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EDITORIAL

As the Faith magazine goes to print for the second edition of 2003, the year has been full of news; wars, rumors of wars, terrorist's suicide bombings, terror alerts, the SARS epidemic, three hundred tornadoes reported in the U.S., and the space shuttle Columbia coming apart as it reentered earth's atmosphere. What will be the next disaster?

In apostle Paul's writings, he declares the world situations will become chaotic. 2 Timothy 3:13, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." Psalm 91:5, "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day." This is what we are seeing almost daily in the news. We are being warned by the authorities in Washington, DC of intelligence reports, of being on yellow and orange alerts for terrorist activities. Will America become like the state of Israel, with suicide bombings almost daily? We all hope and pray, this will not occur here.

In Genesis 18, there is an account of Yahweh conversing with Abraham about the demise of Sodom. Yahweh told Abraham if he could find 50 righteous people, He would save the city. Negotiations came down to if he could find 10 righteous, Yahweh would save Sodom.

Are there 10 righteous in any major city? Our first thought is probably that there must be at least 10. But, will Yahweh pour out His judgment in these latter days? How many people want to keep Yahweh's commands? How many want to go the extra mile? Our hope is that righteousness will be found in mankind. Will our country rise to the challenge and turn from breaking Yahweh's commandments as 2 Chronicles 7:14 states, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." What a marvelous heavenly Father we have. Our Almighty One who is merciful, full of compassion, and plenteous with love for His creation.

Yes, there is a way of escape, a way out, a hiding place from the wrath to come. Yahshua is inviting us to a great Feast, the marriage supper of the Lamb. Do you desire to be a guest at His table? If we accept the free gift of Salvation, and come under the blood covering of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah, then at the second coming of Yahshua, we will be a glad and joyous people, for we will have made the correct decision, and there will be no weeping and gnashing of teeth, (Matthew 8:12).

Yahshua is at the door (Matthew 25:6), waiting to reach out and welcome His redeemed to Yahweh's family of the righteous. This is our blessed hope (1 Timothy 1:1).

The Israeli Cabinet has okayed President Bush's peace plan. Good news, a good start, but another side has to agree, the Palestinians. Did you know that the Palestinians are descendants of the Philistines, who were always a goad in Israel's side? When we hear of hopefully a lasting peace, the scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:3 comes to mind, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them,"... Yes, we would like to see peace in the Middle East, but what will truly occur with a large portion of Israel's neighbors vowing to push Israel into the sea?

But we know all the Middle East countries that are involved with Israel are on Yahweh's time schedule. All the prophecies will come to pass at His discretion. Yahweh's Word instructs us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).

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Elijah, a man chosen by Elohim Himself to be a prophet. We see Elijah as a man of courage, filled with Yahweh's Spirit and strong in his personal appearance.

In 1 Kings 18, we read how victorious Elijah was. There was no doubt in his mind that Yahweh would do what Elijah expected from Him; fire from heaven to burn up the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, the dust and the water. Yahweh honored the faith of His prophet. I have no doubt it was in Yahweh's plan that Elijah slew the prophets of Baal.

Does it not appear to us that Elijah should be joyous about the events that occurred? But what do we read in 1 Kings 19? Elijah received the message from Jezebel regarding her plans for him. He became discouraged and went into the wilderness. He wanted to die. For a moment consider yourself in Elijah's shoes. Can we understand how he felt after he found out what was awaiting him? He took account of his past life. He had lived according to Yahweh's commandments and now he felt he was a failure. The threats of a heathen woman discouraged Elijah so much that he wanted to die. Have we been in similar situations?

How often, after we could claim a victory, did we get discouraged, had doubts and want to capitulate? It's easy to follow our feelings and not see the adversary's tactics which is to instill in us uncertainty in our salvation.

It is by Yahweh's mercy that He awakens us, as He did with Elijah. We read in 1 Kings 19:5 that as he slept, an angel touched him and said unto him, "Arise and eat". Can we hear Yahweh's angel telling us to arise and read Yahweh's Word? It should be our meat, our daily bread! This present time is geared to keep us busy with so many things not connected to Yahweh's Word. We must be aware the adversary is eager to distract us from being in kinship with Yahshua.

