

a Legal primer

Commandments, Testimony and Judgment - these are major currents running through the Bible. While our relationships with our CREATOR¹ are multi-faceted, we should not gloss over the Legal aspects of GOD's Revelation to us in the Bible. Decades ago, our CREATOR called me to be HIS servant and to seek HIS Commandments. YESU (JESUS), the Judge of heaven and the earth, will Judge each individual rightly. As a result of diligent search of the Torah, the Prophets, and books from the days of YESU, I find there are five codes of Divine Legislation, and only five. For each person on earth today, one of the latter four codes will apply. I find these are poorly taught in my day; thus, my notes.

Legal Code (1) : given to Adam about 6100 years ago - Do not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.²

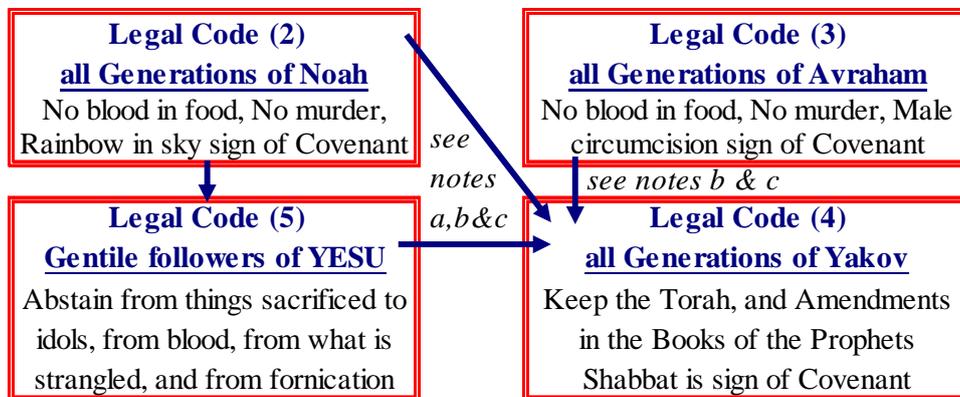
Legal Code (2) : given to Noah about 4500 years ago - all people of the earth today are his descendants. Two commandments forbid murder and forbid blood in our food. The rainbow is the sign of Covenant.

Legal Code (3) : given to Avraham about 4200 years ago - the descendants of Avraham include Ishmael, Yitzhak (father of Esau and Yakov, also called Israel) and six other sons. In addition to the commandments given to Noah, physical male circumcision was added as a sign of special Covenant.

Legal Code (4) : given to Moses about 3500 years ago - this is full national Legislation for HIS chosen people Israel, the descendants of Yakov. The books of Moses are the first five books of the Bible, the Torah. There are some Amendments made by our CREATOR in the books of the Prophets over the centuries that followed. Such Amendments are rare but vital, and several important clarifications are also found in those later books. The keeping of Shabbat is the sign of special Covenant.

Legal Code (5) : given by the HOLY SPIRIT about 2000 years ago for believers in YESU throughout the nations. This was given through the Apostles of YESU to conclude a special debate held in Jerusalem on Divine Legislation.³ It is stated most succinctly as follows ... But as for the Gentiles who have become believers (*in YESU*), we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication.⁴

all generations are invited to keep Shabbat (Isaiah 56)



(a) Male circumcision if you partake Passover (Exodus 12:43-49)

(b) Invited to keep Shabbat and serve YHVH (Isaiah 56:6-8)

(c) In future times, keep Festival of Ingathering (Zechariah 14)

The codes of Legislation for non-Israelites are blessedly simple to remember and to live by. Legal Code (2) applies to about ninety percent of the people in Asia, a region where I lived and worked for decades; it applies to about half the people on earth today. Knowledge of the Legal codes improves cooperation between children of Goodness everywhere, a term we have used to avoid arguing about Names. Knowledge of the Legal codes helps us avoid being impediments to the children of Israel who remain under Covenant to keep the most comprehensive Divine Legislation given. In my years of visiting

¹ use of ALL-CAPS is for DIVINE INDIVIDUALS. This is not meant to suggest a 'louder' reading

² see Genesis 2:15-17

³ read Acts chapter 15 in its entirety, noting especially verses 28-29

⁴ see Acts 21:25, a reminder given to the Disciple Paul, with (*context*) added here

practicing Christians and Jews on the several continents where I have lived, I have not found any who hold and teach a clear view of GOD's several Legislative codes for humanity. Rather, I find a pick-and-choose mindset that I abhor, and much squabbling about imaginary middle ground. YESU told us that those who obey HIM are like the man who dug deep to build a foundation upon rock that withstood all manner of worldly testing.⁵ This primer was developed to be worthy reading material for serious young people; for their sakes, most especially, I committed the primer to writing and posted it on the internet.

