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The New Leaven - Sincerity & Truth

The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, Moves on. Neither all thy Piety nor Wit Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line, Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it. - Omar Khayyam

"Regrets... I've had a few. But then again too few to mention." - Paul Anka

Whether your style is Omar Khayyam or Paul Anka we are all reminiscent of our past with concern for the effect we've had on others, the life we now find ourselves living, or our future as it lays before us. We wonder how different it would be... how different we would be... had we...

Are you filling in the blanks? Chances are we fill those blanks with what we feel we have done wrong, perhaps what we did right, but all past actions, whatever they were, whatever was done, said, or carried out, they were all subject to our level of sophistication, intelligence and experience.

We pause.

Then, we often use these factors to our selfish advantage and our lack of understanding to provide the opportunity to excuse all, shake off regrets and move on to the next item on our life list.

Don't be so quick.

There's no way to undo the past, therefore, it has little value except in contemplations of our improvement. However, we know the future will likely duplicate the past if no changes are made.

Take a moment to consider your past in quiet meditation.

The list of actions or inaction that may appear as you consider the mistakes of the past will have a common thread, that satisfying reply and perhaps the disappointing failure of resolve to refrain "from saying." I'd love for you to receive this concept in your own meditation but since we have recently kept unleavened bread, the subject of change presents itself so predominately that it seems a timely lesson.

Of all the mistakes we may have made (having privately promised ourselves we would never repeat - but did), of all the poor choices we made, improper evaluations and assessments, and judgments that plague us, including some that continue yet at this very hour, there is one contributing factor that can be eliminated. We must deny ourselves. Simply removing pride and insincerity can make a huge change in our future lives, conversations and discernment.

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Jesus taught us that the old leaven is hypocrisy.

"Ye must be born again..."

Another way to view this concept of new leaven is simply to consider the contrasting definition. It is not by chance that the Apostle uses this word in his admonition to keep the feast of unleavened bread with "sincerity". Sincerity and truth is after all, the opposite of leaven. It is easy to see the symbolism of the removal of all leaven from our homes (lives) this time of year.

How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Matt. 16

Jesus is not so concerned that we don't eat yeast or leavened bread. He knows that we must get over our fear of what people think of us in order to continue in sincerity and truth.

He wants the old leaven out of US!

We may not be able to make perfect judgments, decisions or respond to everyone correctly, but we can be mindful *(especially here at the beginning of our Lord YHVH's year)* of sincerity and truth. Eliminating old leaven from our lives will first become most apparent in our speech, later, it will be apparent in our actions.

Don't mistake honesty for sincerity.

We may still hurt one another, cause irreparable harm and even cause vicious damage while proudly holding honesty at the forefront of our conversations. We must love. Sincerity will unmistakably express honorable intent. If you would hide your secret intent, you may not salvage your righteousness by pleading, "But, I'm only being honest!"

When your intent is pure and wholesome throughout, and you have heretofore displayed crystalline sincerity, you'll find that anything can be said with minimal storm and maximum result. Bad judgments become excusable only when sincerity is not in question. We are able to take correction from the Spirit of God because we know He loves us and wants to help us in regeneration. He is trustworthy.

Contrarily, good choices and even brilliant commentary with friends and relations, without sincerity can have no lasting value, nor do they offer true consolation or correction. They, just like you, can see through a thin veil of pretense.

It is not difficult to see that there is no room in a Christian's life for insincerity or wickedness. To concede sincerity for reasons of convenience or cowardice will never pay out.

Let's move on.

We must consider the "long run". We must fear the lasting effect of damaged credibility on one side, the inability to trust on the other, and the resultant powerlessness to enjoy effectual communication. Jesus said it this way, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" Look up the meditation from "The Questions of Jesus" book, "How do you make salt, salty again?"

Compliments, criticism or even dire warnings to those we love is in jeopardy from our thoughtless insincerity.

Don't make your intentions known - let them be known - through sincerity.

Be bold and brave - fear no one discovering your true motive to be selfish and wicked. Seek regeneration and love others as we are loved by our God. In time, this exercise will allow sincerity to spring from our inmost being.

