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  - **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Winter Writer's Nonfiction Writing Class**, Sat., **Jan. 27**, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). A non-fiction writing class with Steven Veatch, for teachers and learners of all ages. Cost: \$35 adults (\$30 for members), \$7 students age 21 and under. Advance registration required. RSVP & Info: 488-0880, [info@wmmi.org](mailto:info@wmmi.org), [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org).
  - **Gallery 132: Jewelry Trunk Show**, Sat., **Jan. 27**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 251 Front St., Suite 8, Monument. Shop locally made items at this local artisan cooperative. See ad on page 10. Info: 375-8187, [info@gallery132.com](mailto:info@gallery132.com), [www.gallery132.com](http://www.gallery132.com).
  - **St. Peter Catholic School Open House**, Sun., **Jan. 28**, 12:30-2:30 p.m., 124 First St., Monument. Preschool through 8th grade, academics, athletics, and more. See ad on page 2. Info: 481-1855, [petertherockschool.org](http://petertherockschool.org).
  - **High Altitude Gardening**, Tue., **Jan. 30**, 10-11:30 a.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 166 2nd St., Monument. A free class on best practices and plant selection to handle wildlife and wild weather; coffee and snacks. Repeats Feb. 7, 5-6:30 p.m. RSVP & Info: Cassie Olgren, 481-2954, [colgren@tomgov.org](mailto:colgren@tomgov.org).
  - **2017 State of the Region Lunch**, Wed., **Jan. 31**, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Great Wolf Lodge, 9494 Federal Dr., Colo. Springs. Commissioner Darryl Glenn and other elected officials will speak. Advance registration required. Cost: Members, \$37; nonmembers \$42. RSVP & Info: 481-3282, [www.trilakeschamber.com](http://www.trilakeschamber.com).
  - **Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)**, Wed.-Sat., **Jan. 31-Feb. 3**, 6-10 p.m. Wed.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.; Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Learn the basics of how to respond to a disaster or emergency in this free course given by the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management. Register at [www.epccertfeb17.eventzilla.net](http://www.epccertfeb17.eventzilla.net). See ad on page 10. Info: Robin, 575-8858.
  - **Palmer Lake Art Group Winter Art Show & Sale Opening Reception**, Fri., **Feb. 2**, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Come celebrate the opening of the show and meet the local artists. The show runs Jan. 30-Feb. 23, Tue.-Sat., noon-4 p.m. Proceeds benefit art scholarships for School District 38 high school seniors. Info: [www.palmerlakeartgroup.com](http://www.palmerlakeartgroup.com) or email [plaginfo@palmerlakeartgroup.com](mailto:plaginfo@palmerlakeartgroup.com).
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  - **Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid Certification Course**, Sat., **Feb. 10**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tri-Lakes

- United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Reservations required: send \$30 and your e-mail or phone number (for registration confirmation and inclement weather notice) to Carley Lehman, 17630 Woodhaven Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80908, by **Feb. 5**. American Heart Association course. Wear comfortable clothes, bring a sack lunch. See ad on page 6. Info: Carley Lehman, 502-3242.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Speaker's Bureau: V. Larry Frank, Jr.**, Tue., **Feb. 13**, 7 p.m., museum library. 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Frank, former curator of WMMI, recently published Colorado's Great Depression Gold Rush: The Oliver Twist Tunnel. Cost: \$5 per lecture, members free. This new lecture series meets 2nd Tue. each month, Feb.- Nov. Info: 488-0880, [info@wmmi.org](mailto:info@wmmi.org), [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org).

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## The Rabbi's Corner The Most Important Commandment—Part IV

By Oswald Garagorry

In the first two parts of this study we established the basis for this subject by affirming that the majority of Jews and Christians don't have a full knowledge of the Most Important Commandment. In Part 3 (from last month's issue of *OCN*) we covered the understanding of the Most Important Commandment from the Jewish perspective using the Torah as the foundation for their understanding because Jews place a higher value on the content of the Torah. In this article we will begin to cover it from the Christian perspectives using the New Testament as the foundation for their understanding because they place a higher value on its content. However, this partial knowledge of the Commandment has more serious implications for the Christians than for the Jews. Those implications will be discussed in depth in Part 5 (next month's issue of *OCN*).

So the typical, Christian response to the question: "What is the Most Important Commandment?" is answered by quoting *Matthew 22:37*: "Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (KJV), because they honestly believe it to be the correct response and because it is what they have been taught along the way. Yet this teaching they have received is a partial and selected teaching. It is sad for me to state it here, but this is the case. Please allow me to ask you some questions: How many times have heard messages or reference made to the Most Important Commandment during all the time you have been following the Lord's instructions? What has been the basis used for the teaching about the Most Important Commandment beside *Matthew 22:37*? Have you heard of a second text where Messiah is confronted and asked this same question in *Mark 12:28-30*? His response here in Mark is a direct quotation from the instructions of Moses found in Deuteronomy 6:4, and 5. But...from all the teachings and messages you have heard during your years of being instructed from the New Testament was there ever a time you heard a teaching about the Most Important Commandment from *Mark 12: 28-30*? If not, why do you think you haven't? Why have you only been taught what Matthew says? Mark is also in the New Testament, why you haven't been given his teachings too? I will offer you my opinion in the next issue of *OCN*. See you then.

Shalom to you.

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