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Legal Code (2) is for all generations of Noah. There are modern folk preaching what they call 'the 7-point Noachide law' that was popularised by Jewish *Rabbanites*. There is a Legal code specifically given to all generations of Noah, but I find the *Rabbanites* do not teach it. The two commandments are given in chapter 9 of the Book of Genesis. It is worth remembering that our CREATOR's Design did not require that animals die in order for people to eat. In fact, people were not given a specific right to eat meat before the Flood. Adherents of evolution preach that we fight and kill one another in *survival of the fittest* using *killer instincts*. Their dangerous nonsense is used to prop up much violence and fornication on earth today; however, from the Creation account we find ...

Then GOD said, "**Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, every green plant for food**"; and it was so.⁶

And from the Covenant with Noah after the Great Flood ...

Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as the green plant. Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, its blood.⁷

By Design, we are vegetarian. Although we may choose to eat meat, we are forbidden the blood. That is a commandment for all generations of Noah. The other commandment for Noah's generations was most succinctly re-stated among the Ten Commandments as:

You shall not murder.⁸

There are places in the Torah where our CREATOR does require the death penalty for some sins. For such cases, GOD puts the bloodguilt on the heads of the guilty parties, not on those commanded to put them to death. Most of the **death**  **penalties** found in the commandments are mentioned later with Legal Code (5) as part of explaining the word *fornication*. Aside from death penalties, the willful killing of a human being is not allowed. When soldiers go to war and kill an enemy, GOD requires an account of the man who shed human blood, be he a man of Israel or of other nations.

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Legal Code (3) is for the descendants of Avraham, the friend of GOD, who we learn about in the Book of Genesis, from about chapter 12 to chapter 25. In Genesis 17 we learn of the Covenant GOD made with Avraham and the physical circumcision of males as a sign of this special Covenant. Avraham's descendants included Ishmael, considered to be one ancestor of Arab peoples today. Then there was Yitzhak (Isaac) and his sons Esau and Yakov (Israel). We learn in Genesis chapter 25 of six other sons born unto Avraham by his wife Keturah. To the descendants of Ishmael, Yitzhak and the other sons of Avraham belong this third code of Legislation - No blood is allowed in food, Do not murder, and Circumcise the foreskins of males aged eight days or older. The lineage of these families has become

⁵ see Luke 6:46-49

⁶ see Genesis 1:29-30

⁷ see Genesis 9:3-4

⁸ see Exodus 20:13 and also Genesis 9:5-6

blurred over four millennia. In that time, male circumcision has become widespread in many parts of the earth. It should never be discouraged.

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Legal Code (4) is for the descendants of Yakov (Israel). The Torah has been variously explained by studious men, but even the well known *613 mitzvot* misses at least one important element in parceling of land according to patrilineal heritage.⁹ The same men have taken a commandment not to boil a young goat in its mother's milk (given twice in Exodus and once more in Deuteronomy) and developed a Jewish custom forbidding milk and meat at the same meal. The *Rabbanites* should know better. One famous meal included both, and GOD found nothing wrong with Avraham's meal offering. I recommend due caution when using compilations like the *613 mitzvot* or the voluminous Talmudic commentaries.

For the purpose of *a Legal primer*, I have chosen to touch upon two points in the Torah proper:

- Leviticus 17:11 - In a sin offering to YHVH,¹⁰ the blood of the innocent life atones for sin on the Altar. The verses 17:10-14 give a slightly wider context. Readers should hereby understand why blood is forbidden in food for all people.
- Exodus 12:43-49 - Male circumcision is a requirement for the descendants of Avraham and Yakov. In general, there is no requirement for other men to be circumcised as a matter of Covenant. There is one special case when other males must be circumcised – that is if they wish to keep the Passover. There are open Passover seders in some countries where the organisers do not mention this requirement for those uncircumcised men who might attend. The replies given by several *Rabbanites* to my questioning on this lapse were contorted, doing violence to the simple meaning. Although male circumcision is very common in America, those sponsoring such seders have an obligation to be more diligent. Gentiles should not be ignorant of this matter, nor trifle with it in any way even if the *Rabbanites* do. Circumcision is required for males who partake in the Passover celebration.

