

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

I was born in Brooklyn, New York in May 1951. My Jewish parents divorced when I was five years old and I grew up thinking I was the only kid who didn't have his father living at home (in 1956 divorce wasn't as common as it is today). At 20 years old I was attending Bergen Community College in Paramus, New Jersey, but I made my living shooting pool. I would eventually graduate from Ramapo State College in Mahwah, NJ with a BA in Political Science, with no distinctions. My heart was into running, lifting weights and shooting pool, and my real education came from the pool hall where I got an MA in "Banking" and a PhD in "English" :)

My life was one where I did whatever I wanted to do. Leaving home at 18, I made the pool hall my new home where I could be found 60 hours a week. I smoked grass, did hash and some LSD, and learned what sex was all about. I also saw that I wasn't as ethical as I had imagined myself to be, but now, at 20 years old, something was stirring inside of me. As I drove onto Route 17 to go to the pool hall in Paramus that day, I looked up into the sky and said, "God, if You're real, I want to know. If You're not real then Heaven and Hell don't mean anything, but if You are real, You're wise enough and strong enough to get in onto a guy like me."

That began my spiritual journey. Oh, I "knew" God existed. I had heard about Him in one way or another all my life, but God meant no more to me than Abraham Lincoln. I knew he existed too, but Mr. Lincoln didn't affect my life, not as I could see it in 1971, and neither did God, if He even existed. Where was real Life? I was hungry for Reality. I searched for God in Transcendental Meditation. I found something neat there. I looked into Zen Buddhism and I loved it. I thought they were the perfect answer to reality, but I would come to see that God wasn't in either of them—just "self" at a heightened level of awareness. I would wander down that spiritual dead-end for four years and then I left New Jersey and headed to Tampa, Florida to make my fortune—what else was there to do in life?

I had played pool for five years and I could have turned professional, but my heart wasn't into hustling people. I had come to see that in order to excel I'd have to become insensitive to people and to any morals I might have had left. I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life, but I knew I didn't want to shoot pool for the rest of it. To be the best you have to give your soul to the game, which I had done, but the game didn't give life to my soul. It was great to play and win. The fun, friendships and sense of belonging were wonderful, but something was missing. I would have headed to California, but I didn't think my 1967 Buick Skylark would make it. So a friend of mine and I decided to head to Florida to seek our fortune. It was September 1975. I had only brought a couple of books with me, but one of them would radically change my life. I had heard good things about it over the last few years and when I began reading it a month later, in Florida, in Oct 1975, I thought it was going to be like the other self-help books I had read before. I was into "pulling myself up by my own belt loops," and I thought that *The Power of Positive Thinking* by Norman Vincent Peale would be similar. It wasn't. It was my time to meet the God of Israel.

God drew me to Himself through the book. It had short stories of people who were searching for Reality, Hope or real Peace with God. Each one found their answer in Jesus. I was deeply impressed. I had never read anything about Him before. By the time I was halfway through the book I could see that Jesus was everything I had always wanted, but I could never put my Jewish finger on. As the author suggested I asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins and to come into my heart and the most incredible thing happened—*He did! I felt His Living Peace sweep over me.* It wasn't the "peace of nothingness" that I had learned from the gurus, but a tangible heavenly Peace. The two are as different as night and day, and I *knew* I had made the right decision. The God of the Universe—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, was revealing Himself to me through His Son. I had an experiential awareness of Jesus, God the Son, for He manifested Himself within me and I was Born Again (John 3:3, 5). One Journey had come to an end while another had just begun.

There's only one Way to Papa God and it's through His Son Jesus. Don't be deceived as I had been, by Satan's counterfeits. You *can* know the great Peace and incredible Love of Papa God. Ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and to be Born Again. If you have any questions call me at 727 515-2336 or email me at AvramYeh@Gmail.com or contact me through my website at The [SeedofAbraham.net](http://seedofAbraham.net). For the rest of my Journey, see *Sam the Rock Thrower* at <http://seedofAbraham.net/Sam-the-Rock-Thrower.pdf>. If you haven't begun your Journey yet, what are you waiting for?

Blessings from Above!

Avram Yehoshua

COME! CELEBRATE THE BIBLICAL JESUS!

If you're already a Christian I write to you in the Joy and Love of our awesome Lord and Savior. I have been blessed to know Jesus for 49 years. I pastored a church in Tulsa for 14 years (til 1998), and I lived and pastored in Israel for 16 years, sharing Jesus, the love of my life, with my Jewish people, until I was imprisoned for ten days and deported. I've taught more than 500 times in various churches, from the Assemblies of God to United Methodists and every church "in between," on the holiness of Jesus from the Old Testament. Now I find myself, at the leading of the Holy Spirit, back in Tulsa after 25 years of living elsewhere, proclaiming the Love and Truth of Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ) to Jew and Gentile, and beginning a very unique congregation. I didn't grow up in the Church and so when I gave my heart to Jesus in Oct. 1975 and was Born Again (Jn. 3:3, 5), I devoured the Bible. I "couldn't get enough" of Jesus and His Word. In 1979 the Lord led me to ORU where I studied for four years in the Master of Divinity program. I learned much there, but after that it was the Lord's turn to teach me and lead me deeper into His Kingdom and His Way of walking out my faith in Him. In the summer of 1983, as our congregation took root in Tulsa, the Lord challenged me through a godly woman. She asked me why Christians didn't keep Mosaic Law. I told her what I had learned at ORU: Jesus "nailed the Law to the cross" (Col. 2:14). A few days later she came back to me and asked,

"If Mosaic Law isn't for Christians, why does the Apostle Paul tell his Corinthian Christians to become "unleavened" (bread) and to keep Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread?"

