

Biblical Refutation Of "The Twelve Tribes" Theology

To Whom it may concern, this is an open letter written specifically for the members of "the Twelve Tribes" communities, but we would encourage anyone- persons interested in this group, family members of members, or just people who are concerned with knowing the truth such as pastors, friends, neighbors, etc.- to read and consider its contents.

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First we write to our Brothers and Sisters who are still caught up in the "Godspell" of Eugene and Marsha Spriggs. Incarcerated by the bars in your mind that hold you inside the delusion of these lonely misguided self proclaimed prophets that have warped the scriptures to their own design. We are the few, the many who have broken free and live in the world but not of the world and are waiting to help you join us, a family in a life of love and joy WITH GOD without the control of the Cult of the Twelve Tribes...

Dear Twelve Tribes Member,

We are a couple who lived with you for many years. One of us came to you as a teenager, the other was born and raised in your communities, so we have quite a well-rounded perspective on how people live there. We desire to receive your response to our concerns. We ask you- and we really want to know- "Why do you put your hope in the Twelve Tribes communities?" 1 Pet. 3:15, 16. We are willing to hear, read, and prayerfully consider any honest Scriptural-based answer you might have for us.

We wrote this letter to you in deep love and with the sincere hope that you will be humble enough to consider what we're saying, and to give us your prayerful response. It is assumed that most of the people in your communities are concerned with obeying the commandments of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. That is why we're writing this letter. Please, be like the "noble Bereans";

Acts 17:11 - These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

Our Plea:

Please, please, we beg you to simply read or listen to this letter, look up the verses, and consider the implications of these words. If you truly believe that "Love is not threatened," (as Yoneq teaches) you should not be overcome with a spirit of fear of this letter! The Son of God left you an example: He was not afraid of confrontations or conversing with anyone, He freely associated with the religious leaders of the day (which He knew were evil) as well as those looked down upon by the spiritual elitists: sinners... even Satan himself! The truth trumps lies, 100% of the time, and those who know the truth will be set free.

We are concerned that your many gifts and talents are being buried under the incessant heavy workloads dictated by the teachings of Elbert Eugene Spriggs, who likes to be called "Yoneq". You were

created in God's image and are therefore instinctively creative, and God's personal calling on your life is incredibly personal and distinctive; no one else but you can fulfill it in just the way you can! Perhaps you are just like we were in the community; with hopes and dreams of doing things that you just couldn't possibly do under the yoke of the community and under the constant critical eye of all the other members. The day we realized we would be kicked out of the community because of asking too many questions, suddenly the idea of being FREE to follow God's personal leading in our lives was nothing less than THRILLING! Wave after wave of realizations hit us, like, "WOW! Now the song I wrote could actually reach many people for Christ, instead of being stuffed under the rug because one elder had a "bad feeling" about it! Oh, and that book I wanted to write- that *could* help hundreds of thousands of parents turn their hearts to their children- was no longer hindered by the constant pressure to do the unending flow of dirty dishes left behind by those who didn't do them because "somebody will do them"...or any number of never-ending community jobs... The huge debts the *elders* had accrued would no longer weigh on our shoulders! We wouldn't have to live under the ever-present threat that we might be disobeying some command such as being late to the gathering or having a three-second moment of silence in a gathering! We wouldn't have to play Old Testament Priest at all! The fruit of our obedience to our Great High Priest- Christ Himself- would be able to be tasted by the greater public, instead of hidden away in the communes! **If your heart longs for the freedom and fulfillment that is only found in the truth, please, read on!**

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL TWELVE TRIBES MEMBERS WHO HURT US:

WE FORGIVE YOU, and PRAY FOR YOUR TRUE SALVATION!

This is important: "For if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Heavenly Father forgive your trespasses" Matthew 6:15

We believe that your communities are being robbed of "the peace that passes understanding" (Phil. 4:7), and of the blessed and "full assurance of hope" (Heb. 6:11) for several reasons which we will explain. Please, please, read or listen on...

Consider this letter a challenge to obey the commandment of the Messiah: "Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you, do not turn away." (Matthew 5:42)

We ASK you to lend us your attention long enough to read this letter through, and actually look up each verse as it is presented, for we believe that the things we've learned are in agreement with what the Bible teaches. And this *was written from a heart of love and care for you, with many tears and prayers.*

Galatians 3:1-4: O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Yeshua Messiah was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish?

Also it should be pointed out that we tried to gain an audience with Mr. Spriggs himself, but were kept from reaching him by his personal guards. And this has been the case with more than a few others who wished to talk with "the untouchable". So we go public with these things since he would not hear us. Matthew 18:15-17.

Now we know that Mr. Spriggs would have you believe that to "say anything bad about your friend" is like blasphemy, but that is simply not true.

1 Timothy 5:19 - Do not receive an accusation against an elder **except from **two or three witnesses**. Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.**

WE ARE YOUR WITNESSES. (And there are hundreds more.)

The community is a mind control society where people are intimidated into obeying countless rules and guidelines that are anti scriptural. And if someone dares to read the teachings with a thinking mind and to ask questions about the real discrepancies he sees between God's word and Mr. Spriggs', he is treated as a threat. But if you believe that "Love is never threatened," what keeps you from reading this letter?

2 Peter 1:5 - But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

"Many people are enslaved by a spirit of reason. They will only come when they are called and go where they are sent when it seems right to them. They always want to know a reason. If they are under this bondage of reasoning, sooner or later **slanderous** words will come out of their mouth against authority and there will be no possibility of escape from death." November 18, 1990 Reasoning

There are several problems with this teaching. For one thing, he implies that anyone who questions authority is slandering. This is very misleading verbiage

Definition of slander: 1: the utterance of **false charges** or misrepresentations which defame and damage another's reputation

2: a **false** and defamatory oral **statement** about a person

Slander is wrong, but bringing an accusation against an elder IS NOT WRONG, according to 1 Timothy 5:19 (written above).

We believe that the statements and charges made herein are NOT SLANDEROUS because they are TRUE.

Another thing is that he implies that his authority is equal to God's. The reason he says this is that he doesn't want to have to answer to anyone, and the easiest way is to outlaw the use of intelligence.

And thirdly, he states that questioning his authority (or that of the elders of his communities) is an unpardonable sin! He makes it a fearful thing to even think of bringing an accusation against them, as though to do so would be the same as committing an unpardonable sin! Isn't that arrogant?

God created us with the ability to reason and wants us to use it to gain understanding and knowledge, and **to test all things**. 1 Thess. 5:21, 22.

Isaiah 1:18 - [Yehovah says,] "Come, let us reason together"...

Going to the Library is narrowly looked upon by the elders. Regular "sheep" are discouraged from going to gain knowledge, so the little bubble of communal life becomes all a "disciple" of the TT's knows as reality.

"History of Israel" classes do not teach how many *Christians* have been martyred- with miraculous

courage- through the centuries since Messiah left His Holy Spirit with us to help us. Please, if you can, look up the following link online and see how God has had obedient people through the centuries.

<http://www.remnantofgod.org/sabhist.htm>

Also you should read "Foxe's Book of Martyrs"!

ALMIGHTY GOD SAYS, "COME NOW, LET US REASON TOGETHER." Isaiah 1:18

*He didn't create our brains to be suppressed, **but to EXPRESS OUR UNIQUE FORM OF HIS LIKENESS!** Eugene Spriggs would have you become a mindless robot, obeying his authority unquestioningly, as he says in a teaching:*

"Reasoning is rebellion in its highest form. The flowers and birds do not have reasoning. We have to be like them." - Reasoning 12/18/90

TRUE STORY: I once questioned an elder of the TT's: "Do the communities teach as doctrines the commandments of men like Yoneq?" And astonishingly, he answered quite plainly, "**Yeah, sure. Sure they do.**" When asked, "Then, what do you say about Yeshua's words, 'IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME'???" The poor man couldn't answer! After so many years of indoctrination, being taught that "reasoning is rebellion", he simply **wouldn't allow himself to think** that those teachings could be wrong!

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. - Matthew 22:37

God doesn't want robotic, mindless obedience. He wants us to love and serve Him with ALL our MINDS! What Spriggs said about the birds is a lie, by the way. There are birds who possess great intelligence and reasoning capabilities, such as parrots. *Alex (1976 – 6 September 2007)[1] was an African Grey parrot and the subject of a thirty-year (1977–2007) experiment by animal psychologist Irene Pepperberg, initially at the University of Arizona and later at Harvard University and Brandeis University. Before Pepperberg's work with Alex, it was widely believed in the scientific community that a large primate brain was needed to handle complex problems related to language and understanding... However, Alex's accomplishments supported the idea that birds may be able to reason... Pepperberg wrote that Alex's intelligence was on a level similar to dolphins and great apes.*

The rest of this letter is for the Christian Community as a whole including current Twelve Tribe Members. Most don't realize but just the word "Christian" is like profanity to the ears of a Twelve Tribes Member. They believe ALL Christians are going to the LAKE OF FIRE unless they give up all their possessions and make a life long blood covenant with the Twelve Tribes of Israel Communities.

OUR CONCERNS:

CHAPTER 1:

UNQUALIFIED LEADERS RULE

Did you know that a man is not Biblically qualified to oversee a church until he has FIRST proven himself by RULING HIS OWN HOUSE well? **1 Tim. 3:5:** "for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?" **It would be IMPOSSIBLE for him to prove himself in that way if he didn't HAVE A HOUSE OF HIS OWN to begin with!! What house OF HIS OWN did your "household head" rule well before he came into power as a community overseer???**

"If one censures and tests and judges a true prophet speaking in the Spirit he can't be forgiven." - The Corrupters [teaching by Gene Spriggs] 2008

This is a direct contradiction to the scriptures, sadly believed by the ones who should be TESTING ALL THINGS. 1 Thess. 5:21 - "TEST ALL THINGS"!

In Rev. 2:2, Yeshua praises the church of Ephesus, saying, "And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars".

Deut. 18:22 - "When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him." - Yehovah God.

Just a few THINGS GENE SPRIGGS SAID THAT TURNED OUT FALSE:

"The race will start when the Twelve Tribes were established." The Tribes were established. The race didn't begin.

"If that little tree dies, then the community will die." The little tree died...

"We will produce the 144,000 within three or four generations." Most of the "first generation" have left, and have no desire to return, let alone stay there and procreate so many kids as to make the fulfillment of that false and impossible anti-scriptural prophecy come true! The 144,000 are direct descendants of the 12 Tribes mentioned in Revelation.

"This man is a grape; dried and shriveled; disconnected from the vine... But he is going to be a great disciple!!" The man didn't join the community to become a disciple of Eugene Spriggs; he even defiantly responded, "I may be a raisin, but I'm still sweet!"

"If the children aren't returned to the community in Germany, then we're finished." Some of those children returned and were actually sent away after returning, for fear of "defilement"! And the rest of the children...? Hmm... Wouldn't it be great if the cult leader made his own prophecies of being "finished" come true?

1 Corinthians 14:29 "Let two or three prophets speak, and let others judge."

Eugene Elbert Spriggs assumes APOSTOLIC authority regardless of his abject lack of Scriptural qualification outlined clearly in 1 Timothy 3:2-12 and Titus 1:6-16!

Gene Spriggs' life choices have not qualified him for even the role of overseer, let alone apostleship! Gullible people, beware! He emanates a charismatic spirit of self-importance, and uses his extensive training in psychology to satisfy his power-hungry soul with mind control. (He even promotes such Satanic teachings as "The 48 Laws of POWER", spreading it around to the leaders of his communities!) He has prophesied many things that did not come to pass, thus proving himself to be a false prophet, not to be

respected.

1 John 4:1 "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits**, whether they are of God; **because many false prophets have gone out into the world.**"

In 1 Cor. 15:9, Paul announced himself "the least of all the apostles," and so it is perfectly fitting to question Gene Spriggs' foundation as a self-proclaimed "apostle"!

The apostle Paul was a humble, hard-working man who provided for his own needs by working with his own hands as a **tent maker**... highly *unlike* the pampered Gene Spriggs, who lives richly off the hard labor of many others.

1 Thess. 2:9 - For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

Acts 20:34–35 - You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all these things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'.

2 Thess. 3:7–8 - For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without *paying for it*, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.

Our experience has been that the "Twelve Tribes" leaders...

*** DO NOT BY-AND-LARGE FULFILL THE BIBLICAL REQUIREMENTS for spiritual leadership clearly defined in 1 Tim. 3:2-12: "An overseer then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, nor quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule over his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.**

Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their own houses well."

Many of the leaders in the community had multiple wives and affairs before they came to rule. (By "affairs" we indicate any sexual contact outside the marriage commitment which should Biblically be made between a man and a woman.) Most of their children are not in subjection, but quite on the contrary, more often than not, are lawless, faithless, and all too eager to leave and mock the way of their parents to be counted as "good fruit"!

We believe that Marsha Spriggs is Gene Spriggs' fourth wife. He has shown a violent streak several times (such as by smashing the intricate hard work of cafe builders that didn't entirely suit his fancy; angrily beating adult Brazilian members with a paddle, etc.). His one known son has never been in subjection to his father in the community... We could go on and on. **So- according to the BIBLE- Spriggs does not even qualify for the position of deacon, let alone apostle!** And if you're willing to know the truth there are plenty of other leaders who are in the same boat as he... Some have even taken the hard-earned money that was entrusted to them and used it for prostitutes. Homosexual affairs are also not unheard-of among the *top leaders* of the TT's! **Such things ought not to be!!!**

2 Sam. 23:3: "He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."

Check the fruit to know the tree. The fruit of a godly man will be good. And **godliness is a prerequisite for spiritual leaders!** God knows we have enough fleshly rulers in our worldly governments!

Heb. 13:7: "Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct."

Matthew 12:33 - Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

The leaders in the 12 Tribes Communities all too often speak- not the word of God, but rather- their own words or those of Gene Spriggs. Their deeds are largely hidden by a shroud of secrecy. And if you consider the outcome of their conduct, well, you will likely see a trail of broken families, deceitful children, disappointed and disillusioned believers who may have had faith before, but now have none!!!

*** IN MANY CASES LEADERS ABUSE THEIR PRESUMED AUTHORITY by oppressing, mistreating, and lording it over the people in their care, taking their hard-earned wages and using them for their own selfish lusts (Matt. 23:14, Prov. 16:19), freely stealing personal articles from members "under" them, and secretly doing many things they publicly denounce (Matt. 23:27). How different from the way of the Master, Who said, "I did not come to be served but to serve", and Who also said, "I have done nothing in secret." John 18:20.**

*** THEY DO NOT WALK THE TALK THEY PREACH.** Yeshua would call them "Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites"! The prophet Samuel would tell them, "You have rejected the word of God, so He has rejected you." 1 Sam. 15:22-23.

