

# Wow, 6016. Who would have thought it?

As time goes by we may hear, as the Apostle Peter heard from some who grew tired of waiting, The Lord delays His coming. By "coming" I fear many mean "deliverance". He answered them, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men [say], but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should [have opportunity to] come to repentance." (the whole chapter, II Peter 3, is well worth your reading.) Any "delay in His coming is not to postpone our "blessing", but our condemnation. *Kinda changes your attitude, huh?* 

The truth is that we don't (shouldn't) care about seeing some cataclysmic event to vindicate us or to prove anything, or even to relieve us of our present distress. We have, not only the hope of our resurrection in our future but a present power conferred upon us (and all who obey Him) to overcome and triumph over all of life's setbacks and hindrances, twists and turns, thefts of joy and prosperity, and indeed, all that comes against us - we are more than conquerors. Not by any divine army's protection or "loving hedge" around us - or even supernatural elimination of trouble, but by regeneration of the one troubled.

Have you ever met someone who lives in poverty, who plays the lottery? Their hope is in the slim chance of winning what they think they so desperately need. What's more, the remote, yet ever-present prospect of instant riches causes them to lavishly waste and neglect to save.

Much as they do, "Christians" prodigally spend their lives and neglect to "lay up treasures" (as Jesus admonished) hoping and waiting for the dice cage in heaven to spill their magic number on God's desk. Then (they erroneously think) the abundant life will finally flow.

Character development has never come though prosperity. It is trial received by an obedient and meek soul that completes the recipe for rectitude in an honorable man.

The same storm that waters a farmers land, floods another's basement. The same forest fire that clears underbrush allowing sun to reach to the mildewed earth below, leaves the unhealthy trees as smoldering stumps.

Same "blessing". Same "curse".

As New Year presents itself, we do not look for empty resolutions to change our life's situation... do we? We do not need resolutions for a good year... we need resolve. It is not what life does with us that will allow us to be the man or woman we need to be, but what we do with life that will empower us to weather any storm, walk through any fire and emerge from the other side... better... not bitter.

This can only be done by allowing His complete work to be done in us. What a great time to find resolve. Be better... and have a Happier New Year.

Friendly.

PS. TRI SUMMER TOUR - "Please come to(my neck of the woods) . . ." Think Red Ink Ministries is planning a "Where in the world is Don C Harris?" traveling show based on the many invitations I have received from you to visit your home. Simply, Email: Visit Our House and my travel plans will include your house and, if you so desire, a meeting and/or teaching with your congregation. This plan is in it's infancy, please contact me right away if you want a visit!



Passover 6016

You are invited to join me in Albuquerque, NM for Passover on 04/23/16. Th*INK*ers have graciously offered

their home for a Passover meal and First-Day get-together.

#### **RSVP**

You will receive a confirmation email or phone call with details. Check under events for the 6016 Holy Day schedule.

THINK RED INK MINISTRIES - PASSOVER 6016
WHEN: 04-23-16 (5:00-9:00 PM)
THE HOME OF DUNCAN MALLOY - ALBUQUERQUE, NM
SPEAKER: DON C HARRIS

...with desire I have desired to eat this passover with you ...

# ThINKers' Thoughts!

## Hey, Don...

A review of "Think Red Ink" - "A DELIGHTFUL introspective from a former "Pastor" of his journey through his formative Christian years, his observations and dismay with the politics and merchandising within the Churches and Messianic Fellowships... to his time of disillusion and downright despair regarding the promises of Messiah that we would "never hunger or thirst again". In this well written and easy read you can follow him on his personal quest for truth that lead him on a fantastic journey directly to the feet of Jesus! He shares the dynamic and continuing regeneration that come only through the daily instructions that come from our Messiah! His insights provoke each of us to consider our own journey in the light of the Red words in scripture!" ~ ThINKer in NC

Both "Peaks Commentary" & "Who Wrote the Bible" arrived this past week. After reading only the first two chapters it's even more evident why you insist that it is imperative to seek guidance from the Holy Spirit and always obey our conscience. Thank you for passing along to your listeners these resources.

In his book about the prophets, "Decision for Destiny," Everett Tilson states, "Jeremiah does not take human transgression and responsibility lightly because he cannot take God lightly - his opponents, on the other hand, cannot take them seriously because they do not take God seriously." (p.116) I can hear the voice of Don Harris in these works. With deep appreciation, ~ThINKer in ID

Name is [omitted] I'm 51 years old and employed as [omitted] here in the "Wild Town" of Las Vegas Nevada. I usually listen to most of your radio broadcasts late in the night/morning hours here in Las Vegas during my "idle time" at work. Jesus Christ has been my Lord and Savior for many years. Sometimes life gets quite difficult to understand, including some of the Churches out here in Las Vegas but I'll keep focused on "Jesus" and His teachings. I just wanted to say "thank you Don" for help keeping my focus and understanding of Christ The Lord and His word. Your brother, in Christ Jesus...

