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Geometry and the Covenant

Hey, have you ever seen a lunar eclipse? I was in Colorado Springs heading for the airport at 4:30 in the morning. After returning the rental car, I looked above the building and there it was...

Many people over the years have considered peculiarities in the skies as a sign from God. I can surely understand it. It is always awesome to see the "unnatural". In an eclipse, however, is not unnatural, it is merely uncommon. Do you know the difference? The relation of unnatural to uncommon is very much like the relation of a supernatural blessing to mere good fortune.

Well-meaning, but misguided Christians give Jehovah "glory" by giving Him "credit" for anything "good" and "fortunate." Likewise, they renounce the "devil" by assigning blame to him for everything "bad" or "unfortunate". If it is not only unfortunate, but uncommon as well, it is often considered some kind of an "evil manifestation."

Th**INK**ers should not be living in this state of stupidity. I do not mean this as an insult. Because we use the word "stupid" as a general pejorative, we take exception to it even when it is used correctly, but to be ignorant and exercise poor judgment is the true definition of stupidity.

Judgment (not the condemning kind, but the discernment that comes



from understanding) comes from within a person who has met Wisdom. A person who does not know God can only judge by his wits, the intellectual knowledge he has gathered over the course of his lifetime. A man who has laid claim, however, to a relationship to the Creator and His Daughter Wisdom (Ref. Proverbs 7), must exemplify more than superstition and fear, more than presumption and mythological explanations.

"Good intentions" are often the mumbled excuse given for our willful stupidity. We figure that if we have good intentions, our poorly founded beliefs, pagan-tainted theologies and unscriptural ideas will somehow pass the examination of the Almighty. Don't bet your life on it. Don't bet your *eternal life* on it!

We have been called to live in covenant with the King of the Universe. Does that strike any concern in you? If the King of Slobovia called

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you to come and live as affluent royalty in Slobovia, would you look up Slobovia on the internet? Would you read a book on the subject? Would you look at a globe or maybe a map to find its location? Yet the King of Kings offers us just such a proposal and we do not even investigate the terms!

EXAMINE THE OFFER

Where are the terms of this offer written? Of course, you may find them in your Bible, but on this particular morning, I found them written in thin air. It was so intense, it will take a few minutes to tell what the LORD YHVH showed me in about 45 seconds.

The skies were no real threat as we approached the destination airport; but, they were full of thick, wet clouds. We popped out on approach to plainly reveal the runway that awaited our arrival. A wall of clouds remained to the left and the sun beamed into the opposite window and illuminated the cabin in warm sunlight.

Realizing the geometry of the sun and moisture-laden atmosphere, I looked for a rainbow. "With such near-horizontal sun rays a rainbow has to be out there somewhere..." A rainbow, from the earth's perspective is a "bow" because the lower region of the color circle is not visible below the horizon, leaving a half-circle above, thus a "bow". I look forward to this because it is "uncommon" to be as high as this while the necessary elements for a rainbow are present. I am still looking...

There it is! At this elevated perspective, a rainbow is a wondrous thing, because it's not a bow at all, it is a full circle! A faint circle of colors began to appear. There were two, then three. Soon, I saw a full spectrum rainbow in circular form. Then it became double! As if child had taken a fist full of bright crayons and drew two great circles in the sky, the ancient covenant was displayed, as it has been for millennia, for everyone to see!



Genesis 9:12-17, *"And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth."*

Isn't it so like our Father to give the sign of comfort just *BEFORE* the rains start and immediately *AFTER* they have passed? Likewise, isn't it just like Him to expect us to stand in faith during the rains?

Notice that, though the rainbow gives us comfort when we see it, the bow is really NOT for us – it is for HIM! *"And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between me and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth."*

So, how does this sign of remembrance apply to mankind if the rainbow is to be *His* reminder?

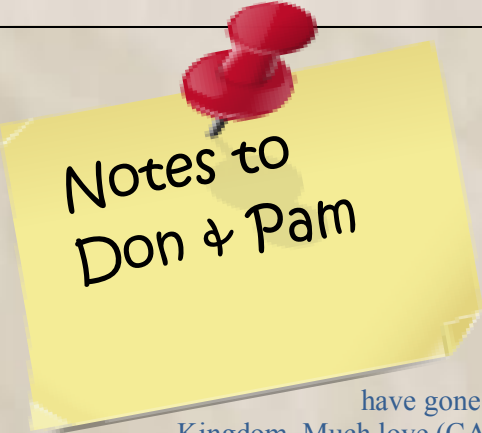
THINK ABOUT THE GEOMETRY

The sun is behind you.
The clouds are before you.
The light is refracted and split into the spectrum by spherical drops of water made perfectly round because they are suspended in the air. *YOUR* position in the



