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WHO YOU ARE NOT

Once upon a time, you came to the realization that there must be more to this existence we inhabit than meets the eye. You came to understand this thing we call “life” must have some purpose far larger than what we can perceive with only our limited five senses. Maybe you tried studying science or philosophy in search of truth but could not pin it down using those disciplines alone. Maybe you searched the world’s religions for it and found that none of them seemed to have all the answers either. Each one led to irreconcilable contradictions, or else somehow did not add up to the sum total of complete truth – except one. You found that, amazingly, the Hebrew Scriptures contain no flaw. In them you found truth – the absolute Truth.

So, you studied and absorbed all you could from them. You learned about YHWH, the Master of all creation, and about His people, who are called Yisrael. You began to grow and change as you learned and practiced what you read. You became more than you had been before. Maybe you joined a group of others who claimed they also believed the Scriptures, but found later that was not so, that they allowed compromise and lived contrary to the written Word of Truth. Maybe you quit that group, knowing you could never agree with them, or maybe you stayed, simply because you had nowhere else to go. Or, maybe you have never belonged to any assembly of believers at all, having never found one in which you belonged.

But now you have read about The Way, and you know in your heart it is the true path that YHWH has made for His people to walk in. It fits in perfectly with all you have learned from your beloved Scriptures. Perhaps this has also led you to consider what these things might mean for you, and what you should do about them. Maybe now you are even wondering just who, in light of all this, you might be.

Sometimes it is helpful to clarify who a person is not, in order to better define precisely who they are. The following is an attempt to do just that. It will not apply to everyone who reads it, and will probably make more than a few people angry. That is not our intent. We only seek to bring those who believe and live as we do into a place of understanding, and perhaps into a place where they belong. In order to do that, we can no longer remain silent and polite. We must say the truth, as we know it, candidly and even bluntly for the sake of our brothers and sisters who we think have so badly needed to hear it for such a very long time. And so we shall:

You are not a mainstream Christian. You know this, because Christianity practices pagan rituals and festivals based upon sun-worship and idolatry. It eschews the laws and commands of the Most High, saying that they were done away with or nailed to a cross. It is based in Rome, the city of seven hills, which has been called “The mother of the whores and of the abominations of the earth.” Its priests wear the hat of Dagon, kiss the rings of men and bow down to stone statues. They are called “Father,” which has been forbidden in the words you call Scripture. It, and its daughter protesting churches, despite the fact that they happen to carry around the same book as you, embrace abomination and denounce those who are called the chosen people of YHWH. Christianity does these things and many others just as heinous. Despite what other nice things it might do and say, because of these perversions, a mainstream Christian cannot be who you are.

You are not an Orthodox Jew. You know this because Orthodox Judaism presently denies belief in the person that you know as the Messiah of Yisrael, and all who convert or adhere to that form of Judaism are also obligated to deny him. It claims as inspired Scripture a book called the Talmud, which is a compilation of histories, rules, and stories that often conflict with one another, elevating it even above the Torah of YHWH itself. Its modern traditions sometime directly contradict the clear commands of the Most High and make no apology for that. Its leaders are called “Rabbi,” which has also been forbidden in your books of Scripture. Orthodox Judaism

and its daughter denominations, Reformed and Conservative Judaism, do and believe in these things and many others that you could not possibly accept. Despite its origins as the religion of your savior, it has been so grievously changed since his time that an Orthodox Jew cannot be who you are.

Maybe you are a Sabbatarian? Maybe, but that is not the name of any religion. It is only a secular umbrella term that is used to describe any religion that happens to observe the seventh day Sabbath, of which there are many. But maybe a member of one of those is who you are. Let us see.

You are not a member of the Churches of God. You know this because that word, “church,” derives from a Teutonic deity named Kirke; and “God” is a Kana’ani deity of fortune whose name was later worshipped by the Babylonians, as well as various Germanic pagan religions, the Catholic church, and many other false religions. Those idolatrous names were never allowed by our Messiah or his forebears, and cannot be allowed by you. The leaders and members of the Churches of God also revel in factions and division, accomplishing these by slander and gossip among their own members, which your book of Scripture decries as abominable practices. And while they do embrace scriptural Sabbaths and Moedym, they do so according to an unscriptural Orthodox Jewish calendar that, even its own creators admit, is not right. They do also practice the Ten Commands originally given to Moshe at Sinai, but beyond these few things and some unscriptural form of tithing, seem to reject all the other commands of Torah. Despite the commendable things that these churches may do, because of their abominable and idolatrous inclusions, and because of their many omissions in practice of the Torah of YHWH, a member of that religion cannot be who you are.

