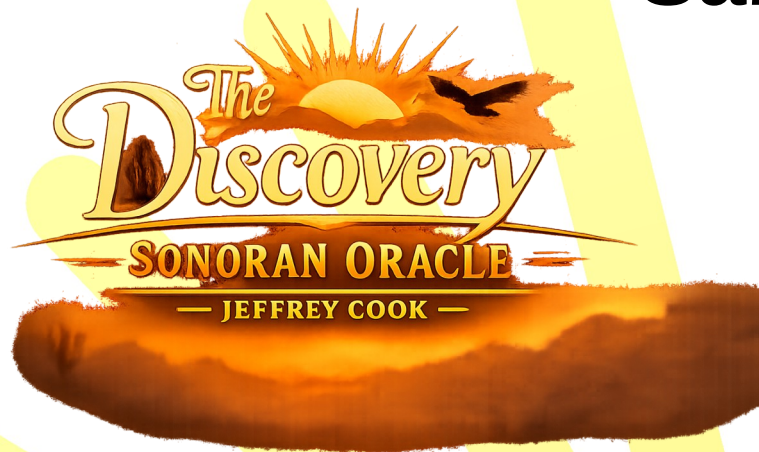


Dismissing the Sabbath



Ah yes. The Jewish Sabbath, Shabbat.

“That’s just for the Jews, right?”

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man

And one of HIS commandments was to keep the Sabbath holy, sacred.

Mark 2:27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

And neither of these two verses mention the Israelite’s, the Hebrews or the tribe of Judah, the Jews. Both of these verses are directed at all of humanity, mankind. Jew and Gentile alike. But for some reason, this truth has escape mainstream Christianity.

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The Faithful of Christianity have entrusted unto it's clergy, teachers and scholars to educate them in a more indepth understanding of the scriptures. Yet these 'learned ones' do not comprehend the ramifications of the historical, geographical and scriptural context under which the scriptures were formed and written.

Romans 14:5 One man esteemeth one day above another : another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

It is perceived by almost all that it doesn't matter if the Sabbath is observed or another day instead. But this verse is taken out of context. Read it from verse two through verse six.

Romans 14:2 For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

14:3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for Elohim hath received him.

14:4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for Elohim is able to make him stand.

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14:6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto Yahweh; and he that regardeth not the day, to Yahweh he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to Yahweh, for he giveth Elohim thanks; and he that eateth not, to Yahweh he eateth not, and giveth Elohim thanks.

During the time of the MESSIAH, there was a practice of fasting twice a week. Usually on Mondays and Thursday. Some would eat just herbs, others, would do a full fast, with no food or water. This caused some contentions with some of the populace, as found in verse four, and again in verse ten.

Romans 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Messiah.

A reference to the day fasting a week is found in Luke.

Luke 18:12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

Those who practiced either, a partial fast or a full fast, would perceive themselves holier than those who did not. While those did not fast question the practice of fasting when it was not required. Paul explains to them that it is a practice strictly between the practitioner and ELOHIM. If the practitioner feels in his heart, they are doing this on their own accord, in reverence to ELOHIM, they are not violating any of the commandments, then no one may judge them for doing so. At the same time, the practitioner needs to realize that this do not make them holier. These verses have nothing to do with the Sabbath. They are strictly related to dietary habits and fasting.

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But there is something else in Romans 14. Verse 2. ‘...another, who is weak, eateth herbs.’ This eludes to the vegan diet. Not that ‘Vegans’ are weak, but just as they would choose to fast two days a week in the past, the vegan chooses a different diet. As for the observer, it is not a matter of ‘keep your opinions to yourself’. They should have no opinion at all, but offer total respect of the vegan’s decision. For their decision is between them and YAHWEH.

Colossians 2:16 – The Truth About ‘Let No Man Judge You’