Reminisce for a while and think on the things in your life. Do they bring you inner turmoil or inner peace? Why do we humans think we must have this, or we need that, or we need time to go shopping and must not forget to buy such and such? We accumulate so much that our homes are cluttered. Do we find lasting satisfaction in all of this? Soon nothing is of much importance anymore.

Do we sometimes find ourselves in an uproar, in doubt or inner storm? If so, go to a quiet and peaceful place and listen to the still, small voice. Yahshua knows what we are in need of. He waits long and patiently for us to tell Him what occupies our minds. We must learn to tell Him every thing that enters our thinking. See Yahshua as a very trustworthy friend, a friend who sticks with you. A comforting thought is that what you tell Him no one else will hear of it. Confide in Him, tell him your worries, your concerns, the obstacles that are set before you, whether they seem little or big. Sing before Him and sing to Him! Soon you'll find out what did bother you is not bothering you anymore. Why not, what happened? You put it at Yahshua's feet and He took care of it. "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

Once you have experienced mastery over your temptations, joy fills your heart and thoughts about the adversary's next attack does not deprive you of the peace that is in you. At the same time your conscience will let you know that you didn't deserve such an easy outcome. We are humans and must be aware of our frail condition. We are not worthy of all the mercies Yahweh bestows on us. The condition our heavenly Father wants to see us in must be a humble one. If we come to Him in honest repentance, holding nothing back (confessing everything), He will gladly forgive and He will strengthen us for our walk with Him!

Yahshua's arms are open for those seeking rest and peace. In these restless times there is no better place to escape the turmoil and hectic living than at Yahshua's feet. "Alone with Yah and in Him resting; Oh sweet retreat at Yahshua's feet!"

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A Framework for Unity in The Calendar A Proposal from the 2002 Unity Conference

Part 2 of 2

By: Michael A. Banak

In Part 1, we presented a call for Unity in the Calendar. (See address at the conclusion for a reprint). The foundation laid in Part 1 is summarized as follows:

- It must be frankly admitted that applying The Calendar in today's circumstances has legitimate areas of uncertainty.
- While any one calendar scheme may be simple, the process of choosing the right one is quite complex, having at least 72 different outcomes.
- There is a need for order in the Household of Faith.
- On the chance that we err, Yahweh has proven faithful in blessing an innocently ill-timed Feast [2 Chronicles 30].
- Yahweh is even more willing to bless us in our quest for the correct calendar, if we go about it together. Afterall, these Feasts call for unified fellowship ("Holy Convocations").
- The Authority for calculating the Calendar has never lied within the purview of the private individual. Never.
- A private interpretation of The Scriptures on this issue is easily skewed by snap judgment and a narrow view of insufficient facts.
- The timing for the Feast has always been in the hands of those having rule within the Assembly of Yahweh.
- In the absence of Priests and Prophets, the Elders among us today are left with that burden.

Not only are the scriptures somewhat unclear in some areas, and further lacking in any command for you to develop your own calendar in the face of the difficulties, but they speak loudly about other spiritual imperatives. While each of us is busy carving-out his own pet calendar, vast areas of the Messianic ethic can be left unfulfilled. Indeed, how do you satisfy the requirement to "occupy until I come"? Does that really mandate calendar expertise for all?

Take the call to Holiness as an example, Leviticus 20:7-8: "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am Yahweh your Elohim. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am Yahweh which sanctify you." If, instead of getting stuck on Feast calculations, you were to throw yourself into the exciting world of other Scriptural Commandments, you would find a dramatic uptick in the intensity of your own walk. Commandments like "Open your hand wide to your brother, your poor and your needy in your land," and "Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt", and other such commands will light a fire under you like you never expected, going beyond the letter of Torah. It impacts everything we do: style of dress, driving habits, choice of recreation, etc. Yet the quest for Holiness is absolutely mandatory: Hebrews 12:14 "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see The Sovereign". But instead of this, shall we be absorbed with the calendar calculation?