Praying for you sir.
I am reaching back in OLD SHOWS as far as I can go!
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I wrote [omitted] an "E" mail to explain where and what happened to me. The best part of it is I don't care what they thINK about me. A wise man once told me. Fun keeping the yeast out of the brain. I am writing to let you know I am either in a good place or my seared mind took over. I wish now to only to have conversation with the Father. And I now know that doesn't require me to say or thINK anything. Just listen.

I will all ways be thankful I heard you when you said SHUUUUUUTTTTTTTTT UPPPPPPPPPP. I believe that advice may save my soul. I also realized thru your teachings that I must save myself. You often told us not to give to you but to the Lord. Sorry but until He now tells me to change where his offering goes I must send it to you. ... Hope I am not doing things for my own reasons.

I will all ways thank you for what you have done and wish that you can continue to bless others with your message. It is going to be much better on me now if I stop trying to make every ones problems better. I am heading for the wilderness and am going to listen only to Father. Shalom dear brother.

P S I got the message one time while listening "stop casting your pearls to the swine" - I will obey. ~ ThINKer in the Wilderness

Hey my barking brother! LOL I want to send a note of encouragement to you. God knows you have your hands full. I love you and TRI. Get over it folks...it's not about us...it's about the Father and His Word! ~ThINKer in NM

Greetings! Thank you for e-mail. Re: Thinkers' Thoughts! I could identify with most. The Questions Of Jesus helps me on a daily basis and what is so exciting is that I discover something new every day! Looking forward to book "Think Red Ink." With no family I would love to work for your ministry in some way! Lots of love in Yahshua.

I have upgraded my cell phone and am able to "tune in" as my contract allows me internet connection which I only use for Red Ink Minitries! I watched Don's radio broadcast on " father x-mas"! Excellent & very funny - Ho ho ho. Blessings! ~ThINKer in Mosselbay SA

Hello Don, First I want to thank you for the dvd's and the books, They have really been a blessing to us...All of your books have been a blessing and enriched our lives...we read them several times...some friends & family members do also. I have a request of each person that reads your books. I ask them to write the date on the back page when they finished the book. I believe this last one about your life has been a big blessing to us...It makes it easier to know where you came from. Until we hear from you. May our Jesus be with you. ~ThINKer in TX

Just want to express appreciation again to you and for your ministry. Last First Day, I tuned in at 10 AM hoping that would be a time your message would be live and hopefully hear an update on you. The First Day message (mentioned above) of March 6 was about forgiveness and forgetting. It was such a beautiful explanation. Although I've heard you teach on forgiveness previously, this one had a profound effect for me. Unfortunately my server disconnected after about 30 minutes but thank you for what I did hear.

Sorry you can no longer prepare the Creator's calendar for your listeners. I am attempting to be diligent to watch for the new crescent and especially the New Year, but seldom locate it--sometimes due to clouds. I've noticed that the Gregorian calendar shows Easter on March 27 but Passover April 22. Maybe Judaism is expecting a 13th month???

Hope your 2016 messages will be available in archives when possible. (NOTE: They are now!!) Good health and peace to you, ~ ThINKer in ID

I just wanted to stop by and say that our guy DON C. HARRIS....is just my PERFECT FELLOW!!! I ABSOLUTELY LOVE having him on the show and I had a BALL with him this past week! Tell Him I HAD to cut him off because our time was REALLY OVER!!! So I plan to pic right back up with HIM on Saturday telling me I am not going to HEAVEN!!!! LOL!!!LOL!!!LOL!!! Boy am I going to RUN with THAT ONE!!!!!! I JUST LOVE IT!! He is really an amazing guy and I get the BIGGEST THRILL bringing him on. Although I do have to give it a rest sometime and bring on someone else so that people don't think I am playing favorites or that I totally believe in his teaching. Of course you know I don't take sides with ANYONE but I do know who I LOVE as a guest for my show, and of course DON C. HARRIS sits at the top of my list! ~ThINKer in NV

I wanted to touch base and tell you that you are in my thoughts and prayers, as YAH leads. Because of my job I very seldom get to hear the live show in the mornings but do enjoy hearing the archives. Hope you are feeling better and enjoying the "spring" on the mountain. ~ ThINKer from the Internet

Thanks Don, for the updates. Enjoying the rest of the Lord`s Sabbath. Thank you so much for everything, sorry for not saying much but you are someone special in my life. ~ThINKer in NV

Am so sorry but to let you know thank very thankful for taking great love to replying to my past request for your materials. I sincerely thank you again for being there for me The books and Studies are of so great blessings to me. I dearly enjoy your wisdom. God bless you brother. I am eagerly waiting for the previous order of the Calender DVD. Again, forgive me. You're such a wonderful man of God. ~ThINKer in Kenya

"What a show! Nicely done ..." I say nearly every day. Once again you bring light; you elevate the discussion from the mundane and shallow, to reveal the Father's heart and love. You show how silly it is when we try to make God "like us." There is such gentle correction in your message; we often don't realize it until the moment of conviction from the Spirit! That some take offense should not discourage you. It is not personal.

