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The first words that we read about in the book of Genesis are “In the beginning, God (YHWH) created the heavens and the earth”. God progressively created more until man, who He created in His own image. The word image in Hebrew means “Shadow”. Shadows in the bible usually means something that can be observed that is a type of foreshadow/prophesy of something that will happen or not happen in the future. One example is a beautiful rainbow. God said it was a sign to all humanity that He would not flood the whole earth again. The rainbow is a visual sign of 7 colors in the sky. Another sign is that of the Passover lamb. The Passover lamb was a shadow of a future fulfillment of Jesus/Y’shua being the sacrifice for all of us. We read in Revelation 13:8:

*All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.** Rev 13:8*

We read that all of creation had a plan from the beginning. How do we know this? If the lamb was slain from the foundation of the world and we read about the lamb that was slain in the book of Revelation AND He is called the alpha and the omega (Aleph and the Tav – beginning and the end), it seems clear that the entire story of man on earth had/has/will have a purpose that was all pre-planned. In other words, there is an author to this whole story...God (YHWH, YHVH). If He is writing the story, it should seem clear that the story-line is very important to Him.

***1 In the beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

² The same was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. John 1:1

*¹⁰⁵ **Thy word** is a lamp unto my feet, and **a light** unto my path. Psalm 119:105*

All of creation seems to have been created to bring glory to Him. His creation seems to be a physical representation of a spiritual reality. In other words, every thing that God created had/has a purpose. There is a spiritual connection and reason for all of creation.

What is important to God? We are given the recorded history by revelation of His beginning of creation leading to our existence, being made in His image, and the history/understanding of His examples of righteousness and sacrifice for His bride, “The Congregation” of humans who repent, submit to Him and trust in His righteousness/blood/life to cover us. It is important to note that we should not trust in our own righteousness for salvation, but in His finished work on the cross, so He gets all of the glory for our salvation and nothing we can brag about in pride.

Baptism represents our death to ourselves, being hid in Him, yet still having a free will to pursue/follow after Him and His instructions.

As we can clearly see in His Word that Y'shua (Jesus) was slain from the foundation of the world (for our sin) so that we can learn that we are not worthy, but He is Worthy, Holy and Righteous, Forgiving and Merciful. Our human story here on earth seems to be a novel of how we cannot save ourselves, there is no real God except Him and we need Him to save us. The big question for us is whether we will be prideful or humble. If we are prideful, we may think that we can save ourselves through our own human positioning, reasoning, knowledge, strength or other method. Examples of this may be getting ourselves in a meditative position such as yoga to reach nirvana (heaven), believing in our good works to be reincarnated over and over eventually making it to godhood/heaven or other reasoning to save ourselves. Another school of thought is that God does not exist at all and we are just accidents of Darwinian Evolution so we will just decay into the earth and know nothing. In volume 11, we will learn how Darwinian Evolution is impossible.

Perhaps this whole process of life here on earth and the story of human life on earth is because Satan rebelled against God. He thought he could be like God. He and 1/3 of the angels who followed Satan were cast down to the earth. The whole Biblical story on earth has symbolisms throughout. So many of the Biblical characters represent Y'shua (Jesus) and many believe that Abraham represents *the Father*: The Father of faith, willing to sacrifice his miracle son (representing Jesus/Y'shua). Some of these symbolisms may be Adam (1st born son), the ark (God). Elijah seems to represent *The Spirit* and Moses represents *the letter* of the law. The Bible states that John the Baptist was somehow Elijah, so John would have represented the Spirit, as well. Pharaoh may have represented the Evil one with his armies representing his helpers/demons. The Bible informs us that Egypt represented sin. Pharaoh was the leader of that kingdom who held God's people in bondage.

This volume is titled "What is important to God?". The Bible states that He is the author and finisher of our faith. If He is the author, then it seems that He is writing a story through the ages that we, with our free will, are able to participate in. Some ask why He allows suffering. If we are walking in faith, the suffering He allows is for our glory, that is, it is a test that He wants us to pass. Therefore, we need to try not to complain, but accept hardship with humbleness and love.