Gene Spriggs never has to serve. Living in the plush CCC, being continuously served food fit for a king, and presiding over innumerable meetings... traveling wherever and whenever he wants, he always rents or stays in some separate living quarters, so that he doesn't actually have to participate in the impossibly hard life he instigated! He has MANY, MANY teachings on how to live which he does not apply to himself! The Pharisees likewise loaded people with heavy burdens, but would not so much as lift one finger to help! Surely Spriggs knows that if he spends any significant amount of time actually trying to live out the life he has dictated with innumerable additions to the Scriptures, he'd quickly be exposed for the hypocritical sinner he is... So he remains mysteriously aloof!

*** THEY DO NOT WELCOME CORRECTION, nor desire to "hear from the least", but rather tear down by malicious words and false accusations, and finally expel those (like us) who would question their wrongly assumed authority.**

TRUE STORY: We addressed the fact that the leaders were commanding people to disobey their own teachings and God's commandments for the sake of *money*. We prayerfully wrote a letter, and presented it to the elders of our community... literally "in fear and trembling", and they openly despised our many tears and our pleas to at least "consider" it. Instead, they were filled with wrath that we would question them, and mocked both us and our letter, refusing even to hear it out to the end. Their mocking drove us away, and that day, we were evicted from the community; given only a couple hours to gather our things and leave. They even threatened to call the police to get us out if we were not out by 6:00! We had poured out our lives for many years and then to hear that... Words can hardly describe the devastation of our souls... It was like an insult against the very nature of the God they claimed to serve.

The elders of the TT's are much like King Saul of old, who grew an exaggerated opinion of himself and wanted to be honored among the people. But since he rejected the word of Yehovah, he was rejected from being ruler over the true tribes of Israel. **1 Sam. 15:17, 26.**

In stark contrast, a man "after God's own heart" was so humble that he was open to God's correction even coming from someone who cursed and threw stones at him! **2 Sam. 16:5-11**. His heart was not lifted up in pride, but he was little in his own eyes. He also willingly received correction as it says in **Psalms 141:5 Let the righteous smite me. It shall be a kindness! And let him reprove me. It shall be excellent oil that shall not break my head.**" And he who hates correction is stupid. **Prov. 12:1, Prov. 8:36**.

THE "ONLY HOLY ONES" PRESUMPTION - A Lack Of Faith

Spriggs teaches that his communities are the only place where "the Holy" live.

"We are the light and the hope of the world. We are the only ones who can reclaim this earth for its Maker. We are the only ones whose lives of love and pure devotion, like a bride for her groom, can bring heaven to earth all other attempts to do so are not merely futile, they are evil."

QUESTION: ARE YOU ALL-KNOWING? Obviously not. So SOMEWHERE in the world, OUTSIDE YOUR PERSONAL BUBBLE OF EXPERIENCE, is it not **possible** that there are others who are holy= set apart by God to bring the light of love to the world? It is extremely presumptuous and arrogant to assume that you are the only ones! And God hates arrogance. **Prov. 16:5**. In fact, it makes us wonder what kind of "faith" is really in the TT's communities, based on **Hebrews 11:6**, which says **he who comes to God MUST BELIEVE that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**. And you can't tell me that the callouses on my knees are in vain just because I call myself a "Christian"!

Hebrews 11:1- Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Yoneq uses a fake, contrived name that is not the name of the Biblical Jesus, and then he tells people that "there is no other name by which men can be saved!" But his made-up name, "YAHSHUA," can't stop people from being saved in Jesus' name; the wonderful name of Yeshua ha' Meshiach!

We have faith that the shed blood of Christ has redeemed to God **people from "EVERY tribe and tongue and people and nation"**! **Rev. 5:9**. (And that easily includes MANY people OUTSIDE of the TT's...) Though you can't see them all, **"Blessed are those who have not seen, yet have believed."** **John 20:29**. The question is, how many TT's members will be counted among the faithful of God, when it is clear that **"NO man can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and mammon."** **Matt. 6:24**. The lives of TT's members are spent on paying on paying off Mr. Spriggs' debts.

PARTIALITY IS SHOWN

Leviticus 19:15 - You shall do no injustice in judgment You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

James 2:1-9 - My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality...

TRUE STORY: Several times a couple visited a community of which I was a member... This couple was an odd one; not well-dressed; the man looked like a bum, and the wife - perhaps fifteen years his junior - was somewhat mentally handicapped. She was overweight, and her legs were covered with little red sores. The community on the

whole avoided them; obviously didn't really want them there. However, the woman brought a newborn baby on a chilly Friday night to the celebration, and I pitied the child, because it had almost nothing covering its tiny little body. The mother was obviously clueless as to how to care for a baby. So I pointed out to her that her baby was cold, gave her a swaddling blanket, and showed her how to wrap up her baby snugly. The woman was grateful. But the community on the whole ignored the poor couple, who seemed to come back mostly for the food. The extra seats around their table were left empty, while around the table of a well-to-do business man crowded several community leaders, eager to win him over.

ANOTHER TRUE STORY: A lively man who'd been in the community for over twenty years was told by his elders that he wasn't mature enough to get married. He managed their cafes, wrote beautiful songs, evangelized for them enthusiastically, and yet was belittled by the elders for his child-likeness and for the fact that he didn't take all their words as God's truth. Of course, he wanted a wife very much, but when he found a woman he liked - and who liked him - and got caught holding her hand, he was sent away that very day on the orders of Mr. Spriggs.

Did you know that Marsha Spriggs committed adultery with several members of the TT's? If a person of lower rank had done so, she probably would have been told to leave the community for a time at least. But Marsha's sins have been routinely kept under tabs. The same goes for several leaders, whose gross sins should have at least had them deposed from positions of leadership, but who are judged very lightly in comparison to the majority of "sheep" in the TT's.

TRUE STORY: I was unaware of what was going on in the communities, having come in as a teenager, and not having been "in the loop" of those who'd grown up there. But my husband knew. When he told me about the underground lawlessness abounding there at every level, I could hardly believe my ears! For so many years I'd lived there without a clue that this "pure environment" was tainted by the grossest sins imaginable. It wouldn't have been so shocking if they had been dealt with. After all, sin occurs everywhere. How we deal with it makes all the difference. But as it turns out, there is rampant injustice in the system as it stands, with "little people" like us being evicted for asking questions, while the "emperor's clothes are missing"!

ANOTHER GOSPEL IS PREACHED:

The *Community* Gospel of Spriggs

(2 Cor. 11:4, Gal. 1:6)

If you've been to any significant number of gatherings, you know that **TT's communities preach not Christ alone, and Him crucified**. The leaders' words are rife with warnings against *leaving the community*. They preach dependency on other people to outwardly control the selfishness we all battle, assuming that the Holy Spirit cannot do that job Himself in a person's heart.

Please remember that we are not saying these things to condemn the people of the TT's communities, but to expose the bad fruit of the lies taught by Gene Spriggs. This exposure should-by the grace of God- help people whom God has called out of the cult, and prevent would-be members from joining. **Remember 1 Corinthians 13:1-3?**

Salvation is not dependent on obeying the teachings of men or on living in a communal lifestyle, or any outward thing, but it is faith in Christ alone that saves. Otherwise the thief on the cross would not have been ready to inherit

paradise! But he was saved by his *faith in Jesus!* (**For by grace you are saved through faith. Rom. 11:6, Ephesians 2:5.**)
God looks on the heart.

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Have you believed in the sacrifice of Christ or in a gospel of works to attain perfection? Works are important, but they do not save. Faith in the shed blood of Christ and His atoning sacrifice saves us.

A changed gospel locks people into place where they are supposedly saved only when in obedience to the doctrines and commandments of the men who made up that gospel. Leaving your occupation is not a stipulation for salvation! When soldiers asked what they should do, they were told in **Luke 3:14 to be content with their wages, not to quit their jobs. Wives were Biblically commanded to love their husbands, and to not leave them!** Believing women did not defame the word of God by leaving their unbelieving husbands. To require wives to leave their husbands would be to undermine and disobey the authority of God! for what God has put together let no man tear asunder (More on this very important point later.)

**Rom. 10:9, 10: For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the scripture says, everyone who believes on Him will not be ashamed.
For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

Romans 8:13-16: For if YOU live according to the flesh you will die; but if BY THE SPIRIT you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. FOR AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THESE ARE THE SONS OF GOD.

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!"

The SPIRIT HIMSELF BEARS WITNESS with our spirit that we are children of God.

The teachings of the community say that you cannot put the deeds of the flesh to death unless you LIVE IN COMMUNITY! But that is such a terrible lie!!! The HOLY SPIRIT of the Almighty God is more than able to help you overcome in ANY PLACE!

What do we have that's greater than our attachment (staying connected) to our Master, Yahshua, and His people? Do we think that we can put aside our life for awhile and leave the Community and go out and do other things and then come back?" – May 19, 1994 The Seriousness of Being Cut-Off From Messiah pg. 5

This teaching is not Scriptural. Later we'll expound on why it's not. We'd like to point out that the community teaches one thing but practices another entirely here, by SENDING YOUNG MEN OUT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES ON WORK CREWS, , ESSENTIALLY FORCING THEM TO REALIZE THEY CAN'T LIVE THE WAY THE TEACHINGS DICTATE! In fact, many members are sent out to do this or that for a while, and are told that THEY

CAN'T- for instance- KEEP THE SABBATH apart from the COMMUNAL STRUCTURE, so they ESSENTIALLY LEARN TO BE HYPOCRITES, "believing" one thing and doing the opposite.

"In the nations if you join the army and go to battle and desert the battle you could be imprisoned or even killed. (A deserter is worthy of death – if he falls into the hands of the enemy he will betray you). It's a serious thing to be in a battle and desert your troop. You have to see that we're in a war here. This is our Father's army and you can't so easily come back. We made a pledge at baptism not to leave." -

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Here Spriggs is implying that leaving the walls of the TT's communities is equivalent to deserting God's army. BUT THAT IS NOT TRUE! For all you people who thought you'd be a worthless covenant-breaker if you escaped the community prison, KNOW THAT BY GOD'S ARMY IS NOT THE TT's! YOU'RE NOT LEAVING GOD BY LEAVING THE COMMUNITY WALLS! he lies saying "you can't so easily come back".

TRUE STORY: My first visit to the TT's had me convinced that I wanted to join, but when I expressed that desire, because I'd been raised a Christian, I was denied membership for several weeks. I literally begged to be baptized, and finally was. A year of unrewarding slave labor later, I left in a fog of confusion My family welcomed me back, but I felt awkward for having left the community, as it's taught that you're just being selfish "out in the world" apart from the TT's. So when an old community friend called me about a year later, I succumbed to her plaintive, "Are you coming back?" I returned, and got washed without much ado, quickly put back to work as a member of the so-called "body" of Spriggs' slaves.

Years of service later, I finally met the man I wanted to marry, but the match was not approved by our shepherds. So although we had kissed, and the community teaches that "any sexual contact results in automatic betrothal", our shepherds reasoned this away and told [my now husband] to prepare to leave my community early in the morning on a flight to Germany! He would not leave me, however, and got me up earlier than early, to leave the community once again. With nothing but a little backpack we hitch-hiked to my aunt's place, and my mom bought us plane tickets across the country to her place, where we planned to be married. Meanwhile, a shepherd of the community we'd left called us and told us that "it was at least half [their] fault" that we'd left, and "you can just get married, and after your honeymoon, come back, and be washed of whatever you feel is on your consciences" and they welcomed us back!

You see, we were both very productive members of our community, and when we left, it basically fell apart and had to be totally revamped. (I had been the primary teacher for the majority of the children, and he had been the farm manager.)

We didn't really want to go back, but my mom said she didn't want us to marry unless we promised to return there, because we had nothing of our own to start a family on. Little did she know she'd be called upon to house our family of five a few years later when we were kicked out (with nothing)!

The TT's communities know very well how to emphasis people's needs and to capitalize on them. We know! They propose to fill the void of not knowing one's purpose with COMMUNITY, thinking that COMMUNITY LIFE will SAVE.

"Building up the Body in love can only be done in a community, which is growing with a growth from our Father." My Salvation to the Ends of the Earth, 2006 pg 4

JESUS DID NOT PREACH COMMUNITY, BUT PERSONAL REPENTENCE. **Matthew 4:17.**

You've probably heard it said in the TT's, "Acts 2:44 is our address." So let's read Acts

2:44: "Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common."

This is NOT A COMMAND of God; it's simply stating a fact about how the very first believers lived. Yeshua Himself tells us implicitly that **NOT EVERY BELIEVER IS CALLED IN THE SAME WAY OR TO "THE SAME ADDRESS"** when He says to one, "Follow Me," and to another, **"GO HOME to YOUR friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."** **MARK 5:38**

Can you imagine how ludicrous it would be for Yeshua to demand that "everyone" did exactly the same things?! He did not, and DOES NOT! There are MANY GIFTS, and EACH PERSON was created UNIQUELY TO FUIILL A PARTICULAR, SPECIAL CALLING of God!!!

So, although the man who had been demon possessed actually "BEGGED HIM that he might BE WITH HIM [at the same physical address], Yeshua said to him what He actually said to many or most new believers: "GO"...

"GO to *YOUR HOUSE*" - Mark 2:11

"GO IN PEACE" - Mark 5:34

"GO *HOME* to *your* friends" - Mark 5:38

"GO *YOUR WAY*" Mark 7:29, 10:52,

"GO *INTO ALL THE WORLD*" - Mark 16:15

Yeshua told the apostles, "GO *YOUR WAYS*; behold, I SEND YOU OUT AS LAMBS **AMONG WOLVES**." - Luke 10:3

And, far from having a sheltered and secluded life in a "set apart" community, Yeshua's disciples through the ages have "wandered about"... "like the wind" that blows.

In the light of these verses, "[We Know The Way; We'll Bring You Home](#)" is clearly a presumptuous and unBiblical statement made by the TT's.

"We're building The Kingdom Of God HERE ON THE EARTH!"

Because of their belief that they are actually "building THE KINGDOM of GOD ON THIS EARTH", the TT's set up for themselves a labyrinth of community houses and businesses, most of which are quite high-end. Their clothing is supposed to be "priestly"... But what about "associating with the lowly"? Did the early disciples have to wear "priestly garments" to please God? Hmmm... Here in Hebrews 11:37 it says, "they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins"...

"When people praise you, say, 'Thank you!'"

