of the gift of the Contract/agreement between Israel and Yahweh given at Mt. Sinai). (3) Atonement, (a time of fasting, repentance, and renewal for Israel assembled). (4) Tabernacles, is the memorial to Israelites dwelling in tents before entering into Palestine.

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity teaches that Yahweh's appointed times are no longer to be observed. Most of Yahweh's appointed times (feasts) have been forgotten, ignored, violated, or replaced by such days as Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter, All Saints day, and Christ-mas, and the Pagan Roman Catholic Eucharist.*

### **12. Satan and the Devil - Yahwism**

The Tanakh, our Hebrew source Scriptures for truth, teaches that there is no "spirit power" called "Devil." The belief that "the Devil" or "a devil" is a powerful mystical "spirit being" is simply an

"*invention*" of primitive religions that has become ignorantly incorporated into Christianity. The Tanakh teaches us the concept that man has a "bad inclination" as well as an "inclination for doing good." The word satan when used in the Hebrew Scriptures is not the name of a mystical spirit being that can challenge his Creator, but in Hebrew the word simply means "accuser, or opponent." All created beings such as angelic beings (celestial messengers) are under the control of their Creator at all times." Hold no other "Powers" before Yahweh is the First Commandment; this would include giving the fabricated being called "satan" as a self appointed authority that does not exist except in the mind of man.

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity teaches that Satan (also called the devil) is one and the same being and that he is an independent omnipotent and omnipresent power that battles against his own Creator (the Christian G-d) for the souls of the people. By recognizing or believing in other fabricated spiritual powers, Christians are placing other "G-ds" (Powers) before Yahweh. J-sus the Hebrew prophet, like satan, is placed as an equal or a power before the Almighty Sovereign Creator Power. Having other imagined "powers" before Yahweh, or to worship "J-sus" as a G-d is to worship someone other than the Almighty Sovereign Creator Power and therefore violates the First Commandment and what Yahshua taught.*

### **13. Idols and images - Yahwism**

Yahweh very explicitly states in His Commandments that we are to make no carved or formed images (three dimensional objects or likeness) of anything which is in the heavens above or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth. An idol or image is any object or image receiving *praise, admiration* or worship. "Make no images" is the Second Commandment.

### ***Christianity***

*Most Christian homes are full of idols (I-dolls), images and various other three-dimensional forms or images of created thing, such as animals, birds, people fish, etc. Most Roman Catholic Constantine Christian Church buildings are full of idols and human images actually receiving worship. Making, having, or worshipping idols and images of any kind violates the Second Commandment.*

### **14. Sin and the slaughter of animals or humans to cover for sin - Yahwism**

Yahshua, (the Messiah of the Greek writings) an Israelite, was not slaughtered as a "human penalty payment" for sin. He was not sent to become a "human sacrifice" (be slaughtered) for the sins of the world. Furthermore, according to his own words, he was only sent to the household of Israel, (Matt. 15:24) to save those that were lost, (Matt. 18:11, Jer. 50:6), to give his life a *ransom* for many, not as a slaughtering, (Matt. 20: 28). According to the Greek New Testament Yahshua claimed to have authority to forgive sins simply by saying so, (See Matt. 9:6).

**Side Note:** Yahweh in the Tanakh, calls slaughtering a person or ones offspring (a son or daughter) for someone's (penalty payment) on an altar of stones is something that He hates and that it is a complete abomination to Him, (Deut. 12:30-31). He tells us that "human sacrifice" (slaughtering) is such a horrible concept to Him that it did not even come into His mind, and that He never demanded it from His creation. This means that Yahweh would never accept the death of an innocent man on a pagan torture stake to be slaughtered by someone in order for Him to feel good enough to forgive sin (Psalm 106:37-38; Ezekiel 16:20). The very idea that Yahweh would accept the murder of any person (especially the murder of a righteous or innocent man) as pleasing to Him in the attempt by someone to earn the forgiveness of sin from Him in this manner is not found in the Tanakh. "Do not commit murder" is the eighth Commandment.

