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Subject: Fw: www.cogcentury21.com WEBSITE--and regarding an article that was published on my Website, without my permission...

To: Craig White

Greetings, Craig:

My wife and I wish to thank you for sending us a CD with Key to NW European Origins on it. Although I do not have the time at present to go over this article and make all of the needed corrections, I hope to be able to do so in the not-too-distant future. I have many good articles, doctrinal study papers, etc. that I want to go over, then have them scanned, and later posted on my Website for the benefit of God's people.

ABOUT MY DOMAIN SITE. As you may or may not know, my new Domain Site (**COG21.ORG**) will be my main domain Site, although I will keep the two other domain sites: (cog21.com & cogcentury21.com). I may later "park" both of those Domain Sites, keeping both names. The article titled, "How to Overcome the Pulls of the World", is now posted on my Website under the heading of "PUBLICATIONS by COG21." Also America & Britain in Prophecy posted on my Site.

I wish to mention, however one article was posted on my Website without either my knowledge or permission, and I have asked that it be removed, in that it contained some errors, and was not written by me!!! I will explain below a few points regarding some problems with that article.

RE: "WAS THE LAST SUPPER THE PASSOVER MEAL?" I recently received an email with the following comments: "A question was raised on the "Original WCG" FORUM about an article *supposedly* written by you [Raymond F. McNair].... I [the writer] was perplexed as I thought they were referring to an article on your website www.cog21.org.... In the center section of that page on that website under "Old Article Links" is a link to some sort of a Sacred Name site. I say this because *Yeshua* has been inserted where you would have written Jesus The article can be found by going to this link. Was the Last Supper the Passover Meal?" (Two or three other persons have called me, complaining about the "apparent heresy" that I supposedly included in the article mentioned above--which was not written by me!!

Here are a few quotes from that article, which clearly show that the article was *not* written by me: "...Many people believe that *Yeshua's* meal with his disciples...let's examine the Gospel reports of *Yeshua's* final meal.... He [John] stressed that *Yeshua* was a Jew...."

If I had written the article, I would have capitalized the words "meal" and "His"--which are not capitalized on the "link" mentioned above. And I would not refer to that meal by the term "Last Supper," but I would call it by the **biblical** name "Passover." However, even more importantly, I would **never** have used the name "Jeshua" (for Jesus), in referring to our Savior. And if I had used that name, I would have put it in quote marks, as above, to show that this was not the name which we English-speakers normally use. The above quotes clearly reveal that the article was not written by me, and I would not approve of it being put on my Website.

RE: THE "SACRED NAMES" ISSUE. I have nothing against the "Sacred Names" people. But I studied this topic of the "Divine Names of God," or the "Sacred Names" issue decades ago, and found that there is no biblical basis whatsoever for us not using the English word "Jesus" when referring to our Savior, rather than using the word "Yeshua." A thorough study of this subject in the Holy Bible will show that no one language is sacred, and every language is constantly changing, importing new words, dropping some archaic words, etc. As an example, if we were to try to speak the Hebrew language as spoken by Moses, it would not have half the words which we need to express thousands of topics such as: car, train, airplane, electricity, atoms, et. ad infinitum.

God used the Hebrew language as His vehicle for preserving the Old Testament Scriptures, except for a few portions of the Hebrew Scriptures which were written in *ARAMAIC*, rather than in Hebrew. But when we come to the New Testament, we find that Aramaic was the language which Christ used, and was apparently the common language in Palestine and other parts of the Mideast. But Greek was the *lingua franca* (the international language of the times) used by much of the Mideast, parts of the Mediterranean world, etc. Latin was also spoken by many, since Rome was

now ruling much of that part of the world. In fact, Christ's superscription was written in three languages: "Hebrew...Greek...and Latin" (John 19:20).

After the time of Alexander the Great's conquests, Greek became the international tongue spoken in much of the N.T. world, and God used that language as one of the main languages in which the Gospel was taken to much of the civilized world at that time.

Furthermore, GOD used the GREEK LANGUAGE as the vehicle by which He would inspire the N.T. writers to write their books (the N.T.), so later generations could have GOD'S WORD to read and live by.

But in this modern world, English is the international language spoken and written by many hundreds of millions of people, the educated people of the world, etc. As an example, English is spoken by more Indians (in India) than Britons in Great Britain.

I have over 30 ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS here in my office as I write this email. No language is sacred, but God uses scores of languages, all of which are able to convey accurately, the basic meaning of God's Word, translated from Hebrew and Greek.

Furthermore, when the N.T. writers spoke of "Jesus" they used the Greek form of that word, not the "Yeshua" Hebrew or Aramaic form of the Word. The N.T. writers did not speak of the "Messiah" (Heb.) but spoke of "Christ" (which was the Greek word for Messiah (both meaning: "The Anointed (one)!"

So, I do not want to give the impression on my Website, that I am promoting the "Sacred Names" belief, simply because I know that these people, who have accepted the so-called "sacred names" are mistaken in their theology, regarding what the Bible says on this important subject. For that reason, I would like that particular article mentioned above **taken off** my Website, and don't want any articles put on my Site that have **not** been written or that have **not** first been approved by me!

Thanks again, Craig for your assistance to me, and also to numerous others, in helping to further the Word and Work of God!

Sincerely,

Raymond F. McNair