The community teaches its members to receive praise from men, saying "Thank you" when they are praised. This felt awkward to me at first, but finally became a habit, until I noticed one day that the Bible says **John 5:44- "How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?"**

BAPTISM

1 Cor. 15:1-4 defines the GOOD NEWS in very simple terms. Simplicity is childlike and Christlike. 2 Cor. 11:3. Complication is confusing and demonic, for "Knowledge puffs up," and Satan is the proud author of confusion. "God is not the author of confusion." 1 Cor. 14:33. But Spriggs' teachings make it very complicated; adding what he dubs "THE many other words", making people confess dependence on and full surrender to the community in order to be baptized- even going so far as to make them sign a community "constitution" before baptizing them, as if baptism is the saving act! Baptism is good, but it isn't what saves us.

ALSO, Biblical BAPTISM IS NOT "a covenant [promise] to stay with the TT's communities", as THEY would HAVE YOU believe it to be! **Baptism is Biblically "the answer of a good conscience toward God" according to 1 Peter 3:21.**

The Ethiopian eunuch who was baptized didn't "make a pledge never to leave"; didn't "marry" a commune; didn't suddenly get wrapped in blankets by "brothers and sisters" and "welcomed into a new life" where his name was changed and he was constantly told what he had to do "to be saved" every day!!! He wasn't told that if he didn't "attend the minchot" every day he would suffer eternally for it!!! In fact, as "he went his way", his only Christian friend LEFT HIM! ...Huh... Philip must not have read Spriggs' teachings about conversion...

As you read the Scriptures you will discover that Paul did not live as Gene Spriggs teaches (nor did any of the first disciples, as far as we can see in the Biblical accounts). Yes, believers enjoyed fellowship with one another. Yes, they shared meals at times when they gathered together. But they did not strictly LIVE IN COMMUNAL COMPOUNDS such as those instituted by Gene Spriggs, David Koresh, Jim Jones, and other cult leaders!

THE EXCLUSIVE "BODY" TEACHINGS

* "Nobody else in the world understands what Rev. 21:3 means. **We are the only ones.**" this arrogant and proud statement can only come from one that is with the father of pride.

* **that the Holy Bible was written "only" for them, and that "it is the most dangerous book in the world" for anyone outside the control of their own "anointing"!** This kind of exclusivist view is exactly the way the Roman Catholics felt about the Scriptures! And remember what death their pride wreaked on anyone who would sincerely stand up for the truth that believing in Christ, and faith in Him alone, is enough to save a soul from death!

*** that "no one can understand the Scriptures apart from [their teachings that come from their proud and presumptuous spirit]"! Remember the envy of the power-hungry Pharisees and Catholic priests? They loved to condemn those who would expose their hypocrisy!**

*** that those outside their communities are "in the world", but they themselves are somehow... not: "We have been transferred out of the world, and into the Body of Messiah." this is in direct contradiction to what Christ prayed in the garden in John 17:11-15 where he prays "I do not pray that you take them out of the world...but that you will keep them from the evil one."**

*** that every member of the TT's is an exact replica of the Son of God! "Our Father can use each one of us interchangeably with His One Son who has now made us sons also and His brothers (Heb 2:5-18). We are His likeness, His twin brothers, our Father's multiple twin sons. Heb 2:10-13 speaks of sons of equal rank with Yeshua who is a human, like us, so we could each be a human like Him (fully restored). Otherwise He wasted His time being a human, a second man, like the person He created us to be. We are restored to His likeness to the fullest extent in every aspect of our personalities." - 3ED #27**

*** that the Holy Spirit was taken from the earth at some point after the book of Revelation was written, and given to Gene Spriggs after thousands of years of absence, and thus fruitlessness on the earth! (This is in abject ignorance of the thousands of true testimonies of people who- through the ages- have received such faith that they even went willingly to death for sake of bearing Christ's name! Do YOU have such great faith? 1 Cor.12:3)**

Isa. 55:11. God's Word will not return to Him void! The fruit of His all-powerful, potent life of sacrifice, love, and faith will never cease to be born! Even by your own words, "Faith comes by hearing", you argue against yourself if you say that true believers died out, because then where did Gene Spriggs "hear" faith? And if you believe God could miraculously plant faith in *his* heart without someone's "passing it on," what do you suppose would keep God from doing the same in the hearts of countless others?? The doctrine of the TT's contradicts both the truth *and itself* over and over again.

*** that "only" those who live in the "Twelve Tribes Communities" are true believers, and thus people like George Muller- who in 1825 received the good news of salvation in Christ Jesus and went from being a common thief to feeding, clothing, and sheltering over 10,000 orphaned children with only the funding supplied to him in miraculous answer to daily prayers- are "not true believers"!!!**

LET'S HAVE A REALITY CHECK!

If anyone's really saved, he's going to bear the fruit of the spirit, regardless of his circumstances or surroundings. The community makes it seem as though its people would never be able to survive spiritually without communal surroundings! This is shown false by John's life in Patmos. He lived *by himself* for about four years, and during that time had the most vivid, spiritual revelations imaginable! Plus, looking at those people of faith listed in Hebrews 11, you'll see many who lived- not in supportive communities, but rather- in extremely inhospitable environments!

If you were the only ones with the true gospel, you would have a tremendous urgency to take that truth to all the nations, as Yeshua commanded in Matthew 28:19! But the 12 Tribes communities are relatively complacent and brazenly unwilling to go where they might suffer persecution, proving they are not true, as it says in John 10:13. But Yeshua promised that the world would hate and persecute His followers, and we are to rejoice when persecuted, not recant!! Matt. 5:10-12.

1 Corinthians 5:6 - "So we are always confident, knowing that *while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.*"

This verse speaks directly against the teaching of the Gene Spriggs that each member of the community represents *the very person* of "Yahshua". And it also makes clear that by "the body", Paul is NOT talking here of the collective "body of Messiah" which the TT's assume themselves alone to be. **They would misconstrue the following verses- which all clearly speak of one's own personal, physical body- and even verse 10** as saying "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah, that each one may receive the things done in THE BODY (of TT'er's), according to what he has done, whether good [in obedience to Gene Spriggs' "anointing"] or bad [in rebellion against his rules]"! But verse 9 describes

"OUR AIM" or our GOAL,

if you will is- NOT as Spriggs makes it out to be, but-

"TO BE WELL PLEASING TO HIM [Yeshua ha Meshiach]."

So many of Spriggs' rules are geared toward making people think they NEED EACHOTHER SO MUCH that they *couldn't* possibly *survive* "in the world" without the constant "support" and "accountability" of the webbed network of "shepherds" and such. OR that- outside of living IN A COMMUNITY full of fellow believers, they would NOT BE ABLE to LOVE their brothers! This is absolute bologna Of course you can love your fellow believers in whatever circumstance you find yourself in. And while Spriggs makes "loving your brothers" out to be all-important and such a challenge, Yeshua says "even the Gentiles love those that love them"! But now, LOVING YOUR UNLOVING, UNBELIEVING NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF??

Now THERE is a challenge fit for the shoes of the Holy Spirit alone! And the TT's show themselves to fall short of this one. Actually, if a FELLOW TTs member even gets on their nerves, BOOM! The hammer falls and the offender is suddenly cursed and treated as an enemy, in direct disobedience to 2 Thess. 3:15.

They put great faith in the "help" of "the brothers", and strictly warn repetitiously against thinking that anyone outside their communities could "really" help you. Such dire warnings against leaving the communities effectually make them psychological prisons. But "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LIBERTY"! 2 Corinthians 3:17.

And "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." - James 1:27.

True Christians have the Helper, the Holy Spirit, to keep them on the path God has uniquely prepared for them. So a person is able to KEEP HIMSELF unspotted from the world WHILE LIVING IN IT!

SIN IS A HUGE PART OF COMMUNITY LIFE

YESHUA SAVES US FROM OUR SINS. But the communities shocked me when I first visited with their constant admission to being *in* sin. I should have taken the warning. It was as if they were proud to proclaim that they were extremely sinful! This wallowing in sin became an evident stumbling block for many members, who- perhaps because they hadn't received the true gospel of Messiah, but a false gospel- could never seem to shake their "besetting sins and iniquities". But Yeshua did not ask something impossible of the woman whom He commanded in **John 8:11** to "Go, and sin NO MORE." Also **John 5:14**. Of course, we all sin and fall short, but some sins- like adultery, bestiality, or incest- should not even be named among believers! **1 Cor. 5:1, Eph. 5:3. And 1 Tim. 2:19** says, "Let all that name the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." This is not a impossibility, for God does not give laws that are impossible to obey. *Men do.* And women do. Women like Marsha Spriggs, as this quote points out in a poignant way:

" How selfish it is to think about what you want to do. There is no time for that in our life. You do have to brush your hair and be presentable, but after that, all your faculties are engaged in making a home for the lonely, doing our Fathers will, His business. There is no time for anything else. For a ruler wearing a diadem, thinking about what you want to do and what you enjoy is sin." - Marsha Spriggs

Doesn't that just make you stop and say, "Wow"? Yeshua had something better to say:

Luke 11:46 - And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers."

Corruption in the Leadership

We personally know that many of the elders and people in authority in the TT's outwardly appear righteous to people on the outside, but inside they are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness, as Yeshua said about the Pharisees and scribes in **Matthew 23:27-28**. Also **Jude 12 and 13**.

If someone confesses that they've been looking at porn, they ask to know which websites they were on, so that they could go look at it, and "judge" it!! Basically sinking down to the level of the person he was supposed to be judging!! Hypocrites! take the log out of your eye first then you can see clearly to judge someone else's sin.

Taking heed to your selves for we all offend in many ways.

Matt. 15:7-9: "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophecy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.'"

It's literally impossible to please all the shepherds and obey all of Spriggs' teachings. So members of the TT's get what could be called "a forced bad conscience", in the respect that they are made to always feel guilty. We believe that for that reason, many gross sins are committed without apparent regret. Lying, mockery, laziness, gluttony, rampant promiscuity, adultery, whoredom, incest, pedophilia, homosexuality, bestiality... basically every lawless deed you could imagine has found a home in the TT's. It is far from being "a pure, loving environment" as it is portrayed to guests.

TRUE STORY: I was deeply distressed by a young man who lied to me one Saturday night, just minutes before the "Breaking of Bread" was supposed to occur. I confronted him on his deception, and he laughed it off, denying that he'd lied. So I did what one was taught to do: go to someone else. I went to his

father, who didn't want to be bothered at the celebration, shooing me away as if I was a pesky fly. So I went to an elder of the community, and finally got rebuked for being disruptive to the gathering. I left, crying, and later on the young man participated in the "love feast" as they call it. I fasted and prayed that the hidden sin in this young man's life be exposed, and within a few weeks, he was barely stopped from hanging himself, and exposed that he had been committing bestiality for two years! Nine of the ten animals involved were killed (the one kept alive was conveniently sold). The young man was "sent away" for a discipline of "at least seven years". But he was a hard-working slave, and they ended up allowing him back within a few months.

The feeling that one can never measure up weighs members down to the point that children who grew up there especially "give up" on even trying.

When "sheep" are sent to different communities, their shepherds pass on the dirtiest secrets of sins they'd confessed to the elders of whatever community they're joining. So even though people might hope to have "a fresh start", their new shepherds already look at them with a certain prejudice.

LEADERS' WIVES

"I could tell you what they were doing," says one who grew up there, "sitting and gossiping about the other people, and bossing everyone else around. Besides shopping for themselves, watching movies, eating ice cream and chocolate, and leaving their babies to cry in their cribs for hours."

OPPRESSION

Matthew 11:30: "Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest unto your souls, for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

Just don't go to the the TT's community if you're looking for a light burden and an easy yoke!

Matthew 23:4 - For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

Leaders there schedule everyone's lives, without asking them what they want to do; often without even taking into account a person's giftings, and without the wisdom from above as described in James 3:17. They take away the authority of husbands; making the women's schedules without asking the husbands' permission. And the communities' schedules are mainly driven by the need to make as much money as possible. So there are constant "pushes" to get this and that earthly work done.

Personal Testimony: Shortly after becoming a member, I was working many long hours in a production line, and asked my overseer if I could take a short prayer break. I was curtly denied the opportunity to do what felt like a pressing need on my heart. And who knows how many times the Spirit of God has been/is quenched by such oppressive slave-drivers who are obviously more concerned with making money than caring for the souls of their poor slaves?!

Truly, our job description in Christ is much simpler than Spriggs would have us believe.

John 6:28, 29 - Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" Yeshua answered and said to them, "**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.**" PERIOD!

GALATIANS 5:19-24 - THE FRUIT OF THE FLESH vs. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT!

SLAVERY and RACISM

Speaking of slaves, the Spriggs don't have any problem with slavery. In fact, they think that every black person should "serve Shem" ["Shem" is what they call whites]. They have a whole doctrine about black people that is quite revealing of their racist views. Small wonder there are just a few black members of the TT's! One of the few is a beautiful, talented young woman called "Isha Ruth", whose life since young adulthood has been basically that of a personal handmaid to Marsha Spriggs.

HYPOCRITICAL SABBATICALS

People are taught that God calls us to rest on the seventh day of the week (and He does!), but TT's leaders presume to overrule God's authority and call for work to continue on the Sabbath, because they love money.

"Keeping the Sabbath is not something you can do in a ritualistic way" - Honoring your Parents and the Sabbath, page 3

They say that "the Sabbath can't be kept in a ritualistic way", but everything about the way you keep the Sabbath in the community is ritualistic; from the first thing in the morning to the end of the Breaking of Bread! In the morning you're supposed to get up an hour before the gathering (even if you worked 16-hour days all week long and spent half the night cleaning up after the community's Friday night celebration) and read a Proverb ("or else you'll be a foolish virgin"), then you must go to the gathering and sit still for about two hours while everyone rambles on (try to stay awake, or else you could be the subject of the next social meeting!), and you need to share "a double portion" of what you learned that week... (remember, "every word is straight from God!") Then it's cold "Sabbath Pie" (which you'd better not look forward to eating, because "thinking about what you want is sin")! Remember to fulfill your team's responsibilities (like doing the community's dishes) and don't forget to read the ITN ("or else you'll be reading it for a thousand years in death")! Then if you have enough time to spare (after eating a whole red onion, which "you should do every day"), you might play some strenuous volleyball, but don't forget to take a nap! Set the alarm, 'cuz you have to get up and get ready for the evening gathering and Breaking of Bread by reading "the accounts"- and "have a word of prophesy"! Oh, but if you're a good storyteller, you can count on your precious naptime being haunted by people knocking on your door, asking if you can tell the Children's Story... Although really everyone's sleep is interrupted at some point by everything from requests to host guests to babysitting to emergency trips to the simple constant community noise (banging dishes if you're unfortunate enough to get a room next to the kitchen, or the constant shutting of doors, or single bothers' jamming...) And if, as a man, you engaged in any sexual activity, you won't be able to make "the Loaf"... And every four weeks or so it'll be your turn again, even though you've probably had hardly a moment of peace and quiet to share with your wife all week because of crazy packed

schedules... And the teaching says you can't keep the Sabbath ritualistically!

