

Couldn't We All Use A Little Amazing Grace About Now?...

For Average Joes From An Average Joe

**“Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see...”**

How often have we all taken solace over the years, having grown up within the Church, in this song written by John Newton? This song is said by many to be one of the most popular hymns ever written. Yet, I wonder even now if the last line of this amazing verse is actually true in our lives. Do we now see? Are we able to now clearly distinguish and discern all things present before our eyes?

When Jewish people come to an acceptance of their Messiah, often times they have been faithfully reading their Jewish Bible—containing the Law, Prophets, and Writings—for many years and then one day, perhaps while reading Isaiah fifty three, they suddenly see words within the text which were always there, but which their eyes had never seen in that light before. This type of sudden restoration of vision to things in the Scriptures which have always been there has enabled many people to now lovingly embrace the Old Testament as well as the New Testament, and in recent years has brought into the light, for all to see, the prophetic reality of the coming Two House Restoration of Israel.

My question today is, are we now seeing all there is to see? Are there yet more surprises in store for us within the pages of Scripture.....Perhaps surprises which we had rather not know of, or about, but which impact our lives and the lives of each and every person who believes the Scriptures to be the Word of Our Creator? If there indeed exist such surprises, then I guess the question put forth to each of us would be: Are we willing to find out?

I would like to share with you a few things within the Scriptures which I feel are well worth looking into and which could turn out to be surprising eye openers for us all. I will begin with a topic which I am sure we all feel ourselves familiar with. Most of us were raised in the Church either receiving holy communion each mass in the Catholic Church or if raised in the Protestant Church, then perhaps partaking of the bread and wine of the “Lord's Supper” at Church on an Easter Sunday or more often, depending upon the customs of the Church we attended.

Before going further please meditate upon the following passages of Scripture which we will come back to later. I humbly ask that you bear with me as I seek to consider the feelings of others in using within our discussion the King James and the Besorah translations of the Scriptures.....

Deu 4:2 The Besorah--“**Do not add to** the Word which I command you, and **do not take away from it**, so as to guard the commands of אֲנִי אֵלֹהִים your Elohim which I am commanding you.

Deu 12:32 KJV--What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: **thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.**

Rev 22:18-19 KJV--For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall **add unto these things**, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall **take away from the words of the book of this prophecy**, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

As we each meditate upon these verses let us continue our search for surprises within the Scriptures. Shall we wade right in and get our feet wet? I have heard it said many times that there is no such thing as a stupid question, so I will pose another: Is it not reasonable to assume that things invisible to the naked eye are most times in plain sight, yet unnoticed, and unseen?.....

Mat 26:26-30 The Besorah--And as they were eating, אֲנִי took bread, and having blessed, broke and gave it to the taught ones and said, “Take, eat, this is My body.” And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “**Drink from it, all of you. “For this is My blood, that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.**” “But I say to you, I shall certainly not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on till that day when I drink it anew with you in the reign of My Father.” And having sung a song, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Now pause for a moment and consider this: Has it ever entered our minds before this moment exactly **why** our Messiah and Savior would institute this ceremony, out of the clear blue sky, as His disciples and He observed His Father's commanded Passover meal? We have been told through our Church teaching that Messiah became our Passover and so it is no longer necessary to kill and eat the Passover lamb, but instead we are to remember Messiah through the bread and the wine. That is what we have been told, and that is what we have believed, but is that the truth?

Let us apply some simple logic: Even though some of us might say the Law is ended most believe the Ten Commandments should be observed; most believe practicing magic, witchcraft, or divination is wrong; most would never dream of drinking **blood**.

Would we? How often do we sit down in the evening and have a nice warm glass of **blood**? Not often I hope, since most of us would find that thought revolting to say the least. Why is that? Because, my brothers and sisters, the Law of Our Creator, which some say is ended, still seeks to rule over our hearts and that very Law forbids the eating or drinking of **blood**. **Eating and drinking blood is and always has been an abominable practice.**

Lev 7:26-27 KJV--Moreover **ye shall eat no manner of blood**, whether it be of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings. Whatsoever soul *it be* that eateth **any manner of blood**, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

We all are aware that animal sacrifices were carried out by the Levitical Priesthood for the **unintentional** sins of the people. What we probably have given little thought to, however, is the fact that **no where** within the text of the Old Testament Scriptures is this shed **blood** ever given to anyone to drink, the reason being that the Law of our Creator forbids the consumption of **blood** by His people.

I pray that the Spirit of Messiah will speak to us as we seek to truly see with our hearts and minds whether there is **something wrong with this picture** of what is being presented in these passages as a Law Abiding Messiah (A perfect sacrifice for our sins **because of** his perfect obedience to His Father's Law.) keeping His last Passover meal upon this earth with His disciples and then asking them to drink His **blood**. Perhaps an analogy will help. Picture in your mind, as you read the passages below, that in place of the bread Messiah reaches under the table and pulls out a large jar of pickled pigs feet instead. What kind of reaction would He have gotten from His kosher keeping disciples? That's right, pig flesh is not kosher—food for man—and is forbidden by the Law to be eaten just as **blood** is also forbidden. Had His disciples heard either suggestion come forth from His lips they would have sat there dismayed, with looks of puzzled disbelief, shock, and bewilderment upon their faces, as they came to suddenly realize that any Messiah who would speak in such a manner was, in truth, no messiah at all, but a Lawless, sinful, man.....

Mat 26:26-28 KJV--And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink** ye all of it; **For this is my blood** of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Mar 14:22-24 The Besorah--And as they were eating **וּמְצָאֵל** took bread, having blessed, broke it, gave it to them and said, "Take, eat, this is My body." And taking the cup, giving thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, "**This is My blood**, that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many.

Luk 22:15-20 KJV--And he said unto them, **With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer**: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood**, which is shed for you.

