

WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAUGHT IN CHURCH, BUT WEREN'T.

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A Note About The Third Edition:

Most people who read the previous editions of this book embraced it. There were a few however who had a little difficulty with things to which they were introduced. I am again revising this book to explain more clearly some of the key points. Much of it is the same as the second edition; But there are a few important changes.

In Mark 2:22 we are told we can't put new wine in old wine skins. If wine is truth, it is difficult to put new truth (wine) in a Christian who is "set" in his beliefs. It is difficult for him to open and expand his mind (stretch his wine skins) with the new truth (wine).

So, if you are an established Christian, I urge you to open you mind to this additional truth. If you are a new Christian jump in and open your mind. You will find "The Mystery of the Ages" revealed; Who the Kenites are, and what it means.

Not all people are meant to understand the Mystery of the Ages. Some aren't. Romans 11:8 tells us that some people are kept in a state of slumber concerning some spiritual truths. This is for their own protection.

Romans11:7-8.

7. ...but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.
8. (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

I won't go into all the details here. (It will be covered later.) But, if you really want to know the truth just ask Christ to reveal it to you. If it is His will, it shall be so.

He who has eyes to see, let him see!

FOREWORD

This book is dedicated to those who want to correctly understand more of God's Doctrines, and to discard the doctrines created by man which confuse and make void the true word of God.

When I first started writing this book, the working title was "Nothing But The Truth, So Help Me God". But, as I got further and further into the writing I realized that most Christian churches, regardless of denomination, teach doctrines that have been confused (or polluted) by mankind. There are reasons for this that I won't go into in this foreword. But the fact remains that much of what is taught has been mistranslated and misinterpreted.

It is therefore necessary to go back to the original manuscripts to get the shades of meaning God's inspired writings hold. Remember, it's been about two thousand years since even the newest of God's manuscripts have been scribed. Can you imagine the changes in language, custom, philosophy, etc. that have taken place since then. Only by going back to the original Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic writings, and translating their shades of meaning into today's words can we avoid the trap of misinterpretation that time and man have created. I'll explain how this is done in detail in the text of this work.

I wish to thank a man I have never met; Dr. Arnold Murray. He is Pastor of Shepherd's Chapel in Gravette, Arkansas. He is not only a true theologian, but also an experienced archaeologist. From him I have learned we should study God's Holy Word, chapter by chapter and verse by verse. (Isaiah 28:10) And, that the scripture teacher must correctly interpret and explain each verse as he goes along, so the student will have the true understanding of what God means. In this way God's letter to us flows with meaning. God's Holy Spirit has used Pastor Murray to make the Bible come alive with new meaning for me. I wish to pass some of this information on to you.

God has used Pastor Murray's work to further open the eyes of thousands of people. At the end of this work I will give information on how you can further increase your Biblical knowledge of God's stated doctrines, if you are moved to do so.

Please ask Christ to open your eyes and mind as you study this material. If it was meant to be, it shall be so. When you finish this work, hopefully, you will know what I mean. God's will be done in all things. In Jesus name.

INTRODUCTION

Christ has said, "I will make you fishers of men". We don't "lure" a fish by throwing the whole tackle box at it when it swims to the side of our boat. We place a lure, a tempting morsel of bait (truth), in front of it to make the fish come to us. Also, through God's word we hear about planting seeds and letting them grow. We hear about giving a "little" truth to people so they can nurture it and help it grow. We are told to sort of sprinkle truth on them so they can absorb it. We are warned not to "overload" people with truth, so that we frustrate them in their learning and cause them to turn away from God. We are not supposed to drown the person with the truth. I am saying these things so you will understand the warning I am about to give you.

Here is that warning! You may want to tread slowly while digesting the truth in this work. To some it will be like getting hit with a Water Cannon instead of being sprinkled with truth - if you try to comprehend it all at once. Sure, read the whole book. But then go back and "slowly digest" the things that are new to you. Don't be overwhelmed if some or most of this information is new to you as a Christian. Take your time digesting! I am not trying to overload anyone. I am trying to put some of God's truth into one simple work that people can read and document for themselves. I am trying to put a chunk of God's truth forward in a way that will cause Christians to want to study it. And then re-study it, so they truly understand it, and have documented it as true in God's Holy Word -FOR THEMSELVES.