Regeneration makes it easy to be brave - easy to love - easy to be sincere.

Do the right thing... for the right reason... every time.

You'll look back and be able to say, "No regrets ... and... I did it... my way...."

[The sincere way...]

The ancient apostolic advice rings as clear today as 2 millennia ago,

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Don't overlook the promise to be found here. Sincerity is our "New Way." It's "The New Leaver". It will grow among us as fast as the nasty old wicked stuff grew...

...till the whole loaf is leavened,

I can't wait,

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From Don's Desk...



TRI Spring Conference

What a fine time of fellowship we had in Albuquerque! Please allow me to give you a public *Thank you (in lieu of personal notes of appreciation)* to all whose help and endeavors made this event possible. Your participation is essential to the implementation of TRI events. Your help allowed me the ability to focus on preaching and ministry.

"Thank you!"

I had a great time on the KAZQ Spectrum Program talking about the TRI Spring Conference and "Keeping a Christian Passover" with Brenton & Ruth Franks. They are supportive of TRI even though not all the comments they receive have been positive! Their courage is appreciated.

Also, it was a joy to personally meet new KAZQ friends! Thank you for being brave and



stepping out of the boat of convention. It does take bravery - although bravery is not

buoyancy - it is the first step! TRI Ministry and ThINKers are encouraged to hear of your testimonies. It is our honor to bring the message of Jesus, "*Think Red Ink*", to Albuquerque and the surrounding area.



TRI Alumni ThINKers it was so great to reconnect with you! There were moments of joy and also some moments of reflection, even sadness when friends looked around the room and an old friend who we thought or hoped we might see was not present. Things come up. We understand. Nevertheless, know your presence would have brought gladness to others. Thanks

to those who traveled and scheduled time to attend the Conference!

The meeting was videotaped; however, editing will be required. It is my hope to repeat and refine the presentation in other venues before making the "Keeping a Christian Passover" and the "What did Jesus know and When did He know it?" DVD set. If you would like to have a presentation in your town, *"Have your people, get with my*

people..." Ha, ha, send me an email. I'll come.

A quick mention about The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, it's a lovely venue. We had Horno Baked Pizza and Indian Tacos Saturday night. Also, we had a great time of fellowship and breakfast on First Day.





Faithful ones...! You know who you are ...

It is humbling for me to be a witness of your service to God... trusting Him with everything, including your paycheck *(tithe)!* You provide the foundational support for TRI Ministry. You are the reason we are able to send free materials throughout the earth. Although I despise ministries that judge their success by their finances, it was Jesus who said, *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."* It would be remiss not to mention, "Thanks also to those of you who

made my eye surgery possible." I am still adjusting to my new glasses and remaining sight limitations, sometimes I get frustrated... I'd hoped for better recovery. (Still, it's nothing like the day when my left eye went blind!)

Now What?

The "*Think Red Ink Ministries Presents...*" programming continues on KAZQ. If you are out of the New Mexico area or if you don't have cable, you can watch the program <u>online</u> at 6:30 pm MT on Wed. or at 10:30 am MT on Fri.

I am taking some time to focus on a writing project (*my first fiction book*) which has been on hold. This is a large undertaking and it would be great for you to "hold it in the light" if brought to mind in your time of meditation. Writing can be difficult or it can be inspired. The book, **"On Manna"** essentially wrote itself... words flowing to the page.

In our day, many have given up on God and have left the church. I do not sorrow for the institution, however, I do grieve that people give up on God, having never known Him or His Son. YHVH has been misrepresented... my hope is that this work will defend Him!

Next Event:

TRI Dependence* Day Celebration! Jun 30 to Jul 4th, 2017, in Pie Town, New Mexico at the TRI Headquarters a time for "Fellowship, Fireworks & Falderal..." starting with Sabbath! Event details to be announced. Every person counts! Put it on your calendar and let me know you're coming! Email: Don@ThinkRedInk.com (*not a typo.)