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Notes to
Don & Pam

have gone in there before. ...May He continue to richly bless you for all you give for the Kingdom. Much love (CA)

THANK YOU, Don, soooo much for your counsel this morning [Red Letter Edition – LIVE! Caller]. The Spirit prompted me to make the call and I didn't realize until we were deep into the discussion how much this subject has been bothering me. The Father did indeed give me a whole new understanding and at least for now, I know exactly what to do when it comes to those monetary temptations. What cleared it up for me was when Don said that when you take an action, you are showing whom you serve. That was the missing link that made everything come together. I feel very clean and "washed by the Word" and in fact went through my tax folder and shredded a few more receipts that should

Wow, Mr. Don, I have seen the Thinkers' Collection package and I cannot express my gratitude enough! It would be a wonderful feeling for me giving them to my friends. I will update you on my experiences very soon Sir, do have a wonderful evening ahead! YHWH is by your side, strengthening you and encouraging you all the way. Once again, thank you so much! merci beacoup! (LAGOS, NIGERIA)

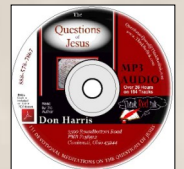
It seems that we do not think of the price of obedience enough. We say it like it is a small thing and yet if do it right it can be a major price but oh so worth that price but only if we truly pay with all our hearts. With thoughts of you both today... (TX)



Just want to thank you for sending me the MP3 of the 2008 blog radio shows. I have tried to get them on the computer but always get lost and end up giving up on it. I use my daughter's computer when in Oklahoma and my son's computer when in Florida so I cannot spend a great deal of time on either one. I am enjoying listening to the MP3. Some of the truths my husband and I learned in the 1970's, 80's, and 90's. We had a tape and literature ministry that began in August of 1980 and ended in March of 2009 when he died of a blood clot after an operation. We were being taught by the Holy Spirit but I did not realize that until I began hearing Don's messages. I am very grateful for your ministry. I know you both have Grace and Peace but I close wishing you even more of it. (OK & FL)

(FROM A VERMONT THINKER RE: RED LETTER EDITION – LIVE! BROADCAST) Who will reject truth more often, a Christian or an atheist? Answer: The Christian. A Christian accepts a God. Therefore for a Christian to be lost (many are) they must reject the truth. An atheist only rejects God, more times than not, because he can see the truth and in seeing the truth can't reject what he knows in his heart to be true he must reject God. Which son has done the Father's will?

I did receive The Questions of Jesus. Wow this was an insight and eye opener. Absolutely a must for everyone. Thank you so much. (SO. AFRICA)



Thank you so much for providing a wonderful place to come together to celebrate the Feast. Lord knows it took a lot of effort. I hope you all are richly blessed. With Love, (NM)

I wanted to take the time to thank you for the Feast of Tabernacles this year. The preparation time put in was evident and the whole grounds looked wonderful. Thank you for opening up your home and property and for always taking care of us...we feel the love and hope you do! (CO)

God bless you all, and you all are always in our prayers. (PA)

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...I asked Father one day, "What is this humble yourself and pray stuff mean?" He said, "Quit thinking that You have all of the answers and come to me for the answers." ...we can reduce the bible to five words: Hear Yahweh's voice and obey! Relationship over religion every time. Thanks again (TX)

Pray you both are getting rested up after the Feast. Blessings and thank you for all you are doing. Love (TX)



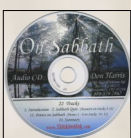
Thank you for disc 2 "On Manna." No one can ever say that Don whitewashes the scriptures! (Smile) Hope both of you can have a well deserved rest after preparations for Tabernacles. (TX)

Thank you both for the videos and stickers that we received before Sabbath. We needed the stickers [bumper stickers] before Feast of Tabernacles so others could see it. We will be listening to these teachings at our campsite and anyone interested will be welcome to come listen (not interrupting services). It is a mixed group, some keeping the Rabbinical calendar, but some have learned since last year about the Creator's Calendar and will be keeping it at the time we are this year...we are hoping to have a great Feast and our plans are maybe with your group next year. May Yah bless you both with health and wisdom. Thanks again. (OK)