Beyond the Books of Moses, I have seen Amendments and clarifications in the Books of the Prophets. I have not yet seen a treatment of Divine Legislation for Israel that enumerates these for laymen. I have chosen to include here, for the sake of interested readers, those that I have found.

Amendment No. 1 - Priests. Refer to 1-Samuel 2:27-36. YHVH would raise up a priest of HIS Own choosing and modify HIS promise to the men of Levi because they had so grieved HIM.

Amendment No. 2 - Kings. Refer to 1-Samuel 8:1-18. YHVH had legislated within the Torah several commandments concerning the behaviour of kings who would one day rule in Israel.¹¹ When the people insisted that the Prophet Samuel anoint a king over them, this Amendment on the behaviour of kings toward the persons and property of Israel was given. See also Amendment No. 7.

Amendment No. 3 – Division of the Spoils of War. Refer to 1-Samuel 30:22-25. King David judged that the spoils of war were given by YHVH as part of HIS prospering of Israel. The spoils are for those who remain with the baggage train as well as those who go to the front lines. This became a statute in Israel.

Amendment No. 4 - Offering of Children. Refer to 2-Kings 23:10. The young and righteous King Josiah accomplished much in removing defilements from among the children of Israel. Among these, he defiled Topheth in the valley of Ben-Hinnom so that no one could make a son or daughter pass through fire as an offering to molech.¹² A point of Testimony from the Prophet Jeremiah should also be noted:-

⁹ the presence of Numbers 27:8 in the *613 mitzvot* listings allows land to be passed to daughters, but the absence of Numbers 36:1-13 from the *613 mitzvot* departs from the strict patrilineal heritage that GOD thereby reinforced.

¹⁰ The HOLY Name YHVH is the one GOD revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:14-15 as HIS memorial Name for all generations. The Hebrew letters yod-hay-vav-hay are sometimes spoken; HIS Name is often pronounced YAHWEH.

¹¹ see Deuteronomy 17:14-20

¹² see 2-Kings 23:10

They built the shrines of ba'al in the valley of Ben-Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to molech, though I did not command them, nor did it enter MY Mind that they should do this horrid thing and cause Judah to sin.¹³

The Jewish Publication Society and most other scholars have translated Leviticus 18:21 and 20:2-5 as non-sexual sins related to a 'molech' within the Torah. It seems to me they have introduced an incompatibility between Torah and the Prophets as GOD has said in HIS Testimony that it never entered HIS Mind that Israel would offer children to molech. While Deuteronomy 18:10 does forbid passing children through fire in any manner, the forbiddance to offer children to molech is an Amendment to Torah. Under Legal Code(5), you will find that I relied upon Lamsa's translation from the Aramaic Peshitta for those verses in Leviticus mentioned above. The fullness of Torah and Testimony are compatible as they came to us from GOD.

Amendment No. 5 - MESSIAH's Provision of Sin Offering for the many. Read Isaiah chapter 53. Nowhere but here is it ever mentioned that a Holy One would have the right, the Authority, to make HIMSELF a sin offering to YHVH for the salvation of many. This is "a new thing" altogether, and completely mysterious. Only MESSIAH is the LAMB of GOD, Perfectly Innocent, and able to fulfill this Glorious Matter of GOD's Own sacrifice, to suit HIS Own Righteousness, to cover over the sins of those who simply believe HIM in this world. Jewish translations and doctrines may argue otherwise; the same men classify the book of Daniel as *khetuv'im* (writings) instead of *Nevi'im* (Prophets) as Daniel foretold MESSIAH's death so accurately. See also the Gospel of John 10:16-18 about this right, this Authority.

Amendment No. 6 - Priests. Refer to Ezekiel 40:45-46. Only the descendants of Zadok¹⁴ among the tribe of Levi may approach GOD to serve as priests, for they served YHVH when Israel went astray. In Ezekiel 44, we find the other Levites are only allowed duties on the perimeter of the Sanctuary. The rules concerning marriage were broadened to allow the priests to take wives from among all the virgins of Israel, and not only the tribe of Levi. They are not allowed to shave their heads or grow their hair overly long, but are to keep it trimmed. There are further details in Ezekiel 44. Teaching of children today should really refer to the *Zadokim* as priests, not *Kohanim*, as this Amendment went into effect more than 2,000 years ago.

Amendment No. 7 – Princes of Israel. Read Ezekiel chapter 45. Princes are not to oppress the people, superseding Amendment No. 2 above, but are required to produce justice as was expected of them in Deuteronomy 17. They are given a new and specific land allocation within Israel to satisfy them and they are also given new and specific duties concerning offerings.