In reality this work is only a spring board to help you get further into the scriptures and get the spiritual meat God has for you there. If you are one who is still drinking only spiritual milk, this will be a little larger step than you normally take. But it IS something that you CAN do. So have patience while studying these things, whatever your present level of understanding.

In the Book of Romans God tells us that some of God's children are in a state of spiritual slumber (the word is "stupor" in the Greek) to protect them. This is for their own good. Open minds open doors. I suggest you keep an open mind while you study this book and ask Christ to open your mind to further understanding. God will answer

your prayer one way or the other.

Again, he who has eyes to see, let him see!

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THE DOCTRINES OF MAN VS THE DOCTRINES OF GOD.

I want to lay a little ground work as you begin, so when we get farther into the text, you will have an understanding of a most important concept: The DIFFERENCE between THE DOCTRINES OF GOD and THE DOCTRINES OF MAN. **This is a critical concept!**

THE DOCTRINES OF GOD are the doctrines God gave to us through Jesus Christ and all the Holy Scriptures. These are the only True Doctrines of God.

DOCTRINES OF MAN are just theologies, philosophies, and ideas that man has "created" (thought up) and intermixed with Gods True Doctrine, and in many cases completely pushed Gods Doctrine aside. (Mark 7:13 "Making the word of God of none effect through your traditions, which ye have delivered...")

It's critical that you understand the Doctrines of Man are NOT the Doctrines of God.

If someone tells you something, and you think you have come upon some spiritual enlightenment, check it out in God's Word! **Check it out in the scriptures - "Yourself" !**

This does NOT mean to ask someone else what it means!!!!

If you go to a human (ANY human) you may get truth mixed with the doctrines of man. **This is what you must avoid.** People will usually tell you, without looking in the scriptures, what the "party line" is for their particular church or brand of theology.

Whether it's the Pastor, the Priest, the Bishop, someone in your congregation, or the church custodian that tells you something -**Check it out IN THE SCRIPTURES for yourself: Line by line and verse by verse – FOR YOURSELF!**

You open the Bible and read about it for yourself. Not just one verse, but the accompanying passages. Figure out what the point of those Scriptures are and then read in that context and light. Refer back to

the original manuscripts through a good concordance to check the "true" meaning of the words. In other words, what is the subject and object of those passages? Who is doing the speaking and to whom is he speaking? What does it really mean?

By the way, I'm not putting down people who do manual labor. Many of them know Christ and His truths better than a lot of preachers. And some preachers fear teaching other than what their particular church doctrine is, because it can get them in trouble or even cause them to lose their pension.

No, I'm NOT saying all preachers, priests, bishops or other clergymen are bad people. I'm just telling you that there will NOT be a preacher or priest or bishop standing between you and God at the Great White Throne Judgment. Your final judgment is between you and God. HE WANTS TO REWARD YOU on judgment day, NOT snuff you out! (See 2 Peter 3:9).

You can't tell God The Father, "Well God, Pastor Jones told me it was this way. I didn't know the real truth even though I held your scriptures in my very hands many times. I had a Bible in my house since I was a little kid. Lord, I was too lazy to check it out in Your scriptures, even after You went to all that trouble to have the real truth written down and passed amongst us through the centuries. Even though it was the MOST IMPORTANT THING in my life, I just didn't do it! I just asked someone else."

Also, consider the truth, not the source! You've heard the old saying, you can't judge a book by it's cover. That custodian may be the one person to turn you on to increased wisdom and greater knowledge through understanding of God's word. In other words, when someone tells you something, and you are not sure about it,

Go to God's Holy Scriptures and LOOK IT UP FOR YOURSELF!!!!!!

(I'll give you a little help on how to do that later in this book in case you may not know how. It's actually very easy when you have a few simple tools.)

Remember: It's WHAT'S right, not who's right!

So, if it's not clearly in God's Scriptures it is NOT the Doctrine of God. It IS the Doctrine of Man. God has told us quite clearly how to worship Him in His word. Don't be fooled by the ideas that humans have developed and slipped into their religions. Here's a good example from the Bible of what I'm talking about. Keep your eyes on Christ in these passages.

(I use a standard King James Bible to refer to these verses. I'll explain later why I use it).

