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THIS IS THE WAY!

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Apostle Jude commands us to "*earnestly (Gk.-struggle for) contend for THE FAITH which was once delivered unto the saints.*" (Jude 3) Do you really think the early church had church exactly as you did this past Lord's day? Are you struggling to figure out from scripture how church was conducted in Apostle Paul's day? Or are you just content to sing in the choir, "When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there"?

During the Great Depression, folks sat at home doing jigsaw puzzles. There was no work to be had. Some of these puzzles would have a thousand pieces, some as small as a dime. It would take up to six months to finally put the puzzle together. Once completed, they'd call in the neighbors to rejoice over their endurance for "enduring to the end." (Matt. 24:13)

Parable of the lost coin

This reminds me of the parable of the lost coin. In this parable a woman has ten pieces of silver given her as a dowry. If she loses one piece, her virginity could be in doubt. Our Master is soon to return. Are you busy attempting to find the missing scripture that causes the entire jigsaw mystery of the Bible to enfold? Or, through unbelief, have you just settled for religion? Are you "*at ease in Zion*"? (Amos 6:1)

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." (Lk. 15:10) While you're busy reading the 23 volumes of E.W. Kenyon's works on how to be a "little god," I am too busy working on this puzzle to come down off the wall. Any day now could be the day that you'll read in my newsletter, "*Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece*" which had been lost. (Lk. 15:9)

"Buy of me gold tried in the fire" (Rev. 3:18)

I used to take my children to Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. On one of these occasions I visited a make believe gold mine. It was so real, with the railroad tracks and a rail cart to haul the gold sitting on the tracks. While in that gold mine, God's Voice came booming to me, saying, "*Buy of me gold tried in the fire!*" By hearing His Voice, Revelation 3:18 was made to come alive! To buy, meant it cost me

something! One could imagine how hard these miners with a pick and shovel worked to find a vein. Once they found the vein, it would provide the direction in which to dig.

The scarlet thread is a vein that goes through the 66 books of the Bible. The scarlet thread is referring to the blood of the Lamb. Miners seeking gold never stop digging! Every time I write one of these letters that I write to feed others, I strike a little gold.

Often I have to take the gold I have found to the assayers to make sure it is not “fool’s gold.” The assayers, after putting the two or three witness litmus test to the gold, declare I have struck a vein, which prompts me to dig further until I get gold fever!

“Search the scriptures” is a command

The Bible instructs us further to become gold diggers. *“Search the scriptures (it is a command); for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and THEY ARE THEY which testify of me.”* (Jn. 5:39) Who are the “they”? Religionists who have *“a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.”* (2 Tim. 3:5)

It is only proven gold that you found if the assayer says it is. Often it is only “fool’s gold,” like the doctrine of becoming “little gods.” The assayers put the gold to a test, *“For precept must be upon precept, precept (commandment, or injunction) upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.”* (Isa. 28:10) Isaiah says if you do you’re digging properly, it will lead you to the Holy Ghost. *“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people...YET THEY WOULD NOT HEAR.”* (Isa. 28:11-12) Real gold diggers first get squatters rights to dig in their own mine. They don’t dig in E.W. Kenyon’s mine, etc.

Philadelphia Church

If you happen to be a member of a lukewarm church like Laodicea, Apostle John has written the instructions how to terminate that membership.

First, one must adhere to the principals as laid down in Apostle John’s “Rules and Regulations” recorded in Revelation 3:18. Once you are willing to comply with this counsel from the elders of the Philadelphia Church, they give you their right hand of fellowship and you are a member.

Apostle John’s “Rules and Regulations”:

#1 – *“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire.”* You must buy your own gold mine, the Bible, and swear you’ll dig!

#2 – Put on your *“white raiment”* (imputed righteousness).

#3 – *“Anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”* This speaks of the baptism of *“the Holy Ghost, and with fire* (fiery tongues).” (Matt. 3:11)

Erred through strong drink!