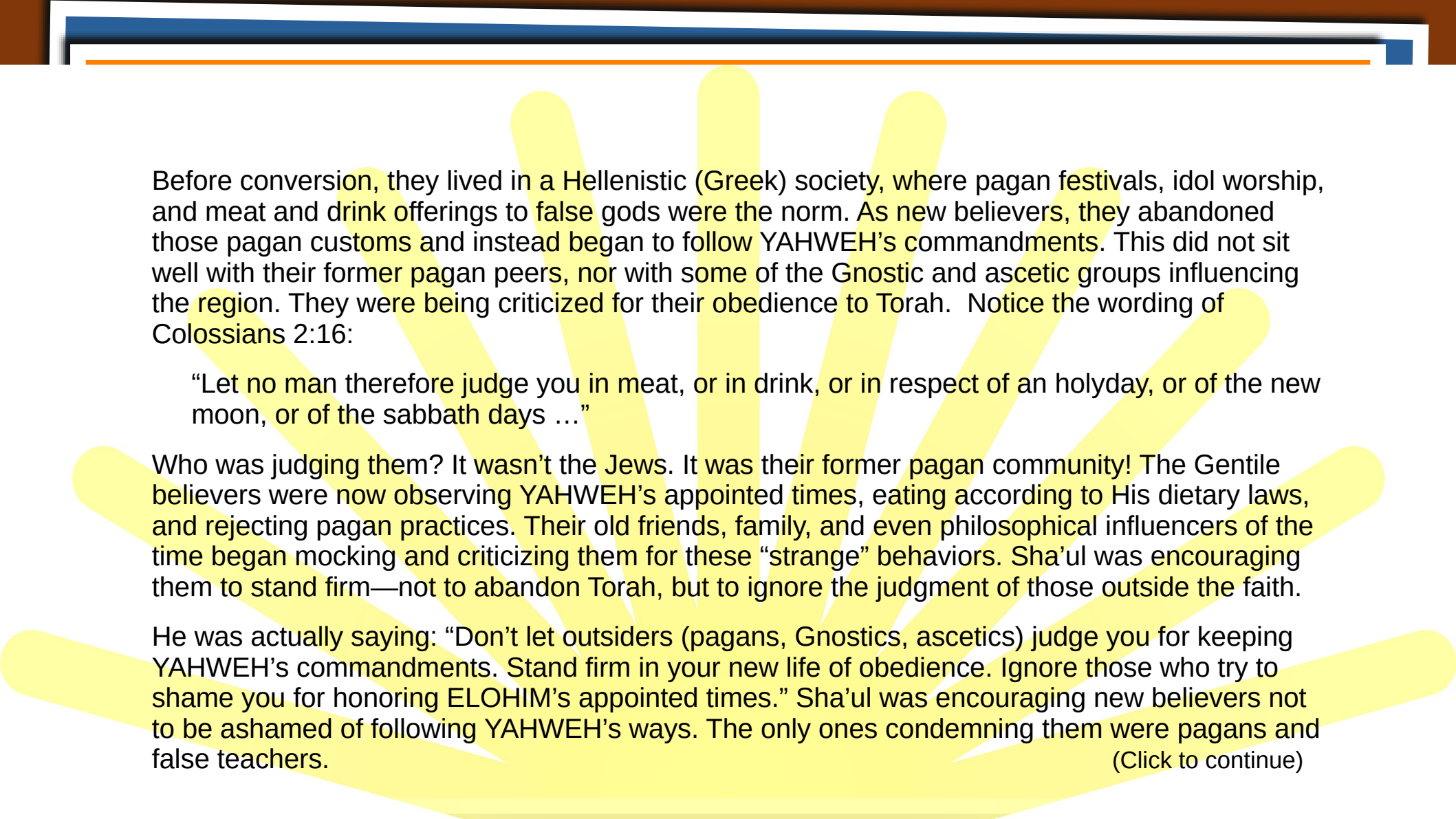
One of the most misused and misinterpreted verses in the New Testament is Colossians 2:16. Christianity has taken this passage and twisted it into a justification for abolishing the Sabbath, the Moedim (appointed times). For generations, mainstream Christianity has taught that this verse means: “You don’t have to keep the Sabbath or Moedim.”

Colossians 2:16 (KJV): “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:”

To understand Colossians 2:16-17, we must go back to 1st century Colossae and examine the historical and cultural backdrop.

Colossae was a Gentile city in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). The Colossians Were Gentile Converts to the Faith. The believers there had recently come out of paganism and had begun observing Torah—keeping the Sabbath and the Moedim. They were not Jewish.