Friendly,

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P.S. Thanks to those who are faithful in the chat room for recorded shows. All TRI literature advertises the daily <u>"Red Letter Edition-Weekday"</u> program at 6 am MT (M-F) and <u>"Red Letter Edition - Live!"</u> program at 9 am MT on Sun. This is a low-demand, high reward service that can be done from your own living room! Are you one who will you post Scriptures and greet visitors? There are literally millions for whom the show is not a "rewind." Is it your calling? Jesus said, "...a friend of mine has come to me on his journey...will you rise and give?"



Just wanted to let you know we're still here, though things do get hectic. Thank you for the DVD on the calendar. Hope you had a great Passover and ULB [Unleavened Bread], we did. Your program has stimulated a lot of growth in our group and our personal lives. We are very grateful for you and the work you are doing on TRI. We try to listen often, as we work and just spend time at home too. Always something to get a conversation going. We pray for your health and the ministry, it must take a lot of doing. Thank you for being so dedicated to your ministry. It has been a real blessing. May God bless you and reward your steadfast work. As always, Your friend.

~ThINKer from MO

I thought of you when reading 2 Chron. 16:9. "For the eyes of the LORD range through out the entire earth to strengthen those whose heart is true to Him." Hope and prayers that your eye continues to heal. "May the LORD bless you and keep you."

 \sim ThINKer from TX

It is my pleasure to let you know that I have collected: 3 books and 4 CDs!!! This is awesome. I was sent a slip from the Nigerian National Post Office in my Town ... and I went there to retrieve them. Mr Don, Merci Beaucoup, I feel so near to you guys in Pie Town! Thanks once again.

Please be informed that I have received delivery of:

- 3 books (Think Red Ink, The Red Letter Questions and On Manna)
- 4 CDs (Change Agents, The Law in Order, Immortality of the Soul and Red Letter Edition, November 2016 Eh! You talkin' ta' me?)

Thank you so much for trying again to send materials to me. (Nigerian mail is unreliable.) It is a blessing of immeasurable value. Merci beaucoup. Trust that I will read and listen to them and act on them as much as I can. From Me, My Wife and Kids.

[Thank you TRI Supporters - You make gifts like these possible!]

~ ThINKer from Nigeria

So glad you are feeling better!

~ ThINKer from TX

Will be thinking of you and congregation! Saw sliver of moon but since then it has been cloudy! Blessings!

~ ThINKer from SA

Thanks for the heads up [about the TRI Spring Conference] ... The Sabbath day's subjects look really interesting too...

Answering the "Questions" is a bit more daunting than I had imagined. I thought, "7 or 12 questions, I can just whip that right out." I didn't figure it was going to be a year-long assignment. But I can see how it'll be worth the effort. Yea, at my speed, I figure it'd take a year - sometimes it takes me two days to get through one question. But again, thanks. I look forward to meeting you.

~ ThINKer from NM (KAZQ)

Thank you Don for the excellent teachings, "What shall I say...?" The 23rd psalm is the one Yah gave me when I was in a troubling, lonely place in a foreign country. I say this psalm every day and each time it gives me comfort "Yeah, though I walk.....I will fear no evil because "YOU ARE WITH ME" Why would I fear if the God of the universe is with me??? HE IS SOOO GOOD TO US! Yah's Blessings to you Don.

~ ThINKer from CO

...I ended up spending the [Passover] evening at home alone reflecting on what our Lord suffered for us I took the emblems (last piece of Bread from my brother...) and the wine in remembrance of what Plan B caused. Good to be at home where I belong I serve a jealous God. He loves when I Obey.

~ ThINKer from NM

[This Passover] we met at the lake we go to for Sukkot for the High Holy Day. ...Had the honor to have my 3 young grandsons . . . they are 5, 8 and 9. I told the story on their level from Abraham to Mt. Sinai. They really got into the retelling and interacted and asked lots of questions. We had a wonderful experience with them in our home on that most special day. No other adults.

~ ThINKer from TX

...Hey Don. . .