“But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of THE WAY through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.” (Isa. 28:7)

You might ask the question, “What in the world is Isaiah talking about?” Isaiah is talking about a typical Pentecostal worship service where the priest depends completely on the rock and roll musicians to whip people up until they are intoxicated by the wine (joy) and “erred through strong drink.” African tribes, under a witch doctor’s guidance, dancing around in a circle about a bonfire, whip themselves into a frenzy to where they get drunk on the wine of the spirit they are inhaling while going through their spiritual exercise, and *“regard not the work of the LORD.”* (Isa. 5:12)

Hell enlarged

The identical language is used in Isaiah 5:11-14 in describing the reason hell had to be enlarged. *“Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!”* (Isa. 5:11)

We must worship God, not only in spirit, but in truth, as well. *“But the hour cometh* (Yeshua told the woman of Samaria), *and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”* (Jn. 4:23-24)

Whenever you are worshiping in a church that is a family owned business with the pastor following the guidelines of what the IRS recognizes as a church (a non-profit religious incorporation), it is not much above the level of the witch doctors worship service in Africa.

God’s name is Jealous

The Greeks seek wisdom, hence they seek out “a man.” Man, left to his own devices, becomes a “representative of God,” like the Pope. God’s name is Jealous. *“For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”* (Ex. 34:14) Preachers will give you all kinds of different names for YWVH, but they never give you this one. It is swept under the carpet. In over 60 years in the church, I’ve never heard a single preacher ever give this name of YWVH. *“Jealousy is the rage of a man”* (Pro. 6:34), and as *“cruel as the grave.”* (Song 8:6) How about when God’s jealousy is stirred up? *“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”* (Heb. 10:31) There is no fear of YWVH in the 21st century church, which fear is *“the beginning of wisdom.”* (Ps. 111:10) Our entire society of religion is drunk on the intoxicating wine of Calvinism. This wine has numbed our feelings toward justice.

One has to be taught Calvinism

Dallas Theological Seminary, Darby-Scofield doctrine, could never be gleaned from a simple reading of the scriptures. You must be taught it by a teacher like Jerry Falwell.

The teacher then *“compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves”* (Matt. 23:15), because they are free to live like the devil and still go to heaven. Unconditional eternal security.

Robert Van Kampen’s wealth

Robert Van Kampen, a graduate of Wheaton College, in his attempt to find out what the Bible really teaches about the rapture, strayed from orthodoxy in his book called, The Sign. Orthodoxy being only that which DTS teaches as gospel. It is the plumb in deciding heresy in religion.

I’ve seen the denunciation of Robert Van Kampen from every periodical from the Reader’s Digest to the Midnight Cry to David R. Reagan’s monthly publication called The Lamb and The Lion Ministries. The fury created by this one book can only meet its equal in our own CIA and the liberal left’s hatred for George W. Bush. Bush was “one of them,” an ex-Skull and Bones of Yale University. Both John Kerry and George W. Bush were initiates into this secret society. But, poor Georgie had a drinking problem. Alcohol was going to destroy the man. He turned to Yeshua for help, and in so doing, became a born again believer. If he had turned to Alcoholics Anonymous for help, there would be none of the hatred we see today to destroy George W. Bush. To get out of Skull and Bones is like deciding you want out of the Mafia.

Marv Rosenthal and “Zion’s Hope”

Dr. David R. Reagan attributes the success of Messianic believer Marv Rosenthal’s ministry, “Zion’s Hope,” to the wealth of Van Kampen, not to the fact that his book proves the “pre-trib rapture doctrine” to be pure fantasy to raise money.

“It is doubtful that Rosenthal’s book (“The Pre-Wrath Rapture”) would have had much impact on Bible prophecy if it had not been for Van Kampen’s wealth. Van Kampen apparently subsidized the publishing of the book by buying thousands of copies and sending them to ministers all over North America. This is how the new position (on the rapture) was published. Later Van Kampen wrote a book of his own called, “The Sign” (1992). Like Rosenthal’s book, it was offered free of charge to pastors around the world. Before his death in 2000, Van Kampen wrote another book called, “The Rapture Question Answered: Plain and Simple” (1997).”

Orthodoxy can never stray from believing that all truth resides in DTS. God help us all.

Robert Van Kampen and Marv Rosenthal are on the same ship. Van Kampen was a Gentile, while Rosenthal is a Messianic Jew. In the vernacular of the Ship of Zion, Marv was the Captain and founder of “Zion’s Hope,” while the Gentile, Van Kampen, was the Commander. Van Kampen was a graduate of

the same school of theology as Billy Graham. This duet of Rosenthal and Van Kampen were the first warriors of the cross to penetrate the orthodox armor of John Darby's pre-trib rapture doctrine as a complete fabrication. No one is "left behind" that resists the spirit of Antichrist! Please read Marv Rosenthal's book, The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church.