Amendment No. 8 – Additional Daily Offerings. Refer to Ezekiel 46:13-15. While there are daily offerings specified in Exodus 29 and Numbers 28, the daily offering specified here is different.

Amendment No. 9 – New National Boundaries for Israel and Allocation of the Land. Read Ezekiel from 47:13 to 48:35. This supersedes the original boundaries and tribal allocations from the Torah¹⁵ and provides specific land allocations for the rulers of Israel, as mentioned in Amendment No. 7 above.

Amendment No. 10 - A Future Festival Requirement for Gentiles. Read Zechariah chapter 14. We learn that after the Day of Wrath, GOD will require the few survivors of the nations that marched against Jerusalem to celebrate Asif, the Festival of Ingathering, year after year at Jerusalem. Those men who refuse will receive no rain in their land, or some other punishment in the case of men of Egypt.

Amendment No. 11 - Levites. Read Malachi chapters 2 and 3. GOD calls it a commandment in verses 2:1 and 2:4 to curse the Levite blessings, and put them to shame in ways they could not withstand. In Chapter 3, it appears there will be a refining of the Levites by YESU at a time when YHVH draws close for Judgment.

¹³ see Jeremiah 32:35

¹⁴ see 2-Samuel 8:15-18 and 1-Kings 1:26 onward

¹⁵ see, for example, Exodus 23:31 and Numbers chapter 34

Clarification No. 1 – Forgiveness of Women. Refer to Hosea 4:14. GOD declared that HE would not punish the women of Israel who worked as harlots and ran out as adulteresses because the men themselves had taken to frequenting harlots and committing adultery. Adult men are the main recipients of GOD's Commandments. Behaviour had deteriorated to the point where HE chose to treat those sins of women as a symptom of the sinful choices of men.

Clarification No. 2 – Idolatry and veneration of images. Refer to 2-Kings 18:4. Among the many deeds of the righteous King Hezekiah, he destroyed the brass serpent, the icon raised up in the desert by Moses to stop the children of Israel from dying of serpent bites. Israel had taken to worshipping the image, instead of GOD Who preserved them. This very icon was used by the vatican to justify idolatry as recently as the Roman catechism published in the mid-1990's. Their paragraph 2130 includes ... 'GOD permitted the making of images that pointed to salvation through the incarnate Word: so it was with the bronze serpent ...' Paragraph 2131 goes on to report that, some 1200 year ago, a council of men in Nicaea justified 'veneration of icons' and images of YESU our SAVIOUR, someone they identify as 'Mother of God', plus Angels and dead people by claiming that YESU 'introduced an "economy" of images'.¹⁶ GOD's Testimony includes:

Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity. Should I be consulted by them at all?¹⁷

Clarification No. 3 – Sins and Punishment – Generational Aspect. Read Ezekiel chapter 18. Some believe Exodus 20:5 gives them a right to say GOD will punish the offspring of a man for the sins of the father. In Deuteronomy 24:16 we are told that parents are not put to death for children's crimes, nor vice-versa. There had grown a bad proverb in Israel that YHVH felt need to correct and clarify at some length. This should be remembered if you ever hear of anyone blaming the Jews of our day for those who put YESU to death.

My treatment of Legal Code (4) remains brief as this is only *a Legal primer*. There are discrepancies in the 613 *mitzvot* listings, calling for due caution in any use of them during your studies. There are Post-Torah Amendments and clarifications of importance to Israel and to all who follow YESU.

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Legal Code (5) is for the believers in YESU among the nations. Torah Amendment No. 5 in the previous section was essential to our salvation. It is the Holy Blood of YESU, the Innocent One, that atones for the sins of many. With this in mind, I provide here further verses that complement the commandment against having blood in our food. We can now, through faith in YESU, be cleansed of our sins. From the Gospel:

And while they were eating, HE took bread, and after a blessing HE broke and gave to them, and said, **"Take, this is MY Body."** And when HE had taken a cup, given thanks, HE gave to them; and they all drank from it. And HE said to them, **"This is MY Blood of the Covenant, which is poured out for many."**¹⁸

GOD allowed Noah and his descendants to eat meat but HE has never allowed people to eat blood. Christians are reminded about this important commandment in the Book of Acts, chapters 15 and 21. It is a basic part of our Salvation that the Blood of YESU has atoned for our transgressions before our HOLY GOD. A conversation in heaven is recorded between the Apostle John and one Elder.

