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## The Rabbi's Corner Law or Grace? Part II

By Oswald Garagorry

Since Genesis Chapter 3, God's instructions have been challenged and rejected by those whose understanding of self has assumed a higher and greater importance than God; they have even gone so far as to try to discredit and disprove the Torah of God. The war against the Torah is fought and pursued in many different manners. Some of the tactics appear to be naïve and innocent while others are well-designed, highly-skilled, and are actually similar to military war games.

For example, one tactic, comes as a simple question requesting information and clarification of something that was never said. "You must not eat from ANY tree in the garden." *Gen 3:2* (this approach is well used by TV reporters today).

A more advanced tactic is to mistranslate the Holy text or to add to it. For example: translating the word Torah as "Law" gives it a completely different spin from the "Instruction" of God. Another simple tactic was adding a small word by the translators of the King James Version that created two different camps, this occurred in *John 1:17*. "The law was given by Moses 'BUT' grace and truth by Jesus Christ." This translation is what has formed today's Christian position about Moses and the "Law" and given birth to the understanding there are two separate camps; based on this premise a question can be asked: in which camp are you? With Moses or Jesus Christ? Yet in the original text there is no "but."

Another example of a highly tactical and effective approach is known as "divide and conquer." This approach has been used in wars since antiquity, and it is the approach of Bible experts who in the past have had access to a lot of ink and the printing press, thus producing religious literature and expert opinions about the Bible. Their opinions are so "advanced" and "profound" a sincere brother or sister will embrace them and never question things such as the labeling of "Old" and "New" Testaments; while at the same time affirming the Bible's eternity and labeling it the word of God. If the Bible is the word of God it can't be labeled as "Old" or "New" since His word is eternal and not limited by time.

Another intimidating expert opinion is dividing the instructions of God into moral and ceremonial laws. Where in the entire Bible has God ever stated: "those laws I am giving you are moral and those other laws are ceremonial"? He qualified it all as "My Laws" and told us to obey them.

Another example of dividing and conquering is the theological position that God "YHWH" deals with two sets of peoples: the Jews and the Christians, such an expert opinion has no source in the Bible. There are only two affirmations in this regard found in the Bible: 1. God states that he put His name on His people and He did it by naming them Isra-EL (EL is one of His 70 names). 2. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, informed them in his epistle to the Romans that they were grafted into the "olive tree." The context of this affirmation refers to Israel as the "olive tree." Therefore God has selected His people, named them Isra-EL, invited others who want to be part of His people to come in, and instructed His Isra-El to treat the Gentiles who chose Him as their God as if they were "native-born." The instructions about how to treat righteous Gentiles is one of the 613 commandments found in YHWH's Torah.

Shalom to you.

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- **Griffith Golf Tournament**, Mon., **Jun. 25**, 8 a.m., The Golf Club at Bear Dance, Larkspur. Play a challenging course, enjoy great food, and have a chance to win prizes while you help the Griffith Center change the life of children and families. Registration and info: Jamie Sachtjen, [jamie.sachtjen@griffithcenters.org](mailto:jamie.sachtjen@griffithcenters.org) or 719-327-2031, or visit [www.griffithcenters.org](http://www.griffithcenters.org).
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Rock Fair: Pikes Peak Gem & Mineral Show**, Fri.-Sun., **Jun. 22-24**. Vendor displays, demonstrations, rock talks, and much more. This is the only time of year the museum runs the Yellow Jacket Stamp Mill. Special show admission price: mineralogical society and Mining Museum members free, children \$2, everyone else \$5. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Info: phone 488-0880 or visit [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org).
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- **Gospel Grass on the Divide**, Sat., **Jun. 30**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., The Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd., Monument. Free outdoor music festival: gospel and bluegrass bands in a woodland setting, classic car show, plus food and craft vendors. Info: 488-3200, or email [thechurchatwoodmoor@comcast.net](mailto:thechurchatwoodmoor@comcast.net), or visit [www.thechurchatwoodmoor.com](http://www.thechurchatwoodmoor.com).
- **Tiki-Takular Surf Party and Car Show**, Sat., **Jun. 30**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Retrospect Dry Goods, 251 Front Street. Hot rods, classics, bikes, live music, door prizes. Info: [www.retrodrygoods.com](http://www.retrodrygoods.com).
- **Palmer Lake After Dark**, Fri., **Jun. 30**, 8-11 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. For teens and adults: music, dancing, neon lights, food, and raffles. Cost: \$10 plus one canned or packaged food item for Tri-Lakes cares. All proceeds benefit FamilyNation, a non-profit organization devoted to inspiring, empowering, and motivating at-risk youths and young adults to bring about positive change in their lives and communities by improving access to needed tools and programs. Scheduled for the last Friday each month. Info: 465-2001 or [www.familynation.net](http://www.familynation.net).
- **Independence Day Events - See page 35.**
- **Legacy Sertoma's Homes for Our Troops Golf Tournament**, Wed., **July 11**, 8a.m., Monument Hill Country Club. Homes for our troops builds specialty adapted homes for severely injured veterans. Come support this charity in a 4-player scramble and silent auction, no credit cards accepted. Register by **July 3**, forms available at many local merchants or by request to [legacysertoma@comcast.net](mailto:legacysertoma@comcast.net). Cost:\$90 per individual or \$320 registered 4 players.
- **Rodz' 5th Annual Car Show**, Sat., **July 28**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Rodz Bar and Grill at Pinz Bowling Center, 855 Hwy 105. Small fee for entries; includes a free lunch. For the first time, a Burnout Competition with a separate fee, where Car Enthusiasts can show off their torque! Info: 487-7469.
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