Pilgrim's Progress

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." (Isa. 30:21) This scripture reminds me of John Bunyan's book, The Pilgrim's Progress. The Way was already laid out before him. He had to just stay on the King's Highway to come to the entrance of the Celestial City.

Every word that Yeshua said relative to eternal security of the believer is absolutely true, provided the recipient remains on the King's Highway. *"This is the way, walk ye in it."* To believe anything different is ludicrous. To exit from this Highway is to enter a new religion.

Pilgrim meets all sorts of people on this journey to the Celestial City. I tell folks, "I'm only a sojourner; this is not my home down here on earth. I'm just passing through your city in route to the Celestial City. Our paths may never cross again." No one I know seems to question my sincerity.

Preachers ignore entirely that there is a Highway

Life is full of choices. Family members who know nothing about any such Highway, or even that there is a Celestial City, will try to cause you to go to the right hand, or the left hand at the very next intersection. It is then you need to hear that Voice from behind you saying, *"This is THE WAY, walk ye in it."* In the book, The Pilgrim's Progress, Pilgrim knew the name of every man or woman who came upon the highway from either the left or the right. Pilgrim would meet Mr. Pride, Mrs. Jealousy, etc., and they would walk together for a while on the Highway, talking casually. If you know the name of the person you meet on the Highway, he is powerless in his persuasive speech to have you turn aside to the right or the left. *"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."* (Isa. 35:8)

To my knowledge, no preacher ever tells you that a highway even exists! We may not be believers in Falwell's Calvinism, but he has the loudest voice! Do you know how many people on earth know that "Coke is the real thing"? It resounds in every nation on earth until many believe it. Calvinism, on the other hand, teaches salvation is a seat in some church. You got it all while sitting or kneeling at an altar. What utter blasphemy! It's a walk! (1 Jn. 1:7)

"He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matt. 24:13)

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, IF ye CONTINUE in my word, THEN are ye my disciples indeed." (Jn. 8:31) *"IF ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard."* (Col. 1:23)

Yeshua speaks of the sower that went forth to sow. Some seed fell by the wayside, some the fowls (birds) came and devoured them up, some fell upon stoney places, some among thorns, and some fell on good ground. (Matt. 13:4-8) The Bible says, *“For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.”* (2 Pet. 2:21) Why? Because now they know just enough about religion to say, “Lord, Lord” in the temple, but exist as a tare growing up among the wheat. The tare is one that had received the seed that was sown by the highway, but then found his own religion.

Captain’s promise to his church

While pastoring my church, I informed my congregation, “As a church, we will not go after the money, the glory, the crowds, the church building or even exaltation of my reputation. You can have it all anytime you wish. We’ll have a shoebox at the back of the church. You’re welcome to help me pay the rent on this church, but if not, I’ll pay it. There will be no passing of the pans for your money or pledges or vows taken. However, this one thing I’ll promise you, while I am your pastor I’ll convince you that God comes down and speaks to His servant. When this happens, you will never be the same again. This understanding alone will cause you to be at the very least, religious all the days of your life.”

It was only by accident that I discovered THIS WAY was a highway. I was a baby in the Lord at age 21. I was old enough to be drafted, and was already classified 1A. That meant I could receive a letter in the mail any day that began with the words, “Greetings!” from the President of the United States. Before such a letter ever arrived, I had a dream. I dreamt that I had enlisted in the US Navy. 28 days later, after my enlistment, I was sent home with an Honorable Discharge. Wow! I never fully recovered from that experience! It was like God telling me, “This is THE WAY.” To a young 21 year old, this was living! What a God! The law of the land said every able-bodied man must serve time in the military. I was ecstatic to find another WAY than that of sitting on a bench in church.