Today, I kept the Feast of Trumpets at my home, alone. I have been searching for many, many years for truth. First, local Baptist churches and TV Evangelists. I started seeing things that didn't fit. I slowly started weeding out places; First, the local church, then, the TV Evangelist, only one remained, The World Tomorrow program. I had also studied with the Jehovah's Witnesses for 2 years, but they stopped coming over when they finished their little red book, and asked did I see where they were right. I asked them how could King David be one of "the elect" and be in heaven now, when the bible said he was still in his grave. So, I'm left with the Worldwide Church of God. I did attend for a few months, but something wasn't right. I stopped going. ..Today, on the Feast of Trumpets 2013, I felt lost again, confused, thinking that I would never find the one true church, the right place to be, and would never be baptized! I agree with many of the teachings of these churches, but I felt differently about some things, I went to the website (7th-day info page with Live Sabbath Broadcasts listed) I started listening to all of the different church's broadcast (sometimes having two windows open at one time) Yep...that was confusing. I listened in random order. The very last one I went to was "Think Red Ink" and I found myself watching the end of a radio show, and the next show having been taped prior to 2011. As I was watching, I felt a burden being lifted off of my shoulders! I felt something...something that I haven't felt in a long time, ever since truths were being revealed to me years ago when I was reading the Bible and asking for wisdom and understanding. I'm so grateful to have clicked on just one more link on the live broadcast website before giving up my search. (NEW – AL)

Will you make a DVD on Jehovah's feasts please...and cover how the Christian should commemorate without all the added stuff, i.e. the Jewish traditions? This would keep many Christians from going "backwards" so to speak. We need to remember that Christ has fulfilled some of the feasts and the fall feasts have yet to be fulfilled, but the feasts are not a rite in themselves...Christ and our pursuit of His will is our substance. Maybe you have already covered this in a class and if you let me know what date you covered this topic...Thank you and Yehovah Adonai bless you, brother. (NEW – AR)



Thank you for sending the two discs on the Sabbath, and the one on God's calendar. I have watched them all, and will be watching them again, and again! In Appreciation, (NEW - AL)

We very much enjoy your shows, ministry, you and...thank you for helping us "see The Light and taste The

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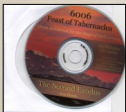
Salt". Thank you! Loving The Truth in Washington

You have been blessing us for several years now. We listen on the internet in archive. We have several of your CD, Books, and DVD's. Still have a few I want to get. You have really changed the way we look at the scriptures and "church" and the relationship with our creator. Thank you to you both. (CO)

I have been listening to you on my iPod and I just keep learning so much. ... I just can't get enough of what you are teaching. I have so very many questions in my head and you have answered them for me... I just want to know the truth. GOD BLESS YOU BOTH!!! (TX)

We were introduced to your Studies through my parents... We enjoy TRI Radio & Television Programs. (NEW – OK)

People from The Feast of Tabernacles introduced me to a DVD called "The Creators Calendar." I am very interested in this. (NEW – IL)



I received a DVD in the mail last week (The Second Exodus) and it was a turning point for me. Thank you for not giving up on me. (MS)

It was a joy to have finally met you in Abilene recently. Don, my husband and I appreciate your teaching on "Rapture" and benefited from the way you explained beginning with fact, fiction or opinion; word definitions and Biblical examples of the "wicked being severed from among... FIRST. We look forward to receiving the DVD. Blessings (TX)

The Red Letter Academy disc "On Guidance" was very helpful. I listened to it 3 times...I want to repent and change to be a pleasing child of Jehovah and one that is able to be a helper in the restoration of the world. You gave me much direction on how to continue hearing the voice of Yeshua...Thank you! (FL)



Keep up putting forth truth! Love and appreciate you all! (TX)

I hope you all are all recovering and resting from the preparations for and celebrations of Tabernacles! It was so wonderful to come together as thinkers and share this time that Yehovah gave us! Although we did not get to stay for long, we enjoyed what time we did have to spend with everyone... I look forward to next year, Yehovah willing... "Thank You" to all those who worked to make Tabernacles happen in TRI-town this year! (NM)

This was a message to me today! (RLE LIVE! 10/27/2013) I had felt lead to go off in my corner and test my hearing, so to speak. It's been a struggle and today I felt reprieve to listen in. I needed to hear this again! (NM)

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"Freely you have received,
freely give..."
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FROM FASTING TO FEASTING

Fast from judging others;
Feast on seeing the best in people.

Fast from emphasis on differences;
Feast of the unity of life.

Fast on despair;
Feast on hope.

Fast from thoughts of illness;
Feast on the healing power of Yah.

Fast from words that destroy;
Feast on phrases that are encouraging.

Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.

Fast from being negative;
Feast on being positive.

Fast from worry;
Feast on Trust.

Fast from complaining;
Feast on appreciation.

Fast from hostility;
Feast on peace-making.

Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from constant activity;
Feast on slowing down.

Fast from disrespect;
Feast of recognizing the sacred in all life.

Fast from self concern;
Feast on compassion for others.