Next, consider the call to spiritual gifts. The Scriptures urge us to each participate in

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Spiritual Power. In Numbers 11:29 Yahweh would have us all be prophets: "And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? Would Elohim that all Yahweh's people were prophets, and that Yahweh would put his spirit upon them!" Further, Solomon urges upon us the call to wisdom, the kind of excellent wisdom that comes from fear of Elohim. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul lists several specific gifts of the Spirit in the broader context of seeking the better gifts, and in Chapter 14 recapitulates Moses' call to Prophecy. Meanwhile Luke 11 promises the Spirit to those who simply ask. We should be storming the gates of Heaven for these gifts. As it is written, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3. In light of this, dare we instead choose to each specialize in the elusive task of calendar calculation, especially since the odds of correctness are only 1 in 72?

At the Unity Conference, a number of people took a strong interest in pursuing a unified calendar. Among them, a delightful pastor from the South urged me to continue in this effort. His congregation has been very involved in prison ministry and music ministry. When they sing, you would think it was the second coming! There were others who came forward, simply wanting an answer. These are beloved brothers, legitimately seeking calendar unity. Who are we to urge upon all of these people a manufactured commandment to understand and debate the details of this calendar subject? How often have we been bull-whipped with the expression, "We must all be like the noble Bereans", as though that one scripture mentioning the Bereans meant that everyone in the congregation must now own and be familiar with the Strong's Concordance, Gesenius' Lexicon, Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon, the writings of Josephus, Astronomy, History, and many other extra-biblical things required to prove any one calendar correct?

Let us pause and get a grip on something. The calendar calculation is not a moral issue. Though many of us take this very seriously, in reality, most of us are not qualified to make these decisions, even though we yearn deeply to do so. The Scriptures do not support the practice of individual Feast calculation. But they do require us to work very hard on other, more down-to-earth things. Psalms 131:1 "Yahweh, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me."

In light of these facts, it seems bizarre to equate the Calendar calculation with the moral law. Evidently, our zeal to restore true worship has caused needless emphasis on this subject. But there is a moral issue which does come into play. A far greater moral issue is that of submitting to Heavenly ordained authority. Now, if you ask around, most everyone claims to be in subjection to Yahshua, yet differences still abound. Therefore we must be going about this calendar thing in the wrong way. The Scriptures say a lot about rebellion. And when our prayers are answered, would we really take upon ourselves the mantle of rebellion, just to pursue our 1-in-72 chance of being right? In 1 Samuel, 15:23, King Saul was warned "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." Consider the book of Judges, where all manner of ugly things happened. Twice in that book it says that "every man did what was right in his own eyes." Note they were doing what they thought was right, not what they thought was evil.

When we come to the New Testament, the situation gets no better for those dedicated to isolation. Note Hebrews 13:7 and 17, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of The Almighty: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation... Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit

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yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." So, not only are we to obey them that have rule over us, but we must avoid creating grief for them!

Quite simply, the Calendar Calculation is not a moral issue, but rather a technical matter of Congregational management. Note here, this is not an invitation for ministers to changes times and laws. But when it comes to the calendar, in light of all the points just made, it seems entirely reasonable to expect the ministry to make these decisions for the sake of unified convocation.

Some people cannot handle that. Many Christians, though, have discovered the principle of respect for authority, and have been wonderfully blessed because of it. Marriages are healed, families are rebuilt, tensions ease in the workplace, and the kids stay out of trouble. They receive these blessings because Isaiah 55 promises that Yahweh's Word will bear fruit according to its purpose, regardless of where it goes. Do you still question the importance of right authority? Then consider: The greatest example of Faith in the New Testament is a pagan soldier who understood authority. [Matthew 8:5-13].

Whatever form of Congregational government you choose from The Scriptures, let it be maintained that almost any scheme would work today if those in leadership were sufficiently anointed and of sufficiently high character.

Some congregations simply have one man to make all of the decisions, because sometimes one elder is all you have to keep things going. Some congregations have established a system of Apostolic Authority. In both the cases I know, the calendar was delegated to one lay member in the group. Some congregations simply adopt a board of elders. Voting is usually done by a majority rule. Interestingly, one very successful board I know will not finalize a decision until every last member of the board votes in agreement. Finally, some families are so far removed from fellowship that a private, locally-derived calendar is all they can muster. Though we must enthusiastically respect the authority of the head of household for this arrangement, we must also hope to bring them into a realm of wider fellowship. So, whether by group decision, or by delegation, the current state of affairs always has someone in authority doing the calculation and making the decision for the benefit of Assembly members. Therefore, the call for calendar authority is an assertion of things largely as they stand now.

