

# COMMENTS 2018

**January 8, 2018**

**Hello, Avram,**

My name is Melody and my husband Carles and I live in Spain. I feel like YHVH led me to you for a reason. It's a long story. I found you through your 'Bridegroom of Blood' article, which I was led to do a Google search for after Saturday's Torah portion of *Shemot*. That article has had a tremendous impact on me and has resolved year long issues concerning whether or not to circumcise, and now my husband and I finally have peace about that issue! HalelluYAH!!!

I would very much like to read your articles, watch your videos and learn from you. We are in a situation here in Spain where we are all alone, no family, no friends and no faith community. It's just us, and we are floundering. I know that Yeshua is asking so much more from us, but we have no one to be accountable to in real life, and we feel YHVH is leading us to discipleship, but we have no one to disciple under. It feels as if we are alone in the spiritual wilderness.

Thank you for your ministry. What a blessing it has already been to us.

Blessings & Shalom to you and your family from ours in the name of our Messiah Yeshua ❤️

Melody (and Carles)

Spain

**Avram Replies:**

**Shalom Melody and Carles!**

May His Shalom surround you both!

It's good that you're in the Wilderness. Yeshua wants to teach you things about Him and His Word that He can't do in any other way. I believe it'll be a wonderful time for the both of you.

Flounder no more! You have me to bounce things off of, and you have each other to worship the Lord with. After all, who did Adam and Eve have? And who did Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have? And who did Joseph have in prison?

As you read my articles and get to know me through them and our email correspondence, you may feel that the Lord wants to use me to disciple you. I'd love to be used by the Lord in your lives.

Blessings from Above,

Avram Yehoshua

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**March 13, 2018**

**Shalom Avram,**

I'm blessed by your ministry through the power of the Holy Spirit. I first was told about eating unclean meat 6 years ago and the Holy Spirit showed me the importance of obeying and keeping Torah in Messiah. Your articles have blessed me, and with the Spirit, help showed me the truth about Shabbat sin as a transgression of Torah, and Yeshua as a Torah teaching Mashiach. We are all called to advance the Gospel.

Thank you.

Blessings,  
Daniel N.

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**The next series of emails began on May 2, 2018, from a certain Michael in Bulgaria**, whose first email to me had him as ‘Mike.’ My answers to him are interspersed throughout his emails and indented so you’ll be able to see when I answer him. Michael is symbolic of most Christians today who have been deceived by Satan through the Roman Catholic Church about Torah/Mosaic Law, and instead, walk in illicit SEX, a phrase the Lord gave me that speaks of Christians who keep Sunday, Easter and Xmas (and hence, the three letters of S, E, X), and who eat biblically unclean meats, etc. These are people who disdain and/or think that Mosaic Law ‘is not for Christians.’ I present these emails to reveal how some Christians think, and also, how to reply to them, both theologically and personally.

Subject: ‘Keeping’ the Torah

**Greetings,**

Peace and grace to you.

Thank you Mike!

Thank you for your willingness to share your thoughts on different topics throughout the years.

You’re welcome.

I have 3 questions:

1. Do you celebrate your birthday and if so on what (or whose) account?

Mike, nowhere in Scripture does God speak of birthdays or celebrating them as sin. As Torah/Mosaic Law is God’s Standard for what constitutes sin (Rom. 3:20), it seems that the celebration of birthdays is alright. I know it has pagan traditions to it, but the birth of a child isn’t ‘pagan.’ It’s God’s order of things.

2. Do you go to the temple to sacrifice sheep or other required by the law animals for yourself as a teacher of the law?

No, for as you very well know, there is no Temple to do that in, but as you might not understand, animal sacrifice was practiced by the Apostles and the Jewish believers many years after the resurrection, and was never prohibited because ‘Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice,’ as some might say, or that He did away with sacrifice. You might be interested in these two articles, which establish what the major Mosaic sacrifices were, and how they pointed, and still point, to Messiah Yeshua’s sacrifice, and also, how sacrifice continued with Christians until the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD, and how it will be seen (animal sacrifice) in the thousand year reign of David’s Son, when He returned to rule as the King of Israel:

“Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the *throne of His father David*. And He will *reign over the house of Jacob* forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”” (Luke 1:30–33 NKJV)

“Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death

has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him *a thousand years.*" (upon this Earth, I might add, and this is the Temple in Jerusalem that Ezekiel refers to, in Ezk. 40-48; Revelation 20:6 NKJV)

1. [Mosaic Sacrifice and the Blood of Jesus](#)
2. [Mosaic Sacrifice in the New Testament](#)

Or at least do you wash your arms like the pharisees did?

I'm not a Pharisee, Mike.

3. In the parable about the prodigal son who of the two sons is the better son and why?

Great Question! What do you think?

Blessings from Above,

Avram Yehoshua

The [SeedofAbraham.net](#)

Christianity is truly the only religion in the world that does not emulate its Founder. Yeshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus) rebuked Satan's first temptation, to change the rocks into bread, by saying to the Devil: "Man does not live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4). When did that change? When were Christians supposed to stop living according to the words of God that Yeshua lived His life by? Isn't Yeshua our Example?

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On May 3, 2018, Mike wrote back:

**Greetings in the Lord Yeshua, br. Avram.**

Thank you, Mike!

Thank you for kindly responding to my letter and for taking the time to do so.

You're welcome, Mike. Yeshua has made me a teacher and evangelist, and I love sharing Him with others.

A few years ago I found out about you on the internet. Ever since then I've become acquainted with your writings and have read much of what you have published in [seedofabraham.net](#). I do enjoy reading the things that you have shared throughout the years and I also enjoy your testimony.

Thanks.

I am grateful for your endurance under persecution (thinking about your neighbor with the stone), and about your zeal for Yeshua our Lord. You are an encouraging example as a follower of Yeshua.

Thank you, Mike. I appreciate that a lot. Yeshua is so good, even to me. I am always humbled when I think about what He went through (brutal torture and crucifixion), for me, who didn't deserve that, but eternal Hell. Our God is truly wonder-full; so loving and forgiving.

I enjoy your in depth insights on Scripture. I have learned a lot from your ministry.

It's Yeshua, Mike, for His Body. He has opened my eyes to some of His Word, both Old and New, and I feel like the scribe who would come into His Kingdom:

"Then Yeshua said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the Kingdom of Heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.'" (Matthew 13:52)

(Some great articles that come to mind are, "Pentecost-Shavu'ot", "Kingdom violence - Matthew 11:12", The feasts of Israel....) So it is a pleasure to be able to fellowship with you in spite of distance.

Again, thank you. It's not as good as being 'face to face,' but it's better than not being able to converse.

And may God bless you abundantly and may He guide you always in His truths and may He bless many through you.

Thank you, again, and may our Lord be gracious to you, too!

Let me introduce myself. My name is Michael.

I will start calling you Michael, then, and not Mike. Thank you for sharing that.

I was born in Bulgaria during the days of the communism in a humble believers' family. My father was a lowest level worker (for some 37 years) in a plant where they repaired heavy Russian trucks, so he always came home dirty and smelly and soiled with automotive grease. He had trusted the Lord Yeshua at an early age (in his early 20s) through a miraculous experience with God, after he had previously vigorously resisted God and His existence.

That is incredible!

Consequently he joined the local body of believers and started going to the gatherings of the church regularly as he worshipped Yeshua. However, being a believer in Yeshua during the communism was not a popular thing. In fact, because of his belief in Yeshua, he was summoned in the police, was threatened at work, was ridiculed everywhere and even persecuted. He was told that they wouldn't let him become anything more than the lowest level worker for life if he wouldn't give up Yeshua. And they kept their promise, because he kept following Yeshua as Master and Savior. He is now 83 years old and an elder in the church and a wonderful example to me and many others of faithfulness, dedication, and perseverance for Yeshua's sake. I'm grateful for my dad.

Thank you for sharing that with me, Michael. I am blessed beyond measure by his example.

My mother was not a believer when she married my dad, but the Lord had His ways of revealing Himself to her and after the birth of my second brother she trusted in the Lord Yeshua. She is now esteemed in the community and in the church as a loving, a generous and a faithful believer. I would add that she is a blessing to many.

And thank you for sharing about your mother; again, a blessing for me, just in hearing a little of her journey.

My parents have not gone nor have they been able to go to universities to study theology or to get educated about God in some school. They don't know original Greek or Hebrew.

I fully understand.

They don't know the names of the famous Christian workers, writers or scholars out there. But they know Yeshua. And they have a solid foundation and a solid trust in God.

Amen, and glory to Yeshua/Jesus.

They have so many stories of personal experiences with Yeshua; so many stories of when Yeshua has

done huge miracles in their lives; stories of healings; stories of guidance; stories of protection; stores of answered prayers; stories of Yeshua's favor.

Amen!

They have shared the bread and the wine with people who have been killed for their faith in Yeshua, who have been summoned before the authorities and questioned for their faith, who have been quietly and humbly, yet steadfastly worshipping the Lord with their lives.

Glory to Messiah Yeshua! He is worthy and their lives were shining examples of what it is to follow the Lord of Life.

These are the kind of people I've seen with my own eyes; the kind of people I'm friends with. I myself trusted the Lord Yeshua in my teen years and am following and praising Him by the grace of God. And I myself have experienced and also eye-witnessed many miracles (I could share particulars if need be) from our Lord in confirmation to His Word. (As written in Mark 16:20, "And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.") Glory to God!

Amen!, and thank you for sharing that!

Now, truth to be told, to a Jewish man I am only a gentile. Why? Because, God is the God of Abraham who in turn is the father of all Jews. But another truth is that Yeshua is before Abraham (John 8:58) and He is the Maker and Creator of all (Col. 1:16, John 1) and He is therefore the Savior to all who believe in Him.

Amen.

And now in Him there's neither Jew nor gentile, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:26-29

Therefore, in God's eyes (in the eyes of Him Who created you and I) we are all His children.

Yes, but for now, while on Earth, there remains Jew and Gentile, man and woman, etc., BUT IN CHRIST, we are 'one,' yet that doesn't mean there is no Jew. Only that before our Father, the Jew is not given more special consideration. Realize that in the days of Paul, the Jew was (and still is) the Chosen people, and the Gentiles, well, you know that most of them worshipped sticks and stone and demons, so they weren't going to be happy on Judgment Day. IN CHRIST, however, they will be happy. Concerning the Jew and the Gentile believers, they are 'one' in Messiah, similar to how a man and his wife are one:

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24 NKJV) In God's eyes the man and his wife are one, yet the man remains a man and the woman remains a woman. That oneness is a picture of the oneness that Jews and Gentiles have in Messiah Yeshua.

Just like the creators of all the Fords are the creators not only of the Ford Focus, in the same way God (the creator of all humans) is not only the God of the Jews, because all humans who carry the name of their Creator are His. But indeed, God chose the Jews as a tribe (people?, for they were 12/13 Tribes) from the earth (which have proven to be one of the most senseless groups of people on the planet, Jeremiah 2:11)

Michael, I have come to see that if God had chosen any other peoples, say the Irish, or the Germans, or the Chinese, or the Kenyans, etc., etc., etc., they would have behaved just as Israel did because in terms of human nature, any people is the same as any other.

In other words, human nature is sinful and rebellious. ISRAEL is only a microcosm of all the other peoples, yet God set His heart upon them, and through their wickedness God has displayed, and will yet again display, His faithfulness to them, for the sake of the Fathers, as Paul writes, and he also speaks of there being a difference between Jew and Gentile:

“You will say then, “Branches were broken off that I (a Gentile) might be grafted in.” Well said! Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. ***Do not be haughty, but fear.*** For if God did not spare the ***natural branches***, He may not spare you, either. Therefore, consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity, but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, ***will be grafted in***, for God is able to graft them in again.”

“For if you were cut out of the olive tree ,which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into ***a cultivated olive tree*** (that’s Israel, Michael, with God’s laws that has cultivated them), ***how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?*** For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this ***mystery***, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, ***that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*** And so ***all Israel will be saved***, as it is written: “The Savior will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob! ***For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.***” Concerning the Gospel they are enemies for your sake, ***but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the Fathers.*** For the gifts and the ***calling*** of God are ***irrevocable***. For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that ***through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy***. For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! “For who has known the mind of Yahveh? Or who has become His counselor?” “Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?” For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever! Amen!” (Romans 11:19-36)

to display His power and His grace in spite of human inability and wickedness.

Amen, Michael, amen.

Therefore, apostle Paul says, “But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 1:27-31

Thus we glory and rejoice in our Lord. And my witness is true that He has shown Himself gracious and loving to us here in Bulgaria who believe in Him.

Amen! The God of Israel is gracious to all who call upon Him and desires that no man walk in darkness.

We have seen and continue to see the practical relationship of Yeshua with His followers here. Throughout the years I have been able to observe the practical aspect (even personally) of what it entails to know and follow Yeshua on earth - in the blessings He gives, in the guidance He provides on daily basis, in the

prophecies and the words of knowledge He often sends, in the lives He changes, in the mercies He shows, in the needs He provides, in the prayers He answers, in the ways He intervenes, in the lowly people He cares for, in the life of His Words, in the gentleness with which He speaks. Thus, I read the Word (the Scriptures) but I also fellowship with the Word in real life settings. And I have known Yeshua as a tender, loving, uplifting, life-giving, merciful Shepherd, continuing to be full of truth but full of grace too.

Amen, Michael, amen! What you write is a blessing for me.

It is one thing to be a student of the Word and consider the written words of Scripture and explore the meaning of what is written. Yet, it's a whole different thing to observe and get to know the real-life, practical relationship the Word (Yeshua) has with us and with other people.

Amen!

In my own life I have come to understand that God not only speaks and commands, just like my earthly father doesn't only speak to me, doesn't only write lists of rules, doesn't only write notes to me, but most and foremost he enjoys my daily fellowship with him; he desires my closeness, my laughter, he rejoices in doing things together; going places together.

Amen!

I've known that God Who invented this earthly relationship desires the same with us as our Father. And because of that I have seen godly and blessed people from the Eastern Orthodox Church, from the Pentecostals, from the Methodists, from the adventists, from the baptists, from all kinds of believers in Yeshua - people who love walking with and for God, earnestly worshiping and believing in Him and His promises, living a life of love and gratitude. One is certain - God often shows love and grace to people we wouldn't think He'd show love and grace - like to Samaritans, or to... Jews themselves. He is surprising.

Yes!

I often like zooming out and taking a look at the big picture - God, the mighty Creator of all visible and invisible, created this planet and us, obviously not to kill us off but to give us life and have a beautiful relationship with all of us, kind of what Adam had with God before Adam followed the lie. But because of the obvious sin (which in its core was the lack of trust in God and His Word) and our inability to enter into God's presence like that, God determined to display His love and grace in providing a Savior for us - Yeshua. In doing so He prepared the scene by taking a weak nomadic group - Israel, so He can display how great He is (so they won't be able to brag) on the hand, and prepare the scene for the Redeemer on the other. He did prepare the scene through His Word and His prophets and by vivid imagery through the weak nomadic people He chose - imagery that pointed to and pictured Yeshua, especially in the tabernacle (and later in the temple) and all that pertained to it (sacrifices, feasts, serving, utensils...), until we became now the living temples of Yeshua - 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19, John 14:23 - pointing to Him like the tabernacle in the desert did point to Him.

Excellent!

And then He send Yeshua at the right time - not to Israel, but to the whole world - to anyone who would trust Him - thus closing the circle of trust: Adam sinned and lost his eternal life by loosing his trust in God and His Word. God is now restoring the eternal life to man, by giving him the opportunity to put his trust in God and His Word (Yeshua) once again and regain eternal life and fellowship with God. In the meantime Yeshua fulfilled the requirement of our holy Creator that we couldn't meet in order to satisfy His holiness - namely, by taking our punishment and becoming the satisfying payment for our debt to God.

And now through Him we have peace with God and access by faith to Him...(Romans 5:1,2) Thanks and glory be to God for His glorious Salvation and for His glorious life!

Amen!

Now, I know that you know these things. But now let's zoom in to the daily lives of people we know; people who have trusted Yeshua for Salvation. Yes, they maybe called Christians, some may refer to them as Pentecostal, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian or Protestant believers. They may have known and believed in Yeshua through the ministry of the only church in town - which could have been a non-denominational or a Pentecostal church (as in the case with my parents). But it could be that these people are experiencing and witnessing the loving embrace of Yeshua in their daily lives and in the lives of their families. They may be full of gratitude and full of reverence for Him more than a hundred devoted followers of the letter of the law. Still they could be the people who reap the practical and visible benefits of following Yeshua. They may even call Him Jesus, or Iisus, Isa...but they may be delighting in a wonderful, personal hourly conversation with Him, having received His peace and grace and now taking it to others. They may be the doers of the Word and not so much the talkers of the same. And these are the kind of people I have known in my life. The people in whose heart is the Word and His love pours out through them. People, who do celebrate the birth of their Savior on the 25th of December and give gifts to their close ones to remind each other of the ultimate gift of God to us. People who do rest on Sunday and not on Saturday, as they remember and celebrate the eternal rest God has given them in Yeshua, and as they honor Him not just on that day, but on every day of the week that God created as they willingly display love for their neighbor and for their Lord. People who do not celebrate physically all the feasts of Israel, yet having a spiritual understanding and acceptance of the true meaning of the same and delighting to personally fellowship with the feast Master. People who have simply put their trust in God to bring them from death to life and gladly tell others of His greatness and mercy.