BY ROSE MATTERN, NEBRASKA

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FEAST OF TABERNACLES 6013...



BY LAURA SMITH, TEXAS

...cherished by all of the Thinkers who think
What a wonderful time we all shall have,
and its all taking place at the Harris pad.

Folks have come from near and far.
Some by plane and some by car.
Making new friends as we go along.
Encouraging each other we can't go wrong.

Solemn assembly starts our day off right;
Hearing the shofar is the thrill of delight.
Don teaching on truth with sincere insight
and minding our conscience makes all things right!

Activities provided for one and all:
Hike to the Decalogue and some wiffleball,
Not to mention desert pearl, geocaching,
And the VLA tour!

Food, food, and yes more food...
with wonderful people what an amazing mood.
Joy and laughter will sing in our ear
Making memories to last throughout the year.

The flames burn high the entire feast
Surrounded by campers with heartfelt peace.
Sharing our lives in the fireside sheen;
We'll cherish these memories till 6014!

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Counseled by God

emotional wholeness through hearing God's voice

By Mark & Patti Virkler

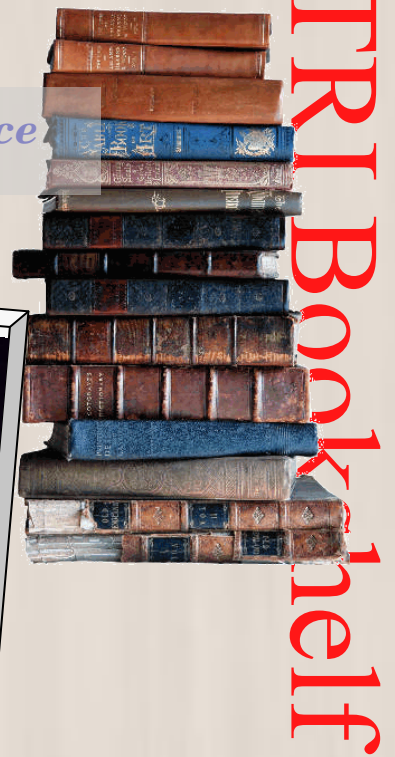
"I have said that in order to have a pure heart, in order to be counseled by God, you must be able to hear the voice of God, see the vision of God, and get His perspective on the situation. Even when we accept this as a worthy goal, it is often not an easy thing to do. In fact, for the first ten years of my life as a Christian, I could not recognize the Lord's voice within my heart and I never saw one vision from Him. As I studied Scripture from Genesis to Revelation, people could hear the voice of God. I wanted desperately to be a biblical man, but no matter how much I struggled, I could not hear an audible voice within my heart. I thought perhaps I was backslidden so I repented, fasted and read my Bible more, but still there was no voice. I studied more on the subject, questioned those who were able to hear God's voice, tried all of the suggestions offered, and still there was no voice." (Pg. 11-12)

Wow...the first ten years of his Christian life he could not discern God's voice at all. Is this you too? I can remember feeling the same way; and if we are honest with ourselves, the majority of Christians today have never heard the still, small voice of Jehovah. This book, [Counseled by God](#) lays out four major keys to consider while searching communication with our Creator.

Sadly, keeping the Commandments is not mentioned in any of these four keys, but I nonetheless found this book to be very helpful. The one thing I have added to my own quiet time since reading this book is the concept of journaling. When I journal my weaknesses, supplications, hopes, and fears, I then have this unique record of the person I was at a certain point in time. I am looking forward to reading it in a couple of years hopefully to see how much I have grown through the grace of my Messiah.

~A Fellow ThINKer

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(From a Texas ThINKer)
"Dear Don, I don't have the regular background with the church. I was a hard core non-believer when the Holy Spirit wooed on me for four years before I believed. When I crossed to the other side, the Holy Spirit had answered all of my questions and dispelled all of my doubts and I came in at 100 %. I now teach on hearing God's voice for ones self. I was the best of the best of 300 out of Marine Corps boot camp and the Holy Spirit said that He wanted me to use at least that effort in His boot camp. The first demoniac I came in contact with was My old nature. Very Familiar spirits. Silencing the negative voices, I could hear God better. When I read about John announcing the Lamb of God, I was standing there on a sand bar watching it go down. When I read the sermon on the Mt., I was sitting there on the hill side watching and listening. "All will be taught by God", taught here is, sound down into the ears. I think I am in a different place than your usual crowd. I know that You have a hard row to hoe with the church crowd. They think they have it all figured out already. I have been dismissed by a few. May Yahueh bless you and keep You in this effort. I try to get them to read, "Counseled by God" by Virkler. It is the best primer on hearing God's voice that I know of..."

