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# REV. TWISTRUTH & HIS DISCIPLES

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"Rev. Twistruth's Nightmare" (After Fuseli's "The Nightmare")



See What Happens When the Messianic Movement Infiltrates Rev. Twistruth's Church!

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## THUS SAITH THE CARTOONIST



I cannot take all the credit for creating Rev. Twistruth and his disciples. These characters were created by the anti-nomian teachings of the Church. I simply gave faces and names to the various types of individuals that often exist in a typical modern-day American church. If you look closely at Rev. Twistruth and his disciples, you may recognize some Christians you have known. As one reader wrote of the Rev. T series, "It reminds us of our troubling years in some Christian churches."

The idea of doing a cartoon series came about in the fall of 1992. I got the idea for the name "Twistruth" after seeing a cartoon character in my children's home-school curriculum. The name of that wholesome, righteous character was "Pastor Alltruth." Since my anti-nomian character was going to be twisting the truth, I thought Twistruth would be an appropriate name. I decided to use "Reverend" instead of "Pastor" because "Reverend" sounds more ostentatious. (No offense intended to those brethren who use the "Rev." title.) Ed Spurlin, publisher of *Voice in the Wilderness* newsletter, makes these comments about the use of "Reverend":

"The title of 'Reverend' is an affectatious carryover from Roman Catholic presumptuousness. Its usage has always carried with it an air of pompous egotism that has no place in the heart of a servant in the body of Christ ... To fully grasp the offensiveness of this presumptuous title, one needs to consider its definition. The word means 'one who is worthy to be revered,' or in layman's terms, 'worshipped.' Under the best of conditions, someone using this title is claiming the right to be an object of worship, because of his own merit or his presumed authority or piety, as a professional purveyor of religiousness."

You may disagree with Brother Spurlin's view, but his words express the idea I intended to convey by connecting the title "Reverend" to the name "Twistruth."

Rev. T's first name, Everett, was inspired by a local Reverend who lived in Peoria in the early 1970s. I never met the man, but years ago an older brother named Lloyd told a group of us about his encounter with a "swinging preacher" named Everett. Everett hung out at bars and drank with the sinners. Apparently this Reverend took the idea of being "a friend of sinners" pretty far. He told Brother Lloyd that his drinking buddies at the bars and nightclubs just called him "Ev the Rev." At this time, topless bars were fairly new and something of a novelty in Peoria. As Ev the Rev sped away in his convertible, he shouted to Lloyd, "I'm the only topless preacher in town!" So the first two panels of the introductory cartoon were partly inspired by this true incident.

Rev. T's hair-do was inspired by the "Pentecostal pompadour" that was popular among many Pentecostal preachers years ago. My reason for making Rev. T a Pentecostal is not because I am anti-Pentecostal. On the contrary, my early years as a born-again

believer were spent in Pentecostal circles, and I still consider myself Pentecostal in many ways. Perhaps that is why I feel free to use good-natured satire to criticize some of the foibles that I see among that class of believers. I am dealing with my own people, so to speak.

In late 1992, I drew the introductory cartoon and a couple others, and sent them to Rick Chamberlin to see if he would like to print them in *Petah Tikvah*. I knew Rick's sense of humor was warped the same direction as mine, but I wasn't sure if he'd want to publish them. Rick was delighted with them, and published the first 3 in the Jan.-March 1993 issue. Even though I had done artwork prior to this, I had done almost no cartooning. Therefore, the drawing in these early attempts was pretty crude. As I continued to do more, my cartooning skills improved and each of the characters in the strip began to take on more definite looks. I later re-did a few of the earliest cartoons.

Since Rev. T first made his debut in 1993, the response from readers has been overwhelmingly positive. There have been a few complaints, of course. It is interesting, though, that most of those who have written to complain have not written because they, themselves, were offended. Rather, their concern has most often been that the cartoon might offend Christians, i.e., Christians who believe and act like Rev. T and his disciples. One Messianic magazine reprinted "Anti-nomian Antics" and it made one Messianic rabbi so mad that he canceled his subscription to that magazine. In his letter to the editors, the irate rabbi asked the editors if they thought that *all* Christian ministers distort the truth and drive fancy cars, if *all* Christian sisters dress like harlots, if *all* Christian men blindly accept what their pastor tells them, etc.

Of course not *all* Christians are like Rev. T and his disciples. I tell people, If the shoe doesn't fit, don't wear it. Christians who do not twist the Scriptures like Rev. T need not be offended, because the cartoon is not a parody of them. It is a parody only of those Christians who do and say the kinds of things that Rev. T and his disciples do and say.

A few readers have expressed their disapproval of using any satire or mockery. Even though they agree that Rev. T's theology is twisted, they think this sort of humor should not be used to bring correction. My response to this is to point out the use of mockery and sarcasm in the Bible. The most obvious case is Elijah's mocking of the prophets of Baal. The Scripture plainly states "Elijah mocked them." Isaiah called the religious leaders of his day "dumb dogs" and "greedy dogs." Jeremiah called the pastors "brutish" (an old English word for "stupid"). Hosea called Ephraim "a silly dove." Other examples can be found in the writings of the Prophets. A close reading of the Gospels will show that even Jesus sometimes used wit and sarcasm when pointing out the flaws of the Pharisees.

I like what David Brickner, Executive Director of Jews For Jesus, wrote in a newsletter in 1996: "A good cartoonist can point out problems in a light hearted way and cause us to recognize certain attitudes within ourselves that we need to fight." That really sums up my reasons for presenting Rev. Twistruth to the world. Although I know my cartoons have the potential to offend and anger some people, that is not my intention. My intention is to use good-natured humor to show my beloved Christian brothers and sisters that they do not need to continue following the Rev. Twistruths of the world; there is a better way. By exposing the flaws of Rev. T's theology, I help people to see the truth, and it is the truth that sets people free.

So without further ado, here is Reverend Everett Twistruth, a man once described by the late Rabbi Simcha Pearlmuter as "the guy you love to hate."

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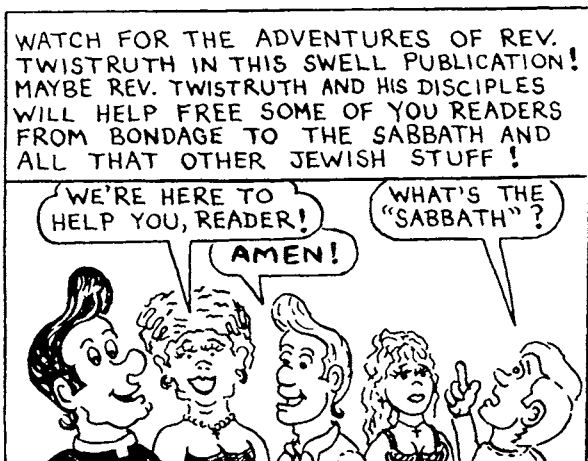
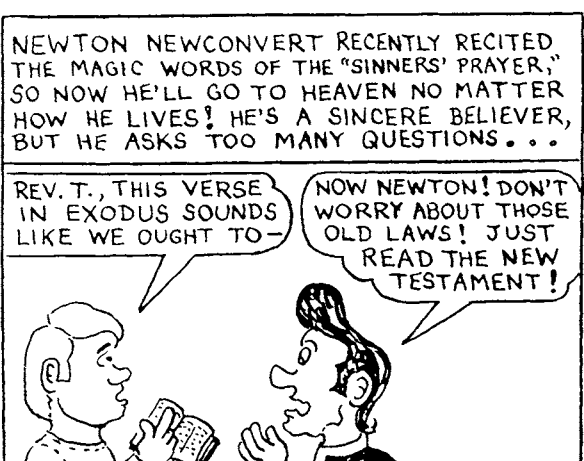
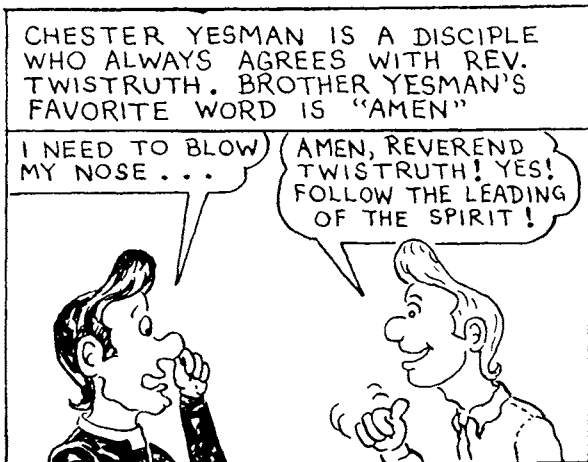
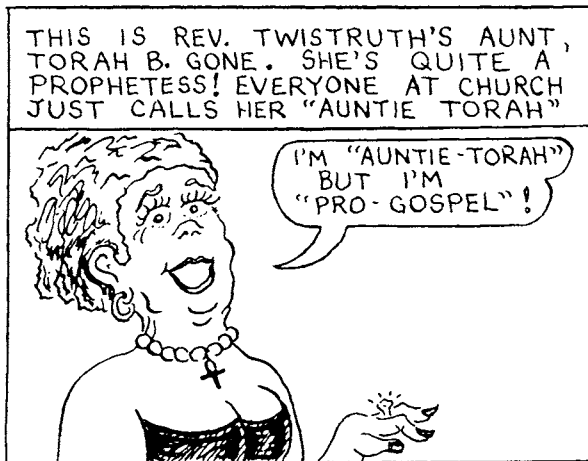
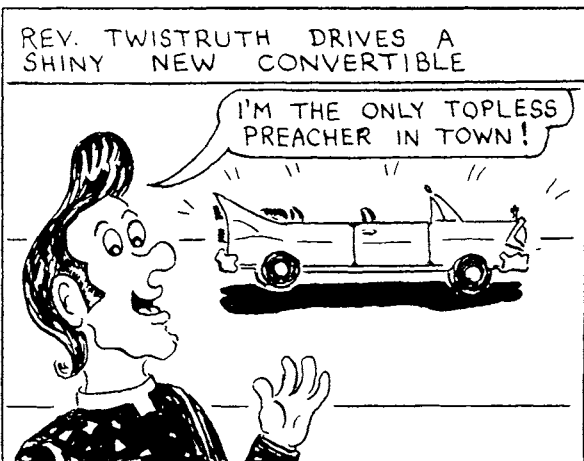
SOME OF THE STORIES YOU ARE ABOUT TO  
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COINCIDENTAL IN SOME CASES, AND DELIBER-  
ATE IN OTHER CASES. IN SUCH CASES, THE  
NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO PROTECT  
THE GUILTY.

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"ANTI-NOMIAN  
ANTICS"

Ask any "not-under-the-law" preacher why we still need to tithe, and you'll probably get an answer similar to Rev. T's. This cartoon is based on the many times I've heard preachers make it plain that they believe tithing is one part of the law that was *not* done away with!


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"WILL A MAN  
ROB REVEREND  
TWISTRUTH?" (Malachi 3:8, RTV)



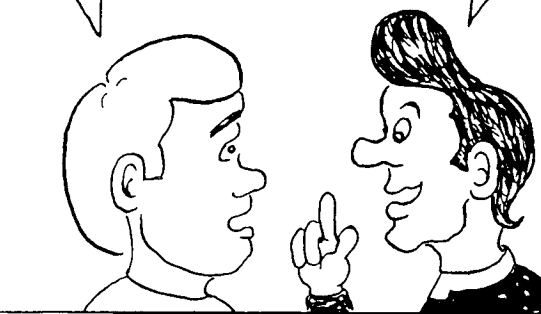
REV. TWISTRUTH, WHY DO WE HAVE TO TITHE IF THE LAW HAS BEEN ABOLISHED?

GOOD QUESTION, NEWTON! EVEN THOUGH TITHING WAS PART OF THE LAW, IT'S ALSO IN THE BIBLE BEFORE THE LAW, SO IT'S STILL BINDING!



SO IF SOMETHING EXISTED BEFORE THE LAW WAS GIVEN, THEN IT SHOULD STILL BE PRACTICED?

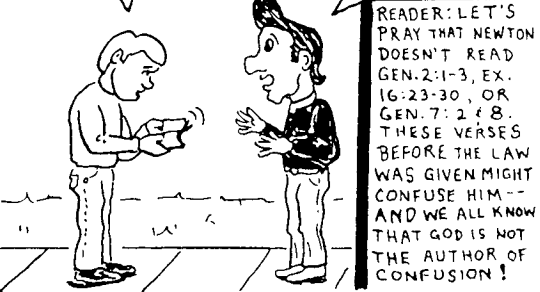
EXACTLY!



HM...WHERE DOES THE BIBLE FIRST MENTION THE SABBATH AND A DISTINCTION BETWEEN CLEAN & UNCLEAN ANIMALS?

NOW, NEWTON! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ALL THOSE JEWISH THINGS! THAT'S ALL BEEN ABOLISHED!


READER: LET'S PRAY THAT NEWTON DOESN'T READ GEN. 2:1-3, EX. 16:23-30, OR GEN. 7:2 & 8. THESE VERSES BEFORE THE LAW WAS GIVEN MIGHT CONFUSE HIM -- AND WE ALL KNOW THAT GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION!



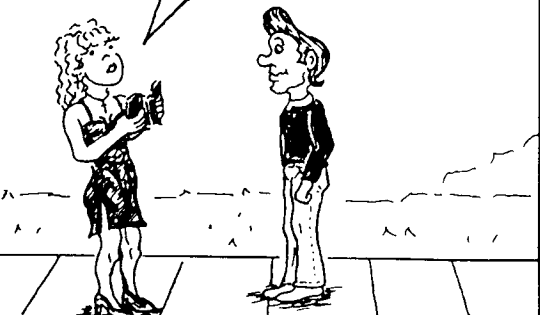
Christians rarely think about the fact that if Paul is interpreted in a way that abolishes the Torah, then Paul contradicts what Jesus said in Matt. 5:17ff. A Canadian wrote the following after this cartoon appeared in *Petah Tikvah*: "When I became a believer in 1979, I still did not feel completed. I disagreed with the Bible School teaching that denied most aspects of Judaism, because, I guess, like Newton Newconvert, I was young in the Lord with a lot to learn. I'm glad I stayed young, because when I went to my first Messianic service, I suddenly felt complete... Now I know that Newton Newconvert was correct."

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"If HE can't do it, get a better man for the job!"




REV. TWISTRUTH, I KNOW THE LAW IS ABOLISHED, BUT NEWTON NEWCONVERT SHOWED ME WHERE JESUS SAID, "DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS"!



AND THEN JESUS TALKS ABOUT HOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO PRACTICE AND TEACH THE COMMANDMENTS! I'M REALLY CONFUSED!

THERE'S A SIMPLE EXPLANATION, GRACE! GOD WOULDN'T GIVE HIS SON THE AUTHORITY TO ABOLISH THE LAW, BUT HE DID GIVE PAUL THAT AUTHORITY!



WHEW! THAT'S SURE A GREAT RELIEF! PRAISE GOD!

DON'T LET NEWTON DISTURB YOU! HE'S YOUNG IN THE LORD, AND STILL HAS A LOT TO LEARN!



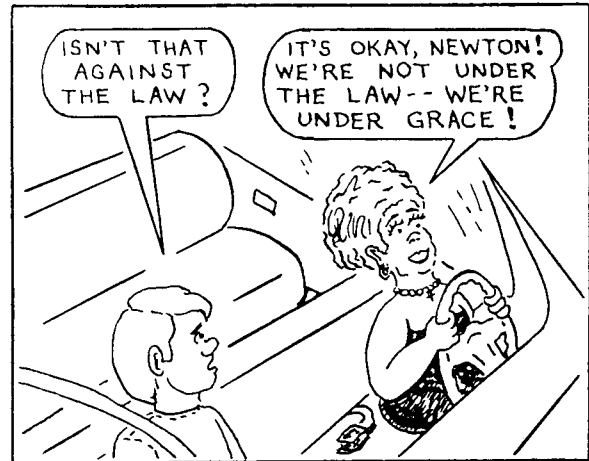
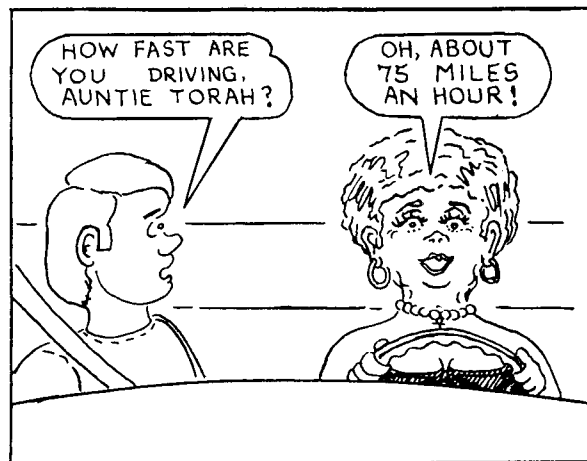
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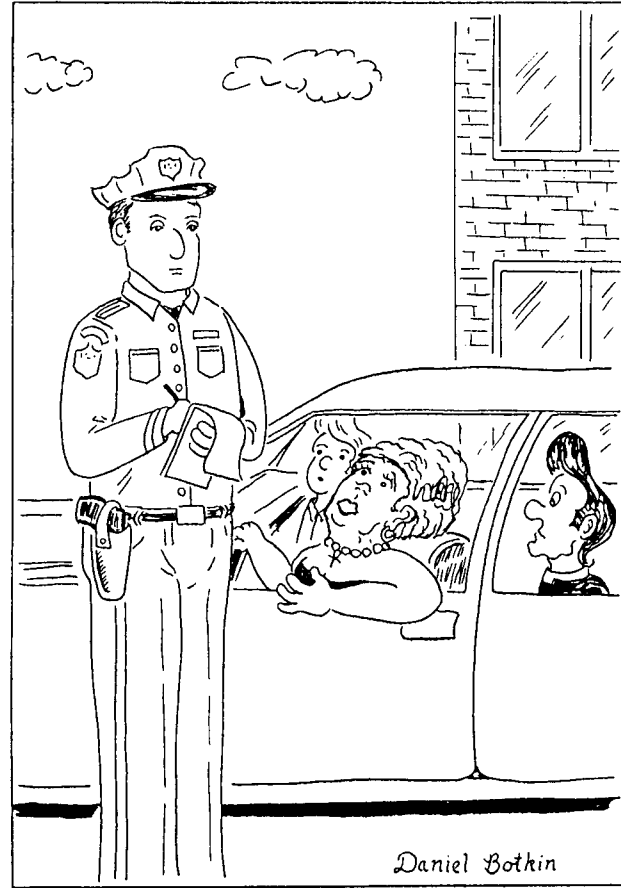
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"And they'll know we are Christians by our bumperstickers"



Years ago I knew a young man who was new in the faith who actually tried to justify an illegal act with this argument. Now he's a cop. Really!

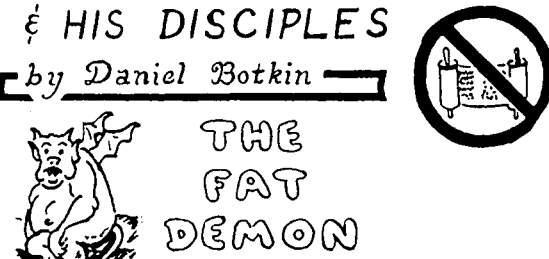


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"Didn't you see my bumperstickers, officer? We're Christians -- we're not under the law!"

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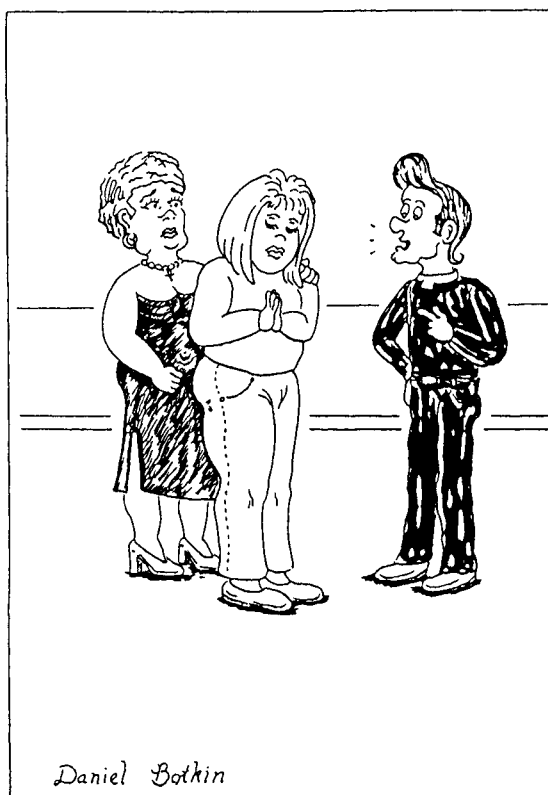
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## THE FAT DEMON



Sometimes we want to blame a demon for our inappropriate behavior, hoping to get a quick, easy solution to our problem instead of having to exercise discipline. This is true of many bad habits, not just over-eating.

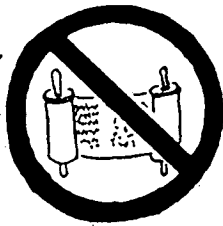


"A 'fat demon' that makes you overeat? We'll try to cast it out, Sister McSwine, but you also need to meditate on Matthew 17:21 -- 'This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting!'"

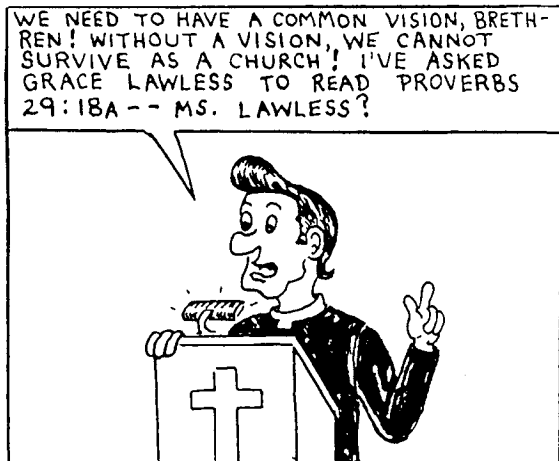
I've heard many preachers quote the first half of Proverbs 29:18 to try to impart vision to their people. Maybe if they quoted the rest of the verse, their people would know what the happy alternative to a lack of vision is. (If you don't know, you'll have to look the verse up in the Bible to get the joke. The KJV works best for this joke.)

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"SOLA SCRIPTURA  
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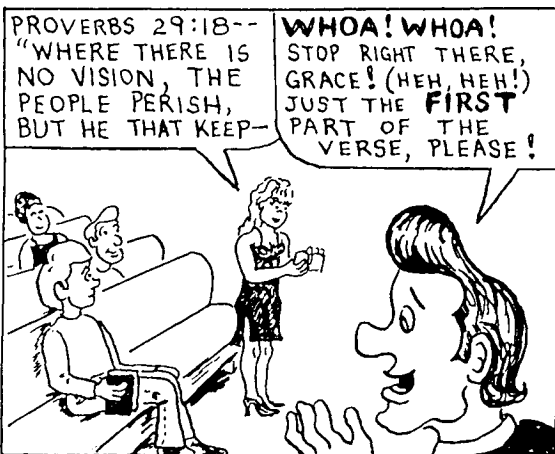


WE NEED TO HAVE A COMMON VISION, BRETHREN! WITHOUT A VISION, WE CANNOT SURVIVE AS A CHURCH! I'VE ASKED GRACE LAWLESS TO READ PROVERBS 29:18A -- MS. LAWLESS?



PROVERBS 29:18-- "WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH, BUT HE THAT KEEP--

WHOA! WHOA! STOP RIGHT THERE, GRACE! (HEH, HEH!) JUST THE FIRST PART OF THE VERSE, PLEASE!



WITHOUT A VISION, WE PERISH! I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MY VISION FOR A HAPPY CHURCH, ONE WITHOUT RULES AND RESTRICTIONS!


WHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL! IT'S A GOOD THING GRACE DIDN'T READ THE REST OF THAT VERSE! IT MIGHT HAVE PUT REVEREND TWISTRUTH'S CHURCH IN TERRIBLE BONDAGE!



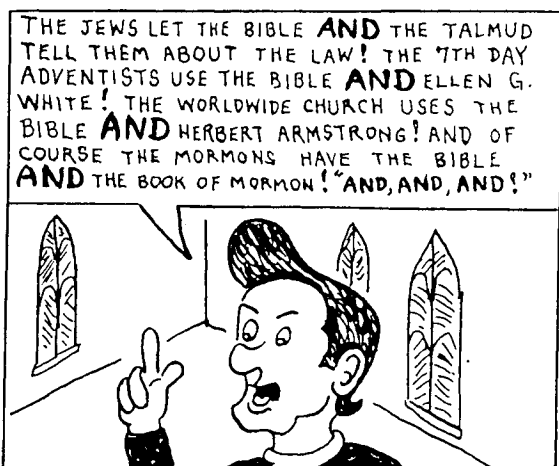
The idea for the cartoon below came from a 7th-day Adventist publication. The SDA writer quoted from a charismatic leader who said that "the two principal sources for data [for theology] are the Bible and Christian experience." The SDA writer said, "Here is a significant 'and'!" He then likened it to Catholicism's use of the Bible "and tradition," what Karl Barth called "the damned Catholic 'and.'" So far, so good. But the editor of the SDA publication stated in this very same journal: "We will draw largely from the Bible AND the writings of Ellen G. White." (Emphasis mine.) Even the writer of the anti-Pentecostal article suggested a "better and wiser approach": "to study anew the Word of God sincerely with prayer, AND again the writings of the Messenger to the Remnant." (Emphasis mine.) The "Messenger," is Ellen G. White, of course.

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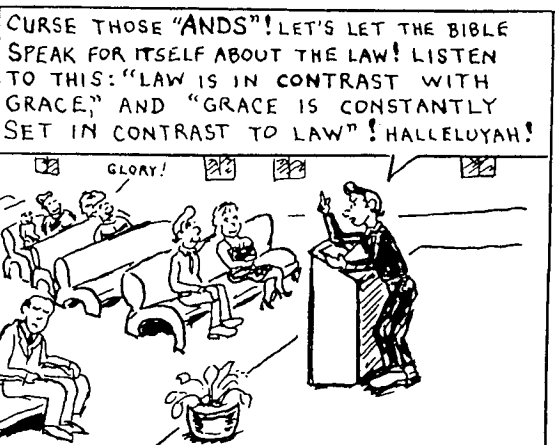


THE JEWS LET THE BIBLE AND THE TALMUD TELL THEM ABOUT THE LAW! THE 7TH DAY ADVENTISTS USE THE BIBLE AND ELLEN G. WHITE! THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH USES THE BIBLE AND HERBERT ARMSTRONG! AND OF COURSE THE MORMONS HAVE THE BIBLE AND THE BOOK OF MORMON! "AND, AND, AND!"



CURSE THOSE "ANDS"! LET'S LET THE BIBLE SPEAK FOR ITSELF ABOUT THE LAW! LISTEN TO THIS: "LAW IS IN CONTRAST WITH GRACE," AND "GRACE IS CONSTANTLY SET IN CONTRAST TO LAW"! HALLELUYAH!

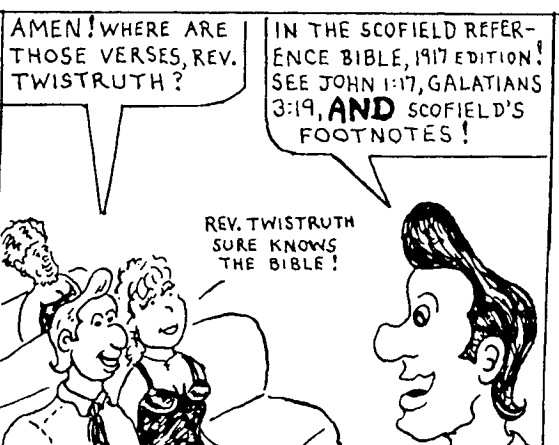
GLOAY!



AMEN! WHERE ARE THOSE VERSES, REV. TWISTRUTH?

IN THE SCOFIELD REFERENCE BIBLE, 1917 EDITION! SEE JOHN 1:17, GALATIANS 3:19, AND SCOFIELD'S FOOTNOTES!

REV. TWISTRUTH SURE KNOWS THE BIBLE!





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"Naked and not ashamed of the gospel"

Gen. 2:25 & Rom. 1:16

**OTINT** "Rightly dividing the Word"



REV. TWISTRUTH, DO YOU NEED HELP PACKING CLOTHES FOR YOUR WITNESSING TRIP?


I WON'T NEED ANY CLOTHES FOR THIS TRIP, CHESTER! I'LL BE WITNESSING AT A NUDIST BEACH!



Years ago we knew a young Messianic Jew (American male, of course) who went to share the gospel at the nude beaches in Israel wearing nothing but a Bible in his hand. He used the Pauline principle of "becoming all things to all men" to explain his nudity. And like Rev. T, he assured other believers that he "looked 'em straight in the eye."

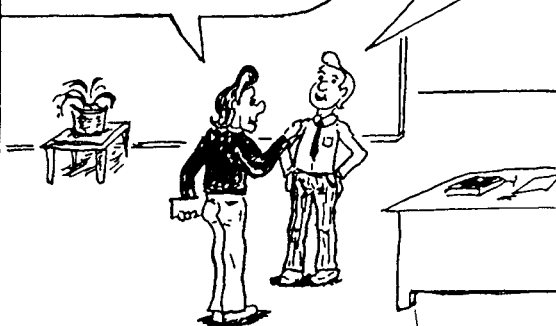
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

PAUL SAID, "I BECOME ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN, THAT I MAY SAVE SOME." PAUL IS OUR EXAMPLE, SO TO THE NUDIST, I MUST BECOME A NUDIST! IT'S THE BIBLE WAY!



DON'T WORRY, CHESTER! I'LL KEEP MY CHIN UP, AND LOOK 'EM STRAIGHT IN THE EYE!

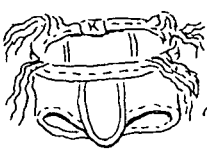
I THINK I FEEL LED TO GO, TOO...



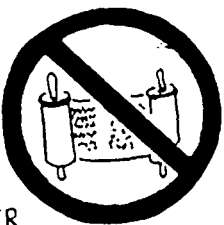
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"KOSHER BRIEFS"



I'LL BE OUT SOON. AUNTIE TORAH! I JUST NEED TO BUY SOME UNDERWEAR!

DON'T BUY ANY JEWISH UNDERWEAR--IT'S NOT GOOD QUALITY!

WACHO MAN


SALE! 50% OFF!



I got this idea from an article I read years ago. An Orthodox Jewish man wearing *tsitsit* was actually confronted by a red-neck lady in some rural town who told him, "Hey there, sucker, yo' underwear is unravelin'."

REALLY? HOW DO YOU KNOW?

I VISITED A SYNAGOGUE ONCE...

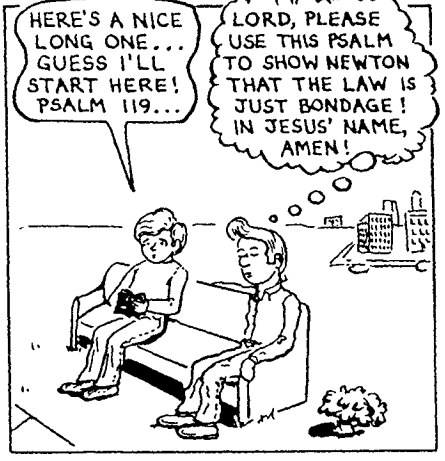


ALL THE MEN HAD WHITE STRINGS HANGING OUT OF THE TOPS OF THEIR PANTS, WHERE THEIR UNDERWEAR WAS UNRAVELING!



Psalm 119, the longest chapter in the Bible, was a passage of Scripture that greatly helped me to take a pro-Torah view of the Scriptures. You have to be familiar with this chapter to get the joke.

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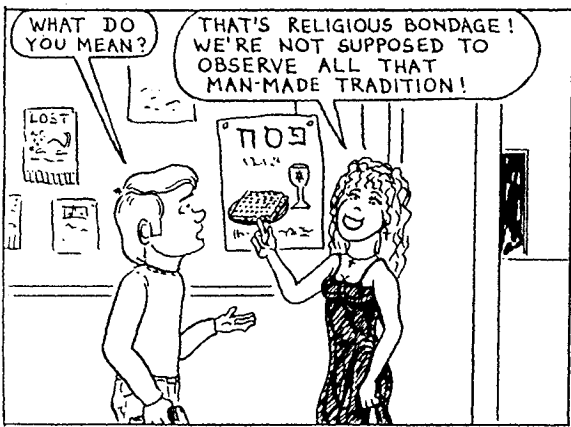
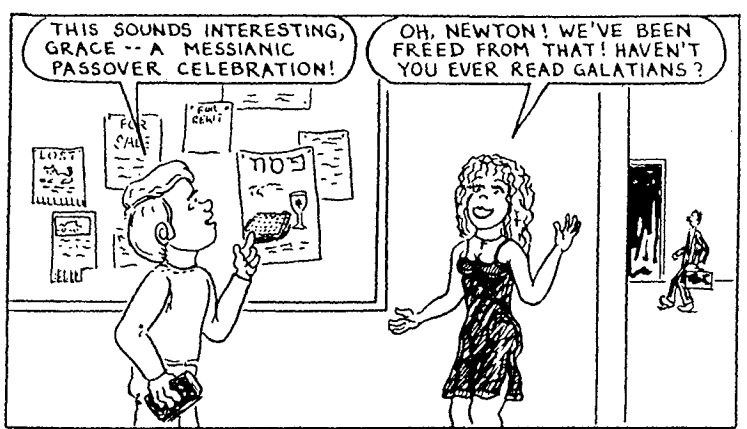
**READER:**  
WHY NOT JOIN NEWTON IN READING PSALM 119? MAYBE CHESTER'S PRAYER WILL BE ANSWERED FOR YOU, AND YOU WILL SEE FROM THIS PSALM WHAT A HORRIBLE BONDAGE THE LAW IS! AMEN!

**YOU SHALT NOT!**

This cartoon was based on my observation of Christians who view some Bible-based Jewish traditions as bondage and legalism, yet continue to practice pagan-based church traditions century after century.

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**Why is this vernal equinox different from all other vernal equinoxes?"**  
-Christian Easter Haggadah

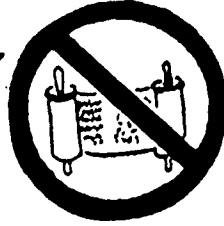


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HIPPIE HEAVEN



WE DON'T NEED TO BE CONCERNED WITH THOSE OLD TESTAMENT FOOD LAWS! JESUS SAID, "WHAT GOES INTO THE MOUTH DOESN'T DEFILE A MAN" -- MATTHEW 15:11!



In the 1970s I knew a young believer who actually tried to justify his use of marijuana by quoting Jesus' statement that "What goes into the mouth defileth not a man." The three characters here were drawn from a vague memory of the three "Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers," who were comic book characters in hippie publications in the 1970s.

WHAT WE PUT INTO OUR MOUTH DOESN'T GO INTO THE HEART! THIS MEANS THAT WE CAN PUT ANYTHING WE WANT INTO OUR MOUTH! ALL IS KOSHER!

"BUT TO EAT WITH UNWASHED HANDS DEFILETH NOT A MAN" -- MT. 15:20

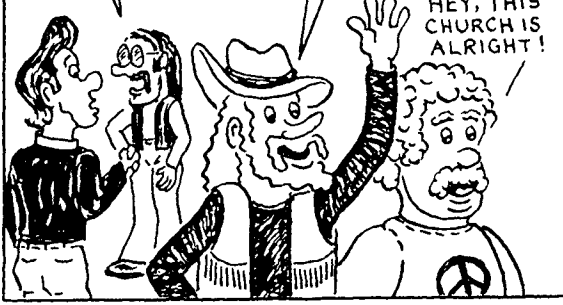
AMEN!



GOOD SERMON, REV!

THIS IS GREAT! WE CAN PUT ANYTHING INTO OUR MOUTH-- CIGARETTES, BOOZE, POT, Mescaline, LSD-- ANYTHING!

HEY, THIS CHURCH IS ALRIGHT!



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HERMAN NUTIX TO THE RESCUE



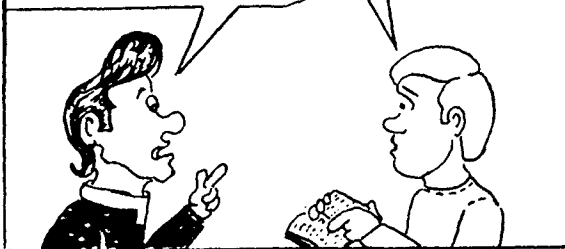
REV. TWISTRUTH, YOU SAID PAUL MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE LAW IS NULLIFIED BY FAITH IN CHRIST! BUT IN ROMANS 3:31, HE WROTE "DO WE, THEN, NULLIFY THE LAW BY THIS FAITH? NOT AT ALL! RATHER, WE UPHOLD THE LAW." DOESN'T THAT MEAN WE SHOULD OBEY THE TORAH?



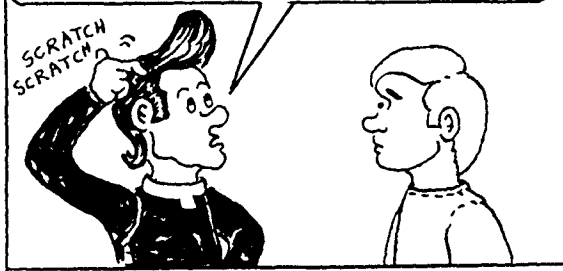
No comment needed. Circular reasoning typical of those who look for loopholes when confronted with the context of a passage.

YOU MUST BE CAREFUL, NEWTON! IN 2 PET. 3:16, PETER WARNS US THAT PAUL'S LETTERS ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND, AND THAT SOME PEOPLE DISTORT THEM TO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION!

BUT IN THE NEXT VERSE, PETER SAYS THAT IT IS "LAWLESS MEN" WHO WERE DISTORTING PAUL'S LETTERS...



