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Scriptures of Unconditional Love

They are called Scriptures of Unconditional Love because GOD is Unconditional Love (1 John 4:16) and these Scriptures will help us to walk in the ways of Unconditional Love. We should live by Unconditional Love because Moses commanded it (Leviticus 19:18) and so did Jesus the Christ (Matthew 22:37-39). There are an initial thirty of these books to be published. Some are still in process but should be ready by the end of 2026. Once they are completed, more will be added.

The Twenty-One Witness books have been updated from their previous titles and translations using the South-London English that I grew up with. I also replaced the word “church” with “community of GOD’s people” and “Lord” with “RULER” as these are more accurate translations. These twenty-one were chosen because they do not contradict the Old or New Testaments in any way but rather provide us with a means to interpret the Holy Bible more accurately and with additional knowledge and understanding.

Nobody had ever told me what was going to happen when I submitted my life to Christ on a South-London Street in February 1974, aged 13. I had a physical Holy Spirit experience as an “atomic bomb of joy” exploded in my being. As I walked along the street, it was like I was floating three feet off the ground. That evening, a Spirit person visited me and wrote these words in my heart with light and fire, “Do not rebuke the church”. The end result of this encounter are these Scriptures of Unconditional Love.

The Four Gospels-In-Advance

The Gospel of Isaiah

The Gospel of King David

The Gospel of Moses

The Gospel of The Prophets

These are the books of Written Miracles. Ancient prophecies and predictions scattered throughout the Holy Bible's Old Testament concerning the appearance of Christ. These prophecies were made hundreds, some over a thousand, years before Christ appeared. They were all miraculously fulfilled with pin-point accuracy by Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth. There are so many of them that they could only have been put there by Holy Spirit. Certain Jewish scholars, who did not want Jesus to be their Messiah or Christ, started deleting the more obvious prophecies. You can find some of them restored in the books of the twenty-one witnesses. It is best to read the Gospels of Isaiah and King David first as they will strengthen your faith so that your heart can be prepared to receive the teachings and testimonies of the twenty-one witnesses.

The Twenty-One Witnesses

It is like we have twenty-one new witnesses presenting themselves before a court with new evidence and testimonies that GOD is real, and Christ is knowable. Some of these witnesses might have come forward from the era of 'Belonging to the Way' which was from AD 33 (Jesus's physical and spiritual resurrection from the dead) to AD 47 after which time those 'Belonging to the Way' were first called Christians. Most of the other witnesses belong to the pre-church era of the Original First Christians. This era spanned from AD 47 to AD 155 when Polycarp, the Disciple of John the Apostle, was executed for being a Christian by the Roman Empire. The Roman Church filled the vacuum with their own authority and 'brand' and were a powerful influence in starting the new 'church age'. Eventually, the twenty-one witnesses were banned from the New Testament in the fourth century by Emperor Constantine's Roman Church of Christendom, even though these scriptures were originally treasured by Christians of the first and second centuries. Fearing persecution, holders of the books managed to hide them and keep them safe. One thousand two hundred and fifty years later they began to be rediscovered again. Silence broken. Christianity unrestricted. Let them speak. Let us listen.

If they had been allowed to speak and were given their rightful place in the New Testament, they would have acted as salt and light to have a purifying effect on the religious authorities down the centuries. The world would not have experienced the abuses of zealous misguided religious powers. There would have been no crusades, no inquisitions, no witch hunts, no public burnings and no religious persecutions. There would have been no need for European colonialism either as the colonised nations would already be worshipping Christ, having destroyed their gods. The world would have been a better place as the unconditional love of Christ became the new currency that replaced cruelty. The Good Confession would have united the community of GOD's people and all the gods would have been annihilated. There would also have been no need for GOD to send the Qur'an. Having said that, the church has done a vital job in helping to get rid of many gods by either destroying or absorbing them. My hope is that these twenty-one witnesses will serve to destroy the remaining gods in the world leaving Devil Satan, who has won the right to remain here, as the sole survivor from the original sin rebellion. Hindus and similar, must abandon all their gods and worship Krishna alone. You can read the books of enlightenment when they have been published, to understand more about this. It is also now time for those churches that have absorbed pagan gods and practices, to get rid of them.