We are acutely aware of the dangers of placing too much authority in the hands of a few. One-man-rule, cult mentality, fascism; we recognize this. These risks, amplified by natural rebellion, make it hard to establish any authority today. For example, many now claim that authority gains its sway only by convincing those below of each and every thing. Though benevolent, this has its limits. They cry, "Fully convince me of where I am wrong, and then I will follow the leadership". Granted, those with calendar authority should explain the factors leading to their decisions, but in the extreme case, it is unreasonable to expect an exhaustive, immediate response to each critique, as if to extend to each and every member, the power of the heckler's veto. You may have experienced this problem already with your children.

This proposal establishes a three-step hierarchy of order:

1) Members of households should follow the lead of the head of that household, in determining the tone, direction and style of fellowship. This includes choice of ministry with which they can work and grow. Of course those family members

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- should have input, but the final decision must reside with the spiritual head of that family.
- 2) In turn, heads of household should each place themselves and their families in subjection to ministries, selected on the basis of the message, fruits and overall character of those ministries. Having that in place, then each family should follow the calendar determined by that ministry, for the benefit of mutual edification and fellowship. The worst possible things are to isolate yourselves just over the calendar, or to select a ministry based merely on their calendar. It is understandable that it could be a consideration, but there is no calendar scheme worth putting yourself through that. The fruits of such a decision will make you and your family sorely bitter in the end.

With the 2 recommendations thus far, we have broken no new ground. We are merely building on the wisdom that speaks to order and authority in the household of Faith.

3) This third point is the new part. Over time, it is proposed that a small, special body of elders be established, whose sole job is to determine the calendar for those who wish to voluntarily place themselves under their authority. Just how we establish that authority is covered next.

The broader issues of Congregational Government can be completely bypassed if, on a voluntary basis, we accept the leadership of men whose household authority is already established, and choose to worship with them. It's kind of simple. A man's household leadership is upheld in Scripture. If some have, indeed, fulfilled this honorably, then by agreeing to worship with such men, we have in-fact accepted their calendar. On a local scale this has worked very well. Therefore, it is explicitly proposed here that:

- A) Through the ministries, the brotherhood should voluntarily place itself in subjection to the authority of a Council, consisting of men who have been carefully selected and ordained as elders for the purpose of determining the calendar.
- B) The elders selected for this purpose must fulfill the highest qualifications for elders BAR NONE. That is the only way that their decision will offend no one and garner our respect. You will see detractors attempting to skew this part of the process. But if we proceed without having firmly established the need for impeccable leadership, then unity is not what we are seeking. Acts 6:3, 1 Timothy 3, and Titus 1:5-9; layout clear scriptural rules for selecting elders. Oddly, the Sacred Name Assemblies and the Christian world at-large have shared perfect agreement in their disregard for these Biblical mandates. This time, let us protect ourselves. It seems reasonable to reassert the Scriptures here: If one's personal life is not in order, then he has no business determining the calendar. On the other hand (and this is the good news), two or three men who conform to these high standards will be manifesting humility and character, and listening a lot closer to Yahshua than most of the rest of us. Thus in this calendar plan, everyone needs to be humble. Those who lead will have a proven track record of humility, and we who follow must humbly participate.
- C) If we cannot find at least 2 men to play this role, then we have bigger problems than just the calendar. We should immediately transition to solving our personal and household problems first.
- D) A word on structure: Once ordained, the work of this council should focus on the calendar. They must resist efforts to pull them into other squabbles that come along.

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These ministers would dutifully solicit research reports and prayer from the fellowship at-large, to facilitate ongoing development of the calendar. [Imagine, for once, submitting a calendar research paper to someone whose opinion counts!]

The proposal offered here needs participation to happen. The unified calendar will become a reality, Heavenly Father willing. But who will participate? Going forward, the following recommendations are made for those who wish to support this grass-roots effort.

- Follow the first 2 steps of the three-tiered structure presented above. Families should pull together behind their spiritual heads of household, and they, in turn, must accept the calendar of the ministry with which they are affiliated.
- Working through those ministries, the members at large should appeal to their clergy, to urge upon them participation in this important development. If they decline to participate, then you should rest in The Father, and wait for his timing and direction.
- Sacred Name ministries, and all members of the fellowship are encouraged to participate in the identification and selection of those 2 or 3 men who will fill the vital positions on the proposed Calendar Council. One likely outcome is that a handful of qualified men are identified, and then lots are cast to select 2 or 3 to handle this task. It is important to clarify that the casting of lots comes only after they pass through the filter of Scriptural qualifications for elders.