I appreciate how you hold the church, pastors, men and women accountable for their actions while loving them. The Word of the Lord is fair and compassionate. Many simply want to pretend everything is alright. You cry for repentance and salvation. Modern Christianity offers cheap salvation which allows, nay, insists Christians remain incapable of independence, defense or combat. You do not pander to the demands of a fickle audience who will not bear the discipline of discipleship. To our shame we have replaced scorned indulgences with free grace. What fantasy! While grace cannot be purchased, we are obligated to prove our faith, our love and our commitment by our actions. No one for the moment appreciates correction. Oh, but the joy of revelation and perfection! The simple task of obedience allows us the opportunity to be a witness, to wait for instruction, to answer the ask, "How do you make it work, you have many problems too?" It's a great way to live!

The message of the Red Letter Edition - LIVE! radio program is essential for the gospel to be preached throughout the earth! There may be technical difficulties from time to time, but they are only slight indications of the mighty work being done without the support necessary. You proceed anyway! Thank you! Thank you for being truthful! Thank you for thinking red ink! ~ThINKer in NM

Our friends from our local group, whose home we meet in when we can get there, came by on Firstday this week to visit because my recent texts intrigued them. They knew we were on the verge of falling away, and had even been told by CGI higher-ups to cut us loose, but they NEVER told us that the indwelling was anything real or tangible, as we have learned and benefited from greatly, from God through you. I consider that a great disservice to their congregation!!! To KNOW this, to

EXPERIENCE it, to FEEL it... FINALLY TO KNOW THAT GUIDE ACTUALLY LIVES WITHIN... and not TELL IT AT EVERY SERVICE IS ALMOST A CRIMINAL OFFENCE!!! Anyway, sorry... I tend to rant too but I'm in earnest. This letter is rambling on. At this point, I plan on calling this week, Firstday at 11:00 CST. This is the greatest part of my whole life, to finally have the Guide. To have that something inside that keeps my tendency to go overboard in check... To know Him, just to KNOW He is with me. It's very hard not to shout it from the housetop!!!

But somehow, I know not to tell everyone I meet, unless they're brethren or they ask why things are changing in our lives. Don't take this wrong; but I'm so thankful to you for being the conduit of this learning. I believe your name will be called GREAT in the Kingdom of our Great and Living Creator God!!! ... I'm sorry to rattle on so, but I feel like I've known you for years. Deep calls unto deep, brother! I pray your ministry continues and flourishes.

We love you Don, and when we can't hear the show we're very concerned. I'm hearing you right now, talking about our children being there with us, Don, I have one daughter who is in the Sunday church and another who dismisses Christ because our lives have stunk for so long. Now I'm hearing you say what occurred to me after I typed the first part of this letter; that it was God Who withheld this great truth from us. Keep up this GREAT WORK, Don. Were listening almost every day, excellence in broadcasting! We thank you, and we thank God for you, sir!~ThINKer in MO

I was pleasantly surprised to receive an email from you! I continue to listen to you nearly every day and profit from your ministry. Thank you for continually speaking the truth in these days. My life has changed over the years as you have input into my life the necessity and privilege of hearing the Voice of Yahweh within us. Having that personal relationship with Him by spending time before Him daily, is very fulfilling and peaceful. Shalom, ~ThINKer in AZ

Thank you for updating your listeners on the 13th month; for getting the 2016 archives entered, and letting us know you are doing well (3/17). You sound great! Peace and joy. ~Internet ThINKer

### Conversations with Don . . .

I've been doing a lot of reading through the "Acts" and have found that being baptized is a reoccurring thing. Can you point me in a direction that I might learn about this process and some guidance on if it is mandatory or voluntary according to Jesus. Thank you for your time on this.

REPLY FROM DON: You specifically ask "according to Jesus..." If we are baptized in the way Jesus wants us to be baptized, it is mandatory. The required baptism is death . . . "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me." The baptism of death is the only consistent description of baptism to be found in the Scriptures.

Here are a couple radio programs which address the topic of baptism that might be helpful. Thanks for writing.