The church's shortcomings can be traced all the way back to AD 154 when Anicetus, Bishop of Rome, refused to accept the Nisan 14 Passover date that Polycarp, disciple of apostle John, and the other apostles observed, regardless of the day of the week it landed on. Anicetus instead kept to what we now know as the Easter dates which should be abandoned in favour of Nisan 14.

The twenty-one witnesses reveal to mankind that all the books of the Holy Bible should be read in the context of GOD versus the gods. In this war, each one of us finds ourselves at one of five stages.

Stage One: Individuals abandon their god(s). It is better to practice secular atheism than to worship demons.

Stage Two: Acknowledge GOD but don't agree with GOD. Presenting oneself regularly before GOD, either in a church or some other similar gathering will help your case with your Creator.

Stage Three: Agree with GOD but don't obey.

Stage Four: Try your best to obey GOD.

Stage Five: Full submission to GOD. This is perfection.

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The Twenty-Second Witness

The Witness of The Qur'an

The Witness of The Qur'an was delivered between AD 609–632. It was delivered by Angel Gabriel to Muhammad because both the Jewish and Church systems and authorities had become corrupt. It's rather like GOD opened another front in the war to destroy GOD's enemies who were the gods. Many of the gods were fallen angels, demigods and demons being worshipped by mankind.

Books of Enlightenment

Philip's Testimony

Enoch – Before Noah's Flood

The History of the Spirit World

Enlightenment

The books of enlightenment explain the war that has been, currently is and will be raging in heaven and on earth until it is won by Christ. They also provide a whole lot more information, which when combined with the knowledge of the twenty-one witnesses, helps the reader to understand life, the universe and everything a whole lot better.

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Introduction

The Witness of Polycarp is yet another book of EHYEH's Witnesses that belongs to the collection of the twenty-two books of EHYEH's Witnesses, which in turn belong to the collection of thirty books known as the *Scriptures of Unconditional Love*.

The Witness of Polycarp benefits us because it acts as another witness coming forward to testify that GOD is real and knowable and that what the Scriptures tell us about Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth is indeed true. We can walk in a relationship with EHYEH which is the true Name of GOD (Exodus 3:14).

This book should be used alongside other books of *Scriptures of Unconditional Love* and *The SoUL Song* as they all glorify the Name of GOD. You will no longer be in two minds and question in your hearts whether these things are true or not, instead, you will now know, beyond any reasonable or rational doubt, that these things are indeed true and that nothing really exists outside of the truth. All these truths are certain, powerful and established on a sure footing.

The Prayer of Jesus

Come near and draw close to GOD and GOD will draw near to you (James 4:8)

The Spirit of Jesus is EHYEH ASHER EHYEH which is the Name GOD told Moses when asked (Exodus 3:14).

Jesus told us to use these words when talking to GOD:

***“Our Father in Heaven,
May your Name be kept Holy,
Your Kingdom come,
Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us enough bread to eat today.
Forgive us our sin as we have forgiven those who
have sinned against us.
Do not allow us to be tempted, but deliver us from
the Evil One.
Yours is the power and the glory forever and ever.”***

The Witness of The Twelve Apostles.

The SoUL Song (short version)



EYEH ASHER EYEH

IHU KARAITI

EGO SUM QUI SUM

I AM WHO AM

EYEH ASHER EYEH

I AM THE WAY

I AM THE TRUTH

I AM THE LIFE

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE LIGHT

I AM THE DOOR

I AM THE GOOD

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE SHEPHERD

I AM THE BREAD

I AM THE VINE

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE RESURRECTION

I AM THE START

I AM THE END

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE ALPHA

I AM THE OMEGA

I AM WHO AM

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

IHU KARAITI

EGO SUM QUI SUM

I AM WHO AM

Introduction To: The Witness of Polycarp

The Witness of Polycarp

When was it written?