A copy of this entire article and a forum for those wishing to dialog on the matter may visit http://www.unityinthecalendar.org. Though I cannot sustain a casual correspondence, those who have no Internet access may write to: M. A. Banak, 10013 S. Kildare, Oak Lawn, IL, 60453. A CD of the presentation from the 2002 Unity Conference may be obtained as well.

Let us pray, write and dialogue until Yahweh's blessings break through, and the unity that Yahshua prayed for be fulfilled in this matter.

HalleluYah.

EDITORIAL

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In this issue of The Faith there are several articles which I hope upon reading, you will be able to glean something from each one, take it to heart, pray, and use these gleanings in your daily lives. That's what The Faith is all about. After the Storm – mankind's struggles in life and how to overcome with Yahshua in our lives. A Framework for Unity in the Calendar, Part 2 – a call for the brethren to work together to find unity in calculating the dates for Yahweh's Feasts. Health Tips – Elder George Kinney has faithfully offered many tips throughout the years. We all need to be more careful regarding the "food" we eat. In Memoriam – We are saddened to report so many Saint's deaths as they leave a large void in our fellowships. Let us pray Yahweh's Spirit will quicken others to step in, accept the challenge, and fill their positions. May Yahweh bless.

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

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REPORT FROM INDIA

(Excerpts)

Shalom, this is Tony Suckla writing from South India where I have come on command of Matthew 28:19-20, where Yahshua the Messiah said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:"...

I last wrote shortly before Tabernacles of 2002, which I kept at Hyderabad with Pas. Y. Sunith Premanand. During the eight days of Tabernacles we had a blessed time. This was my fifth time to keep Tabernacles in India and it was the first time it did not rain during the feast. There were about 100 people that attended and we had fellowship and messages throughout the eight days, with about forty or fifty in attendance on any given day. On one of the days about fifteen of the attendees passed out about 2000 pieces of literature in the city of Hyderabad.

The school we started three years ago in the village of Lankapalem (where I settled), is still going fine. It costs about \$80.00 per month for teachers' salaries, cleaning help and misc. items. The school year here in India ends in April and starts again in June. At present, we have no sponsor for the upcoming school year in June. Monthly and annual financial reports, showing how all funds have been used, are sent to any donor upon request. It is really important to have our own schools here in India as the government and most all private schools require attendance on the Sabbath day.

I am spending most of my time in another city, about four hours away, called Eluru, because I am working on helping to get the Bible translated into the Telugu language with the Names of Yahweh and Yahshua. In this translation we are taking all names of people and places back to the original Hebrew spelling, at least as far as we can. The Names of Yahweh and Yahshua will be used for the Father and Son and all Hebrew titles for the Father and Son are being used. We save our work each day on a zip drive and on the computer hard drive. There are several power cuts each day so we purchased a generator that has been very helpful.

Here in Eluru, Pas. G.B. Benoni, has stopped his work as a contractor in the earthmoving field to help full time in the Bible Translation Project. The assembly here is planning on taking a loan of about \$1300.00 to purchase more land and extend their prayer hall as the present one is not sufficient to hold the members. If any would feel led to help in this, it is very needed.

There were two Assembly building dedications in the past few months. One was with brother Isaac E. Kusima in the E. Godavari district and another was with Pas. G. Samson in the Guntur district.

It is a miracle of Yahweh that I have been able to stay in India and continue as I have, and as long as Yahweh continues to open the door, I am glad to do so. The main thing that is keeping me in the state of Andhra Pradesh is the Bible translation work; at this point my physical presence is necessary. Do remember the work of Yahweh in India in your prayers.

If any feel led to help support the work of Yahweh here in India, donations can be sent to: Finish the Work Ministry, 1409 Milner St., Irving, TX 75061, (972) 438-5829, (charlotte.lanier@juno.com); or The San Antonio Assembly of Yahweh, c/o Jessie and Marilyn Vicknair, 7945 Green Valley Road, Marion, TX 78124, (210) 625-4963, (marilynv@wireweb.net).