You are not a Yahwist. You know this because, while they often preach the keeping of the Torah in word and principle, the assemblies of Yahweh have rejected, in practice, the physical keeping of the majority of its commands. And while they have taken some wonderful steps farther than the C.O.G.s have in correcting some of their religious practices to original forms, such as using a scripturally correct calendar and restoring the proper names of the Most High and His son to their books, worship and speech, they have failed to continue this journey to its ultimate conclusion of complete Torah observance. As with the churches they sprang from, they still insist upon only “spiritualizing” most of the Torah, rather than also physically observing “every word that proceeds from the mouth of YHWH,” as you know is right to do. Because of this shortcoming and how far you have progressed beyond it in your own Torah observance and understanding, a Yahwist cannot be who you are.

You are not a Messianic Jew. You know this because you are not a trinitarian or any other sort of polytheist, and they are. You know that this new religion came out of the “Jews for Jesus” movement only a few decades ago and it is essentially Christian at its core. You also might happen to know that the word “Messianic” is nowhere found in Scripture. That religion embraces the Talmud and rabbinic tradition on many issues that oppose the clear instructions of Torah, such as its use of a scripturally incorrect calendar, refusing to wear the blue in tzitzith, and allowing a literal belief in the stories of the Midrash, simply in order to blend in culturally and be accepted as authentically Jewish by the rest of Judaism and the world. Messianic Judaism shuns the use of the true name of the Most High, or worse, joins it to the names of pagan deities that the Torah forbids even pronouncing. Its leaders are called “Rabbi,” in a bid to be seen as more Jewish and authoritative, which is expressly forbidden by the one they themselves call the Messiah. The Messianic Jewish movement holds those who are born gentiles to be almost completely separate from themselves and their Torah in practice, and often in words as well. This is in direct contradiction to the words of Sha’ul of Tarsos, who penned the majority of what they erroneously call the “Brit Chadasha,” and who said that there is only one new man in Messiah. In fact, the Messianic Jewish leadership is not much interested in gentiles at all, nor in converts, nor anyone else not ethnically Jewish, and they are not very shy about saying so. Despite the potentially attractive benefit of being considered authentically Jewish by others and the perceived legitimacy that this may seem to confer, and because of their trinitarian idolatry and rejection of pure Torah in favor of worldly acceptance and ethnic unity, a Messianic Jew cannot be who you are.

You are not a Seventh-Day Adventist. You know this, because, in addition to its refusal to accept or utilize the true names of the Most-High and His son; and in addition to its refusal to practice or accept the majority of the Torah as binding upon its members; it is still being led by a now-dead founder who has been repeatedly proven to be a false prophet according to the law of Moshe.

You are not a Hebrew-Israelite. You know this, because it, too, is led by a single cult leader who has been proven to teach falsely according to the Torah of YHWH, embracing scriptural revisionism, racism and a present-day return to the lifestyle of *Gan Eden* which is nowhere prescribed in Scripture.

You are not a member of any of these well-known Sabbatarian religions or their many likenesses, always seeming to be left just outside of their camps because of your steadfast beliefs and unwillingness to accept those practices and traditions which are so contrary to yours and to the entirety of the written Word of YHWH.

Or maybe you actually are a true believer and member of one of the foregoing religions. Maybe you are satisfied with those things and your place in them. Or maybe you simply don't agree with or believe what we have written here about them. If so, just throw away this article now, or give it to someone you think might benefit from it. What follows next has nothing to do with you.

If on the other hand, you, like so many others we have heard from, find that you agree with what you have just read about who you are not, then some questions should be asked and answers somehow found: What religion do you honestly fit into and what is its name? Where is your home and community, the place where you truly belong? Who is it that you are?

In the following pages, you will see the broad outlines of something that may very well answer these questions for you. Open your mind, look with your heart, and see...