Ephesians 3:8-13 (Bigger Picture of His plan)

⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. ¹³ Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

In looking at the big picture, we see the unfolding of a story that is filled with incredible symbolisms and mysteries. The Lord Himself shares that He is the one who reveals certain mysteries, one mystery revealed is the symbolism is between man and wife.

Ephesians 5:25-32 (Symbolism of husband representing Christ and his wife the church)

25Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;29for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30because we are members of His body. 31For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 THIS MYSTERY IS GREAT; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

If He planned for the crucifixion from the foundation of the world, and that shedding of blood was for a betrothal of marriage for the church/His bride, that would seem to be extremely important to Him. We read about this wedding in the book of Revelation. How important is this wedding to Him? Apparently, it is not only important enough to die for, but also important enough to have been severely beaten with His flesh ripped up and to go through intense suffering prior to his death. He could have chosen some less painful way, but He knowingly allowed it and went through it to show how much this wedding is worth to Him.

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Micah 6:8 teaches us that it is important that we *do justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God*. Since pride is the greatest sin, humbleness is the opposite of that; therefore, if we want to follow what is important to God, we must reject pride. Being humble is perhaps the greatest attribute for us to have in His presence.

Proverbs 1:7 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

The word “fear” in Hebrew means to fear, to morally reverence, to be dreadful; it also means “exceedingly”. To have a moral reverence is not only done in humbleness, but is also humbling. God desires us to be knowledgeable and wise in His instructions. Pride in one’s heart rejects instruction from a higher authority, it rejects true wisdom.

Humbleness leads to our connection with The Lord, our knowledge, wisdom and instruction. Having that relationship with Him is very important. If we remain humble and follow His instructions, we will be less inclined to fall into doing what he hates. Can a loving God hate? Yes! Because He is holy and just, he hates what is evil. He loves the sinner and hates the sin. If a man does evil and really hurts someone in your family or one of your friends, how would you feel? If that person who was hurt was kind, loving, gentle and has been very good to you and others, how wrong would that be for someone to hurt them? For God to be righteous, He must

hate evil deeds. He is a righteous judge. He is merciful and gives all of us a chance to say we are sorry, to change our ways to be made right with Him.

What does the Bible show us that The Lord hates? He hates pride and anything that we would put before Him, meaning something made in our mind as more important than Him in our hearts. Of course, nothing is more important than Him, but we have the examples all through the Bible of His own people trusting in the works of their own hands to bring them power, riches and healing. They used idols made of wood, stone and metal. Today, we can idolize these and/or other things made with human hands, i.e., homes, vehicles, jewelry, information, etc. We can idolize people, such as sports figures, television personalities, a spouse, parents, children or even ourselves. We also know that He hates following the ways used to worship false gods.

In Volume one, we learned through science, history, archeology and prophesy that the Bible can be trusted as pointing us to The One true God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Therefore, He hates it when we follow the ways that are against Him. He created the celebrations that He wants us to follow. The first of these was His seventh day Sabbath, made holy on the seventh day of creation.

These celebrations point to Him. He said that they are His Holy days and His feasts. These days/feasts/celebrations do not belong to any group because they belong to Him, The Creator of the universe. Therefore, they point to truth because He is truth. He has the weekly Sabbath, seven main feasts and an additional joyful celebration called the Feast of Dedication. The word dedication in Hebrew is Hanukkah. Without the occurrences that led to Hanukkah, there would be no Christianity as we know it, so Christians should be happy to celebrate it. We see at least 8 annual celebrations, several of which last up to 8 days versus 3 main annual pagan-based celebrations that “the church” has adopted and put a “Christian” label on. These events, Easter, Halloween and Christmas are not biblical, no matter how much it is claimed that they are. If one is unwilling to at least check the facts out, there may be an issue of pride. If someone checks the facts out and realizes that what they have been doing is wrong, they then have the choice to be prideful or humble. Someone who is prideful may try to defend what they have done because they refuse to admit that they were wrong. Someone who is humble may be willing to fall on their knees and repent/turn from ways that are steeped in ways The Lord commanded against. One example we find in Jeremiah, chapter 10:

Hear ye the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel: 2 Thus says the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. 3 For the customs of the people are vain: for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. 4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that does not move. 5 They are upright as the palm tree, but they do not speak.