Think Red Ink Archive 01-05-12 and Think Red Ink Archive 11-26-14

I hope all is well with you. I was listening to the stream last night as I was laying in bed and I heard the rebroadcast of a hearty council episode. The following are the notes I took down in hopes of identifying: 2-11-16 The episode ended @12:40 am CST The topic of discussion: On the responsibility of husbands and fathers, and breaking the hypnotism.

A man, whom I happened to meet at the Harper Christian church, one of my five or so visits thereto in the past several years, recently started working with me at the meat packing plant. During the course of our conversation, he mentioned a list of issues that he has been dealing with regarding his wife and children. While listening to this particular episode, I was prompted to get up, take down what information I could gather, and draft this email.

If you can identify the particular episode of which I speak, I believe this man and his family could be greatly edified by hearing it. Please let me know if it would be possible to acquire this audio file via email, or if possible on compact disc. Thank you in advance.

REPLY FROM DON: The Hearty Counsel sessions are not available in archive or accessible for duplication. However, they are available online at Blog Talk Radio. Here is a link to the session you requested:

http://www.blogtalkradio.com/counsel/2010/07/29/hearty-counsel

I am a 23 year old dude, living in Las Vegas, I am Christian, grow up in a Christian home in, and when I moved to Vegas, this man, Don C Harris said the most sexist and ignorant things I've ever heard in my life! Everything that came out of his mouth was every bit of relativity to every individuals life. This guy is an \*\*\*\*

REPLY FROM DON: Isn't it great that we do not live in a country where those who have a different opinion are censored? Jesus suffered from people who misunderstood His ministry and who rejected Him because He did not say "the traditional message" they expected. I hope your Christian background will give you the support you need. Feel free to call (575) 772-2588 and defend your opinion on the Red Letter Edition - LIVE! radio program.

We have a problem. . . . . What should we do [to solve this] God's way? Is there a blessing for the house? Is there anything you know of? We are trying to get things right between us and God, for we have failed Him.

REPLY FROM DON: Sorry, I sympathize with your struggles, but I do not have an "easy button" or magic formula to deliver you (or me) from the difficulties of life. Life is difficult. Change is difficult. It seems our Heavenly Father does not view things as we do. I refer you to the question of Jesus, "Are you not worth more than many sparrows?" (Q of J #65)

There are imperfections in our character that can only be corrected by working out our problems - one day at a time. I love that God does not require our immediate perfection or wholeness. Our society and popular religious culture has done us no favor by implying any otherwise. The beautiful result of finding our own way is that we obtain confidence in our relationship that will make all the difference.

When you obey the commandments, get quiet/listen every day, and never violate your conscience - there will be a small instruction (i.e., "don't pout to get your way" or "you can be nicer" or "put your dirty clothes in the hamper"). Obedience in these small areas will prove your commitment and open the door for the next "guidance."

The Spirit is looking to and fro on the earth for those who will obey His Word (the still small voice in every man). It is easy to become entrenched in a certain life, to have certain expectations, and to expect certain processes to obtain what we need. We must practice expecting a different way. Another question of Jesus comes to my mind, "Will thou be made whole?" (Q of J #79)

I appreciate you reaching out and hope that you do not give up. The prophet Ezekiel quotes God and says, "...in the day that you repent, I will remember your wickedness no more..." Don't let the past hinder you. I wish you the best.

Hi, I am at work and caught the last part of a message today, would really like to listen to it again. Message was about meditation, real insightful. Program maybe a repeat, played March 16, 2016 at 7 am to 8 am CST (Daylight Savings). Not sure what time that would equal in your area. I checked your archive, did not see program.

REPLY FROM DON: Great to hear from you! You were listening to a LIVE program today! This was part 2 of a series on Mental Distress (part 1 was recorded on 3/15/16). Today's show is presently in production and will be available in the archives within the hour. If you wouldn't mind writing us back, may I ask how you were listening to the program? The app? The internet? The call-in phone line? Also, how did you hear about us? Thanks.

I would say I am a "long time" listener...found you on Jesse Lee Peterson Show last September 2015, and you haven't run me off yet, lol. No, I really love message, 1- Keep the Law, 2- Be Still and 3- Obey your conscience, this message makes perfect sense.

I have emailed you in the past, using my home email. Primarily listen to show on app. I assumed show was a repeat, last week you mentioned that you would be out of pocket with other duties. Thanks for responding, please keep me on the email list, one day would like to attend your meetings or celebrate one of the feasts of the Lord. ~ ThINKer from AR

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It is my hope that you enjoy these questions and answers from my desk, many people have similar questions, but not all ask. Personal identifying information has been removed from the correspondence for your privacy. Thanks for keeping in touch! Maybe one day your question will be printed in the eZine! It's GREAT to hear from YOU!

#### Featured Material this month:

On Leaven (RLA) by request at <u>ThinkRedInk</u>

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