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WHAT A GORGEOUS SETTING

for our Last Great Day gathering near Albuquerque!

The weather was cool enough to enjoy the huge fire pit and the cheese display was delicious! Th**INK**ers from as far away as Nebraska and North Carolina were there for the fellowship. But, the highlight of that first evening was without a doubt the solemn assembly. As the setting sun glimmered red on the Sandia Mountains in the background, we sat in silence together and invited the presence of YHVH in our midst.



When the sun was bright in the sky the next morning brought us together for breakfast in a lovely room with the same view out the several windows.

We missed the privilege of being able to



host a Feast of Tabernacles gathering this year, but was so happy to hear from some of those who have joined us in past years. Some sent photos and we want to take this time to share them and their letters with you (see page 2). Next year, we'll hope to have you join us!

We just got back from a blessed Feast of (Continued on page 2)

The Shack is a novel by Canadian author William P. Young, a former office manager and hotel night clerk, published in 2007. The novel was



self-published but became a USA Today bestseller, having sold 1 million copies as of June 8, 2008.

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Tabernacles. We actually spent 10 days with 12 friends and up to 22 on the weekends. We had Solemn assembly each morning and we read through the book of Deuteronomy, taking time to discuss many passages. We even played a few DVD's of Don's in the evening to "liven" things up. We sang songs and praised the Father. We blew Shofars and watched the beautiful orange moon coming up the first day of the Feast. What a blessing it was to all who attended. Most were from our group which gathers weekly, but we did have a few who joined us that did not attend often. It was such a wonderful time of growing closer in unity with our fellow believers. What a privilege it is to keep His holy days. I hope you had a great Feast to the Lord. We did miss our "Thinker" friends, we have spent the last 3 Feasts with you and missed those new friends. Oh, and we all ate too much, it was indeed a feast... (TX)

And look at this ThINKing Texas family's lovely Feast

site!



And this from a ThINKer in California (sorry no pix):

Thinking of you ... and hope that all is well and that Don's health is improving dramatically. I sure missed the Feast of Tabernacles gathering this year! But I pitched a big tent in our back yard and decorated it, with a small presentation table in the front screened-in area. We had

many people over during the Feast time, so I got to answer many questions. It wasn't the same though....but I think we all must be prepared to celebrate Feasts on our own in the coming days. (CA)

I hope this finds you well...It was good to be with [ThINKers in Georgia]. They are great people and we enjoyed ourselves at their beautiful home...(GA)

Now, we wait six months until Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Our hope is that we will all be ready. What? You say you aren't sure where to start with all this Feast-keeping and (so-called) Old Testament stuff? Oh, that's easy. Get out your Bible and read Exodus 20:1-17. As you are reading these Ten Commandments carved by the finger of YHVH, stop at the first one you find that you are NOT keeping ...and start keeping it!

WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS?

Question: "Are the Feasts of the Lord YHVH for those who continue to keep the pagan holidays?"

It won't be long... It'll be Christmas.

I have never understood those who express interest in the Feasts of YHVH while simultaneously keeping the pagan feasts. I hear, in the background, the rock song, "I want it all....I want it all....I want it now."



Frankly, if you haven't given up the paganism, foolishness,

frivolity and selfishness of Christmas... just forget the Feasts of YHVH.

Christmas can be rejected on religious grounds , and paganism never need be mentioned. No Christian should be less than appalled at the self-interest and commercialism of such a selfish day as Christmas.

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There is a peculiar concept of thought and behavior that separates the animal kingdom from the domain of human existence. Opposing thumbs notwithstanding, there *is* a more prominent division in the two kingdoms. The driving force of "Ought" is a most formidable compulsion.

The concept of "Ought" has motivated decent men to good works while simultaneously robbing the selfish man of joy even in the midst of his favorite indulgences. While effectively prompting the altruistic to benevolence, the avoidance of "Ought" has left many in the mire of egocentric behavior. Sadly, while within arm's reach of pure joy, it has left many within arm's reach of total destruction as well. It all has to do with how one deals with "Ought".

"But be ye doers of the word (obedience), and not hearers only (merely being aware of conviction), deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, (his conscience) and not a doer, (disobedient to it) he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was." (James 1:22-24)

When we forget what kind of people we are... we become more insensitive and more *un*-conscience.

HOW SENSITIVE IS YOUR CON-SCIENCE?

We may not be able to manipulate well the contents of our conscience, but we can control our adherence to it. If you are learning to hear the voice of God, learn to obey your conscience without fail. Obedience alone has within it a tremendous power! To obey your conscience, (even if it is misguided or wrong) has great merit. It places **weight** on the importance of *accuracy* in your thinking. It forces recognition of your obligation to consider the consequences of your actions. No more are your actions excusable by habit, perceived obligation to tradition, or even respect of an elder. Your actions are a result of YOUR decisions. They are YOUR responsibility.

THE RED LETTERS:

"Ye have heard that it was said ...But I say..." Matthew 5:21-22

When it is your intention to follow the voice of your God, until you hone the ability to tell the difference in His voice and your conscience, you must obey both! Consequently, you may soon find that you are no longer acting under a broad spectrum of perceived "Oughts". Instead, in your search for the guidance of His voice, you will repeatedly find yourself asking, "Who told me that?"