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity teaches that J-sus was sacrificed (slaughtered) to G-d for man's sin. Therefore Christians believe in human sacrifice. However, human sacrifice to the gods is a wicked custom,(a left over) from ancient pagan cultures and practice. It is a practice that is condemned by the Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power. To believe that such practice was acceptable and even desired by the Almighty violates all the principles of the Tanakh and the eighth Commandment.*

### **15. Salvation - Yahwism**

The Tanakh teaches that the Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power is the only Redeemer and Savior of the Commonwealth of Israel, (Isaiah 54:6 -8). This includes the twelve original tribes of Israel and their descendants that have been scattered among all the nations of the globe. All the tribes of Israel are "lost" to history until their time of redemption/salvation. This salvation will come to individuals and then one day (we believe) to the restored dispersed nations (tribes) even though they are today living among all the nations of the Globe, (Ezk. 6:8, 11:17; Hosea 1:9-11).

**Side Note:** Redemption and eternal life is found by wayward man only by turning toward Yahweh, by becoming obedient to His will, and by receiving the pardoning of one's sins against Him through sincere repentance, with a subsequent return to remain righteous. This requires a return toward the correct keeping (upholding) of Yahweh's Ten Commandments. By this act the repentant sinner can again become an heir (returning prodigal) to the Contract/Contract with Yahweh and inherit eternal life (Matt. 19:16-17). Likewise, by receiving and believing in the teachings and instructions of Yahshua (the deliverer to "lost" Israel), the believer will result in a spiritual regeneration and a rebirth (renewing) of one's mind by Yahweh's Ruach HaKodesh (Set-apart Spirit). This re-establishes the violator's Contract/Contract with the Almighty Sovereign Eternal Creator Power of Israel, and the promise of life that came with it.

The Tanakh teaches that *all* people outside of the Contract with Israel who desire to become "Israelites" must first be enjoined into the Contract Yahweh has with Israel, and thereby become "True Israelites" (Isa. 56), and willing to serve Yahweh. The gift and blessing of Yahweh's salvation can be inherited by anyone through their "faithfulness and obedience" toward keeping the Covenant/Contract/agreement (the Ten Commandments). Yahshua agrees that eternal life requires the keeping of the Commandments, (Matt. 19:16-17).

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity teaches that Repentance and the sincere belief (blind faith) that J-sus was sent to be slaughtered as the lamb of G-d, on the cross of Calvary as a sacrifice of G-d (to please himself) is what saves you from your sins and will give you eternal life. Some Christians believe that it is also necessary to become baptized to complete the process. This is considered a gift of G-d, (by grace) and cannot be earned, so there is nothing additional for you to do to help the process. There is no requirement for "faithfulness." The substitution of the Christian "faith" to replace "faithfulness" violates the purpose and teaching of the entire Tanakh.*

## 16. Hell - Yahwism

Hell is not a place of endless torment for the wicked. The Hebrew word "She'ol" is mistakenly translated "hell" by many English translations. This word has become associated with a fabricated place of eternal torment for the wicked. She'ol in Hebrew simply means "to cover" as in a grave, the place of the dead, or place of the unknown. All people die; therefore, all will go to the place of the unknown (hell) after death. The bodies of all people both good and bad will go to the "place of the unknown." The Tanakh teaches that all will be judged and all will need to be accountable for every work, both good and bad. Yahweh will make the final determination for life or for destruction. According to the Tanakh, the wicked will perish and become as the dust of the ground. The righteous and those obedient to the will of "the Father" will inherit eternal life. The belief in hell as a place of eternal fire, suffering and torment is a leftover residue of primitive belief, pagan mysticism, and ignorance of what the Hebrew Scriptures teach.