And one of the Elders spoke, saying to me, **"These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?"** And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And He said to me, **"These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the LAMB."**¹⁹

¹⁶ the Roman catechism section covering paragraphs 2129 to 2132 is entitled "YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF A GRAVEN IMAGE . . ."

¹⁷ see Ezekiel 14:3

¹⁸ see Mark 14:22-24

¹⁹ see Revelation 7:13-14

Since the earthly visit of YESU the MESSIAH, billions of people have learned of HIS teaching, and through HIM of the Torah and the Prophets. Their lives have been changed for the better as a result of HIS Life, the One HE laid down for the salvation of our souls. HIS story does not start there, for HIS goings-forth are from of old.²⁰ Neither does it end there, for HE sits today upon a great Throne in heaven, judging the heavens and the earth.²¹ HIS Life upon the earth as a Man was foretold.²² HIS future return to the earth in Glory is likewise foretold.²³ To gain knowledge of YESU, to receive the grace to live as a true follower of HIS, to anticipate eternal life with HIM – these are constant sources of strength and joy for hundreds of millions of people. While we should be joyful in our freedoms on earth, we should remain mindful that YESU is also Judge. HE expects us to know and to keep the few commandments we were given by the HOLY SPIRIT. Again here,

But as for the Gentiles who have become believers (*in YESU*), we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication.²⁴

Beyond these, there is a special case for male circumcision in Legal Code (4). There is a future obligation to observe the Festival of Sukkot in Legal Code (4) Amendment No. 10. These can be easily committed to memory. The word *fornication*, however, does have several aspects that are only clear from thorough study of the Torah and I have not found them clearly taught in my day. There are **death penalties** involved, and children should be taught to avoid these even before they reach puberty, regardless of parental discomforts at doing so.

Forbiddance of sexual fornications ☠

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- ☠ Do not commit adultery - a married woman having sex with a man who is not her husband is adultery - it is a **death** penalty offence for both participants [Exod 20:14; Lev 18:7-8, 14-16, 20; Lev 20:10-12, 20-21; Deut 5:18; Deut 27:20,22]. See also footnotes ²⁵ and ²⁶

 - ☠ Sex not allowed between a man, his wife plus also his mother-in-law; it is a **death** penalty by fire for all three participants [Lev 18:17; Lev 20:14; Deut 27:23]

 - ☠ Sex not allowed between men and other men – sodomy - it is a **death** penalty offence for both participants [Lev 18:22; Lev 20:13]. See also footnote ²⁷

 - ☠ Sex not allowed between people and animals – bestiality - it is a **death** penalty offence for both participants [Exod 22:19; Lev 18:23; Lev 20:15-16; Deut 27:21]

 - ☠ Man not to have sex with a woman betrothed to another man, it is a **death** penalty. [Deut 22:25]
- Sex is not allowed a man with various close family females - mothers, step-mothers, mothers-in-law, aunts, sisters, step-sisters, sisters-in-law, daughters, step-daughters, daughters-in-law, grand-daughters, sister of a wife while that wife is still alive, some of these are also **death** penalties. [Lev 18:6-18; Lev 20:11-12, 14, 17, 19-21]
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²⁰ see Micah 5:2

²¹ see Psalm 2:1; Matt 28:18; Mark 16:19

²² the Gospels and the Book of Acts speak boldly about many prophecies fulfilled in the life of YESU.

²³ see Mark 14:62 and Revelation chapter 20

²⁴ see Acts 21:25, a reminder given to the Disciple Paul, with (*context*) added by the writer

²⁵ in Matthew 5:27-28 the commandment against adultery is linked by YESU to ‘you shall not covet’ in Exodus 20:17. YESU as Judge knows the hearts and minds, not merely the outward actions. HE expects to find evidence of inner discipline by HIS followers that is a fruit of due diligence and the sanctifying work of the HOLY SPIRIT.

²⁶ the Lamsa translation from the Aramaic Peshitta and studies of various Hebrew manuscripts of Matthew show a clear alignment of Matthew 5:32 with Deuteronomy 24:1-4 Legislation on divorce. In contrast, most translations of Matthew from Greek suggest that a woman properly divorced cannot remarry without adultery, something that the vatican also teaches, and a long-standing error. A correct English rendering of Matthew 5:32 will say a man commits adultery only if he takes a woman who is “separated but not divorced”, “cast off” or uses similar distinctions. A woman who has a certificate of divorce may marry again in accordance with Torah.

²⁷ sodomy carries a death penalty that applies to males only. Female homosexuality is not spoken of in the Bible, and cannot be called sin because we are commanded not to add or remove from the commandments. Women harm themselves by making common cause with practicing sodomites whose behaviour is a death penalty in Torah.