HMM...WELL. "LAWLESS MEN" CAN'T MEAN MEN WHO IGNORED OLD TESTAMENT LAWS! SO IT MUST MEAN MEN WHO IGNORE LAWS OF HERMENEUTICS--LAWS OF PROPER BIBLE INTERPRETATION--YEAH, THAT MUST BE IT! SPECIFICALLY THE LAW THAT SAYS THE OLD TESTAMENT IS NULLIFIED BY FAITH!

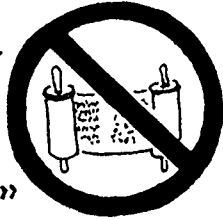


This is my favorite cartoon of all I have done. It shows how ludicrous anti-nomian theology really is. Anti-nomian theology makes it look like God lacked foresight; it makes Peter look like he abandoned the dietary laws; it makes Paul look like he had a Divinely-appointed mission to stamp out the Torah; it makes it look like the Apostles were led by the Spirit to transform the original, Torah-honoring Messianic Community into the paganized, anti-nomian church that exists today.

Some trivia: The golden calf is modeled after a *Far Side* cow. Moses with the Tablets is based on Doré's print, with slight modification of the Tablets. "God" is not a real image of the real God, of course. It is merely a picture of Rev. Twistruth's shallow concept of God. Jesus was not really born on December 25, of course, but the Christian Christmas tradition provides the opportunity to show the incongruity of sheep outside on a snowy December night, grazing near a Hasidic snowman -- not to mention the gay Xmas decorations around Mr. & Mrs. Christ. Peter's statement about his revelation is quoted from the RTV (Rev. Twistruth Version) of the Scriptures, which is how most Christians understand the verse, ignoring what Peter really said that God had shown him from the vision. The Hebrew lettering above the roasting hog says *misada "kol kasher" -- baruchim ha-ba'im "All-Kosher" Restaurant -- Welcome.*"

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**"A Glorious Church,  
Without S.P.O.T."  
Ephesians 5:27**



SO TODAY I WANT TO CONTRAST THE SUPERIORITY OF NEW TESTAMENT GRACE WITH THE INFERIORITY OF O.T. LAW!



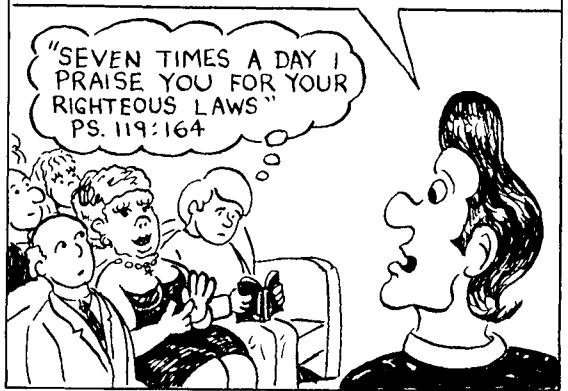
BUT IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE LORD REALIZED IT JUST WASN'T GOING TO WORK...



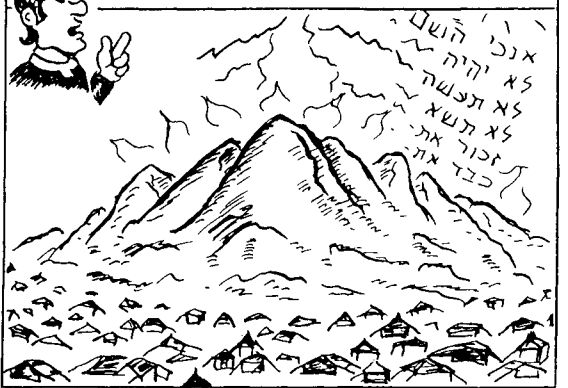
BUT GOD IS SMART! HE FINALLY THOUGHT OF A WAY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM HIS LAWS HAD CREATED...



SOMEONE HAS BEEN ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT OLD TESTAMENT LAW...



GOD GAVE HIS COMMANDMENTS TO THE JEWS AT MOUNT SINAI...



NOW GOD HAD A REAL PROBLEM ON HIS HANDS...



SO JESUS CAME TO EARTH, AND WAS RAISED BY MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH CHRIST, A NICE JEWISH COUPLE...



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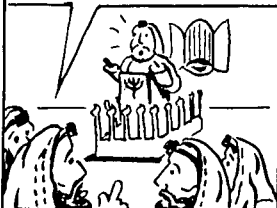
BUT THIS CAUSED A PROBLEM!  
BEING RAISED JEWISH, JESUS  
THOUGHT GOD STILL WANTED  
PEOPLE TO OBEY THE LAW!

... AND HE WHO DOES  
AND TEACHES THE  
COMMANDMENTS WILL  
BE CALLED GREAT  
IN THE KINGDOM! \*



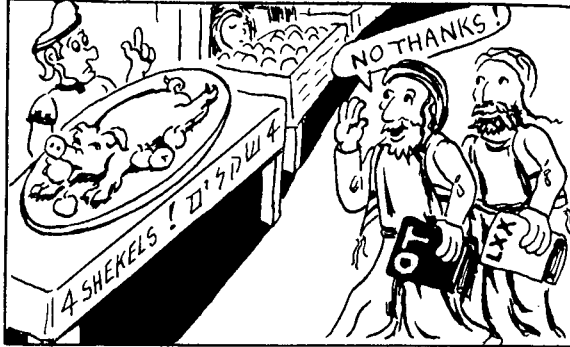
\* MATT. 5:17-19

DO WHAT THE SCRIBES  
AND PHARISEES TELL  
YOU TO DO WHEN THEY  
SIT IN MOSES' SEAT \*



\* MATT. 23:1-3

AFTER JESUS RETURNED TO HEAVEN,  
THE APOSTLES STILL DIDN'T  
REALIZE THE LAW WAS ABOLISHED!  
THEY WOULDN'T EVEN EAT PORK!



FINALLY GOD GOT TIRED OF  
ALL THIS, AND DECIDED TO  
STRAIGHTEN THEM OUT!



SO GOD SHOWED PETER THAT  
HE HAD CHANGED HIS MIND  
ABOUT THE FOOD LAWS...



PETER BROUGHT THE GOOD NEWS  
TO THE OTHER APOSTLES...



\* ACTS 10:28, RTV

SO THE FIRST STEP IN GOD'S  
PLAN TO RESCUE MAN FROM  
THE LAW WAS SUCCESSFUL!



LATER, GOD REVEALED TO PAUL  
THAT THE SABBATH & HOLY DAYS  
WERE JUST BONDAGE, AS WELL AS  
LAWS ABOUT THINGS LIKE WEAR-  
ING FRINGES, SHAVING, ETC....



SO THE APOSTLES CUT THE FRINGES  
OFF THEIR CLOAKS, ENCOURAGED  
EVERYONE TO SHAVE, AND QUIT  
MEETING ON THE SABBATH...




Some Christians read a Sunday Sabbath into any mention in the New Testament of "the first day of the week," even though no mention of the Sabbath is ever made in connection with these verses. Somehow all the verses about Jesus and the Apostles meeting on the Sabbath get ignored.

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IT'S GREEK TO ME




LOOK, NEWTON-- ACTS 20:7 SAYS THE DISCIPLES GATHERED TO BREAK BREAD "ON THE **FIRST** DAY OF THE WEEK," NOT ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY SABBATH! THIS PROVES THE EARLY CHURCH MET **EVERY SUNDAY!**



I DON'T UNDERSTAND, REV. TWISTRUTH-- ACCORDING TO THIS GREEK NEW TESTAMENT, THAT VERSE SAYS THEY WERE ASSEMBLED "ON ONE OF THE **SABBATHS**"

LET ME SEE!



7 Ἐν δὲ τῇ μίᾳ τῶν σαββάτων, συνηγμένων τῶν μαθητῶν  
 \* on And the one of the sabbaths, having been assembled the disciples  
 τοῦ κλάσαι ἄρτον, ὁ Παῦλος διελέγετο αὐτοῖς, μέλλων  
 - to break bread, Paul reasoned to them, being about to  
 εἰσελθεῖν τῇ ἑσπέρῳ, παρέτεινε τε τὸν λόγον μέχρι μεσονυκτίου.  
 depart on the morrow; he continued and the discourse until midnight.

HM!... WELL, THIS DOESN'T PROVE THE EARLY CHURCH MET **EVERY SATURDAY!**

\* SOURCE: GK.TEXT of NT, TRINITARIAN BIBLE SOCIETY, JAY P. GREEN, ED./TRANS.




Soon after I started honoring Sabbath, dietary laws, etc., I shared my new-found beliefs with a couple of good friends of mine. After our lengthy discussion, I said, "Well, I won't put you on the spot and ask if you'd like to pray and ask Moses to come into your heart..."

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THE  
MESSIANIC  
MENACE




WHERE DID YOU GET THIS LITERATURE, NEWTON?

I MET A GUY WITH A BIBLE-- I ASKED ABOUT THE SABBATH AND HE SUGGESTED I READ THIS



THESE ARE THE JUDAIZERS PAUL WARNS US ABOUT, NEWTON! FIRST THEY ASK YOU IF YOU THINK CHRISTIANS SHOULD OBEY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS-- IF YOU SAY "YES," THEY POINT OUT THAT THE SABBATH IS ONE OF THE TEN! AFTER THEY GET YOU HOOKED ON THE SABBATH, THEY START TALKING ABOUT HOLY DAYS, NEW MOONS, DIETARY LAWS, AND ALL THAT OTHER OLD TESTAMENT JEWISH STUFF!



FINALLY, THEY ASK IF YOU'D LIKE TO PRAY AND ASK MOSES TO COME INTO YOUR HEART TO BE YOUR PERSONAL LAWGIVER!

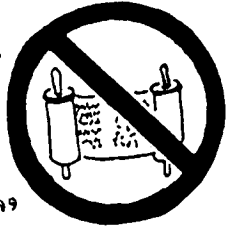


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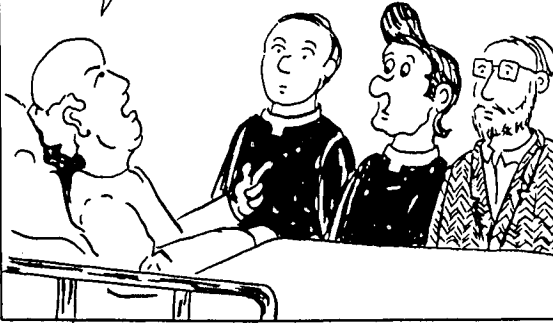
& HIS DISCIPLES

—by Daniel Botkin—

“COLD CASH  
FOR A  
GOLD CADAVER”



FATHER O'MALLEY, REV. TWISTRUTH,  
RABBI ROSEN-- AS YOU KNOW, I'M A  
RICH MAN WITH ONLY WEEKS TO LIVE!

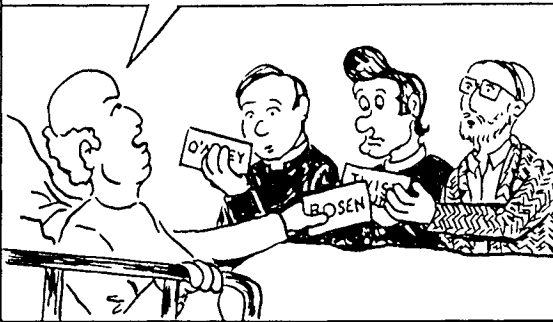


Based on a joke I heard about a rich man and his doctor, his dentist, and his rabbi. I modified the joke a bit for this cartoon. I think this was Rabbi Rosen's first appearance.

I WANT TO TAKE MY 3-MILLION  
DOLLAR FORTUNE WITH ME, AND  
YOU ARE THE ONLY THREE MEN I  
CAN TRUST TO HELP ME DO IT!

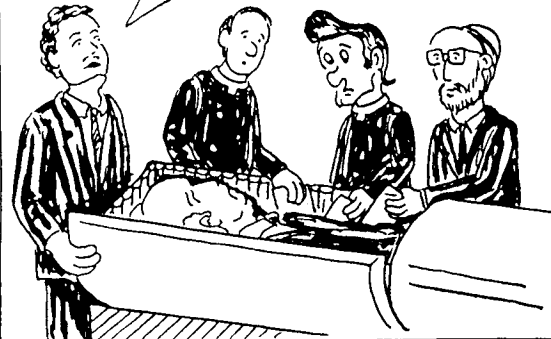


I WITHDREW MY FORTUNE FROM THE BANK!  
I'M GIVING EACH OF YOU AN ENVELOPE WITH  
ONE MILLION DOLLARS CASH! BEFORE MY  
CASKET IS CLOSED, EACH OF YOU IS TO  
PUT YOUR ENVELOPE IN WITH MY BODY!

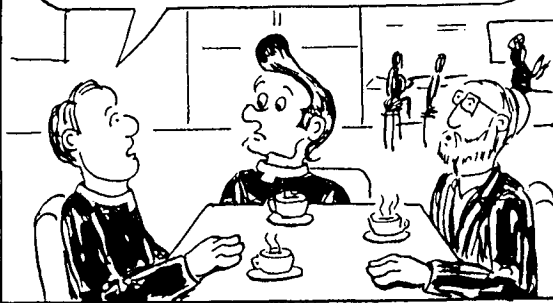


THREE WEEKS LATER . . .

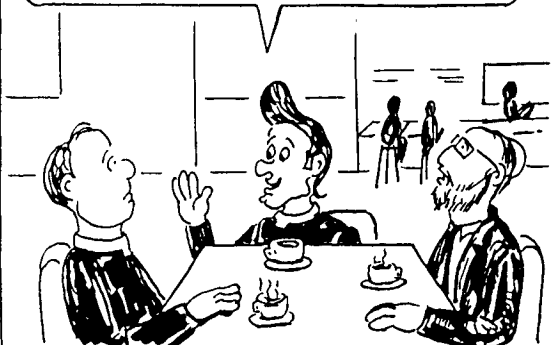
GO AHEAD,  
GENTLEMEN



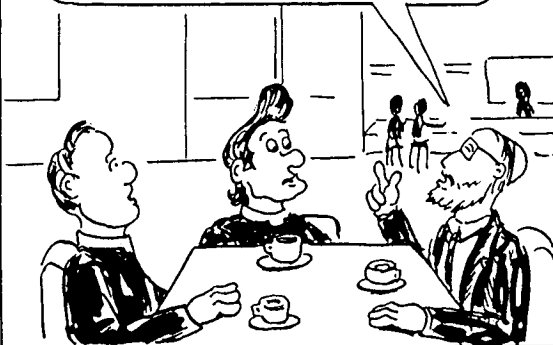
I WANT TO CONFESS SOMETHING!  
I KEPT HALF OF THAT MILLION  
DOLLARS TO GIVE TO AN ORPHANAGE  
IN MY DIOCESE! I ALREADY CONFESSED  
IT TO THE BISHOP! I DID PENANCE,  
AND HE FORGAVE ME!



(WELL, PRAISE THE LORD! I KEPT  
HALF A MILLION, TOO! WE NEED IT  
FOR OUR BUILDING FUND! I'M UNDER  
GRACE, SO I'M ALREADY FORGIVEN!



I'M ASHAMED OF YOU BOTH!  
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I PUT IN  
A CHECK FOR THE FULL  
AMOUNT!




- Special thanks to Gabriel DeMaggio

Another one based on a joke I heard. In the version I originally heard, it was Hillary Clinton, "the smartest woman alive," who wasn't as smart as she thought she was.


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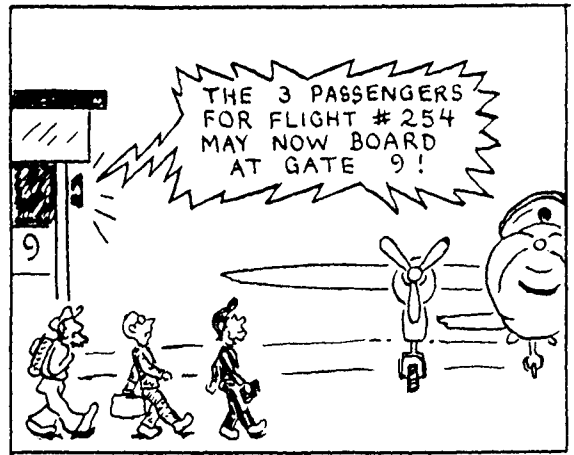
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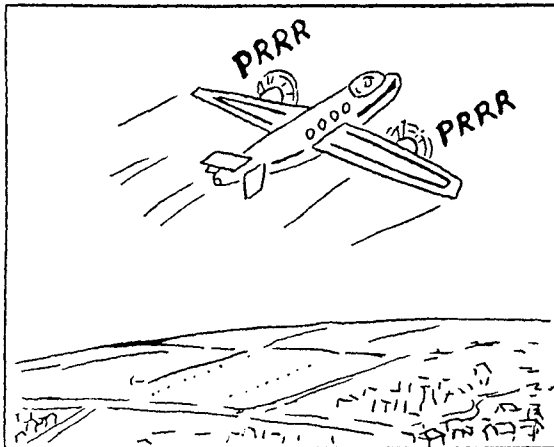


A BLIND  
LEAP OF  
FAITH





THE 3 PASSENGERS  
FOR FLIGHT #254  
MAY NOW BOARD  
AT GATE 9!



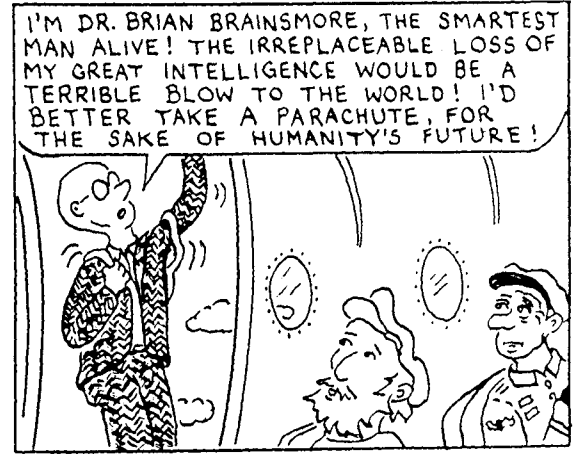
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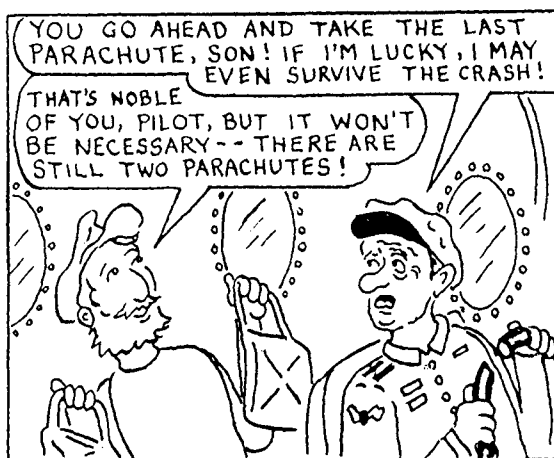
BAD NEWS, GENTLEMEN! WE'RE OUT OF FUEL AND WILL CRASH IN A FEW MINUTES! AND WE'VE GOT ONLY THREE PARACHUTES!



WELL, I'M SURE THE LORD WANTS ME TO HAVE A PARACHUTE! I HAVE A THRIVING MINISTRY THAT NEEDS ME! BESIDES, I HAVEN'T YET LIVED MY 3 SCORE AND 10 YEARS THE LORD HAS PROMISED! I'LL PRAY FOR YOU-- GOD BLESS!



I'M DR. BRIAN BRAINSMORE, THE SMARTEST MAN ALIVE! THE IRREPLACEABLE LOSS OF MY GREAT INTELLIGENCE WOULD BE A TERRIBLE BLOW TO THE WORLD! I'D BETTER TAKE A PARACHUTE, FOR THE SAKE OF HUMANITY'S FUTURE!



YOU GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE LAST PARACHUTE, SON! IF I'M LUCKY, I MAY EVEN SURVIVE THE CRASH!

THAT'S NOBLE OF YOU, PILOT, BUT IT WON'T BE NECESSARY-- THERE ARE STILL TWO PARACHUTES!



HOW CAN THAT BE?

DR. BRAINSMORE TOOK MY BACKPACK!

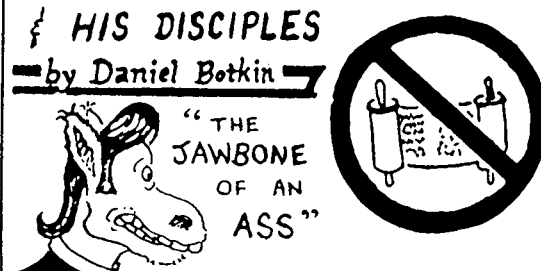


Leonard Ravenhill once said something about how modern-day preachers use the jawbone of an ass when they are in the pulpit...

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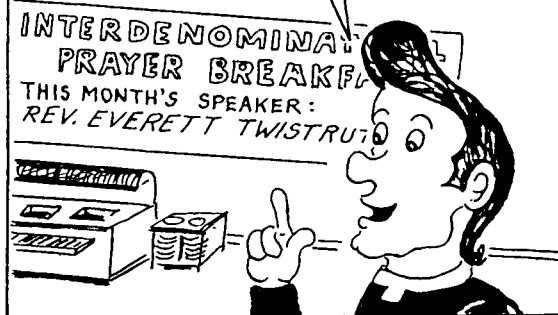


"THE JAWBONE OF AN ASS"

WE CAN USE SMALL, INSIGNIFICANT THINGS AS INSTRUMENTS TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR GOD, MY FELLOW CLERGYMEN!

INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER: REV. EVERETT TWISTRUTH



SAMSON WROUGHT A GREAT VICTORY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM USING THE JAWBONE OF AN ASS!



... AND SOME PREACHERS DO GREAT DAMAGE TO THE KINGDOM BY USING THE VERY SAME INSTRUMENT...




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THE PARAKEET PRAYER WARRIOR



MY PARAKEET ALWAYS SAYS "LET'S PRAY! LET'S PRAY!"

OH, THAT'S SO SPIRITUAL, NEPHEW! ALL MINE EVER SAYS IS "LET'S KISS!" SHE'S SO CARNAL!

AWWK! LET'S PRAY!



Based on a joke told to me by Pastor Ron Balk of Chicago.

WHY NOT BRING YOURS HERE? MAYBE SHE'LL LEARN TO SAY "LET'S PRAY" IF SHE LISTENS TO MY PARAKEET!

GREAT IDEA, EVERETT!



LET'S KISS! LET'S KISS!

THANK GOD, MY PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED!



I once heard about a child who did this. I don't know if it was a true story or not.

**REVEREND TWISTRUTH**  
 & HIS DISCIPLES  
 —by Daniel Botkin—

“PHARISEE FOLLIES”

THE PHARISEE PRAYED, “GOD, I THANK YOU THAT **I** AM NOT LIKE OTHER MEN, LIKE THIS PUBLICAN! **I** FAST AND PAY TITHES!” BUT THE PUBLICAN JUST SMOTE HIS BREAST AND SAID, “GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER.” AND THE PUBLICAN WAS JUSTIFIED!

THIS STORY TEACHES US TO BE HUMBLE WHEN WE PRAY! NOW, CHILDREN, WHO WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE IN PRAYER?

I WILL, AUNTIE TORAH!

THE TEN COM

I II III IV V VI VII VIII IX X

GOD, I THANK YOU THAT **WE** ARE NOT LIKE THAT PHARISEE! **WE** DRESS UP AND COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY WEEK!

AMEN! THANK YOU JESUS!

Another one based on a story that may or may not be true. In the original version, the preacher was speaking to his wife. Unlike Rabbi Rosen, the wife did not keep her opinion to herself.

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 —by Daniel Botkin—

FISHING FOR A COMPLIMENT

RABBI ROSEN, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE HEARD MANY CHRISTIANS PREACH BESIDES ME, BUT I'LL TELL YOU THIS: THERE AREN'T MANY GREAT PREACHERS IN CHRISTENDOM THESE DAYS... YOU KNOW?

M-HM

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YES SIR! THERE'S VERY FEW GREAT PREACHERS AROUND NOWADAYS...

...AND THERE'S ONE LESS THAN YOU THINK!


I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT!

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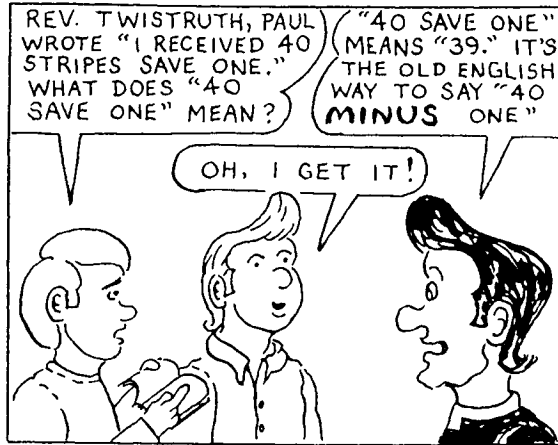
"TWO CARTOONS SAVE ONE"



REV. TWISTRUTH, PAUL WROTE "I RECEIVED 40 STRIPES SAVE ONE." WHAT DOES "40 SAVE ONE" MEAN?

"40 SAVE ONE" MEANS "39." IT'S THE OLD ENGLISH WAY TO SAY "40 MINUS ONE"

OH, I GET IT!



I knew a brother who went into a donut shop and placed his order this way. The waitress responded as in this cartoon.

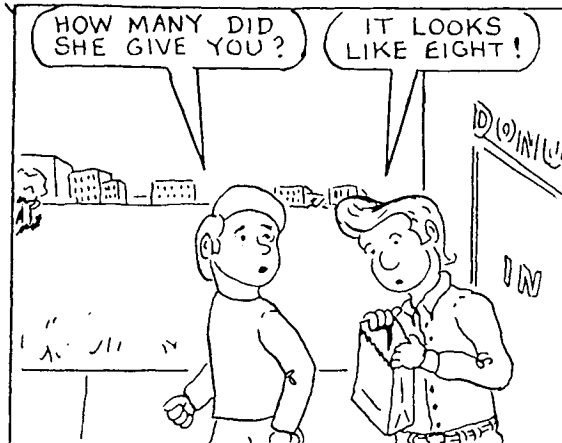
HOW MANY DONUTS DO YOU WANT?

SEVEN SAVE ONE!



HOW MANY DID SHE GIVE YOU?

IT LOOKS LIKE EIGHT!



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**NOMOPHOBIA**

NOMOS (nomos) law—

1. rule, principle, norm.
2. Almost equivalent to (Jewish) religion.



"MCC--THE GAY CHURCH." DON'T THEY KNOW THE BIBLE CONDEMNS HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR?

YES! I TOLD THAT PASTOR THAT LEVITICUS FORBIDS IT!

DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY!  
FA-LA LA LA LA  
LA LA LA LA!

Metropolitan Community Church  
The Gay Church




*Nomophobia*: a play on the word *homophobia*, of course. I got the idea for this cartoon from an article about the MCC, the gay "church." The reporter asked the sodomite minister about the verses in Leviticus that call homosexual acts an abomination. The sodomite replied by pointing out that Leviticus also calls pork an abomination, but that doesn't stop Christians from eating bacon for breakfast. That's a rather queer way to establish theology, but the sodomite had a point!

WHAT DID HE SAY?

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!  
FA-LA LA LA LA  
LA LA LA LA!

HE SAID LEVITICUS ALSO FORBIDS SHAVING BEARDS, EATING PORK, AND BREAKING THE 7TH-DAY SABBATH!



HE SAID, "IF YOU CAN IGNORE A FEW THINGS IN LEVITICUS, SO CAN I!" WHAT A HYPOCRITE!

AMEN!


DON WE NOW  
OUR GAY APPAREL!  
FA LA LA LA LA  
LA LA LA!



The idea for this came from an article I read telling how little Russian Jews living under Communism knew about Judaism. Some of them, after leaving the Soviet Union, made a big banner for Yom Kippur, the most solemn day on the Jewish calendar. The banner read "Happy Yom Kippur." The original story wasn't funny, but it provided the idea for this cartoon.

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"COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE"

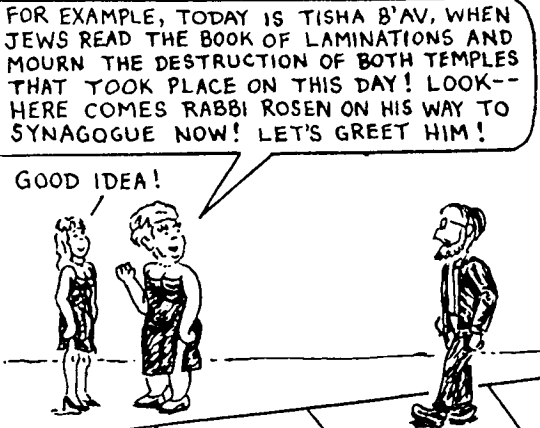


IF YOU WANT TO WIN JEWS TO CHRIST, GRACE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR PECULIAR HOLIDAYS -- IT MAKES THEM MORE OPEN TO THE GOSPEL!



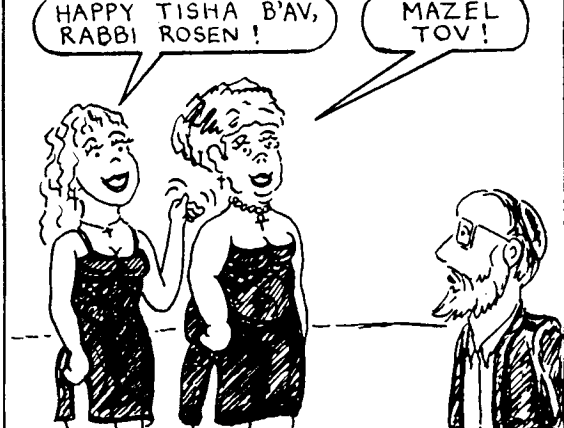
FOR EXAMPLE, TODAY IS TISHA B'AV, WHEN JEWS READ THE BOOK OF LAMINATIONS AND MOURN THE DESTRUCTION OF BOTH TEMPLES THAT TOOK PLACE ON THIS DAY! LOOK-- HERE COMES RABBI ROSEN ON HIS WAY TO SYNAGOGUE NOW! LET'S GREET HIM!

GOOD IDEA!



HAPPY TISHA B'AV, RABBI ROSEN!


MAZEL TOV!



I have heard of women without head coverings who scolded young men in churches for wearing hats in the church building or for having long hair. Ed Spurlin summarizes such hypocrisy quite well when he asks, "How is it that when Paul says something people want to believe, and appropriate for themselves, he is speaking through God's inspiration; but if he says something they don't like, he's only speaking about cultural traditions?"

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GOOD FOR THE GANDER, BUT NOT FOR THE GEESE




WHO'S THAT GUY OVER THERE -- THE ONE WITH LONG HAIR AND A HAT?

HE'S AN OLD LEFT-OVER HIPPIE JESUS FREAK! I SHOWED HIM I COR. 11, WHERE IT SAYS THAT A MAN SHOULDN'T WEAR A HAT IN CHURCH!



HE SAID THOSE VERSES JUST REFER TO CULTURAL CUSTOMS BACK IN PAUL'S TIME! THE HYPOCRITE!


TSK TSK




WHAT'S THIS IN I COR. 11 ABOUT WOMEN NEEDING TO COVER THEIR HEADS IN CHURCH?

OH, THOSE VERSES JUST REFER TO CULTURAL CUSTOMS IN PAUL'S TIME! WOMEN DON'T NEED HEAD COVERINGS TODAY!

PRaise the Lord for that!



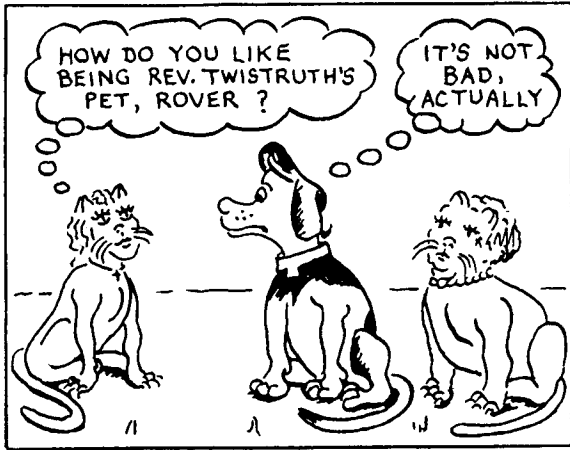
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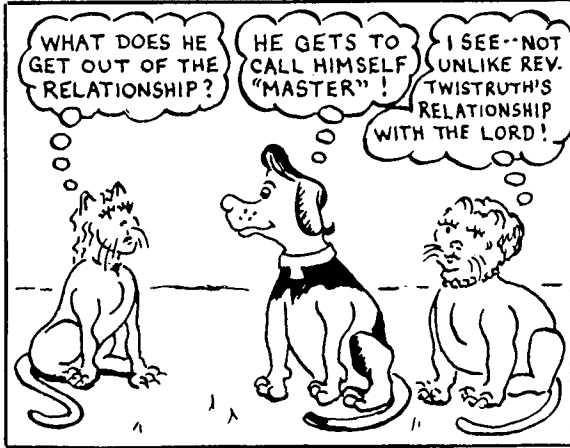
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"SERVING  
THE MASTER"



I borrowed this idea from an old *Garfield* cartoon, and added the final line.



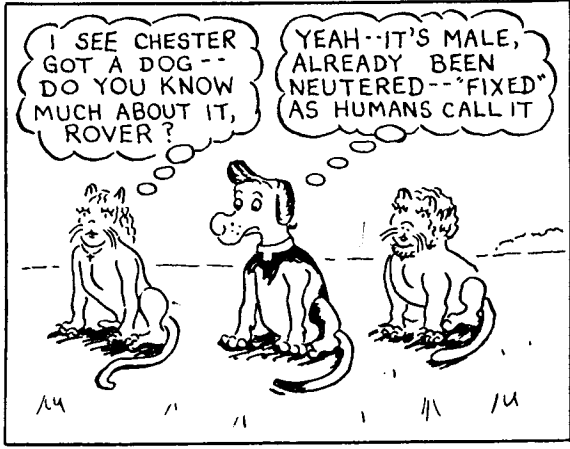
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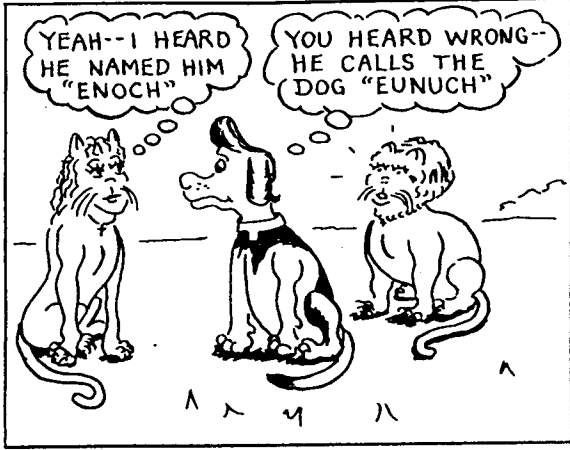
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"AND there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men"  
-Matt. 19:12-




The idea for this one came about when we got a dog years ago. It was already neutered, and I wanted to name it "Eunuch." My wife wouldn't agree to that name, so we settled for "Bardolph" instead.



Just one single letter in one single word can change one's theology...

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THE MISSING  
 "T"

I WAS ARGUING WITH A CATHOLIC LADY ABOUT USING GRAVEN IMAGES OF JESUS AND MARY FOR WORSHIP



I THOUGHT IT WAS WRONG TO USE STATUES, BUT SHE SHOWED ME A VERSE THAT SAYS IT'S RIGHT!

WHAT VERSE IS THAT?




IT WAS PSALM 19:8 -- IT SAID, "THE STATUES OF THE LORD ARE RIGHT"

WELL, I'LL BE! IT DOES SAY THAT...



An old joke, probably familiar to most crossword puzzle fans.

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THE DANGER OF CROSS  
 RDS

HOW DID YOU GET THE BLACK EYE, CHESTER?

AUNTIE TORAH PUNCHED ME!

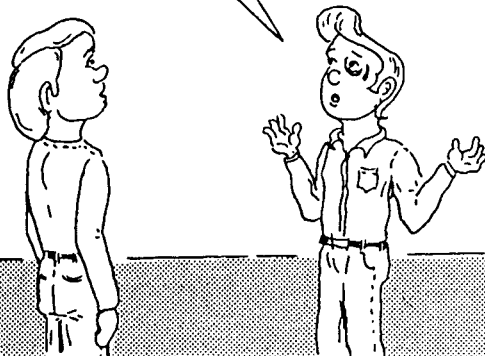


AUNTIE TORAH?! WHY DID SHE PUNCH YOU??

I'M NOT SURE! SHE WAS WORKING ON A CROSSWORD PUZZLE, AND ASKED ME IF I KNEW A THREE-LETTER WORD FOR "AN OLD FEMALE SHEEP"...



I SAID, "YEAH! EWE!" AND THAT'S WHEN SHE PUNCHED ME!



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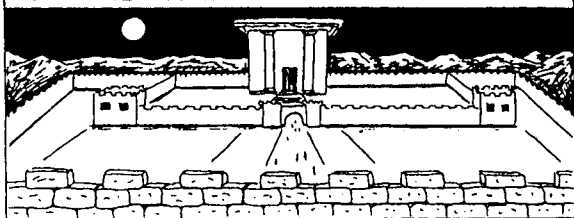
# THEN & NOW

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HOW THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE BIBLE DAYS!