There are people like that all over the world, Michael, and I'm glad that you are one of them.

Now these are the people, br. Avram, I have known in my life and have fellowship with and I have seen how Yeshua Himself relates to them. They are like the little children Yeshua speaks of, joyfully trusting their Father with a child's faith, honoring Him, sharing Him, enjoying Him and loving Him, serving Him, and blessing His name, and that's who's writing you. And I would like to encourage you, as the student of the Word that you are, to not only consider the letter of the Word, but to extend your gaze to the reality of how Yeshua Himself relates practically with people around the globe; how He reveals Himself in a direct way nowadays to muslims that have persecuted Him and His people; how He touches the hearts of the most renown and severe criminals of Siberia's remote prisons and changes their lives for His glory; how He moves and provides in the daily life of an elderly widow in Bulgaria whose monthly income is \$70 in a place where prices of products match American ones.

Therefore, may the Lord grant you the meekness of heart toward believers from different (weak) groups of "nomadic" followers of Yeshua (a.k.a. Christians) in various parts of the world, and the graciousness of spirit to minister to them too, all in the love and through the love of God's Spirit poured in our hearts and all to the glory of Him "Who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

Glory be to Him!

Michael

Thank you, Michael, for writing what you have. You have written both eloquently, insightfully and lovingly, in English, no less, which I imagine is not your first language. I wish that we could sit down at a table and discuss these issues of biblical importance that you have brought up and that I am about to bring up, so that we could see each other,

know one another's love for the other, eat together and be in our Lord's Presence. I want you to know that I love you, Michael, and I sincerely appreciate your heart and your words that you have given to me in this email. I thank our Lord for you, Michael and I pray His blessings upon you.

How old are you, Michael?

What do you do for a living?

How are your parents doing financially? Who supports them?

Michael, I also want to say that you may have judged me wrongly concerning the tone of my articles that seek to present and challenge Christians with God's Way to live out their lives. As it speaks of my people in the Old, that we are a 'stiff-necked people,' so too, with every Christian, Michael.

I, too, know Christians who love and walk with Yeshua/Jesus/etc., as His name changes in most all nations due to different languages, but the Messiah, the Christ, of the New Testament is the One whom we are to follow; not the Pope/Roman Catholicism, as I believe you have seen.

After all, Michael, isn't it by the "letter" of the New Testament that we know about Jesus? It's by the letter of Mosaic Law that we know what is sin, AND what is love, in God's eyes, Michael. Jesus explained to the scribe that ALL the rules/laws of Moses were ***God's very definition of love:*** what it is to love God and Man according to God! After saying that the greatest and second greatest commandments were to love God and Man, Yeshua went on to explain:

"On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:40 NKJV)

In other words, the REASON for ALL God's other commandments and statutes, etc., is to explain HOW to love God and Man. You love God? Keep His Sabbath day holy. It's really pretty simple, Michael, despite there not being a Temple to offer sacrifice in. We do what we can, but we must do what we can, and not think that Sabbath has given way to Sunday (because of the resurrection or anything else), because it's NOT written in the Word of God. It's by the letter of the Word that we know His will. If it were His will to disregard the Sabbath day, and Passover, and pig, don't you think it would be written somewhere in the New?

We must know what it is that God desires of us; not Satan. We must do God's desire/will; not the Pope's. It's God's time for all Christians to know that ***how*** they live out their lives is NOT how Jesus wants them to live them. I am NOT speaking about the heart, which is what you wrote about, but about our lifestyle. Does it matter that we keep Sabbath or Sunday? Only if you really love Jesus and want to obey and follow ***Him, and not sin against Him.*** Just because God has been gracious to Christians all these years, who don't keep Mosaic Law in their lifestyle of illicit SEX, does NOT mean that God condones and approves of their many sins against Him.

My concern with Christians who walk out their faith in the Messiah through illicit SEX (Sunday, Easter and Xmas, and the eating of unclean meats, etc.), is that in their being deceived by Satan through the Roman Church, they are certain/bold and arrogant in their stance ***against*** the Holy Spirit and the biblical ways of the Christ. In other words, for all the love that they have for Jesus and one another, and for all the graciousness that Jesus

extends to them, and that, even in their sins against Him, they, in their PRIDE and IGNORANCE, resist the Holy Spirit in this biblical and vital area of Torah/Mosaic Law.

Isn't that what God said about Israel through Stephen?

"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! **You always resist** the Holy Spirit, as your Fathers did, so do you!" (Acts 7:51)

Perhaps Christians aren't so different than the Pharisees when it comes to following Jesus into 'dangerous' theological territory? Where is their, or your?, relationship then? Where is a simple lifting up of this concept of walking out our faith in Jesus through Mosaic Law, then? Will not the Spirit confirm what I am saying? Of course the Spirit will, but where is the Christian who will even ask if this is true or not? I have found that they are very few and FAR between! Your words of experience and love, as true and wonderful as they are, are not the full extent of God's Truth, and what God wants for all Christians. Yeshua said, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life (Jn. 14:6), and in Yeshua there is no darkness/lie/falsehood. No Sunday keeping, pork eating, Xmas gift-giving, Easter sunrise service Christian can support his lifestyle through Scripture. They are all sinning against the One they love, but think they are not. Great is the Deceiver and the Deception!

Perhaps you have tried to share Messiah's way of life with some of them? Are you persuaded by the Lord? I am not sure, Michael, with what you say about the 'letter' and me. If you have tried to question Sunday, Easter and Xmas, etc., what have you seen? What I have seen, is that just as the ancient Pharisees resisted their Messiah, who literally stood in front of them, so too, Christians resist Messiah's way of living out their faith in Him, thinking that what they are currently walking in is of God. Didn't the Pharisees think that same thing? No, Gentiles are not much different than Jews, AND THAT, EVEN THOUGH the Gentiles I speak of are in relationship with Jesus! How much more, than, should they be open to Jesus and His ways than the Pharisees, who hated God in their hearts?

Most Christians are NOT open to even being challenged by God's Word in this matter; so great is the Deception, and so sure they are that they are walking rightly. Of course, this didn't take God by surprise. He spoke of it through the prophet Daniel:

"He (the Pope) shall speak blasphemous words against the Most High God! He shall **persecute** the **saints** of the Most High God, and shall intend to change **times** (Sabbath and Feasts) and (Mosaic) **Law!** Then the **saints shall be given into his hand** for a time and times and half a time." (Daniel 7:25)

The time that the Pope/s have had in persecuting and leading God's people astray is coming to an end. I am one of the Christians who proclaim this, and I have been badly maligned, denigrated and written off as a fool because of this. Why? Because every Christian knows that "Christ did away with Mosaic Law, and that Christians are under Grace, and don't have to keep the Sabbath, and can eat pig," etc., but this is the Deception. Christians are just as stubborn and stiff-necked as the ancient Jews were, yet those Jewish didn't have the Spirit of Christ in them to show them the Truth and the Way. To whom much is given, much is required.

Satanic persecution of Christians through the Roman Church will continue until the End, but today, God is wanting His people to know that illicit SEX is not for them, and that their Lord wants them to repent and to change their perverse and sinful ways, for God is gracious and forgiving, and wants all Christians everywhere to repent and to walk with

Him in HIS WAYS.

Have you done that, Michael?

I know that Jesus loves your Christian neighbors and Muslims, too, etc., AND I also know that Jesus wants all Christians to follow Him; not the Pope. The days of God ‘looking past’ this is over, Michael, for ALL those who truly have ears to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying. Do you hear what the Spirit is saying? Does your father? Does anyone of those loving Baptists, Pentecostals or Greek Orthodox hear the Spirit in this matter or are they following the traditions of man (Rome) that NULLIFY GOD’S WORD?

One of the traits or characteristics of a follower of Christ is that he/she is teachable, for we all come to Christ with perversions of how He is and what He wants and how we are to walk, etc., but being teachable in this important area of lifestyle (i.e. Mosaic Law) is something that most Christians Pharisaically oppose. You write of the *letter*, Michael, of my following it, but that letter in the Old Testament is God’s pure reflection of the One you call Christ. Why shouldn’t I follow it? Didn’t Jesus follow it...to the letter? Why should I follow the letter of the Pope? Why should I allow Chrtistians around me to follow it when they say that they love Jesus with all their heart?

The Word of God is both living and letter, and the two are seamlessly one. Each reflects the other. I will present to you a simple concept, in a few Scripture verses, Michael, that I believe you will be able to follow, and I hope that you will begin to share with your father and mother and Christian friends, so that they, at the very least, can hear that they may be walking out their faith in Christ in a way that is NOT pleasing to Jesus, whom they love. Are they teachable, Michael? Is anyone there, in those peoples and churches you spoke of, teachable when it comes to Truth that is diametrically opposed to their belief system? Are they open to being challenged and to defending their Christian way with Scripture?

Colossians 1:18 speaks of Yeshua being the HEAD of the Body (the Church).

“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.” (Colossians 1:18 NKJV)

And Hebrews 13:8 says that Jesus Christ is the SAME; yesterday, TODAY, and forever.

If Christ is our Head and we are the Body, how is it that the Body thinks it can eat unclean meats *that are sin for its Head*? If it was sin for Christ 2,000 years ago, and He hasn’t changed, meaning that if He were to eat pig or shrimp today, it would be sin for Him (and yes, He could, as He clearly shows us when He ate with the Apostles twice, AFTER the resurrection; when they were fishing and He had made them breakfast; John 21:11-12), how is it that Christians eat unclean meats and think it’s alright?! *Great is the deception*, but just as great is *the pride and ignorance of Christians*, for *they are not open* to being challenged concerning their belief system, and therefore, they are closed to being teachable in this vital area of their lifestyle.

The Apostle John, 90 years *AFTER* the resurrection, *90 years after the Church says that Christ did away with the Law*, wrote that we should WALK out our faith in Jesus JUST as He did:

“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk *just as He walked*.” (1st John 2:6 NKJV)

Did Jesus ever speak of Sunday replacing the Sabbath? Does anyone in Scripture???Did

Jesus speak of Easter replacing Passover? Of Xmas??? Does anyone in the New Testament speak of these things replacing Mosaic Law's holy days and ways? Yes, I know. Christians have some Scripture which they think does away with Mosaic Law, like, 'we not under the Law anymore,' but their interpretation of that concept is not biblical; it's Roman Catholic.

Michael, do you care for your friends who walk in this great Deception? Do you not tell them? Where is love for them to walk in God's Light and God Way and God's Truth? Or do you think that because they have a relationship with Christ that it's alright for them to continue to sin against Him and themselves and everyone else, for they present a false Christ, in this area, to everyone. The Apostle Paul taught Christ's Truth to his Gentile believers; not falsehood, and he says this about sin:

"What shall we say then? Shall we *continue in sin* that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin *live any longer in it?* Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:1-3 NKJV)

"Therefore, by the deeds of the Law no flesh will be *justified* in His sight, *for by the Law is the knowledge of sin.*" (Romans 3:20 NKJV)

Without Mosaic Law, Christians do not have the full extent of knowledge of sin, and so they sin against their Lord because they have been deceived about Mosaic Law. It's only by Mosaic Law that we know what sin is. That's what Paul said 23 years AFTER the resurrection. It was Mosaic Law that judged Yeshua sinless and it's Mosaic Law that judges whether we sin or not. This is God's Word, Michael; His New Testament Word. It's not a legalistic word, but God's very words to us through the Apostle Paul, as to how the Father wants us to live out our faith in His Son.

If the Apostles Paul, John and Peter were alive when the Bishop of Rome threw out Mosaic Law, and brought in pagan days and ways, *all those Apostles would have blasted* the Pope's abominable decision, but it happened in 120 AD, when the Apostles were all dead. Satan is not stupid. He waited until they were dead to begin the Deception.

Are you not concerned that many of your friends die before their time because their lifestyle of eating pig causes their premature death, or do you think that because they are under grace that the pig, etc., doesn't adversely effect them? God's laws/rules are like gravity. We can say all we want that gravity doesn't exist, *but that doesn't negate its effect upon us. Mosaic Law is the same way, Michael.*

Many Christians in the USA die of cancer to their internal organs (stomach, liver, intestines, etc.) because they eat pig and shrimp, etc. Pig is the highest cancer causing meat in the world, Michael. That's what science says. It's no accident that it's included in God's list of forbidden and abominable foods (Lev. 11:1ff.). God gave His understanding (His laws/rules) to Israel so that she could be blessed...and not die of cancer to those organs due to eating food that was never meant by God to be eaten:

"Therefore, *be careful to observe them* for this is your *wisdom* and your *understanding* in the sight of the peoples who will hear *all these statutes*, and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." "For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as Yahveh our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? And what great nation is there that has such *statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this Law*, which I set before you this day?" (Deuteronomy 4:6-8)

God, the God of Israel, states that He is the Healer, BUT in the very same verse He says that Israel must obey Him by keeping ALL His statutes, laws, commandments, and ordinances, etc:

“and said, “If you **diligently** heed the voice (which was written down as His Word/the Letter of the Law) of Yahveh your God and do what is right in His sight (meaning to obey His Words), and give ear to His commandments and **keep all His statutes**, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am Yahveh who heals you.” (Exodus 15:26)

Has God changed, Michael? Has His Word to Israel changed? And yes, ALL Christians who claim Christ are **part of Israel** (Rom. 11:11ff.; Eph. 2:11ff.). There is no ‘church’ in Heaven. The holy city is called the New Jerusalem, and the foundation and gates of the city are named after the Jewish Apostles and the sons of Jacob.

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.” (Revelation 21:1-3 NKJV)

Gentiles need to learn their Family values (Israel’s values/rules) and way of life; it’s the way of Jesus and all Israel. It’s been buried and hidden by Satan from them for too long, Michael. So, please, do not fault me for presenting, in a powerful, challenging way, what you say is the **letter** of the Law of Moses, for Christ followed that letter perfectly, and He was never legalistic about it. Shouldn’t we follow Christ in this, too? Paul did!

“Imitate me, **just as I also imitate Christ.**” (1st Corinthians 11:1 NKJV)

“while he answered for himself, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything at all.”” (Acts 25:8 NKJV)

If what I teach is not of God, Michael, please show me, but if what I teach is of God, follow me, Michael, and proclaim to all your Christians friends that God is revealing His ancient ways to His people now; ways that go against their ways, but ways that can be confirmed in the New Testament, **after** the resurrection.

Blessings from Above, my brother,

Avram

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On May 4, 2018, Mike wrote back and said:

**Shalom and blessings in the Lord Yeshua, my brother and friend Avram!**

Thank you, Michael!, and Shalom to you!

Thank you so much for your love with which you’ve answered my letter and shared your thoughts and Scripture with me! What an honor to know and talk with you. May God richly bless you for your kindness!

You’re so welcome, Michael! I consider it an honor to get to know you!

To start with, I'd like to ask you to forgive me if I have come across too strong or harsh in my words. I am only very grateful to be conversing with you about the important things of Scripture and of our new life in Yeshua. And even though I've brought up a couple of questions on which our views may slightly differ at this time, for the most part our views match and I would like to say and even emphasize that I thank God for you. I thank Him for giving you wisdom and insight in His Word and the passion to share it all with others. You are a blessing to me and to many others! I am learning from you and God has been showing me already so much through your ministry.

Michael, you have humbled me, in a godly way. Sometimes I let my passion 'run away' with me. I feel very strongly about what the Lord has shown me, and too many times my passion out-distances my love.

You asked me, "Is anyone there, in those peoples and churches you spoke of, teachable when it comes to Truth that is diametrically opposed to their belief system? Are they open to being challenged and to defending their Christian way with Scripture?"

I couldn't speak for others but I could speak for myself. I want to be teachable. I want to be open to the Truth always.

Amen, Michael, amen.

And as to various truths you've shared, I've come to receive them with joy and gratitude in the Lord. See, I love the way you speak - openly, understandably, boldly and easy to follow. I love the eloquence and grandeur with which you present the sacrifice, the greatness, the majesty, the salvation, the glory of Yeshua our Lord. And we know this is from God and to the glory of His Name.

Yes, and thank you, Michael.

Let me give you an example. You would remember this verse, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." Matthew 11:12

Now this verse was so very popular in the church in Bulgaria while I was growing up. I must have heard it quoted by the believers hundreds of times, preached on and mentioned in sermons numerous times as well. It was always referred to as a word of caution to others, being understood to mean - "You need to make sure you put all the effort to enter the kingdom of God and be saved. If you don't try hard at living a holy life, and if you don't try hard enough to please God you may not take hold of the offered salvation."

Initially I accepted that meaning. But as I grew up I started having an idea that there's something wrong with that understanding. But I just didn't know what to make of that verse. I just knew that it didn't quite fit with the context of the whole passage as well as with the rest of Scripture if that were the meaning of it.

And then one day when I came across your article on that same text with the explanation of its meaning I marveled, and seeing how it now matched the rest of Scripture, I received and embraced its meaning, even though I've been taught different all my life.