“Hooked” on THE WAY

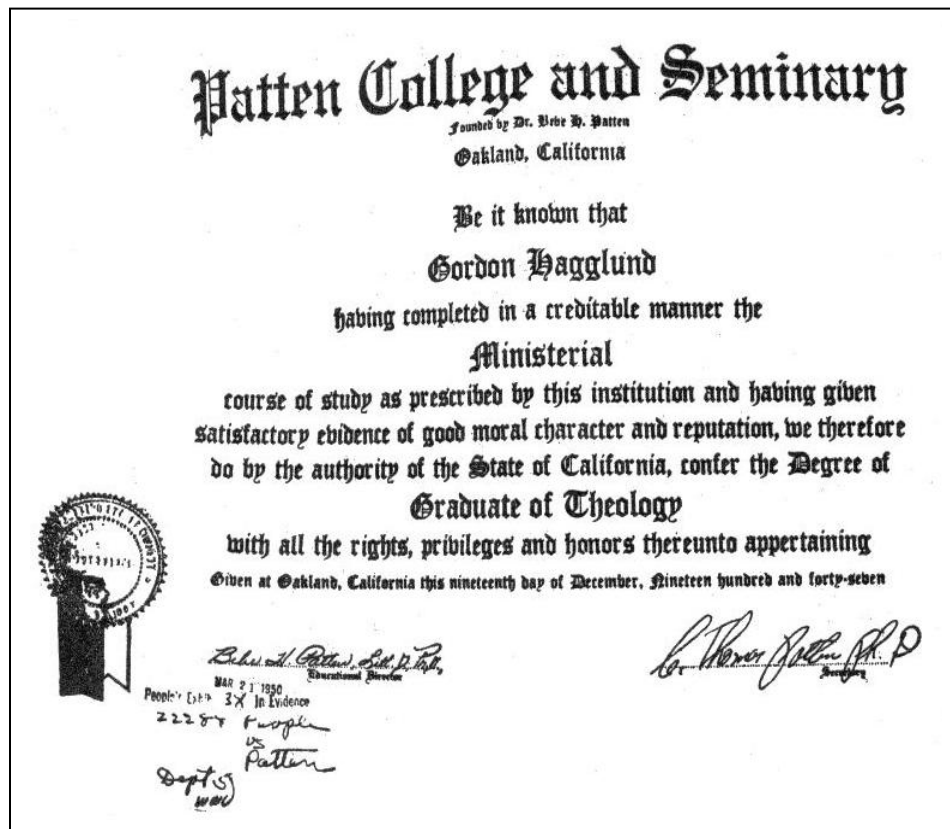
We live in a society where we see about us people that are “hookers,” and those that become hooked on everything their fleshly appetites cry out for from drugs, to alcohol, to illicit sex, to the worship of fame and money. I was forever “hooked” on hearing Yeshua’s Voice saying to me through direct communication, *“This is THE WAY, walk ye in it.”* (Isa. 30:21)

I was there in Oakland during Dr. Bebe Patten’s first 19-week revival meeting held in the largest auditoriums available in the city. We saw over 5,000 souls find Christ during that period of time. This was back about 1945, at a time when there was no one else having a revival. On the heels of that revival, Queen Bebe started a Bible College and a Seminary. I attended every service. Queen Bebe asked me personally if I would attend her Bible College. I answered her very directly, “I don’t believe in Bible Colleges because I can’t find them in the Bible, however, if God shows me to attend your Bible College, I’ll sign up.” One gets hooked on a directive from the Holy Ghost before an affirmative answer. That very same night I received a dream from Yeshua. In this dream I was sitting in a classroom at a desk.

Hence, the next day, I was a student at Oakland Bible Institute where I remained until graduation three years later. I was ordained by both Dr. Bebe H. Patten and her business-manager husband, Carl Thomas Patten as a “Minister for Eternity.”