## THEN

GOD'S PEOPLE USED TO GO UP TO JERUSALEM TO CELEBRATE THE FEASTS OF THE LORD



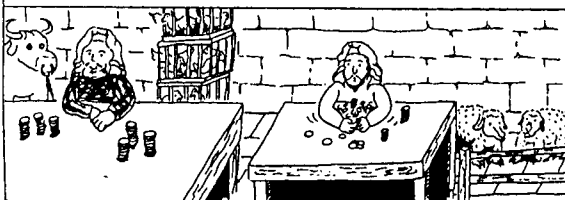
GOD'S PEOPLE USED TO PROCLAIM THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD BY CHANTING THE "PSALMS OF ASCENT" AS THEY WENT UP TO JERUSALEM



GOD'S PEOPLE USED TO BRING THEIR FREEWILL OFFERINGS TO WORSHIP GOD AT THE FEASTS OF THE LORD



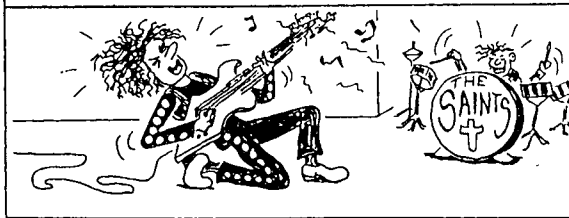
GOD'S PEOPLE USED TO SELL DOVES, LAMBS, AND CATTLE FOR THE PEOPLE TO OFFER AS SACRIFICES



THEN, A CERTAIN CARPENTER FROM NAZARETH CAME IN WITH A WHIP, OVERTURNED THE TABLES, AND DROVE THE BUYERS AND SELLERS OFF THE PREMISES



NOW GOD'S PEOPLE GO DOWNTOWN TO THE CONCERT HALL TO HEAR THE LATEST CHRISTIAN ROCK STAR



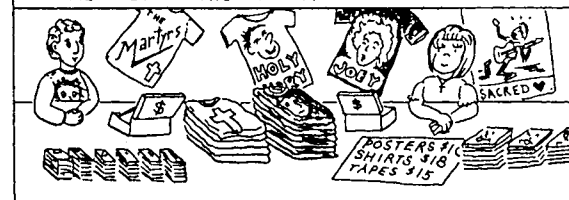
NOW GOD'S PEOPLE PROCLAIM THE GREATNESS OF THE CHRISTIAN ROCK STAR BY TALKING ABOUT HIS GREAT MUSICAL ABILITIES



NOW GOD'S PEOPLE ARE REQUIRED TO BUY HIGH-PRICED TICKETS TO GET INTO THE CONCERT HALL TO WORSHIP



NOW GOD'S PEOPLE SELL TAPES, C.D.s, AND T-SHIRTS WITH PICTURES AND NAMES OF CHRISTIAN ROCK STARS



NOW FEW OF GOD'S PEOPLE SEEM TO CARE THAT THEIR FATHER'S HOUSE HAS ONCE AGAIN BECOME A HOUSE OF MERCHANDISE

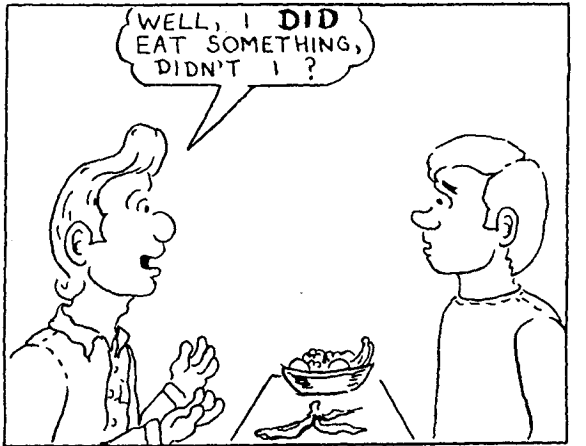
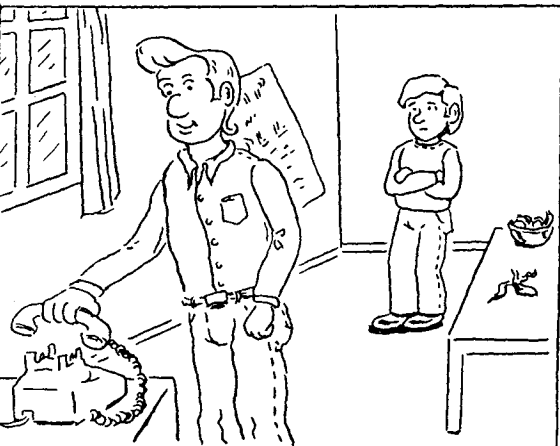
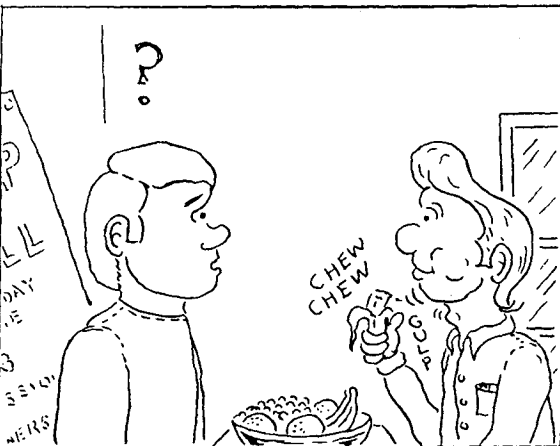
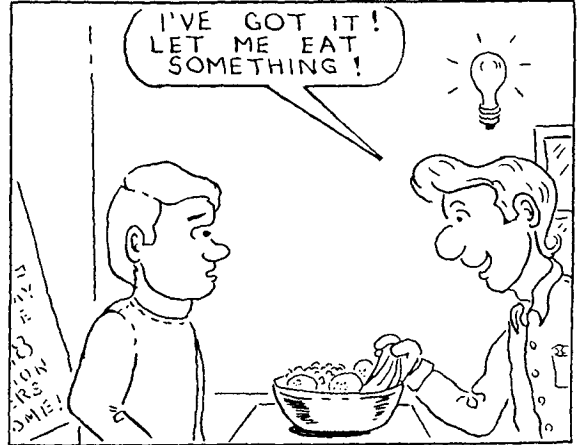
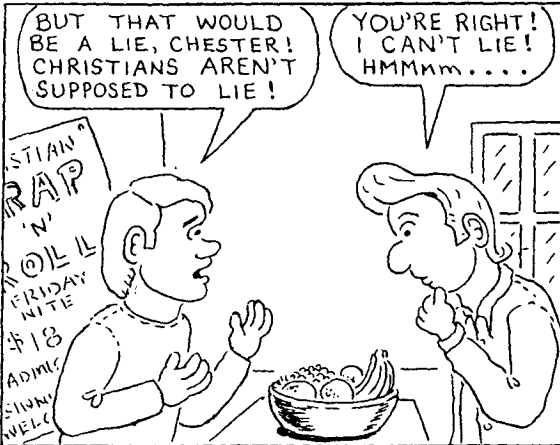

I knew someone who did this once. I think he felt too guilty afterwards to pull a stunt like that again.

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LOOPHOLE for a LIAR




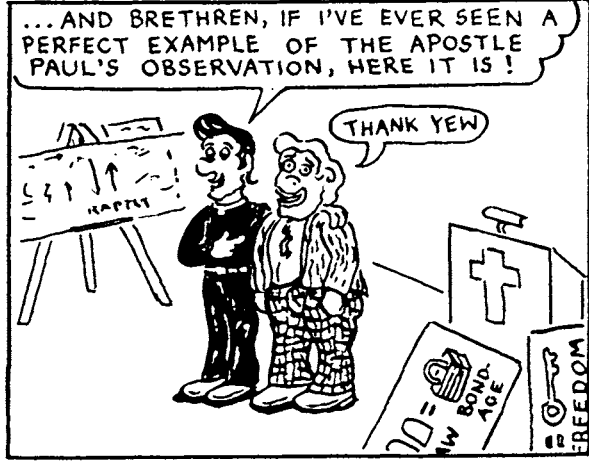
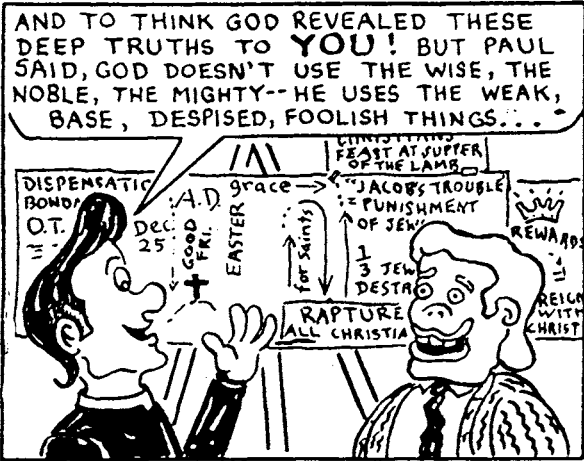
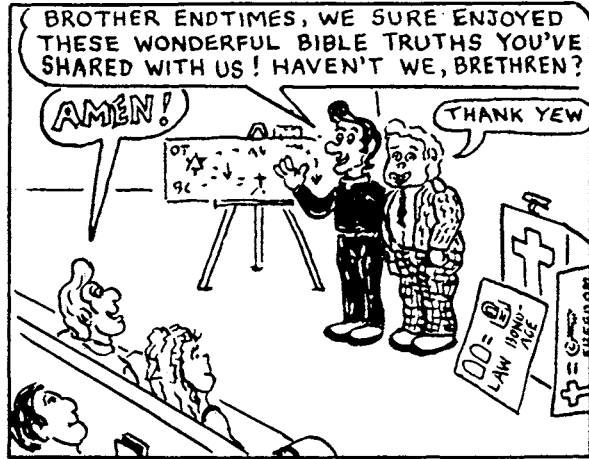


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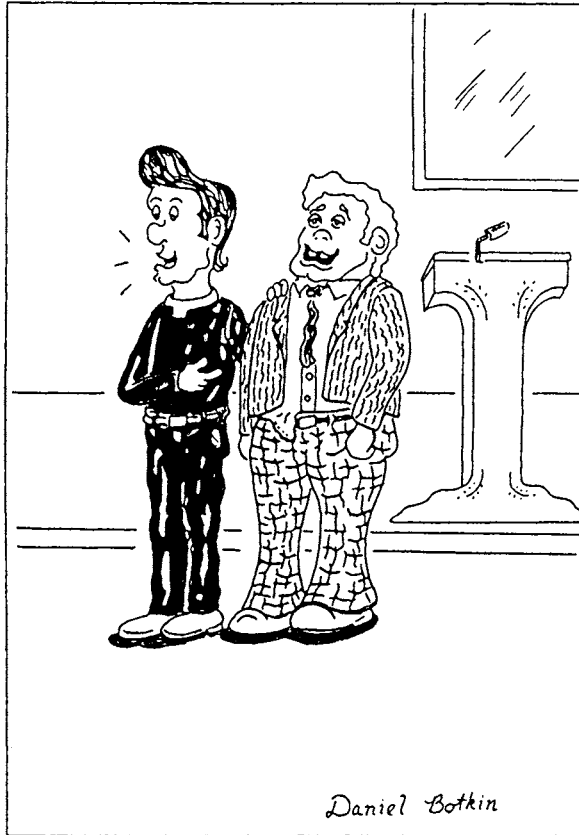
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THE  
HIGHLY-ESTEEMED  
ESCHATOLOGIST


I once watched a lengthy video of a man who presented a very detailed teaching about prophecy and the Biblical calendar. It looked like the teaching was filmed at a meeting in someone's home, where the man was a guest speaker. At the conclusion of the teaching, the host of the meeting stood up and made remarks just like these made by Rev. Twistruth. Really!




"Paul said God uses the weak, base, despised, foolish things! And brethren, if I've ever seen a perfect example of Paul's observation, it's our visiting preacher here!"

A few years ago a boy at our Feast of Tabernacles celebration thought that this was the name of the holiday. The word "Grimm" in the title refers to a linguistic phenomenon called "Grimm's Law," which results in these kinds of linguistic slips. My daughter Betsy told me I should have made Auntie Torah mix up Mordecai and Haman in the last panel to make her look even more uninformed.

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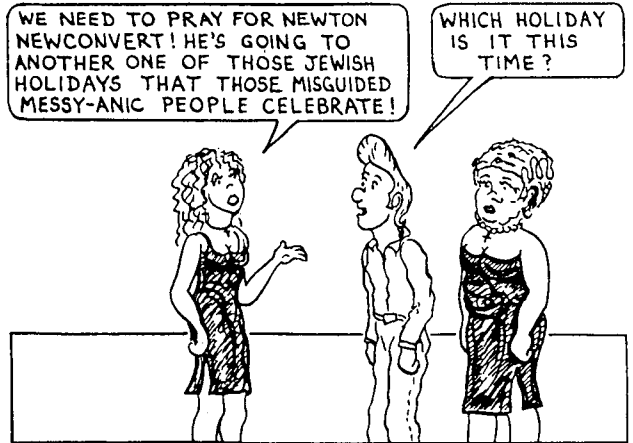


A GRIMM  
 HOLIDAY



WE NEED TO PRAY FOR NEWTON NEWCONVERT! HE'S GOING TO ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE JEWISH HOLIDAYS THAT THOSE MISGUIDED MESSY-ANIC PEOPLE CELEBRATE!

WHICH HOLIDAY IS IT THIS TIME?



SOMETHING CALLED "THE FEAST OF TAVERN APPLES"

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE JEWS DO AT THAT HOLIDAY, AUNTIE TORAH?

"THE FEAST OF TAVERN APPLES"? HMM...



THAT MUST BE THE ONE WHERE THE RABBIS DRINK SO MUCH HARD APPLE CIDER THAT THEY CAN'T DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "BLESSED BE MORDECAI!" AND "CURSED BE HAMAN"!


WOW! I WISH I KNEW AS MUCH ABOUT JEWS AS YOU DO, AUNTIE TORAH!

YEAH! ME, TOO!



More fun with Grimm's Law and the KJV...

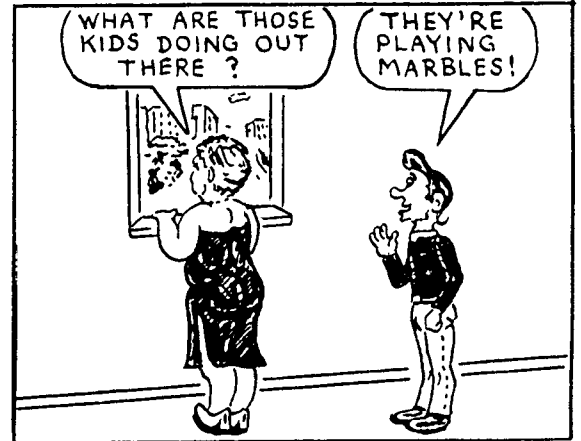
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AUNTIE TORAH'S  
 MARBLE-OUS  
 MEMORY

WHAT ARE THOSE KIDS DOING OUT THERE?

THEY'RE PLAYING MARBLES!



I WONDER IF WE SHOULD ALLOW THAT IN THE CHURCH YARD...

WHY NOT?



DOESN'T THE BIBLE SAY "MARBLE NOT"?

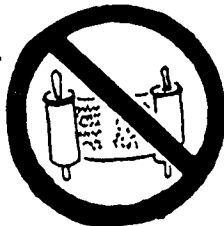


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“A CLOSE SHAVE”




In the 1970s I read a hippie-rebuking booklet by a Pentecostal preacher. In the booklet he said that Isaiah 7:20 proves that Jesus shaved and did not wear a beard. He twisted the truth even more than Rev. Twistruth does here!




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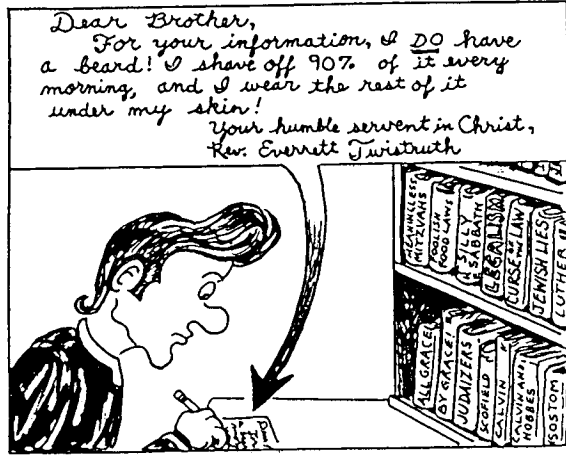
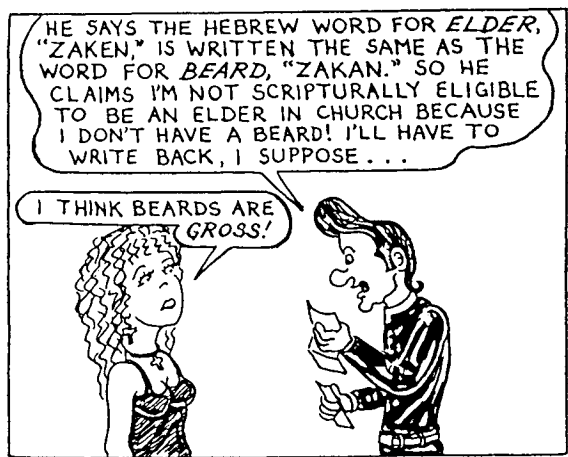
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BOLDNESS OF THE BEARDLESS





A friend told me about a shaving preacher who responded to someone much like Rev. T does here.



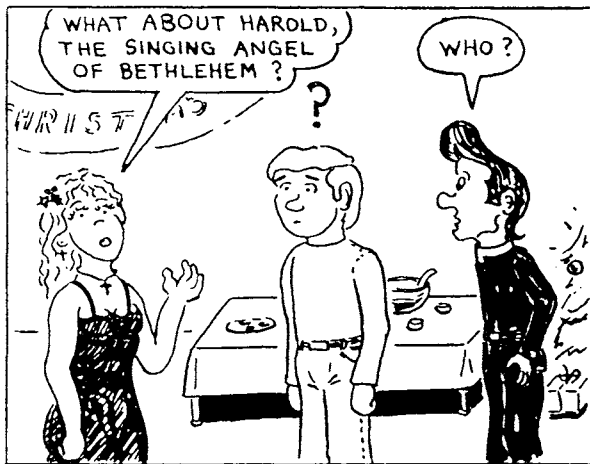
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MIKE GABE HARRY

## THE YULETIDE YODELER



"Reverend Twistruth, you said Gabriel and Michael were the only angels named in the Bible, but you forgot about Harold! We just sang about him tonight, remember? 'Hark! The Harold Angel sings!'"

# Have you ever noticed how Santa Claus is a mockery of Messiah?

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JESUS BLESSES CHILDREN (MK.10:13-16)



SANTA HOLDS CHILDREN ON HIS LAP

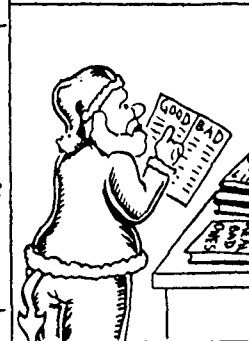


JESUS KNEW ALL MEN... FOR HE KNEW WHAT WAS IN MAN \*



\*JOHN 2:24, 25

SANTA KNOWS WHO IS GOOD OR BAD



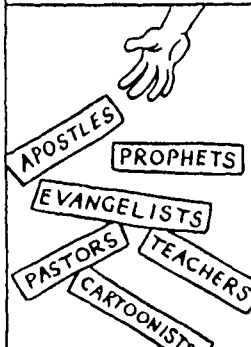
JESUS COMES AS A THIEF (REV.16:15)



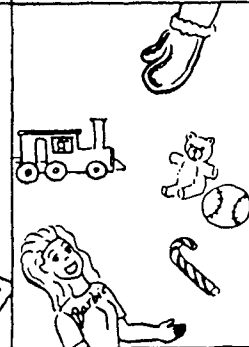
SANTA SNEAKS DOWN THE CHIMNEY



MESSIAH ASCENDED AND GAVE GIFTS (EPH.4:8)



SANTA DESCENDS AND GIVES GIFTS



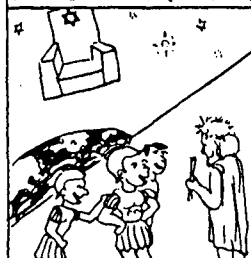
JESUS HAS ANGELS



SANTA HAS ELVES



MESSIAH'S THRONE IS IN THE NORTH (ISA.14:13)



ROMANS PUT A REED IN HIS HAND TO MOCK HIS ROYALTY (MT. 27:29)

SANTA LIVES AT THE NORTH POLE



SANTA IS OFTEN SHOWN HOLDING A SCEPTRE AS THOUGH HE WERE A KING

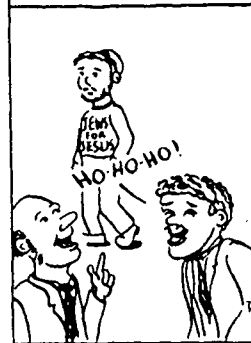
THEY LAUGHED TO MOCK MESSIAH (MT.27:41)



SANTA LEAVES WITH A MOCKING "HO-HO-HO!"



THEY THINK JESUS IS A JOKE



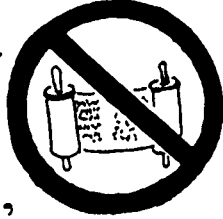
THEY LOVE SANTA, BUT HE IS A JOKE



Many Christian women seem to think that Biblical standards of modest dress do not apply during summer months. I heard about a preacher who once aimed his sermon at one particular individual, as Rev. Twistruth does here. That individual afterward reacted exactly like Grace does here.


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“SAVED, SANCTIFIED, AND SCANTILY-CLAD”



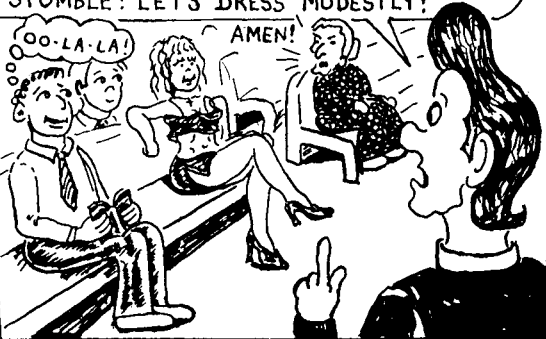
REV. T., EVER SINCE THE WEATHER'S BEEN HOT, SISTER GRACE HAS BEEN WEARING LESS CLOTHES THAN USUAL! IT MAKES IT HARD FOR ME NOT TO LUST!

WELL, I DON'T WANT TO OFFEND HER BY CONFRONTING HER PERSONALLY! I'LL SAY SOMETHING IN MY NEXT SERMON, AND HOPE SHE TAKES THE HINT!

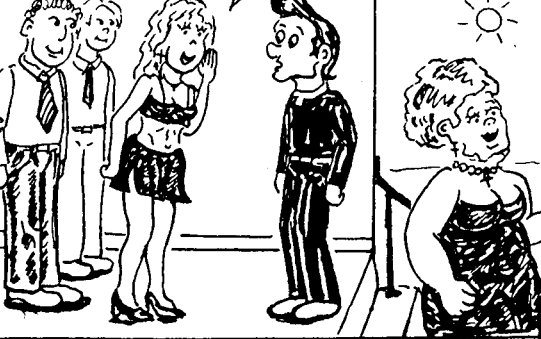


“LET THE WOMEN DRESS MODESTLY” -- 1 TIM. 2:9! SISTERS, DON'T WEAR SKIMPY CLOTHES THAT MAY CAUSE A BROTHER TO STUMBLE! LET'S DRESS MODESTLY!

OO-LA-LA! AMEN!




GOOD SERMON, REV. TWISTRUTH! (I HOPE AUNTIE TORAH GOT THE HINT!)



Another example of applying Biblical principles when it's convenient, and ignoring them when it's not.

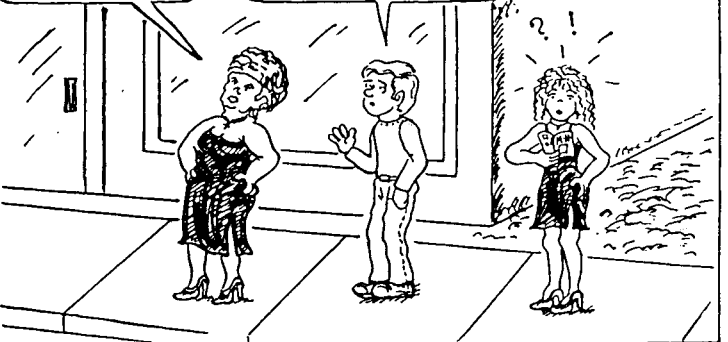
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“GARMENTS OF THE GODLESS”



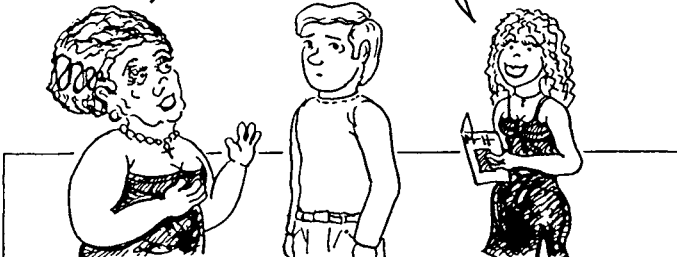
LOOK AT THAT SINNER ACROSS THE STREET!

HOW CAN YOU TELL HE'S NOT A CHRISTIAN, AUNTIE TORAH?



DISCERNMENT, NEWTON! JUST LOOK AT HIM! SHAGGY HAIR, SCRUFFY BEARD, OLD FADED JEANS--A CHRISTIAN WOULDN'T LOOK LIKE THAT!

HOW QUANT! THIS "MESSIANIC HOME" MAGAZINE HAS AN ARTICLE ON MODEST DRESS AND HEAD COVERINGS FOR WOMEN! I DIDN'T KNOW ANYBODY BELIEVED ALL THAT STUFF WAS STILL IMPORTANT!



HOW DO WE KNOW THAT STUFF ISN'T IMPORTANT NOW, AUNTIE TORAH?

DISCERNMENT, NEWTON! GOD DOESN'T LOOK ON THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE! THE BIBLE SAYS SO!

AMEN! PRAISE THE LORD FOR THAT!



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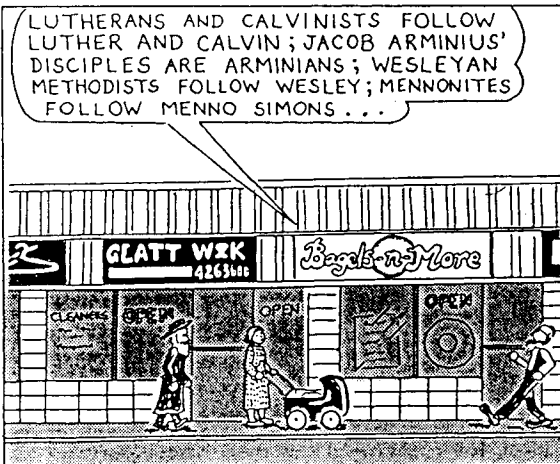


"The disciple is not above his master"

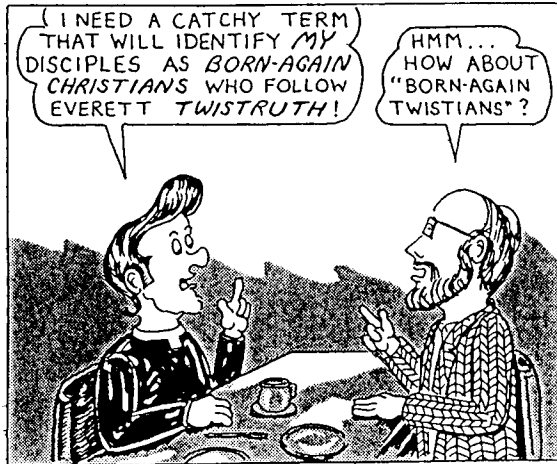


I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO CALL MY DISCIPLES, RABBI ROSEN! OTHER GREAT MEN OF GOD OFTEN HAVE THEIR FOLLOWERS NAMED AFTER THEMSELVES...

A brother I met in Ohio once made a slip of the tongue, and suggested I think of a way to use his utterance of "Twistian" in a cartoon.

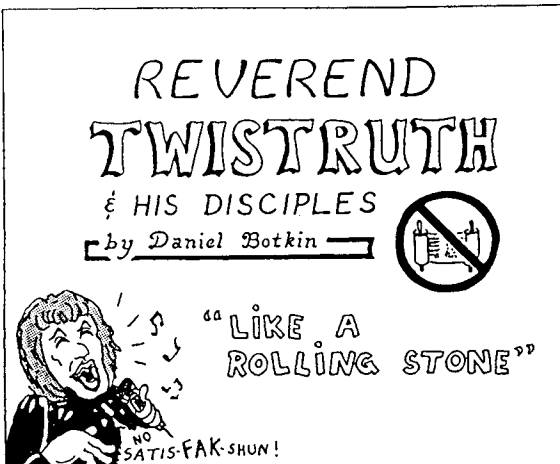


LUTHERANS AND CALVINISTS FOLLOW LUTHER AND CALVIN; JACOB ARMINIUS' DISCIPLES ARE ARMINIANS; WESLEYAN METHODISTS FOLLOW WESLEY; MENNONITES FOLLOW MENNO SIMONS...



I NEED A CATCHY TERM THAT WILL IDENTIFY MY DISCIPLES AS BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIANS WHO FOLLOW EVERETT TWISTRUTH!

HMM... HOW ABOUT "BORN-AGAIN TWISTIANS"?



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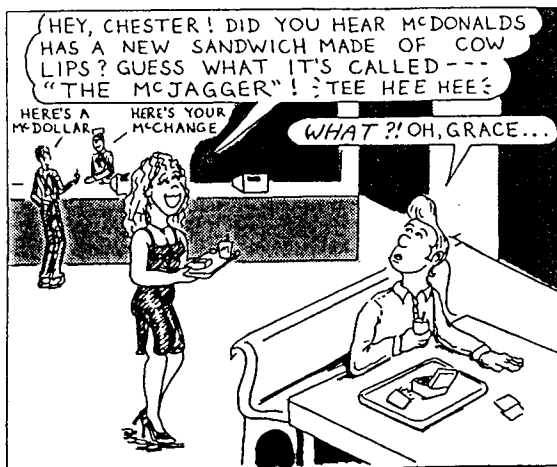
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"LIKE A ROLLING STONE"

NO SATIS-FAK-SHUN!



HEY, CHESTER! DID YOU HEAR McDONALDS HAS A NEW SANDWICH MADE OF COW LIPS? GUESS WHAT IT'S CALLED --- "THE MCJAGGER"! TEE HEE HEE?

HERE'S A M-DOLLAR

HERE'S YOUR M-CHANGE

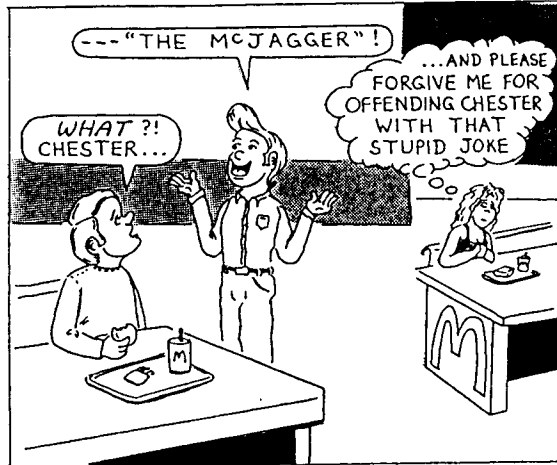
WHAT?! OH, GRACE...

A combination of a few jokes and puns I heard...



THAT'S NOT FUNNY-- YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE FUN OF ANYONE THAT WAY! I THOUGHT YOU WERE MORE SPIRITUALLY MATURE THAN THAT!

I'M SORRY, CHESTER-- I GUESS IT'S NOT THE KIND OF JOKE A CHRISTIAN SHOULD REPEAT!



--- "THE MCJAGGER"!

WHAT?! CHESTER...

...AND PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR OFFENDING CHESTER WITH THAT STUPID JOKE

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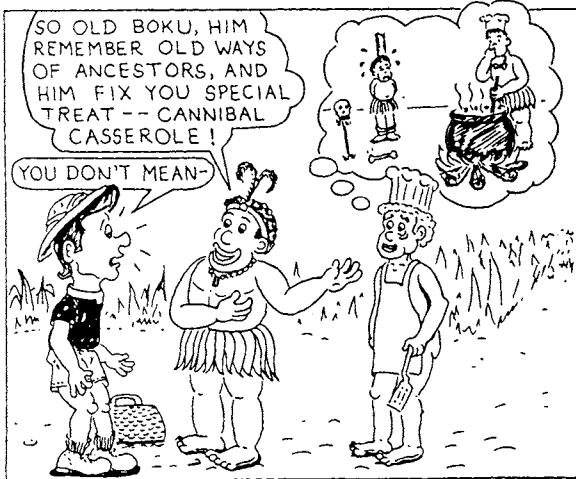
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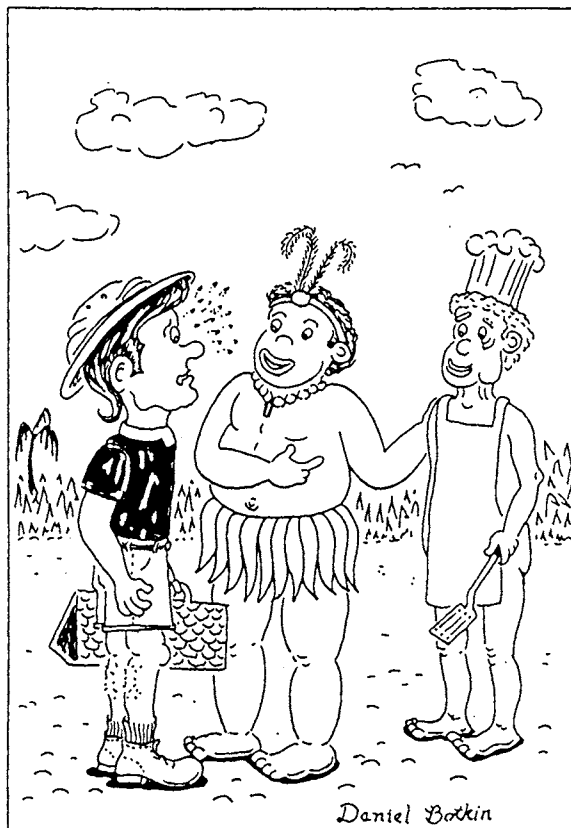


FOOD FOR  
THOUGHT

OR "ANTHROPOPHAGOUS POTTAGE"



Some readers seem to think this is one of my funniest cartoons. I've heard Christians say that the Biblical dietary laws can't be followed if you are a missionary, because you might offend the people you are trying to reach if you refuse to eat the food they offer you. I wonder how many Christians would be faithful to this doctrine if put in a situation like this.



"When you visit us last year, you say New Testament take away all dietary laws. So when man die in hunting accident yesterday, old Gabu remember ways of ancestors and him fix you special treat..."



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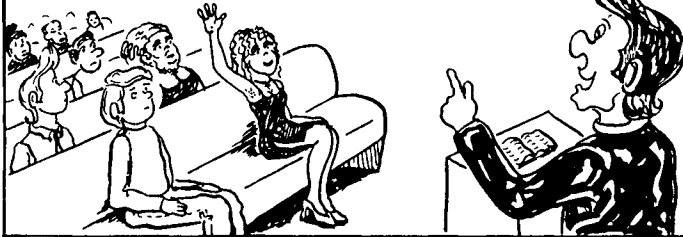
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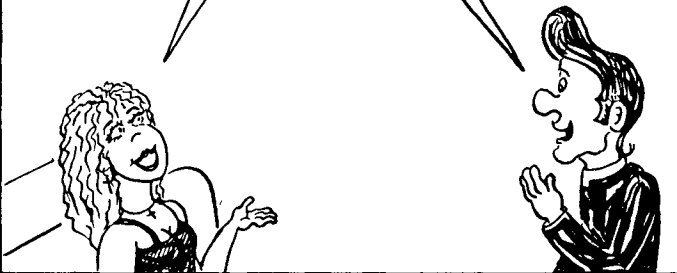
"ECHOES OF NAAMAN"

WELCOME TO OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE! TONIGHT WE'RE GONNA HAVE QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME, WHEN YOU CAN ASK BIBLE QUESTIONS! NOW, WHO HAS THE FIRST QUESTION? YES, GRACE LAWLESS! WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION?



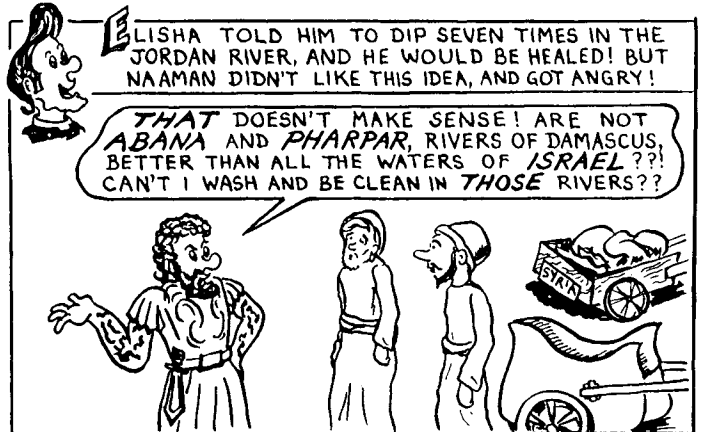
YES, REVEREND TWISTRUTH! IN LUKE 4:27, JESUS MENTIONED SOMEBODY NAMED NAAMAN THE SYRIAN! WHO WAS NAAMAN?

HE WAS A LEPER WHO WENT TO THE PROPHET ELISHA TO BE HEALED OF HIS LEPROSY...



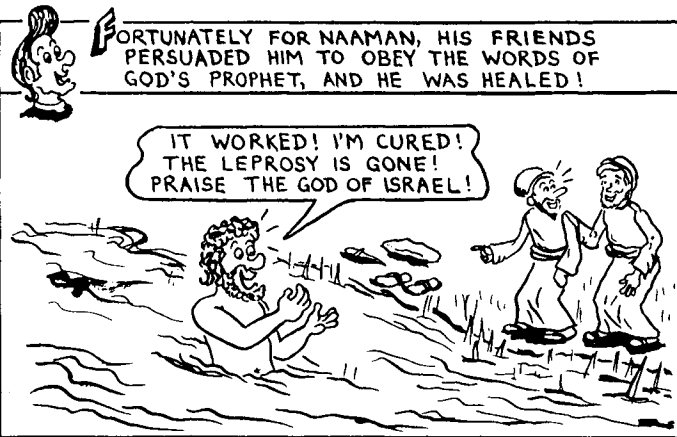
ELISHA TOLD HIM TO DIP SEVEN TIMES IN THE JORDAN RIVER, AND HE WOULD BE HEALED! BUT NAAMAN DIDN'T LIKE THIS IDEA, AND GOT ANGRY!

THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! ARE NOT ABANA AND PHARPAR, RIVERS OF DAMASCUS, BETTER THAN ALL THE WATERS OF ISRAEL??! CAN'T I WASH AND BE CLEAN IN THOSE RIVERS??



FORTUNATELY FOR NAAMAN, HIS FRIENDS PERSUADED HIM TO OBEY THE WORDS OF GOD'S PROPHET, AND HE WAS HEALED!

IT WORKED! I'M CURED! THE LEPROSY IS GONE! PRAISE THE GOD OF ISRAEL!

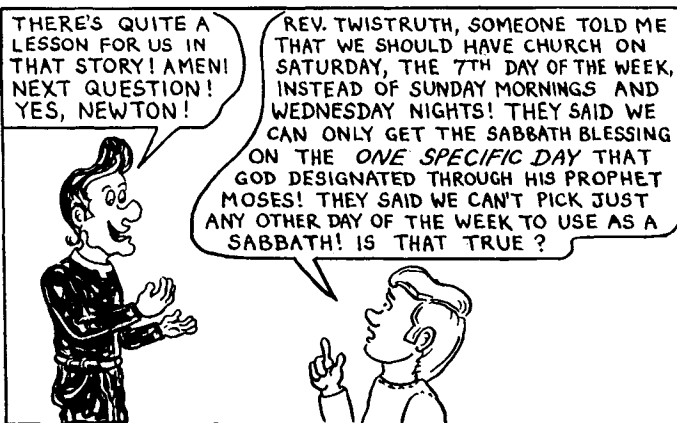


YOU SEE, NAAMAN HAD TO LEARN THAT GOD'S WAYS DON'T ALWAYS MAKE A LOT OF SENSE TO THE CARNAL, UNREGENERATE MIND! NAAMAN COULD ONLY GET THE BLESSING IN THE ONE SPECIFIC RIVER THAT GOD HAD DESIGNATED THROUGH HIS PROPHET ELISHA! NAAMAN COULDN'T PICK JUST ANY OTHER RIVER TO DO THE JOB!



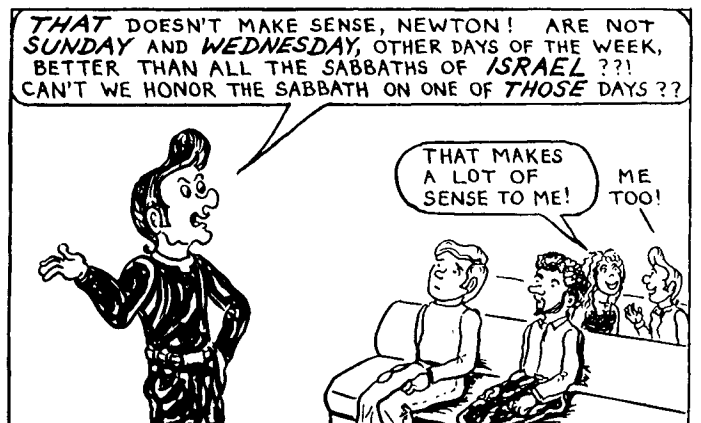
THERE'S QUITE A LESSON FOR US IN THAT STORY! AMEN! NEXT QUESTION! YES, NEWTON!

REV. TWISTRUTH, SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT WE SHOULD HAVE CHURCH ON SATURDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF THE WEEK, INSTEAD OF SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS! THEY SAID WE CAN ONLY GET THE SABBATH BLESSING ON THE ONE SPECIFIC DAY THAT GOD DESIGNATED THROUGH HIS PROPHET MOSES! THEY SAID WE CAN'T PICK JUST ANY OTHER DAY OF THE WEEK TO USE AS A SABBATH! IS THAT TRUE?



THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, NEWTON! ARE NOT SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY, OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK, BETTER THAN ALL THE SABBATHS OF ISRAEL??! CAN'T WE HONOR THE SABBATH ON ONE OF THOSE DAYS??

THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO ME! ME TOO!



People who are easily offended by satire often simply misunderstand the point being made. The character portrayed in the "What If?" comic is NOT the true Jesus of the Bible. Jesus is not being ridiculed. The purpose of the cartoon is to show how un-Christlike some of our religious traditions seem if we imagine Jesus and the Apostles practicing these traditions. The fact that people are offended by the very idea of Jesus doing these things is evidence that these things are not sanctioned by God. That is the whole point of the satire.

Daniel Botkin presents

# WHAT IF...?

What if Jesus had been trained for the ministry at one of our seminaries?

AND SEEING THE MULTITUDES, HE WENT UP INTO A MOUNTAIN: AND WHEN HE WAS SET, HIS DISCIPLES CAME UNTO HIM FOR THEIR INSTRUCTIONS...

LOOKS LIKE A BIG AUDIENCE TODAY!

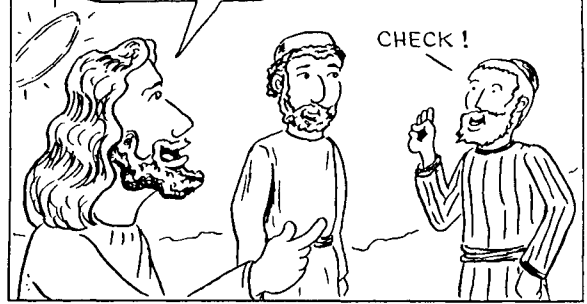
YEAH! WE HAD THE SCRIBES PEN A FEW THOUSAND FLIERS TO ADVERTISE TODAY'S EVENT! WE'RE BILLING IT AS "THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT"!



THAT'S A CATCHY TITLE! YOU FELLAS HAVE REALLY BEEN DOING YOUR WORK!



OKAY, HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO! ANDREW, YOU LEAD THE CROWD IN A FEW ROUSING, UP-TEMPO CHORUSES TO GET THEM WARMED UP!



AFTER THAT, MARCELLUS HERE WILL GIVE HIS TESTIMONY! HE'S A WELL-KNOWN GLADIATOR FROM ROME!



PLEASED TO MEET YA!

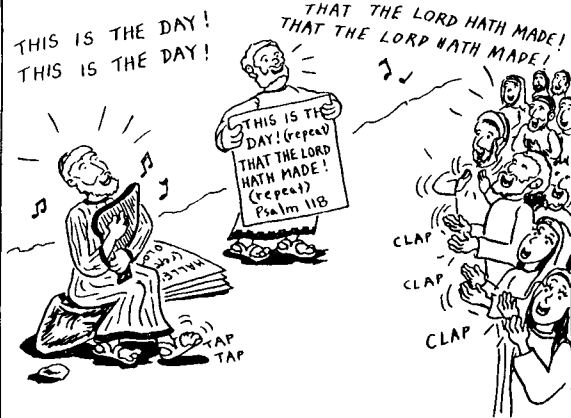
PRAISE THE LORD!

THE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL LIKE THAT!

OKAY, IT'S TIME TO START! I'LL WAIT HERE TIL PETER INTRODUCES ME! RIGHT AFTER MARCELLUS, PETER!



THIS IS THE DAY!  
THIS IS THE DAY!



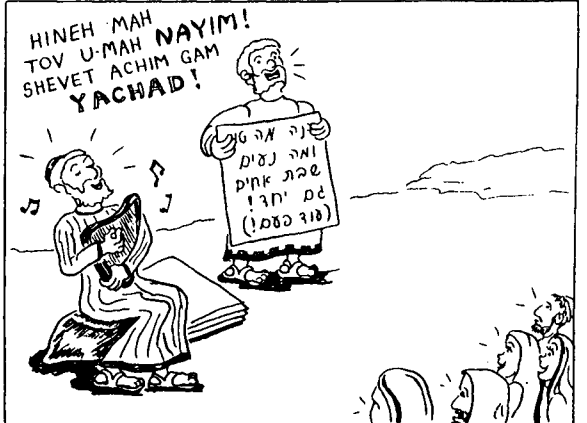
THAT THE LORD HATH MADE!  
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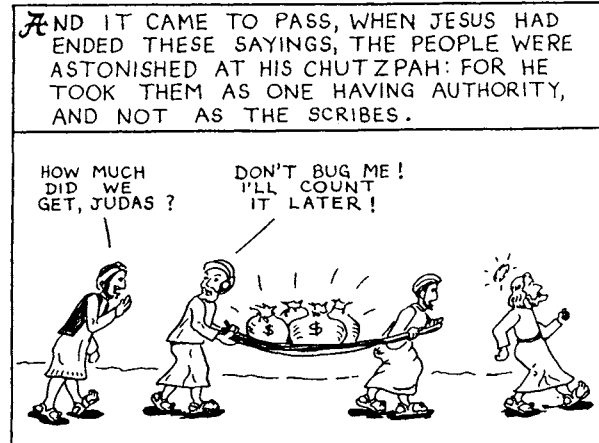
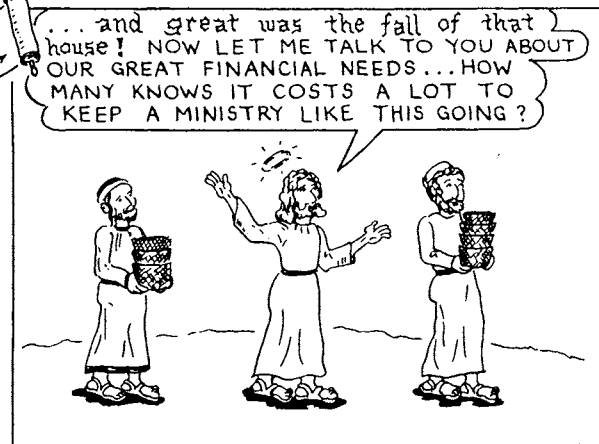
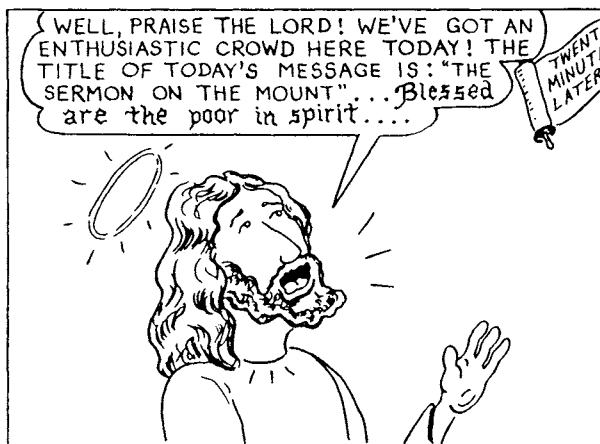
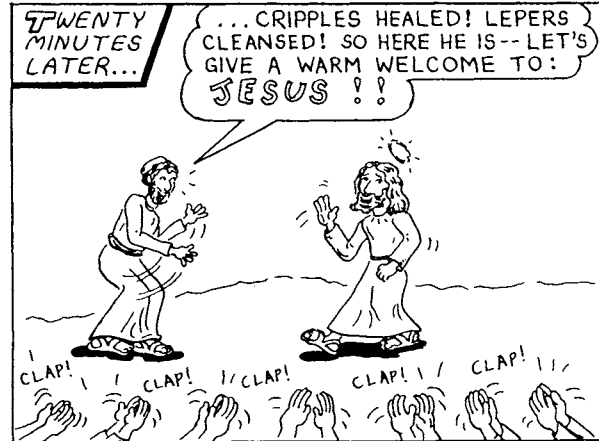
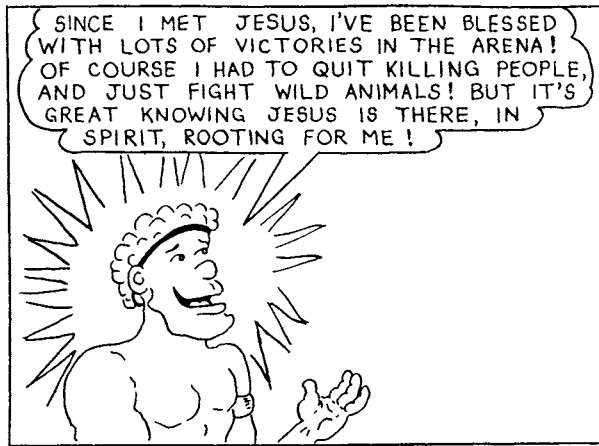
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HINEH MAH TOV U-MAH NAYIM!  
SHEVET ACHIM GAM YACHAD!





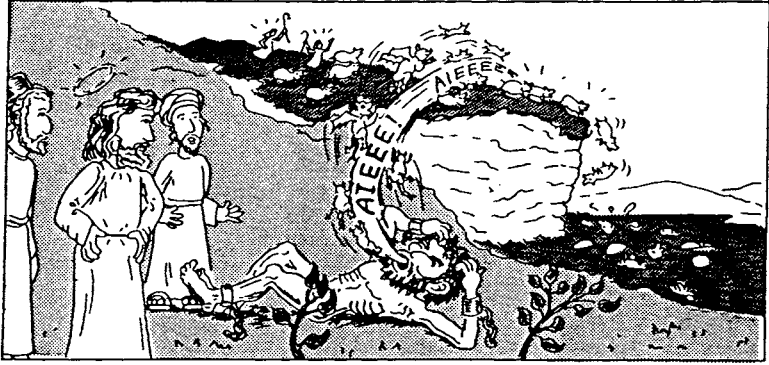
Daniel Botkin presents

# WHAT IF?



What if Jesus had been trained for the ministry at one of our seminaries?

JESUS HAS JUST CAST A LEGION OF DEMONS OUT OF A MAN, AND ALLOWED THE DEMONS TO ENTER INTO A HERD OF SWINE, WHO THEN STAMPEDE OVER THE EDGE OF A CLIFF AND PERISH...



NOW LET US HAVE A HOG ROAST AND FEED THE MULTITUDES, FOR THEY DO HUNGER!

BUT--BUT MASTER! YOUR FATHER GAVE STRICT ORDERS THROUGH MOSES TO NOT EAT SWINE'S FLESH OR ANYTHING THAT DIES OF ITSELF!



YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID BY THEM OF OLD TIME "THOU SHALT NOT EAT SWINE'S FLESH, AS THE LORD COMMANDED MOSES." BUT I SAY UNTO YOU THAT THOSE OLD LAWS WERE JUST FOR BACK THEN! ALL MANNER OF FLESH HATH BEEN MADE KOSHER BY MY COMING, YEA, EVEN THAT OF SWINE, MOLES, LIZARDS, AND BATS! NOW GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS THAT REMAIN, SO THAT NOTHING MAY BE LOST!



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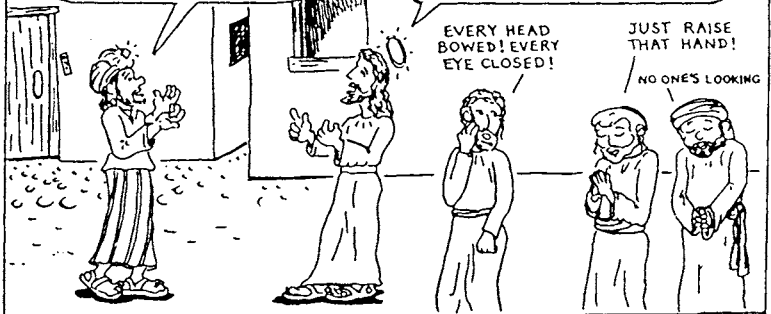
# WHAT IF...?

What if Jesus had been trained for the ministry at one of our seminaries?

ONE DAY A RICH YOUNG RULER CAME TO JESUS...

GOOD MASTER, WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?

FIRST, ASK ME TO COME INTO YOUR HEART TO BE YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR!

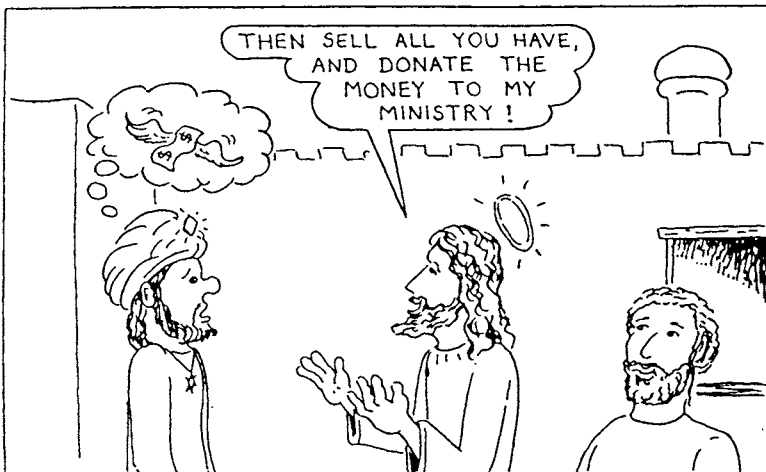


EVERY HEAD BOWED! EVERY EYE CLOSED!

JUST RAISE THAT HAND!

NO ONE'S LOOKING

THEN SELL ALL YOU HAVE, AND DONATE THE MONEY TO MY MINISTRY!



FINALLY, FOLLOW ME, AND I'LL MAKE YOU MY P.R. MAN!

IT'S A DEAL!

YOU'LL EVEN GET A TAX RECEIPT!



# A TALE OF TEN SONS

-Adapted from an African Parable-

**A** CERTAIN KING HAD TEN SONS. ONE DAY THE KING CALLED HIS TEN SONS TOGETHER, ALONG WITH HIS PRIME MINISTER

I AM GOING ON A LONG JOURNEY, MY SONS! WHILE I AM AWAY, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE IN CHARGE OF YOU!



TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEM, MY FRIEND!

YES, YOUR MAJESTY! YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!



**S**OON AFTER THE KING LEFT, THE PRIME MINISTER LINED UP THE TEN SONS FOR INSPECTION. WHEN HE CAME TO THE FOURTH SON, HE MADE A SURPRISING STATEMENT...

YOU DO NOT LOOK LIKE A ROYAL SON TO ME!



**T**HE PRIME MINISTER SENT THE FOURTH SON TO WORK IN THE FIELDS WITH THE SERVANTS, AND REPLACED HIM WITH ONE OF HIS OWN SONS, HIS FIRST-BORN

THERE! THAT'S MUCH BETTER!



**W**HEN THE KING FINALLY RETURNED, HE CALLED FOR HIS PRIME MINISTER TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT FOR HOW HE HAD TAKEN CARE OF THE KING'S TEN SONS...

O KING LIVE FOREVER! I HAVE DONE AS THOU DIDST COMMAND ME!

VERY WELL! CALL MY TEN SONS HERE, THAT I MAY GREET THEM!



**T**HE TEN SONS WERE CALLED AND THE KING BEGAN TO EMBRACE EACH ONE, BEGINNING WITH THE ELDEST. THEN HE CAME TO THE FOURTH SON...

THIS IS NOT ONE OF MY SONS! WHO IS THIS IMPOSTER? WHERE IS MY FOURTH SON?

HE DID NOT LOOK LIKE A ROYAL SON TO ME, MY LORD, SO I REMOVED HIM AND REPLACED HIM WITH MY OWN SON!



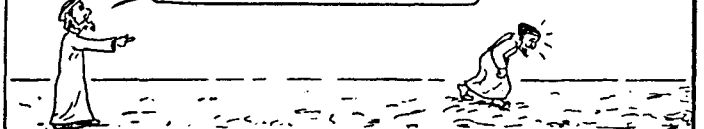
BY WHAT AUTHORITY DID YOU DO THIS?! AND WHERE IS MY FOURTH SON?!

HE... HE'S IN THE FIELDS, MAJESTY... WORKING WITH THE SLAVES...



**T**HE KING BANISHED THE UNFAITHFUL PRIME MINISTER FROM HIS KINGDOM, AND RESTORED HIS FOURTH SON TO HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE

DEPART FROM ME, THOU WORKER OF INIQUITY!



THE KING IS GOD. THE TEN SONS ARE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. THE 4TH SON IS THE 4TH COMMANDMENT, WHICH SAYS TO KEEP THE 7TH-DAY SABBATH. THE PRIME MINISTER IS THE CHURCH, WHO WAS LEFT IN CHARGE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, BUT REMOVED THE SABBATH AND REPLACED IT WITH SUNDAY, A DAY OF ITS OWN CHOOSING. THE KING IS COMING BACK!

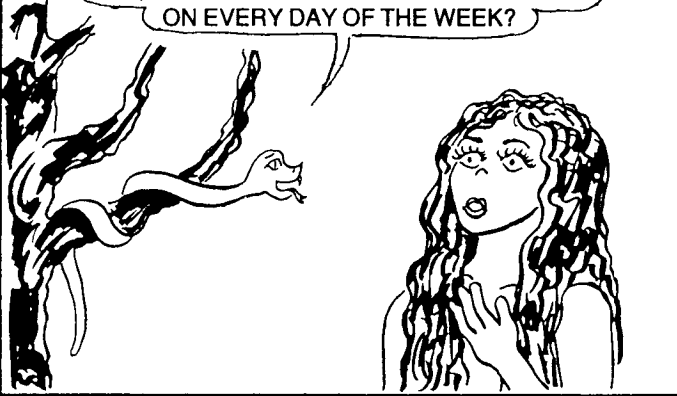
PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD! *Daniel Boshin*

# The Serpent, The Church, and The Sabbath

-Adapted from an Australian Parable-

NOW THE SERPENT WAS MORE SUBTIL THAN ANY BEAST OF THE FIELD WHICH THE LORD GOD HAD MADE. AND HE SAID UNTO THE CHURCH:

(YEA, HATH GOD SAID YE SHALL NOT WORK ON EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK?)



AND THE CHURCH SAID UNTO THE SERPENT:

WE MAY WORK ON THE SIX WEEKDAYS, BUT OF THE 7TH DAY WHICH IS AT THE END OF THE WEEK, GOD HATH SAID, "YE SHALL NOT WORK THEREIN, NEITHER SHALL YE PROFANE IT, LEST YE SIN"!

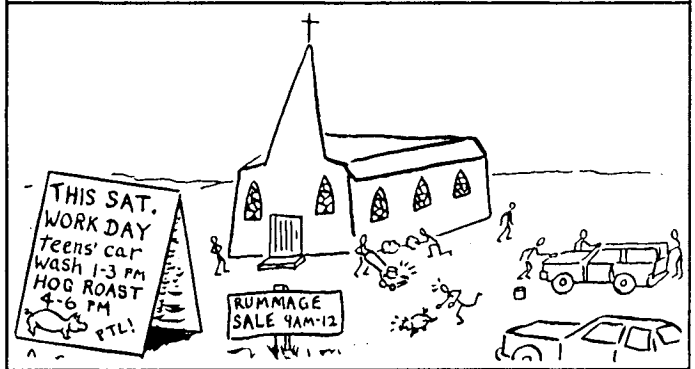


AND THE SERPENT SAID UNTO THE CHURCH:

YE SHALL NOT SURELY SIN: FOR GOD DOTH KNOW THAT IN THE DAY YE WORK THEREIN, THEN YOUR EYES SHALL BE OPENED, AND YE SHALL BE AS GODS, DECIDING FOR YOURSELVES WHICH DAYS ARE GOOD FOR WORK.



AND WHEN THE CHURCH SAW THAT THE 7TH DAY WAS GOOD FOR WORKING AND FOR BUYING AND FOR SELLING, SHE TOOK THE DAY AND DID PROFANE IT, AND GAVE ALSO TO ALL THE CHURCH MEMBERS LICENSE TO PROFANE IT, AND THEY DID PROFANE IT...

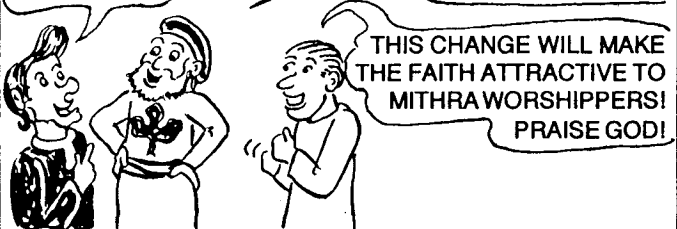


AND THE EYES OF THE CHURCH WERE OPENED AND THEY KNEW THAT THEY WERE NOT KEEPING THE SABBATH. THEREFORE THEY SEWED PAGAN IDEAS TOGETHER AND MADE FOR THEMSELVES DOCTRINAL APRONS TO JUSTIFY A SUNDAY SABBATH...

SUN-DAY HONORS THE SUN! AND JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

YEAH! AND HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD ON SUN-DAY, LIKE THE SUN RISES EVERY MORNING!

THIS CHANGE WILL MAKE THE FAITH ATTRACTIVE TO MITHRA WORSHIPPERS! PRAISE GOD!



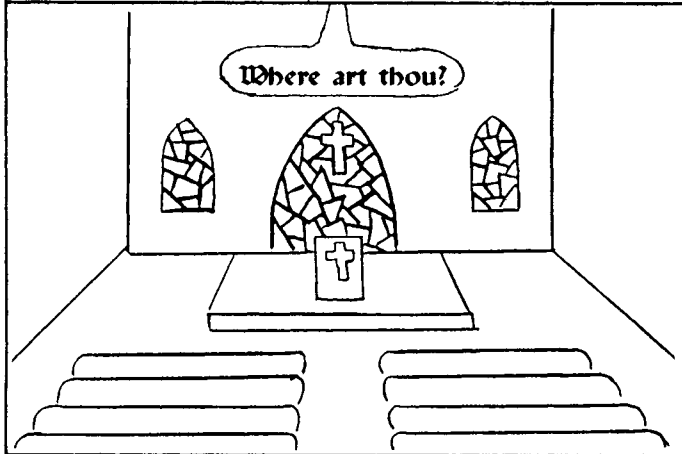
AND THE CHURCH MEMBERS HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD GOD SPEAKING IN THEIR CONSCIENCES IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT. AND THEY HID THEMSELVES FROM THE VOICE OF THE LORD GOD AMONGST THE CHURCHES OF THE WORLD...

HEY, THE ONLY ONES WHO KEEP THE SABBATH ON SATURDAYS ARE JEWS & 7TH-DAY ADVENTISTS, AND THEY'RE JUST A WEIRD CULT! EVERYONE KNOWS THAT!

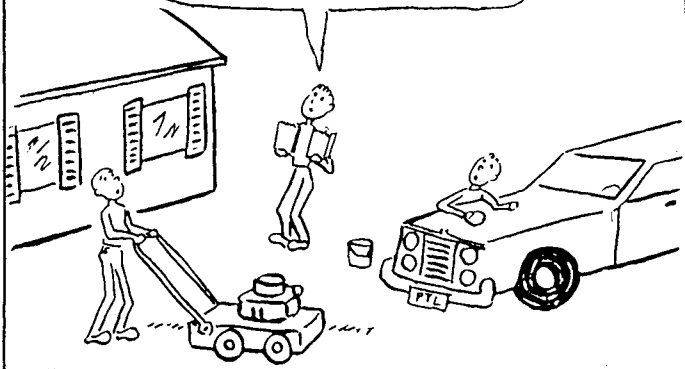
(THAT'S RIGHT! HOW COULD 90% OF THE CHURCH BE WRONG ABOUT THE SABBATH?)



AND THE LORD GOD CALLED UNTO THE CHURCH MEMBERS ONE SABBATH, AND SAID UNTO THEM:

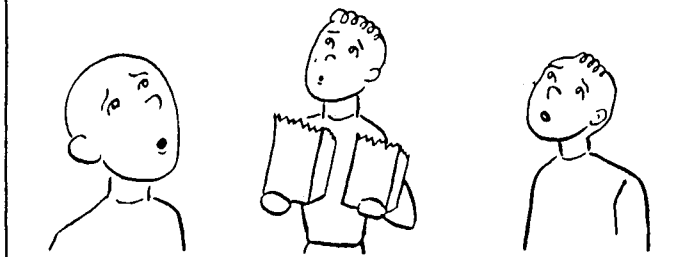


AND THEY SAID:  
WE HEARD THY VOICE IN OUR CONSCIENCE AND WE WERE AFRAID, BECAUSE WE PROFANED THY SABBATH!  
THEREFORE WE HID OURSELVES AMONG THE CHURCHES OF THE WORLD!

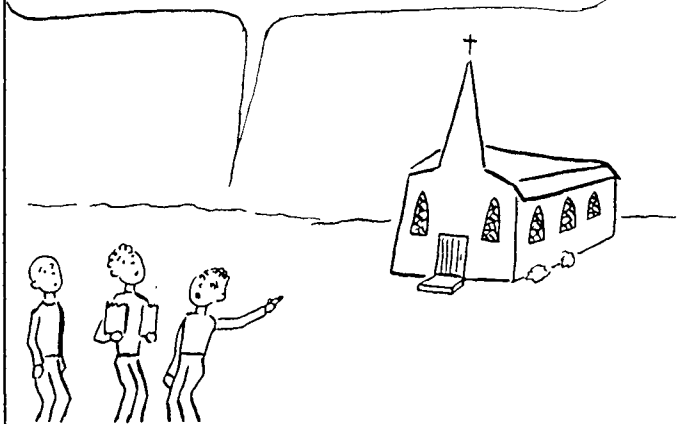


AND GOD SAID:

Who told thee that thou didst profane My Sabbath? Hast thou worked on the day whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not work?



AND THE CHURCH MEMBERS SAID:  
THE CHURCH WHICH THOU GAVEST TO BE WITH US, SHE TOLD US WE COULD PROFANE THE SABBATH!



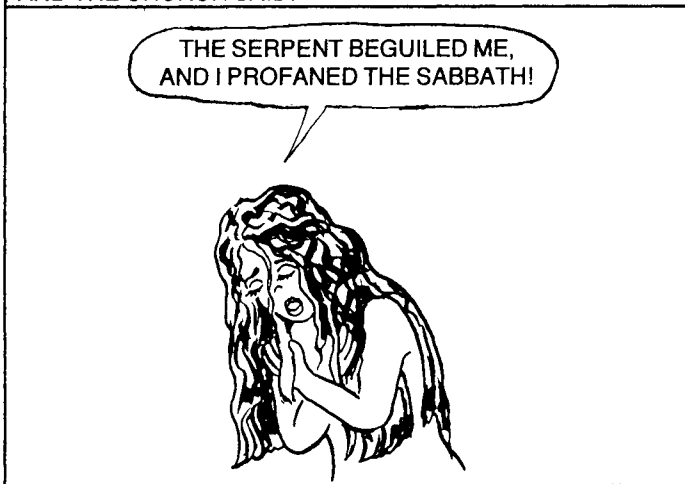
AND THE LORD GOD SAID UNTO THE CHURCH:

What is this that thou has done?



AND THE CHURCH SAID:

THE SERPENT BEGUILLED ME, AND I PROFANED THE SABBATH!



Therefore the Lord God did multiply the Church's sorrows,  
and her members were forced to bear a curse,  
and they were driven away from the place of great blessing.

FROM THE CARTOONIST:

To fully appreciate the humor of "The Lone Rabbi," it is necessary to know the story of *The Lone Ranger*. Most readers are probably familiar with this TV series that was popular in the 1950s & 1960s, but for the benefit of those who might not know the story, here is a brief summary:

The Lone Ranger was the only one of six Texas Rangers to survive an ambush that had been set up by a half-breed traitor who double-crossed them. A lone Indian named Tonto found the seriously wounded Ranger and nursed him back to health. After regaining his strength, the Lone Ranger vowed to avenge his five slain companions by fighting crime.

"For every one of those men, I'm going to bring one hundred law-breakers to justice," he tells Tonto. "I'll make criminals regret the day those Rangers were killed. I'm going to devote my life to establishing law and order."

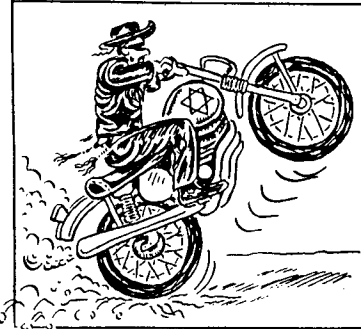
"Me help you fight outlaws," Tonto says, and suggests that the Lone Ranger wear a mask to hide his identity. In the TV show, the Lone Ranger's face was always partially hidden until he tied on his famous mask.

After going to Wild Horse Valley and acquiring a white horse, which the Lone Ranger named "Silver," the Lone Ranger and Tonto embarked on their mission. Wherever they found lawlessness, they brought law-breakers to justice.

Before riding on to the next place, the Lone Ranger always left behind a silver bullet as a calling card. Each episode began and ended as portrayed in "The Lone Rabbi," with slight modifications.

My apologies to any Jewish or Mexican readers who might be offended by the politically-incorrect ethnic stereotypes. A cartoon of this nature is impossible without the stereotypes. -DB

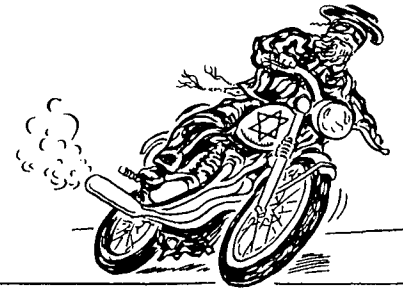
**A** SILVER HARLEY-DAVIDSON WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT, A CLOUD OF DUST, AND A HEARTY "HI-YO HARLEY!" . . .



**T**HIS IS THE STORY OF ONE OF THE MOST MYSTERIOUS CHARACTERS TO APPEAR IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE MESSIANIC MOVEMENT! HE WAS A FABULOUS INDIVIDUAL, A MAN WHOSE PRESENCE BROUGHT FEAR TO ANTINOMIANS, AND HOPE TO THOSE WHO WANTED TO MAKE THIS MESSIANIC MOVEMENT KOSHER! HE WAS KNOWN AS . . .

# THE LONE RABBI

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**T**HE LONE RABBI WAS ORIGINALLY ONE OF SIX MESSIANIC JEWISH RABBIS WHO SERVED TOGETHER IN A LARGE MESSIANIC CONGREGATION



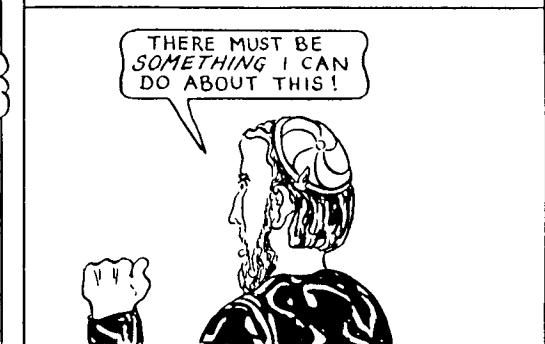
**T**HESE SIX RABBIS WERE BETRAYED BY A HALF-BREED IN THEIR CONGREGATION, AND LOCKED OUT OF THEIR OWN SYNAGOGUE . . .



**F**IVE OF THE SIX RABBIS WERE SO DISCOURAGED THAT THEY LEFT THE MINISTRY, JOINED A MAINSTREAM GENTILE CHURCH AND ASSIMILATED



**H**OWEVER, ONE OF THE RABBIS WAS DETERMINED TO NOT GIVE UP, AND HE REFUSED TO ABANDON THE MESSIANIC WAY OF LIFE . . .



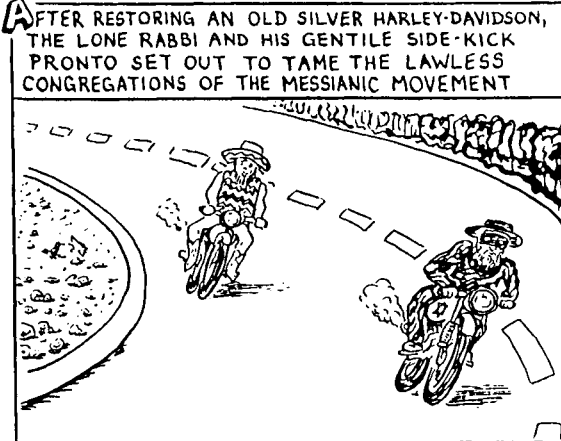
**O**UR HERO WAS GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY A GENTILE FRIEND, A MEXICAN NAMED PRONTO



**A**FTER BEING NURSED BACK TO EMOTIONAL HEALTH BY PRONTO'S FRIENDSHIP, THE RABBI DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SPREAD OF LAWLESSNESS IN THE MESSIANIC MOVEMENT . . .





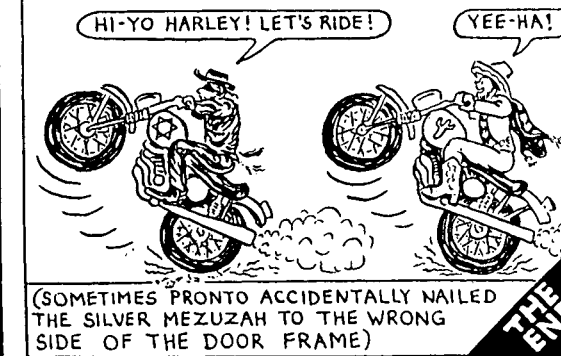


A MASKED RABBI WITH A MEXICAN SIDE-KICK DREW ATTENTION! THE LONE RABBI USED THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPOSE THE ERRORS OF ANTINOMIANISM! WHEN NOMO-PHOBIC HERETICS OPPOSED HIM, HE VERBALLY SMOTE THEM HIP AND THIGH WITH A GREAT SLAUGHTER!

AT EACH LOCATION WHERE HE TAUGHT TORAH, THE LONE RABBI LEFT HIS SPECIAL CALLING CARD...



THUS THE LONE RABBI AND PRONTO HELPED TO TAME THE MESSIANIC MOVEMENT BY RESTORING LAW AND ORDER IN LAWLESS CONGREGATIONS!