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- Do not cast your seed into an alien woman.²⁸ [Lev 18:21; Lev 20:2-5]
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Take note that there is an enormous difference between a man having sex with a harlot and having sex with an adulteress. “*The price of a harlot is a loaf of bread, but an adulteress is hunting for a precious life.*”²⁹ King Solomon warns in Proverbs about the death penalty in the arms of an adulteress, not about the common harlot. GOD does not sanction harlotry. A daughter of one of HIS priests would forfeit her very life ☠ for such behaviour.³⁰ Harlotry of other daughters of Israel profanes the land.³¹ GOD will not accept offerings paid for by the work of harlotry.³² There remains, however, a huge distinction between having sex with a harlot and having sex with an adulteress. Those who discuss *wife-swapping* might honestly refer to it in terms of the *group spiritual suicides* that it represents in light of GOD’s commandments.

Forbiddance of sex during menstruation? - This detail was not included in Legal Code (2), but the treatment of ‘abstain from blood’ would be incomplete if I neglected to mention that YHVH cuts off people from the heritage of Israel if they engage in sex during a woman’s menstrual period. This statute is touched upon three times in the book of Leviticus.³³ The Disciples and other men knew these statutes concerning blood. The men who travelled to the Gentiles to deliver the letter of Acts 15, and *to confirm by word of mouth*³⁴ the meaning of that letter, may well have expounded upon this. I have been observing the statute in my own life and recommend due caution about accepting more lenient explanations. Compromise is dangerously endemic in our day.

Forbiddance of idolatrous and spiritual fornication. - The Torah uses terms like *iniquity* and *harlotry* to describe idolatrous and spiritual practices that GOD hates.³⁵ There is a simple admonishment in the writings of the Apostle John saying *Little children, guard yourselves from idols.*³⁶ How did idolatry ever become mixed with Christian worship when idolatry is denounced by the FATHER and so contrary to HIS Nature? Some churches rightly denounce idolatrous practices but have they denounced all forms of fornication? Don’t some idol-free religion-groups today lean toward same-sex ‘marriage’ and even sodomite ☠clergy? The letter of Acts 15 calls for a renunciation of whatever is associated with idolatry. Idolatry is condemned by GOD in so many places that it is hard to imagine anyone calling themselves a follower of YESU and still teaching or allowing it in any form.

Idolatrous fornications ☠

- ☠ There is a **death** penalty for people who lead Israel to idolatry [Deut 13:5, 9-10, 15]
 - ☠ There is a **death** penalty for those of Israel who offer sacrifices to another god [Exod 22:20]
 - Do not set up a pillar or select a tree for worship. Do not plant a tree near an altar of GOD. [Deut 16:21-22]
 - Do not make any image, bow down to it, worship it [Exod 20:4-6, 22-23; Exod 34:17; Lev 19:4; Deut 27:15]
 - Destroy idolatry in the Land of Israel [Exod 23:24,32; Exod 34:13-17; Deut 12:2-3]
 - Do not mention or prophesy in the name of an idol nor heed those who do so [Exod 23:13; Deut 13:2; Deut 18:20]
 - Do not adopt the customs of idolaters [Lev 18:3; Lev 20:23; Deut 18:9]
 - Do not pass thru fire or offer children to molech [Deut 18:10; 2-Kings 23:10; Jer 32:35; Ezek 23:37]
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²⁸ the verses from Aramaic suggest the fathering of estranged children which YHVH abhors for the seed of Israel. While the verses are not well known in this form, the sin is sexual fornication, not molech worship as most Bible translations now suggest. Post-Torah Amendment No. 4 has further discussion on this.

²⁹ see Proverbs 6:26

³⁰ see Leviticus 21:9

³¹ see Leviticus 19:29

³² see Deuteronomy 23:18

³³ see Leviticus 15:24 ; 18:19 ; 20:18

³⁴ see Acts 15:27-32

³⁵ see Jeremiah 23:14 where wayward religious leadership is likened to inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah.