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An update on The Word of Yahweh (2nd Edition) is as follows: the corrections and additions (Charts and Concordance) are at the printing company. A "blue line" copy is being prepared for final approval, which will then be returned to the printer who upon receipt has given a future projected available date from then of approximately one month for the paperback copies and two months for the hard cover and leather copies.

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The Assembly of Yahweh Wellness Center Eaton Rapids, Michigan

The Wellness Center is open for the current year. The 2003 schedule for the two-week program is as follows: July 27 – August 8 Aug. 17 – Aug. 29 Sept. 14 – Sept. 26

The 2nd Annual Harvest Feast will be held November 27, 2003. The Center will be closed from December 2003 to March 2004; however, we will open on special request for two or more people.

The Wellness Center is in need of a retired individual who is experienced in organic gardening and maintenance to commit to 3-6 months of energy exchange for the current year. Interested persons can contact Hiawatha Cromer at (517) 663-1637.

HEALTH TIPS

Got Cancer? Don't feed it! Cancer loves sugar. What does this mean? It means don't add sugar to anything. This includes turbinado and honey... Also probably best to eliminate such as dates or anything excessively sweet. Eat no sugary pies, cakes, cookies, etc. And of course, buy nothing from the store with sugar in it, such as cereal. Read labels.

Also quit eating junk! This includes such as frozen TV dinners with the excessive non-wanted additives. Again, read the labels. Consider a 100% raw diet, and eating food as Yahweh gave it to us – pure and simple. Man often adulterates terribly in his processing.

Stay out of a hospital if possible. Isn't the first thing they like to do is hang a bag of sugar solution by you and run it through your veins? If you do go, don't allow it.

Even if you do not have cancer, watch the sweets. Don't forget, the Word says, "It is not good to eat much honey." (Proverbs 25:27). Sugar is in many different forms: table sugar, sucrose, glucose, corn sweetener, fructose, maple sugar, honey, corn syrup, dextrose, dextrine, and barley malt. Also molasses. Our body makes its own sugar. Sixty-eight per cent of our total intake of foods is converted into sugar according to Dr. Melvin Page. So need we add any at all? If one feels he must sweeten, there is a NOW brand herbal non-sugar sweetener 100% stevia extract powder. Very little sweetens. A scant one-half teaspoon sweetens 32 ounces of fat free Dannon plain yogurt nicely. With a scant teaspoon lemon extract, we have something without the sugar that is in the regular lemon yogurt product.

Nancy Apple, M.S., Ph.D. indicates that as to upsetting the correct body chemistry, sugar is certainly the major offender for the greatest number of people. And she says that research shows that when one eats even as little as two teaspoons of sugar...we are no longer in homeostasis (balance)...where our body functions best.

Dr. Page classifies refined sugar as a drug because of its devastating effect on the calcium-phosphorous balance in the body. He explained the balance of calcium-phosphorous levels increases the ability of the body to fight any disease of whatever kind or origin, and that sugar disturbs calcium-phosphorous balance more than any other single factor.

Being robbed of vitamins and minerals, white sugar is especially bad. And also, according to the 1960 Encyclopaedia Britannica, the sugar (the filtered liquor) in most refineries is decolorized by its percolation through a deep bed of bone char. Are all the bones used from clean animals?

Elder George Kinney

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IN MEMORIAM

BARBARA MCDIARMID - died in Yahshua April 4, 2003 in Charlotte, Michigan. Sister Barbara, daughter of Earl and Nina Bigford, was born February 3, 1928 in Lansing, Michigan. The family lived for a while after leaving Lansing on a farm near the Eaton Rapids Assembly of Yahweh. From the farm they moved to Grand Ledge, MI, where Barbara met and married Maurice Taylor in 1946. She became stepmother to Maurice's daughter Shirley and they had one son James Taylor. Maurice passed away in 1972. Barbara married Bill McDiarmid in 1974, who had 5 children from a previous marriage. Surviving are Shelia (Rick) Stank and Vickie (Rick) Czech; Shirley and James, several grandchildren, great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren. Barbara was a spiritual mother to many and remained strong in her faith in Yahweh and Yahshua until the end. She is greatly missed by her family and friends.