Luke is not quite as graphic in his account of the institution of what has come to be known as the "Lord's Supper," but the passages from John below make it fairly conclusive that the disciples of Messiah were not only being asked, but **required** to drink His **blood**.....Why?.....Were we not all taught that the Scriptures say Messiah's **blood** was shed to cover our sins by being applied to our hearts? Was there ever any mention of His **blood** ending up in our bellies? Is it our bellies that need saving or our hearts?.....

Joh 6:53-56 The Besorah--**וּמְצָאֵל** therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Adam and **drink His blood**, you possess no life in yourselves. "He who eats My flesh and **drinks My blood** possesses everlasting life, and I shall raise him up in the last day. "For My flesh is truly food, and **My blood is truly drink**. "He who eats My flesh and **drinks My blood** stays in Me, and I in him.

Let's take a look at this translation. Neither of these passages take place at the Passover meal but, according to the text, while Messiah was teaching in a synagogue in Capernaum, a synagogue containing Law abiding Jews.

Joh 6:53-56 KJV --Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and **drink his blood**, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and **drinketh my blood**, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and **my blood is drink indeed**. He that eateth my flesh, and **drinketh my blood**, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Obviously the Jews in the synagogue this day were well familiar with manna from the heavens, and were familiar with this passage of text from the Old Testament, just as we are all familiar with the next passage from the New Testament.....

Deu 8:3 The Besorah--"And He humbled you, and let you suffer hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, to make you know that **man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of אֱלֹהִים**.

Mat 4:4 KJV--But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God**.

I would like to submit for your consideration, that no Jew standing there upon that day, nor any Jew living today, is familiar with any passage of Scripture within the Old Testament allowing us to drink **blood**, whether it be the **blood** of bulls, of men, or of the Almighty Himself. I am quite sure that if these words were actually spoken that day, then at that very moment Messiah would have been arrested upon charges of inciting the people to disobey the Law. Why do I say this?

Deu 13:1-5 The Besorah--"When there arises among you **a prophet** or a dreamer of dreams, and he **shall give you a sign or a wonder, and** the sign or the wonder shall come true, of which he **has spoken to you, saying, 'Let us go after other mighty ones** – which you have not known – and serve them,' **do not listen to the words of that prophet** or that dreamer of dreams, for אֱלֹהִים your Elohim is trying you to know whether you love אֱלֹהִים your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being. "**Walk after אֱלֹהִים your Elohim and fear Him, and guard His commands and obey His voice, and serve Him and cling to Him**. "And **that prophet** or that dreamer of dreams **is put to death, because he has spoken apostasy against אֱלֹהִים your Elohim** – who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim and redeemed you from the house of bondage – to make you stray from the way in which אֱלֹהִים your Elohim commanded you to walk. **Thus you shall purge the evil from your midst**.

Deu 13:6-11 KJV--**If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife** of thy bosom, **or thy friend**, which *is* as thine own soul, **entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods**, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; *Namely*, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth; **Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD** thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

Had Messiah actually spoken these words He would have been faced with an angry mob dragging Him to the edge of town and found Himself being stoned as a Law violator. This would have not only ruined Our Heavenly Father's plan to offer up His Son for our sins upon the stake, but it would have rendered Messiah a **blemished** sacrifice, unfit to be offered upon the altar of the Almighty. We, my friends, would have had no hope of salvation to this very day. Wouldn't that be a surprise?.....Yet, we know that Messiah was brought before Pilate on false charges, which should speak to our hearts that a Law abiding Messiah could never have uttered the words which we have read so many, many, times until now, but have never before seen these passages in this light.

However, this new light may also raise another question, a question which could be viewed as being in defense of this passage, but is it? We truly need to use our heads as more than hat racks, shake the cobwebs loose, and realize that contrary to what we have been taught, there is no harm—no malevolent evil—in asking honest, sincere, questions. In fact, that is the purpose of this article: To stimulate our minds to question what we have always accepted as true and determine **if** that is so. Following these passages in John 6:53-56 the text indicates that many disciples of Messiah felt what He had said was too hard to bear, and from that time stopped walking with Him. The question brought to light: "has this been added also?" The reasoning here being that if

some disciples stopped following Him, and the twelve disciples remained, then perhaps Messiah truly did utter these words.....

Joh 6:60-66 KJV--Many therefore of his disciples, **when they had heard this**, said, **This is an hard saying; who can hear it?** When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; **the flesh profiteth nothing**: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. **From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.**

This line of reasoning seems logical at first glance. It is obvious that the passages regarding eating Messiah's flesh and drinking His **blood** and these later passages would appear to support each other. This might cause us to believe that either both are true statements **or**, both were added to the text. If it is true that the text has been tampered with, then the first—easiest to accept—let's not make any waves—conclusion **is** the tamperers' desired response, a final pitch to close the sale of this text forgery within our hearts and minds, knowing full well this pitch implies that those who no longer walked with Messiah were unbelievers, while on the other hand those who remained and partook of the Lord's Supper were true believers. This pitch transmits a silent and subliminal question: "Which are you, a believer, or a nonbeliever?" As this stinging accusation registers upon our hearts—even this very moment—it seeks to quell any and all doubts we may have had up to this point as to whether Messiah actually stated these words. This pitch also implies a threat: If you dare question the status quo—the text as presented—pointing out that Messiah's statements in these passages do not seem to fit the mold—the Character and Image of the the Almighty—His Holy Personality—as presented by prophetic Scripture of a perfect lamb and sacrifice for sin, then you are, without doubt, a nonbeliever.