IDENTITY THEFT and FORCED INSECURITY

Upon baptism, members get a new name, but their legal names are added to the 501C4 order so that the leaders can collect tax returns on their behalf. People who leave must take note and reclaim their social security numbers if they don't want to continue to add to the statistical wealth of the TT's.

If there are- say- 3000 people in the corporation, and all the income is spread out across those who are making money. If the IRS looks into it, each person is well below the poverty line, but some work way harder than others, making lots of money, but usually not seeing any of it.

If a member is being investigated by the police, leaders will actually give someone's name to the one being investigated by police so that he can flee the country!

Leaders rename everyone at will, without necessarily consulting parents or husbands, and certainly not feeling the need for their permission. *Of course, to name is an owner's right, so people feel more "owned" by the community leadership that way. But the apostle Paul didn't rename Prisca and Aquilla, or anyone else that we know of. Most names mentioned as those of believers in the New Testament are quite common Greek names! There are only a dozen or so examples of people being renamed in the Bible, and in every case, the person doing the renaming was either God Himself or someone of great authority such as a king or one of the Apostles, which serves to prove the point that naming someone implies ownership or CONTROL over the the renamed.*

As if all that weren't bad enough, Gene Spriggs actually took a map of the world and- after only a short deliberation with a few other leaders- chose to name a few parts of the globe "The Twelve Tribes of Israel", based on his own presumptions! (Of course, he conveniently left out several *inconvenient* countries- such as Africa, Russia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and others- altogether, *as if they didn't even exist!*)

The very name he gave his cult is evidence that he is a thief! GOD named Israel! GOD decided the borders of the Twelve Tribes! And only GOD has the AUTHORITY to do so!

They don't want you to have too much contact with people "out in the world". Anyone who becomes too close a friend with someone "in the world" will likely be sent to a distant community to keep him or her from "becoming defiled". This kind of people moving occurs in the attempt to remedy many situations thought "bad" by the leaders, such as youth liking each other too much or talking to each other too much, or people who ask too many questions about issues in the community, or having a hard time with someone in the leadership, or a host of other similar reasons where moving a person might throw him off the subject.

"No talking to each other" rule for youth.

"Eternally INDEBTed"

Romans 13:8 - Owe no man anything, but to love one another. For he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

HUGE, self-imposed, presumptuously-accrued DEBTS saddle the TT's communities. Properties are bought without the knowledge, will, and consent of the people who will actually be paying for them. The elders make the choices, and the members pay the price in extremely long, hard, and often stressful labor, lack of family time, lack of sleep, and worn-down vitality. Unpaid adult and child labor *fuels their so-called "faith" to covetously presume more and bigger properties, like the plush "Community Conference Center" in Hiddenite, North Carolina*, or "CCC"; a ritzy place bought on credit for which the TT's slaves are forced to pay, even though almost none of them had any part in the decision to purchase it! "Hospitality" at the CCC is shown FOR A PRICE, as if it were a Hotel! The last we knew, there was even a communal TAX imposed on *every community* to help pay for the sprawling luxurious splendor of the CCC... It's nothing at all like the places Yeshua chose to have conferences with His disciples: in gardens, on mountains, in humble homes, in synagogues- which might have been the religious equivalent of "churches" of His day...

Heb 13:5 - Let your manner of living be without covetousness, and be content with such things as ye have. For He hath said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee";

SCRIPTURES UNDERMINED/IGNORED

TRUE STORY: *I first visited the community as a sincere Christian who'd been baptized for years, had read the entire Bible, and prayed more in those years than I dare say most people pray in long lifetimes. I brought my Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, and began to examine TT's freepapers, to see if what they said lined up with what the Scriptures really said. I remember having only begun my study, when a "shepherd" of that community came up to me and, with a rather intimidating tone of voice, told me I shouldn't be doing that; rather, he told me I should "just listen at the gatherings". Not wanting to seem insolent, as I was a guest in their home, I decided to stop studying, and do what he said. It wasn't long before the lively music, dancing, and zealous "sharing" tugged strongly at m heart, which was grieving the recent loss of my dear father and the apparent lack of zeal in the mainstream churches. I was at a vulnerable crossroad in life, and the community knew how to capitalize on my naivete.*

I was never encouraged to "see if these things were so," by studying the Bible independently with prayerful critical thinking and spiritual discernment, but rather, to study with the "help" of "the Anointing" [the teachings] they had "received". Furthermore, I was soon told that I should "throw away" my dear Bible.

They say that the Bible is the worst book people can have in the world. How is that different from the blinding authority of the Catholic church of the middle ages, who claimed to be the only ones who could rightly understand the Bible, and went so far as to burn people for having partial copy's of the scriptures?!

*** Yeshua said, "But when you pray, enter into your closet, and pray to your Father in secret, and your Father, which sees in secret, shall reward you openly." Matthew 6:6**

Contrary to Yeshua's command, the community teaches people to *go outside and walk to pray*. After all, in the community, "your closet" isn't really yours; any number of people may share it, especially if you're single and have to share a room with several others!

This is just one of the *many* ways the teachings of Gene Spriggs undermine the authoritative teachings of Yeshua Messiah! In so doing, he actually encourages hypocrisy and Pharisee-ism; the

appearance of godliness but for the praise of men! Matt. 6:5.

THE Scriptures *ALTERED* and *TWISTED*

JEWS ADDED TO SCRIPTURE WITH THEIR LAWLESS TALMUDIC WRITINGS, and

GENE SPRIGGS ADDS TO AND SUBTRACTS FROM SCRIPTURE WITH HIS OWN PRESUMPTUOUS TEACHINGS!

A hallmark of cultish groups: capitalizing on verses that give them control while ignoring the whole of the context. Like the Pharisees, they strain at gnats and swallow camels. The TT's preach community, and throw out true love.

TRUE STORY: Both of us are studious people who have read through the Bible several times each. Additionally, one of us is a Hebrew student who has read through the complete original Hebrew text more than once. The Strong's Concordance is a great tool for discovering how the original words were translated, and their other possible meanings. However, when shepherds in the TT's saw that we were the kind to question the veracity of Spriggs' teachings, each of us were told to throw away our Bibles, because *if the teachings are held to the scrutiny of the Scriptures, they crumble!* Eventually I was given a new Bible, and during teachings, if I was told to alter it, I did. After coming out and reading through the Bible again, I suddenly noticed how arrogantly presumptuous Spriggs' teachings are, as I saw things like words crossed out...

"Let each one look out not ~~only~~ for his own interests, but ~~also~~ for the interests of others."
Philippians 2:4 (Yes, Spriggs said those inspired words should be crossed out!)

And I saw the name "Yahshua" written over the name "Yeshua"... This now strikes me as a particular travesty, because the true Hebrew name of Jesus- Yeshua- has a real meaning: according to STRONG'S, "Yeshua" #3442 means "HE WILL SAVE"! But both the haphazard Hebrew "Yahshua" used by the community trying to say "Yahweh's Salvation" and even the supposed pronunciation of "Yahweh" is not in the Bible at all! STRONG'S # 3091 is "Yehoshua" which means "Yehovah saved".

"Like eating when you don't need to. **Eating for pleasure is greed.** No one who does this will enter the kingdom, also no one who eats fast – even when you are alone - will enter the kingdom **If we eat hurriedly it means we don't know God** or our brothers and sisters." - Sexuality 10/89

Spriggs would apparently like his people to eat for the sole purpose of supplying calories to their bodies so that they can continue to work 16 hour days of slave labor. But he forgot to check with God's word before making his ultimatum...

Exodus 12:11 "And thus shall you eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So **you shall eat it in haste.** It is Yehovah's Passover."

"The husband and wife must be a united front, or they will see death (John 8:51)."

This is a prime example of how, just like "Jehovah's Witnesses" as they are so-called, the **TT's teachers twist the Scriptures. READ JOHN 8:51!** It says, "Most assuredly I say to you, if anyone keeps **My word, he shall never see death.**" **THAT VERSE SAYS ANY ONE (INDIVIDUAL) WHO KEEPS HIS WORD WILL NEVER SEE DEATH!!!** So Gene Spriggs once again connives people to think their salvation is absolutely dependent

on OTHER PEOPLE!

CHRISTIANITY IS DEMONIZED ACROSS THE BOARD

2 Peter 2:10b - **They** [we dare declare "**TT's leaders**"] are **presumptuous**, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord. But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, **speak evil of the things they do not understand**, and will utterly perish in their own corruption.

"In Christianity, there are no apostles, prophets or elders. There are only hirelings who care nothing for the sheep." -Elders and Deacons

"There's no forgiveness in Christianity. They all go to church having committed every sin imaginable and don't confess it to anyone." -Seeking First Kingdom/washing/ the narrow road

"Likewise, Christians walk in the name of their god, Jesus, and take their identity with their god's fate." - 3ED #27

These are *typical* PRESUMPTUOUS statements which could definitely be seen as "bearing false witness against your neighbor"!

Please Note: Since being expelled from a TT's community with two little children and a token grace of only \$200, our family has experienced first-hand the kindness and hospitality of Christians time and time again. We have been given free room and board, literally thousands of dollars, and even a place to call our own- free of charge, and with no calls for payback!! Now that exposes the TT's presumptions about ALL Christians "only looking out for number one" and "being all about money" for the envious lies that they truly are. Sure, there are pseudo-Christians, and false teachers abound. But now we are free to obey God according to the Scriptures and the dictates of our consciences, and truly, "the commandments of God are not grievous", and Yeshua's yoke is "easy", and His burden is "light" beyond compare with the overwhelming demands of the TT's communities!

Heb. 13:6: So we may boldly say: "**YEHOVAH is my helper; I will not fear.**" What can man do to me?" Also [Luke 17:19](#).

These verses definitively state that- **NOT only those that live a communal lifestyle**, or only those that believe in "the three eternal destinies will be saved," but- EVERYONE who calls on the name of the Son of God will be saved! Isn't He wonderful?! In His love, He sees and hears the lonely believer in a prison camp in North Korea who calls on Him, and saves him *no less* than He saves someone who has all kinds of doctrinal knowledge and is baptized by a church elder!

The TT's strictly forbid people from attending any Christian church. Now, everyone knows that there's sin and hypocrisy to be found in every single group of people (and that most definitely includes the TT's!) But if Christians are so off, why don't you go out of the way to reach them and to save them? Yeshua was all about saving the lost!

"OUT OF THE WORLD"

Honestly, the TT's leaders are much more about saving themselves from the world than they are about saving others. This kind of self-preservation is why they "will not go" as Yeshua expressly commanded "INTO ALL THE WORLD".

Luke 11:33. Those who are sucked into the TT's lifestyle are largely taken OUT of the worldly places of influence they should have had. They COULD HAVE gone to THEIR HOMES and shone as lights to the world, loving their unsaved neighbors and worldly enemies, but instead, they withdrew from society on the whole, and now spend their lives "loving their brothers" according to Gene Spriggs' teachings. It's a sad rip-off, for Yeshua taught, "if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?" Matthew 5:46. OF COURSE WE AS BELIEVERS LOVE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST! BUT THAT IS SIMPLY A NATURAL OUTCOME OF LOVING OUR MESSIAH; it's NOT OUR LIFE'S MISSION! No, Yeshua did not call His people to isolation from the world, just as He implicitly stated in **John 17:15 and 18:** "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one... As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world."

The TT's communities are largely set up in the fear of being defiled by "the world", and it becomes clear that they consider themselves to no longer be "in the world" when they implicitly talk of those outside as being "out in the world". **THE TT's REFUSE TO OBEY MATTHEW 28:19:**

"Go therefore into ALL THE NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

FEAR of persecution holds back spreading to the four corners of the earth; the "gospel" (according to them) being limited to places that they have religious liberty, while denied those living in places like Saudi Arabia, Africa, Russia, China, and North Korea.

2 Tim. 1:7: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." Also see Matthew 24:14.

Our experience has also been that the TT's are more worried about keeping the properties they presumptuously accrued than they are about spreading the good news that the Son of God died for the sins of the whole world, and so they are unfruitful. Matt. 13:19-22.

1 Cor. 5:9-11 gives direct permission to keep company with the people of this world, but warns against keeping company "with anyone named a brother who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner- not even to eat with such a person."

TRUE STORY: I remember wishing I could go out and talk with people outside the community more often, but my shepherds were much more interested in having the sheep make money than go out and try to make more disciples, apparently, as I was made to work 16 hour days, with long "pushes" through the night hours to fill orders. There was a year or two that I don't remember "going out" once!!! That year I struggled a lot with inner turmoil, boredom, and the restlessness that goes along with feeling completely unfulfilled.

PLAYING OLD TESTAMENT PRIEST

The TT's have a VERY STRICT LAW that members must NEVER miss- or even be a few minutes late to either of their twice daily gatherings for anything but EMERGENCIES. Those who do will face being publicly disgraced, cut off, and even sent away. This places a huge amount of stress on community members (who used to think they were joining a loving, forgiving, peaceful community of believers in Messiah). These gatherings are strictly ordered and very tense, with each member feeling the pressure to keep even a three-second's pause from occurring. It's a contrived attempt to mimic the graceful, life-giving flow of Spirit-filled life, and it fails miserably.

Have you ever noticed that Paul had a regular job (Acts 18:3), and taught in the synagogues on the Sabbath days? Dear Spriggs, where was Paul's *community*? Hmmm? **There is no need for a believer in Messiah to play priest, because ours is a spiritual priesthood not depending on outward form but on the grace of Yeshua Messiah our High Priest! (Heb 8:6)**

It is in fact quite obvious that the early believers, including Paul, did not gather every single morning and evening to "stand" and participate in a religious ritual. Read the *entire* book of Acts and envision it literally, comparing it with your life! You will see there religious freedom for individuals, gathering on the Sabbath to **listen to the Scriptures being read**, and all kinds of **people having their own houses, businesses, and things!**

DAMNABLE HERESIES summed up

2 Peter 2:1-3 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord Who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

*** They say, "JESUS IS A DEMON!"**

They basically teach that anyone who comes in from Christianity has to "renounce Jesus" because they say that he is a demon!