She pointed to 1st Cor. 5:6-8 and there it was—Paul, 23 years *after* the Resurrection, told the Corinthians they were "truly unleavened" and to keep the Feast, which obviously is the Passover—Feast of Unleavened Bread. It startled me. With that question and the NT Scripture though, Jesus had made a tiny crack in my theological wall against Mosaic Law. I was now very curious to find out God's Truth about the Law. Eventually Yeshua led me to the Five Pillars of Mosaic Law for every Christian who wants to know His Truth (John 8:31-32) and to walk like He walked (1st Jn. 2:6). In other words, the biblical Christian lifestyle over the *heretical traditions* of the Church. The Five Pillars are:

1. The Feasts of Israel (like Passover; Mt. 26:1-29; Acts 20:6; 27:9; 1st Cor. 5:6-8; cf. Ezk. 44:24; 45:21-25; 46:9, 11),
2. The Law of Love (Dt. 6:4-5; Mt. 5:44; 22:35-40),
3. The Mosaic Dietary Laws (Mt. 15:1-2, 19-20; Acts 10:14, 28, 34-35; 11:18; 21:20-24; 25:8; 1st Tim. 4:4-5) and,
4. The Seventh Day Sabbath (Mk. 2:27-28; 24:20; Acts 13:42, 44; 15:21; Heb. 4:9; cf. Is. 66:23; Ezk. 44:24; 46:1, 3-4, 12),
5. Tithing (Mt. 23:23; Lk. 11:42; these two cites are "pre-Cross," but if the Law isn't done away with, tithing is still valid).

Illicit SEX is an acronym for **S**unday, **E**aster and **X**mas, and also includes the eating of biblically unclean animals such as pig (e.g. bacon) and shrimp, and the Church's contempt for Mosaic Law. *Illicit SEX* came into the Church through Pope Sixtus in 120 AD, who changed Sabbath to Sunday, Passover to Easter, and threw out Mosaic Law (cf. Dan. 7:25; Rev. 18:4). *No Apostle did it. If illicit SEX* was of God it would be written in the New Testament to observe Sunday and Easter, etc. There isn't a single Scripture that says, "Sunday has replaced the Sabbath." Why not, if Sunday is of Jesus or His Apostles? Jesus is the *same today* as He was 2,000 years ago (Heb. 13:8). He is our Head and we're His Body (Eph. 1:22; Col. 1:18), and Scripture says we're *to walk just like He walked*, emulating His lifestyle (1st John 2:6; cf. 1st Cor. 4:16-17; 11:1; 2nd Cor. 12:18; Phil. 3:15-17; 4:9, etc.). Jesus kept the 7th day Sabbath holy, etc., and He was never legalistic about it. He never ate ham because it was (and still is) sin for Him. *By His sacrificial death He redeemed us from sin, not so that we should keep on sinning.* If it was sin for Jesus to eat sausage and ham, how could it not be sin for us? *Jesus didn't do away with God's holy Days and holy Ways* (Mt. 5:17-19; Lk. 24:44; 7:12, 14; cf. Dt. 4:5-8; 12:28-32). The Feasts of Israel reveal Who our Lord is—after all, He's the Passover Lamb, not the chocolate Easter Bunny. He wants us to walk out their faith in Him, His Way—not the Pope's Way. Christians are part of Israel, not Rome (Jn 10:16; Rom. 1:11; Eph. 2:11f.). I teach the *Lord's biblical lifestyle*. Join us, *The Seed of Abraham*, for our *radioactive, tradition busting, Jesus exalting* services at Harpers Lodge Apts: 4763 S. Fulton Ave. #419, Tulsa, OK. **Sabbath Worship—3:00 PM** (on Saturday) and our **Tuesday night Radical Bible Study at 6:30 PM**.

Learn to walk out your faith in Jesus *His Way*, not the Pope's Way, *nor the way of any pastor who unwittingly follows the Pope by teaching illicit SEX*, which is diametrically opposed to the New Testament (see Acts 1:1-3; 25:8; Rom. 3:31; 1st Cor. 7:19; Rev. 14:12). It's not a light matter to sin against Jesus, even in ignorance. You can email me at **AvramYeh@Gmail.com**. Also, see Romans 3:20b for God's specific definition of sin and consequently, what His will is for us concerning His Christian lifestyle vs the Church's sinful lifestyle of *illicit SEX*. (Rev. Thursday, July 11, 2024)