I pray we are all believers, believing with all our hearts in the promised Messiah, His life upon this earth, His ministry, His death, His resurrection, His promise of eternal life for those who trust and obey His Commandments, and His coming Kingdom. But, does this render us blind to obvious facts: If our Messiah had said, "drink my **blood**," His disciples would not have responded with, "this is a hard saying, who can hear it." The immediate response, had they heard these words spoken, would have been a spontaneous cry in unison of, "Blasphemy! Blasphemy!," knowing in their hearts that the Character of Our Creator—speaking through the mouth of Messiah—would never use Lawless terminology in attempting to teach us spiritual truths in relation to obedience to Him through His Law. Does it not seem strange, knowing our Heavenly Father as we do, that He would choose to teach us obedience through metaphoric symbolism which **directly implies disobedience to His Law**? Are we able to say at this point, "was blind but now I see?"

Shall we allow our eyes to adjust to the light? Can we now see that the following passages are questionable as well? Are we seeing evidence of corporate corruption?.....

1Co 10:16 The Besorah--The **cup** of blessing which **we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Messiah?** The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Messiah?

1Co 11:23-25 KJV--For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood**: this do ye, as oft as ye **drink it**, in remembrance of me.

This of course is Paul speaking, or is it? Do we see an obvious Scriptural untruth within the passages above? "**This cup is the new testament in my blood?**" What's wrong with this statement? To begin with: It **implies membership in good standing** in the Covenant—New Testament—i.e. Church membership—**through participation** in the Lord's Supper. We have accepted this subliminal suggestion within the Protestant movement all of our lives, and if raised in the Catholic Church, then you already know for a fact that partaking of your first communion—the Eucharist—the Lord's Supper—initiates your active church membership. What else is implied here? The other implication is that to choose **to not participate** in this ceremony, this Lord's Supper, is to choose to not walk in the Covenant—New Testament—i.e. Church membership—inferring that those who make this choice are not members in good standing, lost, and possibly doomed for eternal damnation. Nowadays you might refer to this tactic as coercion by way of peer pressure. We admonish our children by encouraging them to, "Just say no." Should we not do the same when asked to participate in a ceremony which is out of character with the words and actions of a Law Abiding Messiah, and which also is not to be found in the written contract of the Renewed Covenant—New Testament—promised by Our Mighty One?.....

Jer 31:31-33 KJV--Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make **a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But **this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel;** After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;** and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Heb 8:8-10 The Besorah--For finding fault with them, He says, "See, the days are coming," says אַיִשׁ, "when **I shall conclude with the house of Yisra'el and with the house of Yehudah a renewed covenant,** not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Mitsrayim, because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them," says אַיִשׁ. "Because **this is the covenant that I shall make** with the house of Yisra'el after those days, says אַיִשׁ, **giving My laws in their mind, and I shall write them on their hearts,** and I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.

The ceremony which confirms that you and I **are walking** in the New Testament is that we are allowing the Almighty to **write His Law upon our hearts.** Have we not all heard this proverb: As a man thinketh, so is he? The truth of this proverb is that **if** the Law of Our Creator is truly written upon our hearts—our understanding opened to the reality that the Law—Torah, which means "Teaching"—is our guide to a happy, peaceful, fruitful life—our physical actions will naturally become those of obedience to the Law of Our Mighty One. Do we see the words, "**This cup is the new testament in my blood,**" written in this promised and long awaited Covenant? Has someone attempted to alter the terms of the contract, terms which clearly define **what is,** and **what is not,** walking in the Covenant—New Testament, thereby misleading the reader into believing all that is truly necessary on his or her part in order to receive eternal life is to partake of the Lord's Supper—eating the flesh and drinking the **blood** of Messiah? On the other hand, could it be that this tampering person or persons was unaware, ignorant, of the terms of the promised Renewed Covenant—New Testament when the decision was made to alter the text? One thing we can say of a surety: It does not take an Einstein to see that someone did not take into account that consuming **blood** is an abomination before our Heavenly Father and is forbidden in His Law. Is this the only thing that does not seem right about this passage?

Paul by his own mouth was a Pharisee of Pharisees, yet these passages make no mention of the fact that it was indeed the night of Passover when Messiah was betrayed. Surely, Peter, James, John, or one of the other brethren present at the meal would have pointed this out to him had he been ignorant of these facts. Surely Our Mighty One would have made him aware of this fact if indeed these passages **are** the inspired Word of Our Creator. One thing is for sure, if Paul had heard a voice instructing him to write these words in regards to **drinking blood,** he would have known immediately that the voice he was hearing **was not** that of the Spirit of the Almighty. Paul made it clear several times in Acts and in his letter to the Romans that he kept the Law as did James and the other emissaries of Messiah and His "Good News....."

Act 18:21 KJV--But bade them farewell, saying, **I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem:** but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

Act 25:8 KJV--While he answered for himself, **Neither against the law of the Jews,** neither against **the temple,** nor yet against Caesar, **have I offended any thing at all.**

Act 24:14 KJV--But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, **so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:**

Rom 7:25 The Besorah—Thanks to Elohim, through אֱלֹהִים Messiah our Master! So then, **with the mind I myself truly serve the Torah** of Elohim, but with the flesh the law of sin.

Now, if you are Catholic then you already know that all Catholics are taught the bread and wine **actually becomes** the body and **blood** of Messiah. Others have been taught that this is only metaphorical and spiritual in nature. But, whether literally, metaphorically, or spiritually, **why would** a Law abiding Messiah ask us, even jokingly, to violate His Father's Law by drinking **blood**? Does it not stand to reason that if this same Messiah has made us shockingly aware that when a man lusts after a woman in his mind (having not yet committed a physical act) that he has already committed adultery with her in his heart, then it also stands to reason that by drinking **blood** in a metaphorical or spiritual sense **we are** in reality **committing the act of drinking real blood within our hearts?** We stand, then, as guilty of sin as the man who has lusted after a woman, and by the mouth of Messiah, has committed adultery with her in his heart.