The word Easter is the actual English version name of the false goddess of fertility. That is where we get the bunny and eggs from; they are fertility symbols.

Halloween is not in the Bible. It is a man-made day that is clearly a celebration of evil, no matter what the initial intent was. Even a child can see the evil connection to Halloween. Skulls, cross-

bones and skeletons are symbols of death. People walking around with devil horns, zombie masks and/or carrying axes with blood-like stains is easy to classify as a celebration of death. All are not like this, but fear and death certainly seem to be the main themes. The evil one knows to use candy to especially entice children into these celebrations. Is candy used with children at Halloween? Is candy used with children at Christmas? Is candy used with children at Easter? Are you beginning to see a pattern here; a manipulation. If something is truly good, it does not have to use props and manipulations. Were you manipulated in this way? Were your parents and they just did not know any better? If they had read their Bible and prayed for truth they should have known better.

What we currently call Christmas is a very old pagan day of Sun-god worship. December 25 +/- was the timing of the birthday celebration for the pagan Sun-god. Thousands of years ago, evergreen trees were used as idols of the so-called reincarnated Sun-god, Nimrod. Silver and gold were the colors used to decorate the trees. We can find this tree in the Bible in the book of Jeremiah, chapter 10. We can also find Nimrod in the Bible; Gen. 10:9. He is an evil figure who built Babylon and is believed to have opposed Abraham, the father of faith. In other words, Nimrod represents the evil of trusting in riches and the works of our own hands. He represents opposition to faith. God commanded us not to set up a tree the way that they did to honor Nimrod. It is interesting that even non-Christians today recognize Christmas as being more about commercialism than the claim that it represents Christ (it does not – Biblically). In today's expectations of Christmas in those who practice it, many people spend a whole lot of time and money on the hopes of one perfect family day. Family is good, and it is good to be together and believe in God together. However, is this uplifting of this day biblical? Is the history of this day pagan and idolatrous? What is in The Lord's heart about this day? What are His own memories of it? Does it please Him that "Christians" continue to practice these rituals even though He commanded against it? Many will say that we no longer do it unto Nimrod, but now we do it unto The Lord. Is it okay to take pagan practices, keep doing them and then say it is unto The Lord?

In the Bible, in the book of John 10:22-23, we find Jesus/Y'shua in Jerusalem at the feast of dedication walking in the temple, in Solomon's porch. The word dedication in this verse is the word Hanukkah in Hebrew. Hanukkah, in the same season as Christmas, includes the theme of lights. Some have the custom of giving small inexpensive gifts; this is just a custom/not biblical and optional. Hanukkah does not have the stress of having one perfect Christmas day.

If one chooses to get rid of the pagan days and follow God's Holy days, they not only get much more in return, but also follow what is true and real rather than things God hates.

We have choices in life to give up what is comfortable to us and to die to our own desires. The Bible, in Matthew 10:39; 16:25, Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24 and John 12:25 says that if we seek to lose our life we will save it and if we seek to save it we will lose it. It also states that only a few will follow His ways and be saved. When we look at the pagan ways of Easter, Halloween and Christmas, we can see that most of the world is following these ways, so it seems clear that is not the way we want to go, especially when we know the truth.

Nothing should come before Him. What is important to Him? That we fear/reverence Him, put Him first and follow His instructions.

- The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, also known as YHWH/YHVH