AD 108. Ignatius is executed in Rome as GOD's witness a few months after passing through Smyrna. Eusebius dates the Ignatius letters in AD 107. It is, therefore, reasonable to assume AD 108 as the definitive date.

Where was it written?

Smyrna (Turkey).

Who wrote it?

Polycarp, chief overseer at Smyrna and disciple of the Apostle John.

Why was it written?

1. To encourage the Philippians
2. To forward copies of Ignatius letters for the Philippians benefit
3. To ask the Philippians if they knew what had happened to Ignatius.

What authority does it have?

Polycarp was the disciple of the Apostle John and was appointed overseer at Smyrna by the apostles.

The church historian Eusebius wrote the following:

During the time that Anicetus was the chief overseer of GOD's people at Rome, Irenaeus (note: Irenaeus was a disciple of Polycarp) tells us that Polycarp was still alive and went to Rome to discuss the issue concerning the date of the Passover feast with Anicetus.

The same writer tells us more about Polycarp which must also be included here. It is taken from the third book of Irenaeus – Against Heresies:

Besides being instructed by the apostles and acquainted with many people who had seen Christ, the apostles appointed him as the chief overseer of GOD's people in Smyrna.

I saw him too in my early youth, for he lived a long time and died a glorious death as GOD's witness when a very old man. He always taught the things he had learned from the apostles and which the communities of GOD's people now hand down as the only truth there is.

All the communities of GOD's people in Asia give witness to this fact along with Polycarp's successors down to this very day. He is a much more trustworthy

witness to the truth than Valentinus, Marcion and the rest of the heretics.

During the time of Anicetus, he also visited Rome and persuaded many people to leave these above-mentioned heretics and join the community of GOD's people. He proclaimed that he had received the one and only truth from the apostles and had transferred it into the community of GOD's people.

There are those that heard him recall how John, the RULER's disciple, was going to the baths at Ephesus and when he saw Cerinthus inside, he ran out of the bathhouse without bathing, shouting loudly, "Quick run, the building might collapse. The enemy of truth, Cerinthus, is inside there."

When Marcion once met Polycarp, he asked Polycarp to recognise him. Polycarp replied: "I recognise you all right, I recognise the firstborn of Satan."

The apostles and their disciples were both so careful not to even talk to anyone that perverted the truth. As Paul said, "Any man that causes a schism should be given a first cautionary warning, followed by a second one. After that have nothing more to do with them for you know that such people are sinful, subversive and condemn themselves."

There is also an immensely powerful letter, written to the Philippians by Polycarp, from which those who care about their salvation and wish to do so, may learn about the distinguished qualities of his faith and his declaration of the truth.

That was the account of Irenaeus. But in his letter to the Philippians, which has survived to this day, Polycarp includes a number of quotations from Peter's First Letter.

Irenaeus further writes:

He wrote an extremely valuable letter to the Philippians which is read up to this present time when they meet together in Asia.

Jerome (son of Eusebius) provides the following:

He wrote an extremely valuable letter to the Philippians that they read in their meetings to this very day in Asia.

How was it rediscovered?

During the years 1633 and 1645, the letters of Polycarp were rediscovered and published. In 1672 the French scholar Jean-Baptiste Cotelier published them in the collection called the Apostolic Fathers.

Interesting points:

- Polycarp looked up to his friend and mentor Ignatius. He intended and expected everyone to read the letters of Ignatius and attached copies of them to his letter to the Philippians: *We send you as you asked, the letters of Ignatius which were sent to us by him, together with any others that we have in our possession – just as you requested us to do. These are attached to this letter, and you will be able to receive great benefit from them. They deal with faith, patience, and every kind of spiritual growth that has to do with our RULER.*
- Polycarp mentions Ignatius in the same paragraph as Paul and the other apostles: *I therefore call on you all to obey the teaching of righteousness, and to practise unlimited endurance. This endurance you saw face to face, not only in the blessed Ignatius, Zosimus, and Rufus, but also in others belonging to your own folk, and in Paul himself with the rest of the apostles.*
- Polycarp wrote this letter to Philippi. Polycarp quotes freely from the *New Testament* Scripture. We should all follow his great example and saturate ourselves in Scripture so that we are able to write letters flowing with Scripture and walk as living letters as he had done.