*** DENYING THE GIFT of the Holy Spirit**

As if it weren't bad enough to slander the name of Jesus, Spriggs denies the gifts of the Holy Spirit, particularly ridicules those who speak in tongues. But clearly, the gift of tongues is still being poured out today, for the edification of the collective Body of Messiah. 1 Corinthians 12.

Matthew 12:31, 32 - "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come." - Jesus

*** OBEDIENCE TO SPRIGGS IS made EQUAL to obeying GOD... Is *this* blasphemy?**

"All who know God and know authority will obey His word, will obey Him, will obey His delegated authority without argument. Acts 3:23 – If we do not obey every word He speaks to us we will be cut-off." - November 18, 1990 Reasoning pg. 4

"If we have our Father's choice of elders and leaders then we are to render absolute obedience to them. An elder doesn't have to defend his authority. Attitude of elders is fear and trembling for they represent the authority of Yahweh on the earth." - Elders and Deacons

"In the body of Messiah there is no independence of will, action, movement, or feelings - leading to behavior not becoming to the head. The members of the body never act independently or in opposition." -The Trinity 7/94

"Life in the kingdom is life under authority. If you have a problem with authority you have a problem with God." -Elders and Deacons

PERSONAL OPINIONS VERSES THE WORD OF GOD

There are times when a person speaks in the Spirit of God, and then, at that moment, yes, they are the words of God. But many times we express our opinions on matters, and these are not to be taken as God's word or command! The apostle Paul himself didn't presume that every word he spoke was to be hallowed as God's, which is made clear in 2 Corinthians 8:8-10, in which Paul says "I give my advise", also in 1 Corinthians 7:10-12, 1 Cor. 7:25, 2 Cor. 11:17, 1 Cor. 7:40.

"We obey authority in the body absolutely... Our first priority is upon obedience to the authority in the community." -Elders and Deacons

THIS IS ABSOLUTE HERESY! For OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS to obey the GREATEST commandment: TO LOVE Yehovah GOD with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and thus WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MAN.

*** REGARDING PEOPLE "AS MESSIAH HIMSELF"**

"The bread is broken and passed (shared) between all of us who are alive in Him. But if we by our actions profess that we receive our brothers and sisters as parts of the Lord's body and in our hearts hold resentment or jealousy or bitterness, we unwittingly share the guilt of those who physically broke the Body of Messiah, our Salvation. So, in order to receive Messiah's ministry, His fullness, into our lives, we must come to the point where we regard one another as extensions of Messiah Himself (1 Cor 11:27)." - The Communion Meal We Share pgs 1-2 1989

Matt. 24:26 - They will say, "Look here! See, He is there! You can meet Him in the inner room [at the Breaking of Bread]." But DO NOT BELIEVE THEM or go with them.

*** NEGLECTING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES in favor of the "community"**

One of the main problems a lot of people see right offhand is that the community encourages the needless and unBiblical abandonment of personal responsibilities for their own family members. By doing so they directly oppose 1 Timothy 5:8 - But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his own household, he has DENIED THE FAITH and is WORSE THAN AN UNBELIEVER.

*** PROFESSING THAT OBEYING THE COMMUNAL TEACHINGS SAVES**

Community teachings would have you believe that works like doing the dishes, trash pick-up, fasting, and a host of other things will save you. But works themselves do not save us! And many people through the ages have leaned on works heavily, like the Pharisees of old who tithed mint and rue, and made up all kinds of rules to make people who followed them spiritual... But "in vain they worship" God, "teaching as doctrines the commandments of MEN!" Matthew 15:9.

*** The PERSONAL LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT DENIED**

"When we are in the Body we have no independent action or movement."

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This phrase is devised to make people feel that they must only do what they've been specifically directed to do by their shepherds or by "the anointing" taught by Gene Spriggs. The catch is that HE presumes to be the HEAD of the Body of Messiah! Or what? Does he consider himself to be a big toe? If he is anything but the HEAD of the body, since when did a hand tell every other member of the body what to do? *

Autonomy and personal choice- i.e. free will- are squelched in TT's communities. Even good deeds are called "lawless" if not commanded by the leadership! But

"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." - Yeshua ha Meshiach, John 3:8.

"You don't really know what's good for you; your shepherds do!"

1 Corinthians 7:39 says if a woman's husband dies, "she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes", as long as he is a believer himself. That liberty of free choice is greatly diminished in a slave-mentality society where they say, "you don't really know what's good for you; your shepherds do"; where single men often vastly outnumber single women, and much pressure is applied to go on "waiting periods", get married right away, and have lots of babies, contrary to the words of the apostle Paul that "she is happier if she remains as she is".

One key aspect of the fruit of the Spirit is SELF-CONTROL. *That is, CONTROLLING ONE'S OWN SELF, not relying on others to control you.*

The wicked, lazy servant of Matthew 25's parable was cursed for not taking the initiative to invest his talents.

The poor widow of Mark 12:41-44 gave every penny she had to the temple treasury. The TT's use this passage to say that every disciple of theirs MUST give EVERYTHING they have to the community elders. But NO ONE TOLD THAT WOMAN SHE MUST GIVE ALL; SHE HAD INITIATIVE OF HER OWN! And the community certainly ISN'T equal to the TEMPLE treasury!

*** LYING IS CONDONED**

"There is a difference between bearing false witness and concealing a matter (not telling the truth)

that others have forfeited their right to know because of their hostile and evil attitude toward God.”

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Members are actually taught by the leaders that if- when evangelizing Christians- they are asked, "Are you Christians?" they can answer, "Yes," in spite of the fact that they denounce Christianity as a whole.

“Sometimes we make a stand with the truth by not revealing the truth or by our answers that are or are not true.”

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If leaders decide that someone doesn't deserve to know the truth it's fine to lie to them. Lying then becomes a way of life. They routinely lie to police, covering for members who may have committed such atrocities as pedophilia and brutal abuse. Thus this type of person goes on in the community unhindered, when such gross sins shouldn't even be named among believers. [vs]

But GOD CANNOT LIE. Titus 1:2. BE IMITATORS OF GOD. Ephesians 5:1. For "all liars will have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone" [vs]

*** THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE THROUGH CHRISTIAN HISTORY DENIED**

“Everything has been in abeyance for at least 1900 years – put off for a future generation to fulfill. Abeyance – put off, it’s no longer in existence. There is no people of God; there is no holy nation; there is no twelve-tribes nation; there has been no one keeping the way of YHWH for 1900 years – it has been in abeyance.”

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“Therefore the evil one has been a ruler for 1900 years. They crucified the very Son of God – YHWH in the flesh. They killed Him! It proves who is in control of the world – Satan rules the whole world.”

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Hebrews 13:5 - Yeshua promised "I will **NEVER** leave you nor forsake you."

John 14:16 - "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper [**the Holy Spirit**], that He may abide **with you forever**"

and verse 18 - "**I will not leave you** orphans"!

1 Corinthians 12:3 - Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

Luke 9:49, 50 - Now John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us." But Jesus said to him, **"Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side."**

ONE QUESTION FOR YOU: ARE YOU ALL-KNOWING? Obviously not. So SOMEWHERE in the world, OUTSIDE YOUR PERSONAL BUBBLE OF EXPERIENCE, is it not possible that there are others who bring the light of God's love to the world? It is extremely presumptuous and arrogant to assume that the followers of Gene

Spriggs are the only ones!

Salvation is absolutely based on an individual heart's free-will choice to place his faith in Messiah Yeshua. Whether the community around him agrees or not, he will be saved by his faith!

But WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. - Hebrews 11:6

Do the members of the TT's really believe that God is a rewarder of THOSE who diligently seek Him? THOSE Christians who diligently seek Him?

"Your faith has saved you." - Yeshua

*** Meddling is greatly encouraged.** Yoneq employs a common tactic of psychopathic dictators by placing the job of monitor and watchdog on every individual. He stresses that "if you see your brother in sin, GO TO HIM". Matthew 18:15-20 are certainly good guidelines, however the "sin" people go to others to confront more often than not was *not* actually Biblically *defined sin* at all, but an act that went against some point of Yoneq's teachings, like eating chocolate, cutting one's hair differently than the communal standard, or being late to the gathering! People in the community go about meddling as busybodies in everyone else's affairs. But in John 21:21 and 22 when Peter asked Yehsua, "But Lord, what about this man?" Yeshua said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? YOU FOLLOW ME." ***Every individual's calling is for him or her alone.***

Spriggs would have you believe that it is good to be a meddler. In fact, if you get right down to the spirit of his teaching, "other people's matters" (1 Peter 4:15) don't exist, because THEIR MATTERS are supposed to be YOUR MATTERS, as you "share all things in common"!

"THE 50 YEAR RACE" DECEPTION

Search the Scriptures and see that THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A "50 YEAR RACE" to be run by a collective "Twelve Tribed Nation"!!! It's a sham! A hoax! A bunch of rather impossible man-made standards are set to determine its start, and when Yeshua returns before "the race" Yoneq preaches is over or perhaps even begun, those who didn't see through the deception will be left moaning, "I thought my Lord would delay His coming!" Matthew 24:48 describes an EVIL SERVANT as saying, 'My master is delaying His coming!' Our souls ache over the thought that many, most, or even all the so-called believers in the TT's will be caught unaware at the glorious time of Yeshua's return for His Bride. Ironically, they think THEY ARE IT; the ONE TRUE BRIDE OF CHRIST! But they are so caught up in this "50 Year Race" deception that- unless their eyes are opened somehow- they will not be able to say like Paul,

2 Timothy 4:7,8 - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all

who have loved His appearing.

We must each follow Messiah individually and run our deeply personal race, as Paul ran his.

The 144,000 SHAM

Gene Spriggs has spread the presumptuous and false teaching that his communities must bring forth 144,000 pure young virgin men who have never uttered a lie before Messiah can return! This completely unfounded teaching is set forth as their "GOAL", and is the cause of much perturbation in the minds of just about every thinking person, because despite trying very hard to pump out children, they are "losing" their children at nearly the same rate as they produce them! So many young people are leaving, in fact, that the weight of the communities is now largely falling upon the elderly and the spiritually dead (who likely feel they cannot forsake Spriggs' "anointing", after having invested all their strength into it), and now if they were to leave, they'd have to start all over from scratch...

TRUST IN MEN IS TAUGHT

In direct opposition to Psalms 146:3, 1 Cor. 2:5, Jer. 12:6, and others, members are told, "Just believe and trust your brothers!" *The teachings of the TT's lead to the enslavement- not the freeing- of souls. Matt. 23:13.*

Yeshua DID NOT tell us to put our faith or our trust in a mere mortal man like Yoneq, or in a community or church group!

Jeremiah 17:5 - Thus says Yehovah:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from Yehovah!"

Spriggs would contrive that believing Jesus or "Yahshua" "is come in the flesh" means believing that every word a member of the community says in the gathering is the word of God Himself, and if you don't believe [Spriggs, in particular], you're not able to be saved!

Teachings ring with the chant: "Trust your brothers! Trust your brothers!"

The 12 Tribes' way of belief is cunningly devised to make new converts feel indebted to "follow the leader" of their communities, and put their "trust in their *brothers*", *not* in God and God alone.

Psalm 146:3, Philipians 3:3, Micah 7:5.

*** "TRUST US... We'll tell you when YOU'RE DAMNED!"**

"There is no such thing as harsh treatment in any role of authority." - Elders and Deacons teaching

Colossians 3:19 - Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

1 Corinthians 13 - LOVE IS PATIENT AND IS KIND...

"We cannot tolerate one second of someone who would accuse the body. So he is cut off-he has to leave. Never will he be with us again until he repents. There is no room for anyone who complains against anyone or thing in the body. We do not tolerate faction a person going around dividing the body, persuading another brother against the truth. They go to the second death, the lake of fire." -Breaking of Bread in Sus 2/24/90

Galatians 5:22 - But the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE... PATIENCE, KINDNESS... GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL...

Galatians 6:1 - Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

SALVATION IS TAUGHT AS COMMUNAL, NOT PERSONAL

* The TT's false teaching that a person's salvation cannot be "personal" but is rather necessarily "communal" probably spawned the huge presumption that they must somehow void Messiah's prophecy in Luke 17:34 that "two will be in one bed, and one will be taken, and the other left." In so doing they actually encourage people to TRY to make Yeshua a liar!!! They can't handle the fact that the wheat and the tares grow up TOGETHER. Matt. 13:27-30. In their desperation to rid themselves of "tarish" people who aren't conformed to their way of thinking, just like the Catholic church the TT's cruelly evict many, apparently not fearing that they just might be pulling up wheat! But Yeshua clearly said in Matthew 13:29, 30, "lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together till the harvest..."

* Spriggs' teachings have contrived ways to force people to "go" to their brothers and sisters about all kinds of little differences of opinion... But concern for your brothers and sisters in Christ should not inspire fear for your own salvation. *There is no fear in love. But perfect love casts out fear. 1 John 4:18.*

The TT's schedule a "Breaking of Bread" ritual every week, during which every baptized member is supposed to meet with "Yahshua" whom they are supposed to "see" in "each and every one in the room".

People are cajoled into believing that their salvation is completely reliant upon the people around them; that if every member of the community is not in complete accord, all their prayers "hit the ceiling" worthlessly. But God disagrees. Rev. 3:4 He says: *"You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy."* Also in 1 Timothy 5:22 we read, *"Do not...share in other people's sins: keep yourself pure."* And James 5:16 says *"the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."* A singular man.

LIES ABOUT PEOPLE "IN THE WORLD"

Many people are convinced to stay in the over-controlling, welfare-type society of TT's communities because they believe the lies that *no one will "truly" care for them elsewhere.* Um, hello! Are they forgetting that God Himself takes care of His own?!

Personal Testimony: I was mentioned in the ITN as having been raised by "righteous parents". Nevertheless I was told that-by being a Christian- I was a part of "the great whore", and thus, I was an adulteress. This was very hard for my heart to swallow. Though I knew- and to this day acknowledge- that

there are many so-called "Christians" who are faithless and unbelieving, I knew in my heart that I loved the Son of God more than anything! I was one who was truly willing to do His will. Yet I was told that I would have to "renounce Christianity" if I wanted to become a member of the communities. It was declared to me that "Jesus is a demon", and that my name meant "Worshiper of the Golden Image". I could hardly believe my ears. I'd always loved my Christian name. But now, I was made to feel completely disgusting and totally worthless, and I was continuously pressured with pitiful pleadings such as, "We NEED you!" (to be baptized into the Twelve Tribes' communities), and to receive "a completely new identity." Only 12 years later did I realize what motivated them to say such things: they were loaded with debts, overworked, and I was a gullible, strong, and capable person, willing to work hard.