That's wonderful, and truly, glory to Yeshua for not allowing you to be comfortable with the preached understanding, and that in His time, He showed you the correct interpretation.

The same happened when I read what the Spirit of God had shared through you about the meaning behind Pentecost and its connection to Shavu'ot. I rejoiced greatly as I praised Yeshua. And, Lord willing, I'm looking forward to sharing it with the church here this year around Pentecost season. I'm very excited about it.

That's super, Michael.

That's another thing I've been taught different things all my life. But when I saw the truth about it I embraced it and am excited to share it with others.

Amen!, and glory to Messiah Yeshua, for He is so worthy! His Word and He are one.

You see, the church here teaches something very different about the proper meaning of Pentecost. As you can imagine emphasis is placed entirely upon the giving of the Holy Spirit, namely in the way of speaking in various tongues. And people take that as an opportunity to have a message on the importance of speaking in tongues. In fact, at one point in time they had started saying that the speaking in tongues (which they refer to as "the baptism of the Spirit") is a sign of your salvation. But I'm grateful that there is a wonderful truth about Pentecost and what the Lord has given us and continues to give us through it. Therefore, not only do I receive the good, but I'm excited to share it with others.

Amen.

I'm looking forward to conversing with you in the future and asking you about various texts from Scripture and what you think of their meaning.

OK!

It's because I desire to know and to stay in the Truth. Growing up I've seen so much deceit enter the church especially after the communism fell mostly from preacher and teachers from America - so much false teaching and false doing.

Yes, we tend to breed that here 'in the land of plenty.'

Right now for the most part in the churches in Bulgaria you'd hear a watered down message. Emphasis is placed on the "manifestations" of the spirit. People believe in all kinds of lies and mixed up ideas. But my desire is to spread the Truth of the Word and to make It known.Amen, Michael.

I agree with you about the evil done through the Roman Catholic church. Throughout the ages they have done so much damage to the true church and their teachings are not according to the Truth. The eastern orthodox church has its share of evildoing as well. But blessed are those who seek the Truth earnestly and hold it in esteem as they walk in It.

Amen.

And I fully agree with you that we are to follow Yeshua and not the Church (the ideas) of Rome.

Super!

Now, you've heard about the Berean Jews. "Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." Acts 17:11. I could say that I proceed about Scripture I've heard in a similar manner. When I hear or read something preached or shared I like going to the Scriptures myself and seeing if it is really so. I do the same when I read something from you and I believe this is a good thing to do.

Oh, yes, Michael. I am not without error and when someone points that out to me, I correct it and thank them for it. I, too, want to know and walk in His Truth, and not in anyone's darkness, even my own.

And I enjoy it as we get deeper into the meaning of the Word. I believe you'd appreciate that about me.

I believe I will, Michael.

Having said that I'd like to get to answering your letter. Starting in no particular order I should say that I fully agree with your saying that not only many Jews are "stiff-necked people" but so are many Christians.

Michael, unfortunately, I have seen that all too often, even and especially among people who are filled with the Holy Spirit and know the Lord in a more intimate way than a Christians who isn't Spirit filled. I remember reading about John G. Lake many years ago. Jesus used him mightily in the gift of healing, demonic deliverance, evangelism and preaching. In the last 200 years I don't think there was a man or a woman who came close to his walk with the Lord and the anointing he had except for William Seymour, whom God used in the Azusa Street Revival from 1906-1909. That gave rise to the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements.

Well, I'm reading one of Lake's sermons about why the 7th day Sabbath isn't for Christians, and I realize that as great as his anointing was, he didn't possess the biblical knowledge or discernment to know that he was wrong. I would have been the same way, trapped in the traditions of man, if the Lord hadn't opened my eyes. I asked Him one day,

'Why didn't you give it to John Wesley (the founder of Methodism in England)?'

He answered me and said, 'It wasn't My time.'

Then I asked,

'Why didn't you give this understanding to Oral Roberts or Billy Graham, who could reach millions of people at one time with this message.'

The Lord spoke to me and said, 'That's not my way.'

Unless the Lord open their eyes they will remain more blind than the blind man whom Yeshua gave sight to. My responsibility is to point to the Word; to share the proper interpretation of it, and let the Holy Spirit open the eyes. Once someone has another understanding/interpretation of the Scripture they can choose which is of the Lord, as you did with 'the violent taking the Kingdom by force.'

I want to say that I'm beginning to have a better understanding of your position on these matters (eating of pig, Easter, Christmas, the Sabbath, etc.) as you've reiterated it for me in a personal way. Thank you for that! I can see that your concern is with the Truth and that you do love the people.

Thank you, Michael. I appreciate that. As I was writing back to you I felt that it was for you, so that you could better grasp why illicit SEX (as the Lord has given me to call it) is so wrong, and why Torah is so right.

Now you do love the Word and that's more than obvious and it is wonderful. In fact, I rejoice with you as you rejoice in the Word.

Amen, Michael! God's Word is so Wonder-filled; it's so simple and yet so incredibly profound.

And as I continue now answering your letter I would like you to know that I'm doing it in brotherly love imagining that we have come together at our place or your place and are conversing at the table over some wonderful, fragrant tea and biscuits.

I can almost taste the biscuits and smell the fragrance of the tea, Michael. One day, Lord willing, while still on this Earth, we will do that.

Now you have said that “it is by the “letter” that we know about Jesus. It’s by the letter of Mosaic Law that we know what is sin, AND what is love, in God’s eyes.” But isn’t it also written, “...who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life?” (2 Corinthians 3:6). Apostle Paul used to be a minister of the “letter”, so he knows what the “letter” means. But he became a minister of the Spirit, because that same Mosaic Law (“letter”) kills and the Spirit gives life. He even goes as far as referring to the Mosaic Law as “the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones” 2 Corinthians 3:7b.

You raise a good point, Michael, but Paul also realized that Christians need to know Torah, to be taught because when they aren’t all kinds of problems arise that wouldn’t have if they knew Torah. For instance, in First Corinthians Paul must have been pulling out parts of his Jewish beard because the Corinthians, who fell behind none of the other congregations in terms of the charismata of the Holy Spirit (1:4), had these problems, from The Veil, online, p. 75, note 298:

Some problems that Paul wrote of in his letter to the Corinthians included divisions and strife (1:10-13; 3:1-9); pride (4:7-21); the elders not rebuking a man who had slept with his father’s wife (5:1-8); lawsuits against one another (6:1-9); cult harlotry (5:1; 6:18; 10:8); idolatry (8:1); the worship of demons (10:20); the eating of sacrifices to demons and the drinking of blood (10:21); men who would completely cover their heads in the assembly, and women who would not (11:4-16); their perverse way of coming to the Lord’s Supper (11:17-22); their lack of discernment for His Body (11:29-30); and chaos in the assembly when the Holy Spirit would manifest (14:1-19, 27-28, 33-34).

Also, in 2nd Timothy, the Apostle to the Gentiles makes note to Timothy that the OT/Mosaic Law would make Timothy wise unto salvation in Yeshua, and that ALL Scripture is profitable for teaching and wisdom, etc., so that the man of God might be FULLY equipped for every good work (evangelism/training the saints, etc.)...

“But you have carefully followed ***my doctrine, manner of life***, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, ***deceiving*** and being deceived. But you must ***continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood*** you have known the ***Holy Scriptures***, which are able to ***make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture*** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God ***may be complete, thoroughly equipped*** for every good work.” (2nd Timothy 3:10-17 NKJV)

Without Torah the Church is not ‘complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (of God). Paul speaks of the Holy Scriptures, which Timothy knew from childhood, which can only be what Christians call the Old Testament; especially Torah/Mosaic Law. This, he says, will make Timothy (and us) ‘wise for salvation though faith which is in’ Messiah Yeshua. Paul wrote 2nd Timothy about 64 AD, while he wrote first and second Corinthians about 53 and 55 AD, respectively. In other words, what Paul wrote about the letter in 2nd Corinthians wasn’t his only thoughts about the Old Testament, but Paul was making his point of the letter of the Law without the Spirit. In no way was Paul saying that the letter wasn’t necessary. It was the Spirit who confirmed ‘the letter’ of the message of life

in Messiah Yeshua that Paul preached:

“And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**,” (1st Corinthians 2:4 NKJV)

Also from The Veil, I want to share with you the next note in the book, about Mosaic Law being confirmed in the first letter to the Corinthians:

There are a number of places in First Corinthians where Paul uses Mosaic Law to establish his point. This would have been meaningless if Mosaic Law had been done away with:

1. Paul encourages the Corinthians to keep ‘the Feast’ (1st Cor. 5:6-8). This can only be Passover–The Feast of Unleavened Bread as he’s just spoken about unleavened bread (Ex. 12:8-20; Lev. 23:6).
2. He sums up his ability to receive funds from the Corinthians by citing the Law (9:8-9f.).
3. He tells them that women should not speak in the assembly, again citing the Law (14:34-35).
4. In 16:8 Paul speaks of staying at Ephesus until Pentecost, which is the Greek word for the Law’s holy day of **Shavu’ot** (the Feast of Weeks; Lev. 23:15-22; Dt. 16:9-10, 16). Why would Paul ‘note time’ to **Gentiles** by an ‘outdated’ Jewish feast unless he still kept the Law and taught it to them? (cf. Phil. 3:17; 4:9)

As to how we know what love is, doesn’t apostle John say in 1 John 3:16, “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters?”

Yes, John is writing about the highest level of God’s love, which is ‘seen’ in Torah, in germ form, in both the offering up of Isaac by Father Abraham, and all the animal sacrifices, for all point to Yeshua being sacrificed. It’s not every day of Yeshua earthly life, though, that He was crucified. My point being that His lifestyle was also an expression of love, for He obviously loved His Father and His neighbor, and He did this through Torah. In other words, if Yeshua had laid His life down, but had not kept the Sabbath day holy, or the Passover, or had eaten pork, the laying down of His life would have meant nothing, and therefore, it could not have been pointed to as the epitome of love. It’s not ‘an either or,’ Michael, but two sides of the same coin. Torah is God’s very definition of love and sin.

Although it’s true that the Scriptures point to Yeshua and give understanding of Him, it is more true that Yeshua explains and gives understanding of the Scriptures (and the Law) best, because He is the Word that became flesh - the visible expression of all the Law. And what John is helping us see is that Yeshua (being the Word, the Scripture) is all about giving and love. That’s the Spirit of the Law. And the we find out that this is the Spirit Who lives in us now.

And where is holiness, Michael, and justice? God is an organic whole, and His Word, both living and written, is the same. If we only say ‘love,’ than who defines it? A man here in the USA can say that he is loving his friend, homosexually, and who is to say that’s wrong? Yes, Paul says it’s wrong in Romans 1, but Paul got it from Lev. 18; he didn’t make it up:

“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.” (Leviticus 18:22 NKJV) It’s God’s Word that determines right from wrong, and what is pleasing to God

and what is sin.

But there's more. Let us consider apostle Paul (a diligent and a most excellent student of the law). What did he do? What did he say? What was his approach?

We understand that he established new churches in various towns across the Roman Empire. We understand that he taught the churches how to live their life now as Christians. (You and I are Christians too if we are following Christ). And we also understand that his biggest struggle and trouble were the fervent followers of the Mosaic Law. They were the ones beating him, persecuting him (as Christian), blaming him for not following the “letter” (the same accusations they had for Yeshua Himself).

Michael, if I may, they weren't beating Paul because he wasn't following the letter of the Law, but because he was proclaiming Yeshua/Yeasous, a dead Jewish man (to them), whom Paul said rose from the grave and was the Messiah. Here's one such account from Acts, Festus speaking to King Agrippa:

“When the accusers (the High Priest's cohort) stood up, they brought no accusation against him of such things as I supposed, but had some questions against him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who had died, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.”  
(Acts 25:18-19 NKJV)

Now what did he say and what was his approach? Certainly we could learn from him. Like you said, apostle Paul encourages us to be imitators of Him, like he is of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

Did Paul keep Sunday? Of course not. Did Paul condone Xmas? Of course not. Did Paul keep a Torah lifestyle? Of course:

“And when they (the Jewish Apostles, etc.) heard it (Paul's evangelistic success among the Gentiles), they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are **who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law**, but they have been informed about you that you teach **all the Jews** who are **among the Gentiles to forsake Moses** (which was obviously a lie, as we'll see in a moment), saying that they ought not to circumcise their sons nor to walk according to the customs (i.e. Mosaic Law). What then? The Assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come. Therefore, do what we tell you: We have **four men who have taken a vow**. Take them and **be purified with them**, and pay their expenses so that they may **shave their heads**, and **that all may know** that those things of which they were informed concerning you **are nothing**, but that you yourself also walk orderly and keep the Law.” (Acts 21:20-24)

And Paul followed the suggestion of James, which entailed animal sacrifice for him and the four men under the Vow of the Nazarite, for only that vow entails the shaving of the head:

“Then the Nazirite shall **shave** his consecrated head at the door of the Tabernacle of Meeting, and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offering.” (Numbers 6:18 NKJV)

“And he shall present his offering to the LORD: one male lamb in its first year without blemish as a burnt offering, one ewe lamb in its first year without blemish as a sin offering, one ram without blemish as a peace offering,” (Numbers 6:14 NKJV)

There's a pattern that we notice about how he writes his letters to the churches and what he speaks about. And of course, what he speaks about tells us of what he is passionate about and what is really important

for us as citizens of the kingdom of heaven. Even though he uses long and carefully structured sentences his main thoughts are easy to perceive. His letters (as you undoubtedly know) in general have two main parts. In the first part he reminds the believers of what Yeshua the Messiah has done for them (for us) and of who we are and what we have in Him as a result. Then in the second part of his letters he comes to say, Now because of what God has done for us and because of who we are in Him, here's how we ought to live life and relate to each other. So the second part is all about our actions, words and thoughts, the essence of which to me is wonderfully presented in Philippians 2:5-8.

Matters of the heart. Please remember, Michael, that Paul is speaking mainly to Gentiles who didn't know about the Jewish Messiah, so his first responsibility is to make sure they are attached and grounded to Him through the heart. These very Corinthians had Paul among them for a year and half, and he, no doubt, taught them Torah, as is evident from his first letter to them concerning Passover/Unleavened Bread:

"Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (1st Corinthians 5:6-8 NKJV)

Therefore, let us keep the Feast!, which has to be Passover/Unleavened Bread, Michael, something he would have taught them from 'the letter of the Law.'

"And Paul continued there (in Corinth) a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them." (Acts 18:11 NKJV)

Now, here's an interesting thing. Nowhere does he focus on keeping the sabbath, eating kosher, or keeping the Jewish festivals.

As you've seen above, he does teach the Corinthians (and others, no doubt), to keep the Feasts of Israel. This is borne out in both Acts and First Corinthians. Have you read these three articles, Michael? Please do, and then I believe your understanding will grow:

1. [A Snapshot of Church History and Mosaic Law](#)
2. [The Feasts of Israel and the Church](#)
3. [The Feasts of Israel as Time Markers After the Resurrection](#)

He could have been talking about that and about the importance of the "letter" in that sense. But he didn't speak like that.

Also, Paul off-handedly speaks of New Moons and Sabbaths in Colossians 2:16:

"So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths," (Colossians 2:16 NKJV)

The Church interprets Paul as saying that Christians don't have to keep Sabbaths or Jewish festival but that's not what the Apostle wrote. He said to let NO ONE judge them as to HOW they kept Sabbath and Feasts. If not, where is Sunday and Easter mentioned that should be kept?

Colossians was a hotbed of Gnosticism. Reading the whole letter one realizes this, from start to finish, as the Greek word 'nomos' (Law/Mosaic Law) is not even mentioned. It seems that some Gnostic Gentiles came to believe in Jesus and brought all their Gnostic garbage/teachings with them. If I might, they were saying things like, unless you fast on

the Sabbath you cannot be saved, which of course, is nonsense, but why Paul tells the Colossians to not let anyone JUDGE them (as to how they kept the Sabbath and New Moons, etc.).

Also, in Hebrews 4:9, it says in both Greek manuscript traditions (Textus Receptus and Alexandricus and Siniaticus) that ‘there remains a SABBAT rest for the people of God,’ but the English King James Version and New King James Version only have, ‘there remains a rest for the people of God,’ intentionally not translating into English the Greek term Sabbatismos, which is a technical term for Sabbath observance. So, there are a number of places where Paul, and others, speak of Mosaic Law’s Sabbath/Feasts, etc.

Michael, have you read [The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21](#), yet?

We know that this is what the Pharisees, the Scribes and the lawyers focused on.

Please remember that Yeshua said this about Torah:

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, *till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*” (Matthew 5:17-19 NKJV)

Jesus didn’t do away with Mosaic Law, Michael. This, from the Lord Himself. Also, as He said, ‘Moses’ was preached until John, but NOW we press into the Kingdom of God through the sacrifice of Yeshua. Once in the Kingdom, does it matter if we sin? How, then, do we know what sin is?