I became an ordained minister while walking in THE WAY. Are you in THE WAY? Or are you in a religion? While you’re in THE WAY, you have a deep settled peace within your soul that Yeshua lives with you. *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.”* This ever-abiding peace that resides within you is a witness you are in THE WAY. Therefore, Yeshua adds, *“Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”* (Jn. 14:27)

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matt. 11:30) God will never put a yoke and a burden upon you that you cannot bear. We hear so much about preacher burn out in our religious world. They take on a yoke as a “hireling” or a “lord” and wonder why they burn out. It is unnatural for mere man to be a mediator between YHWH and man by acting “as gods.” (Gen. 3:5)



“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged (stress is the number one killer of mankind) with surfeiting (seizure of pain, a headache, from drunkenness, a glut), and drunkenness, and cares of this life (gorging in debt with credit cards), and so that day (of rapture) come upon you unawares. For as a snare (a trap) shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.” (Lk. 21:34-35)

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My ways are not your ways

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.” God is plainly telling all of us, *“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* (Isa. 55:8-9)

I was in the process of preparing a sermon to preach in my church in Hayward, Calif., when suddenly the Holy Ghost said unto me very distinctively, “Neither to the right hand, nor the left.” I was

shocked. Now just what is that supposed to mean? Immediately I went to my Strong's Concordance to find out if these words were even in the Bible. I had never heard them used in any pulpit preaching I ever heard.

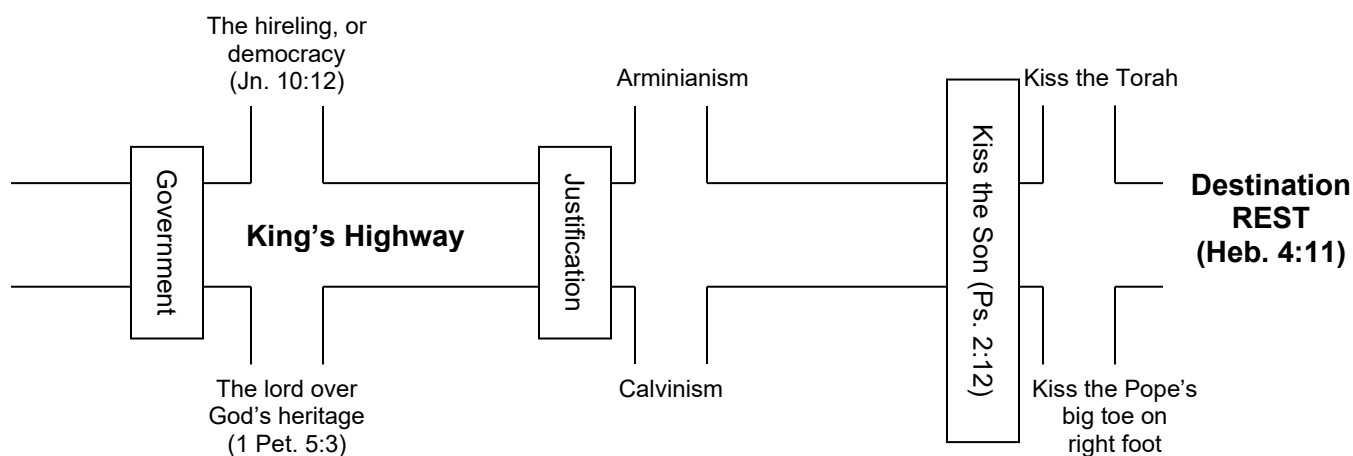
Through some 60 years of following Yeshua in THE WAY, I've found the Lord to be a God of few words. From my experience, just a word or two can speak volumes because He has the "key of knowledge" we don't.

I found the words, "Neither to the right hand nor the left," recorded 51 times in the Bible. The doctrine of a virgin giving birth to Messiah is only recorded three times in scripture, "*Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*" (Isa. 7:14, Matt. 1:23 & Lk. 1:27) Our entire Christian faith hangs on just one word, "virgin," in Isaiah 7:14. Change that to read "maiden," as some translations do, and now you have tainted blood in which to place your trust, to wash your sins away.

Man's way is either to the right hand or the left

What God is instructing "The Students in THE WAY," is that man's way is continually either to the right hand, or the left on any given subject. I was utterly amazed to discover this!

Let me attempt to give you an example by showing you a Highway with various intersections.



My ways are not your ways, and in essence God is saying, your ways are left and right, black and white, Republican or Democrat, right or wrong, religious or atheist, Arminianism or Calvinism, Catholic or Jew. This is the way man functions, hence we are "*ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*" (2 Tim. 3:7)

I trust through this newsletter I have convinced you of the existence of a Highway. In scattering seed, the wayfaring man (the traveler) must have been on a highway scattering his seed for some of the seed fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up. These birds are demons that snatch

up the seed the moment it is sown. Some fell on stoney places, like the stones along any highway that hasn't much earth to grow in, and some among thorns. These thorns, or hypocrites, literally choke the word by their atheistic beliefs.