If it does not make sense as to why a Law Abiding Messiah would ask us to do such a thing, then should we not consider the very real possibility that, **perhaps, these were not His words at all**, but have been added to the text for a very express purpose and reason? If this should prove to be true, then should we not also inquire as to what that reason might be? What might be the motive? What might be the hidden teaching and agenda implanted here.....An agenda which has since brought an end to the Scriptural observance of Passover as per Exodus chapter twelve, because we each have been taught that Messiah has become that Passover and now we are to remember Him with the bread and the wine? Before participating in this ceremony again, would it be wise to know the true origins of this ceremony and who it actually honors? We'll look into those possible origins after establishing a bit more clearly that something really is amiss here.....

How's your memory? Do you recall those passages of Scripture I asked you to meditate upon as we began this journey? Let's take a break for a moment, and fall back and discuss those passages.

Deu 4:2 The Besorah--"**Do not add to** the Word which I command you, and **do not take away from it**, so as to guard the commands of אַתָּאֵל your Elohim which I am commanding you.

Deu 12:32 KJV--What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: **thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.**

Rev 22:18-19 KJV--For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall **add unto these things**, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall **take away from the words of the book of this prophecy**, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

I am going to stretch your mental vision a bit further now and propose something which most of us have never considered before: That the verses above are not only commands warning us not to add to, nor take away from the Word of Our Mighty One, but also have a future purpose and meaning. For example if mankind in general, but most especially His people, would not think to murder, adulterate, or steal, then there would have been no need for a commandment to not do such things. Tragically, Scripture reveals to us that mankind in general and certain of His people **have done these things** and therefore, the commands were most definitely needed. The same is true for the passages above. If men would never think to add to or take away from the Word then these commands would have never been uttered. But, they were.....Why?.....Because, I believe it very possible that these passages have long been mistaken for being **only** commands when in fact they **are** prophetic warnings of things to come. They are prophecy spoken by the mouth of the Mighty One to Moses, and by the mouth of Messiah to John. Have either Father, or Son, ever uttered a prophecy which has not come to pass? Have either ever once uttered an idle word? Is there perchance any clearly stated Scripture to support the idea that it would enter into the heart of man to tamper with the word of Our Mighty One?

Jer 8:8-9 The Besorah--"How do you say, 'We are wise, and the Torah of אַתָּאֵל is with us?' **But look, the false pen of the scribe has worked falsehood.** "The wise shall be put to shame, they shall be broken down and caught. See, they have rejected the Word of אַתָּאֵל, so what wisdom do they have?

In the verses above we see clear evidence that the word of Our Mighty One was being tampered with and I believe we can conclude by the words **false pen** that this was being done purposefully, not my mistake or accident. This makes it clear that men have tampered with the text of what we have come to call the Old Testament at least in some fashion, and Our Mighty One is fully aware of it. This should amply demonstrate that the passages warning men not to add to nor take away from the word were not only necessary, but in fact were prophetic warnings of what was to come. Please take note that these warnings were given in the Old Testament, and also given once again by the mouth of Messiah through John in the New Testament. Could there be a logical reason why? Would history repeat itself?

Now, am I in any way suggesting that the Word as written by inspired men through the Spirit of the Almighty is errant and not trustworthy in guiding us in our daily lives, our eternal lives? Absolutely not. The Word inspired and written in its original form was **perfect and without error of any kind**. However, the translations which we possess today are the result of the handling of thousands of years of copyists and translators. Men. Mistakes in translation happen and have been discovered. Some translations are deemed to be more accurate than others, and so the quest for the perfect translation goes on. Sadly it does not mean that translations are improving in quality and dependability. Allow me to give a simple but clear example.....

Mar 7:19 KJV 1611--Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

Mar 7:19 Geneva Bible 1587--Because it entreth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught which is the purging of all meates?

These Scripture translations are roughly 400 years old. Our natural tendency would be to think that Scripture translations of today would just naturally be better, but is that necessarily so? The responsibility of a translator is that he must present the text carrying forth the exact meaning as was originally intended without allowing his or her personal beliefs to taint the work which is being done. The problem with this is, men are human and they do tend to see and twist things to their own way of thinking. The King James Version has a number of poorly translated passages which literally remove the Hebrew and Jewish identity of the Messiah without actually lying about what was said or done. For example, we have all read the story of the woman in Matthew 9:20 who had the issue of **blood** for twelve years, had sought healing by various doctors without result, and simply "touched the hem of His garment." This took place again in Matthew 14:36 as people came to Him asking only that they be permitted to touch the hem of his garments. Miracles took place each time this happened, so what is missing from the text? Simply this: Jewish folks did not have hems on their garments, but they did wear garments with four corners and tied to each corner in obedience to the Law were tassels called Tzit-Tzit. The woman with the issue of **blood** touched Messiah's Tzit-Tzit; a sign that He was walking in covenant and obedience to His Father; a sign that He was Hebrew and Jewish. The word hem **robs** Messiah of His identity as a Law Obedient Hebrew Jew. In addition to this fact the word hem **robs us** of realizing that an Old Testament prophecy has come to pass in these verses.....

Mal 4:2 KJV--But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise **with healing in his wings**; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

The wings of Messiah are His Tzit-Tzit. So, we see now that simply not possessing a Hebrew mindset can actually change the intended meaning and message of the text. There have been many such poor renderings made by translators who did not possess or take into account the Hebrew mindset and culture.