THE WITNESS OF POLYCARP

From Polycarp and the overseers with him to the community of GOD's people that is temporarily staying in Philippi, mercy and peace from GOD Almighty and Jesus the Christ our Saviour be multiplied to you.

I rejoice greatly with you in our RULER Jesus the Christ that you have welcomed the exact copies of true unconditional love and have escorted on their way as opportunity was given you, those men wrapped in chains, which are suitable for GOD's special people, and are the royal crowns of those who have been truly chosen by GOD and our RULER. I rejoice also that your firmly rooted faith, proclaimed from times of old, still flourishes and bears fruit for our RULER Jesus the Christ, who endured for our sins and suffered all the way to his death, whom GOD raised from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death. Though you have not seen him, you believe in him and are filled with an unspeakable and glorious joy. Into this joy many long to enter, knowing that by grace you have been saved, not by works, but by the will of GOD through Jesus the Christ.

Therefore, prepare for action and serve GOD in fear and truth, leaving behind the empty, meaningless talk and error of the masses. Trust in GOD who resurrected our RULER Jesus the Christ from the dead and gave him glory and a throne at his right hand, to whom all things in heaven and

on earth are subjected and whom everything that has breath serves. He is coming to judge the living and the dead, whose blood GOD will hold responsible from them who disobey him. But he who raised him from the dead, will raise us also if we do his will and walk in his commandments loving the things he loves. We must avoid every kind of:

- Unrighteousness
- Greed
- Love for money
- Evil talk
- False witness.

We must not:

- Repay evil for evil
- Trade insult for insult
- Give blow for blow
- Swap curse for curse.

But we must remember what the RULER taught when he said,

- *Do not judge, or you too will be judged*
- *Forgive and you will be forgiven*
- *Be merciful and you will receive mercy*
- *With the measure you use, it will be measured to you*

- *Blessed are the poor and those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake for theirs is the kingdom of GOD.*

I am writing to you concerning righteousness brothers, not due to my own initiative, but because you invited me to. For neither am I, nor anyone like me, able to follow the wisdom of the blessed and glorious Paul, who when he was among you in the presence of the men of that time, taught accurately and constantly the word of truth and when absent wrote you letters. If you study them closely, you will be able to build yourselves up in the faith given to you which is the mother of us all. Hope then follows, with love for GOD and Christ and our neighbour going before. If anyone is found occupied with these, he has fulfilled the commandment of righteousness, for he who has unconditional love is far from all sin.

Now, the love of money is the beginning of all trouble. Knowing that we brought nothing into the world and that we can take nothing out of it, we should arm ourselves with the arms of righteousness and must:

First, teach ourselves to walk in the commands of the RULER.

Second: We should teach our wives to:

- Remain in the faith given to them and in unconditional love and chastity
- Cherish their own husbands with true, faithful affection
- Unconditionally love all others equally in all chastity
- Train up their children in the training of the fear of GOD.

Third: We should teach the widows to:

- Be calm and confident in the faith of the RULER
- Pray continuously for everyone
- Stay far away from all slander
- Keep away from malicious talk
- Keep themselves from false witness
- Have no love for money
- Abstain from every kind of evil
- Remember that they are the altar of GOD, and that all sacrifices are carefully examined to see if there is any imperfection in them, for nothing escapes him whether thoughts or intentions or secrets of the heart.

Knowing then that GOD is not mocked, we ought to walk in His commandment and glory.

Fourth: In a similar way to the above, assistant overseers should be blameless before his righteousness as servants of GOD and Christ and not of men. They should not be:

- Slanderers
- Double-tongued
- Lovers of money.

Instead, they should be:

- Self-controlled in all things
- Tender-hearted
- Compassionate
- Diligent
- Walking closely to the truth of the RULER who was made servant of all.

If we please him in this present world we will receive as our reward the world to come, in accordance with his promise to raise us from the dead.

If we prove to be worthy citizens of his community, we shall also reign with him if we continue in the faith.