FEAR TACTICS TO KEEP PEOPLE ENSLAVED

Members are told that if they decide to leave the commune they will go straight to the lake of fire, because **"they are judged already"** according to Gene Spriggs. But of course that's a LIE! In Matthew 6:25-33 God promised that He Himself would care for His children's needs. He didn't need a 501C3 or community organization to feed the 5,000, and He STILL doesn't!

And although Spriggs' fear tactic might work to keep people enslaved, "perfect love casts out fear", and, according to 1 Cor. 13:1-3 *our motivator for all that we do should be sincere LOVE, not fear of being damned by men! When Yeshua's disciples were not received by a certain community, they thought to call for fiery retribution, but He- having just corrected them for being worldly power-hungry- rebuked them again, saying in Luke 9:55, "You do not know what spirit you are of! For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them!"*

FAMILIES NEEDLESSLY TORN

It's rare for entire families to join the community. Usually it's a single son or daughter, husband or wife, who is told by the community that joining the TT's is all-important and absolutely necessary for salvation, and thus they must leave everyone and everything dear behind. So fathers leave their wives and children. And worse, wives leave their husbands and children, and, when their husbands refuse to join after a time, these women are lawlessly married to other men in the communities!

Many women are convinced to leave their husbands based upon the presumptuous addition the community makes to the words of our Savior in Matthew 10:37 and Mark 10:29,30!

But the exemption of the "husband" figure in every list of who a disciple might have to leave was NOT a careless mistake! 1 Corinthians 7:10 says: "Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband." And vs. 39: "A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord."

By encouraging women to leave and divorce their husbands, the TT's end up with many women who are set up to commit adultery according to the statements Christ made in Matthew 19:1-8. And the men who marry them are getting adulteresses for wives! Thus, the Twelve Tribes communities literally promote adultery "thinking they do God a favor"!!!

SPRIGGS' CURSES

THREATS OF GOING TO HELL

TT's leaders think that they can pass judgment on a person's eternal destiny- which is a call only God can and will make at the great white throne judgment- so they are presumptuously taking the place of God Himself when they say that anyone who leaves their community "is going to the lake of fire!"

Gene Spriggs actually goes so far as to curse those who dare to think outside the box in a effort to scare them into staying in his communities.

Examples of curses include the following:

"If you leave the safety of the community, you will have a terrible accident and die."

"If you leave us, you will become a homosexual."

"If you go into the world, lightening will strike you dead."

James 3:10 - Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so."

NO ONE CAN SEND YOU TO HELL BUT GOD. Gene Spriggs does **not** have Biblical authority to pass judgment on people, but he DOES "Lord it over" people by compulsion, with many threats of hellfire and "eternal death" to those who don't comply with his many uncompassionate and severe demands. But while his followers parrot morning and evening that "if you leave, you'll go straight to the lake of fire", they presume to stand in the Judgment seat of Messiah, which is a VERY PROUD ASSUMPTION! Don't be fooled! We were also once blinded by the *constant inculcation of Yoneq's poisoned teachings*, but once you study God's Word WITHOUT the "help" of "the anointing" of Gene Spriggs, you will find great relief in SEEING...

**"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"
Romans 8:31**

"Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? Is is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Who died, and furthermore is also risen, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" Romans 8:33-35

TRUE STORY:

Our names were cast out as evil when we questioned the community's oppressive leadership. We were quickly evicted, lies were spread about our supposed sins, and people in the (public) community market refused to acknowledge our presence when we came to buy some things months later...

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us!"

Romans 8:37

HUGE PRESUMPTIONS (opposed by Scripture):

Col. 2:20-23: Therefore, if you died with Messiah from the basic from the basic principles of the world, why as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations-- "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," which all concern things which perish with the using-- according to the commandments and doctrines of men? These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

QUOTES from TT's Teachings:

* "Our houses are getting filthy. Everyone has a sexton who is working all the time to fix it up and keep it clean. If your house doesn't have a sexton don't go to work, just board up your windows and leave. Don't fool yourself-you are not part of the body of Messiah if your house doesn't have a sexton." -The Ten Commandments/Sowing Discord/Priesthood 4/8/94

I lived in several communities that didn't have a sexton. That wasn't why the community houses were often filthy. It was because nobody had the sense that this was THEIR property, and therefore the problems weren't THEIRS to fix. Besides, other teachings say that if you do things you weren't told to do, you're LAWLESS! It's a catch-22! A lose-lose situation. So take that double-negative as POSITIVE ASSURANCE THAT YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE COMMUNITY!

* "No one should sing, dance, or play any instrument in the assembly who has not judged himself as filled with the Spirit. No one should speak or even serve in any capacity without His Spirit dwelling in their soul..."

"I was forced to get Bat Mitzvah'd because I couldn't do anything until I was. I couldn't mow the lawn, drive a vehicle, go anywhere- not even shopping- until after I was baptized!" - Anonymous, born and raised in the TT's

* "Don't think we can ever accomplish anything until our children can learn to sing at the proper pitch." Typical statement unfounded by scripture that puts people under a heavy yoke of bondage making them feel that no matter how hard they try they're not able to attain if the children in their community don't sing perfectly.

* "No one who had natural affections would consider having a dog in the city or house." . Job was a righteous man who had more than natural affections, and he considered worthless people unworthy to run with his sheepdogs! Job 30:1 Also Matt. 15:27 "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." Ps. 68:23 shows that the dogs of God's people will have enough to eat. Ex. 22:31.

* "So we can reach out to these people we work around, seeing if they do things that disqualifies them from the nations [i.e. makes them worthy of HELL!] like spitting on the floor... When they spit on the floor they degrade the image of god in them, or when you don't wash your hands after using the bathroom... Genesis 9 goes from murder to spitting on the sidewalk." - Gene Spriggs apparently believes that if someone spits on the sidewalk he'd judge them as worthy of hell! Obviously psychopathic.

Mark 8:23, John 21:25

If we don't witness to the world how the kingdom should be, the end won't come. - The Corrupters 2008

This statement tries to make it dependent on people when the end will come, but it will come regardless of human intervention. When God decides its time the rapture will happen and ALL believers in Christ will be called up together from every people, tribe, and nation!

Isa. 29:13: Therefore the LORD said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and

honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men, therefore...the wisdom of their wise men shall perish..."

* "If there is a three second pause in the gathering, the Holy Spirit has been quenched." Rev. 8:1. Is he saying that death is in heaven for half an hour?!

* "Everyone should have a whole red onion every day." Or else, what? Are you "cut off"? Bologna.

* "All of our cells will divided into human beings that will rule with God in them." Biblical backup, please.

* "Society has not yet seen the effect of what freedom has done to Cham [the black race]. He is striving for everything and it is hard for him to receive the truth, and he has never heard it. He has never heard anything that is the truth." DID YOU HEAR THAT?! Gene Spriggs presumes to be omniscient; knowing the experiences of every black person ever!!! In so stating, he makes Paul a liar, who said that "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them." Rom. 1:18 and 19. Ps. 19:1-3: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Clearly, God gives each man a conscience, and the innate knowledge of truth. The racism that abounds in the TT's is appalling. In Christ we are all equal there is neither Jew nor Greek, male or female, slave or free for we are all one in Christ. Galatians 3:28.

* "Yapheth [what they call the Chinese, Japanese, and other peoples of Asiatic descent] **won't be saved unless you eat with chopsticks.**" - Someone who believes people will be saved by works of the flesh, and not by simple faith. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Psalm 107:9 - For He satisfies the longing soul, and FILLS the HUNGRY soul with goodness.

Deut. 8:10- When thou hast eaten and art **full**, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God...

* **Dogs and cats shouldn't be touched because they're unclean.** This is completely anti-Scriptural, because God not only allows His people to touch animals which are called "unclean" to EAT, He also commands "badger skins" to be used on the Ark of the Covenant in Num. 4:6, and the Son of God Himself shows by example that we can touch "unclean" animals by riding a dirty donkey!

RAMPANT RACISM

COLORED PEOPLE CURSED

Gene Spriggs grew up in an incredibly racist society in Tennessee in the 50's and 60's, so not surprisingly his theology reflects that. Only a handful of black people have remained in the communities because of the underlying racism that's widely taught in their "Cham" teachings.

* **Spriggs thinks that "black people are all under a curse" that makes them "incapable of leading" communities, and thus communities in Africa cannot be established!!! (But the Ethiopian in Acts 8:27-39 was baptized, and went 'his way', and saw the disciple who baptized him 'no more'. And do you suppose that this miraculously-orchestrated meeting was fruitless??? Would you rather assume that the dark-skinned Ethiopian went on to live a selfish life than one which furthered the gospel of Messiah??) Matthew 28:19 is not a conditional statement.**

Galatians 5:1: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be

entangled again with a yoke of bondage."

*** that Caucasian people are a higher race than the others.** This biased presumption is clearly defined as a fallacy by Gal. 3:28, which says that "there is neither male nor female, Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, for we are all the same in Christ. Plus, in Acts 22:28 Paul himself felt the need to declare that he was free born, because people of his color were not exempt from being enslaved.

THE WHEAT AND THE TARES

JUDGED TO OBLIVION

Survival of the TOUGHEST

A huge part of Spriggs' religion is casting out people from his communities whom he would deem "obstacles". If the communities really loved everyone the same, there ought to be some mentally retarded or handicapped people joining them, but for the most part, they focus on recruiting strong, able-bodied young adults, and treat people who are weak, needy of a lot of help, or mentally slow with much less aggressive "evangelizing". However, some people even among their choices end up not being too productive in the communities, either because of weakness, or because of lack of patient training on the part of community members, or maybe just because the environment is so stifling, many new converts get depressed. These are usually weeded out quite quickly in any number of ways:

1) they might be given a responsibility that is beyond their natural ability to handle well, or told to do a job, then given another job so that the first is left undone, and they are made to feel that they are "destroyers" because of their "uncompleted deeds", which - Spriggs says- are "bad deeds".

2) they might be scolded often, made to feel worthless, publicly derided, or otherwise made to feel unwanted so that they leave without being told they need to;

(of course this kind of treatment makes it hard for anyone to go on. But when it does what it's meant to do and the poor person leaves- having given all his money and possessions away to the community, now walking out with only the clothes on his back...)

in Oneonta they were asked directly by someone, "If someone came in and gave them all their savings, then left two days later, would they give the money back? After over an hour of dancing around the question, an elder finally blurted out, "No, of course we wouldn't give it back, because they made a covenant"...

3) they are told that they must leave immediately;

(this scenario is only slightly better for the person's body, in that the community will at least give them enough money for a bus fare and maybe a meal or something, however the curses spewed at them are sometimes enough to drive a person insane)

4) underage children of community members are taken out of the community setting by being sent away with their parents to a "way out house" where they don't have contact with their community friends.

(they then get access to many things that were off-limits in the commune, and eventually usually decide to stay "out")

"The wicked among us are an obstacle. It could be me or you! It is anyone who is not doing everything they can to build up His kingdom. **An obstacle is a person who holds up progress, stands in the way, a hindrance, an encumbrance, those who weigh down**, prevent action. All obstacles must be removed. We will be removed if we are not exercising self-control in all things." -Breaking of Bread 4/9/94

He sounds just like Adolf Hitler! Thanks to quite similar Nazi propaganda, an estimated 275,000 people were

murdered... simply for being obstacles in the way of his dream of a "perfect race"!

Galatians 6:2 - Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

OF WHOM THE COMMUNITY WAS NOT WORTHY

People who are kicked out of the TT's

Their plight, suffering, need for help, etc.

*** JUDGING THE AFTERLIFE DESTINIES OF THE DEAD... NOW! The elders are actually arrogant enough to believe *they* decide where someone will go after life by having "judgment meetings"! But there is *One* Who will judge the living and the dead at His great white throne, and Who determines their destiny.**

*** that women- in direct opposition to Rom. 7:2,3, 1 Pet. 3:1, Titus 2:4, and others- are to leave their husbands "for the sake of the gospel"!**

*** that "no one before Abraham was holy" (even though Enoch walked with God) and the clear list in Heb 11 makes it clear that they were justified by faith and thus anyone that walks by faith is by the very nature of faith saved! And we have strong reason to believe that the two witnesses during the tribulation period are Enoch and Elijah: the only two in recorded history to not have a physical death. But Hebrews 9:27 says "it is appointed for all men to die once".**

*** that "all who are forgiven live in [a Twelve Tribes] Community" (despite Acts 9:30; 14:1). and the assumption that forgiveness is dependent on being part of a community.**

*** that an individual's prayers will not be "heard" because of another person's sin! They say that if even one member raises his hands to pray with unconfessed sin, the whole congregation's prayers "hit the ceiling"! That is saying that the prayers of a clean person are voided by the *unrevealed* sin of someone else! What a hopeless theory! But my judgment and salvation is not dependent upon the choices of OTHERS, but on my own! "Why should my conscience... (1 Co 10:29)???" Also see 1 Cor. 11:28.**

*** that if young people so much as kiss, "they are to be instantly betrothed" (indifferent of Ex. 22:17 and Gen. 29:11).**

*** "that no one with AIDS"- even those born with it- "can be saved!" (But Ezek. 18:4 and Rom. 10:8-13 strongly disagree.) thus the sacrifice of Christ was not for the whole world but only certain ones making it useless anyway for He said "if I'm raised up the i will draw all men to me"**

*** that people are not saved by calling on "Jesus Christ"! (Despite Rom. 10:8-13, Heb. 9:28, 1 Sam. 16:7, and many other doctrinally foundational verses that show that God is concerned with the INTENT OF A MAN'S HEART, arrogant leaders make salvation out to be an elitist privilege granted only to those who call on their fabricated name of "Yahshua" (and only in one of THEIR communities)! Even the name they use for God Himself- "Yahweh"- is awkward... They'd be more correct to call Him "Yehovah", and His Son "Yehoshua"... But then, that would not be *naming God as they want to.*)**

*** that the Son of God will not return until after some "50-year race" which *they* will appoint to begin at some point... A completely bogus, a-biblical, man-made concept! This presumption- if continuously believed- will no-doubt result in many being overtaken by Yeshua's return as by "a thief in the night"! 1 Thess. 5:2, 2 Pet 3:10. Meanwhile, they are lulled into thinking, "My Lord delays His coming," and treat their fellows contemptibly!**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

We- and many, many believers who are prayerfully watching and considering the signs of the times- are persuaded that these are indeed "the last days", and that, *perhaps* even by September of this year: 2017, Yeshua will "gather His elect from the four winds"! What signs are we talking about?