Is this as bad as it gets? Sadly, not so. For as many poorly translated passages as the King James Version has, the translators for the most part did attempt to stick to translating the text which they possessed, ignoring personal notations made by previous copyists or translators. In our newer, but not necessarily better, translations the translators have not been quite so diligent in their work, allowing a previous copyist's or translator's personal notation, placed in brackets or parenthesis, to be included in their work as though they were the words of the author of the text. This is "the **unforgivable sin**" for any translator since men trust almost blindly that what they are reading and living by is the unaltered, untainted, Word of Our Creator. The resulting modern translations lead the reader to believe that the commandment given to Moses regarding what is and what is not food--kosher--has been rescinded and all things a man would desire to eat are now considered food after asking a blessing upon it through prayer. Nothing could be further from the truth unless the prophecy given by the mouth of Our Mighty One to Isaiah fails to come to pass, in which case would make not only Isaiah who prophesied of the coming of Messiah a false prophet, but it would render Our Creator a liar. A Creator who says in Malachi 3:6, "**I change not.**"

Isa 66:15-17 KJV--For, **behold, the LORD will come with fire**, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, **to render his anger with fury**, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and **by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. They that sanctify themselves**, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one *tree* in the midst, **eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.**

You will find some modern translated passages of text whose translators have chosen to include within their work the personal notations of this past copyist or translator, thus calling the Almighty a liar, listed below.....

Mar 7:19 ASV--because it goeth not into his heart, but into his belly, and goeth out into the draught? **This he said, making all meats clean.**

Mar 7:19 CJB--For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and it passes out into the latrine." **(Thus he declared all foods ritually clean.)**

Mar 7:19 GNB—because it does not go into your heart but into your stomach and then goes on out of the body." **(In saying this, Jesus declared that all foods are fit to be eaten.)**

Mar 7:19 ISV—For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and is expelled as waste." **(Thus he declared all foods clean.)**

Mar 7:19 KJRV—because it goeth not into his heart, but into his belly, and goeth out into the draught? *This he said,* making all meats clean.

Mark 7:19 NIV—For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." **(In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.")**

Mark 7:18-19 NLT—"Don't you understand either?" he asked. "Can't you see that the food you put into your body cannot defile you? Food doesn't go into your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer." **(By saying this, he declared that every kind of food is acceptable in God's eyes.)**

Mark 7:18-20 NRSV—He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" **(Thus he declared all foods clean.)**

Mark 8:19 Amplified Bible—Since it does not reach and enter his heart but **[only his]** digestive tract, and so passes on **[into the place designed to receive waste]**? Thus He was making and declaring all foods **[ceremonially]** clean **[that is, abolishing the ceremonial distinctions of the Levitical Law]**.

Mark 7:18-19 The Message—Jesus said, "Are you being willfully stupid? Don't you see that what you swallow can't contaminate you? It doesn't enter your heart but your stomach, works its way through the intestines, and is finally flushed." **(That took care of dietary quibbling; Jesus was saying that all foods are fit to eat.)**

The words in the passages above stating that Messiah declared all foods clean **were never in the original text**. In fact, they have absolutely nothing to do with the conversation which had just transpired. A bit of truth seeking scrutiny will reveal this. The person who jotted down their bracketed notations—expressing their opinion of what had just transpired—alongside the text of Mark chapter 7:1-20 failed, in their notation making mission, to take **clear notation** of the fact that this text has nothing at all to do with a discussion of what is food and what is not food--kosher--but whether or not a man failing to wash his hands in a particular ceremonial manner defiles him or not. The conversation concluded with Messiah sharing that it is not dirt or filth going into a man that defiles him, but that it is what comes out of a man--his heart and mind--that defiles him before the Almighty.

Obviously, we need no longer wonder if men would dare to tamper with the Word of the Almighty. Whether it be by a lack of knowledge of the Hebrew culture and mindset, or by deliberate act, men have already broken the commands to not add to, nor take away from, the Word of Our Mighty One, proving them to be prophecy. Not all the transgressions of men in regards to altering the text of Scripture are quite so obvious as our previous examples were, which is exactly why we must open our hearts and our minds to see all that is there, what belongs there and what does not. Our test instruments? The Law or Torah, and the fact that Scripture cannot and must not contradict Scripture. Using this rule of thumb and applying it to the whole of the Scriptures will reveal to us any surprises lurking in the darkness.

Got your flashlight handy? Let's prove or disprove the "Lord's Supper" text, shall we.....And immediately someone may begin to get cold feet. After all, asking these kinds of questions might be considered treading on dangerous ground. That is exactly what those who have dared to alter the Word of Our Creator want you to think. Take a deep breath. Let it out. Now. When has it ever been wrong to seek truth, to separate truth from lie? Still, someone may say, "Well Jesus ended the Law so it is perfectly okay for us to drink **blood**" or they might offer, "We're not under the Law of the Jews, we're under the Noahide Laws, the covenant made with Noah, so there is nothing wrong with drinking Messiah's **blood**." Well, shall we look at a passage of that covenant with Noah?

Gen 9:4 The Besorah--"But do not eat flesh with its life, its **blood**.

The above passage is taken directly from the covenant our Mighty One made with Noah. Eating **blood** is forbidden **for all mankind** under this covenant since the flood. What about before the flood? Why did the flood take place? Because men did such wicked things as eating and drinking **blood**.

The Book of Enoch 7:1-2 & 10-15—It happened after the sons of men had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them elegant and beautiful. And when the angels, the sons of heaven, beheld them, they became enamoured of them, saying to each other, Come, let us select for ourselves wives from the progeny of men, and let us beget children.....And the women conceiving brought forth giants, whose stature was each three hundred cubits. These devoured all which the labour of men produced; until it became impossible to feed them; when they turned themselves against men, in order to devour them; and began to injure birds, beasts, reptiles, and fished, to eat their flesh one after another, and **to drink their blood**. Then the earth reproved the unrighteous.