Mark 7:1-5

1. Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.
2. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.
3. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.
4. And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.
5. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

Please note the Pharisees wanted the disciples to perform the "traditions of the elders". This is an excellent example of a Doctrine of Man that had crept into the Pharisees religion and they were holding it as sacred. Now the Pharisees washing of hands was not what you and I do to get the dirt and germs off our hands before we sit down at the dinner table to eat. The Pharisees had devised a ritual of washing which went to great pains to show how religious they were and it made a "big show" out of the hand washing ceremony.

Listen to what Jesus has to say to them about this.

Mark 7:6-9

6. He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of

you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

8. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

9. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

Take a look at verse seven. Here Christ is telling the Pharisees they are teaching THEIR commandments (the Doctrines of Man) instead of the doctrines of His Father. In essence He's saying, You guys honor God with your lips, but you hearts don't have a clue to God's true love and how He wants you to worship Him. You're making your traditions more important than your love for God.

Yes, this example is pretty much black and white. It's a great illustration. But there are a lot of areas "people have made gray" by introducing the Doctrines of Man into their theology. So be on your guard!

By the way, if God meant something as doctrine you will find it more than once in the Bible. He has given us different scriptures to clarify the Doctrine of God. Beware of the man or woman that builds much of their religion on just one verse. To prove my point take a look at the following verses. You are warned many times in the Scriptures to beware of false doctrine (what I call The Doctrines of Man).

Matthew 24:4

4. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

John 7:16-17

16. Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

17. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

Ephesians 4:14

14. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Colossians 2:22

22. Which all are to perish with the using; after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Hebrews 13:9

9. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

Titus 2

1. But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

II John 1:9-11

9. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

10. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

11. For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

So, digest this fact in your brain: **The truth of God's doctrines are still the SAME, no matter to what religion or denomination you may belong.**

Now that you understand the truth about Doctrine, let me give you a couple examples of the ways people reacted to **information that is in the Scriptures yet was new to them.** Yes, they had probably read many of the verses, but really didn't UNDERSTAND the truth that was present in them.

Now both of these people (Whose identities I have disguised) ARE Christians that love Jesus Christ! They are church goers. More than that, they are active in their respective churches in many areas; More so than many Christians. I am not being judgmental. I am merely relating what happened as an example of what they did when they

were presented with some additional truths. Both of these people have really loving hearts.

Example One: I know a man that is very active in the Ministry of his church. He is a Christian that loves the Lord and lives his life for Christ. He is active in assisting foreign missionaries, etc. I won't belabor the point. Suffice it to say he is a great guy!

I put together some information that I thought he would just gobble up. It was a series of recordings teaching Gods truth, line by line and verse by verse. I sent it to him and, after starting to go through it, he said, "You know, I just don't know about this. I'm going to ask my preacher."

I think my friend listened to a number of the recordings but never "checked" them out for himself in the Scriptures. As far as I know he has not listened further to the recordings and apparently had a brief conversation with his minister about it. I KNOW they didn't sit down together and go over it line by line and verse by verse seeking the truth of the matter. If they had they would have both come to the same conclusion: This is what Jesus Christ taught! But unfortunately that's the way seed planting goes. Sometimes it takes and sometimes it doesn't. We plant the seed and God makes it grow if it's His will.

Example Two: I also gave a set of recordings to another person. Let's call him Marty. Marty started listening to the recordings and came to the part about the Anti-Christ. Apparently he stopped listening after that. When I brought the subject of the recordings up later, hoping he was listening to them, Marty said something to the effect that the information couldn't possibly be reliable. Marty then said, "How could anyone know who the Anti-Christ is?"

I wanted to tell him that it was very plain and repeated in the Bible many times that the Anti-Christ was Satan! I wanted to say something like, "Haven't you ever read II Thessalonians 2:1-9 about how Satan comes BEFORE Christ's return. Haven't you ever read Mark 13? Don't you know it's as plain as the nose on your face that Satan is the Anti-Christ? The Bible repeats this time and time again! Haven't you read it?"

But, I didn't say all the things that I wanted to say. That's not always the best way to plant spiritual seeds. And, Marty wasn't in a frame of mind to listen, nor were we in a setting that was conducive to a further discussion. So I didn't quote the scriptures listing Satan as the Anti-Christ. Maybe someday curiosity will get the best of Marty. I hope so. See II Thessalonians 2:1-9 [Satan physically comes to earth before Christ returns], and Revelation 9:11 [Satan's name is given in both Hebrew and Greek so there will be no mistake as to who he is.] (More on this later.)