“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin...Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.” (Romans 3:20, 31 NKJV)

It doesn’t seem that the Apostle to the Gentiles was doing away with the Law, or that he didn’t care or teach the Law to the Gentiles (cf. Rom 7:12, 14, where Paul calls the Law holy and spiritual, something he would hardly do if he didn’t esteem God’s Mosaic Law in the highest way).

All they spoke about was keeping the law to the dot.

Michael, you seem to be comparing the Pharisees, whom we know didn’t love God, and holding them up to us as examples of not keeping the Law, but please, look the Yeshua. He is our Example and He kept Torah; all Torah that applied to Him, and shouldn’t we? Isn’t this exactly what the Apostle John says?

“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” (1John 2:6 NKJV)

Does it get any plainer than that, Michael? Wasn’t Paul imitating and following His Messiah in this (Mosaic Law)? Of course he was. And herein lies our Path. It’s not something I’m making up. It’s right before us: the Messiah; the Apostles, knew nothing of illicit SEX, but only Mosaic Law as the WAY to walk out their faith in God.

But here’s another interesting thing. Our Lord Yeshua and Paul himself spoke against the leaven of those “letter” followers.

Yes He did, but that doesn't mean that Mosaic Law is bad or wrong, Michael, and that's my point. You seem to be saying because there were bad followers of Moses, that no one should follow Moses, but that's not logical nor reasonable, especially as Scripture and Messiah tell us otherwise. I hope you can see that.

To them Yeshua said that they called themselves Abraham's children, yet didn't know the God of Abraham nor did they believe Him.

True, but again, that's not an indictment against Mosaic Law, but against them, as Yeshua said:

"Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—**Moses**, in whom you trust." (John 5:45 NKJV)

How is it possible when they were the most diligent doers of the Mosaic Law in the world??

Were they diligent doers of Mosaic Law, Michael? Isn't the heart of the Law to love God and Man? So how can you say they were diligent followers of Moses?

Isn't it because they insisted on people observing the Mosaic Law without actually loving their fellow humans?? Isn't it why John exclaims in 1 John 4:20b, "for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?"

Your first point is well taken, but again, someone perverting a law doesn't mean that the law is perverse. As for John, I think he's echoing the Master's central theme of Torah; love, as exemplified in both Yeshua washing his feet (John 13), and laying down His life for them, which is also seen in the Passover lamb of Egypt giving up its life for Israel.

But what did apostle Paul focus on in his letters? Didn't he speak and focus entirely on a loving, forgiving and humble attitude and way of life?

Not entirely, Michael, as I've brought out above (i.e. Passover/Unleavened Bread in 1 C or. 5:6-8).

Didn't he speak about how we are to relate in a Christ-like way to others since the Spirit of Christ is in us?

Of course. That is the heart/soul of our relationship with God and each other, but to say that is all negates God's Word; both living and written; both Old and New.

There's nothing there about the letter of the Law, yet there's everything about the Spirit of the Law and the visible expression of what it means to follow Yeshua (He is our Law). In fact, Paul explains to people in 1 Cor. 9 that there's nothing bad to the food that's offered to idols, but that for the sake of weaker brethren one could restrain himself.

True, but that's not the Apostle's final word on the matter, as is clearly seen in the next chapter:

"What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? Rather, that **the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons** and not to God, and **I do not want you to have fellowship with demons**. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of **the table of demons**. Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?" (1st Corinthians 10:19-22 NKJV)

Again, those Corinthian Christians 'came behind no one,' in terms of the Holy Spirit, BUT they obviously needed teaching to help them walk down God's Path. The teaching

from Torah here is that the God of Israel will not countenance being placed alongside Diana or Zeus or Heracles, etc., something that many Gentile Christians, not realizing would do with their Jesus; adding Him to their pantheon of gods and goddesses, as is plainly evident from what Paul is writing about his Corinthian Christians here in chapter ten.

It easily becomes obvious that as a former student of the Law and now as one who finally understands the meaning of the same, Paul is helping others understand what it actually means to know and follow God and then how to live out (or exercise) that knowledge. (Phil. 2:12) The focus is entirely on godly and loving relationships, attitudes, words and thoughts.

I hope that now, Michael, you can see that it's not 'entirely' on just heart matters, but also, practical living matters, such as which day is holy and which meats must not be eaten, etc.

Don't you see it, br. Avram? Take a look at 1 Timothy chapters 2 and 3. What are the things that Paul cares about instructing Timothy and the saints?

Michael, Timothy was a Jewish believer who grew up with his Jewish mother and grandmother reading Mosaic Law to him. This is seen in Paul's writing to him in 2nd Tim. 3:10-17.

Look at 1 Timothy 4:6. He exhorts Timothy to teach the believers "these things"!! Now, what are those things, br. Avram? Do you see anything about the keeping of the Law the way you speak so fervently in your articles?

Yes, Michael, I do, and I hope that now you can begin to see a little of it, too, Please read the three articles that I gave you above, and I think that you'll see it even more.

Are we better students than Timothy? Are we going to follow an example which neither Yeshua nor Paul are giving us?

As a non-biased observer who reads the things you've written and the things Paul writes I see a different focus, a different emphasis. Apostle Paul, apostle John, apostle Peter and the others, they all focus on God's children relating to others in love - not like we used to:

"21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in **true righteousness and holiness**. Do Not Grieve the Spirit 25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. 26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:21-32

What is true righteousness and holiness if not Jesus? "Jesus Christ is the **same** yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8 NKJV)

This is what Paul is about, br. Avram. This is even more so what John is about. And it's because this is what Yeshua our Lord is about!

I love you, Michael, and I can see that you are fervent in your understanding. I pray that you allow the Holy Spirit to mold you into Messiah's understanding of this matter of Mosaic Law and the Christian.

This is "the truth that is in Yeshua." It's about a renewed conduct, a renewed mind that shows love for the person next to me. This is what the apostles focus on. Paul exemplifies it as he says that he becomes all things to all men - he does what Jews do and are used to seeing so he can win them for Yeshua, so they can be saved! (Rom. 10:1, 1 Cor. 9:19-23)

Michael, you're not the first to say that Paul kept Torah to win Jews, but that he really didn't have to keep it. I speak of this in [The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21](#). I think you'll appreciate this, from pp. 166-170:

Theologians get around the Law being kept by all the Jewish believers (Acts 21:20) by saying that *they didn't realize* it had been done away with, 'nailed to the Cross!', but this creates a larger problem than it seems to solve. How could *all* the Jewish believers think that the Law was still valid? Were they all, including the Apostles, who had been specifically taught by Yeshua about the Kingdom, *after* the resurrection (Acts 1:1-3), just so pig-headed to listen and obey the teaching of their risen Savior in this vital area? Were they that attached to the slavery of the Law that they openly defied and rebelled against their King's express wishes against Torah? Or did Jesus forget to say anything to them about it in Acts One, or Acts Two, or Acts 28?

What of Paul, the Church's 'No Law!' champion? He also kept the Law to the extreme point of *Nazarite Vow and sacrifice* 25 years *after* the resurrection! (Acts 21:20-26)<sup>1</sup> Are their two Pauls in Scripture? One for Acts and the other that wrote his letters? Nowhere in Acts nor anywhere else in the New Testament, does Paul, or the other 11 Apostles, *ever* say that the Law is not for Christians.

Having two theologically different communities of faith is totally foreign to God and His Word. A major theme of Torah is that there is one law for both the native-born Hebrew and the (Gentile) stranger.<sup>2</sup>

The Gentile Christian is *one with Israel*. Messiah Yeshua declared that even though there was another Flock (i.e. the Gentiles), the *two would become one* and have one Shepherd:

'I have other sheep (Gentiles) which are not of this Fold (Jews). I must bring them also and they will hear My Voice and **they will become one Flock** with one Shepherd.' (John 10:16)

Wouldn't it seem strange for His Jewish sheep, but not His Gentile sheep, to observe the Sabbath, Passover and dietary laws? In this 'one Flock' it would be a sin for a Jewish believer to eat shrimp, but a Gentile Christian would be 'free' to eat it? What kind of a kingdom would that be? It would be a *divided* kingdom with diametrically opposed rules for lifestyle and *for what constitutes sin*.

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<sup>1</sup> **Acts 15:** Douglas, *IBD*, part 1, pp. 281-283: 48 AD. Unger, *UBD*, pp. 486-488: 48 AD. Witherington, *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 444, note 361: 49 AD. Bromiley, *ISBE*, vol. one, p. 692: 49 AD.

**Acts 21:** Bromiley, *ISBE*, vol. one, p. 692: 54 AD. Unger, *UBD*, pp. 486-488: 58 AD. Douglas, *IBD*, part 1, p. 281: 59 AD.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 201f., *Two Different Kingdoms? The Stranger and the Native-Born*, for Scripture cites and a greater understanding of who this *stranger* is.

It also makes the God of Israel out to be the one erecting, a ‘middle wall of partition.’ There’s nothing in Rom. 11:17-21, 24-27, where the Gentile is grafted into the cultivated olive tree (Israel), or Eph. 2:12-22; 3:6, where the Gentile is part of the Commonwealth of Israel and made into ‘one new Man’ with the Jewish believer, to support a different theological lifestyle for Gentile Christians.<sup>3</sup>

*Table fellowship* is not why Yakov gave the four rules. Nowhere is table fellowship mentioned in Acts 15; nowhere is it the reason for their holding the Council, and nowhere in the Word of God is it said to be the reason for giving the four authoritative rules.<sup>4</sup> The commandments of Yakov<sup>5</sup> were given in relation to what a Gentile must do in order for his faith in Jesus to be seen as biblically genuine.

The Book of Acts tells us ‘what happened.’ It’s very hard to argue cognitively with what it states about Paul, and all the Jews, keeping the Law of Moses 25 years *after* the resurrection (Acts 21:20, 24). Some realize the futility of trying to bend those two verses and honestly state they don’t understand it. How could *Paul* take the Nazarite Vow if the Law was ‘no more’?

Others teach that Paul was only being, ‘a Jew to the Jews.’<sup>6</sup> He was just observing the

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<sup>3</sup> Don’t let some anti-Mosaic Law English translations of Eph. 2:15 mislead you. This verse speaks about the laws that *separated* Jews from Gentiles, not the *entire* Law (Ex. 23:33; 34:12; Dt. 7:3-11; Josh. 23:11-15; Acts 10:28). Ask me for the PDF on Eph. 2:15 to understand why translations that imply Mosaic Law ending are wrong.

<sup>4</sup> Marshall, *Acts*, p. 255: ‘the letter carries on with a firm tone of authority. The decision reached by the church was regarded as being inspired by the Spirit, who is throughout Acts the guide of the church in its decisions and actions.’

Williams, *Acts*, p. 270: ‘the council’s decision had been reached under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (cf. 10:19; 13:2f.). This belief is made explicit in verse 28, where the form of expression does not mean that they put themselves on a par with the Spirit, but only that they were willing to submit to his guidance.’

Bruce, *The Book of the Acts*, p. 299: ‘The decree is regarded as binding in the letters to the seven churches of proconsular Asia (Rev. 2:14, 20). Toward the end of the second century it was observed by the churches of the Rhone valley (which had close links with those of Asia) and...Africa.’

<sup>5</sup> The biblical reality of the four rules of Acts 15:20 is that they are commandments from Yeshua. Yakov didn’t make these up on his own, and they’re not suggestions. Just as the writings of Paul are seen as Scripture and meant to be obeyed, so too, the ruling and the four rules of Yakov. Paul said, ‘If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are *the Lord’s commandments*’ (1st Cor. 14:37; 1st Tim. 6:14; cf. 2nd Pet. 3:2, 14-18).

<sup>6</sup> Knowling, *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 451. Marshall, *Acts*, p. 346, citing Stahlin and including himself. Bruce, *The Book of the Acts*, pp. 406-408. Bruce argues that *the Elders and James* were lacking understanding as to *why* Paul followed their counsel and took the vow: “Therefore, in their *naïveté*, they put a proposal to him” (p. 406). Bruce thinks that Paul was only going along with them as part of his stated policy—to be ‘a Jew to the Jews’ (1st Cor. 9:20). ‘Paul fell in with their suggestion,’ relieving ‘them of embarrassment’ (because of what they had heard about Paul teaching the Jewish Christians not to circumcise their sons). Bruce also writes that Paul ‘cannot be fairly charged with compromising his own gospel principles.’

On the contrary, Paul most certainly would be charged with unethical behavior if his reasons were as Bruce has stated. Paul *expressly* took the Nazarite Vow to *show everyone that he kept the Law* (Acts 21:24). Keeping Torah doesn’t mean to keep it only when in Jewish society (‘He himself was happy to conform to Jewish customs *when he found himself in Jewish society*;’ Bruce, p. 406). Bruce says that among the Gentiles, though, Paul would ‘conform to Gentile ways.’ What does that mean? What was the ‘way of the Gentiles’? (See Ezk. 20:32; 1st Peter 4:3) Did Paul sacrifice to idols in Corinth? Did he eat pigs in Ephesus? Did he desecrate the 7th day Sabbath in Athens? Did he keep Sunday, Christmas and Easter in Rome?

Being, ‘among the Gentiles,’ also presupposes that there were *no* Jews among the Gentiles, but wherever there

Nazarite Vow so as not to offend the Jews. If this was the case, Paul would have been a chameleon, not an Apostle. Still others have the *hutzpah* (Jewish for audacity), to say that Paul was ‘afraid for his life!’, from James and the Jewish believers. *This*, they say, was the reason why the Apostle Paul did something that he never would have done, had he not been stiff-armed, but this makes Paul out to be a very weak and unprincipled man, something that Scripture does not bear out.<sup>7</sup> It also makes James, and the other Apostles, out to be more like ‘the James Gang,’<sup>8</sup> than living examples of Yeshua’s love and *way of life*.

Other scholars simply say it didn’t happen! It was just *fanciful writing* on Luke’s part! He made it up! These scholars say the *Paul* they know would never have allowed it, and

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were Gentile converts to Yeshua there were also Jews who believed in Him (Acts 13:42; 14:1; 17:17; 18:4; 19:10, etc.). How would Paul walk *then*? Would he keep Mosaic Law or not? (See Rom. 3:8; 6:1-3)

Bruce’s Paul seems to be a deceiver of the highest order, because the taking of the Nazarite Vow meant that Paul esteemed and walked in Torah *all the time*. Paul would not say to God that he would keep the Sabbath day holy among the Jews, but not among the Gentiles. Paul would have been extremely unscrupulous if he had taken the Vow *only to appease James* and the other Jewish Apostles. The *stated reason* for Paul taking the Vow was so,

‘*all* will know that there is *nothing* to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself *also* walk orderly, *keeping the Law*.’ (Acts 21:24)

If Paul only took the Vow to appease James then *he was deceiving James*, and all the other Jewish believers there, but Scripture records that Paul kept Sabbath and Torah all the time (Acts 24:14; 25:8; 1st Cor. 5:6-8; 7:19). Also, in Acts 20:16 and 1st Cor. 16:8, Paul orders his life around *Shavu’ot* (the Law’s Pentecost or Feast of Weeks; Lev. 23:15-21; Dt. 16:16; cf. Acts 18:18; 20:6; 27:9).

What being ‘a Gentile to the Gentiles’ meant for Paul was that he would *associate with them*; something he *never* would have done as an unbelieving Pharisee (Acts 26:5). *This* is why he rebukes Peter—for *not associating* with the Gentile Christians, when Peter knew better (Gal. 2:11-15; Acts 10:15, 28, 34-35). It doesn’t mean that Paul or Peter ate unclean meat, as some wrongly teach, as there’s no food mentioned in Gal. 2. It also means that Paul would *relate to Gentiles on their own terms*, bringing the Gospel to them in ways that they could understand (see Acts 17:15-30f., where Paul doesn’t voice his thoughts about their idolatry, but speaks of Messiah to them in a way that they could understand, for they didn’t know the God of Mosaic Law as the Jews did). It didn’t mean that he would sin against God in the process, by breaking the Sabbath, eating pig, keeping Easter or ‘living like a Gentile sinner,’ as he writes (Gal. 2:15; 1st Tim. 5:22).

Concerning what Paul says in 1st Cor. 9:21, that he was ‘under law toward Christ,’ the law Paul speaks of is Mosaic Law, as walked out by Yeshua. We know that Yeshua kept all Mosaic Law that applied to Him, for that is what judged Him sinless. In other words, if He had broken any Mosaic laws that He should have kept, He would have sinned and not have been a sinless sacrifice. God intended, with the New Covenant, to *write* Mosaic Law upon our hearts and mind; in other words, to make Mosaic Law our character, just as it is Messiah’s character, for that is His character (and His Father’s, also). *The words of Mosaic Law reflect Their divine nature and personality, for they are Their words, expressing Who They are.*

Jeremiah 31:31-34 is the only place in the Old Covenant where the phrase, New Covenant, is written, and in verse 33, God reveals that Mosaic Law is to be the Christians’s new character. He says, “‘But *this* is the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days,’ says Yahveh: ***I will put My Law (Hebrew: Torah) in their minds, and write it on their hearts***, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people” (Jer. 31:33; cf. Heb. 8:10; 10:16). Some think the term, ‘Law,’ in Jer. 31:33, means (only) the Ten Commandments, but the Hebrew word is Torah, which means Mosaic Law. So, as Paul said to everyone in Corinth, to *imitate* him as he followed Messiah (1st Cor. 11:1), it’s scripturally certain that Paul’s being, ‘under law toward Christ,’ is Mosaic Law, because that’s who Yeshua is (Ps. 40:8; Torah is in Yeshua’s heart or nature), and Mosaic Law is God’s definition of love (Mt. 22:35-40). Scripture also says that Yeshua is the *same*; yesterday, *today* and forever (Heb. 13:8). What was sin for Yeshua ‘back then,’ is sin for every Christian today, despite what Christendom teaches.