Dan. 12:4. Knowledge has increased exponentially, and look at the road and air traffic! And what is that "seal" that will be broken in the last days? I believe that it could be the "Bible Code" which has only been able to be broken and widely comprehended since the advent of super computers. Against astronomical odds, it reveals details of events that have happened through history (such as Hitler's evil massacre, the collapse of the Twin Towers, assassinations of presidents, and more)!

Hosea 3:5- 4:3. Crime has never been so prevalent. Murderers abound, along with cruelty. The earth is terribly polluted and wasted. And look up- if you will- "Mass die-off's 2017"! Men call them "strange" and "unexplainable", but *they are simply fulfillment of prophecy.*

Luke 21:7-11. In recent times, earthquakes have exponentially increased in frequency and intensity, and Yellowstone's Super-volcano is apparently warning of an impending eruption, as the animals of Yellowstone flee, roads are melting, the earth is bulging, and "Old Faithful" is no longer so faithful!

Unexplained "sonic booms" have been heard in many places around the world. That definitely causes men's hearts to "fail them" from fear!

Meanwhile, thousands of UFO sightings, alien abductions, and crop circles reveal that demonic activity is being invited and received on an unprecedented scale.

We believe there will be a "rapture". Why?

2 Thess. 2:1-4, 1 Thess. 4:15. You can't "comfort one another with these words" if you don't believe in the rapture!

Luke 21:36. "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

BAD FRUIT of the Twelve Tribes:

"You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit." - Yeshua ha Meshiach;
Matthew 7:16

1. Leaders presume to TAKE THE PLACE OF GOD!

*** TRAINING UP MAN-PLEASERS INSTEAD OF GOD-FEARERS by twisting scriptures out of context;** primarily assuming unearned, undeserved, and unBiblical leadership, Gene Spriggs and the shepherds who follow him "lord it over" their "sheep". And like breeds like; the shepherds who please Gene Spriggs rule, while those who question or oppose him are subjected to the humiliation of being called "leavened" and "Judases"!

2. The Creature is WORSHIPPED and SERVED MORE than the Creator

They teach obedience to shepherds more than obedience to God's own word.

3. God's Name is SLANDERED

* **GOD'S NAME TAKEN IN VAIN** by people who claim to be living in His authority; who terribly abuse their presumed authority, and by their hypocrisy hinder those who would have entered into the Kingdom of heaven.

4. The SABBATH IS BROKEN

* **people OPPRESSED by the mental, spiritual, and emotional stress of constant additions to the laws and rules of the community, physically hard labor, and regular lack of peaceful Sabbaths,** But why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? (1 Cor 10:29) The community is about tip-toeing around because of everyone else's conscience. Every day the gatherings are filled with words of unlearned men who hardly know the Scriptures conjuring up new ideas of what God wants EVERYONE to do!

I spoke with some one recently that said since they were not at the community they did not need to keep the Sabbath. WHAT?!!!does that mean that if your not at the community you can commit adultery or murder or even worship other gods?somehow as soon as you step out of the community the Decalogue no longer apply?to us the ten commandments apply whether or not you are in the commune or anywhere else it a way of life for those that claim Christ as there savior.

5. MEN and WOMEN WORTHY of Honor are DISHONORED

6. PEOPLE ARE SPIRITUALLY PUT TO DEATH

7. ADULTERY is PROMOTED

* **SEXUAL IMMORALITY IS PREVALENT;** besides openly encouraging adultery on a regular basis by teaching direct disobedience to vs???, tolerating and winking at pedophilia, bestiality, and incest...

Don't you know that those who practice such things do not inherit eternal life? Rom. 2:2, Gal. 5:21, Rom. 1:32.

8. STEALING Is Common

* **PRACTICING THIEVES who feel free to rob people of whatever possessions they desire...**

TRUE STORY: A man was visiting the community in Boston, and questioning some things the TT's taught that didn't line up with Scripture, when Gene Spriggs presumptuously- thievingly- grabbed the man's Bible, and threw it into the fireplace, angrily stating, "Without the 'anointing' and the teachings [he meant his own, of course], the Bible is useless!" By doing so, he set an example of presumptuous thievery and the unkind destruction of others' precious possessions which would be followed by many others in his cult. "Those who burn books will eventually burn people" a wise man once said...

* **IDENTITY THEFT: continuously changing peoples' names so that they hardly know what to say when asked their names, and even sending people out of the country on visas issued in someone else's name!believing they are above the law of the nations and doing things that even the general people would find contemptible Even though Paul in Romans said that we should do our best to live in peace with all men, even people that are wanted by the country's authority out on fake or stolen passports.**

* **ABUSE OF 501C3 STATUS (by refusal to transfer the money evenly to every member, among other**

things),and caring for the leadership like kings but we have one king one authority Jesus Christ let no man stand between you and your redeemer

*** MAIL fraud: those who retrieve the mail will often take the initiative to cull out mail that they deem a likely "defilement" to those to whom it was addressed. By doing so they are committing mail fraud, which is a crime punishable by up to 7 years in Federal prison. Regardless of the possible consequences they continually encourage such behavior all out of fear of defilement.**

9. FALSE WITNESS is borne against neighbors

*** Widespread FALSE ACCUSATIONS of Christians, people who have left the communities, and others...**

TRUE STORY: When we left some friends of ours and neighbors were told some very false accusations about why we left this is truly appalling considering that they themselves claim that they will raise up 144,000 pure young men who will not have a single lie on there lips.

*** LYING CHILDREN who hate the way they were raised, (many of whom were abused, physically, spiritually, and emotionally assaulted, separated from their parents and siblings, and neglected or largely ignored by their over-burdened parents),**

Personal Testimony: Another person was suffering torment under the authority of a pedophilic teacher whose students told their parents and elders about his twisted conduct, but whose reputation was staunchly guarded for years in spite of their tortured testimonies. They were assumed to be liars, so they ended up becoming liars.

One who born and raised in the communities says that "When you tell people stuff, and they don't deal with it, but rather get upset with you for saying something, you realize that you'd better just shut up and be quiet about it. And that makes people liars; when people just assume that you're a liar even as a little kid."

10. COVETING is widespread

*** COVETOUS PEOPLE who think they have the right to waste other people's lives for the sake of building up their own "kingdom" on the earth.**

* Power hungry elders steal the role of headship in the family from those to whom it rightfully belongs: the fathers. The outcome is a political oligarchy under what they call "spiritual communism". Thus they undermine the Biblical authority line established in the Word of God! (1 Cor. 11:3)while at the same time they attack communists as one of the most evil thing on earth.

The BAD SIDE EFFECTS of Spriggs' COMMUNITIES

*** PROUD PEOPLE who think themselves better (holier) than everyone else in the world (even the patriarchs such as Jacob, who was called Israel), regardless of the fruit of their lives...**

"Ps. 149:1. 'Sing to Yahweh a new song in the assembly of the saints.' Can you imagine dinky little Israel doing that?" - Gene Spriggs

*** PRESUMPTUOUS PEOPLE who make proud statements unfounded in reality, such as:** "A people who do all that we say we are going to do will bring about the end of this age."

"Anyone who leaves the Body [*they mean their own headship*] is judged already as worthy of the lake of fire." - Presumptuous Liar

*** PEOPLE QUICK TO SPEAK whatever impressive, spiritual-sounding thoughts come to them, pressured by such absurd standards as, "If there's silence for three seconds in the gathering, the Holy Spirit has been quenched!" Of course, Satan is glad to use such tongues.**

*** OPPRESSIVE environment** where - because of all the man-made laws and expectations placed on members of the TT's- it is IMPOSSIBLE to have peace. There are just too many hard sayings and unnecessary burdens to bear, so people end up looking glassy-eyed and you get a sense of people "checking out" as you look around. The "spark of life" and the personal inspiration that should light up a believer's eyes just isn't there unless they're putting on a show for a while.

*** PRETENTIOUS PEOPLE who put on a good show for the public, but honestly lead miserable lives.**

TRUE STORY: At least two of the youth who'd grown up there committed bestiality repeatedly! And he'd gone on as a "connected member" for months! According to the Bible, such sins should not even be named among God's people.

*** HYPOCRITICAL PEOPLE who accuse others of all kinds of crimes that are rampant among their own communities.** "This is why so many of our children have left, because it is impossible to live here for long if you're not honest." - a lying leader who has climbed the ladder of deceit for years.

Another example of this hypocrisy is the fact that they deem obedience to God's commands "evil" when done outside of their communities! This double-standard goes so far as to say that they themselves are not accountable to keep the Sabbath when not living in one of their communities! (Many times a couple will be sent away from the community to a "way out house" to live with a child of theirs who is unwilling to submit to the millions of community sayings. And while they're out, the couple is free to watch movies, eat junk food, work on the Sabbath... Hey, what keeps them from committing adultery? or stealing? or disobeying any of the other commandments? And if they break one, James 2:10 says they break them all!

"Christianity is the result of engineering."

Talk about contrivance? The communities make such a simple thing as an expression of faith so complicated that one cannot simply declare their belief in the gospel and be baptized as was the Ethiopian in Acts 8:36-39. If he had asked a disciple of the TT's, he would have been told, "You need to go to a community, and express your faith there, and IF everyone has an "amen" for you, you can **marry us!**"

"There is no satisfaction there (in Christianity) for anyone who truly wants to do our Father's will."

You can plainly see the lack of satisfaction in the hearts of the members of the TT's communities. They are riddled with anxieties, for they do not trust in God alone, but in very disappointing men.

"(Christianity) promises much, but delivers nothing."

The TT's promise incredible things to potential converts, and after putting them through many years of slavish servitude, commonly kick them out with little more than the clothes on their backs!!

*** GOSSIP GALORE** riddles the communal conversations, as we recollect. The leaders encourage (by example) the passing on of people's private sins, by naming the sorry offenders (who had hoped for forgiveness, but) who now have their forbidden actions forever emblazoned upon the teachings, to be read aloud to every TT's community! But

"as far as the east is from the west..." is God's way of forgiving (Psalms 103:12).and he says i will remember there sins no more.

*** THE GOLDEN RULE (Matt. 7:12) IS largely IGNORED**

Personal Testimony: We were moved from an ideally situated room to a basement room right across the hall from the "single brothers' room", in which all kinds of strange and untrustworthy characters were free to stay. There I was supposed to leave my two babies during nap times, to work on the second floor, far away! I begged them not to move us there, but I was called "unsurrendered" for being so concerned about my babies' welfare! (But Matthew 10:16 says, "**Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.**")

And it struck me as ludicrous in this age of perversion to leave my innocent children alone in the basement with perverts!) Plus, the basement room was often flooded during heavy rains, and must have had mold in the walls, because we suffered such terrible asthma some nights there that the only way to get some sleep was to go outside!

But *Romans 13:10 ought to convict those "shepherds" who carelessly shuffle their flocks around! It says, "Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."*

*** MOCKERS who make light of the sincerity of Christians, visitors, and many others** (likely because sincerity is something they themselves hardly believe exists, having stewed in an environment thick with hypocrisy for so long...),

*** Leaders who commit all manner of sin and cover up for each other** instead of holding each other accountable,true story:there was a leader that repeatedly violated young girls even tho it was exposed they did nothing to hold him accountable for his actions such thing are not tolerated among the general public and such people are deserving of prison for the very fact that there actions ruin other peoples life and trust. and its despicable that such things should happen to a child, yet such a one is still among you beware

TRUE STORY: Gene Spriggs' wife committed adultery with at least three other men in the community, and her sin was quietly excused and covered up; her authority, maintained. Meanwhile other people (such as us) are **sent away** for simply disagreeing with their shepherds over such things as refusal to obey them **on matters of personal conscience!!**

*** People SUPPRESSED;** stifled from doing many things they would wish, such as speak the obvious truth about the reality of injustices going on in their communities, because they know they'll be "cut off" and even sent away with nothing but a broken heart!

*** INTIMIDATION-** Using great charisma, fear tactics, and clever semantics, Gene Spriggs makes people feel guilty for not doing his own will. (1 Thess. 1:5) *Their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men...*

*** MAIL FRAUD -** The TT's appoint people to go through the mail and they'll confiscate and read, or simply throw out mail if they feel it's inappropriate... to supposedly "spare" the addressed members spiritual defilement or trauma.

*** HOPES DASHED REPEATEDLY-** If people sin, they make it seem that they were never saved. They re-baptize people again and again, but true salvation is once and for all. A true confession guarantees salvation. Baptism is a sign, not a saving sacrament, and thus not nearly as important as a true confession of faith in the risen Savior!

*** FORCED UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY:** Rutland had one of the strictest leaders, enforcing "no talking" rules... and they had one of the worst undergrounds of any TT's communities! i would ask why very clearly outward control does not change hearts we must follow Christ because of our free will not outward controls the true freedom under the age of grace call for each believer to imitate Christ to the best of our ability and we are sanctified by our own faith and by our own confession,not by some enforced opinion of the elders.

*** GREAT LACK OF SELF-CONTROL-** Self-control is highly discounted in the communities, who heavily rely upon

the outward controls of their leaders, to the point that they feel they could not know God's will without them!

*** UNWILLING VOLUNTEERS** - THANKS TO ALL THE HEAVY-HANDED PERSUASION OF PEOPLE AGAINST their true hearts' desires, many, many people in TT's communities are NOT there with their whole hearts, but rather, by coercion and from a feeling of looming condemnation! This kind of forced environment spawns mock sincerity, not true love. True love has to come from the heart. True love has to be volunteered. To be surrounded by people with insincere love that is performance-based instead of heart-based makes a sensitive person very miserable. And look around at all the jaded faces at the next gathering you go to! The majority of those gathered are not truly happy!

*** FAMILY UNITS DISSOLVED** - The very structure of the community removes authority from the lesser families and the wives and children of these families are completely subject to the elders of their communities. The authority of the fathers in the community is seriously undermined by the way they treat families; not allowing the head of the family according to the Bible make the decisions. Instead the "elders" control all the aspects of life.

*** FALSE ACCUSERS who make themselves look better by emphasizing others' faults:** "Well, there's other things they were doing that they weren't supposed to be doing, according to their anointing," another community-raised man adds: "Listening to the radio, reading unqualified literature, drinking, swearing, and engaging in lawless sexual affairs!"

*** PARTIALITY shown to leaders, their children, and visitors who are well-off as opposed to retarded or otherwise handicapped individuals...**

Personal testimony: I witnessed the community treating a poor, uneducated and simple-minded couple very inhospitably, *resentful even of their presence*, and of the need to show them some hospitality, whilst highly-educated, rich people were treated with great dignity and respect, with many warm greetings and entreaties to return! This is blatant partiality, directly disobedient to James 2:1-9.