What I'm trying to show you through these examples is that there are some spiritual truths out there that not every Christian understands. Nor will they. Hear what Gods word has to say about that.

Romans 11:8

(According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

So, take the time to search the scriptures when you think you may have come upon additional truth. It is time well spent.

THE KEY OF DAVID AND WHO THE KENITES ARE.

This brings us to the Key of David. The whole point of telling you what I just told you is so you can "understand" The Key of David.

In the Book of Revelation Christ tells us there were only two churches out of the seven with which He found no fault; Smyrna and Philadelphia. Why?

Because they KNEW AND TAUGHT who the Kenites were - The Kenites are the offspring of Satan through Cain!

Revelation 3:7

7. And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man

openeth;

What Revelation 3:7 is saying is that The Key of David opens doors of understanding that no man can shut, and shuts doors of understanding that no man can open.

Basically said, **The Key of David is the key that unlocks the scriptures to your understanding! It unlocks Gods word to explain who the Kenites are to YOU.**

Once you understand the Key of David there is a new layer of understanding revealed to you through the scriptures. Nothing is added or subtracted from the scriptures! It's all there. It's always been there. It's just a matter of understanding and enlightenment.

Ponder these two verses:

Revelation 2:9

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Revelation 3:9

Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

I will explain more to you about the Kenites as this book progresses. Stay with me. It's starting to get really good. When you put all this stuff together, hopefully, it will open your eyes to additional spiritual truths throughout the Holy Scriptures.

INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

When a child is a baby it gets all its food or nutrition from its mother's milk. It nurses from its mother's breasts and takes from its mother every nutritional thing it needs. But as it grows older, it gets to a point when it needs more than it can get from its mother. It needs to start eating solid food. It needs to start eating meat.

Spiritually it's the same way. When someone becomes a Christian, when they accept Christ as their God and savior, and ask Him to forgive them of their sins, they are babies in Christ. That's where the term "Babes In Christ" comes from. It means a new or spiritually young Christian.

Hebrews 5:13

For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

But as they grow spiritually, there comes a time when they need to start eating some spiritual meat. They need to get weaned off their mother's breast and start taking in some more substantial nutrition.

Many, if not most Christians, ever get past this infant point in their spiritual lives. Many Christians, if not most, never get off of their mother's milk. They keep hearing the salvation message over and over. They hear only a verse or two of scripture in church, and the pastor rambles on for an hour about those two verses. They are still drinking spiritual milk. **THEY ARE NOT EATING SPIRITUAL MEAT.** They think they are eating spiritual meat, but they're not. They are putting in time, but not really growing in Christ.

How many people do you know who sit down with the Bible and actually read it? How many people do you know who daily study the scriptures? How many people do you know who really try to figure out what it says? How many people do you know who really try to figure out what the individual and collective words really mean?

I'm not talking about watching a preacher on TV who reads a few verses. I'm talking about studying the Bible line by line, and verse by verse, for a chapter or so at a time.

If you were to take a great novel and only read one or two sentences a week, or even one or two sentences a day, do you think you would ever really grasp what the writer was trying to get across to you? Be honest with yourself.

You must realize Christ has a plan for us (His servants), and His servants are supposed to serve Him. If you are ignorant of Gods word

you won't know how to serve Him in His plan.

Hebrews 5:14

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

This verse is talking about spiritual maturity, not the number of years you have lived on earth.

So, what should a Christian do? A Christian should rightly divide the word of God.

II Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

How does one rightly divide the word of God? Basically there are 5 things you should keep in mind.

1. Pay attention to whom the scripture is written. What is the subject?
2. Be aware of the portion of time in which the scripture applies; First, second, or third Earth Age. And, what part of that age? Beginning, middle, or end.
3. How does the scripture you are studying apply to the future?
4. How does it apply in the historic sense?
5. Then take what you have just studied and put it in the proper perspective for your own life and your own understanding.

By doing this, clarity will come to you concerning the scriptures. And when clarity comes, God's further blessing will come to you.

THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER is to make people aware of the fact that The False Messiah returns to earth BEFORE The True Messiah, so Christians will NOT be misled and follow the FALSE Messiah by

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