### ***Christianity***

*Christianity teaches that hell is a place of eternal suffering and that it is the place that all those who do not believe in the Christian formula for salvation will go. It does not matter if the person is a decent or good person, or has never heard about J-sus and his sacrifice on the cross for sin. The Christian formula for salvation is exclusive - all must repent and believe that J-sus died on the cross for their sins as the "lamb" of G-d, and by some, be baptized in order to be forgiven and to receive eternal life.*

*Many believe that Baptism must be by immersion to be proper. Because the Christian formula for Salvation is exclusive (although very divisive) it is one of reasons that many Christian denominations are "evangelical" and strive to convert those that differ in their beliefs from that of Christianity. Christianity wants to save men from the mystical invention of eternal suffering and hell fire.*

## 17. Heaven - Yahwism

The English word heaven as translated from the Hebrew Scriptures comes from the Hebrew word "shamayin" meaning "sky." Although there is some debate as to the exact meaning of this word, it is very clear that the word "shamayin" is most commonly used in conjunction with the word "erets" meaning "land." The combination of these words (Sky and land or earth) represents the whole of the creation and the total dominion of Yahweh the Creator of everything.

The "Kingdom of Yahweh" or "Kingdom of heaven" is not a "place" where the Kingdom *is*, but it is "who" the Kingdom belongs to (of = *proceeding from*). All references to a physical place called heaven for the righteous comes from the imagination of mortal men which, is not unlike the natural concept of an eternal "hell" fire for the wicked, which would conversely require the natural need for a place of eternal pleasure for the righteous. The concept of a "life" in the hereafter in a garden-like place of bliss and pleasure for the righteous was clearly longed for by the ancients of the Hebrew Scriptures. However, Yahweh in His eternal wisdom has not provided us with any specific details about such a place, where or how life exists after our physical death.

### ***Christianity***

*To Christians heaven is a place with mansions for those "saved" by the blood of the human lamb where they will live eternally. It is thought to be a place where there will be no need, no sickness, no hunger, no sin, or bad things. All of this is an honorable concept, but all of it also comes from the imagination of man but not from Scripture. Some believe "heaven" is in a place beyond the sky, others that it will be on earth under the rule of J-sus when he comes again to rule physically on earth. The fact is; there is no Bible verse that says that someone "saved" will go to a place called "heaven." J-sus*

*never promised to take everyone to such a place after death.*

### **18. Second Coming - Yahwism**

The belief in a "Second Coming" of "a Messiah" or of "the Messiah" is not found in the Tanakh. This belief is a relatively new concept even in Christian circles. The Scriptures never speak of the "end of time" or the end of history. It speaks of the future "end of the age" (*which is always followed by the beginning of the "new age to come"*). The age that came at the time of Yahshua the prophet was called age of the "Kingdom of Yahweh" as he announced it. This "last new age" began during his ministry in the First Century. The word "Kingdom" is an idiom that also has the meaning of "council" in Aramaic. Hence the phrase has the meaning of an age where the "Council of Yahweh" can be found by those that have within them the Spirit of Yahweh willing to seek that council. This council is the Spirit of truth. In other words, the "life breath" of Yahweh's Spirit being becomes our council for truth to those seeking it.

We believe that Yahshua was "a" Messiah and a prophet. The Tanakh is full of Messiahs (anointed ones) Prophets, and others that are called "sons of Yahweh." Yahshua himself specifically stated (as recorded in the Christian Greek Testament Gospel book called John) that his Kingdom was "NOT of this world" John 18:36. We should not be surprised that there is no such thing as a "Second Coming."

