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To Dr. Herman L. Hoeh

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From Ken Herrmann

Subject GN article submitted for publication and enclosed:
Prove God's Calendar Correct!

In doing this article in response to a letter circulated to the French Brethren by a Mr. Curylo and shown to me by Mr. Apartian, I see some things I never understood before.

The Sacred Calendar had a flexibility that allowed the High Priest to make it serve the people of Israel, rather than have to serve some configuration in the heavens.

Until the rules for the Calendar were made public, he could make needed postponements without any complaint from anyone.

And only in those years when a Waive Sheaf was offered would there be any consideration as to how ripe the barley was. Thus not during the 40 years in the wilderness, and not after the Temple was destroyed.

The sacrificing of lambs at 3 pm on Nisan 14 also comes into better focus, for Necessity was the Mother of Invention. With the ruling from the High Priest that the lambs were no longer to be sacrificed in their individual homes, tens of thousands and later hundreds of thousands would be sacrificed at one single place.

A bit of "ambiguity" in the instructions in Moses' writings and the Authority of the office of High Priest and the problem disappeared. It is still on the 14th and it is still "between the two evenings" in a sense, and thus it fulfils the requirement, and it is my job as High Priest to make things go properly.

Thus our Computer Printout of the Holydays for 6000 years is at best only an approximation in many years. Israel did not serve the heavens, but the other way around.

Hope this article has a chance of publication. I thought it best to send it to you first in that we had always worked together on the Calendar all these years.

Some rulings came direct from God's voice to all, some to only Moses, some came by inspiration to Moses and his successors.
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And some were "winked" by God and allowed to be enforced. Just as we at times punish our children "after our pleasure" and they seem to endure it and in so doing "honor their parents".

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