# REVEREND TWISTRUTH

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MASS-IANIC  
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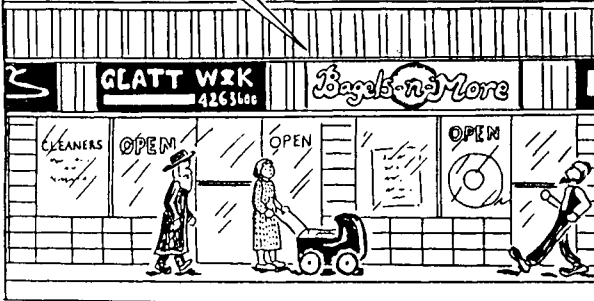


I'VE HAD PROBLEMS  
LATELY WITH THESE  
"JEWS FOR JESUS" TYPES  
TRYING TO BRING  
CHRISTIAN IDEAS  
INTO JUDAISM!

I'VE GOT A SIMILAR PROBLEM:  
CHRISTIAN JUDAIZERS SAYING  
CHRISTIANS SHOULD OBEY  
OLD TESTAMENT LAWS! HAVE  
YOU HAD THIS PROBLEM AT  
YOUR CHURCH, FATHER O'MALLEY?



YES, BUT WE CATHOLICS USUALLY JUST  
ACCOMODATE FOREIGN RELIGIOUS BELIEFS  
BY INCORPORATING THEM INTO OUR WORSHIP!  
SO THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, WE  
HAVE A "MESSIANIC MASS," FOLLOWED BY  
A SEMI-KOSHER LUNCHEON!



"SEMI-KOSHER"?

WE DON'T PUT  
CHEESE ON OUR  
HAM SANDWICHES!



WHAT ALL DO  
YOU DO AT A  
"MESSIANIC  
MASS"?

WELL, WE CHANGE "AVE MARIA"  
TO "SHALOM MIRIAM!" INSTEAD  
OF KISSING A CRUCIFIX, WE KISS  
A TORAH SCROLL--WRITTEN IN  
LATIN, OF COURSE! WE ALSO DO  
SOME GREGORIAN CHANTS IN  
HEBREW!



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DO YOU THINK YOUR  
CHURCH WILL EVER  
HAVE GREGORIAN  
CHANTS?

NOT A  
"CHANCE"!



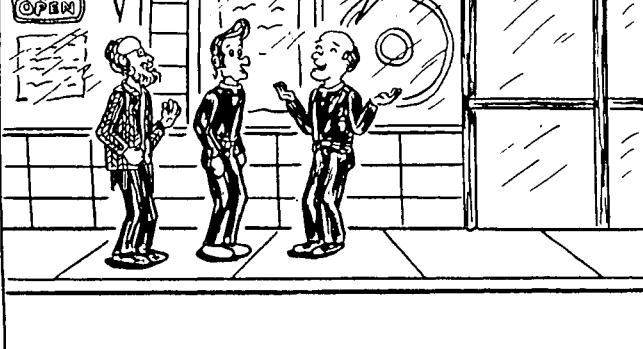
SO WHAT ELSE DO  
YOU DO AT YOUR  
MESSIANIC MASS,  
FATHER O'MALLEY?

WE ALL  
RECITE THE  
"SHEMA"  
TOGETHER



REALLY?! YOUR  
PEOPLE ALL LEARNED  
HOW TO RECITE  
THE SHEMA?

SURE! "AUDI, ISRAEL,  
DOMINUS DEUS NOSTER,  
DOMINUS UNIS EST"



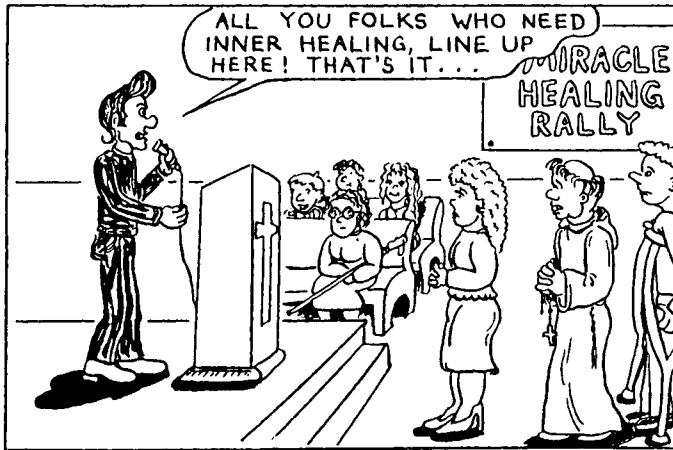
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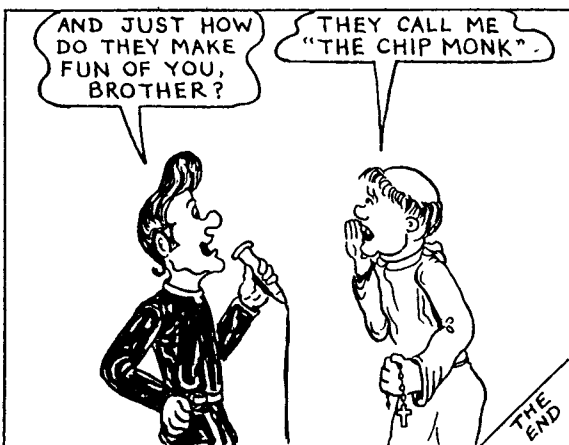
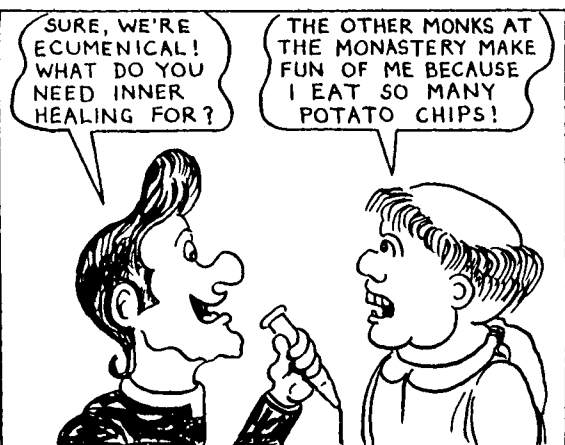
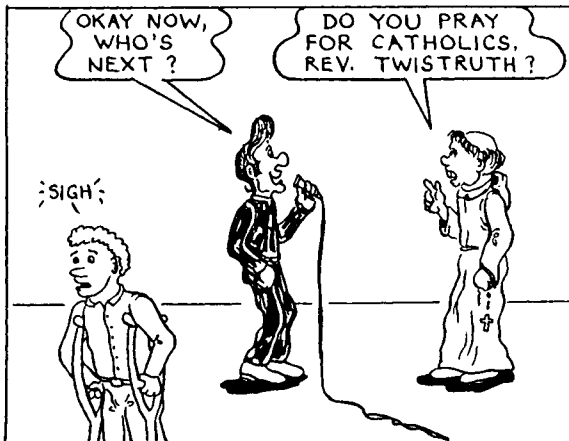
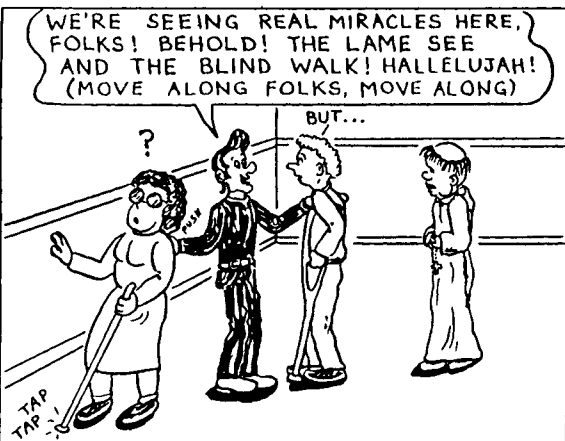
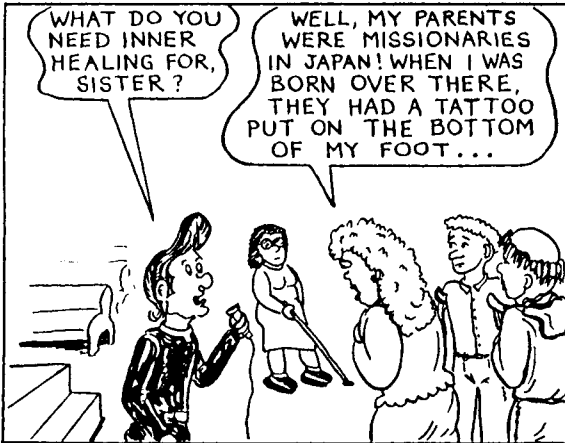
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WONS AND  
SIGNERS



This title was inspired by a brother who once got so wound up praying for signs and wonders that it came out "wons and signders."



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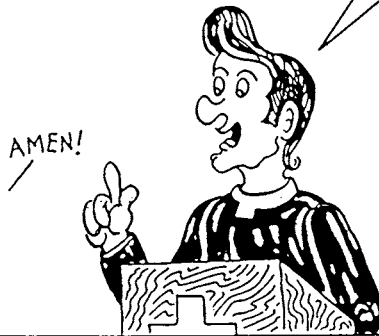
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"A MAN OF WORDS  
AND NOT OF DEEDS  
IS LIKE A GARDEN  
FULL OF WEEDS"



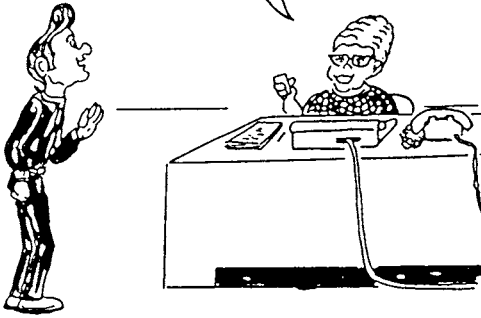
THE RETURN OF CHRIST IS NEAR, BRETHREN! THE LORD REVEALED TO SIMEON THAT HE WOULD NOT DIE TIL HE HAD SEEN THE CHRIST! WELL, I BELIEVE I'LL LIVE TO SEE THE RETURN OF CHRIST! I'M CONVINCED OF IT! "WE SHALL NOT ALL DIE!"



LATER

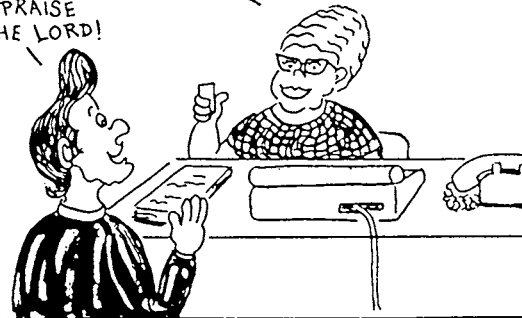
ANY MESSAGES, SISTER?

YES-- YOUR INSURANCE AGENT CALLED AND SAID THE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY YOU PURCHASED IS CHEAPER THAN HE FIRST TOLD YOU!



AND SHADY LAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN CALLED AND SAID THAT THE CEMETERY PLOT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BUYING FOR YOURSELF IS AVAILABLE!

PRaise THE LORD!



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"Now the man Everett was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." Num.12:3,RTV



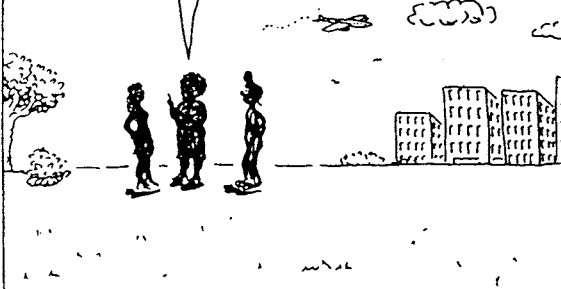
WHAT'S THAT BOOK, AUNTIE TORAH?

IT'S REV. TWISTRUTH'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY!

I DIDN'T KNOW REV. TWISTRUTH WROTE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY! WHO'S IT ABOUT?



IT'S ABOUT HIMSELF! HE WRITES: "I, REVEREND EVERETT TWISTRUTH, HUMBLy PRESENT: ~~THE~~ THE BOOK THE WORLD'S BEEN WAITING FOR!! LIKE OTHER SPIRITUAL GIANTS, I AM TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF MY OWN GREATNESS"




WHAT'S THE TITLE OF THE BOOK?

"HOW I ACHIEVED HUMILITY"

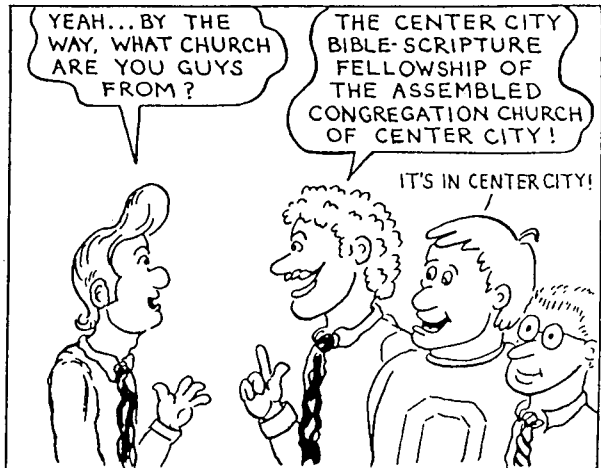
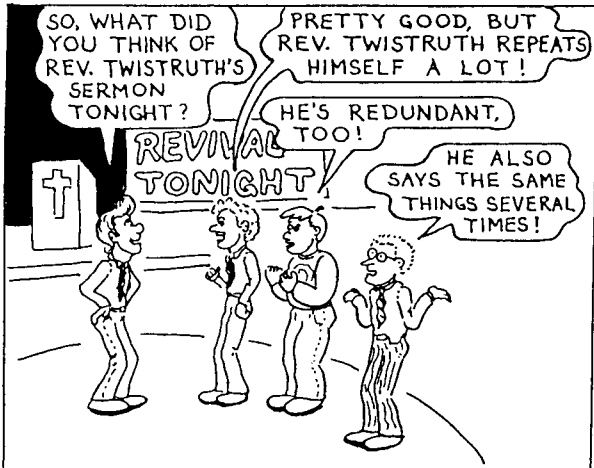
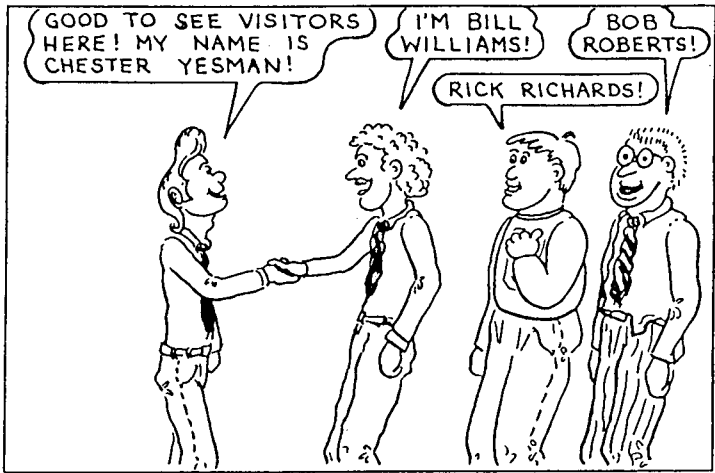
COOL!




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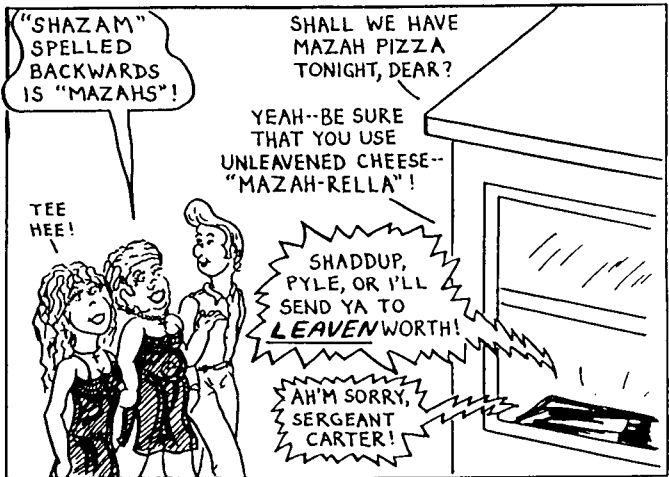
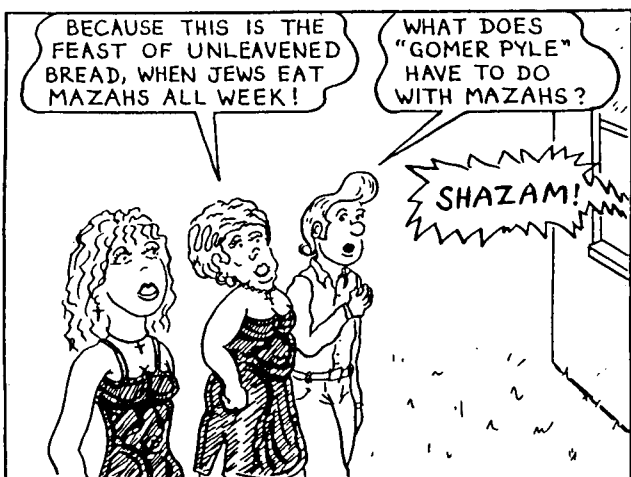
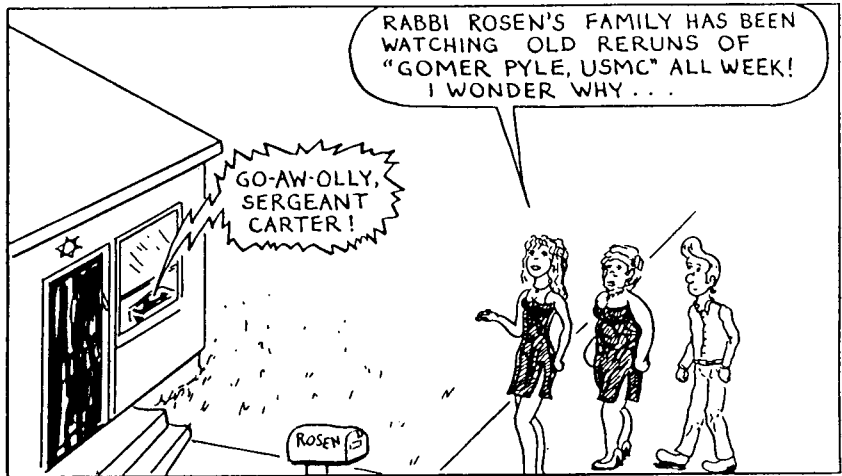
CHURCH  
 OF THE REDUNDANT  
 CHURCH



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*"So he went and took Gomer...."*  
*-Hosea 1:3*



Radio preacher Jack Hayford once told about a man he heard praying like this.

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"Do not I hate them, <sup>me</sup>  
 O Lord, that hate ~~me~~?"  
 Psalm 139:21


REVEREND TWISTRUTH, I'M REALLY UPSET AT A CERTAIN PERSON! I FEEL ANGRY AND HATEFUL, AND DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT!

THE BIBLE SAYS TO PRAY FOR OUR ENEMIES, CHESTER! YOU MUST NOT HATE YOUR BROTHER FOREVER! HOW LONG COULD CAIN CONTINUE TO HATE HIS BROTHER?



JUST AS LONG AS HE WAS ABLE, I GUESS...

EXACTLY! NOW, YOU PRAY FOR YOUR ENEMY, AND I'LL AGREE WITH YOU!




LORD, YOU KNOW WHAT HE DID TO ME! YOU HEARD THE THINGS HE SAID, AND YOU KNOW HOW HE HURT MY FEELINGS! SO, LORD, **GET HIM!!** MAKE HIM PAY FOR WHAT HE DID! DON'T LET HIM GET BY WITH IT, LORD! **GET HIM! GET HIM!!** AMEN!

AMEN!



This cartoon appeared right after Bill Clinton's re-election.


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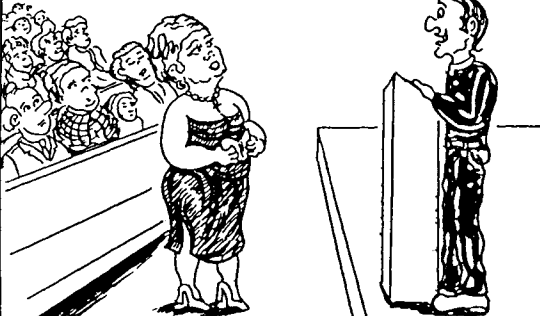
\*Not for Gore - for Gingrich!

NOW THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS OVER, WE WANT TO PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDENT AS HE BEGINS HIS NEW TERM IN OFFICE! AUNTIE TORAH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD US IN PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF OUR GREAT NATION?



IS IT OKAY IF I USE A VERSE FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS?

SURE! THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE!




LORD, I WANT TO PRAY PSALM 109:8 FOR OUR PRESIDENT: "LET HIS DAYS BE FEW, AND LET ANOTHER TAKE HIS OFFICE" AMEN!

AY-MEN!



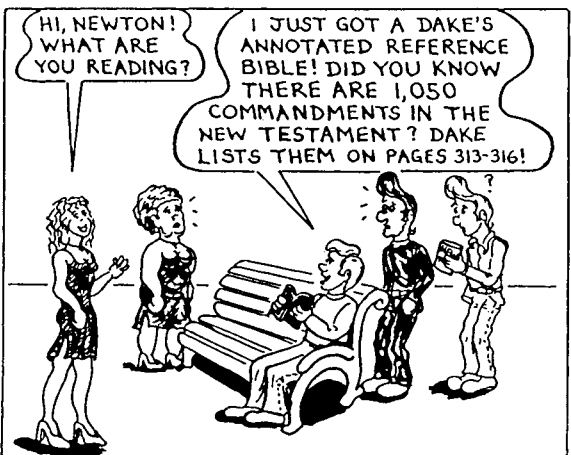
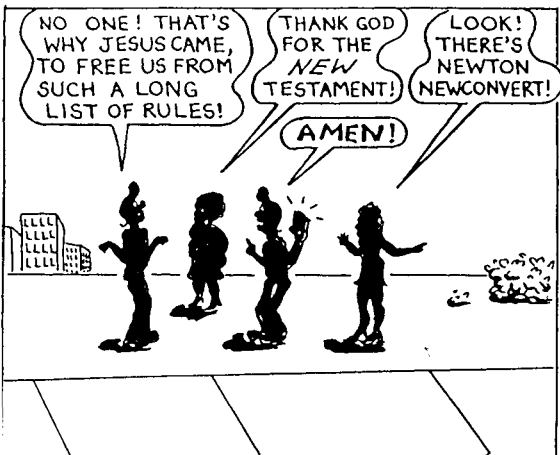
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"YOU CAN HAVE YOUR DAKE  
 AND HEED IT TOO"



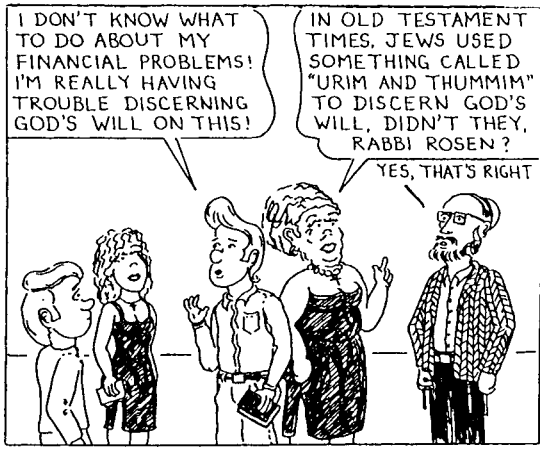
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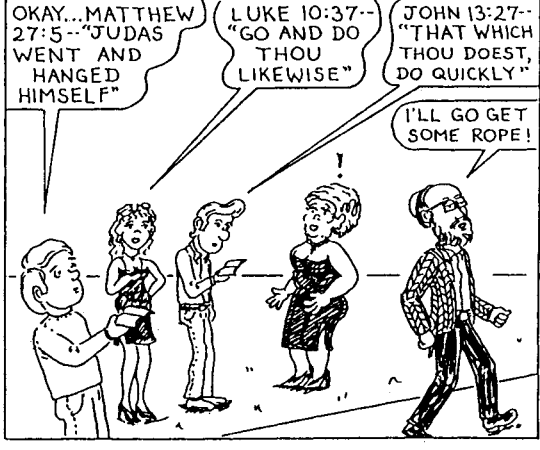
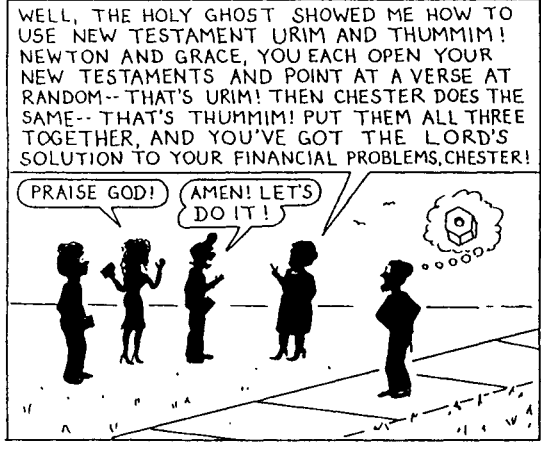
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**GOOD NOOSE  
 FOR  
 MODERN MAN**  
 A NEW TRANSLATION BY TORAH B. GONE



Based on an old joke that's only funny the first time you hear it. Hopefully some readers will hear it for the first time here, though I'm sure most have probably heard it.



A few years ago we began hearing reports about animal-like sounds coming out of people's mouths at revival meetings. Of course the Holy Spirit was being blamed for these manifestations. Rick Chamberlin suggested that I use this phenomenon as a subject for a cartoon for his publication, *Petah Tikvah*. I didn't have any bright ideas for a cartoon, and I didn't want people to think that I was an anti-charismatic Fundamentalist who doesn't believe in the moving of the Spirit. I told Rick I would think about it, and this cartoon was the result.

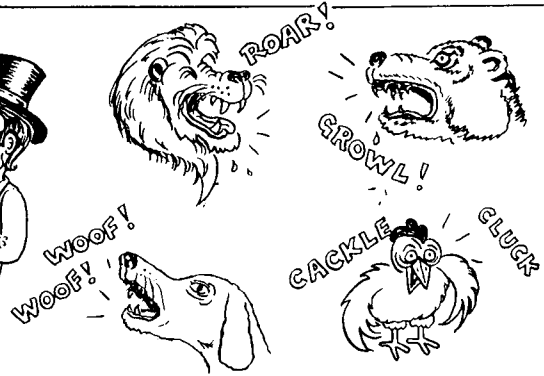
To come up with this idea, I looked in my Strong's Concordance for every animal sound I could remember reading in the Bible (roar, growl, neigh, howl, peep, etc.) and different animals mentioned in the Bible.

I could not help noticing that most of the references to animal noises occurred in passages which speak of false prophets and/or God's judgment on Babylon. According to the Scriptures, it is the false prophets and Satan who are "like a roaring lion." It is "the heathen and wicked transgressor" who "make a noise like a dog." It is the drunkards and drinkers of wine and people under the judgment of God who "howl." It is the false prophets who are "like foxes." It is the adulterers who "neigh like horses." It is the wizards who "peep." When the king of Babylon was given "a beast's heart," this was not a manifestation of God's blessing - it was a manifestation of God's judgment on a man who refused to submit to the rule of the Most High.

There is such a thing as the genuine moving of God's Spirit, and we

SEE THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE TO THE KING OF BABYLON: "LET HIS HEART BE CHANGED FROM MAN'S, AND LET A BEAST'S HEART BE GIVEN UNTO HIM" - DANIEL 4:16 -

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REV. TWISTRUTH AND  
THE  
**BARNUM  
BABEL and  
BAILEY**  
CIRCUS REVIVAL

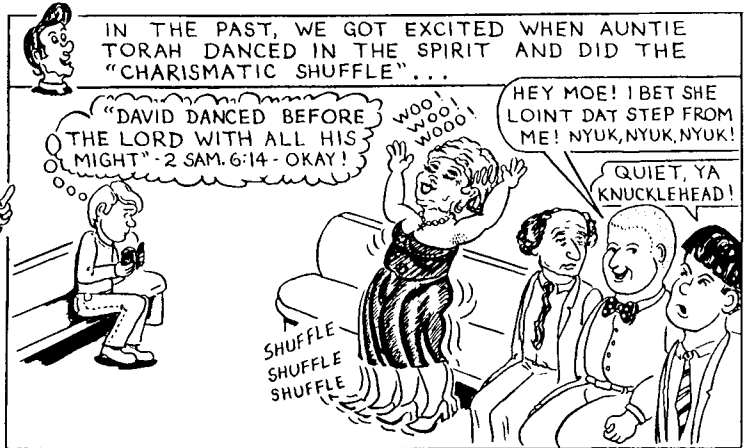


COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU!



WE'RE SEEING THE SPIRIT MOVE IN NEW WAYS, BRETHREN...

AMEN!



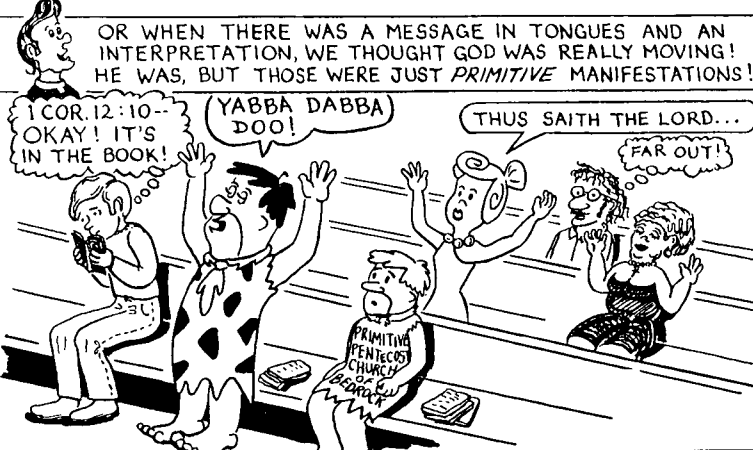
IN THE PAST, WE GOT EXCITED WHEN AUNTIE TORAH DANCED IN THE SPIRIT AND DID THE "CHARISMATIC SHUFFLE"...

"DAVID DANCED BEFORE THE LORD WITH ALL HIS MIGHT" - 2 SAM. 6:14 - OKAY!

HEY MOE! I BET SHE LOINT DAT STEP FROM ME! NYUK, NYUK, NYUK!

QUIET, YA KNUCKLEHEAD!

SHUFFLE SHUFFLE SHUFFLE

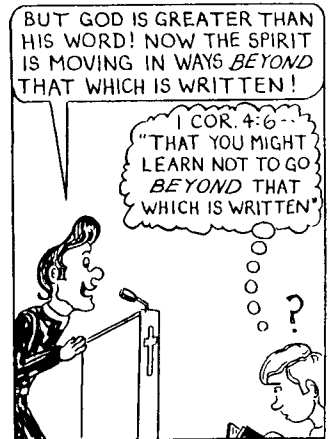


1 COR. 12:10 - OKAY! IT'S IN THE BOOK!

YABBA DABBA DOO!

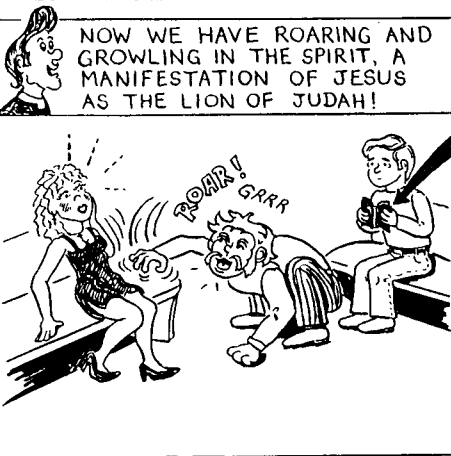
THUS SAITH THE LORD...

FAR OUT!



BUT GOD IS GREATER THAN HIS WORD! NOW THE SPIRIT IS MOVING IN WAYS BEYOND THAT WHICH IS WRITTEN!

1 COR. 4:6 - "THAT YOU MIGHT LEARN NOT TO GO BEYOND THAT WHICH IS WRITTEN"



NOW WE HAVE ROARING AND GROWLING IN THE SPIRIT, A MANIFESTATION OF JESUS AS THE LION OF JUDAH!

ROAR! GRRR

"BABYLON SHALL BECOME A HEAP OF RUINS, A HAUNT OF JACKALS...THEY WILL ROAR TOGETHER LIKE YOUNG LIONS; THEY WILL GROWL LIKE LIONS' CUBS. IN THEIR FERVOR I WILL SERVE THEM THEIR BANQUET AND MAKE THEM DRUNK, THAT THEY MAY SLEEP A PERPETUAL SLEEP AND NOT WAKE UP," DECLARES THE LORD (JER. 51:37-39) "THERE IS A CONSPIRACY OF HER PROPHETS IN THE MIDST THEREOF, LIKE A ROARING LION RAVENING THE PREY. THEY HAVE DEVoured SOULS...HER PRIESTS HAVE VIOLATED MY LAW, AND PROFANED MY HOLY THINGS. THEY HAVE MADE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE HOLY AND PROFANE, NEITHER HAVE THEY SHOWN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE UNCLEAN AND THE CLEAN, AND THEY HIDE THEIR EYES FROM MY SABBATHS" (EZEK. 22:25f). "WOE TO HER...HER PRINCES WITHIN HER ARE ROARING LIONS; HER JUDGES ARE EVENING WOLVES...HER PROPHETS ARE LIGHT AND TREACHEROUS MEN. HER PRIESTS HAVE POLLUTED THE SANCTUARY; THEY HAVE DONE VIOLENCE TO THE LAW" (ZEPH. 3:1-3). "YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL, AS A ROARING LION" (1 PET. 5:8). SEE ALSO PS. 10:9/PS. 22:13, 21/PR. 28:15/ISA. 35:8f/JER. 12:8/2 TIM. 4:17



WE'VE HAD SOME PASTORS BARKING IN THE SPIRIT LIKE DOGS! WE DON'T YET KNOW WHAT THE LORD'S SHOWING US WITH THIS MANIFESTATION!

"THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND" (ISA. 56:11). "GIVE NOT THAT WHICH IS HOLY [INCLUDING YOUR TITHE!] TO THE DOGS" (MT. 7:6). "BEWARE OF DOGS" (PHI. 3:2). "THE HEATHEN AND WICKED TRANSGRESSOR-- THEY MAKE A NOISE LIKE A DOG... LET THEM MAKE A NOISE LIKE A DOG... BUT I WILL SING OF THY POWER" (PS. 59:5,14-16). "BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS; THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE, AND MAY ENTER IN THROUGH THE GATES INTO THE CITY. FOR OUTSIDE ARE DOGS" (REV. 22:14f). "THE DOGS SHALL EAT THE FLESH OF JEZEBEL" (2 KI. 9:10).

need to be careful not to assume that any emotional expression that we witness or experience is demonic or fleshly. The Bible tells of godly people exhibiting extraordinary outward manifestations: weeping, shouting, praying in a loud voice, praying with groanings, leaping and dancing, clapping the hands, lifting up hands, shaking and quaking, and even falling on the face. Michal was cursed with barrenness for criticizing King David's energetic dancing before the Lord. Those who rail against a true manifestation of the Holy Spirit may find themselves cursed with spiritual barrenness.

WE ALSO HAD SOME PROPHETS YAPPING LIKE FOXES! WHO KNOWS WHAT IT ALL MEANS? WHO CARES? PRAISE THE LORD!

"SAY UNTO THEM THAT PROPHECY OUT OF THEIR OWN HEARTS, HEAR YE THE WORD OF THE LORD: THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD: WOE UNTO THE FOOLISH PROPHETS THAT FOLLOW THEIR OWN SPIRIT, AND HAVE SEEN NOTHING! O ISRAEL, THY PROPHETS ARE LIKE THE FOXES IN THE DESERT" (EZEK. 13:2-4). "THE LITTLE FOXES SPOIL THE VINE" (SONG 2:15). "THE WICKED SHALL BE A PORTION FOR FOXES" (PS. 62:9f).

AND SOME OF THE BRETHREN HAVE EVEN NEIGHED LIKE HORSES!

"EVERY ONE NEIGHED AFTER HIS NEIGHBOR'S WIFE" (JER. 5:8)

After this cartoon first appeared in *Petah Tikvah*, a reader in England wrote: "Rev. Twistruth was hilarious. I am tempted to show some copies to the Apostate Quartet who run my church in Leeds, but being pro-TB ['Toronto Blessing,' the name given to this phenomenon -DB] they wouldn't get the point... Compared to my 4 Twistruths, your cartoon character is rather tame and does at least have a sense of humour."

FINALLY, WE'VE GOT SOME OF THE SISTERS PEEPING, CACKLING, AND CLUCKING IN THE SPIRIT LIKE CHICKENS! GLORY TO GOD!

"HOW OFTEN I HAVE LONGED TO GATHER YOUR CHILDREN TOGETHER, AS A HEN GATHERS HER CHICKS UNDER HER WINGS, BUT YOU WERE NOT WILLING! BEHOLD, YOUR HOUSE IS LEFT TO YOU DESOLATE" (LK. 13:34).

WE KNOW THE LORD IS TRYING TO TELL HIS PEOPLE SOMETHING WITH THESE ANIMAL MANIFESTATIONS! WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, SO WE JUST ENJOY IT!

"FOR EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW GOD, THEY DID NOT HONOR HIM AS GOD, OR GIVE THANKS; BUT THEY BECAME FUTILE IN THEIR SPECULATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED. PROFESSING TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS, AND EXCHANGED THE GLORY OF THE INCORRUPTIBLE GOD FOR AN IMAGE IN THE FORM OF CORRUPTIBLE MAN AND OF BIRDS AND FOUR-FOOTED ANIMALS AND CRAWLING CREATURES" (ROM. 1:21-23).