#### ***Christianity***

*Some in Modern Christianity have developed the belief that there will be a "Second Coming" of J-sus to earth. This belief is to a large extent based upon the indiscriminate mistranslation of the Greek word "erchomai" and "parousia" found in the Greek New Testament. These Greek words have at times both been translated as "coming" in some English translations, but may have many alternate meanings. There is no passage in Scripture or in the Greek New Testament that specifically states that the Yahshua would be "coming again" to rule as a physical King upon this globe.*

***Side Note:*** *Some Christians believe in the assumption that the Book of Revelation (or most of it) is a forecast of future world events still unfulfilled. This assumption violates what the book of Revelation says about itself and to whom the book was written. In its prologue and epilogue, it states, concerning the whole of its prophecy, that it was: "at hand," "obey-able" and, finally, "not to be sealed up." Revelation's total relevance (in Old Testament Scripture's Poetic Picture Apocalyptic language) starts and ends in the lifetime of its original hearers and to those to whom the letter was originally addressed, i.e., "the seven assemblies that are in Asia", (Rev, 1:4). If you are not one of these assemblies and living during the times of the address of this letter, the Prophecy in Revelation can **NOT** be for you. The events in Revelation actually occurred allegorically in 70 AD with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple of Herod under the conquest of the Roman army.*

***Side Note:*** *Another relatively new Christian teaching is the "rapture-removal" or 'Left Behind' from planet Earth movement. This is one of the most dangerous of all corrupted teachings because it attempts to remove righteous people from their civil responsibilities by looking for and depending upon something that has not been prophesied to happen. Such belief leaves a void of righteous people in civil and governmental affairs, which are subsequently filled by the unrighteous with the predictable unrighteous consequences.*

### **19. Edible Food - Yahwism**

The Almighty Sovereign Creator Power has in His great providence and wisdom provided the necessary information in the Tanakh for Israelites (and those willing to learn and live a healthy life) by telling us which animals were created to be edible for our consumption and which are not. We as Israelites believe that the Almighty Sovereign Creator, the One who also created the animals, would be

the absolute undisputed authority for which animals are “clean” for food and which are “unclean” and not be used by us for food. True Israelites avoid eating animals and animal products that Yahweh has designated as “unclean” for food consumption.

### ***Christianity***

*Many Christians through various misapplications of several Greek New Testament passages, and by deliberately ignoring the instructions and advice about food found in the Tanakh concerning edible animals have mistakenly concluded that all animals are now edible and fit for food. However, there is nothing in the Bible that would support such a conclusion. Yahshua and the 12 apostles always honored the advice found in the Tanakh on “clean” and “unclean” animals.*

## **20. Passover vs. Communion - Yahwism**

Israelites commemorate the appointed feast of Unleavened Bread which includes the Passover (Pesach) lamb dinner once a year at a very specific time in the Hebrew New year as directed and appointed by Yahweh. The “breaking of bread” (eating dinner) on the first day of the week is a dinner celebrated after the end of the Sabbath. This is at Saturday evening (at dusk), when the first of the week begins.

The Disciples were to prepare the “Passover” (Luke 22). Yahshua eagerly waited “to eat the Passover” meal. The context of this dinner was to ponder on “their lives” and commune (converse together) as this was to be their last dinner as a unified group of Disciples with their Teacher. The breaking of bread (eating) was a metaphor (a symbolism) for the “breaking” of his body (coming execution) but not symbolic for the eating of “human flesh” which would have been a metaphor for Cannibalism. The wine became a metaphor for his shed blood, but was not symbolic for the “drinking” of blood, which is forbidden in the Tanakh for Israelites, but of a covenant, i.e. his life as a ransom to preserve their lives.

### ***Christianity***

*The original Passover recorded in the New Testament Greek writings has developed into Christian “Communion” (Eucharist), a somber ritual that is held on a regular basis to celebrate the death of J-sus as the “Passover” lamb of G-d that takes away the sins of the world. This Sacrament is far removed from the feast of Unleavened Bread and the Passover dinner, which was one of Yahweh’s appointed feasts containing specific instruction, and the celebration of leaving Egypt. Some Christians (the R.C.C., Lutherans, and others) believe that the bread when broken somehow magically turns into the “flesh” of J-sus at consumption, and that the wine (or grape juice) when poured, magically turns into the blood of J-sus at consumption. Some Christians believe it is only symbolic of the conversion into flesh and blood. However, even if symbolic of the “eating human flesh” and the “drinking of human blood,” such activity is purely a pagan/heathen concept. Ancient primitive cultures sometimes believed that eating a piece of the body or the drinking of the blood of a powerful dead person or animal would somehow convey some of that power of the person on to them.*