That is a good question and it *ought* to have an honest answer.

(Excerpt from "Man or Monkey" - Red Letter Edition 2011)



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Letters to Don & Pam

...I continue to pray for you both and am so thankful for you both! I continue to learn, listen, and try to be quiet — not as easy as I though it would be (TX)

hi 2 u all, Just to let u know as we start our Sabbath (which is in part thanks to u) Although i have not been in touch so often we still have u in our thoughts daily. Take care and look after each other. (Thailand)

...Thinking of you ... and hope that all is well and that Don's health is improving dramatically....I'm still working out my own salvation, and hoping to bring ...as many others along as possible. (CA)

Shalom to you both, and pray for your health as God is in control. Blessings to you and your ministry during the times of Feasts. I do send my very best to each dear ones, in our Majesty name our King forever. Prayers, Shalom. (TX)

We finally moved to Canada a month ago! we are getting established and it has been a great experience so far. ... I stopped receiving the TRI newsletter. How are you, Don? how is everything? Looking forward to soon restarting our contribution to TRI Have a great week!! (TRI SPANISH TRANSLATOR FORMERLY OF VENEZUELA)

We received On Manna...THANKS! We watched 9-12 today! So much info! SO much good info! Thank You! Thanks for thinking of us and sending it, It's always nice when I go to my mailbox and pull out something from TRI...brings a smile to my face! (AZ)

Thank you so much for the new DVD on second exodus. it is again, invaluable. especially appreciate the predominant theme of God doing a better work than the red sea, in Jeremiah. God bless you both. (CT)

Listen to on the Questions of Jesus online KDSH. Truly gets me thinking and rereading the gospels and re-examining my own life. (NEW – Ontario, Canada)

We just received the CD's on the rapture. Thank you very much. We where not expecting this gift. We thank you and hope your health is back to normal.

We are sorry to have missed the feast of tabernacles. At that time we received our kids and explain why we where doing it instead of Christmas. We also gave them a teaching

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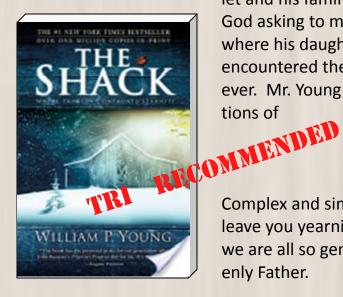
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The Shack

by William Paul Young

Have you ever wondered where God is when you hear of the countless, unspeakable crimes that are done every day to innocent people? We can all agree that bad stuff happens to good people, but could God simply turn His head and look the other way while the world continues to sin? Why doesn't He DO anything to stop the madness, and furthermore, can there ever be a "good enough" answer to the painful questions and contradictions of this life? In his bestselling book, *The Shack*, William Paul Young attacks these difficult concepts head on and brings us all to one startling conclusion: we have NO IDEA who God really is. In this fictitious narrative, the main character, Mack, enters into the Great Sadness of his life on account of the kidnapping and subsequent





killing of his youngest daughter. With his faith in the toilet and his family torn apart, Mack receives a letter from God asking to meet Him at The Shack - the very place where his daughter was brutally murdered. What Mack encountered there changed the course of his life forever. Mr. Young tore to pieces all of my preconceived notions of God, and yet, in this book God reveals

God, and yet, in this book God reveals Himself in a very tangible, very familiar way to me.

Complex and simple all at the same time, *The Shack* will leave you yearning for that indescribable relationship that we are all so generously allowed to have with our Heavenly Father.

~ A Fellow ThINKer

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When I encounter a person's interest in the Feasts of YHVH, I immediately ask if Christmas is still being celebrated in their home. If so... I don't bother with any explanations of the Feasts, offer any Scripture references, or even give my opinion. It's a waste of time and effort.

If a person has such little conviction about the lies, and fantasies of Christmas how can it be that they care a whit about truth?

"My family still keeps it – what'll I do?" Much of our concern should be our witness toward friends and family. If I have an Uncle who is in jail, I would visit him. If I have a friend who is sick, I

would visit him. If I have family who is captured in false doctrine, I would attend their gatherings (if invited!) By visiting a jail I am not condoning crime.



By going to a hospital I am not promoting disease and by visiting family at Christmas I am not endorsing it.

I may have just given you a new way to look at some red words in Matthew 25, "For I was ... sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee ... sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. ... Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not... these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

So, this Christmas, take a stand, don't cast your pearls indiscriminately; but, whatever you do, don't forget those who are sick and in prison.

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on the man responsibilities, in God's eyes, regarding his family. They believe in God but also in christmas etc, etc. Thankfully we never pushed them to go to church. May God bless you and keep you in health and in his path.

(QUEBEC)

I received part one of "Last Things" yesterday and just finished watching it. As is the case with all of your material, it was very interesting and insightful. I want to thank you for sending it and for all of the work Don put into it. I know that he has spent years studying the scriptures and listening to the voice of YEHOVA. Thank you and everyone involved in your ministry for all of your hard work. May YEHOVA continue to richly bless each of you. (CT)