If you would like to argue that you believe that Jesus having ended the Law has also nullified this covenant, then brother you have just opened up a can of worms for the Almighty to destroy the earth with water one more time. As for Jesus ending the Law, I will not spend a lot of time arguing that point, but will briefly say, that if the law is ended then there is no longer any such thing as sin, nothing to be condemned for or saved from, because sin is the transgression of the Law.....Oh, by the way, the very New Testament we live by also tells us as gentiles to refrain from **blood**.

1Jn 3:4 KJV--Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law**.

Act 15:19-20 The Besorah--"Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the gentiles who are turning to Elohim, but that we write to them to abstain from the defilements of idols, and from whoring, and from what is strangled, and from **blood**.

Act 15:29 KJV--That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from **blood**, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Someone else, after serious thought, might put forth, "Since the life is in the **blood**, then we are drinking the eternal life of Messiah." What passage of Scripture would you offer in support of that idea? May I offer one of my own?

Heb 12:23-24 KJV--To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and **to the blood of sprinkling**, that speaketh better things than *that of Abel*.

Do we notice something here? The unknown, but obviously Hebrew, author of the book of Hebrews makes absolutely no mention here of a covenant made better by the **drinking** of Messiah's **blood**. So how was the **blood** applied? **By sprinkling**, as this author demonstrates in the New Testament in more than just one passage of text.....

Heb 9:13-22 The Besorah--For if the **blood** of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the defiled, sets apart for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more shall the **blood** of the Messiah, who through the everlasting Spirit offered Himself unblemished to Elohim, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to serve the living Elohim? And because of this **He is the Mediator of a renewed covenant**, so that, death having taken place for redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance. For where a covenant is, it is necessary for the death of the covenanted one to be established. For a covenant over those dead is firm, since it is never valid while the covenanted one is living. Therefore not even the first *covenant* was instituted without **blood**. For when, according to Torah, every command had been spoken by **Mosheh** to all the people, **he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which Elohim commanded you."** And in the same way he sprinkled with **blood** both the Tent and all the vessels of the service. And, according to the Torah, almost all is **cleansed with blood**, and without shedding of **blood** there is no forgiveness.

Heb 11:24-28 KJV--By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. **Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood**, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

1Pe 1:1-2 KJV--Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and **sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ**: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

How was Messiah's **blood** sprinkled? The Roman empire made use of many instruments of torture and death. The first to taste the **blood** of Messiah, after He had a crown of thorns viciously forced upon his head, was beaten, spit upon and then sentenced to death, was the Roman flagrum....."The Romans would, according to custom, scourge a condemned criminal before he was put to death. The Roman scourge, also called the "flagrum" or "flagellum" was a short whip made of two or three leather (ox-hide) thongs or ropes connected to

a handle. The leather thongs were knotted with a number of small pieces of metal, usually zinc and iron, attached at various intervals. Scourging would quickly remove the skin. According to history the punishment of a slave was particularly dreadful. The leather was knotted with bones, or heavy indented pieces of bronze.

Sometimes the Roman scourge contained a hook at the end and was given the terrifying name "scorpion." The criminal was made to stoop which would make deeper lashes from the shoulders to the waist. According to Jewish law (discipline of the synagogue) the number of stripes was forty less one (Deut. 25:3) and the rabbis reckoned 168 actions to be punished by scourging before the judges. Nevertheless, scourging among the Romans was a more severe form of punishment and there was no legal limit to the number of blows, as with the Jews. Deep lacerations, torn flesh, exposed muscles and excessive bleeding would leave the criminal "half-dead." Death was often the result of this cruel form of punishment though it was necessary to keep the criminal alive to be brought to public subjugation on the cross. The Centurion in charge would order the "lictors" to halt the flogging when the criminal was near death....." www.bible-history.com/past/flagrum.html

"I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting."--Isaiah 50:6



"Just as there were many who were appalled at him his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness--"– Isaiah 52:14

What was the purpose of spattering, splattering, and sprinkling Messiah's **blood**? Allow me to hum you a memory making melody.....

**Are you washed in the blood,
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?**

How many times, while growing up, have we all sung this song written by Elisha Hoffman? How many times have we heard of someone who was said to be drunk in the Spirit? When have we ever heard of anyone being drunk on the **blood** of Messiah? Messiah's **blood** washes us, cleanses our hearts and minds, of sin.

1Jn 1:7 The Besorah--But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood** of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ מְסִיחָא בְּנוֹ מְרִימָא** Messiah His Son **cleanses us from all sin**.

Rev 1:5 The Besorah--and from **וְיֵשׁוּעַ מְסִיחָא** Messiah, the trustworthy witness, the first-born from the dead, and the ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. To Him who loved us and **washed us from our sins in His own blood**.

Rev 7:14 KJV--And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have **washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb**.

Do you see any **blood** drinking going on here? Did you perchance notice that neither Peter, nor John in writing the book of Revelation, made any mention of **blood** drinking either?

If we were to conclude that their most certainly is something rotten in Denmark and someone, for whatever reason, has actually tampered with the text of Messiah's last Passover meal before His arrest and execution, then who could have done such a thing? Is there any evidence to point a finger at a possible guilty party?

I have attempted to point out what I believe to be signs of alteration in the text of the Scriptures. I will now show you evidence from what I believe most of us would accept as a reliable source: The Church. It has been said by Alexander Hislop, Lew White, and others that when the worship of Mithra, the Roman Sun Deity, disappeared from the face of the earth that it did not simply die out, but **was absorbed** into what had recently become known as the Church. Historically, before that time there was no known entity, per say, called the "Church", only servants of Messiah known as Natsarim or Natsarenes which most translations mis-translate as Nazarenes.

Act 24:5 KJV--For we have found this man *a pestilent fellow*, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the **sect of the Nazarenes**.

Act 24:5 The Besorah--"For having found this man a plague, who stirs up dissension among all the Yehudim throughout the world, and a ringleader of **the sect of the Natsarenes**.