See also Ezekiel 14:3 and 23:37

³⁶ see 1-John 5:21

Spiritual fornications ☠ that often grow alongside idolatry

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- ☠ Do not tolerate anyone of Israel worshipping sun, moon or any host of heaven; it is a **death** penalty for them [Deut 17:2-5]

 - ☠ Do not tolerate anyone practicing witchcraft; it is a **death** penalty for them [Exod 22:18]

 - ☠ Do not practice divination or witchcraft (do not observe times or seasons as favourable or do things based on omens, portents, charms or incantations; do not practice magic using herbs, stones, objects or magical spells) [Lev 20:27; Lev 19:26b; Deut 18:10-11]

 - Do not consult ghosts or seek spirits of the dead, nor consult wizards or spiritists. It is defilement. [Lev 19:31; Lev 20:6; Deut 18:11]
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What is a Gentile to Do? - Have you been taught these things already? If you have transgressed any death penalty commandment, then read Ezekiel chapter 18 again, and understand you must repent those things and return to YHVH; understand furthermore that it is the Holy Blood of YESU that has atoned for you. HE once asked Which servant will love their master the more, the one forgiven much, or the one forgiven little?³⁷

Are you taught that *under law* and *under grace* are mutually exclusive? even when humanity has had both from GOD all along? Can you see a way to help others hear of HIS commandments, especially the **death penalties**, ☠ in order to better guard their young hearts and minds in these wayward times on earth? If you think you are too young to do that then read a few words from young Elihu in the Book of Job.³⁸

Have you ever been pressured to compromise your thinking on weighty topics without reference to GOD's commandments? I have heard mis-quotes even in Christian discussions that seemed to be aimed at preventing rightful corrective action. The second great commandment - *love your neighbour as yourself* – finds in full context³⁹ that we are to rebuke our neighbour for sin as an expression of that love, and not to hold grudges. It is not a silent or complacent *live and let live* doctrine.⁴⁰ Another popular mis-quote is *let him without sin cast the first stone*. In the story this comes from,⁴¹ a woman caught in the very act of adultery is to be stoned. I have heard preacher-lore about what YESU might have written on the ground (the Gospel does not give this detail). I have not heard any suggest that HE simply wrote out Leviticus 20:10 so the men recognised their own sin - letting the adulterer go (also caught in the act) while gladly stoning a woman. YESU's handling of the situation reminds me also of Clarification No.1 in Legal Code (4). Another modern saying is *you cannot legislate morality* while on the most crucial matters it is clear that GOD has long since done so. I warn readers to be on guard against subtle corrosive influences in modern worldly sayings.

We know we must obey GOD. Most institutional religion-groups, given enough time, only add enshrined errors to HIS Truth. The HOLY SPIRIT is the One YESU called upon to be our TEACHER. Consider two quotes:

But Kefa and the Disciples said, "We must obey GOD rather than men. The GOD of our fathers raised up YESU Who you put to death by hanging HIM on a cross. HE is the One Who GOD exalted to HIS Right Hand as a Prince and a Saviour, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things as is also the HOLY SPIRIT, Who GOD has sent to those who obey HIM."⁴²

Kefa, an emissary of YESU, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of GOD the

³⁷ see Luke 7:41-43

³⁸ see Job 32:7-10 in particular about his expressing a younger opinion

³⁹ see Leviticus 19:15-18 for context, and next footnote for examples

⁴⁰ see prior footnote for context; see Luke 17:3-4 and Revelation 3:19 for 'love your neighbour' in action; see also Ezekiel 33:1-9 and note especially verses 6 and 9.

⁴¹ read John 8:3-11, Leviticus 20:10 and Hosea 4:14 to fully understand this story and YESU's meanings

⁴² see Acts 5:29-32 with underlining of obey for emphasis

FATHER, by the sanctifying work of the SPIRIT, that you may obey YESU and be sprinkled with HIS Blood: may grace and peace be yours in fullest measure ...”⁴³

Very simply, the HOLY SPIRIT teaches those seeking to obey GOD and YESU. We must make sure that young people know what this means. For descendants of Gentile nations, the commandments are simple. You should know that Moses taught the children of Israel "you shall not add anything to what I command you or take anything away from it..."⁴⁴ Do worldly teachers today suggest that the HOLY SPIRIT 'forgot something' in the letter of Acts 15? Would you add to HIS Words? There is a proverb *Do not add, lest HE reprove you and you be found a liar.*⁴⁵ On reflection, does it appear something was added or removed by those who taught you? In reflecting on my own youth I found much of that in evidence. For those who would argue that I have expanded the meaning of *fornication* too widely here I would answer, While I believe my views are conservative, where is your proof that I have exaggerated? The meanings have been blurred by nearly 2000 years of religion-groups diverging about our obligations to GOD. Even in the day the HOLY SPIRIT provided simple commandments for YESU's followers among the nations, it was considered needful to send mature believers to explain the meanings of the letter in person. The full Torah is not an obligation for Gentiles, though a good understanding of Torah helps us understand the few commandments we received, and aids healthy growth toward spiritual maturity. The commandments for Israel are in every way sensible and sure guideposts toward perfection. You can, as a Gentile, limit yourself to the four strictures that the HOLY SPIRIT Legislated in Acts 15. You can also study and keep more of the Torah, for YHVH has said so and welcomes such worshipers.⁴⁶ This is a wonderful invitation, but even if all Gentiles learn and practice the other commandments, that will not add Salvation to anyone. YESU Alone has accomplished that for us. But I do believe that knowing Torah helps us to both understand and to follow YESU our MESSIAH more completely. This will improve our knowledge of the duty of Israel toward GOD, making us more helpful toward Israel in keeping that duty.