DAVID M. MILLER – died in Yahshua February 16, 2003. David, born October 23, 1980, was raised in the Faith, knowing only the true name of Yahweh, the Sabbath and Feasts. He came to know his Savior in 1990 and was baptized at the Feast of Tabernacles. He left behind his wife Stella, son Michael, daughter Hannah; brothers and sisters Nathan, Naomi, and Danny Miller, Aaron, JosiYah and Lydia Wells. Also his paternal father Daniel Miller and his parents Robert and Theresa Wells. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. (We want to thank all who helped, called, sent cards, flowers and gifts – Bob and Theresa Wells.)

MYRTLE I. WILKS – died in Yahshua March 2, 2003 in Abilene, Texas. Myrtle was born June 17, 1918 in Carpenter, Oklahoma to Charlie and Annie Fenter who traveled by covered wagon to Arkansas, moving later on to Central Texas. Myrtle served her Creator, her family and her community faithfully. Painting was one of her many talents. Her greatest interest and daily companion was always the scriptures. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Voy Wilks, 5 children and their spouses, 38 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and 2 great, great grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Assembly of Yahweh (7th day), Cisco, Texas, celebrating her life.

FRANCES I. HAYES – wife of Elder Ed Hayes of Dutch Mills, Arkansas, died in Yahshua February 20, 2002 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Frances was born December 14, 1935 in Clay County, Kansas.

EVA E. HAYES – mother of Elder Ed Hayes, died in Yahshua February 26, 2003 in Prairie Grove, Arkansas. Eva was born October 5, 1909 in Jewell County, Kansas. She was a long-time Yahwist.

NATHANIEL (DEWITT) SMITH, JR. – died in Yahshua March 4, 2003 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Nathaniel was born February 22, 1904 in Owasso, Oklahoma. He will be remembered for the many booklets he wrote on the Name, the Sabbath, and prophecy.

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YAH'S YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAM OUTREACH MINISTRY

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Greetings in Yahshua's Holy Name! We at the Yah's Youth & Family Outreach Ministry would like to inform our brothers and sisters here and overseas that we have not forgotten you. In these times of economic hardship, we have not been receiving the gifts and money like we used to and therefore are not able to send funds to your ministry as we had been doing. We are still working with children, visiting the sick, elderly, and the shut-in, as well as distributing tracts and other literature. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we pray for you and may Yahshua ever bless and keep you.

Mother M. L. Shuler, President

MY GOAL

My goal is Yahweh Himself, not joy, not peace, Not even blessings, but Himself as my Eloah. It is His will to lead me there, not mine, At any cost, dear Yahweh, please do refine.

So faith strives forward to its goal in Yahweh, Love can trust; my Redeemer leads me there! Upheld by Yahweh, my soul following His way, Until Yahweh fulfills my deepest prayer.

No matter if the way is sometimes dark, No matter if the cost is ofttimes great. He knows how I best shall reach the mark, The way that leads to Yah is always straight!

One thing I know, I cannot say to Him how?
One thing I do, press forward to my goal.
My Yah, my glory, on your Kingdom I wait all day.
And your reward to me will be in the glory there.

Elder Otto Miesel

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YAHWEH'S LOVE

When you are tried by Yahweh He will try you with love. And when it gets too hot to walk, Yahshua will be there on the spot to carry you through. He will not stop or drop you. He will be true to you. All He asks is that you be true and serve Him. Keep His commandments and do His will, then He will send you His never ending love from above.

Silas Nichols

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Yahweh's

2003 Calendar

New Moon	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover)	Annual	
Days	APRIL 16 Celebrate APRIL 15 after sunset	Convocation	
Jan. 5	Celebrate AFKIL 13 after suitset	Days	
Feb. 3	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 17 through APRIL 23	April 17	
Mar. 5	EEAST (appointment) OF WEEVS	April 23	
April 3	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS JUNE 6 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	June 6	
May 3		Sept. 28	
June 2	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 28	Oct. 7	
July 1	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT OCTOBER 7	Oct. 12	
July 31		Oct. 19	
Aug. 29	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 12 through OCTOBER 18	7 days	
Sept. 28	OCTOBER 12 unough OCTOBER 10	in all - the	
Oct. 27	LAST GREAT DAY	number of	
Nov. 26	OCTOBER 19	completeness	
Dec. 25			

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