<sup>7</sup> Acts 9:20-29; 14:19-22; 2nd Cor. 11:23-12:21; 2nd Peter 3:14-18.

<sup>8</sup> The James Gang was a band of notorious outlaws in the Old West, who lived in the 1870s, and were led by Jesse James.

that's true! *Their image* of Paul would never have allowed it to happen. *Their Paul* set them 'free from the Law,' but the biblical Paul declares freedom from sin, not God's holy Law (Rom. 7:12, 14).

With *some* of the words of Paul, theologians are able, 'to theologize the Law away,' because they mistake Paul's coming against the Law, in relation to salvation and circumcision, for his entire view on the Law. They're not convincing, though, when they try to explain why Paul elevates the Law (Rom. 3:31; 7:7, 12, 14; 1st Cor. 5:6-8; 7:19), and here in Acts, the only recourse some have is to declare Luke a liar!

Marshall, in relation to Luke writing about Paul taking the Nazarite Vow, to show everyone that he kept the Law (Acts 21:24), states that,

'many scholars have doubted whether the historical Paul would have agreed to this proposal. A. Hausrath put the objection most vividly by saying that it would be more credible that the dying Calvin would have bequeathed a golden dress to the mother of God' (Roman Catholicism's allegedly sinless and deified Mary), 'than that Paul should have entered upon this action. Luke, it is claimed, **has invented the incident** to show that Paul was a law-abiding Jew. Even Stahlin...argues that Paul would never have accepted verse 24b.'<sup>9</sup>

These scholars seem to think that Luke, *the Gentile* (Col. 4:10-14), had nothing better to do than to *fabricate* an Apostle Paul who kept the Law! Whatever possessed the good doctor to do such a monstrous thing?! In other words, what was Gentile Luke's motivation for doing it?

If the Law had been done away with, the *biblical* Paul would have voiced his opposition to James. In that he doesn't, we know that it wasn't. Paul still kept the Law and exhorted his Gentiles to do the same, as he himself wrote in his letters, of imitating or following him as he followed Messiah Yeshua (Rom. 3:31; 7:7, 12; 1st Cor. 5:6-8; 7:19; 9:8; 11:1; 14:34).

David Williams, who espouses table fellowship, nevertheless writes that *Paul kept the Law all his life*. He also refutes those who say that Paul was against the Apostolic Decree of Acts 15:20-21 (by his not specifically presenting it in his letters; e.g. Rom. 14; 1st Cor. 8:10; Gal. 1-5). Williams says that 'there is nothing in all his writings to suggest that he disapproved of them.'<sup>10</sup> He states that Paul 'believed that his own teaching *upheld the law* (Rom. 3:31),' and 'his epistles are full of exhortations to *live by the letter* no less than by the spirit of the law (cf., e.g. Rom. 13:8-10; Eph. 5:1, 3ff., 31; 6:2f.):'<sup>11</sup>

'Of course he knew now that obedience to the law could no longer be regarded as *the basis of salvation* (cf. Gal. 2:15), but for Paul the law remained *the authoritative guide to Christian living*...Broadly speaking, this was the conclusion reached by the Jerusalem council.'<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Marshall, *Acts*, pp. 345-346. See *ISBE*, vol. one, pp. 43-44, for Luke's accuracy in historical details, which gives evidence of his overall trustworthiness. Luke, Ramsay states, 'should be placed among the very greatest of historians.' Acts 21:24b states, 'and that all may know that those things of which they were informed about you (Paul) are nothing, but that you yourself also walk orderly and *keep the Law*.'

<sup>10</sup> Williams, *Acts*, p. 260.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid., p. 261.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

According to Williams, *Mosaic Law* is ‘the authoritative guide to Christian living.’ That’s also what God intended it to be (Dt. 4:5-8; Rom. 3:31), but if Paul didn’t nullify the Law, who did?

The nullification of Mosaic Law is the heretical and, yes, demonic teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, not the New Testament, and Protestants have all too gladly wallowed in this slime infested heresy, ‘up to their necks,’ without so much as questioning it!

The Roman Catholic Church, about 120 AD,<sup>13</sup> threw out God’s holy Sabbath and castigated the Law ‘as Jewish,’ and with their diabolical attitude toward, ‘the Christ killers’ (i.e. the Jews), gave birth to the oxymoron, *Christian anti-Semitism*.

“The Truth that is in Yeshua” is not about focusing on Law.

Michael, isn’t loving God and neighbor the heart of the Law? And aren’t all the other rules God’s definition of what it is to love Him and others, as explained by Messiah Yeshua? (Mt. 22:35-40)

“On these **two** commandments **hang all the Law** and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:40 NKJV)

This is what the Jews were doing to Yeshua - “Did you wash your hands?”,

No, that was the Pharisees, Michael, whom we know weren’t really keeping Torah from the heart, as Yeshua spoke of (Mt. 15:1f.). Yeshua chastised them for making up rules, and teaching them as God’s rule, but in actuality, they nullified God’s Word. This is what the Church has done, Michael, as nowhere in Scripture does God speak of Sunday, Easter or Xmas, nor of eating unclean meats that are now ‘blessed’ and so able to be eaten. Doesn’t it matter to you that Christians are following rules of living from the Pope? Is that good? Is that what Jesus wants for His Body?

“Did you know it’s the Sabbath so you would keep it?”,

Michael, you don’t seem to understand the difference between the Pharisiaci Sabbath and God’s Sabbath. Jesus never said He broke the Sabbath. On the contrary, He defended Himself as to what was being done on the Sabbath. This is not an admission of breaking it, but of telling them that He was able to determine what could and what could not be done on the Sabbath. As He Himself said:

“Therefore the Son of Man is also **Lord of the Sabbath.**”” (Mark 2:28 NKJV)

Where does Jesus say that it doesn’t matter what day a Christian keeps???

“Did you know you shouldn’t do this and you should do that?”

According to the Pharisees, Michael, but obviously, not Jesus.

“Do you know you are not true follower of the “letter” and that you are sinning against God?” “When are you going to learn and start keeping the Law?” !!

Keeping the Law THEIR WAY, Michael. That’s what the conflict was about; not that Jesus was saying that the Law didn’t matter. That would have been sin for Him, Michael.

This is basically what they kept telling Him! Think about it, br. Avram. Isn’t it what you are doing in certain ways at times when you are sharing about the pig, the traditions of the Law, the holidays etc.? This is

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<sup>13</sup> Bacchiocchi, *From Sabbath To Sunday*, pp. 152-157, 159-207, 211-212.

what I see when I read some of your writings when it comes to these things.

I can't say yes or no, for you give no specific example, but only a general accusation.

But Yeshua was trying all along and even until this day to show them what the law is all about.

Michael, the heart of the Law (to love God and Man) does not negate the body of the Law.

Let us take a look at Acts 15. The Mosaic Law called for circumcision. Some had believed in Yeshua and thought this is vital for everyone who believes in Yeshua to be circumcised, because the Law is "not nullified." They said in other words, "If you don't get circumcised, or if you don't stop eating your pig, or if you don't stop celebrating Xmas on the 25th, you are sinning and you may not be saved at all!"

True, but they were wrong about this because they didn't realize that the sign of the Old Covenant (physical covenantal circumcision) had given way to the sign of the New Covenant (being Born Again, which circumcises the heart, something that God spoke of in the Law; Dt. 30:6). You have some things to read now, but after, we can go into circumcision, but this, hopefully, should suffice until then, as for how I teach:

"But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches. **Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised.** Was anyone called while **uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised.** Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters." (1st Corinthians 7:17-19 NKJV)

Paul wrote this in chapter seven, and two chapters before this he speaks of keeping the Feast! (Passover/UB; a Feast of Israel in Mosaic Law)

But thank God for Paul and Barnabas!

Amen!

Well they had a pretty heavy dispute with those Jewish brothers and I could imagine they wouldn't have had a chance if Paul and Barnabas were not Jews themselves (I hope I'm not wasting my words as a gentile), but truth is Yeshua prevailed and with His Truth. So basically Yeshua said through Paul, "Hey, zealous children of mine, take it easy now and cool down. I know you love me and I know you know the Mosaic Law but I'm more than that. (because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:17).

Ouuuh...Michael, after you read the three articles, I want to send you a short article on John 1:17, so you can see another alternative understanding of what John is writing. It's not as you say, my brother.

So let me share with you what I shared to some Pharisees, before they crucified me, about a father who had two sons. One of them was very diligent and obeyed the father in everything. In fact, he demanded that his brother be obedient to the Father in everything. However this made him close up to his brother, this made him angry with his dad, it made him misunderstand his dad, made him an obstinate and a stiff-necked workaholic person. Well the Father still loved him, even though he thought that the father loved him because of his strict and faithful adherence to the father's "Mosaic Law." On the other hand the other brother was not so diligent and didn't quite listen to the father. He was a bit of a modern child. But the amazing thing was that the father loved him dearly. He didn't know it initially and probably so due to his older brother who had given his younger brother the idea that if you don't keep the "letter" of the Father's rules the Father won't like you. So maybe he had tried but it was too much for him and then he had to personally find out how loving the father was. Sad part is more than likely the older brother never ever got

the idea and could never rejoice in his Father's love - neither for him nor for his brother. But the younger brother was blessed. So anyways, I told you all that, you zealous children of mine, so you could hear what Paul is saying to you about the meaning of the circumcision and the fact that it's all right for your younger brother not to get circumcised, and not to eat kosher, etc. And, please, start understanding that I am a loving God who wouldn't have sent you Yeshua my Son, but would have left you to try and get saved through the law if I didn't love you. But I gave you the law so you can understand that you can't possibly please me by it, but that what pleases me is your trust in Yeshua and the He is the one Who pleases me and because you are now hidden in Him, you are therefore also pleasing to Me."

Now this is kind of what took place in Acts 15 and this is what was understood and determined "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Acts 15:28-29a

Now, why my dear brother Avram do you desire to lay a burden upon the children of God that God Himself is not laying upon them? Why do you preach and teach different things that the disciples and their council when it comes to these matters? But once again I exhort you and encourage you in Yeshua's name to consider the ways of our Lord and His kindness, His mercies, and His love. May God truly bless you. And just like these brothers had a discussion back in the day in Acts 15. In a similar way we are having a discussion today. All in brotherly love and to the glory of God.

Michael, thank you for your understanding of Acts 15, but there is another alternative understanding that I think, if you read about it, you'll see that it's the correct interpretation. Please read:

#### The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21

Now, I enjoy you as you celebrate the various wonderful feast of Israel. I would enjoy you if you start ascending to Jerusalem 3 times per year and sing the songs of Ascents on your way up. And I would really like it if you can also enjoy me as I rejoice in celebrating the birth of our Savior on the 25th of December by giving honor and praise to the God of all creation and by loving on my neighbor, and by telling my neighbor about the wondrous gift of Yeshua for us and not focusing on telling him how wrong it is to celebrate on that day such a thing and lose his soul with all my "letter" following. For is it not better for one to be saved on the roman instituted 25th of December than to never know the love of God?

Therefore I would also like it for you to be able to enjoy my fellowship in the Lord. May God richly bless you!

Michael, I'm reminded of the newly wed man and his wife. She said to him on their wedding night, I want to make you a wonderful breakfast tomorrow morning. What would you like? He said, My favorite breakfast is pancakes, with lots of butter and maple syrup!

OK! She said, but when morning came she brought him oatmeal. He, looking at it, said, what is this? I thought you were going to give me what I asked you for, whereupon she said, I gave you oatmeal because that is my favorite breakfast!

Will the husband divorce his wife because she gave him what she wanted, not what he wanted? Hopefully, not, but it's obviously not what the husband asked for...

Christians may see many people saved on pagan days like Sunday, Easter and Xmas; God is very gracious, but the time is coming, and now is, when the Father's will and ways will be known and kept, for as Paul said to the Gentiles in Athens who worshipped many gods

and goddesses:

“Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. Truly, ***these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,***” (Acts 17:29-30 NKJV)

When you see God’s Truth in what I am sharing with you, Michael, I believe that you will repent in “sackcloth and ashes,” for thinking that God condones the breaking of His Word/Mosaic Law.

Now, in quick response to your questions about me and my family.

I am 39 years old and I love serving the Lord in the churches in the area around my town and even further. Right now I do not have a secular job.

How do you live/eat? Do you get some form of payment for your service?

As to my parents, they are at the financial minimum in the country. They receive around \$80 monthly from the government. But they are joyful and very satisfied and Yeshua. In fact, if you should ever come this way to visit (which I would love), you will be pleasantly surprised by their love and hospitality.

I’m sure I would be, Michael. Do you have access to a company called MoneyGram? Look them up on the Internet and see if there is an outlet for them somewhere around/near you.

Well, that’s it for right now from me. Thank you for reading all I’ve shared and thank you for sharing your thoughts with me as well.

You’re welcome, Michael. My prayer, the prayer of my heart for you, is that you will read those three articles, and also, The Veil. Then we can talk about them; one by one; the articles first, OK?

Greetings,

Michael

Blessings to you, my younger brother,

Avram

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On May 6, 2018, MIKE A. wrote:

**Shalom and greetings, br. Avram.**

May God always bless you and give you perception as you desire to grow in the understanding of God’s Word. You well know that it’s never too late to grow - Yeshua (while in physical form on earth) was in his early 30s when he taught 60 or 70 or 80 year old teachers of the Mosaic Law and those whose hearts were open to it received His words. I understand that it’s very difficult for you - raised in the “Hebraic” perspective or in “Judaism” as we know it. Student and teacher of the Law. A Hebrew of Hebrews. Undoubtedly you know what tribe you are from. You have the traditions all figured out... The easiest thing to happen is to mix ideas when starting to follow Yeshua - Judaism + Christianity. Just like for Eastern European believers it’s easy to mix Orthodox Church traditions and values and Christian beliefs. Or it could be a mixture of worldly principles and ideas with Christian ones. Its no fun. To top it off with you have the seminary (university) education which naturally influences a lot your approach and understanding. You

have all the citations down. You have all the proper references, all the research, all the extra curriculum books you've read in support to your thesis, all the learnt scripture verses and passages in support. It's all perfect as though.

But you should know br. Avram something about universities and such (even bible ones) they mess up with the mind. Regardless of what you may think of them, they focus on knowledge and on the "letter". (I speak from experience)

I also understand your youthful and inspired attitude of, "I want to do something great for Yeshua. I want to be more valuable here on earth than other believers. I want to have a greater revelation from you Lord so I can show people something new and amazing, etc."

*Michael, I've never said that.*

I get that. And we get that because all fervent followers of Yeshua desire that. Also, that brings a level of satisfaction to the soul and a sense of a life accomplishment, of achievement. How good is that!

There's more. Everyone who knows something about something knows the Jewish people are intelligent (because of God's blessing on them through the promise to Abraham). However, they do use that intelligence for cunningness, for trickery, for playing on words and doing mind games. There's elusiveness, sneakiness, etc. no wonder all the big bankers on earth are Hebrews. They hold all the money. They are not big on work, but they are big on talking. Amazing right! (My grandparents hosted Jews and were friends with them).

Michael, your perception of Jews is very Roman Catholic. In other words, your perception is very anti-Semitic.

I don't want you to get the wrong impression here. I'm talking about most obvious national traits of the Jews. Every nation has their national traits. Now we are talking Jews. However, I am also friends with Jews. I love them. And my desire is the desire expressed by Paul himself in Romans 10:1.

But now we are thinking about you. You are almost 70. You have a whole life behind you. During that life you've built on a foundation, very similar btw to Nicodemus. Your beliefs are based on that foundation and it's not easy to readily be open even to the idea of out there possibly being a better view or understanding. After all you can defend (Scripturally) your belief. Thing is, all them JWs and Mormons and Branhamists, and all the like can also quote the Scriptures (in fact they have them memorized) and bring an logical argument and defend their views with Scripture.

Now, the things you are believing about the Scriptures and about Yeshua are nothing new or innovative. Your understanding of the Mosaic Law in regards to Yeshua and our life is something common to many people even among the gentiles! It's a very old concept shared by many zealous followers of Yeshua. They were present in the time of Paul, they were present throughout the ages. Some of those people were even dress as crusaders! Curious things happen in the name of Yeshua.

See, the teachers of the Law were very zealous about the law. It is to them that Yeshua said that they are not letting others enter the kingdom of heaven. Sound familiar? What I'm seeing is a zealous br. Avram who is kind of not letting others enter the kingdom of heaven. Of course, you'd say it's the Mosaic Law who says it. That's what the scribes and the teachers of the law and the Pharisees said too.