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF THE BRETHREN ARE SKEPTICAL OF THIS NEW MOVE OF GOD! THEY OUGHT TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE BEREANS, WHO RECEIVED THE NEW MESSAGE "WITH GREAT EAGERNESS"!

"NOW THE BEREANS WERE MORE NOBLE-MINDED THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA, FOR THE BEREANS RECEIVED THE WORD WITH GREAT EAGERNESS. EXAMINING THE SCRIPTURES DAILY, TO SEE WHETHER THESE THINGS WERE SO" (ACTS 17:11).

WE ESPECIALLY NEED TO PRAY FOR NEWTON NEWCONVERT! HE'S BEEN READING THE BIBLE SO MUCH THAT HE'S MISSED OUT ON ALL THE NEW LIGHT WE'RE RECEIVING FROM THESE WONDERFUL MANIFESTATIONS OF ROARING, GROWLING, BARKING, AND PEEPING!

"AND WHEN THEY SHALL SAY UNTO YOU, 'SEEK UNTO THEM THAT HAVE FAMILIAR SPIRITS, AND UNTO WIZARDS THAT PEEP AND MUTTER,' SHOULD NOT A PEOPLE SEEK UNTO THEIR GOD? SHOULD THEY CONSULT THE DEAD ON BEHALF OF THE LIVING? TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONY! IF THEY SPEAK NOT ACCORDING TO THIS WORD, IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM" (ISA. 8:19f)

**THE END**

# REVEREND TWISTRUTH

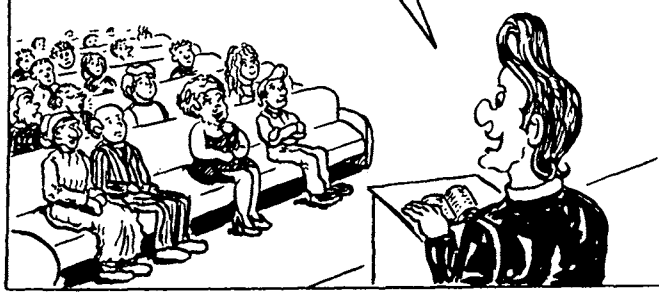
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1997  
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SUN. **GROUND  
HOG  
DAY**

WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SPECIAL GROUND HOG DAY SERVICE THIS SUNDAY! MY SERMON TODAY IS ENTITLED: "WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM THE HABITS OF THE LOWLY GROUND HOG?"



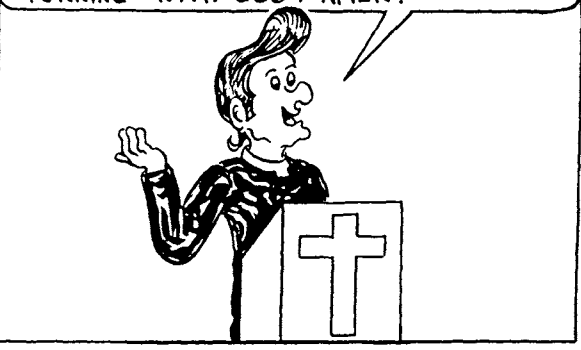
THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF THE CONEY, A TYPE OF GROUND HOG NATIVE TO PALESTINE: "THE CONIES ARE BUT A FEEBLE FOLK," SAYS PROVERBS, "YET THEY MAKE THEIR HOUSES IN THE ROCKS." THIS TEACHES US WE ARE TOO FEEBLE TO KEEP GOD'S LAW, SO WE MUST BUILD OUR HOUSE ON THE ROCK OF GRACE, AND JUST KEEP ON BREAKING GOD'S LAW SO GRACE MAY ABOUND!



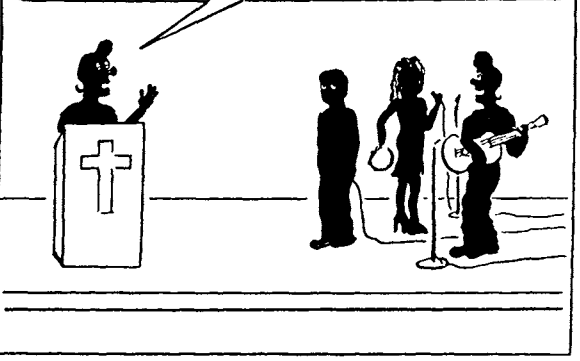
THE BIBLE ALSO SAYS THE CONEY IS UNCLEAN, "BECAUSE HE CHEWETH THE CUD, BUT DIVIDETH NOT THE HOOF" - LEV. 11:15! OF COURSE WE KNOW IT'S NOW OKAY TO EAT CONIES OR ANY OTHER GROUND HOG! JESUS CHANGED ALL HIS FATHER'S LEGALISTIC DIETARY LAWS! PRAISE GOD!



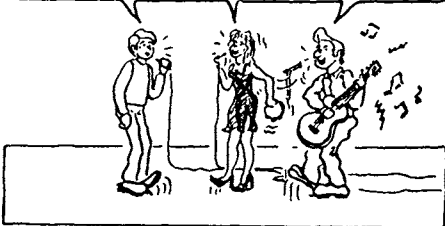
FINALLY, THE GROUNDHOG BEING FRIGHTENED BACK INTO HIS HOLE BY HIS SHADOW REMINDS US THAT WE DON'T NEED TO FEAR GOD ANYMORE, LIKE THEY DID IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, FOR JAMES TELLS US THERE IS "NO SHADOW OF TURNING" WITH GOD! AMEN!



NOW THE YOUTH GROUP IS GOING TO SING A SPECIAL NUMBER-- A SONG THE LORD GAVE THEM ESPECIALLY FOR TODAY'S GROUND HOG DAY SERVICE! IT'S SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "JINGLE BELLS"-- TAKE IT AWAY, YOUNG PEOPLE!



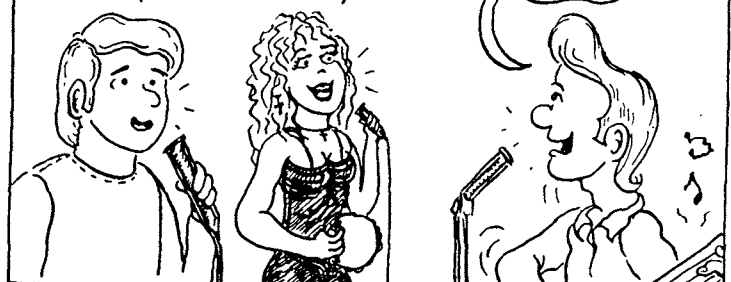
GROUND HOG DAY! GROUND HOG DAY!  
GROUND HOG DAY IS HERE!  
OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO WATCH  
THE GROUND HOGS ALL APPEAR!  
GROUND HOG DAY! GROUND HOG DAY!  
GROUND HOG DAY HAS COME!  
OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO WATCH  
THE GROUND HOGS WHEN THEY RUN!



POKING OUT HIS HEAD FROM HIS DARKENED HOLE  
POKING OUT HIS HEAD  
LIKE A BIG FAT MOLE

IF HE COMES OUTSIDE,  
SPRING-TIME  
WILL ABIDE

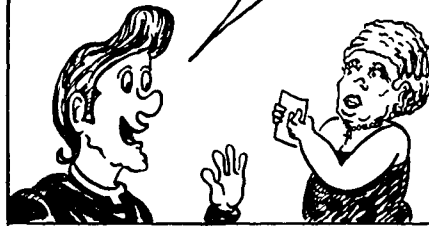
IF HE GOES BACK IN THE GROUND,  
WINTER'S GONNA  
STICK AROUND,  
FOR-



SIX MORE WEEKS! SIX MORE WEEKS!  
SIX MORE WEEKS OF COLD!  
SIX MORE WEEKS! SIX MORE WEEKS!  
**SIX-MORE-WEEKS-OF-COLD!**

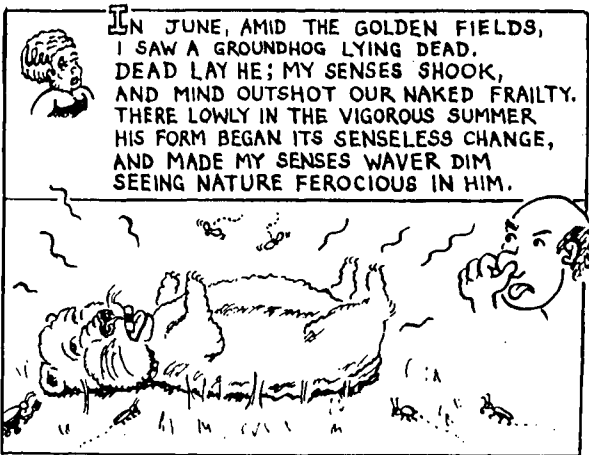


PRaise the Lord! Wasn't that great? Now we're gonna sacrifice a groundhog on our altar-- just kidding! Auntie Torah is going to close our service with the reading of a poem she selected especially for today: "The Groundhog" by Richard Eberhart! After that, we'll all go downstairs and eat some "ground-hog"-- pork sausage, that is! (Ha-ha!) It's left over from last night's Groundhog's Eve party! Now let's listen to this anointed poem! Auntie Torah....

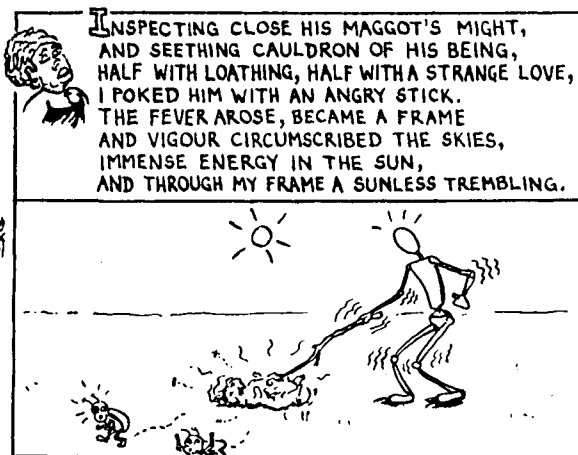


THANK YOU! (AHEM!)  
"THE GROUNDHOG"  
BY RICHARD EBERHART...

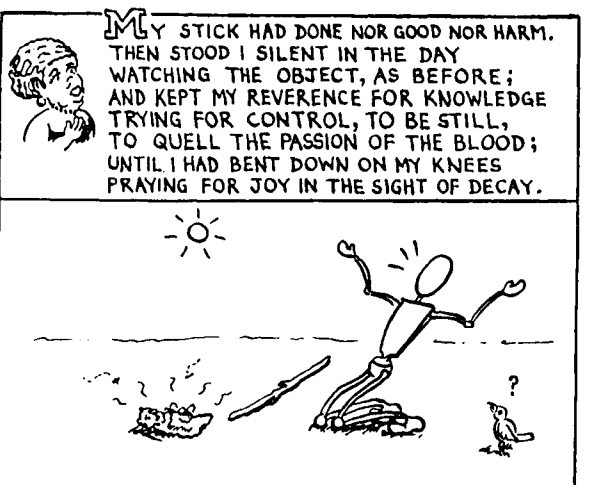
**I**N JUNE, AMID THE GOLDEN FIELDS,  
I SAW A GROUNDHOG LYING DEAD.  
DEAD LAY HE; MY SENSES SHOOK,  
AND MIND OUTSHOT OUR NAKED FRAILTY.  
THERE LOWLY IN THE VIGOROUS SUMMER,  
HIS FORM BEGAN ITS SENSELESS CHANGE,  
AND MADE MY SENSES WAVER DIM  
SEEING NATURE FEROCIOUS IN HIM.



**I**NSPECTING CLOSE HIS MAGGOT'S MIGHT,  
AND SEETHING CAULDRON OF HIS BEING,  
HALF WITH LOATHING, HALF WITH A STRANGE LOVE,  
I POKED HIM WITH AN ANGRY STICK.  
THE FEVER AROSE, BECAME A FRAME  
AND VIGOUR CIRCUMSCRIBED THE SKIES,  
IMMENSE ENERGY IN THE SUN,  
AND THROUGH MY FRAME A SUNLESS TREMBLING.



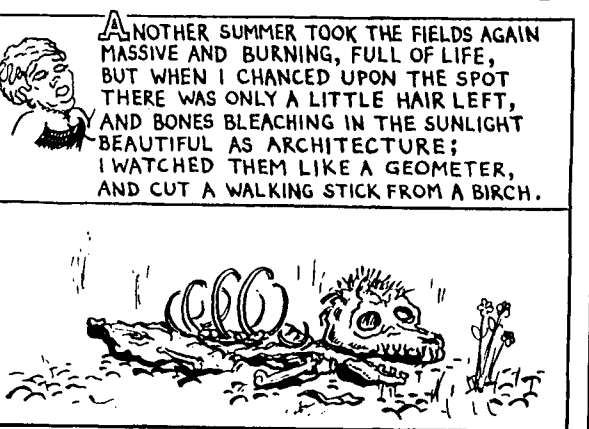
**M**Y STICK HAD DONE NOR GOOD NOR HARM.  
THEN STOOD I SILENT IN THE DAY  
WATCHING THE OBJECT, AS BEFORE;  
AND KEPT MY REVERENCE FOR KNOWLEDGE  
TRYING FOR CONTROL, TO BE STILL,  
TO QUELL THE PASSION OF THE BLOOD;  
UNTIL I HAD BENT DOWN ON MY KNEES  
PRAYING FOR JOY IN THE SIGHT OF DECAY.



**A**ND SO I LEFT; AND I RETURNED  
IN AUTUMN STRICT OF EYE, TO SEE  
THE SAP GONE OUT OF THE GROUNDHOG,  
BUT THE BONY SODDEN HULK REMAINED.  
BUT THE YEAR HAD LOST ITS MEANING,  
AND IN INTELLECTUAL CHAINS  
I LOST BOTH LOVE AND LOATHING,  
MURED UP IN THE WALL OF WISDOM.



**A**NOTHER SUMMER TOOK THE FIELDS AGAIN  
MASSIVE AND BURNING, FULL OF LIFE,  
BUT WHEN I CHANCED UPON THE SPOT  
THERE WAS ONLY A LITTLE HAIR LEFT,  
AND BONES BLEACHING IN THE SUNLIGHT  
BEAUTIFUL AS ARCHITECTURE;  
I WATCHED THEM LIKE A GEOMETER,  
AND CUT A WALKING STICK FROM A BIRCH.




**I**T HAS BEEN THREE YEARS, NOW.  
THERE IS NO SIGN OF THE GROUNDHOG.  
I STOOD THERE IN THE WHIRLING SUMMER,  
MY HAND CAPPED A WITHERED HEART,  
AND THOUGHT OF CHINA AND OF GREECE,  
OF ALEXANDER IN HIS TENT;  
OF MONTAIGNE IN HIS TOWER,  
OF SAINT THERESA IN HER WILD LAMENT.




HOW TOUCHING!  
THANK YOU,  
AUNTIE TORAH!  
CHURCH DISMISSED!



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"RAINY DAY WOMEN"  
EH-VA-BUDDY MUS'-GIT STONED!



...BUT THE BIBLE SAYS SABBATH-BREAKERS ARE TO BE STONED! IF THE SABBATH IS STILL VALID, WHY DON'T YOU STONE SABBATH-BREAKERS?

THE NEW TESTAMENT SAYS WE'RE FREE FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW-- THAT MEANS WE'RE FREE FROM THE PENALTY WE DESERVE FOR BREAKING THE LAW! BUT GOD STILL EXPECTS US TO OBEY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!



I THINK THAT'S A PRETTY LAME EXPLANATION, MISTER! DON'T YOU AGREE, CHESTER?

AMEN, REVEREND TWISTRUTH! AS LAME AS THEY COME AS THEY COME! LET'S GO! NEWTON'S WAITING FOR US!




REV. TWISTRUTH, LEV. 20:10 SAYS ADULTERERS ARE TO BE STONED! IF THE COMMAND AGAINST ADULTERY IS STILL VALID, WHY DON'T WE STONE ADULTERERS?

THE NEW TESTAMENT SAYS WE'RE FREE FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW, NEWTON! THAT MEANS WE'RE FREE FROM THE PENALTY WE DESERVE FOR BREAKING THE LAW! BUT GOD STILL EXPECTS US TO OBEY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!

WOW! GREAT ANSWER, REVEREND T!



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THE HOLY GHOST HABERDASHERY

PUT OFF THE OLD MAN! PUT ON THE NEW MAN!

GARMENTS OF PRAISE

ON SALE: ROBES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!

CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH GOOD WORKS, MEET / QUIET SPIRIT

REV. TWISTRUTH, WHY DON'T WE KEEP THE 7<sup>TH</sup>-DAY SABBATH AND THE PASSOVER?


BECAUSE CHRIST IS OUR "SABBATH" AND OUR "PASSOVER"-- IT'S ALL SPIRITUAL NOW! WE'VE GOT THE SPIRITUAL REALITY, SO WE DON'T NEED THE OUTWARD PHYSICAL THINGS ANYMORE! THOSE THINGS WERE JUST SHADOWS OF THE PAST-- BONDAGE THAT WE'RE FREED FROM! HALLELUJAH!

PRaise GOD FOR THAT!



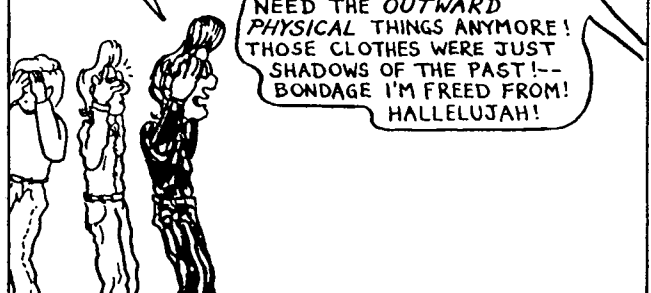
REV. TWISTRUTH! BEHIND YOU! A WOMAN JUST CAME INTO THE CHURCH WITHOUT ANY CLOTHES!

GASP! COVER YOUR EYES, BRETHREN! QUICK!




SISTER, DO YOU MIND TELLING US WHY YOU AREN'T WEARING ANY CLOTHING?

PROVERBS 31 SAYS THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN'S CLOTHING IS "STRENGTH AND HONOR"-- IT'S ALL SPIRITUAL NOW! I'VE GOT "STRENGTH AND HONOR," THE SPIRITUAL REALITY, SO I DON'T NEED THE OUTWARD PHYSICAL THINGS ANYMORE! THOSE CLOTHES WERE JUST SHADOWS OF THE PAST!-- BONDAGE I'M FREED FROM! HALLELUJAH!




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"OBNOXIOUS  
OBLATIONS"

IN BIBLICAL TIMES, GOD'S PEOPLE BROUGHT DIFFERENT KINDS OF OFFERINGS FOR WORSHIP: SIN OFFERINGS, GUILT OFFERINGS, PEACE OFFERINGS, WAVE OFFERINGS, CEREAL & DRINK OFFERINGS, BURNT OFFERINGS...




YOU'LL STILL FIND THESE SAME OFFERINGS AT REV. TWISTRUTH'S CHURCH!

THE SIN OFFERING: SOME FOLKS COME TO CHURCH AS PENANCE FOR THEIR SINS - THEY SOW THEIR WILD OATS SATURDAY NIGHT, AND ON SUNDAY PRAY FOR CROP FAILURE...




THE GUILT OFFERING: SOME OF REV. TWISTRUTH'S DISCIPLES COME TO CHURCH BECAUSE THEY FEEL GUILTY IF THEY DON'T COME...



"Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy"

THE PEACE OFFERING: SOME COME TO CHURCH JUST TO KEEP PEACE IN THE FAMILY...

LET US PRAY...




THE WAVE OFFERING: SOME PEOPLE JUST COME TO SAY HELLO TO EVERYONE AND TO FELLOWSHIP...



THE CEREAL & DRINK OFFERING: SOME BRETHREN COME TO CHURCH JUST FOR THE POTLUCK AFTERWARDS



NO ONE WILL EAT PLAIN CORN FLAKES! I'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE 'EM BACK HOME!


THE BURNT OFFERING: SOMETIMES YOU'LL EVEN SEE ONE OF THESE AT THE CHURCH POTLUCK...



I HOPE I DIDN'T OVERCOOK THIS CHICKEN...

IDEA SUGGESTED BY ART COA


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פרי משחק המלים  
PRI MISKHAK HA-MILIM  
("FRUIT OF THE PUN")

HEY RABBI ROSEN! I LEARNED THAT WHEN YOU JEWS BLESS YOUR FOOD, YOU CALL WINE, PRI HA-GAFEN, "THE FRUIT OF THE VINE"! AND PRI HA-ETS IS "THE FRUIT OF THE TREE," AND PRI HA-ADAMAH IS FOR FOOD THAT GROWS FROM THE GROUND!

SO YOU LEARNED A FEW HEBREW WORDS, HUH? YES, THAT'S HOW "THE JEWS" GIVE THANKS FOR OUR FOOD, CHESTER!



I USED THIS HEBREW DICTIONARY TO MAKE UP SOME MORE PHRASES THAT YOU JEWS MIGHT LIKE TO USE TO BLESS YOUR FOOD!

OH YEAH...?



YEAH! I'LL SAY THE PHRASES AND YOU SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT FOOD IT IS! THE FIRST ONE IS: PRI HA-D'VORAH!

"FRUIT OF THE BEE"? AS THE PHILISTINES SAID TO SAMSON, "WHAT IS SWEETER THAN HONEY"?




HEY, YOU'RE PRETTY SHARP! TRY THIS ONE: PRI HA-OAF!

"FRUIT OF THE CHICKEN" ...HMM... EGGS?



EGGS-ACTLY! HOW ABOUT PRI HA-PARAH?

"FRUIT OF THE COW"?... MILK, CHEESE, BUTTER...




COWABUNGA! YOU'RE SMART! HERE'S ONE MORE: PRI HA-BARZEL!

"FRUIT OF THE /ROW"? I'M STUMPED! WHAT KIND OF FOOD IS THE "FRUIT OF THE IRON"?



WAFFLES, OF COURSE!

OF COURSE...





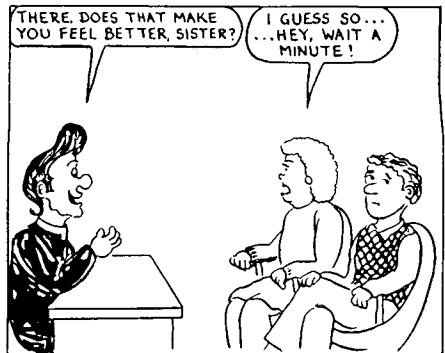
THESE COUNSELING SESSIONS DON'T SEEM TO BE HELPING OUR MARRIAGE, REV. TWISTRUTH! MY HUSBAND STILL THINKS THAT EVERYTHING *HE* SAYS OR DOES OR HAS IS BETTER THAN ANYTHING *I* SAY OR DO OR HAVE!

THAT'S NOT TRUE, DEAR! I THINK THERE ARE SOME THINGS ABOUT YOU THAT ARE BETTER THAN ME!



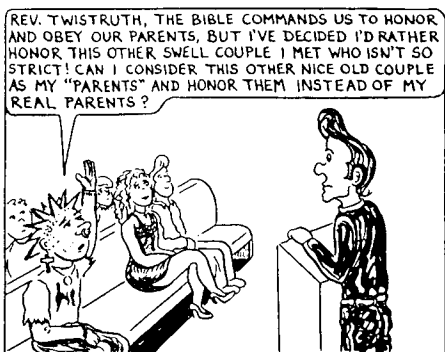
OH YEAH? NAME ONE!

UM... LET'S SEE... WELL, YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW IS A LOT NICER THAN MY MOTHER-IN-LAW!

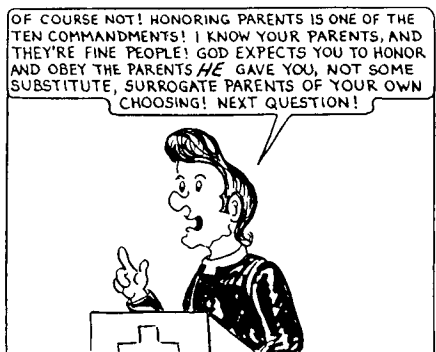


THERE, DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, SISTER?

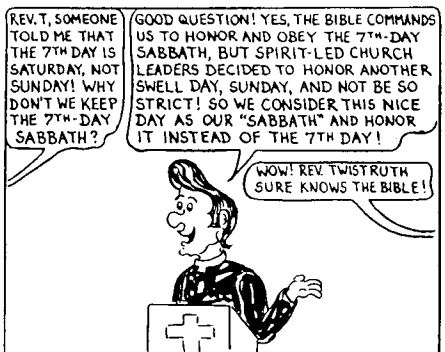
I GUESS SO... HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!



REV. TWISTRUTH, THE BIBLE COMMANDS US TO HONOR AND OBEY OUR PARENTS, BUT I'VE DECIDED I'D RATHER HONOR THIS OTHER SWELL COUPLE I MET WHO ISN'T SO STRICT! CAN I CONSIDER THIS OTHER NICE OLD COUPLE AS MY "PARENTS" AND HONOR THEM INSTEAD OF MY REAL PARENTS?

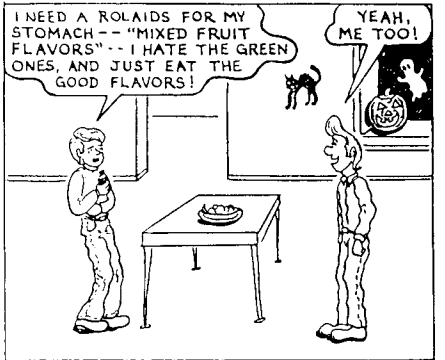


OF COURSE NOT! HONORING PARENTS IS ONE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS! I KNOW YOUR PARENTS, AND THEY'RE FINE PEOPLE! GOD EXPECTS YOU TO HONOR AND OBEY THE PARENTS *HE* GAVE YOU, NOT SOME SUBSTITUTE, SURROGATE PARENTS OF YOUR OWN CHOOSING! NEXT QUESTION!



REV. T, SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT THE BIBLE COMMANDS US TO HONOR AND OBEY THE 7<sup>TH</sup>-DAY SABBATH, BUT SPIRIT-LED CHURCH LEADERS DECIDED TO HONOR ANOTHER SWELL DAY, SUNDAY, AND NOT BE SO STRICT! SO WE CONSIDER THIS NICE DAY AS OUR "SABBATH" AND HONOR IT INSTEAD OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup>-DAY SABBATH?

WOW! REV. TWISTRUTH SURE KNOWS THE BIBLE!



I NEED A ROLAIDS FOR MY STOMACH -- "MIXED FRUIT FLAVORS" -- I HATE THE GREEN ONES, AND JUST EAT THE GOOD FLAVORS!

YEAH, ME TOO!



WHEN THE GOOD FLAVORS ARE ALL GONE, WE END UP WITH A BUNCH OF GREEN ONES... HEY, THIS HAS JUST THE GOOD FLAVORS! WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE AWFUL-TASTING GREEN ROLAIDS?



I WONDER WHAT THIS HARD GREEN CANDY WITH AN "R" ON IT IS?

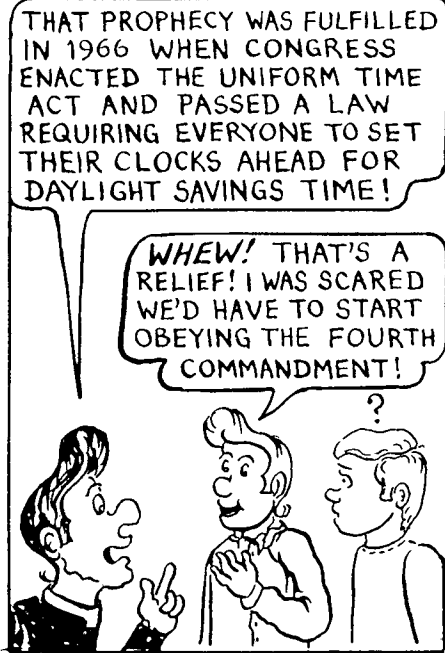


REVEREND TWISTRUTH, DANIEL 7:25 SAYS THAT THE 4<sup>TH</sup> BEAST WOULD "THINK TO CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS"! A MAN TOLD US THAT SINCE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> BEAST IS ROME, THIS IS A PROPHECY OF ROME'S CHANGING OF THE SABBATH TO SUNDAY! IS THAT TRUE?



NO, NEWTON! NO, NOT AT ALL! HE'S ALL MIXED UP!

THEN WHAT IS THIS PROPHECY TALKING ABOUT?



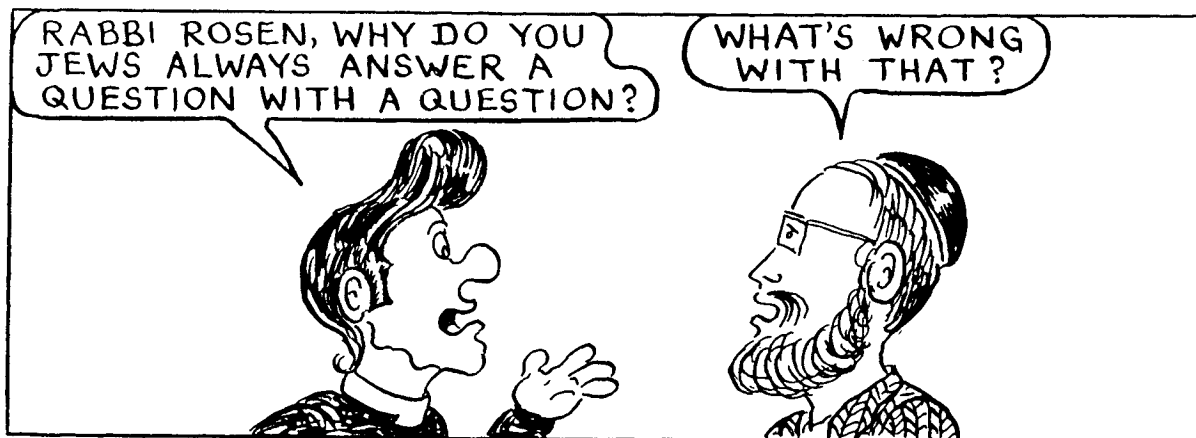
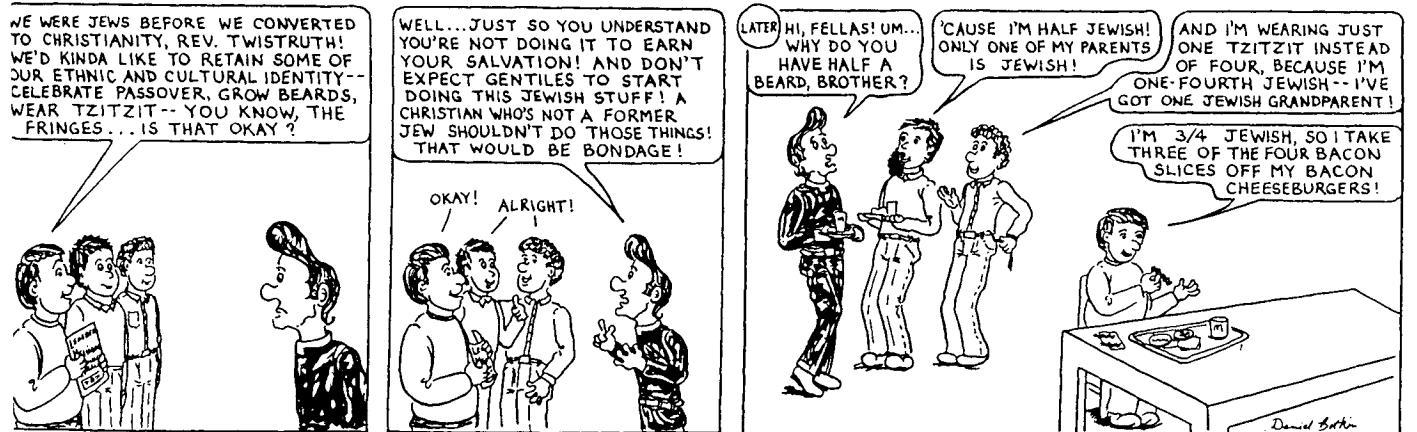
THAT PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED IN 1966 WHEN CONGRESS ENACTED THE UNIFORM TIME ACT AND PASSED A LAW REQUIRING EVERYONE TO SET THEIR CLOCKS AHEAD FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!

WHEW! THAT'S A RELIEF! I WAS SCARED WE'D HAVE TO START OBEYING THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT!

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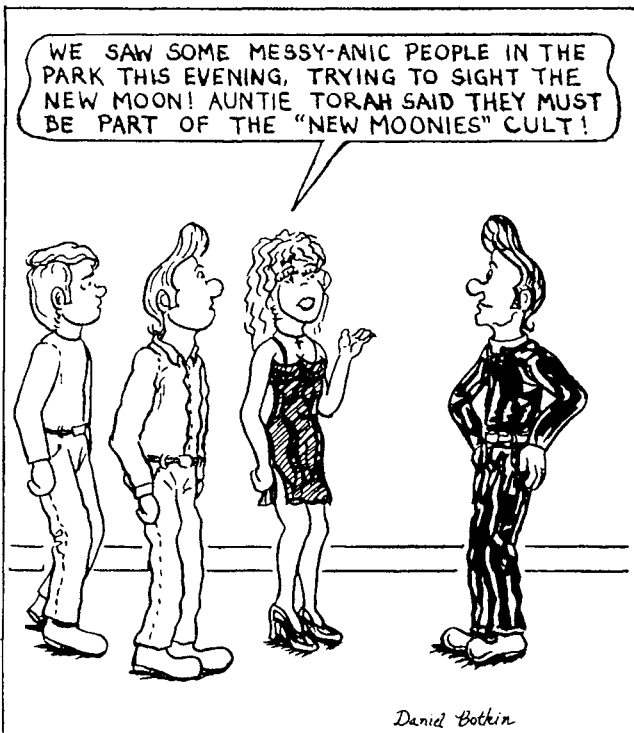
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"Let's not describe anyone as 'unspiritual' or 'carnal' or 'sinful.' Let's just refer to these folks as brethren with a holiness deficit disorder!"



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"Cheer up, brother! Don't you remember how the Book of Psalms begins? 'Blessed is the man that walketh not!'"



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WE SAW SOME MESSY-ANIC PEOPLE IN THE PARK THIS EVENING, TRYING TO SIGHT THE NEW MOON! AUNTIE TORAH SAID THEY MUST BE PART OF THE "NEW MOONIES" CULT!

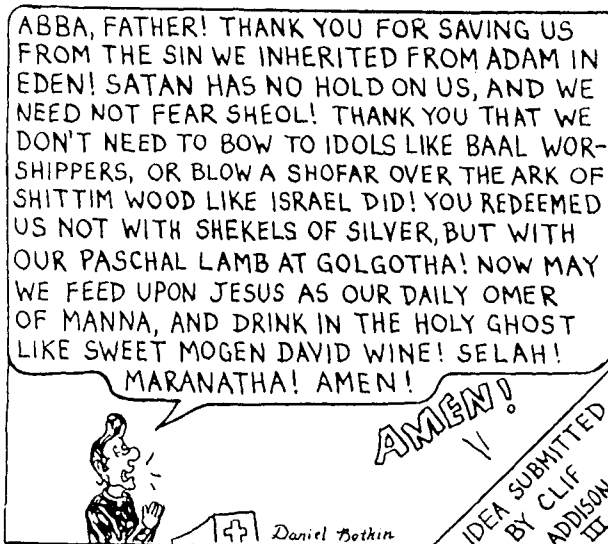
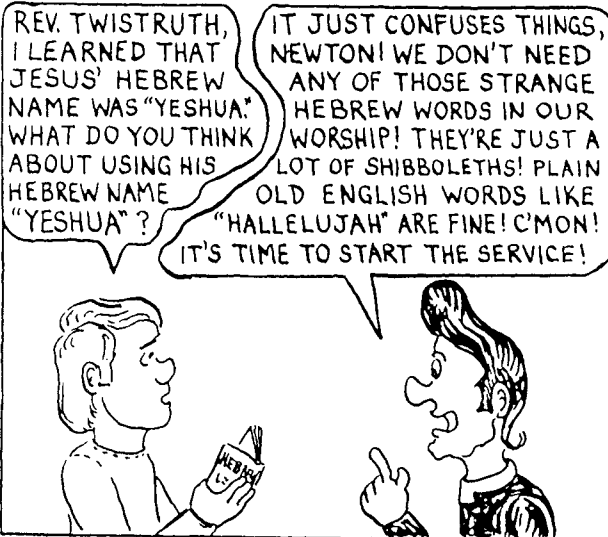


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I NEVER REPEAT GOSSIP, SO LISTEN CLOSELY THE FIRST TIME...



"SEMITIC SEMANTICS"



READERS: REV. TWISTRUTH USED 30 WORDS DERIVED FROM HEBREW, ARAMAIC, OR GREEK! CAN YOU FIND THEM ALL? IF NOT, SEND \$10,000 CASH AND WE'LL MAIL YOU THE ANSWER! (PLEASE ADD \$1 SHIPPING & HANDLING)



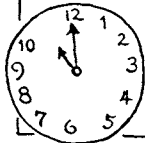
"We need to pray for Brother Chester and Brother Newton! They were arrested last night between Farmer Brown's melon patch and Mrs. McGregor's peach orchard, about three hours after a Bible study on the subject of gleaning!"



# REVEREND TWISTRUTH

& HIS DISCIPLES

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THE  
UNLEAVENED  
HOUR

RABBI ROSEN, I FOUND OUT THAT THE EARLY CHRISTIANS CELEBRATED PASSOVER, SO I WANT TO CELEBRATE IT! WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

WELL, FIRST YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NO LEAVEN IN YOUR HOUSE! THE BIBLE SAYS "FOR SEVEN DAYS NO LEAVEN SHALL BE SEEN WITH YOU IN ALL YOUR BORDERS"! THEN COME BACK AND I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NEWTON?

GETTING READY FOR PASSOVER! I'M FOLLOWING RABBI ROSEN'S INSTRUCTIONS!



BUT WHAT'S WITH THE SCISSORS AND CALENDAR?