I will allow you to weigh the evidence I offer with some interesting tidbits from an article posted on the Catholic Encyclopedia website located at <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10402a.htm> . The following are excerpts from this article on Mithraism, the worship of Mithra, the Roman Sun Deity.

"A **pagan religion** consisting mainly of the cult of the ancient Indo-Iranian Sun-god Mithra. It entered Europe from Asia Minor after Alexander's conquest, spread rapidly over the **whole Roman Empire** at the **beginning of our era**, reached its zenith **during the third century**, and **vanished** under the repressive regulations of Theodosius **at the end of the fourth century**. Of late the researches of Cumont have brought it into prominence mainly **because of its supposed similarity to Christianity.....**"

Perhaps there would be very little mystery as to what became of Mithraism if your average Joe Christian were made aware of the fact that the supposed first Christian Roman Emperor Constantine made some very strange decrees....."**Constantine I** gave us the term **Sun-Day**, which referred to *Sol Invictus Mithras*

(the unconquerable sun, Mithras). In 321 CE he decreed under the penalty of death that all artisans, merchants, and people of his Empire cease work on the *Venerable Day of the Sun*, to honor Mithras." (Lew White, Fossilized Customs) Shall we continue?

".....There were seven degrees of initiation into the Mithraic mysteries. The consecrated one (*mystes*) became in succession crow (*corax*), occult (*cryphius*), soldier (*miles*), lion (*leo*), Persian (*Perses*), solar messenger (*heliodromos*), and **father (*pater*)....."**

Isn't it quite a coincidence that there are seven sacraments in the Catholic church as well? Aren't the Priests also referred to as "Father?".....

"The chief of the fathers, a sort of pope, who always lived at Rome, was called "Pater Patrum" or Pater Patratus." The members below the degree of pater called one another "brother," and social distinctions were forgotten in Mithraic unity."

Where have we heard the word pope before? Perhaps this is worth a brief pause to learn a little more about the word pope before continuing with our Catholic Encyclopedia tid bits. The website http://sights.seindal.dk/sight/1244_pontiff.html has this to say about the word pope, which according to the Merriam Webster's On line Dictionary means Pontiff, which means Pontefex. Which, by the way, is latin and short for Pontifex Maximus.

"The **Pontifex maximus** was the leader of the **pontifical college** (*collegium pontificum*), the highest priestly order in the Roman state religion.

The pontifical college was made up of the fifteen priests, *flamines*, each of whom served a single god or goddess. The *flamines* were also called **pontiffs**, or *pontifices* (sing. *pontifex*).

One member of the pontifical college was co-opted by the college as the leader, hence the title *pontifex maximus*. Initially only one of the three *flamines maiores* could be *pontifex maximus*, but towards the end of the Roman Republic the rules were changed. After 104 BCE the *pontifex maximus* was elected in a sort of limited popular elections between candidates acceptable to the college, and all the *pontifices* were eligible. The title was held for life.

The *pontifex maximus* had taken over many religious duties from the *rex sacrorum* who had inherited them from the kings. Among these duties were the administration of the Roman calendar and the clock. Until the arrival of the first reliable sundial the time of day was announced by the herald of the *pontifex maximus* at midday and evening, based on observations of the sun from the steps of the Curia Hostilia in the Comitium.

The official residence of the *pontifex maximus* was the Domus Publica in the Forum Romanum, and his religious duties was carried out from the Regia. The Vestal Virgins sorted under the *pontifex maximus*.

The last to hold the title of *pontifex maximus* under the Roman Republic were Julius Caesar (62-44 BCE) and M. Aemilius Lepidus (44-12 BCE). After Lepidus the title passed to Augustus, and henceforth the title of *pontifex maximus* would be a prerogative of the emperor. It remained so until the 5th century **when it passed to the Pope, who have used the title ever since.**

The title *pontifex* means literally "bridge builder" because they bridged the gap between the world of man and the world of the gods."

Do wonders ever cease? The head of all Roman pagan religions was the Pontifex Maximus. That prestigious title has been passed on to the head of the Roman Catholic Church. Modesty, we must assume, has inspired him to shorten the honorable title of Pontifex Maximus to Pontiff for special occasions, and to Pope for every day use. On with our Catholic Encyclopedia tid bits.....

".....A sacred meal was celebrated of bread and *haoma* juice for which in the West wine was substituted. This meal was supposed to give the participants super-natural virtue."

".....Mithraism had a Eucharist, but the idea of a sacred banquet is as old as the human race and existed at all ages and amongst all peoples."

Could this be another coincidence? Mithra had a bread and wine ceremony too? Even had a Eucharist? Also, an interesting point in this last quote: if this statement about the ceremony of the bread and wine—eating the flesh and drinking the **blood**—is as old as the human race, surely this is referring to **pagan humanity** as it will not be found in the text of Scripture anywhere, anyplace, anytime, prior to its, out of the clear blue sky, appearance in the New Testament.

".....Sunday was kept holy in honour of Mithra, and the sixteenth of each month was sacred to him as mediator. The 25 December was observed as his birthday, the *natalis invicti*, the rebirth of the winter-sun, unconquered by the rigours of the season."

Having in their possession this great knowledge—that Sunday—Sun-Worship-Day has always been a day set aside for the honor and worship of Mithras—why would the Church make the decision to honor and worship our Messiah upon a pagan day of worship when our Messiah Himself worshiped His Father upon **the seventh day and only day of the week Sabbath**? Why would men professing love and dedication to the promised Messiah of the Prophets of the Old Testament choose a day to honor His birth which is not only **not His birth date**, but was the known and celebrated birth date of the local Roman Sun Deity? Can you tell me.....What on earth were they thinking?