Do you know what Yeshua had against the Pharisees and the teachers of the Mosaic Law and the rest of those? What was wrong with them. What was the heart of the issue? It was that they studied the Law, they knew it better than anyone else, they were doers of it for sure. They gave tithe of the garlic and dill weed and parsley and everything. They were zealous and serious about the Word of God. I'm not making this up. They had true knowledge. They knew the writings of their God, they knew their family roots back to

Adam, they had it all worked out. They knew the all the feasts of Israel. They knew the Sabbaths the moons, the blue moons, and the kosher foods. It was all wonderful, BUT there was one thing that Yeshua had against them. There was one thing that was wrong with them - they didn't know the heart of their God and Father.

See, you love quoting Paul, but Paul said: "but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block." 1 Corinthians 1:23a

1. Avram Yehoshua preaches the Mosaic Law. Paul preaches the Messiah crucified. It's slightly different.
2. That's a stumbling block to br. Avram. Because br. Avram is trying too hard to reconcile his Judaism upbringing thoughts with Yeshua and His grace towards gentiles and that's creating chaos in his heart.

Michael, truly, you do not know what you are talking about, with either me or Yeshua or Paul. Did Jesus eat pig? Did Paul say that you didn't have to keep the 7th day Sabbath or Passover? No, but on the contrary, Paul speaks of keeping Passover, yet in all your rebuffing of me for teaching the wrong way, you never address my New Testament Scriptures; only saying that I'm wrong. That's not God's way to address a difference of opinion. All you state are your opinions, but mock me for bringing up NT Scriptures that prove that God wants us to walk the way Jesus did.

See, br. Avram, let's get one thing clear. Yeshua is the Word. And the Word is God. And God is the God of all He has created. And all he has created is Germans, Brits, Chinese, Russians, Ukrainians, Americans, Edomites, Bulgarians and Jews. In fact, he simply created man, but it was man who separated, just like now people separate into denominations. God sees man as one, just like a father sees his children as one and not short or tall, or whatever. Therefore, that same God cares for you as much as He cares for me. Let's remember again that Abraham was from the land of Ur. He was not a Jew. God chose not a Jew who later became associated with Jews. All the arabs will tell you Abraham is their father. And he is too. Better yet - God tells me Abraham is my father too and his blessings are mine as well.

But let's get back to the fact that what you teach about the following of the "letter" of the Mosaic Law is nothing new under the sun. See, it happens subconsciously - the association with doing and getting. We are born in a world in which the system has taught us to think like that - you work and do to get. You out in a workday of 12 hours and you get \$150. If you don't do it you get punished by not getting paid. You do well, you have good deeds and you get rewarded. So it's easy to get that notion in our thoughts and actions after we come to Yeshua. We must do the stuff that our "stern Heavenly Father" does in order for Him to bless us and give us His seal of approval. Yes, we understand that in Yeshua we are saved but now that we are saved we must do all those things so from the Torah so we can actually get saved and approved by God. It seems right. It seems logical but it ain't. And it's the hardest thing for a Jew like my br. Avram to understand. That's why Jesus said about a gentile, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" Luke 7:9.

Michael, does faith nullify obedience to God's will? Does grace mean you can sin with impunity? Paul says:

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His resurrection*, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

For he who has died has been freed from sin.” (Romans 6:1–7 NKJV)

“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the **knowledge** of sin.” (Romans 3:20 NKJV)

Without Torah/Mosaic Law, you are sinning against God, Michael. This is what the NT says. Yes, JW's and Mormons, etc., have their Scriptures they use to prove what they believe, and so it's up to each of us to discern what is God's will in this matter, but obviously, you are not able to do that with Mosaic Law, despite the many Scriptures and reasonings that I have given you. Truly, this reveals how trapped you are in Roman Catholic theology about Mosaic Law.

What I see, br. Avram in you is a reacher of the Law who wants to impose the Law (just like the Pharisees and the scribes did) on the people, because if they don't do it they sin and they won't enter the kingdom of God. See, the Pharisees taught those things to the people but the people didn't follow them. If this is what Yeshua taught they wouldn't have followed Him until this day. How many people follow Law Teachers today? Right. But that's why it was not the teachers of the Law (the ones that studies the Law and taught it and loved the Mosaic Law, and went to seminaries) who loved Yeshua, but the common folk - the people on the streets, the poor ones, with the open hearts - that loved Yeshua. They were the ones whose eyes were opened to His message and to the meaning and the heart of God and His Word.

I know that what Paul wrote and said when seen through the prism of Judaism seems to be saying what you're now teaching, but you well know that the enemy himself quoted scripture to Yeshua through his prism. The Truth though lies in the Spirit. And who can know the Spirit but he who has the Spirit of God? Yeshua is known both through His Word and through a personal walk with Him. And no matter what you tell me about Yeshua, I know Whom I have believed, because I know Who is Yeshua I have seen, Yeshua Who walks with me and talks with me and shows His daily favor and blessings in everything toward me. I have a personal experience with the God of Creation. And glory be entirely to God for that. Yes, He relates lovingly to me - the gentile who writes you these valuable things to you. And your restrictions (though you may use the Law Itself to justify them) are unlike Yeshua Who has revealed Himself personally to us.

If you have that relationship, as you say, and I believe you do, then why not ask Yeshua about me? Why not ask Yeshua about Mosaic Law AND LISTEN TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY TO YOU? In all your writings you never once have said anything that Yeshua has said to you about me or Mosaic Law. Why not? I would really like to know what Yeshua says to you about me and Mosaic Law. Wouldn't you?

See, the Pharisees knew Yeshua through the Law. That's why they couldn't recognize Him. You, br. Avram, are so proud of knowing God through the Law. But He is a personal God Who loves to relate to us and to be known by us personally. Just like you don't really know your earthly dad if all you know about him is through articles and rules he wrote. You know your dad best when you play with him, when you walk with him, when you talk with him. That's how we have known God. And glory be to God.

Have you ever considered br. Avram to ease up on all that zeal of yours and on all that university stuff? All that strive for perfection which is reflected in the perfectly proper university style you're writing in. Have you ever considered to just rest yourself on Yeshua and let others who come to Yeshua rest in His rest? Why couldn't the teachers of the Law tell the people, “come to us all you who are weary and find rest?” It's the same reason one can't find rest when reading your notions. But have you ever considered for yourself to get some rest in Yeshua and let others enjoy His mercy and grace?

Or does it bother you that you as a Jew have to do certain things and that makes you wanna see everyone else do them? Or do you see God as the punishing God Who can't wait to punish people and to get rid of

them? Or do you see Him as the demanding God Who is full of rules of perfection?

Yeah, we understand you are that kind of kid - the A grader. The one who makes daddy proud. Such a good student. But here's the thing - when Yeshua walked on earth He cared about the people and healed them and blessed them and then shared the Word of grace and peace. But br. Avram is different - his first concern is talking your head off with Law philosophy and writing a miriad of articles and books on Law and saying how people who believe in Yeshua from the gentiles are not accepted by Yeshua. I'm sorry, br. Avram, but I do not see Yeshua doing any of that. (Regardless of how many seminary or Judaism bible and Torah verses you're gonna quote).

Michael, I've never said that Gentiles aren't 'accepted by Yeshua.'

Yes, I've said it and it's true - you do share some good things - about the imagery of the temple, of things in the temple, of feasts and traditions and what not, and about how they point to Yeshua. But anything about your "sex" is uncalled for and lacks scriptural grounds. That's why John did not exclaim in 1st John: "what we had read in Torah, what they thought us in Avram Yehoshua's Hebraic grounds class, what the Mosaic Law thought us is what we share with you..." NO, NO NO! John instead said: "That which we saw with our own eyes, touched with our fingers, walked with, talked with, that's the Word we are sharing with you the Word of Life!"

That's Yeshua I'm sharing with you, br. Avram. The living, relational, personal, true, wonderful, loving, encouraging, peaceful, etc. Yeshua, my Lord and Savior. Not the Law ponder, but the grace giver. And if you have found a different Yeshua in your Torah then you ought to reevaluate your foundation even though you're 70.

I'm only 66, Michael. I'll be 67 in a few days.

Now look at what you're saying in your veil book:

"What the Holy Spirit issued through James for the gentile was conceptually no different from what God had done for Israel through Moses when He brought Israel out of Egyptian slavery. The Hebrews were not saved by circumcision nor the law, but but the blood of the lamb and their faith in Moses."

Pretty good. The only thing is you're not even aware that you're refuting your own argument about "sex".

Really, Michael? Once saved, does it matter if you sin? Paul says it matters (Rom. 6:1-7f.) and so does Jesus:

"Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:19 NKJV)

Based on what you yourself are saying in this quote shows you have no grounds for saying that Christians won't be saved for eating pig or celebrating on the 25th of December. Look, put away the old scribe and put on the new believer in Jesus, the new Avram. Deal away with all the Pharisee-ism, all the scribe-ism, all your pre-programmed beliefs about the Law. Start fresh. Get a fresh start at love and get to know the Spirit of the Living God, Who lovingly gave His Son when no one was honoring Him or eating right etc. so that through faith in His gift we would be saved. And understand this that of all people on earth you are to be pitied most - you are a Jew - a descendent of those who should love Yeshua most but crucified Him instead; part of those who are the most cunning on earth even though they should be the kindest of all, part of those who give God a bad name; part of those who pretend to deserve much yet amount to nothing. Part of those who can't boast about anything, but can only praise God that He is so gracious to want to save them even tho they do not deserve it at all. The Jews are shown the greatest grace from God and if you as a Jew can't show that grace to others then "woe to you scribe"!

Michael, you are saturated with anti-Semitism. You need to repent and ask Jesus to forgive you because your heart is not right towards me.

Today is a good day to repent and seek His mercy and let Him pour out His love through you.

Funny you should say that, Michael.

And finally, about your funny story about the newlywed couple - that's very true too! So well said that you've trapped yourself in it - if the new bride did that to her husband - to give him the breakfast she likes - that would only mean that she is selfish, really selfish and she does not love her husband. The very thing you are portraying maybe? Think about it.

Actually, Michael, you are the new bride who offers up to her Husband Jesus, the things you like, but not the things He likes or wants from you.

Praying for you and blessing you in Yeshua.

Greetings,

Michael

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(The following is my reply to Michael. I am not indenting here, as there's no need for it here because I'm the only one writing.)

**Dear Michael,**

You don't seem to realize that you're not presenting arguments on my position, but against what you think is my position. You don't seem to have a grasp of what I teach, but what you think I teach.

Your mind is trapped in the traditions of the Pope that nullify God's New Testament Word. In all your 'answers' and rebuffs to me you never answer my simple questions:

1. Where does God say to keep Sunday in the New Testament?
2. Where does God say to keep Easter in the New Testament?
3. Where does God say to keep Xmas in the New Testament?
4. Where does God say in the New Testament that you can eat pig?

You berate me for calling people to live like Jesus lived. Again, you never deal with that in your emails. Where did Yeshua speak of keeping any day of the week other than the Sabbath? Where did Jesus eat pig? Your arguments **against** God's holy and spiritual Law (Romans 7:12, 14) remind me of what Yeshua said:

"For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." (Matthew 13:15 NKJV)

"Therefore, ***the Law is holy***, and the commandment holy and just and good...For we know that ***the Law is spiritual***, but I am carnal, sold under sin." (Romans 7:12, 14)

And Paul wrote that Mosaic Law was established with our faith in Yeshua, not thrown out:

**"Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not!** On the contrary, we ***establish*** the law." (Romans 3:31 NKJV)

Did the Apostle to the Gentiles really say those things about the Law? That it's holy and spiritual, and that our faith in Yeshua establishes the Law? Can you explain those things to yourself? They don't seem 'to fit' into your understanding of Scripture and God loving you. Does your God have any standard of sin for you, or doesn't that matter to you?

The basis for your faith lifestyle is the traditions of man that nullify God's Word, and what Yeshua said to the Pharisees sadly applies to you, Michael:

"He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?...Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me...Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."'" (Matthew 15:3, 7-9 NKJV)

May Yeshua open your eyes, Michael, to **His** Way of living out your faith in Him, not the Pope's way or your way.

Sincerely,

Avram Yehoshua

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On May 6, 2018, at 3:01 PM, MIKE A., wrote:

**Shalom Avram!**

Thank you for writing back and taking on the heat. I see you are continuing with your zeal. And I'm sorry I thought you were 70! That actually should be to your advantage! Because it should be easier for you to change to a better foundation - Christ!

It's funny how you end your letter with Matthew 15:3, 7:9... Interesting, because He is talking to the Jewish scribes like the scribe Avram Yahoshua.

The problem with your letter and your writings is that they are very transparent. All you are doing, even in answering to my letter is to repeat all you are saying in all your articles and messages - pig, xmas... BTW, do tell - do you not like sex? Or are you obsessed with sex? Because you keep mentioning and repeating that word...!? See, that fact alone should give you the idea that something is wrong with your thoughts from the get go and that your wife and close ones are supporting you about that sex stuff out of respect for the old guy who is losing it. Maybe? I mean, it's shameful for a 66 year old man of God to be repeating the word "sex". Do you believe the Spirit of God gave you that word? I would imagine He'd give you the word Yeshua, or forgiveness, or love, or humility, or fast, or help the widow and the needy... those words seem to fit the God of the Word much better. I don't thou, you be the scribe of the Law.

Michael, I use the word 'sex' in a phrase; it's not just sex, but illicit SEX, which is an acronym for what you practice. You see, 'illicit' defines this SEX as forbidden by God Himself, and isn't that exactly the SEX that you practice, Michael? The 'S' stands for Sunday; the 'E' is for Easter, and the 'X' is the way that many write Christmas (X being the first Greek letter that is found in Christmas). Illicit SEX then is the breaking of God's ways and rules concerning our lifestyle. It also incorporates anti-Mosaic Law (e.g. the eating of pig) and anti-Semitism, which is rife among many Christians and Roman Catholics, and so illicit SEX, by its very practice, nullifies Mosaic Law, which is the way that Yeshua walked out His faith in His Father, and the way that John tells us to live (1st

John 2:6).

The reason why you are so insistent upon your way being God's way is because you, and I don't say this maliciously, Michael, you are both prideful and ignorant. In your pride and ignorance you block out my words and pride yourself on knowing what is God's Way.

And how tricky of you - you addressed my letter to you in a very safe and convenient way -

1. Saying that I'm anti-Semitic (when you are not willing to even call me a brother, you anti-gentile scribe)

2. Repeating again and again like a broken record that same "sex" stuff of yours.

However, you overlook the fact that I've told you that I have Jewish friends!! My whole family loves Jewish people and has good fellowship with Jews. (Not as good with NT Mosaic Law scribes). And then you are completely disregarding any of my thoughts on the real walk with Yeshua, or about your seminary plus Judaism upbringing. Very convenient or should I say elusive. You can never speak about a personal knowledge of Yeshua. Why? Because it's all head stuff. All Torah education. And then it's tough for you to get it that God is the God of ALL creation. It's not what they've taught you. But you don't want to get there. I'm getting behind the scenes with you, but you run away from that big time. You are determined to ask your repetitive questions again and again and again. You speak of people's prism but you are never willing to test your Judaism prism. Can't face up the possibility of your Judaism plus seminary brain-washed mind. Every Scripture you look at you twist and strain through that Law and Sex mentality. Each verse you see the way you desire; the way it soothes your conscience. And, please, spare me that you are not looking to do something great for Yeshua. You are that pumped up college kid even until this day who wants to give it all up and be the ultimate A grader. It's written all over you. You can't hide it behind all the formalities and the university style writing and the whole research thing. It's nothing but the good ol' seminary "scientific method" of proving things and making an argument. However you must have missed the class on philosophy which deals with reason fallacies - arguments that seem logical but don't make much sense.

Let me show you something: You are asking me:

"Did Jesus eat pig?"

"Did Paul say you didn't have to keep the 7th day?".. etc.

That seems smart unless we knew your tricky rhetoric. Here's how I'm gonna answer you - with a question as well, so you could maybe get the idea:

"Did Jesus eat pumpkin?" I don't think it says Jesus ate pumpkin, because it doesn't say He did!

"Did Jesus celebrate His birthday?" If not, how dare you!

"Did Jesus ride in an airplane?" If not, how dare you?

"Did Jesus shop at a grocery store? Or did He wear a suit and a tie?" If not, how dare you, scribe?

"Or did Paul say you have to brush your teeth?"

Can't you recognize the fallacy of your argument and it's non "sexiness".

Michael, your argument and logic are 'off point' because God never said that it was sin to eat pumpkin, nor celebrate one's birthday, nor ride in an airplane, etc., but He has said that it's sin to eat pig (Lev. 11:7; Dt. 14:8), and it's sin to not keep the 7th day Sabbath holy (Ex. 31:12-17), and it's sin, in God's eyes, to not keep the Passover (Num. 9:13f.).

I've told you - If you don't want to eat pig don't do it. I'm rejoicing with you. But don't you go around

condemning others about eating it - or don't you know, scribe, that it's not what enters your mouth that defiles it but that which comes out? And what is it that comes out of your mouth?

For why your understanding isn't correct you'll want to read [Law 102](#), the chapter heading of, Jesus and the Pig.