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Conclusion - Modern religion-groups fall short in teaching the Bible to the extent that they ignore the Legislated simplicity for Gentiles, to the extent they try to annul GOD's commandments for Israel, and to the extent that they squabble over an imaginary middle ground that is somehow applicable to all people on earth. Some Christians love their idols, others their icons, while both are forbidden them by our CREATOR. Such religion-groups often fought one another rather than our common enemy - the devil and other spirits still dedicated to deceit – and have managed to encumber our generation with lukewarm Christianity wrapped in rituals and the cloaks of church council proclamations. The vatican claims to lead Christianity on earth today and yet I have found nothing in the vatican catechism about the forbiddance of blood in our food. The vatican catechism teaches that idolatry is sanctioned by our CREATOR when it is clearly not so. Many religion-groups have burdened us with long histories of hatred toward Israel – mass murders, persecutions, expulsions and forced conversions. The teachings of such people and that of the *Rabbanites* who favour 'the Noachide Law' for all non-Jews will be the more safely considered by you only after you read for yourself what YHVH, YESU and the HOLY SPIRIT really said.

I warn readers against easy acceptance of religion-groups that preach there is a Divinely Legislated middle ground which only they have discovered, sitting between the Legal Codes defined here. Check the details for yourselves with the HOLY SPIRIT leading you. Christians should focus first on learning the duties of Gentile believers, as given by the HOLY SPIRIT, and to get their own lives to accord with them. Then we find a foundation that never shifts. Then we find we can enjoy uncompromising relations with people of various denominations and of other faiths who seek to know better the Goodness of GOD, without pretending to know all the answers. The Judge of heaven and earth, YESU, has told us HE brings those who are kind-hearted into the Kingdom, not simply those who know HIS Name. Among the five hundred million vegetarian country-folk of India, I have met many kind-hearted people and they keep Legal Code (2) without having been taught it directly. After three centuries of

⁴³ see 1-Peter 1:1-2 with underlining of obey for emphasis

⁴⁴ see Deuteronomy 4:2 and 13:1; YESU reminded the people of this in Matthew 5:17-20

⁴⁵ see Proverbs 30:6

⁴⁶ see Isaiah 56:6-8

colonists, it is mainly the modern witness of people like Mother Teresa and her Sisters of Charity that reach the masses of India concerning the Goodness of YESU. The Sisters of Charity are worthy co-workers who receive support from me as they really do work for YESU.

Develop a better appreciation for Divine Legislation and you may well see the entire world differently. By a calling from heaven, I did seek out HIS commandments under guidance of TEACHER, the HOLY SPIRIT. It is my hope that this primer will help younger readers, my fellow students, to see these things better than I was taught to in my youth. It is my hope that this primer will help younger readers walk out of the blur of this world at younger ages than I did, and simply keep walking toward GOD, seeking HIM with all their hearts. With a clearer understanding of HIS commandments, you will not veer to the left nor to the right as most earthly teachers and their students do, but you will truly follow YESU. As we find in Psalm 119, the longest of psalms, and all in praise of the commandments ...

oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping YOUR statutes
 then i shall not be put to shame when i look upon all YOUR commandments
 i sing praises to YOU with a glad heart as i learn YOUR Way of Justice ...
 i rejoice at YOUR Word as one who discovers a great treasure ...
 through YOUR commandments, ever with me, YOU made me wiser than my enemies
 i understand more than my instructors for YOUR Testimonies are my meditation
 i understand more than the aged because i keep YOUR commandments ...
 YOUR Word is a Lamp to my feet, and a Light to my path ⁴⁷

a migrant labourer

from somewhere on the Korean Peninsula

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⁴⁷ Psalm 119:5-7, 162, 98-100, 105