Is there any evidence that Mithraism may have indeed become mixed, absorbed or combined with the worship of our Messiah?...Let's look at some excerpts on Constantine the Great from the Catholic Encyclopedia website: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04295c.htm>

"...Not only Gnostics and other heretics, but Christians who considered themselves faithful, held in a measure to the worship of the sun. Leo the Great in his day says that it was the custom of many Christians to stand on the steps of the church of St. Peter and pay homage to the sun by obeisance and prayers (cf. Euseb. Alexand. in Mai, "Nov. Patr. Bibl.", 11, 523; Augustine, *Enarration on Psalm 10*; Leo I, Sermon 26). When such conditions prevailed it is easy to understand that many of the emperors yielded to the delusion that they could unite all their subjects in the adoration of the one sun-god who combined in himself the Father-God of the Christians and the much-worshipped Mithras; thus the empire could be founded anew on unity of religion. Even Constantine, as will be shown farther on, for a time cherished this mistaken belief...."

"...In the dedication of Constantinople in 330 a ceremonial half pagan, half Christian was used. The chariot of the sun-god was set in the market-place, and over its head was placed the Cross of Christ, while the Kyrie Eleison was sung. Shortly before his death Constantine confirmed the privileges of the priests of the ancient gods..."

"...Constantine showed equal favour to both religious. As *pontifex maximus* he watched over the heathen worship and protected its rights..."

"...Constantine moreover placed Sunday under the protection of the State. It is true that the believers in Mithras also observed Sunday as well as Christmas. Consequently Constantine speaks not of the day of the Lord, but of the everlasting day of the sun..."

"...Some bishops, blinded by the splendour of the court, even went so far as to laud the emperor as an angel of God, as a sacred being, and to prophesy that he would, like the Son of God, reign in heaven. It has consequently been asserted that **Constantine favoured Christianity merely from political motives**, and he has been regarded as an enlightened despot who made use of religion only to advance his policy..."

From this point on I will allow what we have shared and discussed together to settle into your hearts and minds as to whether the "Lord's Supper" text has been implanted within the original New Testament Scriptures. I will allow you to decide for yourselves if there is a guilty party, and, if so, who that party might be. You decide. No one can decide for you.

It has been put forth to me that writing this article might cause some to lose their faith, and if that should happen then, what would they have left. In answer to that question, I propose to each of you that faith in what is not true, what is not the truly inspired Word of Our Mighty One, is faith **in nothing**, and to lose such faith is **nothing lost**. What will those who lose such faith have left afterwards? **TRUTH**. If you remove the dross from gold or silver you are left with a precious and valuable metal. If we diligently seek to find and remove the man made dross from the text of the Scriptures we will be left with the precious Word of Our Creator.

Why is seeking this truth so important? Why does it really matter? When you attend medical school with your heart set on being a brain surgeon, or maybe West Point desiring to be an officer, you will spend many countless hours studying from a textbook, a textbook that has been written by people who are experts in the field you desire to master and excel in. So, imagine if you were studying your heart out and unknown to you the textbook had been altered in some fashion by someone adding to the teaching or subtracting from it. What if they had purposefully sabotaged the text? Would you want to know? Would you wish that someone had discovered and pointed this out to you before you opened up your first patient's head attempting a state of the art procedure which you had learned, practiced, and performed faultlessly, yet your patient died? What a shock it would be to find out upon the field of battle that your textbook training was purposefully altered to raise the enemies kill ratio of **you and your men**, not theirs. Can we afford to simply dismiss that which is inconvenient and uncomfortable as though it could not be true? Are there not eternal lives at stake? Are not our own? If our training manual, the Scriptures, has been tampered with and altered by the hand of man, then how can we be certain that we are living our lives in a **manner pleasing** to Our Creator, Our Messiah?

For those of you who might be tempted to listen to the "I always knew that book was a fake" folks who will try to tell you that if the Scriptures have been altered in any way they can't be trusted, proving it is just a book created and written by men as with all religion, I offer you this advice: To fall prey to the prattling of idiots who would have us believe that we and the universe beyond are the handiwork of either no Creator, or at best an impersonal Creator, is to conclude that life is but an illusion that once having lived will bring us to the same state of nonexistence as not having lived at all, with no memories of having walked upon this earth, and no one eventually to remember us or themselves having ever having lived at all, as well. Life then, in a universe such as this—a world such as this—is meaningless, without motivation to excel or deter oneself from evil, a chaotic quagmire of humanity resembling mindless micro organisms in the grand scheme of things, feeding, multiplying, and devouring one another. I, myself, refuse to accept such foolishness, such utter nonsense.

In closing I would like to offer this theoretical suggestion as being the possible words which were actually spoken by Messiah at His last earthly Passover Meal: "Each year as you keep the Passover, remember me, that I gave my life for you upon this very day."

We may never know what Messiah truly said until He comes. Perhaps, He actually said nothing at all except for conversation pertaining to a normal Passover among friends, but we do know that the words which we see in the text do not fit the character of a Law obedient Messiah. One day there may be a discovery of other ancient manuscripts such as the Dead Sea Scrolls which, "were discovered in a period spanning from 1947 to 1956.....Publication of the scrolls has taken many decades, and the delay has been a source of academic controversy." (Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dead_Sea Scrolls)

Let us pray that any future discoveries are brought into the light for all people to see, study, and examine, rather than ending up in secrecy and obscurity as were the Dead Sea Scrolls for many, many years, it being over 40 years since their discovery. Even today, not all of the documents have been made public and many have been purchased and are now the property of the Roman Catholic Church.

When one day they are all released for other Scripture believing scholars and students to examine first hand, will we by that time be examining what Law enforcement officers would term a contaminated crime scene? Will we always wonder **why** they were kept from the public for so many years? Will we wonder if they have been tampered with?

May יהוה (Yahuah) Our Mighty One bless all who love and seek the truth in Messiah יהושע (Yahusha).

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