### **Further Considerations**

A “Gentile” is by proper definition a non-Israelite, (a foreigner to the Contract with Israel), thereby also most likely an unbeliever in that same Contract. The distinction between an “Israelite” (a Hebrew Scriptures believer) and a “Gentile” (non-Hebrew Scriptures believer) creates a divisive belief system between “Israelite Yahwism” and Christianity. The are in fact two completely different religion systems.

Through the centuries there has been an on-going “Gentilization” of the ancient faith of Yahwism, a *falling-away* (apostasy) from the Hebrew Scriptures (Tanakh) toward the adoption of heathen pagan terms and observances, customs and cultures found in Modern Christianity. Many began with the writings of the self-appointed false Apostle Saul/Paul. The Sabbath and moed'im (appointed times)

were sabotaged and replaced. The Creator's Proper Name was destroyed and ruined in favor of non-specific, generic references, and other adulterated forms. Even after the Protestant Reformation, many of these beliefs are still embraced even though there is overwhelming evidence of their pagan origin.

Congregations that separate themselves from the Israelite Yahwism concepts and that choose to adhere to the Paul/Saul false religion concepts are of man-made origin and have produced the "denominationalism" and mass confusion that we see in the hundreds of religious denominations that call themselves "Christian". It is no wonder that many intellectuals have chosen to dismiss and/or reject Christianity completely.

Yahwism is NOT Judaism (Jewism) and Israelites are NOT Jews. This misunderstanding also becomes a conflict of misunderstanding between Israelites and non-Israelites. Yet, the truth is, that both the (natural born) Israelite and the foreigner as a (non-natural born Israelite) can be brought into the house of Yahweh and can together both become "True Israelites." It is through the Contract, which requires the observance of the Ten Commandments that Gentiles (non-Israelites) can also become True Israelites and become members of the Household (family) of Yahweh.

The corrupted ceremonial laws were abolished with the physical Temple in Jerusalem in CE 70 and the civil laws along with the payment of animals or food products for penalty payments disappeared with the loss of the "national" identity of Israel. The Ten Commandments have continued as the original Covenant/contract. Therefore, non-Israelites who *convert* (come to obey the Contract) and begin keeping the Ten Commandments (along with the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath) and begin to trust in Yahshua's words are *no longer* Gentiles; they in reality become "fellow citizens" of Israel. By their obedience, faithfulness, and willingness to serve Yahweh they become True Israelites.

*Isa. 56:6-7 Also the foreigners who join themselves to Yahweh, to minister to him, and to love the name of Yahweh, to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath from profaning it, and holds fast my Contract; 7 even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."*

*Mat 7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

**Yahshua (Jesus) was NOT sent to deliver all the people of the globe:**

*Mat 10:5. Yahshua sent these twelve out, and commanded them, saying, "Don't go among the Gentiles, and don't enter into any city of the Samaritans (foreigners). Mat 10:6 rather, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (dispersed Israel). Mat 10:7 As you go, preach, saying, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!' ("Kingdom" can also mean counsel).*

*Mat 15:24 But he answered, "I was no't sent to anyone but the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

*Mat 18:11 For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost. (Read Jer. 50: for who was lost).*

The conclusion to draw from these writings is that *no one* who currently *obeys the Contract* and keeps the Sabbath remains a "Gentile" (non-Israelite) - they may once have been considered "Gentiles" but they are now members (or better yet, "*citizens*" of the collective house-hold (family) of "True Israel." This is not an allegorized "*spiritual*" Israel as many in Christianity have supposed through other misunderstandings such as the false doctrine of "Replacement Theology." While the term "Israel" can

be used to apply to a geographic area, in Scripture this term refers to those who have *joined themselves to Yahweh through His Contract*, known as the Ten Commandments (Ten Declarations or Words). This is what is clearly taught in Isa. 56.