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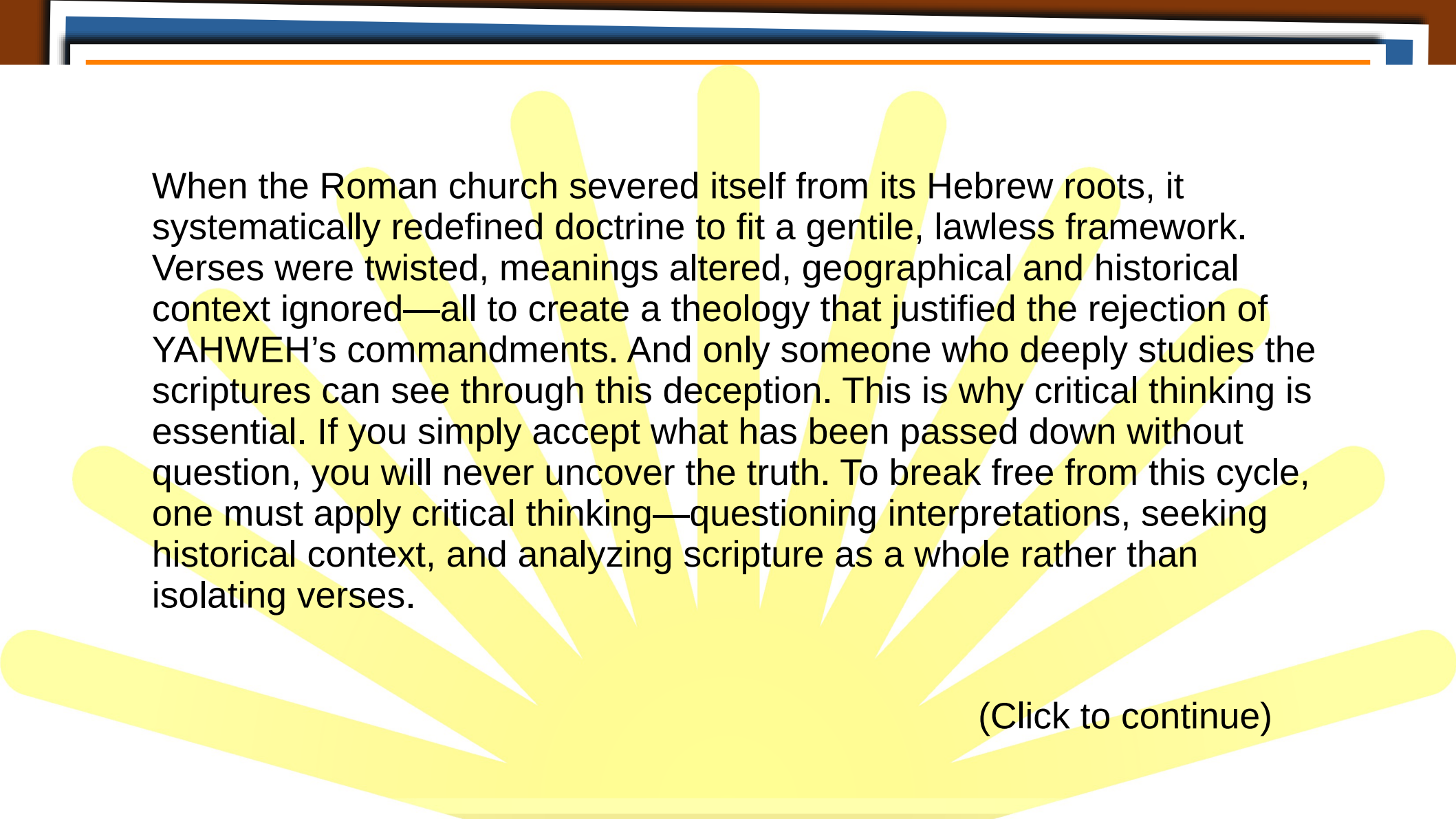
Before conversion, they lived in a Hellenistic (Greek) society, where pagan festivals, idol worship, and meat and drink offerings to false gods were the norm. As new believers, they abandoned those pagan customs and instead began to follow YAHWEH's commandments. This did not sit well with their former pagan peers, nor with some of the Gnostic and ascetic groups influencing the region. They were being criticized for their obedience to Torah. Notice the wording of Colossians 2:16:

“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days ...”

Who was judging them? It wasn't the Jews. It was their former pagan community! The Gentile believers were now observing YAHWEH's appointed times, eating according to His dietary laws, and rejecting pagan practices. Their old friends, family, and even philosophical influencers of the time began mocking and criticizing them for these “strange” behaviors. Sha'ul was encouraging them to stand firm—not to abandon Torah, but to ignore the judgment of those outside the faith.

He was actually saying: “Don't let outsiders (pagans, Gnostics, ascetics) judge you for keeping YAHWEH's commandments. Stand firm in your new life of obedience. Ignore those who try to shame you for honoring ELOHIM's appointed times.” Sha'ul was encouraging new believers not to be ashamed of following YAHWEH's ways. The only ones condemning them were pagans and false teachers.

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When the Roman church severed itself from its Hebrew roots, it systematically redefined doctrine to fit a gentile, lawless framework. Verses were twisted, meanings altered, geographical and historical context ignored—all to create a theology that justified the rejection of YAHWEH's commandments. And only someone who deeply studies the scriptures can see through this deception. This is why critical thinking is essential. If you simply accept what has been passed down without question, you will never uncover the truth. To break free from this cycle, one must apply critical thinking—questioning interpretations, seeking historical context, and analyzing scripture as a whole rather than isolating verses.

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