Fifth: In a similar way to the above, the younger men must:

- Be blameless in all things
- Be concerned about purity above all
- Reign themselves away from all evil.

It is good to be cut off from the sinful desires of the things in the world, because every sinful desire wars against the spirit, and neither fornicators, male prostitutes or sodomites will inherit the kingdom of GOD nor anyone who commits acts of gross immorality. Therefore, they must abstain from all these things, and be obedient to the overseers and assistant overseers in the same way that they are to GOD and Christ.

Sixth: The virgin women must also walk with a blameless and pure conscience.

Seventh: The overseers must have the following qualities:

- Tender-heartedness
- Compassionate towards everyone
- Bring back the sheep that have gone astray
- Visit all the sick
- Oversee the widow
- Oversee the orphan
- Oversee the poor person
- Always doing good before GOD and man
- Never give in to anger
- Never be unjustly partial towards anyone
- Never judge unjustly
- Stay far away from any love of money

- Not be quick to believe bad things of anyone
- Not be hasty in judgment

knowing that we all owe the debt of sin.

If then, we ask the RULER to forgive us, we also ought to forgive, for we stand before the eyes of the RULER and of GOD, and we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, and each must give an account of himself. So then let us serve him with fear and all reverence, as he himself commanded us, as did the apostles who brought us the Good News, and the prophets who announced in advance the coming of our RULER. Let us be eager for what is good, and avoid those who tempt others to sin, false brothers, and those who bear the Name of the RULER hypocritically, who lead vain men into error.

For everyone that does not confess that Jesus the Christ has come in the flesh is an anti-Christ and whoever does not confess the testimony of Christ's crucified body is of Devil-Satan, and whoever twists the sayings of the RULER to suit his own sinful desires and says that there is neither resurrection nor judgment, well, that person is the firstborn of Devil-Satan. Therefore, let us leave alone the foolishness of the masses with their false teaching, and turn to the Word delivered to us in the beginning. Let us be self-controlled concerning prayer and persevere in fasting, earnestly asking the all-seeing GOD not to lead us into

temptation, because as the RULER said, *"The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

We must persevere without fail in our hope, and in the guarantee of our righteousness, that is in Christ Jesus who:

- Bore our sins in his own body on the tree
- Committed no sin
- Never said anything deceitful
- Endured everything for our sakes so that we could live in him.

Let us then be imitators of his endurance, and if we suffer on account of his Name, let us glorify him. This is the example which he gave us through himself, and this is the profession of our faith.

I therefore call on you all to obey the teaching of righteousness and to practice unlimited endurance. This endurance you saw face to face, not only in the blessed Ignatius, Zosimus, and Rufus, but also in others belonging to your own folk, and in Paul himself with the rest of the apostles. You have no doubt whatsoever that none of them ran in vain but in faith and righteousness, and that they are now in the place of reward being by the side of the RULER whose sufferings they shared in. They did not love this present world, but him who died on our behalf and was raised by GOD for our sakes.

Stand strong therefore in these things and follow the example of the RULER, standing firm and unmovable in faith. Show kindly affection to each other in brotherly love. Be partners in the truth, giving way to one another in the gentleness of the RULER, despising no man. When you can do good do not put it off, for charitable giving delivers you from death. All of you submit to one another, maintaining your blameless behaviour among the non-believers, that you may be praised for your good works and that the RULER may not be blasphemed because of you. But sad will be those through whom the Name of the RULER is blasphemed. Therefore, teach self-control to all men and show it by example in your own lives.

I am deeply distressed for Valens, who was previously an overseer among you, because he failed to understand the office that was entrusted to him. I warn you, therefore, that you keep away from love of money, and that you be pure and be truthful. Abstain from all evil. How can a man who is unable to rule over himself in these matters, preach them to others? If any man does not abstain from love of money, he will be defiled by idolatry, and will be judged among the non-believers who are ignorant of the RULER's judgement, or do we not know that GOD's special people will judge the world as Paul teaches? Not that I have observed or heard any such thing amongst you, among whom the blessed Paul worked hard, for you yourselves were one of his first living letters. For he boasts about you in all the communities of GOD's people who then alone had known the RULER, for we

had not yet come to know him. Therefore, brothers, I grieve deeply for both him and his wife. May the RULER grant them genuine repentance. You, therefore, must be reasonable in this matter, and do not regard such people as enemies, but call them back as weak and wandering members, that you may keep whole the body that together includes you all. By doing this you all build yourselves up.