Many well meaning “Christians” seem to believe that the “Ten Commandments” are too difficult to keep” and if we keep the Commandments of Yahweh, then don't we become "legalists?" Well, isn't it better to be a legalists, than an illegal-ists? True Israelites are those that have a love of the Creator's Name and for His Commandments. They follow the “way” or “walk” like that of the Messiah staying faithful to the Contract without alteration, having received a love of the Commandments in their hearts by the indwelling of the Spirit of Yahweh. Beliefs and actions are the same thing in their view, and they serve and worship the same Sovereign Power whom they obey. Read what Israel's King David wrote about Yahweh's Commandments:

Psa. 119:98 *Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,  
for your commandments are always with me.*

Psa. 119:99 *I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your testimonies are my meditation.*

Psa. 119:100 *I understand more than the aged,  
because I have kept your precepts.*

Psa. 119:101 *I have kept my feet from every evil way,  
that I might observe your word.*

Christianity is a religion that is supposedly based on the teachings of Yahshua Ha'Mashiach (J-sus the Messiah) but it has in reality developed far from what he taught. It has become a mixture of the customs from Babylonian heathen paganism all gelled into Cannons that were solidified under the pagan Roman Emperor Constantine 325 CE and which became the Catholic “Christian” State religion of the old Roman Empire. Nothing has changed!

Christianity has become a way of life *about* the Messiah of Israel but does not follow the Messiah's foundational teachings found in the Hebrew Scriptures. Instead, it has divided into thousands of sects that all differ over interpreting and misinterpreting the Bible by using the writings of Paul/Saul a Pharisee and a Roman citizen who never sat at the feet of Yahshua, and never heard him teach. Christianity has developed its own special days of the year adopted from heathen pagan origin symbols and observances. *ALL* of Yahweh's commanded feast days and Sabbaths are neglected (see Lev. 23, Deut. 16) and replaced by a system of *beliefs* not based on Messiah's teaching, but instead, are acting in ignorance through false traditions.

The Question is asked: “What happens to all the people that think they have acquired eternal life through Christianity by believing in the human Sacrifice of “J-sus” for their sins; what would be a good answer to give them?

Answer: We do not really know what happens to them. To say that we do is simply wishful thinking and pure conjecture. We do know (from the Tanakh) that Yahweh is righteous in His judgment, for we are told that every work will be brought into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or bad. Yahshua hinted at a condition of paradise (a Persian word denoting the parks of Persian kings and nobles). Throughout Scripture we see the evidence of fallen man and his need for redemption. The plan for the redemption of man by the Creator is always offered through repentance and obedience all through the Tanakh, yet deception seems to be much easier for people to believe than the Truth.

Christians accept the Messiah of Israel, while leaving behind his walk, his manner of living, what he taught, and his Hebrew Scriptures (Matt. 7:21). As the Edomites were “usurpers” claiming the name, rights, and inheritance of True Israel, so we have the modern “usurpers” who claim to be “Spiritual

Israel” through their statement of belief in “J-sus” and his human sacrifice. The only way to overcome this deceptive manner of living and belief is for individuals to do their own personal research. There is nothing that anyone can say or write to convince even one to change unless they do that personal required research. Many are “asleep” unaware of what they are doing, mostly because they are lulled to sleep every week in their churches. Knowledge of what they believe and what is taught to them is amazingly shallow. Their misplaced trust in men who they accept as their teachers is their greatest mistake.

The bottom line is this, most people do not realize they are *outside of the Contract with Yahweh* having never been told that they must be “engrafted” into the family of True Israel by faithfully living according to that Contract. Until they stop and realize this basic truth, they will keep putting up Christmas trees and hunting for Easter eggs. Their faith has become an acceptable “Church Standard” but that standard is not the one that pleases Yahweh. Instead, most Christians follow old Heathen Pagan practices, concealed in new meanings, Matt. 7: 21.

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