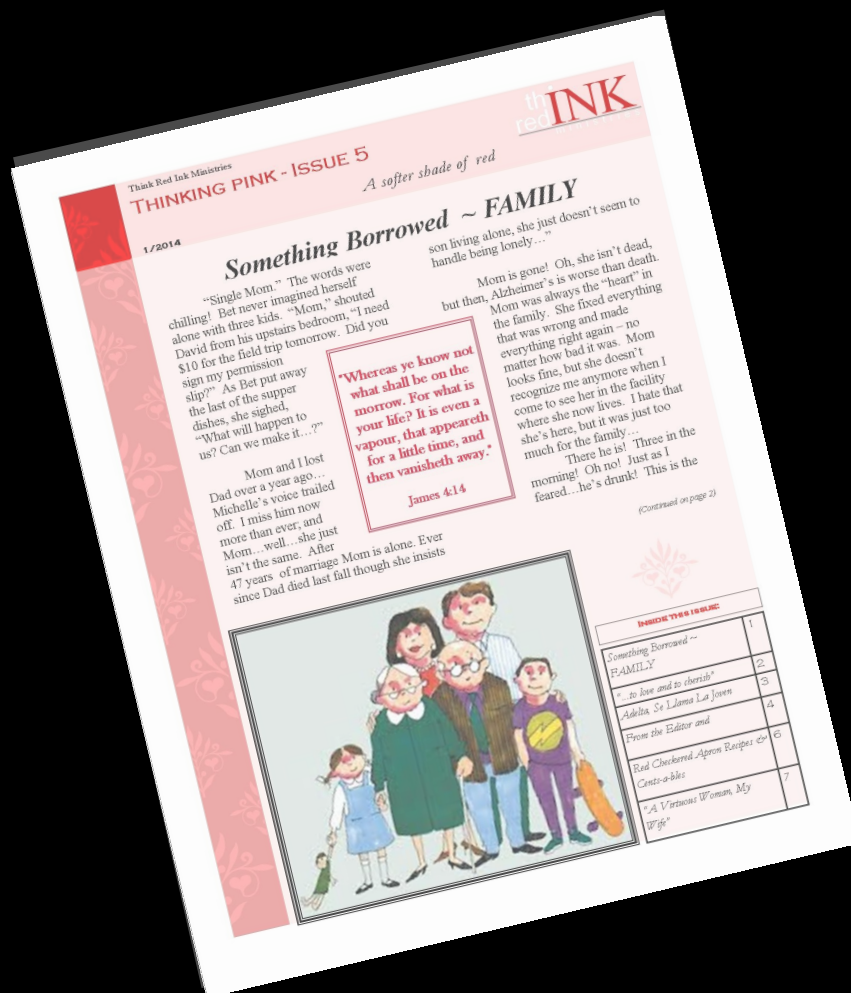
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observation is critical. When the sun is directly behind you, you cannot see a rainbow to your right or left. It will only be seen directly in front of you.

Do you see it? The significance of this geometry? The rainbow cannot be seen from heaven. Jehovah sees the rainbow from YOUR perspective because He resides IN YOU! He sees it through your eyes. It has been His plan from the beginning to be Emmanuel, **"God with us!"**

With my nose pressed to the window, I considered all this and began to realize if the cloud bank became even denser, it may display a shadow of the airplane. No sooner had this occurred to me, than a dark spot in the center of the circle began to take form – the shadow of the airplane on which I was flying and the sign of the ancient covenant were plainly in view. The "bow" encircled the shadow of the plane - precisely in the center of the covenant was ... **ME!** I lost the vision as the tears came.

AN ANCIENT COVENANT

Our covenant is indeed so ancient that we hardly can remember the God who declared it. We are so rife with paganism and the filth of the world we must learn to be men of the covenant. Why did the destruction occur? Why did the Creator bring the flood in the first place? Men worshipped men and they worshipped the sun.

I will keep it simple and tell you as the Lord told me, "If you are to be my children you must remove the paganism. If you are to live in my covenant you must reject the sun worship."

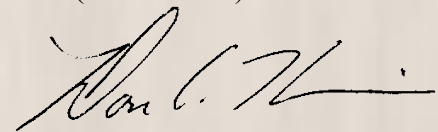
"How does this sign of remembrance apply to mankind if the rainbow is to be His reminder?"



In the geometry of that moment, in that brief glimpse, I saw from that airplane window the ancient covenant in the form of a full-circle, full-color rainbow, and the whole story unfolded in my head, "If you are to see the rainbow you must turn your back on the Sun."

THE RED WORDS

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." (Mark 12:30)



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