*** DESTROYED FAMILIES stripped of all dignity, and sent away practically penniless after devoting everything they had for many years to the community's trust. Thus they routinely "reward evil" for [what they perceive to be] "evil", directly in opposition to (1Peter 3:9)???**

*** MANY TEACHERS, constituting a grossly imbalanced "body" in direct disobedience to James 3:1-2.**

*** HALF-HEARTED DISCIPLES who made the mistake of listening too long to the clever and coercive speeches of charismatic members, so felt they had to become immersed into the TT's or be damned;**

*** JADED PEOPLE completely disillusioned by the rampant hypocrisy observed in peers and leaders alike; confused, and unsure of God's love and care for them;**

*** BAD CONSCIENCES spawned by impossible teachings and doctrines of men..."Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers." Luke 11:46.**

*** THEY DO NOT ALLOW LITTLE CHILDREN TO BE BAPTISED.** Luke 16:15-17 "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." as soon as one can make a confession of faith then what keeps them from being baptized?

*** LITTLE ONES ARE MADE TO STUMBLE.** This is one of the saddest fruits of the TT's: many people who sincerely want to serve God get sucked in, chewed up, and spit out with broken hearts and shattered hopes by what they thought was "God's people"? And what about the children who were born and raised there? It's tragic that so many go on to cast all thought of God and eternal salvation out of their minds, because of the overwhelming pain they experienced, surrounded by such horrible sins as even the "nations" would condemn and deal with.

*** UNBELIEVERS.** True love is potent. Pretended love is poisonous. The toxicity of the TT's environment is such that the more time one spends there, the more likely he is to succumb to spiritual sickness; bitterness, hopelessness,

worthlessness, etc.

* **INCREDIBLE PRIDE...** After realizing this list to be even partially true, how on earth can you place yourselves in such a high position as to believe you are **THE ONLY ONES** who are "truly being saved"?!?

We will judge each individual's eternal destiny one day. They will stand before us and the books will be opened. We will render judgment on them according to the law written in their hearts. We will be called upon to judge the secrets of men's hearts and whether their justifications are valid. We will decide if there are extenuating circumstances behind their actions or merely reasoning.

-Guidelines

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy."

James 3:17 proves that the 12 Tribes are *greatly* lacking in the wisdom that is from above.

JUDGED WITHOUT MERCY

For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment - James 2:13

"There is no forgiveness for ruining someone's life." - Gene Spriggs

whose false teachings have ruined the lives of MANY.

"You are a Philistine if you eat with a fork."

Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment - Yeshua in John 7:24

"Without obeying the objective word, we would be impostors ourselves..."

The objective Word of God is NOT equal to the teachings of Gene Spriggs.

"Martin Luther King...was Antichrist, a communist."

So Gene Spriggs must be Antichrist, as he's an even bigger communist.

"All Christians are doing is serving the evil one."

Saying that all Christians are serving the devil may very well verge on committing the "unpardonable sin" spoken of in Matthew 12:31! BEWARE!

Gal. 6:7, Matt. 12:36, 37. Proverbs 3:34

Prov. 3:34 - Toward the scorners He is scornful, but to the humble He gives favor. (ESV)

RICH AND POOR BELIEVERS in the Bible

These verses show that communal living was [and is] NOT a *REQUIREMENT* or *STIPULATION* for believers. **Of course they were ready and willing to give; "hospitable", and "good stewards" of the things God placed in their care, just as all *true* Christians are today.**

Spriggs says, "**There are no rich or poor among us.**" (This is actually a bold-faced lie, because TT's members are told they must give up everything to the community in order to be saved, and most of them don't have a dime to their names. If they are suddenly kicked out for some failure to follow "the anointing" of Spriggs, they find themselves starting out from scratch, with NOTHING! Meanwhile, the leaders who are allowed to have bank accounts have several times taken off with all the assets for which TT's slaves labored for years to gain!)

BUT LOOK AT WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS!

Luke 6:20 - Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

Mark 14:7 - "For you have the poor with you always..."

James 2:5 - Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

PRIVATE PROPERTY RESPECTED THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

The community uses "the rich young ruler" scenario to say that every single person should give up everything they own. But to *that* man Jesus said what he *particularly* needed to hear, obviously being a lover of wealth! And "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

Despite the assertions by Spriggs, God does not command: "Thou shalt give everything you have to the communities of Spriggs and live nowhere but in one of his communities." In fact, God's law *PROTECTS* the right to personal, private property, as shown in the commandment, "You shall not covet anything that is your neighbors", and "Be content with such things as YOU HAVE." The TT's leaders often violate these scriptures, actually coveting neighboring properties and pestering their neighbors to give them to them! They pray aloud morning and evening for the things they want, and oftentimes, neighbors can hear them shout these prayers. How uncomfortable would that make you feel, to know that your neighbor coveted your house?! But they feel above the commands of God.

VERSES THAT SHOW PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP BY BELIEVERS:

Here is undeniable evidence that believers had their own possessions and that they were free to decide what they gave.

1 Cor. 11: 22, 34. "Do you not have houses to eat and drink in?...if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment" Acts 5:4 "while it remained was it not your own? and after it was sold, was it not in your own

control?"

Acts 17:5 ...the house of Jason

Acts 12:12 the house of Mary (a woman's house!)

1 Cor. 1:11 the house of Chloe (another woman)

Acts 16:40 the house of Lydia (a third woman, a witness to the fact that believing women don't necessarily have to live in a commune under a male "household head" such as the TT's think.)

Rom. 16:5... the church that is in their house

Phil. 2 and to the church in thy house

1 Cor. 16:19 Prisca and Aquilla... in their house

1 Cor. 16:15 the house of Stephanus

Acts 16:14 Lydia owned a business in Corinth of dying purple cloth.

Act 18:3 Paul was a tent maker.

If one couldn't be "a brother" without FIRST giving up all his possessions, they could not be selling **their** (note the *possessive* pronoun) possessions. In fact, the very words possessions and belongings indicate ownership.

The situation in Acts 2 was clearly voluntary. The civil government was not forcing the believers to part with their property, nor were the early church leaders. For one to generously give of one's own provisions to meet the needs of others or to support the work of the church is a laudable thing. That was what was occurring here in Acts 2; entirely different than socialism and communism, which entails *forced* "equality".

Further, the story of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5 illustrates very clearly that the point is not the abolition of private property rights, but rather the necessity of being HONEST. Ananias and Sapphira, apparently envious of the recognition that some were getting for their generosity, chose to sell a property they owned. However, they wickedly decided to *say* they had sold it for a *certain* price which was not the fact, while indicating that they had given it all. Peter's rebuke to both Ananias in Acts 5:3-4 and to Sapphira in 5:8,9 tells us that **deception** was the problem, not having property.

*Believers owned property, and used it for God's glory

*Believers had their own jobs, and supported themselves and their own families

*Believers made their own decisions about how to spend their money

* Abraham was **rich**, and he was saved by faith! (In fact, he is called "the father of our faith") Genesis 13:2, Hebrews 11

In Matthew 26:11, Yeshua stated, "The poor you will always have among you".

Mark 14:7: For you have the poor **with you** always, and whenever you wish, you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.

James 1:9, 10; Ephesians 4:28; Romans 2:21

2 Corinthians 8:9 "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake's He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."

2 Cor. 8:2 mentions a church's "deep poverty".

Heb. 13:5: Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Matthew 6:20: Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said, Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of heaven.

Jas. 2:5: Has not God chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith?

There have been many Christians who trusted God through great poverty, whose faith easily trumped that of TT's members who live cushy lives by comparison. And the fruit of their Spirit-led choices made by their own free will was a hundred-fold, unlike that of TT's members whose contrived life of pseudo unity leans heavily on the will of man, and not God, we dare say.

Jas. 2:15, 16 implicitly tells us that there were poor brothers and sisters (in other words, **not every single believer was slotted into a communal house setting**), and believers should always be willing to help their fellow believers when they need it: **If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things that are needed for the body, what does it profit?**

True believers share what they have. They are not stingy. They trust that God will provide for their needs.

God sent over one million pounds through the hands of a faithful man George Muller, who chose to lead a life of personal poverty while providing for over 10,000 orphans! He was constantly given money and he constantly used it to do good.

Heb. 11: "Those of whom the world was not worthy, they wandered in the caves of the earth, they were imprisoned, they were sawn in two, they were desperately poor..." So the great people of faith in each generation have had to deal with the hatred of the world. And who persecuted them most viciously? The so-called "true authorities" on the Scriptures! The ones who *assumed* spiritual authority!

WOMEN

OWNING PROPERTY

The Bible clearly shows women owning their Acts 12:12 "the house of Mary"; 1 Cor. 1:11 "**the house of Chloe (another woman)**"; Acts 16:40: "**the house of Lydia**", **BUT NO TT's COMMUNITY HAS A WOMAN FOR A "HOUSEHOLD HEAD"!** 1 Tim. 5:14 instructs that women should marry, bear children, and **GUIDE THE HOUSE!**

MAKING PERSONAL DECISIONS

Personal convictions about clothing, hairstyles, and such are discounted, with the all-important teachings ruling women's lives.

TRUE STORY: When I first joined the TT's, I believed in dressing modestly. However, my small wardrobe was quickly taken away and replaced with a lot of clothing handmade by TT's members. Their shirts were exceptionally

baggy, which made them prone to being caught by the wind and exposing my entire midriff. Worse than that was their necklines: deeply scooped, they caused me to become exposed anytime I bent down to pick something up! This actually caused me some distress, as I'd previously determined to wear necklines close to my neck! TT's women also make many baggy "Sus pants", whose crotch extends almost to the knees and whose legs were made so baggy, I came very close to injuring myself several times when descending stairs and my heels got caught the pants! But Gene Spriggs' wife, Marsha (called "Ha'-emeq") wanted all of the women to wear Sus pants regularly.

Wearing jewelry- even a wedding band- is prohibited in the TT's. However hair is often braided very intricately. So if the verse in 1 Peter 3:3 is going to be taken as forbidding all jewelry, it should also be believed that all braids are not good.

MADE TO FEEL BAD FOR BEING HEALTHY WEIGHT

God created women in particular to have a greater proportion of fat than men because He knew we'd often need additional reserves of energy and an endless supply of nutrition for our developing and nursing babies. But many TT's women and girls are terribly thin because of peer pressure and the unhealthy teachings of Spriggs, which state that "you can't enter the kingdom with a single ounce of fat"!

RULED BY SPRIGGS' TEACHINGS MORE THAN BIBLICAL AUTHORITY / HUSBANDS

1 Pet. 3:1-6 tells women to be submissive to their own husbands, even if some do not obey the word of God, so that they might win their husbands. But the TT's usurp the authority of husbands, controlling women's schedules without needing to get husbands' permission.

When "*The Twelve Tribes*" ... AREN'T

- REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY -

Scripture does not support replacement theology. Israel is still God's chosen people and to them the covenants have been made. God will fulfill His covenant with Abraham. We know from the Bible that at the end of the great Tribulation the Jews will turn back to their Messiah and He will fight for them in Israel. The church is the bride of Christ; the Jews are his chosen people and to them were given the oracles of God. The church in the age of grace has been grafted on to the root of Israel but does not replace in any way the chosen people of God. So Mr. Sprigg's basically plagiarizes the word of God by calling his communes "*The Twelve Tribes of Israel*". There is not a single statement in the new testament that the church was ever given the authority to replace Israel. The very fact that the Jews have gone through much discipline over the centuries proves that God still considers them His children. "For what son is without discipline?" 144,000 of the direct lineage of the original Twelve Tribes will be the ones chosen to bring the eternal gospel during the final days of earth!

WASTED

A MILLION CUPS *WITHOUT* WATER IN "YAHSHUA'S" NAME

The subject of dishwashing is always brought up in "complaint mornings" (which are times set aside for the members to talk about the problems they perceive with the way the communities are running). And usually the complain is that "people aren't doing their own dishes". Well, because they live "in community" where their meals are made for them, and the cooks do the cooking dishes, and because everyone eats at the same time, and most people are under tremendous pressure to get jobs done, and hardly have a few minutes to spare, so when everyone is done eating (at the same time), there would either have to be a huge line of people waiting to do their one dish, or there has to be an assembly-line style of washing, which is far more convenient and time-saving. Throughout the day, however, there are literally hundreds of cups of water drunk and these are left all over the place. If people each had their own water bottle, or if there was a water fountain installed, thousands upon thousands of dishes would be avoided.

But excessive dishes is just one of the many evidences that living in communal settings is actually wasteful. Another problem I noticed right away when initiated into the cooking scene in the community is that A TON of food is wasted, as the cooks must make enough at each meal for everyone, but many times the meals are less than desirable to many, so dozens of portions go uneaten. Or sometimes several people end up working through mealtime and their meals are left to get cold.

Another problem with the cooking is that basically every woman is made to cook meals for the community at least once a week (usually more often than that) regardless of how good- or bad- a cook she is. So lets say a not-so-good cook makes a really bland meal (the meal type is chosen for her usually, so lets say it's millet sandwiches or beet pizza), and most people take a few bites and throw the rest away ('cuz they would never have chosen that meal anyway)... That makes TONS of wasted food! But in John 6:12, Yeshua didn't want any of the food He'd provided to be wasted.

There IS HOPE for the Hopeless!

Dear reader, if you have been convicted that the gospel taught by Eugene Elbert Spriggs is not true, PLEASE, don't despair! God is FAR more merciful than the elders of the TT's communities, and He is just waiting for the brokenhearted to turn to Him, and He will heal them! Psalm 147:3. He will not despise your broken and contrite heart, and that's a promise! Psalm 51:17. And He sent His Son, Yeshua ha' Meshiach, to pay for your sins of trusting in men, believing a lie, and even denying His Lordship! He has promised that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness! 1 John 1:9.

And, contrary to the propaganda in the communities, THERE ARE PEOPLE OUTSIDE the TT's WHO TRULY CARE about your life and ARE WILLING TO HELP you out! JUST ASK!!! Matthew 7:7. Come on, ASK God for help to get out of the tangled web of the community. SEEK for believers in Christ who will help you get on your own feet. KNOCK on that closed door... And you will discover that GOD IS MUCH BIGGER than Spriggs' teachings say He is! James 4:6 - God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Psalm 138:6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. (ESV)

Yehovah God is truly worthy of your entire life. Please, don't waste another day living to please men! Your unique gifts and talents, and your particular heart to give all is precious and rare in this wicked and perverse generation. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify YOUR FATHER in heaven.