I am confident that you are well trained in the Scriptures, and from you, nothing is hidden (but to me this is not granted). Only, as it is said in these Scriptures, *“Be angry but do not sin”* and *“Do not let the sun go down on your anger.”* Happy is he who remembers this, which I believe is the case with you.

Now may the GOD and Father of our RULER Jesus the Christ, and the Eternal High Priest Himself, Jesus the Christ, the Son of GOD, build you up in:

- Faith
- Truth
- Gentleness
- Freedom from anger
- Patience
- Longsuffering
- Endurance
- Purity.

May he grant you a place in sharing with all GOD's special people, and also for us along with you, and to everyone under heaven who will yet believe in our RULER and GOD Jesus the Christ and in his Father, who raised him from the dead. Pray for all GOD's special people. Pray also for kings, powers and rulers, and for those who persecute and hate you, and for the enemies of the testimony of Christ's crucified body that your fruit may be clearly displayed among all men, that you may be perfected in him.

Both you and Ignatius wrote to me that if anyone was going to Syria, he should also take your letters. I will do this if I get a good opportunity, either myself or the one whom I am sending as a representative for you and me. We send you as you asked, the letters of Ignatius which were sent to us by him, together with any others that we have in our possession – just as you requested us to do. These are attached to this letter, and you will be able to receive great benefit from them. They deal with faith, patience, and every kind of spiritual growth that has to do with our RULER. If you get to hear or know anything further about Ignatius himself and those who are with him, inform us.

I have written this to you via Crescens, whom I commended to you when I was present, and now commend again. For his conduct whilst with us has been blameless. And I believe that he will be the same with you. His sister shall be commended to you when she comes to you.

Goodbye in the RULER Jesus the Christ in grace, and all those with you. Let it be.

Nisan 14 – The Correct Passover Date

Nisan 14 was, and is, the Pesach (Hebrew) which translates as “to pass over” in English, commonly known as Passover. On Nisan 14, as mentioned in the Torah (Exodus 12), a perfect male lamb or kid was slaughtered during the afternoon dusk and prepared after it had lived with the family for four days. The blood was smeared on the doorposts and lintel which also served as a miracle prophecy concerning Christ – about 1,300 years later, the crucifixion of Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth took place.

Jesus, the Lamb of GOD, had his blood spilt as the Passover lamb to save us from ongoing spiritual death. Other written miracles surrounding that event include:

- Jesus was perfect and male, just like the sacrificial Passover lamb
- Moses was hidden as a baby – Jesus was hidden as a baby
- Moses was a Jew – Jesus was a Jew
- The Hebrews were oppressed by the Pharaoh of the Egyptian Empire – The Jews were oppressed by Caesar of the Roman Empire
- Moses delivered them into the promised land – Jesus delivers us into the kingdom of GOD

Nissan 15 started at sundown on Nissan 14 and was the time when the Pesach Lamb was to be eaten. At midnight, EHYEH ASHER EHYEH passed over the dwellings that had the blood of the lamb smeared on the doorposts and lintel but put to death all the firstborn of Egypt (both people and animals), of those who didn't. This was probably karma (GOD's judgement. Galatians 6:7: "*You reap what you sow.*") for throwing Israel's male babies to the crocodiles in the Nile.

Scriptures of Unconditional Love only mentions two days that we are to observe as a memorial: Nissan 14 and 23 February which was the date of Polycarp's execution. Polycarp was a disciple of the Apostle John, and his death brought an end to the era of the original first Followers of The Way (AD 33-47, Acts 9:2) later called Christians (AD 47-155, Acts 11:25-26). It created a vacuum that ushered in the church age headed up by the Church of Rome.