Was the sower (Matt. 13:3) sowing along the highway?

I've been sowing seed by the wayside of the King's Highway for years. Folks in religion never hear Yeshua's Voice. They have detoured off THE WAY. *"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* (Prov. 16:25) If you are in THE WAY, *"and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee (voice of Yeshua), saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."* (Isa. 30:21)

Every highway has a destination. Do you know the destination of this highway we are on?

In attempting to discover the destination of any highway, we first check the roadmap. The roadmap, which in our case is the Bible, will point us in the right direction so we can arrive at our destination. The road may be all lit up and a broad way, and even look desirable to travel on, but if it is going the wrong direction, we've got to get off that highway.

The highway we seek must be like one of those Northeastern toll highways that has an entrance we'll call a gate. It costs to get on the highway to lead to our destination. *"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat (This is not a toll highway, and cost nothing to go on the broad way): because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."* (Matt. 7:13-14) One must be willing to take up their cross (Mk. 10:21) as the toll fee to even get through the gate. *"Come unto me (the Door of John 10:9), all ye that labour (in religion) and are heavy laden (by the pledges and vows to the temple), and I will give you rest."* (Matt. 11:28) Yeshua is speaking of rest from religiosity. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."* (Eph. 2:8-9)

Yeshua is telling us our destination! *"Come unto me"* (you must go through the Door) for, *"I am the door"* (Jn. 10:9) to this toll highway that will lead you to that city called REST.

Did Barnabas, one of the 70, write the roadmap called Hebrews?

I believe the book of Hebrews was written by a Messianic Jew named, Barnabas. Apparently, we have to depend on this one guide to get us to our desired destination. Barnabas, having been made an Apostle when Jesus chose the seventy, instructed Paul about going "two by two." (Lk. 10:1) Just as Calvinists would like to discard James from the Canon, many Jews would likewise discard Hebrews. Without this guide called Barnabas, that we trust emphatically, we don't have a prayer to give answers to both extreme Calvinists and legalistic Judaizing ministers like the Apostle Paul denounced in Galatia. *"Oh foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Yeshua hath been...crucified among you?"* (Gal. 3:1) Paul is saying that by listening to these preachers

in your church, you are witnessing another crucifixion by causing the law to be resurrected. The Apostle says plainly, *"The law is not of faith."* (Gal. 3:12) The law is for the lawless. *"The law is not made for a righteous man."* (1 Tim. 1:9) *"But when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died."* (Rom. 7:9)

Yeshua "after the flesh," is a minister of the circumcision (Rom. 15:8)

Yeshua after the flesh, is *"a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God"* (Rom. 15:8), as was James the Less, the half-brother of Jesus. *"Thou seest, brother (Paul), how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and THEY ARE ALL ZEALOUS OF THE LAW."* (Acts 21:20) James was giving a litmus test. *"Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them,"* as proof that *"thou thyself also walkest orderly (according to Torah), and keepest the law."* (Acts 21:23-24) James will not open up his pulpit in Jerusalem to Paul unless he passes James' self-imposed litmus test. Exactly what the Democrats are demanding of Samuel Alito if he is to get their vote of confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Yeshua "after the flesh" is a type of Moses

The Yeshua "after the flesh" is a type of Moses who could lead you right up to the Promised Land, but he could not go in. Moses had to appoint Joshua to take God's people across that Jordan. This is why the writer to the Hebrews said, *"For if Yeshua had given them REST, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day."* (Heb. 4:8) The "another day" is when another Joshua (type of the Comforter to come) would lead us across the Jordan away from the wilderness of religion where we have been wandering for 40 years. *"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us LABOUR THEREFORE TO ENTER INTO THAT REST (type of the Promised Land), lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."* (Heb. 4:9-11) *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever."* (Jn. 14:16) Joshua, a type of the Comforter, can lead us to our destination—REST.

"I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the WISE and PRUDENT (mentally have it together), and hast revealed them unto BABES. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:25-28) (The other prayer, Matthew 6:9-15, is the disciple's prayer, "Lord, teach us to pray.")