I'M CUTTING THE ELEVENTH DAY OFF OF EACH MONTH!



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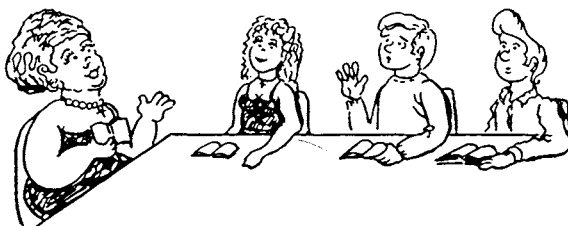
WHAT'S THAT THING, UNCLE ABRAHAM?

IT'S A USED CAR, LOT



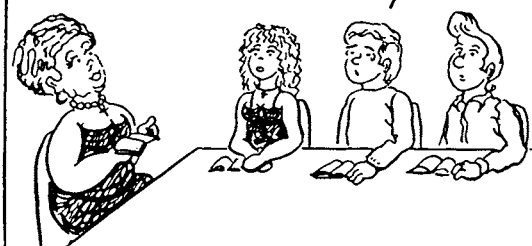
UNLIKE HIS UNCLE ABRAHAM, LOT WAS A CARNAL MAN, AND PITCHED HIS TENT TOWARD SODOM! GOD STILL BLESSED LOT, THOUGH! HE LIVED TO BE SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS OLD!

REALLY? WHERE DOES THE BIBLE SAY THAT, AUNTIE TORAH?



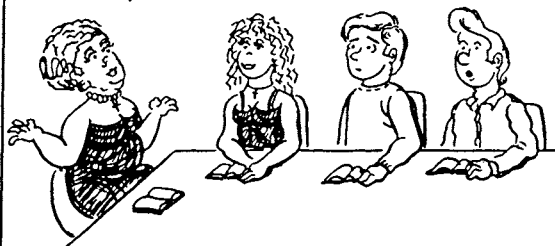
WELL, LOT LIVED IN SODOM AROUND 1900 B.C., AND HE WAS STILL ALIVE AT THE TIME OF THE APOSTLES! THE NEW TESTAMENT SAYS HE WAS RIGHT THERE IN THE UPPER ROOM WITH THE APOSTLES!

WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT??



IN ACTS CHAPTER ONE! WHEN THE APOSTLES NEEDED SOMEONE TO REPLACE JUDAS, IT SAYS THAT MATTHIAS WAS CHOSEN BY LOT!

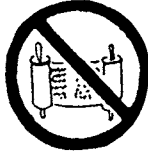
WOW! THAT'S HEAVY!



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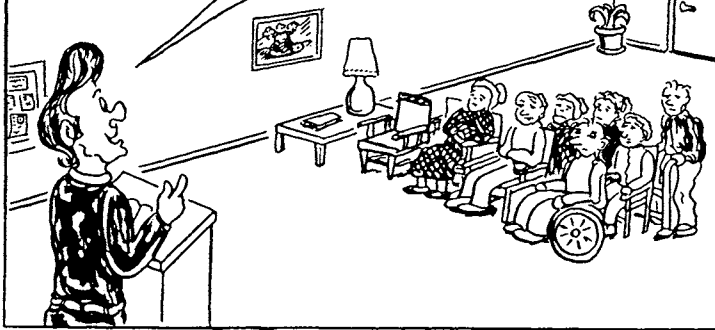
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NURSING-HOME  
HUMOR

I KNOW YOU SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS! BUT I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT: THERE'S ONE THING YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT: NONE OF YOU HAS TO WORRY ABOUT DYING YOUNG! PRAISE THE LORD FOR THAT!



OF COURSE WE ALL GOTTA DIE SOMETIME! WHEN I DIE, I HOPE I CAN GO LIKE MY GRANDFATHER DID, PEACEFULLY IN HIS SLEEP...



... NOT LIKE HIS FIVE SCREAMING PASSENGERS WHO DIED IN HIS CAR WITH HIM!



**BULLETIN BORED**

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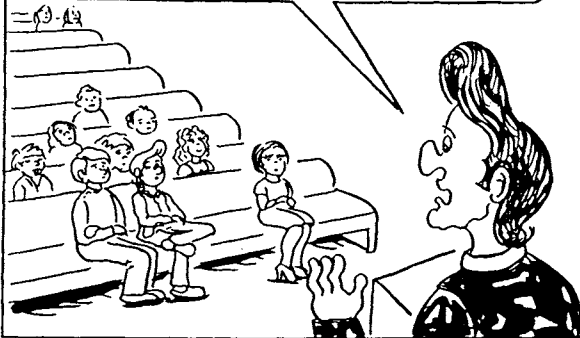
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"A PRIESTLY PUN"

NADAB AND ABIHU, SONS OF AARON, DIED FOR OFFERING STRANGE FIRE BEFORE THE LORD! THIS STORY IS SO *IRONIC*! HERE THEY WERE, PRIESTS, CONSUMED BY THE GOD THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO WORSHIP!



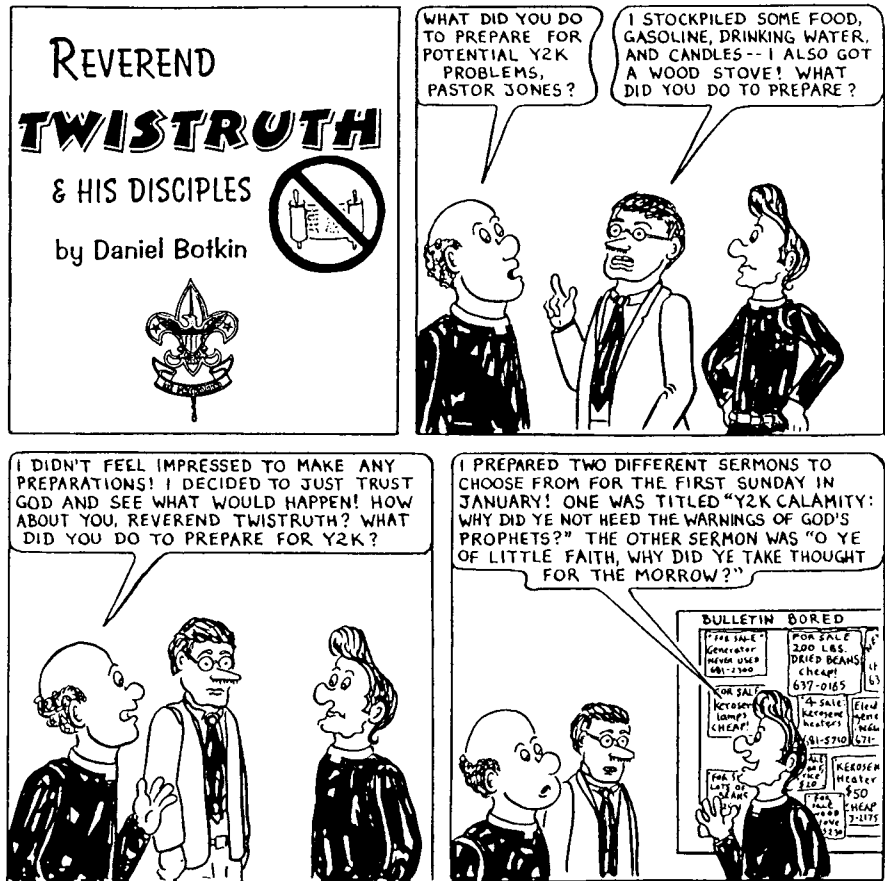
DO YOU SEE THE *IRONY* OF IT, FOLKS? I DON'T THINK THERE'S A STORY IN THE BIBLE MORE IRONIC THAN THIS STORY OF THESE TWO SONS OF AARON THE HIGH PRIEST!



SO *THAT'S* WHY THE JEWS CALL THAT PRIESTLY BLESSING "THE IRONIC BENEDICTION"!




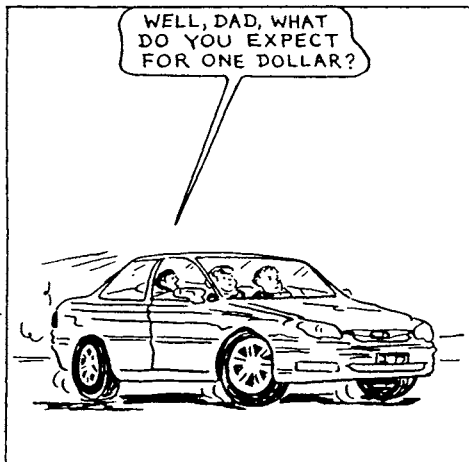
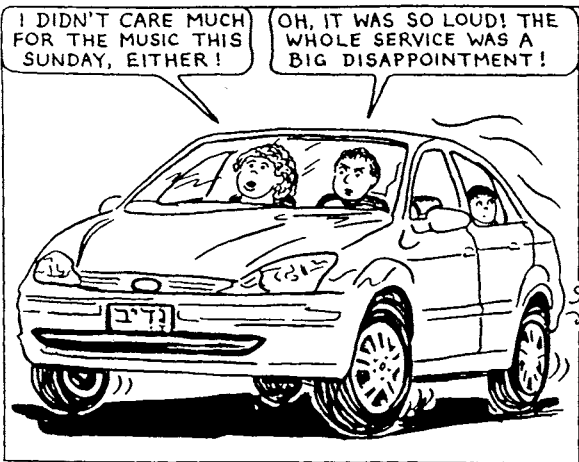
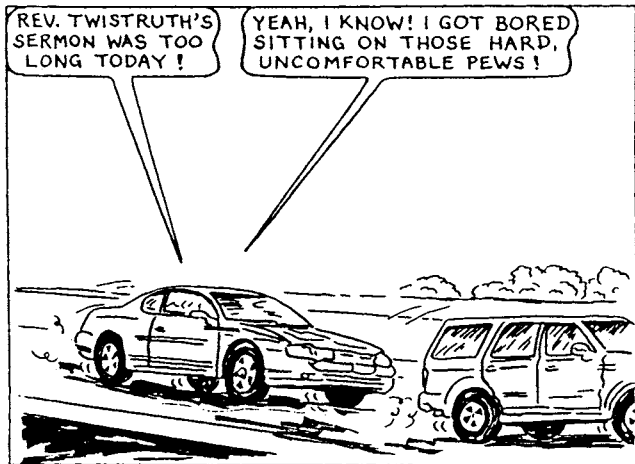
I did this cartoon for the January 2000 issue, to coincide with the much-awaited Y2K event, which turned out to be pretty much of a non-event. Like many, I did not know for sure whether or not anything would happen. I was confident enough about the outcome to put the ads on the "bulletin bored" in the last panel of the cartoon. At the same time, though, I made sure to get this January 2000 issue printed and sent *before* January 1 -- just in case Y2K did cause problems for my computer, for the printing company I use, or for the post office.




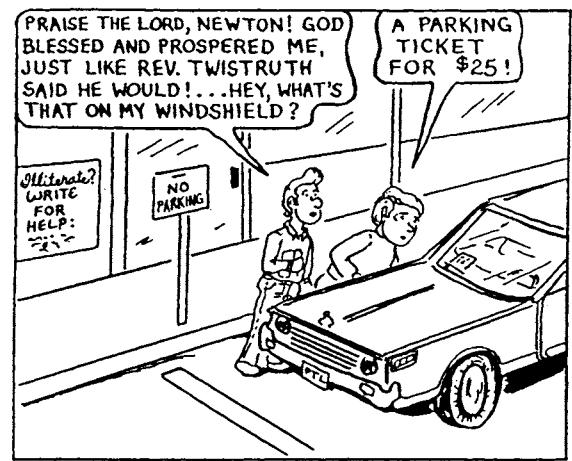
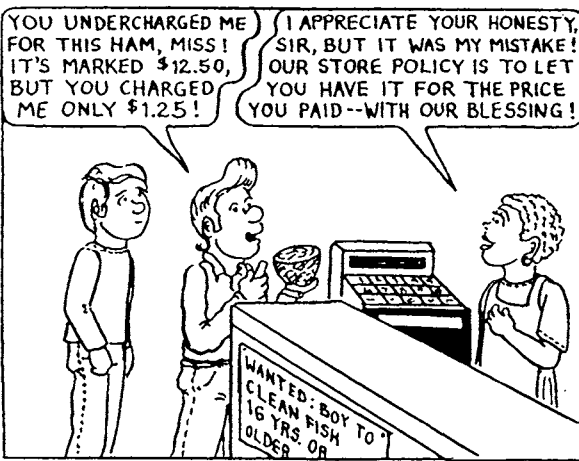
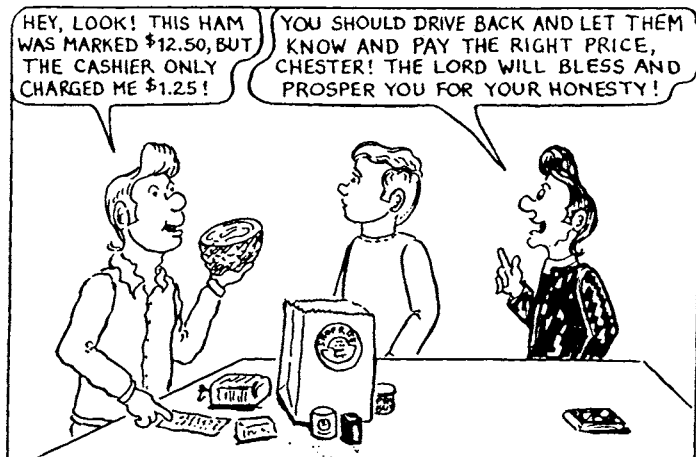
I honestly cannot remember if I made this joke up myself or heard it somewhere. I think I made it up, but my daughter Betsy thinks maybe I heard it from someone else. Either way, it makes a good cartoon.




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 "OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES"



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 "THE BELATED BLESSING"




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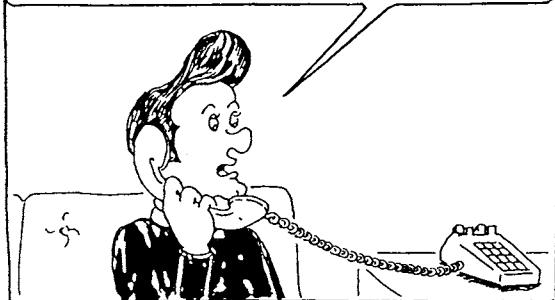


**"THE  
 HUNDRED-FOLD  
 HERESY"**

BEFORE WE TAKE UP AN OFFERING FOR THE LORD, I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING! IF YOU GIVE TO THIS MINISTRY, YOU WILL RECEIVE BACK AN HUNDREDFOLD!



**LATER THAT WEEK** NEWTON, THIS IS REVEREND TWISTRUTH! WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING CARE OF THE CHURCH FINANCES FOR US, BUT THERE'S A PROBLEM! I JUST FOUND OUT YOU'VE WRITTEN LARGE CHECKS TO SEVERAL CONGREGANTS, AND NOW WE'RE ALMOST BROKE! WHAT'S GOING ON??




SORRY TO HEAR WE'RE ALMOST BROKE, REV. TWISTRUTH! BUT YOU SAID IN YOUR SERMON LAST SUNDAY THAT WHOEVER GAVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS WOULD RECEIVE BACK A HUNDREDFOLD! SO ON MONDAY I WROTE AND MAILED CHECKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAD GIVEN!



IDEA: CLIF ADDISON III

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**"GIVE STRONG DRINK TO HIM THAT IS READY TO PERISH"  
 ~PROVERBS 31:6~**

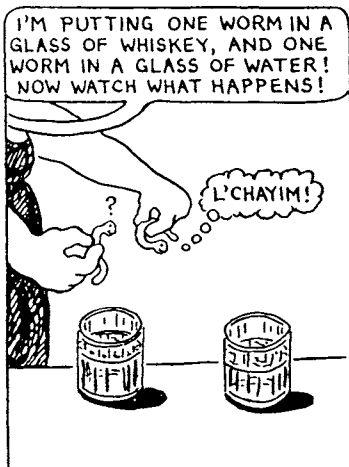
OKAY, CHILDREN, PAY ATTENTION! AUNTIE TORAH'S GOING TO TALK TO YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ABOUT WINE AND STRONG DRINK!

THANK YOU, REVEREND TWISTRUTH! LOOK, CHILDREN, I HAVE TWO WORMS HERE!



I'M PUTTING ONE WORM IN A GLASS OF WHISKEY, AND ONE WORM IN A GLASS OF WATER! NOW WATCH WHAT HAPPENS!

L'CHAYIM!

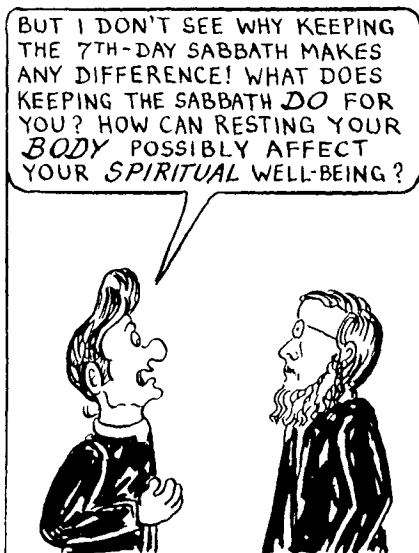
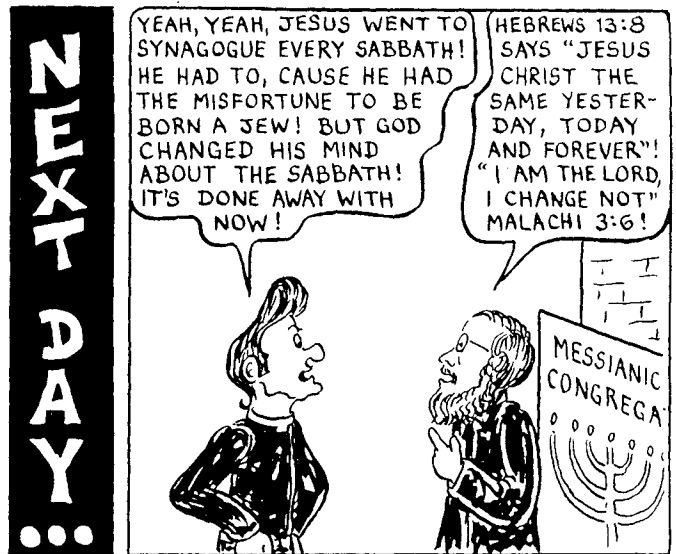
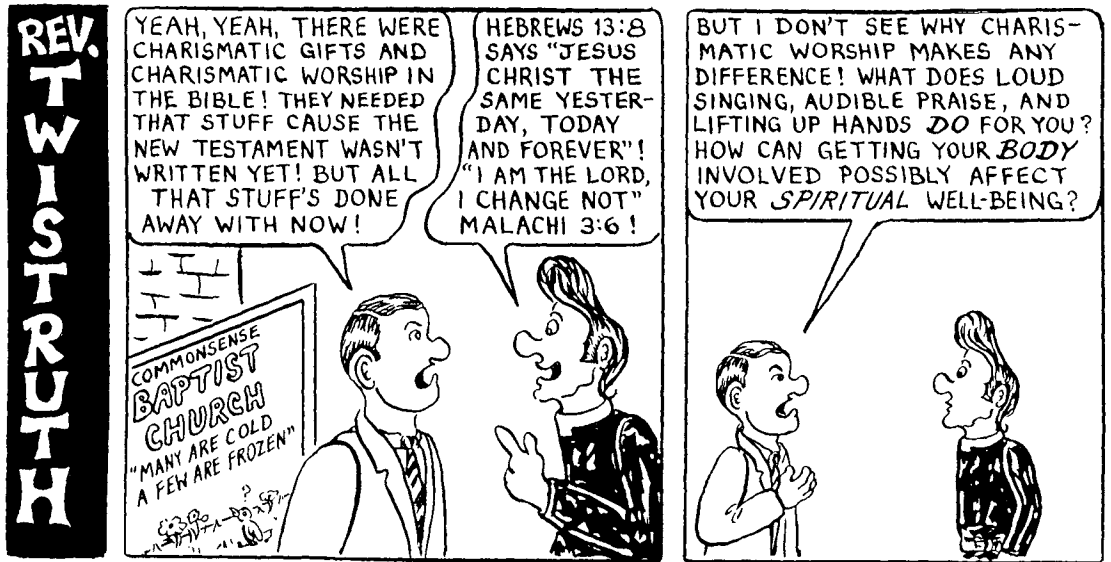


THE WORM IN THE WHISKEY DIED RIGHT AWAY, BUT THE WORM IN THE WATER IS STILL ALIVE! WHAT DOES THIS TEACH US, CHILDREN?

I KNOW! I KNOW! IF WE DRINK ENOUGH WHISKEY, WE WON'T GET WORMS!



Rick Chamberlin of *Petah Tikvah* suggested the idea for this cartoon. I forgot to credit Rick when I drew the cartoon.



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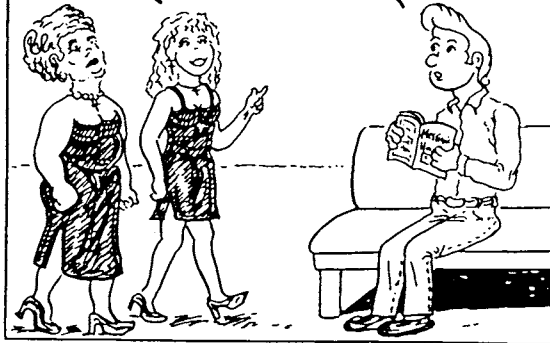
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WHAT ARE YOU READING CHESTER?

IT'S AN ARTICLE THAT NEWTON GAVE ME!



WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

SOME ARCHEOLOGICAL FIND-- SOMETHING THEY'RE CALLING THE ANCIENT MESSIANIC SEAL!



I WORRY ABOUT NEWTON! AND CHESTER, TOO! "THE ANCIENT MESSIANIC SEAL"-- THAT'S WEIRD!

YEAH! IT SURE IS...



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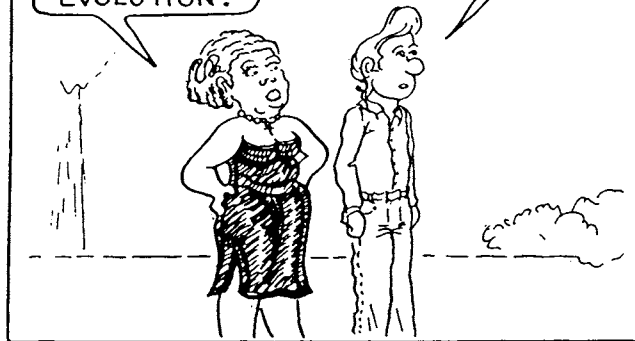


## "MONKEY BUSINESS"



THERE'S THE UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH! THEY DON'T BELIEVE THE BIBLE! THEY BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION!

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF HYMNS THEY SING?



ALL HAIL THE MIGHTY MONKEY,  
ALL HAIL THE ANCIENT CLAM,  
FROM WHICH THROUGH EVOLUTION  
I CAME TO BE A MAN!



ASCENDING FROM OUR MOLLUSK GOD,  
A GLORIOUS PATH WE TRAVEL,  
OUR COURSE COMMENCING IN THE MUD  
SHALL FINISH IN THE GRAVEL!



HYMN LYRICS BY H. L. HASTINGS



Rick Chamberlin suggested the idea for this one. It presented a challenge, because I did not want the Sacred Name to appear in a cartoon. Even after doing this version, I wondered if it might be too offensive to Jewish people, so before publishing it, I sent a copy to the late Rabbi Simcha Pearlmuter in Israel and asked him if he thought Jewish people would find it so offensive. He loved it and encouraged me to let Rick publish it, so I did. The cartoon below deals with another aspect of the Sacred Name subject, namely, the obsessive pre-occupation some people have with the correct pronunciation of the Name God.

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 "HIDING IT FROM THE GENTILES"



REV. TWISTRUTH, WE'RE READING ABOUT THE HEBREW PRONUNCIATION OF GOD'S NAME! ALL THE SOURCES AGREE HOW THE FIRST SYLLABLE IS PRONOUNCED, BUT THEY DISAGREE HOW THE SECOND SYLLABLE IS PRONOUNCED! SOME SAY "WEH" AND OTHERS INSIST IT'S "VEH"! HOW CAN WE KNOW?

LET'S GO TO THE JEWISH NEIGHBORHOOD AND ASK A JEW! THEY CAN TELL US!

EXCUSE ME, SIR! WE'RE CHRISTIANS STUDYING ABOUT THE HEBREW NAME OF GOD! I KNOW YOU WON'T SAY THE WHOLE NAME, BUT CAN YOU JUST TELL US HOW THE SECOND SYLLABLE IS PRONOUNCED? IS IT "WEH" OR "VEH"?

IT'S "VEH"

NOW WE KNOW! PRAISE THE LORD! THANK YOU, SIR! THANK YOU!

YOU'RE WELCOME

IDEA: RICK CHAMBERLIN

HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE YOUR FATHER'S NAME?

I SAY IT "JOE SMITH," SO IT RHYMES WITH "GO WITH"

BUT "SMITH" IS THE AMERICAN PRONUNCIATION! IF YOU LOOK AT THE ORIGINAL GERMAN, IT'S "JOE SHMITT," NOT "SMITH"!

THAT'S RIGHT! BUT TO BE CONSISTENT, YOU ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THE ORIGINAL GERMAN TO GET THE FIRST NAME RIGHT! THE "J" MAKES A "Y" SOUND IN GERMAN, SO IT'S REALLY "YOE SHMITT," NOT "JOE SHMITT"!

BUT "YOE" IS A CORRUPTION OF HIS REAL NAME! HIS REAL, FULL NAME IS "YOSEF SHMITT"!


THAT'S NOT QUITE CORRECT! I CHECKED THE ORIGINAL GERMAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE, AND HE HAS A MIDDLE NAME, SO HIS REAL FULL NAME IS WRITTEN "YOSEF FRANZ SHMITT"!

BUT THAT DOESN'T TELL US HOW HIS MIDDLE NAME IS PRONOUNCED! THE LETTER "A" CAN MAKE MORE THAN ONE SOUND! DOES "FRANZ" REALLY RHYME WITH "PANS"? OR WITH "PAWNS"? HMMM...

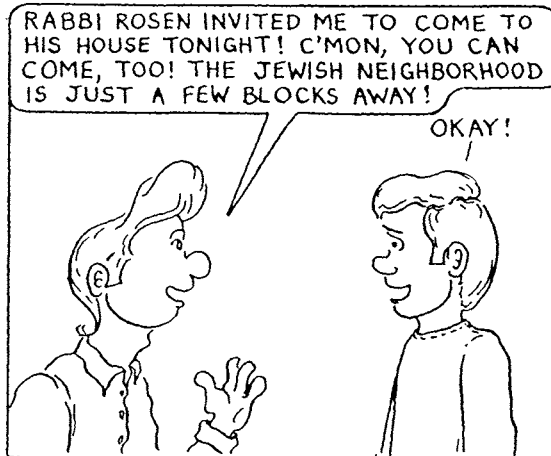
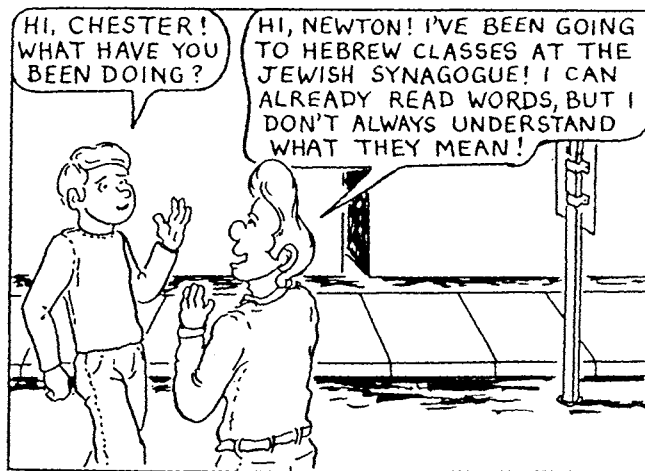
SIGH! I WISH THE BOYS WOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME WITH ME AS THEY SPEND ARGUING ABOUT MY NAME!

DADDY?


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"THE  
 MEZUZAH  
 MYSTERY"



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"FORBIDDEN  
 FLIGHT"



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"AMERICAN  
SUCKERS"



HI, REVEREND TWISTRUTH! CHESTER'S BEEN SINGING SOME "OLDIES" FROM THE 1960s! THIS ONE'S BY SIMON & CARBUNCLE!

When my son was about 16, he was playing guitar and singing Simon & Garfunkel's *America* in his cabin at a Christian Bible camp. When the camp counselor expressed his disapproval of a song about cigarettes, my quick-witted son immediately changed the lyrics...



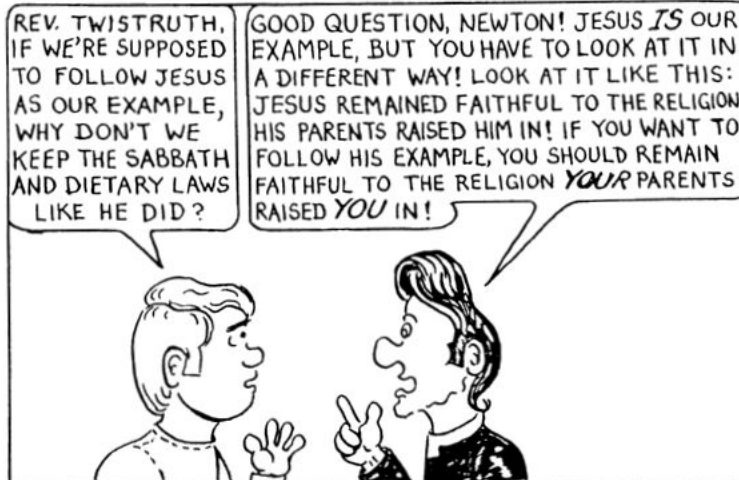
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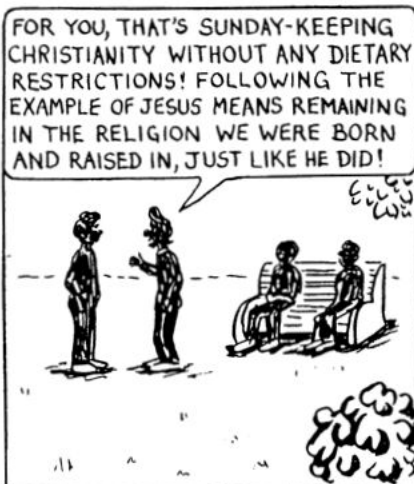
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"Surely our fathers have inherited lies..." Jer. 16:19


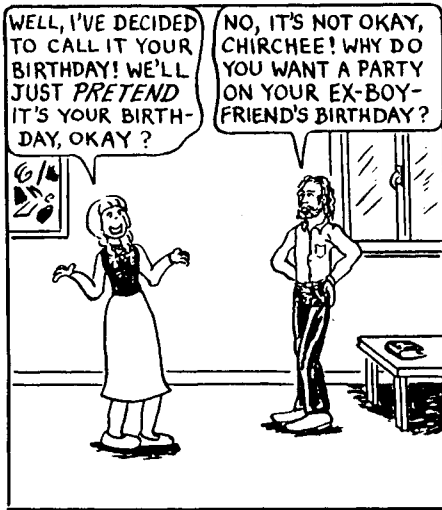


As if His being born and raised Jewish was merely incidental...



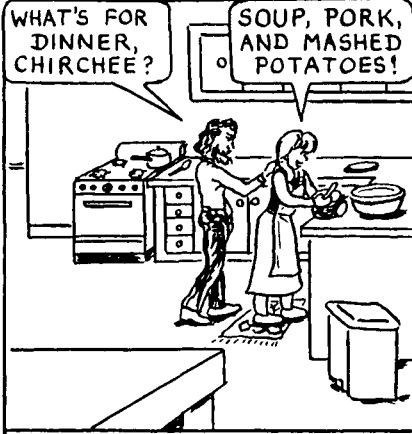
I got the idea for this cartoon from a husband-wife dialogue that a reader got from an e-mail post and sent to me. I gave names to the characters ("Joshua & Chirchee") and a title to the strip ("Joshua and his Gentile Bride") to make the message more apparent for some people who might not otherwise "get it." (Although I'm sure there will still be some who will read but not understand.) The dialogue I received had been modified from its original version, and I had to condense and modify it even more for this cartoon. I tried to find out the name of the author of the original dialogue, in order to give credit to him/her. The person who e-mailed it to my reader says: "My understanding is that it was originally written by John and Marlys Hardcastle." I do not know these names, but if they are the ones who originally came up with the idea, my congratulations to them - whoever they are and wherever they are. Great idea!

# JOSHUA THE JEW AND HIS GENTILE BRIDE

Daniel Botkin

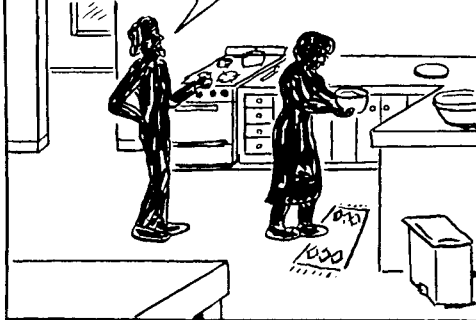
# JOSHUA THE JEW AND HIS GENTILE BRIDE



OKAY, OKAY! SO YOU DON'T CHANGE! THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOUR DIET CAN'T CHANGE, DOES IT?



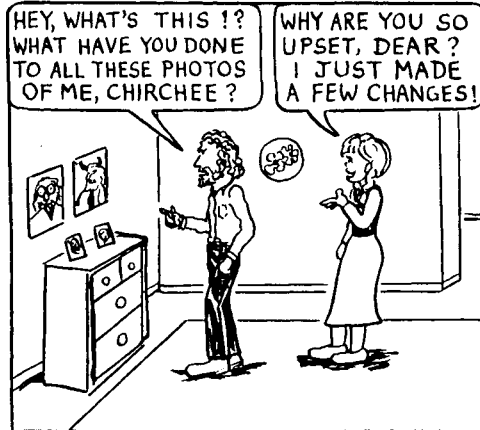
LISTEN, CHIRCHEE, YOU KNEW I WAS A JEW WHEN YOU MARRIED ME! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT ME TO DO, CONVERT TO YOUR GENTILE WAYS?



WELL, OF COURSE I DID! YOU DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO CONVERT TO YOUR WAYS, DID YOU? THAT WOULD BE SILLY! GIVE THE CLAM CHOWDER A STIR, WILL YOU?



# JOSHUA THE JEW AND HIS GENTILE BRIDE



IMPROVEMENTS? THESE CHANGES MAKE ME LOOK KIND OF LIKE YOUR OLD BOYFRIEND TAMMUZ!



YOU'RE SO JEALOUS, JOSHUA! JUST 'CAUSE I MADE YOUR PICTURES KINDA RESEMBLE TAMMUZ DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T LOVE YOU! I JUST CHANGED YOUR PICTURES-- I DIDN'T CHANGE YOU! YOU'RE THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER!



YOU'RE THE SUBSTANCE OF MY LIFE! THOSE OLD PICTURES OF YOU ARE JUST MERE SHADOWS OF YOU! WHY SHOULD YOU CARE WHAT I DO WITH THEM?



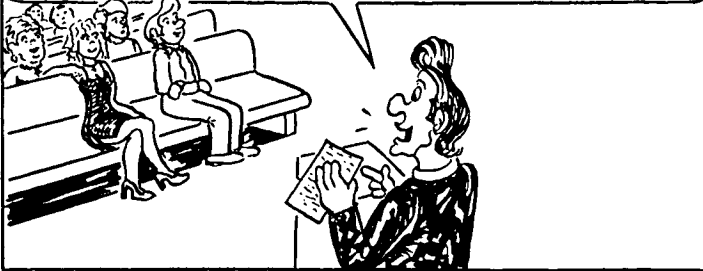
**REVEREND  
TWISTRUTH  
& HIS DISCIPLES**  
by Daniel Botkin



WE DON'T NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT OLD TESTAMENT COMMANDMENTS ANYMORE! WE'RE UNDER "THE LAW OF CHRIST"! WE'VE GOT A NEW AND IMPROVED SET OF RULES TO FOLLOW! PRAISE GOD!



WE'RE GONNA START A STUDY TONIGHT ON "THE LAW OF CHRIST"! FOR A STUDY GUIDE WE'LL BE USING THIS LIST OF VERSES CALLED "ALL THE COMMANDMENTS OF CHRIST"! THIS WILL HELP US SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW AND THE LAW OF CHRIST! IT LISTS THE CHAPTER AND VERSE FOR EVERY COMMANDMENT CHRIST GAVE DURING HIS MINISTRY!



LET'S SEE WHAT THE FIRST ONE SAYS! MATT. 4:17... "REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND"! THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT OF THE LAW OF CHRIST! WE MUST REPENT!

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT CHRIST GAVE IS IN MATT. 4:19... "FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN"! CHRIST COMMANDS US TO FOLLOW HIM AND BECOME SOUL-WINNERS!

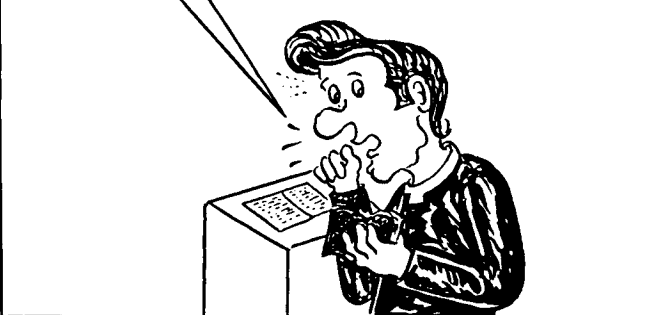
THE THIRD COMMANDMENT OF THE LAW OF CHRIST IS MATT. 5:12... "REJOICE AND BE EXCEEDING GLAD"! HOW ABOUT THAT? ONE OF THE LAWS OF CHRIST IS A COMMANDMENT TO REJOICE! GLORY!