Polycarp had visited Rome and persuaded many lapsed Christian defectors to abandon false teachers Valentinus and Marcion and return to the community of God's people. Anicetus, chief overseer in Rome, rejects Polycarp's instruction to adopt Nissan 14 as the Passover Eve (Jesus' last evening meal before the Passover lambs and the Lamb of GOD were slaughtered on the following afternoon) observance date.

Irenaeus tells us what happened: *Anicetus could not persuade Polycarp to abandon the (Fourteenth / Quartodeciman) observance because this had always been observed by John the disciple of the RULER, and by other apostles he had met. Likewise, Polycarp could not persuade Anicetus to keep it because Anicetus said he must do what the elders (overseers) did before him.*

Polycarp and Anicetus decided to keep the peace and left the matter unresolved. Whilst there was no intent to create a significant schism at that time, the unresolved issue sowed the seed for church schisms after Polycarp's execution and when, twenty-six years later, Victor I set the Good Friday & Resurrection Sunday dates in the West. Victor I then excommunicated the communities of GOD's people in Asia Minor, including Polycrates of Ephesus, which earned him a rebuke from Irenaeus.

Polycarp truly represented the teachings of the apostles. By disobeying Polycarp, Anicetus was rebelling against the Apostle's teaching. Citing the actions of the overseers before him was not an excuse. He had the authority to put matters right but chose not to. He had therefore decided to take the Roman Christians out of the community of GOD's people and create the first schism, therefore starting the very first church and becoming the very first pope. The Roman Church manoeuvred itself to try and fill the vacuum of authority left after Polycarp's execution. Move forward nearly 2,000 years and the Roman Church (and many other

churches as well) is still observing Easter today instead of Nisan 14. The name for the observance was apparently changed to Easter in the eighth century when Anglo-Saxon pagans held feasts in honour of their goddess, Eostre. The Roman Catholic Church blended the feast with their own commemoration.

Living lives of unconditional love in humble gentleness, the community of GOD's people were successful in expanding the kingdom of GOD in the world as the pagan temples became deserted. People from all walks of life became Christians amidst violent persecution of Christians by the Roman Government. Christianity spread like wildfire as people saw that it really was the truth. It would have kept expanding into every tribe and nation throughout the world, but Devil-Satan played a masterstroke by introducing arrogance to waylay the community of GOD's people at Rome.

Had Rome not become arrogant, the entire world would have been saturated with the Holy Spirit and history would have been completely different. My hope is that *Scriptures of Unconditional Love* will help restore things as they should be and play its part in drenching the world with Holy Spirit. After all, the twenty-two Witness books were all honoured and read by the Christians of the first and second centuries.

If all the various church denominations reverted to Nisan 14 instead of Easter, it would be a promising start.

The Good Confession

We agree with the apostles and believe that there is only one Healer who is made of both flesh and spirit, born and unborn, GOD in the flesh, true life surrounded by death, son of Mary and Son of GOD, initially experiencing suffering then afterwards beyond suffering – Jesus the Christ our RULER.

For our GOD, Jesus the Christ:

- Was conceived in Mary's womb according to the pre-planning of GOD and by the Holy Spirit
- Is physically descended from the line of David according to ancestry
- Is the Son of GOD according to the will and power of GOD
- Was born the son of Mary when she was still a virgin
- Ate and drank among us, both before being killed and after being raised up to life again
- Was baptised by John in order that all righteousness might be fulfilled by him
- Was nailed and crucified for us in his physical body under Pontius Pilate and Herod the Tetrarch
- Died in full sight of persons in heaven, on earth, and under the earth

- Was physically and spiritually raised from the dead when his Father raised him up
- Was touched and handled by his disciples after his resurrection. His disciples then saw that he was composed of flesh whilst being spiritually united with the Father at the same time. For this reason, his disciples also treated death with the same contempt.

He suffered all these things for our sakes so that we might be saved and likewise be raised up from the dead by the Father if we exercise trust in Jesus the Christ.

He has raised up a standard for all ages through his resurrection, to rally together his holy and faithful people whether among Jews or non-Jews, in the one body of the Community of GOD's people.