Thank you again for the material you make available and send to me. It is always thought provoking. Back in (6013) 2013 you sent us "Red Letter Edition Ezine" in print form; two of these papers are on "Christmas" and "The Calendar". I miss these, since I don't have internet yet. Being internet for us now is or would be "nicety" not a "necessity" it would be an unnecessary expense. I am very glad you have the phone in number [605-477-5075] which I have used for some time now. It is disappointing when all I get is "wait a moment" for long periods of time, otherwise great programs. I always look forward to hearing from you. Good health and God's richest blessings to you. Yours in Christ.

~ ThINKer from VA

REPLY FROM DON: I'd like to apologize for all the down time on radio in the last month, it has been a nightmare. A software nightmare, I might add, from which we are only now waking...we'll do our best to keep TRI Radio on the air for you! Also, we try to serve those who do not have internet access with printed materials. Sorry for our delays!

Few weeks after I got delivery of the books and CDs you sent to me, I have learnt quite a lot. I just finished reading "Think Red Ink" book and I will read it again because I am sure I missed out some vital things. I learn slowly. I wondered, why did you print the Traveler's experiences in another FONT? A fainter font so to say. I noticed that when I got to the Traveler's part, I strained my eyes more in order to read every word with MORE attention than I did the rest of the book. That's just my observation. My life is changing...I know that. God bless your ministry. Thank you sir.

~ ThINKer from Nigeria.

REPLY FROM DON: It's always good to hear from you! Thanks for your feedback. My intent with the font change was to make a gentle transition back-in-time to the story I've heard in my mind since I was 14 years old. This is the way it comes to me, I receive pictures and stories in my mind. I want people to experience what I experienced in my journey with the Apostle Paul. Through my times of meditation and revelation the Scriptures become alive, a companion story to me, not a book on my shelf. It is the place where I go, in my times of meditation, to meet real people from the past. The Bible should not be used as a collection of words or hypotheses of thought to apply as we choose. It is said that there was an original work before the Gospels were written called, "The Sayings of Jesus". I don't want to know the sayings of Jesus, I want to know HIM. Our Bible is not a book of sayings, though it has been used in that manner for some time, it is the testimony and recorded experience of previous lives (*ThINKers*)! I hope this helps you.

I enjoyed the Passover teaching. I would like to get a copy of the Passover teachings last week... Let me know how much the DVD's are? If you are able to send copy's.

~ ThINKer from NM (new)

REPLY FROM DON: Thank you. I'm glad you were able to attend the event. This series "Keeping a Christian Passover" and "What did Jesus know & When did He know it?" is a new project for TRI. It will continue to be developed over time. You are invited to register at <u>www.ThinkREDInk.com</u> to receive a free eBook, "The Questions of Jesus," ministry updates, notice of future events and featured materials via our monthly TRI eZines. I hope you enjoyed the "Parable Paradox" DVD.

I heard about you from a comment on a calendar post in [Facebook] House Church Facebook Group. Thank you for offering this DVD.

~ ThINKer from OK



Truth be told, YHVH's calendar is the one to go by. Paul said to not let the pagan names even be uttered from our lips. We should say day 1, day2 etc. we are told to keep His Holy days & not to participate in pagan holidays and traditions of men. Don Harris with Think Red Ink Ministries has a free calendar DVD that lays out all the Scripture explaining it very well. Even the Jews are off a little bit.

REPLY FROM DON: Welcome to Think Red Ink Ministries! Where the words of Christ (Scriptures published with Jesus' words in red ink) are read! Thank you for your interest in "The Creator's Calendar" DVD. My pursuit of the calendar was developed as a result of revelation that Jesus was operating on a different schedule than the "church of the day." Hope you enjoy the material. Your personal copy was mailed today (4/10/17). Please let us know what you think! It is an encouragement to hear from those who receive materials from TRI. Keep in touch!

To the TRI ThINKer, "You rock! Thanks for sharing TRI online."

KEEP YOUR CARDS, LETTER, COMMENTS, & QUESTIONS COMING!

Many ThINKers have the same questions you do ... thINK of it as your ministry!