THE NEXT COMMANDMENT CHRIST GAVE IS MATT. 5:16! "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN"! THESE NEW INSTRUCTIONS ARE SO MUCH BETTER THAN THOSE OLD COMMANDMENTS IN THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS!



LET'S SEE WHAT THE NEXT COMMANDMENT OF THE LAW OF CHRIST IS! HERE IT IS, MATT. 5:17... "THINK NOT... THINK NOT..." >COUGH-COUGH<... WELL, PRAISE GOD...



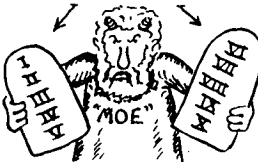
"THINK NOT," CHRIST SAID! THIS IS THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT OF THE LAW OF CHRIST: "THINK NOT"! OR, "DO NOT THINK" AS THE N.I.V. SAYS! WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ABOUT OUT OF TIME, SO LET'S STOP HERE AND OBEY THIS COMMANDMENT AND "THINK NOT"! DON'T THINK, JUST BELIEVE! AMEN!



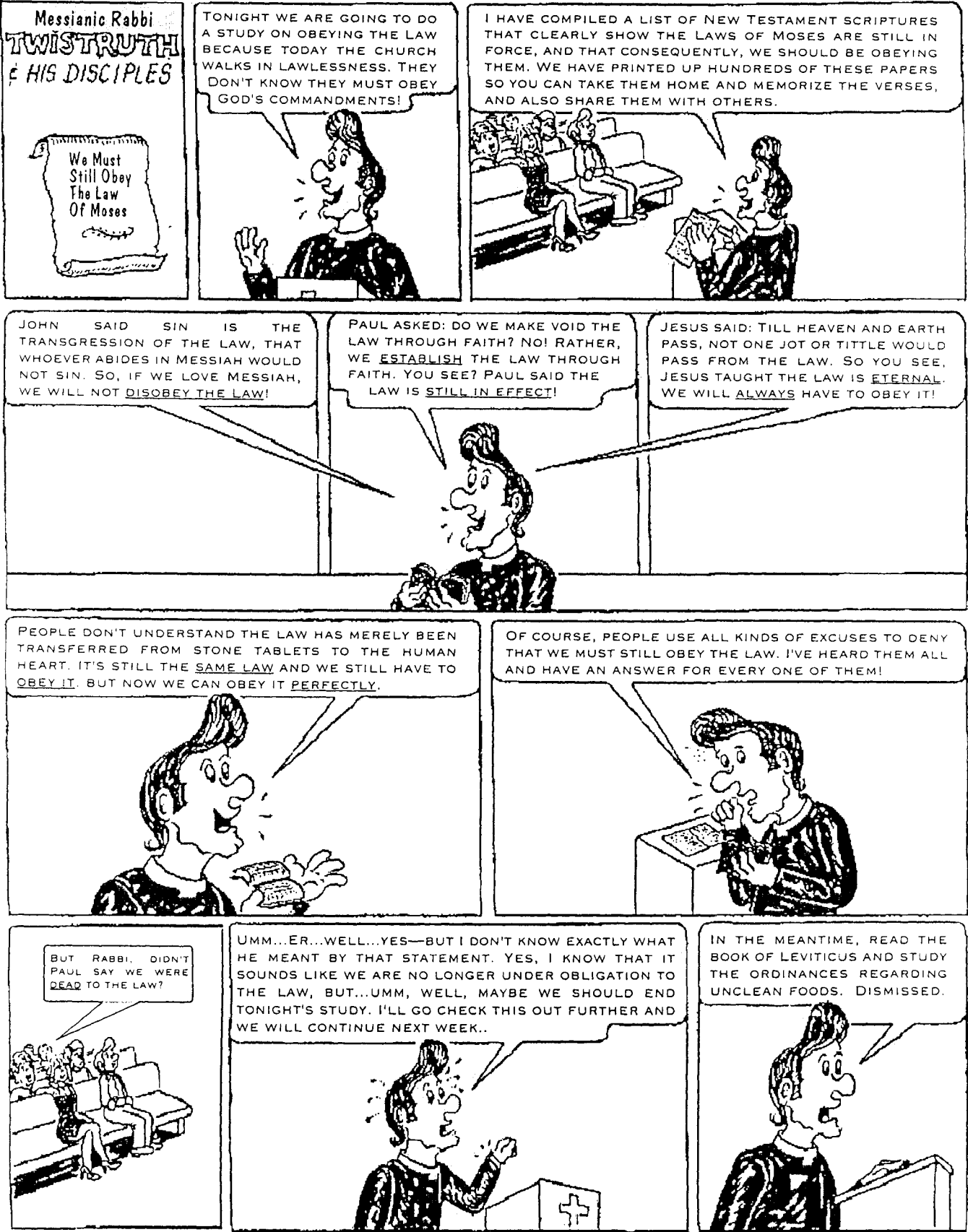
WE'LL CONTINUE THIS STUDY NEXT WEEK, AND START AT THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT OF THE LAW OF CHRIST! CHURCH DISMISSED!



**READERS:** LET'S PRAY THAT NONE OF REV. TWISTRUTH'S DISCIPLES OPEN THEIR BIBLES AND READ THE REST OF THIS COMMANDMENT OF CHRIST IN MATT. 5:17-19! IT MIGHT PUT THEM IN TERRIBLE BONDAGE!



After I published "Thou Shalt Not Think," a hot-headed, know-it-all anti-nomian on my mailing list used his computer to modify my cartoon. He sent me this copy of his modified version. I think I was more amused by his actions than I was by my own original cartoon. Notice that he even changed "Gates of Eden" in the bottom bar.

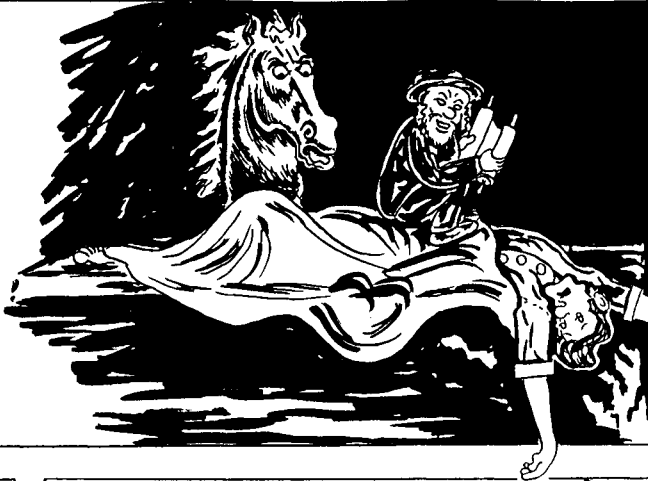


GATES OF LEGALISM



REVEREND  
TWISTRUTH'S  
NIGHTMARE

by Daniel Botkin



REV. TWISTRUTH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THESE "JEWS FOR JESUS" GROUPS! AS A CHRISTIAN MINISTER, MAYBE YOU CAN GIVE ME SOME ADVICE!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, RABBI ROSEN?

GLATT WK 4263100

Bagels-n-More

CLEANERS OPEN

WELL, THESE JEWS CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY, AND NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO PROSELYTIZE JEWS! THEY TELL JEWS THEY SHOULD BELIEVE IN THE CHRISTIAN SAVIOR, BUT STILL CONSIDER THEMSELVES JEWS!

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HERE'S ONE OF THEIR TRACTS: "WE DO NOT CONSIDER OURSELVES LESS JEWISH FOR FOLLOWING YESHUA-- ON THE CONTRARY, WE FEEL MORE JEWISH THAN EVER! THE FIRST FOLLOWERS OF YESHUA WERE ALL JEWS! WE PREFER TO THINK OF OURSELVES AS 'COMPLETED JEWS' RATHER THAN 'CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY!'"

CHUCKLE: WELL, RABBI ROSEN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT IT! I HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THESE GROUPS! YOU'LL HAVE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM YOURSELF!

SIGH: OKAY, THANKS ANYWAY!

LATER...

POOR RABBI ROSEN! HEH HEH HE SURE HAS A PROBLEM ON HIS HANDS! I'M GLAD IT'S HIS PROBLEM, AND NOT MINE!

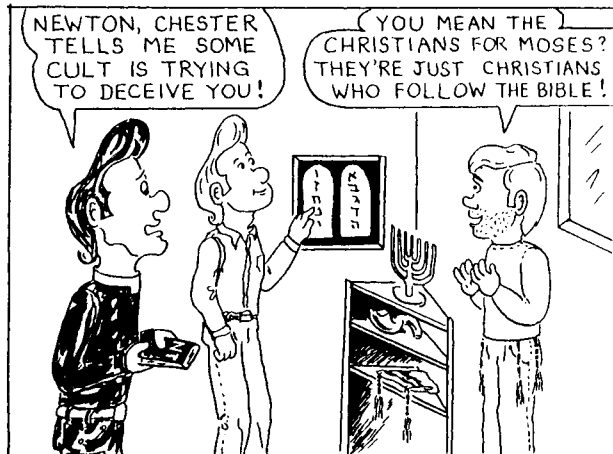
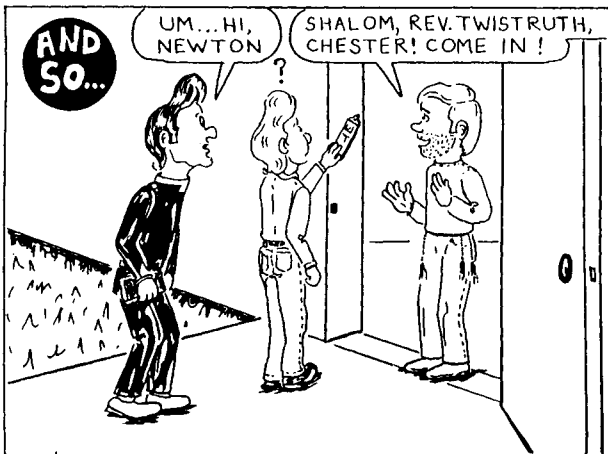
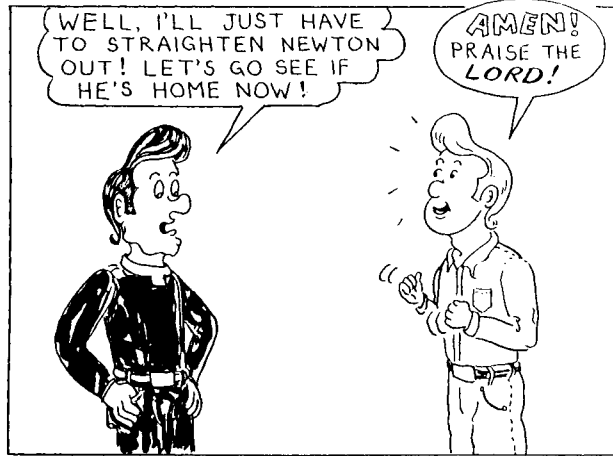
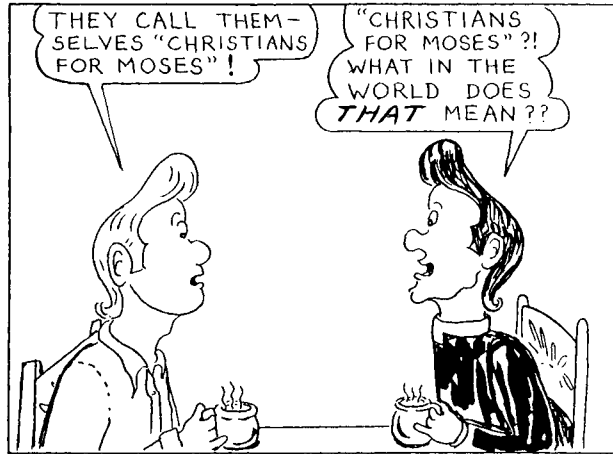
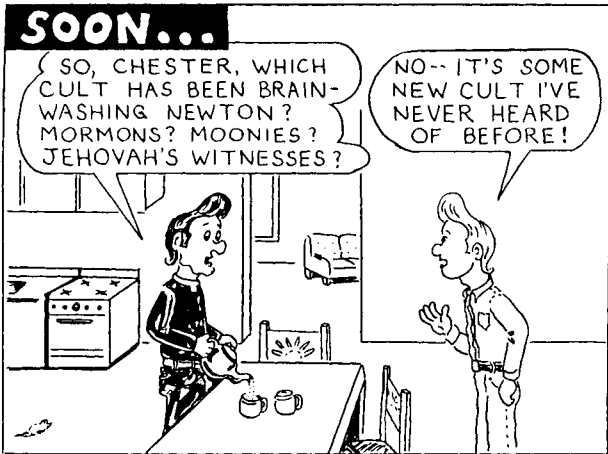
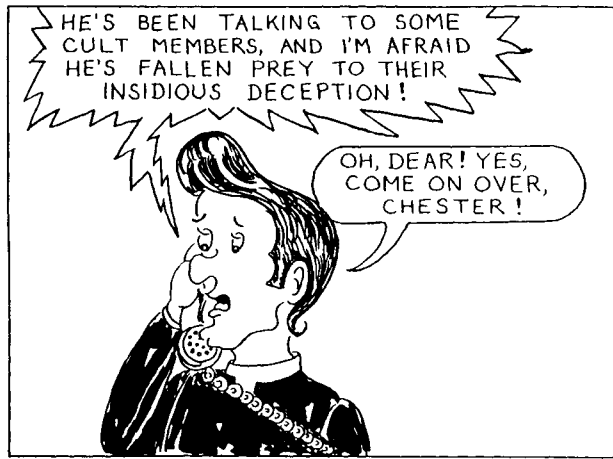
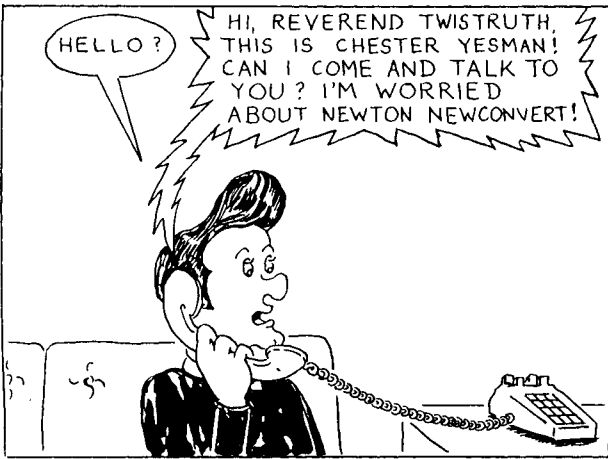
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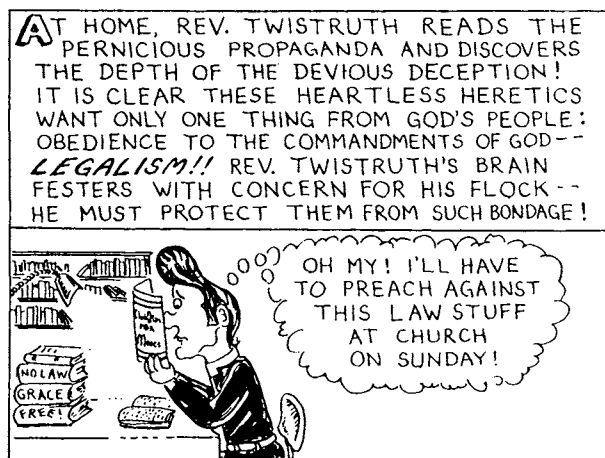
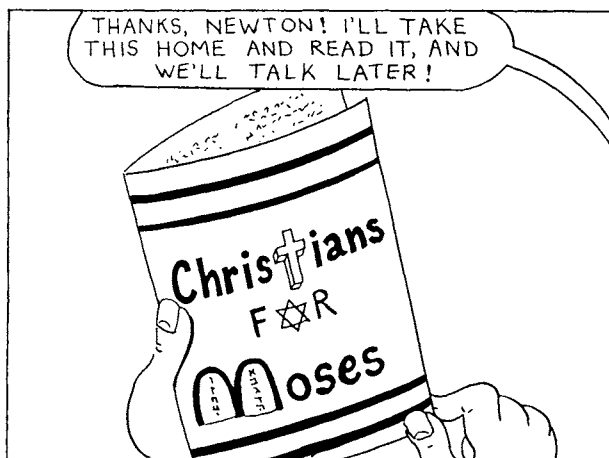
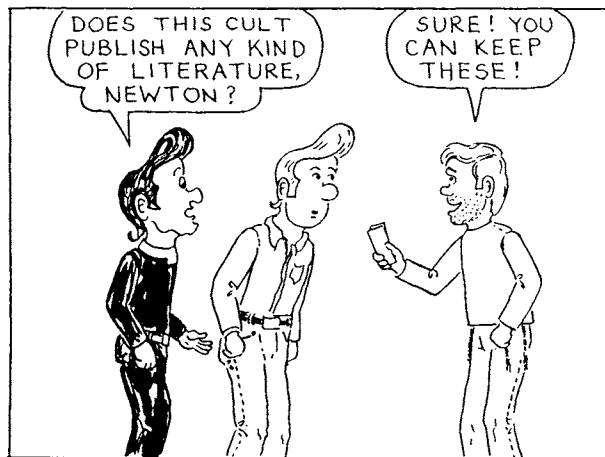
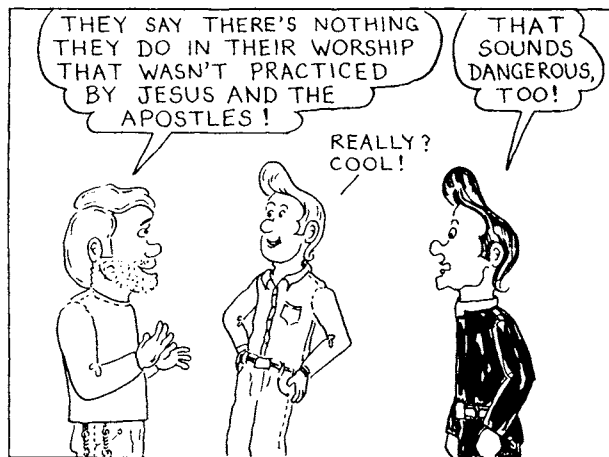
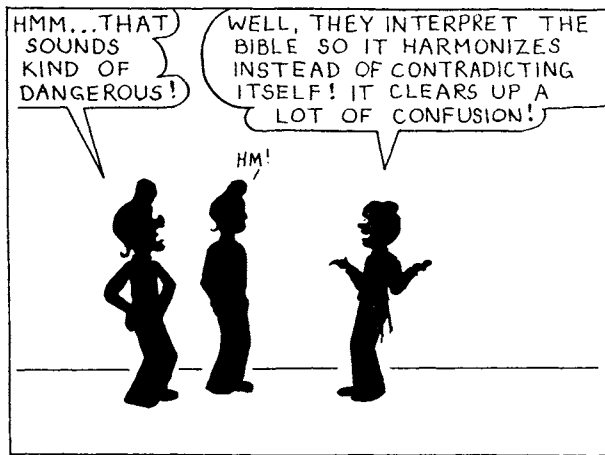
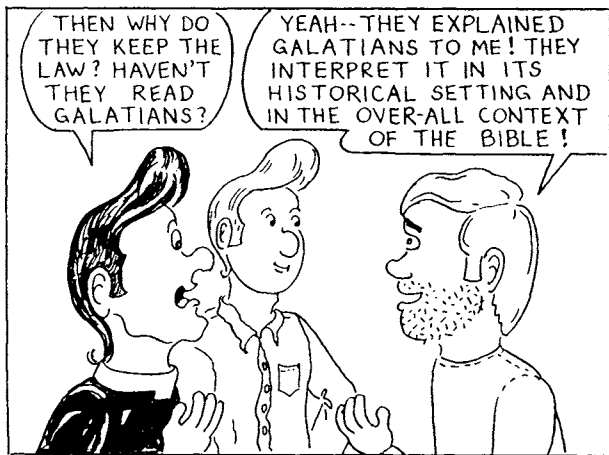
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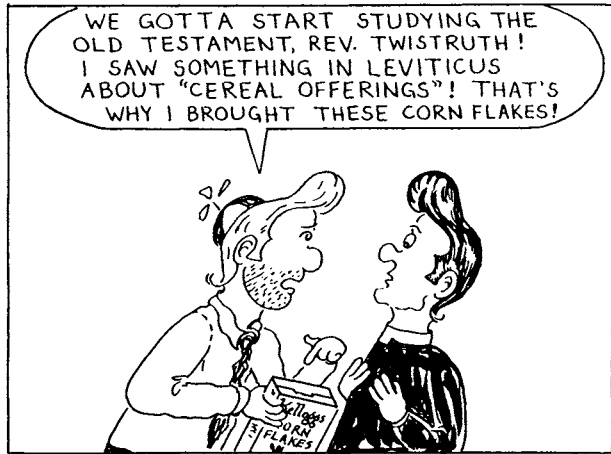
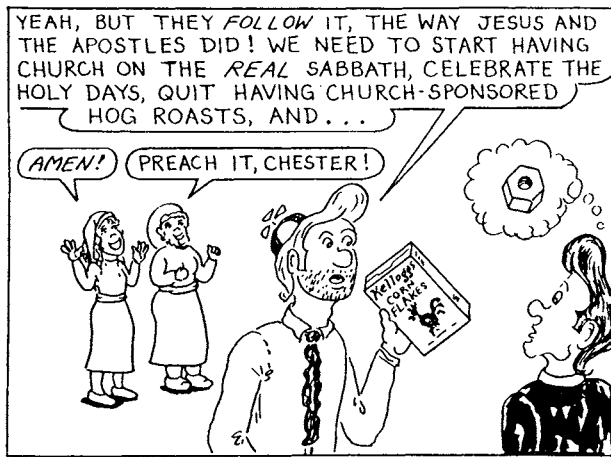
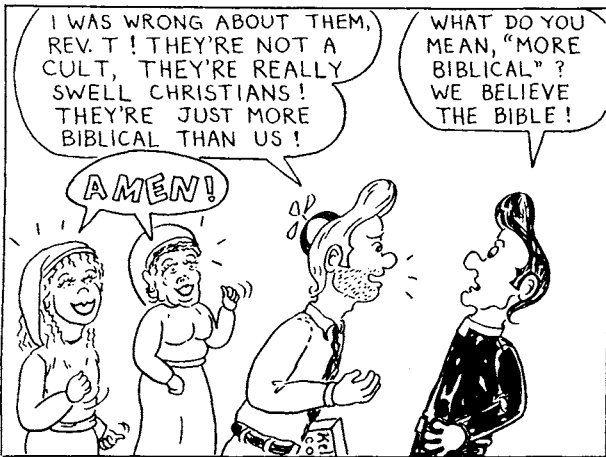
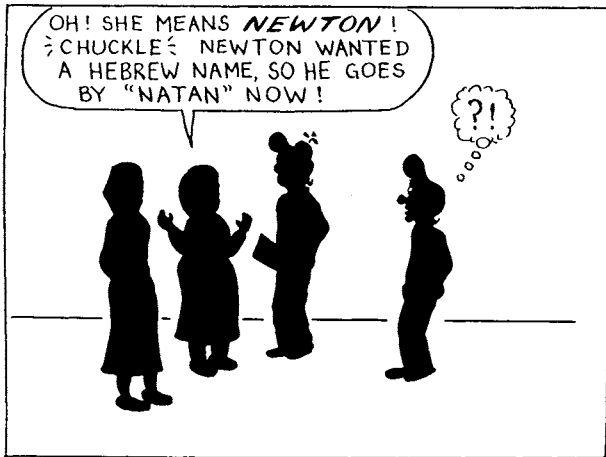
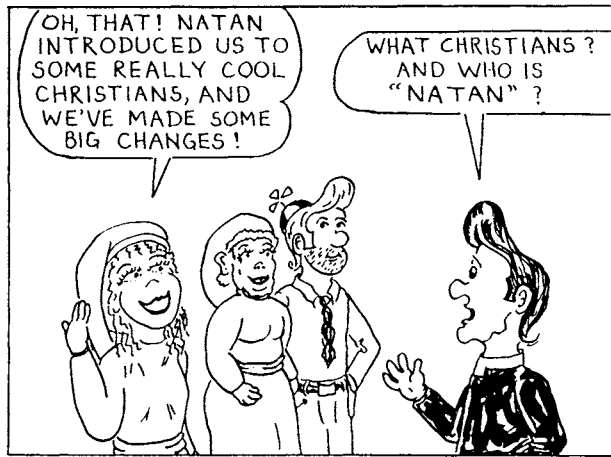
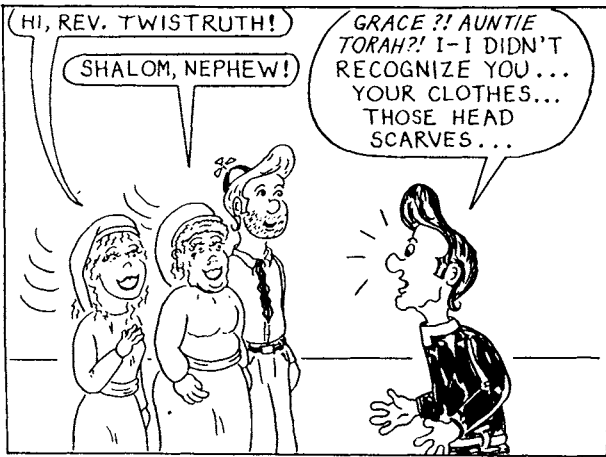
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...AND AFTER THE INFLUENCE OF ROMAN PAGANISM I EXPECTED! I CAN'T PREACH AGAINST THIS STUFF NOW! THEY ALL THINK IT'S GREAT! SERVICE STARTS IN THREE MINUTES! I'LL HAVE TO COME UP WITH A QUICK SERMON THAT WON'T OFFEND ANYONE!

CAUSE GODS WHO ORDER BUT JUST FROM THE GREAT HARLOT WITH FIRE FOR HER

WE NEED TO BURN THEM!

AMEN!  
AMEN!

**END OF SERMON...**

...SO LET US REMEMBER THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN! THAT'S WHAT BEING A CHRISTIAN IS ALL ABOUT! AMEN! NEWTON, WOULD YOU DISMISS US IN PRAYER?

SURE, REV. T!

יברכך ה' וישמרך יאר ה' פניו אליך ומנך ישא ה' פניו אליך וישם לך שלום

WHAT'S HE DOING? GIVING A MESSAGE IN TONGUES?

COOL!

THE LORD BLESS THEE AND KEEP THEE! THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON THEE AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO THEE! THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON THEE AND GIVE THEE PEACE!

GOOD! HE'S GIVING AN INTERPRETATION! I WON'T HAVE TO MAKE ONE UP!

THANKS, NEWTON! CHURCH DISMISSED!

I CAN'T WAIT FOR MY BEARD TO GROW OUT!

I WONDER IF WE'LL GET A TORAH SCROLL

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH ALL MY OLD CLOTHES!

MAYBE EVERETT WILL WANT A NEW NAME... "ELIEZER TWISTRUTH"... HMM...

THIS IS A NIGHTMARE! I NEED TO GO HOME AND DECIDE HOW TO STOP THIS MADNESS!

YOU NEW HERE?

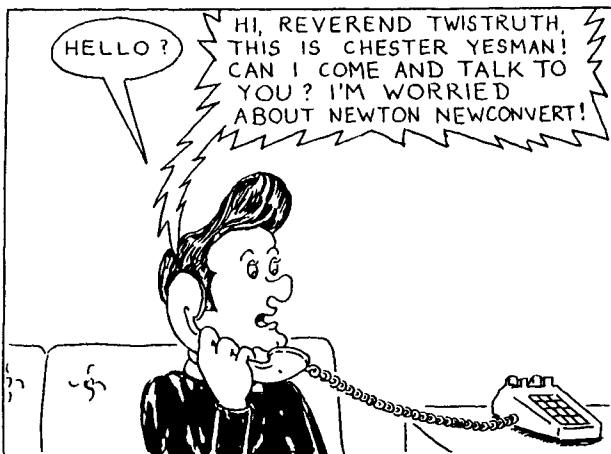
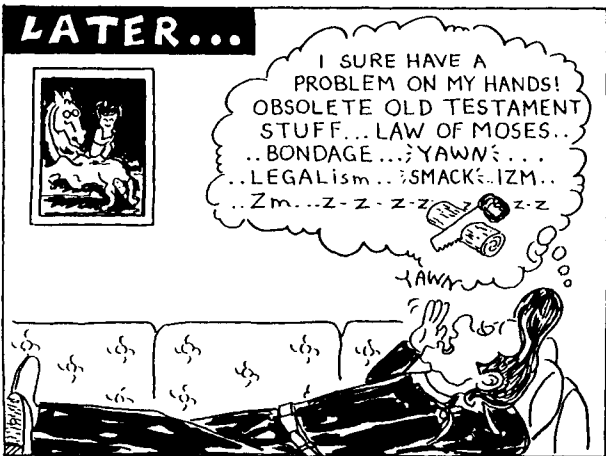
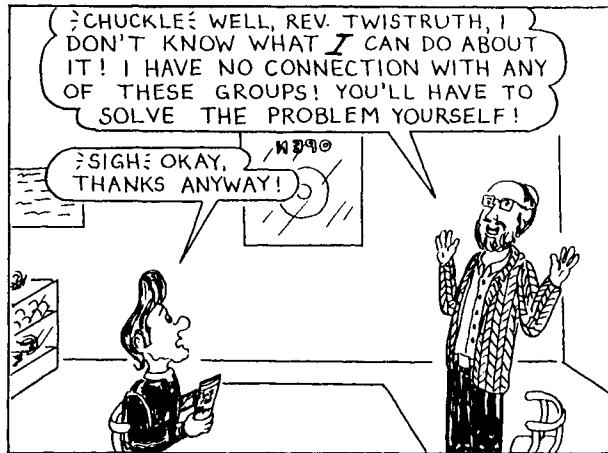
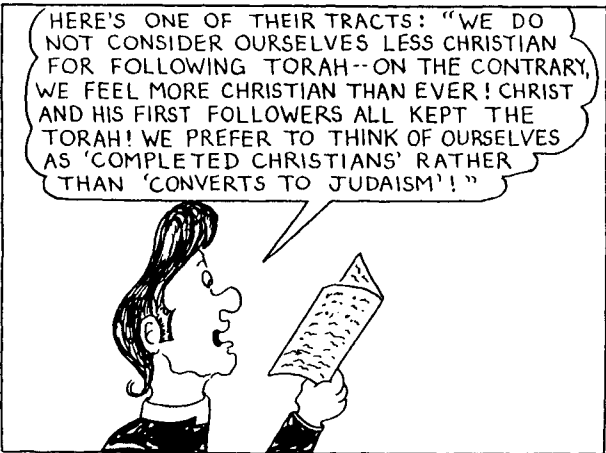
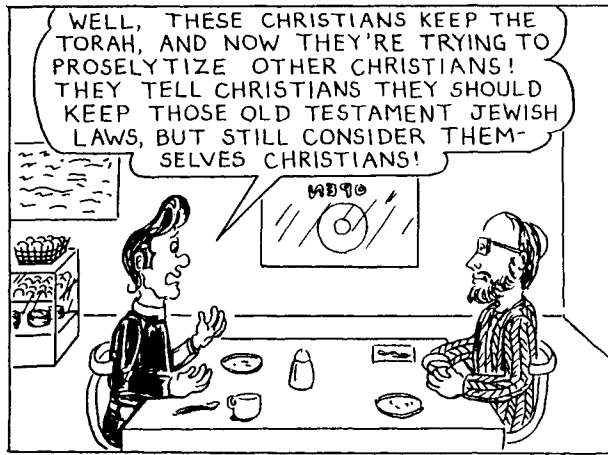
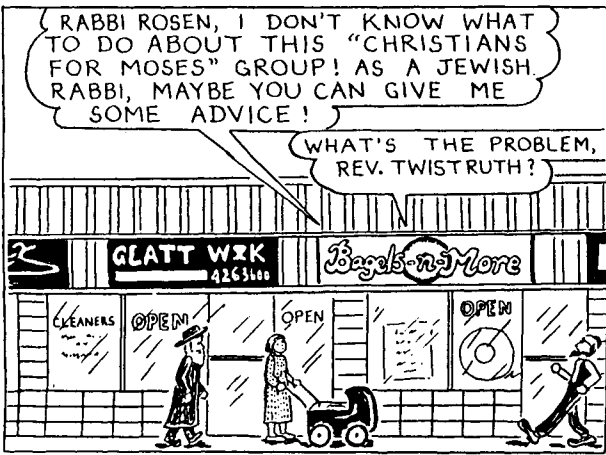
YEAH! I ESCAPED FROM A CHICK TRACT!

**AT HOME**

THESE CHRISTIANS FOR MOSES ARE REAL JUDAIZERS! I WONDER WHAT I OUGHT TO DO... RABBI ROSEN'S A JEW! I'LL CALL HIM FOR ADVICE!

RABBI ROSEN, THIS IS EVERETT TWISTRUTH! I HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP ME WITH! CAN WE TALK?

SURE, REV. TWISTRUTH! I'LL MEET YOU AT THE BAGEL SHOP IN ONE HOUR!



**THE END**

**SORT OF...**

# Reverend Twistruth Blues

Ian Michaels

E9

There goes Rev - rend Twist-truth He's such a lear - ned man  
He's do - ing it a - gain.

Who am I to ar - gue with this the - o - log - i - an he's been set free. He's been re -  
Teach-in' that the Sab-bath day is not for mod-ern man.

E9

deemed. Thinks he's de - liv - ered from the ways of El - o - him to be a

F#7 B7(b5) E9 To Coda ⊕

porkchop eat-in' Sab-bath break - in' Sun-day keep-in' li - ber - at-ed man.

1. 2. A7

He's got an ex-plan - a - tion for Co -

E9 A7 E9

los-sians two: six teen. He's got a mis-trans-la-tion that can prove just what he means. He

A7 E C# F#7

doe - sn't take the time to stop and learn the Fath-er's ways 'cuz he's too bu-sy Chri-stian-iz - ing

B7(b5) E9

pa - gan hol - i - days.

There goes Rev-rend Twist-truth why is he so confused

A7

Preachin' that the Ho - ly Tor - ah's on - ly for the Jews he's been set free He's been re -

E9

deemed thinks he's de - liv - ered from the ways of E - lo - him to be a

F#7 B7(b5) E9

porkchop eat - in' Sab - bath break - in' Sun - day keep - in' li - ber - a - ted man.

A7 E9

He can change his mood like Doc - tor Jek - yll Mis - ter Hyde the

A7 E9 A7

law is dead but when it needs to be it's still a - live His smor - gas - bord the - o - lo - gy has

E C# F#7 B7(b5) D.S. al Coda

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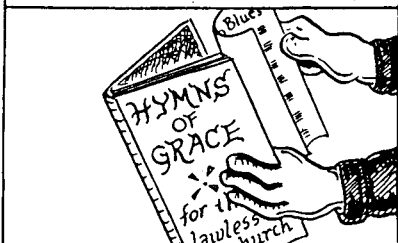
(Guitar lick.....)

**REV. TWISTRUTH BLUES**

**M**IDNIGHT SATURDAY NIGHT: A SOLITARY FIGURE EMBARKING ON A SECRET MISSION OF MISCHIEF CREEPS INTO REV. TWISTRUTH'S CHURCH...



**U**NDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS, THE LONE SABOTEUR GOES FROM PEW TO PEW AND INSERTS AN INCRIMINATING DOCUMENT INTO THE BACK OF EACH HYMNAL...



**T**HE NEXT MORNING DURING SUNDAY SERVICES, PANDEMONIUM ENSUES...

WHAT'S WRONG? THE WORSHIP LEADER WAS TAKING REQUESTS--A VISITOR REQUESTED PAGE 78! REV. T SAID OUR HYMN BOOKS HAVE ONLY 77 PAGES, BUT WHEN WE OPENED OUR HYMNALS WE MADE A HORRIBLE DISCOVERY!

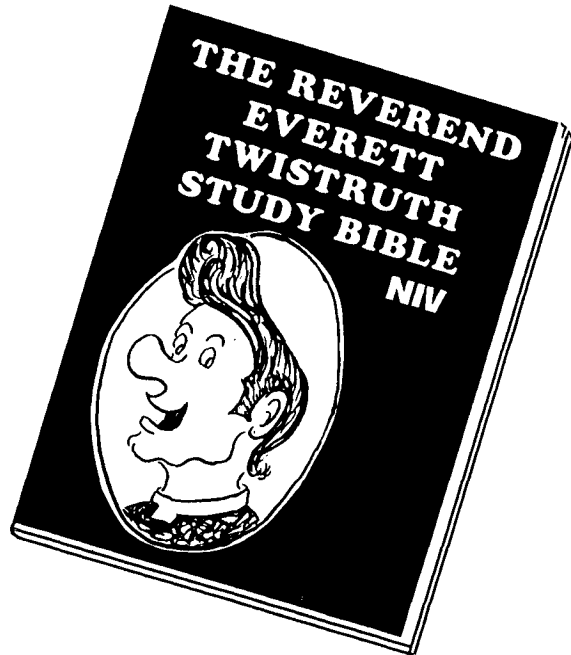
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'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"  
<sup>4</sup>And so John came, baptizing in the  
desert region and preaching a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>4</sup>  
*<sup>5</sup>John converted multitudes to Christian-  
ity to prepare the way for Christ.*

really are. For Christ, our Passover  
lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Therefore let  
us keep the Festival,<sup>6</sup> not with the old  
yeast, the yeast of malice and wicked-  
*<sup>7</sup>The "Festival" Paul refers to here is  
Easter.*

<sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to  
abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have  
not come to abolish them but to fulfill  
them.<sup>c</sup> I tell you the truth, until heaven  
*<sup>c</sup>God did not give His Son the authority  
to abolish the Law, but He did give Paul  
that authority.*

through that same faith. <sup>31</sup>Do we, then,  
nullify the law by this faith? Not at all!  
Rather, we uphold the law.<sup>d</sup>  
*<sup>2</sup>We do this by holding up the law and  
explaining to people that it's nullified  
because it's just bondage.*

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