If you don't wanna celebrate on Christmas - guess what - no one is making you. I'm ok with you not celebrating. But stop with your accusations and pretenses and stop calling "sinners" those that do it honoring God in their hearts.

You asked me if Yeshua or the Holy Spirit has told me to tell you that.

No, Michael, I didn't ask you that. I asked you to ask Jesus what He thinks of me and The Hebraic Perspective. I think you'll be stunned at the answer.

You wouldn't believe me either way. Don't you get it? The same question you friends - the scribes from 2000 years ago is the question they asked Yeshua: "On whose authority are you telling us (doing) these things?" What did He do? You are the scribe - you figure out what Yeshua's answer was.

Your witness stops here. You had nothing to say about the heart of God. But how could you? All you've studied and all you've been fed is the Law. Your words are void of life and full of demands.

Michael, you're wrong about me having nothing to say about the heart of God. I haven't spoken of that, per se, because we both agree about it, but we don't agree about Mosaic Law, so that is what the discussion has centered around. You accusing me of not knowing Jesus reveals your contempt for me, which is a very sad thing about you.

Do tell - did Adam have the Mosaic Law in the garden of eden? Was he full of sin? Did he keep it? Was he righteous in God's sight? (Please, don't bother to answer me those questions)

We know - there was not Law yet he was right before God!? Right? Well, if you haven't noticed YESHUA IS THE NEW ADAM. I figure as an intelligent Jew you'll connect the dots of what I'm saying.

It was because Adam sinned that Yeshua came, and as such, if we are made in Yeshua's Image, we don't want to sin. God's definition of what is sin is Mosaic Law (Rom. 3:20).

Well, that's enough food for thought. Here's some rules: (since I know you love them)

1. Cut out the university stuff (very transparent)
2. Cut out the Judaism stuff (very predictable)
3. Cut out the "sex" stuff (very irreverent)

There is more, but if you could remember these three for starts you'll get a good grade.

Greetings.

Michael.

P.S. quote: "I've never said that Gentiles aren't 'accepted by Yeshua'. Correction: Yes you have! You have said it by virtue of saying that they sin by eating pig and celebrating ...

Michael, you confuse sinning with being accepted by Jesus. We all sin, but Yeshua's blood atones our sins and He forgives us/accepts us. You do have a penchant for thinking you know what I will say about something, but much of the time your thoughts aren't correct.

Michael, you boast of your relationship of love with Jesus, but all you have done is beat me up with your Christian love. Scripture speaks of knowing His disciples by their love

for one another and by the Fruit of the Holy Spirit:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” (Galatians 5:22-24 NKJV)

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35 NKJV)

You might want to go through our email correspondence and note how scornful, condescending, mocking arrogant and insulting you have been towards me. How could you, who prides himself on having a loving relationship with Jesus, treat any human being made in the image of God that way?

Michael, the word that comes to me for you in our relationship is what Yeshua told the Apostles when they said to Him that the Pharisees were offended by what He said, as you have been offended by what Yeshua has given me to teach:

“Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”” (Matthew 15:14 NKJV)

You are blind and have fallen in to the ditch, Michael, and you don’t even realize it.

We’re not to bend God’s Word to our way of life, but to bend our way of life to God’s Word,

Avram Yehoshua

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On May 7, 2018, at 6:08 AM, MIKE A wrote:

**Heya Avram.**

I am not sure how to start this letter. I think I’ll make it short and sweet for you. Remember how you’ve written a book about the Veil over your eyes.

No, Michael. It’s a veil over your eyes.

Well, it’s true! There’s a thick veil on them eyes of yours and it’ll be tough to lift it up or tear it up. It’s up to you really.

Here’s a question: Why do you spit hatred against the Church of Yeshua, scribe?

I don’t ‘spit hatred’ of the Church of Yeshua, Michael. I proclaim The Hebraic Perspective to Christians who are bound up in the traditions of the Pope, so they can come out of Her, as the Lord says of His people in Revelation:

“And I heard another Voice from Heaven saying, “Come out of Her, My people! Lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues!” (Revelation 18:4)

Did a gentile Christian step on your toe when you was a tiny embryo?

Your mockery of a brother in Christ knows no bounds, does it, Michael? Your speaking to me is diametrically opposed to what the Apostle John said:

“If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?” (1st John 4:20 NKJV)

And how long will you base your hatred on the “law”? Or should I say, how lon will you base it on your Judaistic/seminary education? Can’t hide behind it all life long! You are fully transparent and have been fully demystified. All your “pious” writings, all your scholarly terms, all your research, all your hiding behind the Law, and hiding behind the veil!! The hateful old scribe. You’ve been unveiled, scribe, and your hatred has been exposed. Your agenda, your shrewdness, all your elusiveness - all laid out in the open displaying your nakedness. It would have been better off for you to have taken off your clothes in midst LA and shaven off that scraggly beard. But now you’ve given Abraham and His Lord a bad name and a bad reputation. Therefore, get things straight and figure out three more rules:

- 1 Cut out the mind games (very cunning)
- 2 Cut out the verse and Scripture abuse (very sac-religious)
- 3 Cut out the slander (very unlawful)
- 4 Cut out the ridicule against the Bride of Yeshua (very dangerous)

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Just fill in the blank... you are smart enough to fill in the blank

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On May 7, 2018, at 7:20 AM, MIKE A wrote:

**Hey scribe,**

Here's another short letter. I'm sending you those, 'cause you do love the "letter."

However, I can't quite figure out why you can't quit spewing venom on God's people?! Now, it seems you are fond of questions. It's like pass-time activity for you - to come up with "pious" questions. In your book, in your miriads of articles and all the "pious" writings you are just about outdoing yourself on posing "holy" questions. It's especially interesting when you start with the infant questions indicating your ignorance of what apostle Paul ate and what the other disciples ate and celebrated. Oh, and it's especially amusing when you start displaying your love of PIG! The PIG is BIG with you. You're all about pigs with all your pig questions and pig talk. You know some people have big talk, but you're hip - you have pig talk. You may have an undercover pig farm for all we know. It's ok. Good things come to those who seek them! Seek what's good.

But now, because it's become obvious how much you're into questions, I do have some for you too. Yepee!

- 1 Why don't you ever speak of who wanted to kill apostle Paul and Yeshua most?
- 2 Who was Yeshua upset with the whole time: a. His Church? b. The gentiles? Or C. The Teachers of the Law
- 3 Who was God mad at and wanted to kill off in the OT: a. The gentiles B. The Israelites??
- 4 Who was God using in the OT to teach Israel something about something: a. The teachers of the Law? b. The priests in the temple? Or C. The gentiles and their kings (Assyria, Babylon)?
- 5 Did Yeshua ever speak against the gentiles throughout His earthly ministry or did He speak entirely against the teachers of the Law (Avram Yehoshua included)???

6 Did Paul speak against the gentiles in his epistles or was that the Law focused Jews?

7 Did Paul speak against the gentiles or did he speak against the blindness of the teachers of the Law who mislead the nation???

8 Did Yeshua praise the faith of the a. Gentiles b. Jews???

9 Who understood and received the Word of God : a. The scribes b. The lawyers or c. The common folk??

10 Who killed Yeshua? And did your buddies (the scribes) have to do anything with it?

Actually, Michael, Yeshua died for you and me, and everyone who claims Him. Both Jew and Gentile murdered the Messiah. All Jews were represented in the High Priest of Israel condemning Jesus for blasphemy (Mt. 26:65), and all Gentiles were represented in Pontius Pilate, the head of the Gentile Roman government of the ‘world’ at that time. Pilate was the one who formally ordered Yeshua to be crucified (Mk. 15:15; Lk. 23:24; Acts 4:27).

11 Who angered God most in the OT and your “favorite” Torah?? The gentiles or the Jews?

12 Did Yeshua say “woe to you a. Gentiles or b. Teachers of the Law???

13 Who did Yeshua imply the older brother in the prodigal son parable was: a. The gentiles b. The common folk from Israel or C. The teachers of the Law, you pompous teacher of the Law and scribe, Avram????

Do you want more questions, you question lover??? Guess what, if you can answer these multiple choice questions you’ll get an A grade!! Yepee! Come on, make the Sanhedrin proud!

All right, here’s one more question in case you are already experiencing withdrawals:

14. If the bride of Yeshua (the church) is all mistaken and no good, then why would Yeshua be talking about having a bride and anticipating to marry her???????

I’ve never said that the Bride of Christ is ‘all mistaken and no good.’ Again, this is your inaccurate perception of what I’ve written. It’s truly unfortunate that you cannot discern the difference between what I’ve written and what you think I’ve written.

All right. Get some breakfast now and CHEW ON THIS, scribe. And in all sincerity I hope you can see and embrace the love and beauty of the God you are persecuting.

How could I miss this wonderful God you are speaking of, Michael? Your words toward me show me that there is much hatred and hardness in your heart. You are to be pitied, Michael, for you say that you know Jesus, but you speak like the Devil. You hatefully accuse me, in general terms, but you haven’t been able to discuss with me any of the points of any of my articles and emails to you on The Hebraic Perspective. If this were a debate you would lose because you haven’t addressed any of my points.

May Yeshua reveal your heart to you, so you can cry out to Him, who is gracious and merciful, and ask Him to give you His heart (Jer. 31:33; Ezk

“But this is the Covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days, says Yahveh! I will put My Mosaic Law (Torah) in their minds, and write it on their hearts! I will be their God, and they shall be My people!” (Jeremiah 31:33; cf. Hebrews 8:10; 10:16, where the writer of Hebrews quotes Jer. 31:33 twice, confirming that God wants to put Mosaic Law upon our hearts and minds.)

God says that Israel will be His people, Michael, in spite of their sins and His being upset

with them. He also says that He will take out their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. God is faithful to His Word, Michael, even when Israel wasn't. Israel is His people, and if you believe in Jesus, you are part of Israel (Rom. 11:11f.; Eph. 2:11f.).

"For I will take you (the Jews) from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you *into your own Land*. Then I will sprinkle *clean water on you*, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you *a new heart and put a new spirit within you*. I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ***I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.***" (Ezekiel 36:24-27)

The New Covenant or New Testament gives us God's Spirit so we can walk in all the rules and laws of Moses that apply to us, just as Jesus Christ did.

Avram Yehoshua

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May 9, 2018, Michael wrote:

**Hello Avram,**

Thank you for your response! I see you are not fond of the way I've been addressing you. Maybe you should think for a minute about the way you're indirectly addressing all the Christians and the accusations you bring against them! You also seem to know something about the devil, but you should be reminded that he is called (which he is) 'the accuser.' That's why I've been telling you to stop accusing the people of God especially by using the Word. If you have something against the pope, do go to Rome and place your 95 pages on the wall of the vat I can, otherwise hang tight.

You're saying that I'm hateful!? However, I'm not the one writing books against Jews but you're the one going around telling people the church is against the law and Avram knows it best (and you're charging people for it too)...

So do not marvel at how I've addressed you. I'm very mild. Take a look at how Yeshua addresses your kind (the teachers of the Law and the like) - the names He calls them, the whips He whips them with, the sharpness and straightforwardness, the attitude He has toward them...

See, the fact alone that you're selling books!!?? What else do you have to say in your defense? Did Yeshua sell books? Did Paul sell books? Did Peter sell books? You've truly embraced the American way, or should we just say the pagan way?? Ever hiding behind that veil of yours... And you're the one speaking against pigs!!

Actually both my books are free to read (and download) on my website:

[The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21](#)

[Sam the Rock Thrower](#)

And by the way it doesn't matter that your explicit SEX is an acronym - it still reads Sex! What if children read your books?? All they'll get is how Avram is all about SEX. That's what they'll remember. Think about your ways.

You speak of me not answering your questions? But neither have you answered my questions! Your elusiveness is so laid out in the open.

I did not begin this by writing to you, Michael. You initiated our correspondence, and you are the one who stated that my view of Scripture is wrong. I gave you ample documents to show you my position, but you have not responded to anyone of them. Also, I have answered a number of your points, so what you are saying isn't true.

By the way, Acts 15 is so straightforward in meaning that it's hard to imagine one could even think of abusing it and making it into a heresy the way you've done it, having gone into so much work to twist Scripture in such a way and deal against all the people of God who have seen it the way it is long before you were ever born!! How insolent!!

You speak of my twisting of Acts 15, but you cite nothing of mine to substantiate your perception. Again, all you do is accuse, which, as you say, is of the Devil.

That's why Yeshua said it's the children who can get it and not the Hebraic scholars, because even a child can understand it when some Jews come to Paul saying that everyone should keep the letter of the law (as expressed in the circumcision itself, because that's what they've been taught all their lives), and how the disciples tell them that circumcision is not what makes you accepted now by God, being in Yeshua. A child can get it. But Avram wrote a 300 page book to go against it!! What a shame. I hope it will be helpful to some poor people who need firewood for the winter. It'll make for a great substitute.

Yet, it's never too late to get things right. You can do it even at that age. And merry Christmas - it's not Xmas but CHRISTMAS because CHRIST is at the center.

Michael, the X is the first Greek letter for Christ, and that's why many people write Xmas. It's not a slur, but an abbreviation.

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On May 12, 2018, at 2:02 PM, MIKE A wrote:

**Shalom Avram,**

I just want to say I'm sorry for my attitude toward you and for the way I've treated you. Please, forgive me. I do thank God for the good things you're sharing and I thank God for the good things He is showing me through you. May God truly bless you!

Michael

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**On May 12, 2018 Avram wrote back to Michael:**



Don't you just love that?! I forgive you, Michael! Yeshua has forgiven me of a lot of things, and so it's truly easy for me to forgive you, because of Him. I am glad for you! I was concerned about you, and I was praying for you.

Michael, I realize that your asking for forgiveness does not mean that you're open to discussing our scriptural differences, but I'd like to present that for your consideration, that we might enter into a godly dialogue. At a basic level, I'd like to know your scriptural justification for breaking the Mosaic dietary laws (pig, etc.), keeping Sunday (and not the 7th day Sabbath), and/or Easter and Christmas.

All three are Roman Catholic traditions that overturn Mosaic Law, which is what Yeshua and His Apostles kept all their lives (the 7th day Sabbath, Mosaic dietary laws and the Feasts of Israel).

Nowhere in Scripture does it say that Sunday has replaced the Sabbath day or that Sunday is the new day of worship, something we'd expect after Israel had been given the 7th day Sabbath by God and had kept it for 14 centuries by the time of Jesus, and also, something that God instituted in Creation Week (Gen. 2:1-3). In other words, with no Scripture ordaining a new day to assemble on and keep holy, the Protestant Church has followed the Roman Catholic Church in this; meaning it's not from God, and is a tradition that overturns God's will/Word for Christians.

Also, Easter and Christmas aren't even mentioned in the New Testament, let alone does anyone say we should keep those days.

Of course, the Protestant Churches have their Scriptures for Sunday, and eating whatever they want, etc., but upon examination of God's Word we'll see that the Word of God does not grant anyone authority for Sunday (Easter and Christmas), nor to eat what God calls in Torah/Mosaic Law, unclean (meats).

Michael, we can talk about it 'now,' if you like, or you can put it on the shelf and we might talk about it when you're ready in the future, or you can choose not to discuss it

with me at all.

I believe, Michael, if you talk about it with me, that you'll see 'another side' to this issue that you haven't seen before; a side that, I think, will persuade you concerning the Scripture and godly reality of The Hebraic Perspective, and the walking out of your faith in Christ the way Jesus walked:

"He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." (1st John 2:6 NKJV)

Blessing from Above, my brother!,

Avram

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On May 14, 2018 Michael wrote:

**Shalom Avram!**

Thank you for forgiving me. And thank you for writing back.

You're welcome, Michael. Glory to Messiah Yeshua!

I appreciate your invitation for a godly dialog. You're right that I'd rather not discuss our differences. I would rather focus on the things we agree on. But I also know that you're curious about why I do not agree with you on these few matters. I also believe that you're thinking that I'm simply following a tradition established by the Roman church. I can see your logic. I'm glad though that you're asking about my grounds for believing different even though you've stated that there are no such Scriptural grounds.

The difficulty in answering your questions comes from the fact that your questions on these matters assume a reality from a non-existent dimension. Let me give you an example. How would you answer your child who wants to know why you threw away his chocolate bar when the reality is you never bought him a chocolate bar? In other words the question: "why did you throw away my chocolate bar, dad?" amounts to nothing since there was no chocolate bar purchase in the first place. His question is made void by the very fact that there is no chocolate bar. Any attempt to answer his question would only mean that you've actually bought him a chocolate bar. In other words, the discussion of his question would further establish a non-existent reality.

Therefore, I'm saying to you that your questions cannot be answered, because there are other questions that need to be asked and answered (questions regarding the true reality) which would actually eliminate the need for your current questions to be asked.

Michael, I'm saddened to see you write that. With a wave of your hand (i.e. magic), not logic, you dismiss my questions and concerns about your Christian lifestyle. This is not right *because you cheat yourself out of God's holy Christian lifestyle for you*. If you think you have scriptural grounds to prove your Christian lifestyle, please present them. That doesn't mean I'll agree with you, but we can talk about your understanding of the Scripture you bring up, and I'll give you my interpretation of it so that you can judge and choose between \ the two interpretations as to which is actually the *meaning* of God's Word.

Michael, if a new Christian came to you and said, Where is Sunday, Easter and Christmas *in Scripture?*, what would you tell him? Would you tell him, as many Christian pastors would, that 'We can do these non-biblical days because we're under grace, *and* we don't

follow the Old Testament laws/feasts'? If so, I'd have to disagree with your understanding of grace (cf. Rom. 6:1f.).

Grace is not a tool to dismantle how God wants Christians to live. Grace is the ability to walk like Yeshua walked when our flesh wants to sin. Grace is also God's unmerited favor to us in bringing us into covenant with Him, and keeping us there. It's not meant to be used to nullify God's Word.

The Word of God is our *only* authoritative and divine understanding of God's will for us, and hence, why I ask you for *Scripture* to support your position/s. You may have some, and then we can discuss it.

*After all, shouldn't a Christian's lifestyle emulate Christ's lifestyle?* Doesn't that make sense, Michael? Doesn't that seem logical to you? How logical is it for Jesus not to eat pig because it would have been sin for Him, but for Christians to eat it? How logical is it for Jesus to have kept the 7th day Sabbath and all the Feasts of Israel, and for it to have been sin for Him not to keep those holy days, and He never spoke about any other days that would replace them, but Christians keep Sunday, Easter and Christmas?

The *reason* why Christianity is the *only* religion in the world that does *not* emulate its Founder is because Christianity has drunk from the polluted and anti-Word of God waters of the Roman Catholic Church *and doesn't even realize it!* Christianity tries to justify the unjustifiable, and most Christians blindly accept their scriptural gymnastics for their unbiblical and anti-God teachings. That's how great the Deception is (Dan. 7:25) and *that's* why you and your friends practice illicit SEX *and think it's alright with Jesus*. It's actually sin. You're going against God's Word and His Ways. You're following the Pope in those areas, not Jesus of Nazareth. For all your love of logic, you fail to see the logical extension of Roman Catholicism in the Christian world today that has no basis in God's Word and is anti-God. It was Rome who gave you illicit SEX, not Jesus.

Your chocolate bar example melts down because God *has* given us His New Testament Word, which is synonymous with knowing His Will. God the Father has given His children His written Word and Jesus Christ; the sweetest chocolate bar in the world! As King David once wrote, Come! *taste* and see that the Lord is good! (Psalm 34:8) Jesus and the Word are one because the Word reflects His character.

Mosaic Law was God's holy Standard for ancient Israel and it's still God's holy Standard for New Testament Israel, which includes all the Gentiles who love the Jewish Messiah. Mosaic Law is both God's definition of love and lifestyle (Mt. 22:35-41), and what is sin in God's eyes (Rom. 3:20). The Way of the Pope is an *abomination* to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

I pray that one day you'll see that, Michael,

Avram

And now I would like to ask you a question.

There was a father who had two children. He loved them and he loved it when they helped around the house and showed their love for him in various ways. Now, one early morning, before going on a week long business trip, he wrote a note for his children which read: "Dear kids, please, keep the house clean. I'd like you to clean your rooms every evening before going to bed and I'd like you to take the trash out on Thursday. When the children got up in the morning they found the note. The older child followed the instructions of his dad and cleaned his room every night before going to bed. He also took whatever was

in the kitchen trash out to the street on Thursday. The younger child did not follow the instructions of his dad like the older brother. He also read the note but he cleaned his room every day after he got up in the morning and then also in the afternoon and in the evening too. And he took out trash every day.

Here's the question: Who obeyed the dad better: the younger or the older child? And a bonus question: Which child understood and loved the dad better?

Michael

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On May 15, 2018, at 1:07 PM, MIKE A wrote:

**Shalom Avram!**

Isn't it so very interesting? Our fellowship is so lively. :)

Yes it is, Michael!

I should admit that you are making me smile when you are so persistent on focusing on things we have some differences on rather than focusing on things we agree on. But I have come to understand that this topic is weighing on you. It bothers you that people should eat unclean things. It bothers you that people should honor Jesus on Christmas. It bothers you to see people celebrating our resurrected Lord on Resurrection Day. It's difficult for you isn't it, my brother? And it's become difficult for me to understand why it's so difficult for you to rejoice with those who rejoice in the Lord?! I mean, think about it from a simply human perspective for just a minute. Strip aside all your seminary education and all your rabbinic upbringing, and even the fact that you are an Israeli.

Michael, I didn't have 'rabbinic upbringing' (many Jews don't), nor am I an Israeli. I was born in Brooklyn, New York and I'm an American citizen (but I lived in Israel for 16 years). Even though I had four years of graduate work in the Master of Divinity program, it's actually from the Lord Yeshua that my understanding of what is right and wrong in His eyes (Mosaic Law versus illicit SEX, respectively) come from. He's the same Lord that you have an intimate relationship with, and hence, why I asked you to ask Jesus *what He thinks about Mosaic Law and illicit SEX*. Simple enough? I continue with our correspondence, not because I'm 'bothered' about these things, and I look past you verbal jabs at me because I love you as a brother in the Lord and I want to see you set free from Papal enslavement. I want to see the Holy Spirit open your eyes to God's way of walking out your faith in Jesus.

The Word of God is God's will for us; for what He wants us to believe about Him and His Son, and how He wants us to walk out our faith in His Son. Unless you're a Roman Catholic, the Scriptures are the only divine source of this understanding. On the other hand, Roman Catholicism believes that the Pope, the Church Councils, and the Church Fathers can (and do) override Scripture. That's why they have no problem with meeting on Sunday, when Jesus met on the Sabbath; and celebrating Easter (or Resurrection Sunday, as many now call it) instead of Passover; and eating pig and other unclean animals instead of avoiding them as Jesus did.

In other words, Roman Catholicism doesn't care about following Jesus, but following the Pope, etc. In this they truly are Pharisees because they nullify God's Word in favor of their opinions. That's why you, Michael, walk out your faith in the Jewish Messiah through all their forms of illicit SEX. You are following the Way of the Pope, Michael,

not Jesus, and you try to justify it, but you have no basis in Scripture for it. All your illustrations and opinions don't amount to anything more than Papal justification, which is actually Pharisaic justification, and we know what the Lord Jesus thought of the Pharisees (Mt. 15:1f.). Do you really want to walk 'hand-in-hand' with the Pope?

Imagine - you have told your children to celebrate your birthday on the day you were born. Well, won't you be glad to find out some of your children have decided to celebrate your birthday more than once per year and honor your life as their dad? Can't you see the logic in that, Avram? Isn't it so logical? What is LAWFUL, Avram, to do on the Sabbath? Have you not considered that question of old? Is it lawful to do good or evil? And what is good, Avram? Isn't it good to celebrate the birth of our Savior and His Ressurection every day, and also on the 3rd of March, and on the 8th of August and on any day of the year? Isn't it good? See, I celebrate the birth of Yeshua every day. I celebrate His death and love on the cross every time I take the Lord Supper and every day too. See, I rest in Him and celebrate His rest not only on the Sabbath but also on Sunday and Monday and every day. Isn't it good to do good on the Sabbath? Who are you to stop me from celebrating Him every day?

Can you show me, in any of my articles or in our correspondence, where I've said you can't celebrate Jesus every day? You err too far because you don't realize that I'm teaching, Michael. First, please show yourself where God gives you authority to change His holy Sabbath day to Sunday, for that is the day you assemble on isn't it? Where does God speak of celebrating the birth of His Son on Christmas. You take too much upon yourself Michael and don't realize that God's Word is His Will. You can do anything you want, but please don't say that God's Word doesn't matter. If your father asked you to get him some ice cream, and your brought him back some sand, do you really think he'd be happy with you?

And who are you to stop me from rejoicing in Yeshua's rest every day? Or is it bad and evil in your eyes, my brother, to celebrate and rejoice in the Lord even on the 25th of December or every day for that matter? Do tell, please!

You are mixing apples and eggs, Michael. Celebrate His death every day, for it was by that that we are taken from the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of Light, and Scripture tells us to do so:

"You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, that is, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), that you may *remember the day in which you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life.*" (Deuteronomy 16:3 NKJV)

The day of His death and resurrection are part of the Passover/Feast of Unleavened Bread, which God, your God, commanded Israel to keep forever, remembering it every day! Who are you not to keep it, Michael? Who are you to detach it from God's Passover and Feast of UB? Do you really think you can do whatever you want in His Kingdom? Is He your King? If so, don't you think that you should obey and follow Him, and not the Pope?

Or have you not heard the words of our Savior saying, "for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward." ??

Great! Now follow Jesus, Michael, not the Pope, and your reward will be even greater:

"Whoever therefore **breaks** one of the **least** of these commandments, and teaches men so,

shall be called *least* in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever *does and teaches them*, he shall be called *great* in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:19 NKJV)

You choose, Michael. Do you want to be called least or great? Do you want to obey your King or disobey Him? He is the SAME today that He was back then (Heb. 8:13). He hasn’t changed, Michael, but Christianity has, and that’s what I address in my articles. It’s a shame that you cannot discern the difference between loving Jesus and following Him.

Therefore, if you are the one saying that we should follow Scripture then do tell, Avram, why are you trying to silence and rebuke Christians who honor the Lord on whatever day?

Because it’s sin in God’s eyes, Michael, to not keep the Sabbath day holy.

It’s sin, Michael, to worship God in pagan holy days, like Easter and Christmas.

It’s sin, Michael, because God’s Word shows us His will, and nowhere in it does God say for us to keep those days...why do you think you can add to God’s Word and that it wouldn’t matter? Because you have drunk deeply from the polluted waters of Rome. Just ask a priest, Michael, if God or the Pope gave you Sunday, and then you’ll have it straight from the source.

Or does He say, "Truly I tell you, anyone who doesn't eat pig, and doesn't celebrate my death and resurrection on pagan dates will not lose their reward"???

Do you really want to see how much sin you can do and still make it into the Kingdom?

Why do you insist on sinning, and thinking that it doesn’t matter?

I do not read those words. I read the words, "Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Messiah will certainly not lose their reward."

Yes and more than that! This is what Yeshua the Messiah says. This is what Scripture says. And I have told you, Avram, that I have seen the same Christians you accuse giving more than a cup of water to the people of God in Yeshua’s name!

Michael, is it works that determines our status with Jesus? Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses do similar if not greater deeds, but none of them will be happy on Judgment Day. Follow the Word, Michael, both living and written. Why do you insist on deviating from the Example set by your Savior? Did Jesus eat pig? Did Jesus keep Sunday? Did Jesus even talk about the Sabbath day changing? On the contrary, your Savior said:

“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” (Matthew 5:18 NKJV)

How is it that you think you can override that?

I do it by the grace of God too. Therefore, please, oh please, if you are not going to change your views (which I do not expect) at least do consider my words toward you. Just pause for a moment, and meditate and give thanks, if you would, to Yeshua for your Christian brothers! He would like that a lot.

Michael

I love my Christian brothers, Michael, so thank you, but I already appreciate them. I also know that if they are truly Christian brothers they will not want to walk in Falsehood, but in God’s Truth. Michael, where is your Scripture to override God’s ways and days? If you have them, please show me, but if not, why do you kick against the pricks?

Blessings!

Avram Yehoshua

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On Friday, May 18, 2018, Avram sent this to Michael:

**Dear Michael,**

There are none so blind as those who will not see.

It's time for me to say Goodbye, Michael. You are not able, at this point in your life, to discern between God's will for your lifestyle and the lifestyle you grew up in. You are not able to debate me on the merits of The Hebraic Perspective. All your points and illustrations, as good as they are, are 'off-point.' They don't address the topic. I don't say that maliciously, but as a matter of fact.

For instance, your Christian friends who are loving and doing good deeds, while keeping Sunday and Christmas, and eating unclean meats, etc., are nevertheless sinning against Jesus, themselves and others with their lifestyle of keeping Sunday, Easter and Christmas, and eating unclean meats. In other words, their love for others is wonderful, but their keeping of illicit SEX is sin and Jesus does not approve of that. Couldn't they be just as loving and keep the Lord's Sabbath and Passover, etc.?

You have argued against lifestyle (Mosaic Law) as though one couldn't be faithful or loving to Jesus and Man, but I've never tried to take away the love and faith of your friends. I have only sought to make them aware that, according to God's Word in the New Testament, their lifestyle is ungodly and sinful in those areas where they deviate from God's Standard...Mosaic Law (2nd Timothy 10-17, etc.).

Goodbye, Michael.

May Yeshua bless you.

Sincerely,

Avram Yehoshua

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On Friday, May 18, 2018, Michael wrote back and said:

**Good bye, Avram?!**

Interestingly, I'm not the one running away from the fellowship but you are! This contradicts your statements on how concerned you are about relationships.

It's interesting that you contradict yourself also by saying, 'it's not works that determines our status with Jesus.' How amazing because you are constantly trying to convince me that works (not eating pig, not celebrating Christmas...) is what determines our status. To me, you are an enthusiast who looks on the surface of the Scriptures and makes his doctrines. A man of works.

And surprisingly you are a man who is not interested in establishing a relationship.

Indeed, you have even gone against the messianic Jews, for crying out loud. Those are the Jews who exalt Yeshua! Can't you just celebrate Yeshua with those who celebrate Him!!?

And btw, you are NEVER answering those questions that are not convenient for you from all the questions I've asked you!!

Another thing is, I haven't seen you speak in love. But I've come to know you as a person who speaks

judgment. I'm just saying it as an observer.

Btw, it's a shame you discern between loving the Lord and following Him - Jesus doesn't - He asked Peter if Peter loved Him and then He equated that with following Him.

You say you love and follow Yeshua, yet we do not see or taste that Avram is good (or loving) toward his fellow human. But just like the scribes discarded Yeshua from the relationship, thus also Avram discards Michael from the relationship.

You say you love and appreciate your Christian brothers, however you don't want to fellowship with them if they differ with you on something. Is this how you relate to your children, Avram? If you rested on Saturday and your son rested on Sunday instead, would you say 'Good bye' to him too??

I'm sad for you, Avram. Are you willing to neglect a brother or a friend or a son who disagrees with you? Think about it.

And finally, you are so proud of the 'Hebraic perspective.' That's sad, because that name in and of itself is a dead giveaway about your views and understanding - it's the hebraic perspective and not God's perspective or Yeshua's perspective! Very indicative!

It's All about traditions.

And then it's also 'seed of Abraham' - even though it sounds good it's only a seed of Abraham and not a seed of Jesus. You are proud of your 'Hebraic' views and of your being a seed of Abraham. But I tell you that God can raise up seeds of Abraham from the stones. I wouldn't brag with what you brag. It's glorious not to have the hebraic perspective but the perspective of Yeshua and to be His seed!

May God bless you and guide you in your search for the truth.

Michael

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On May 19 Michael wrote:

**Hello Avram.**

How are you doing? I hope you have overcome your negative emotions and are ready to continue steady in communication. Surely you don't want to seclude yourself. True? Now you'll say - I've not secluded myself.

Let's examine: you have given the stuff arm to all the Christians (I.e. The Church of Yeshua, because they all celebrate Yeshua on Sunday), you've shunned the messianic Jews (because of their not doing all the works of the law), of course you wouldn't want to be associated with Catholics or orthodox people, and you have basically appeared to be the only one who has understanding.

In your eyes I am only verbally "jabbing" at you. In fact, there was a time when you thought I simply don't like you. You also assumed at different times that I'm giving you Roman Catholic traditions. You've said I was "off point" (since i don't share your view). It's quite something, isn't it?! But let us consider Scripture.

"19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed" Romans 3:19-21a | NKJV

Now, I'm not very fond t of the fact that you're under the law, but that's your choice. Because whatever

the Mosaic law says, it says to those who are under the law. But know this: by the deeds of the mosaic law no flesh will be justified in His sight. But NOW the righteousness of God APART from the law is REVEALED. So now (meaning even now) the righteousness of God is REVEALED (meaning it's a new revelation not the one given to Moses) APART from the law (meaning it's not the law - is something different. Something different that makes you righteous and satisfactory to God). So not eating or eating pig is not what makes you satisfactory, Avram. You need Scriptural evidence? We'll give you at least one at this time: the thief on the cross. Based on the law he was a sinner in Yeshua's eyes. He had no chance to keep the Sabbath, or to keep eating right. YET, Yeshua declared him righteous! Why? Because he got justified apart from the mosaic law - namely, by believing that Yeshua is He Who says He is.

May God bless you as you come to experience God's grace apart from the law.

Greetings,

Michael

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If anyone has a question about the dialogue between Michael and me, please ask.

Avram Yehoshua

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Thursday, July 19, 2018

Shalom my dear brother Avram,

I want to thank you and your wife for the sacrifices you have made over the years to render yourselves as such worthy vessels of the Almighty to equip His body. I have been so blessed and built up with the wealth of instruction you have offered over the internet. Thank you for your faithfulness!

I look forward to the day I can meet you in person and we can talk about our marvelous Father and Messiah and the beauty of His ways and instructions.

Blessing of our Father to you and your wife.

Shalom,

Victor

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