

## New Beginnings - Divine Order

🌀 syio and Happy New Year to all of our partners and friends on Turtle Island! Did you make a New Year's Resolution (NYR) like millions of others? And do you really believe you will succeed in accomplishing your resolution? A better way to look at any New Year is to believe Creator for a New Beginning! This will take faith and trust but more than anything it will take humility!

The bible tells us that God resists the proud but exalts the humble. Trying to accomplish a goal on our own knowledge and strength is a guaranteed recipe for failure. Thinking we can accomplish anything in life without seeking and giving thanks to the Lord is actually a definition of **pride!**

For most of us, losing weight is a popular NYR. For others it is to stop smoking, stop drinking firewater, stop gambling and, sadly, pornography is a giant of a problem in too many lives that needs eradicating. Are you struggling with these sins in your life? Do you want to be free from the pain and bondage within? **All** of these sins are temporarily filling a void that is reserved for the Holy Spirit!

If you have stopped swimming the river of "denial" and can admit that a change must be made, I have good news for you. Yeshua, our Jesus, is waiting and ready to deliver you and set you free! That is what his first sermon was about! Yes, Luke 4:18 is a record of the first sermon Jesus preached after receiving the Holy Spirit: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to **heal the brokenhearted** , to preach **deliverance** to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."* NKJV (emphases mine)

Let Jesus set you free. Humble yourself and repent of trying to live this life on your own terms. Ask Him to fill you fresh with His precious Holy Spirit and desire all of His gifts. Read about these gifts in **I Corinthians 12:1-10**. Believe Creator for your New Beginning.

*You will never be the same!*



## Divine Order

What's "In" for 2010? Our Hebrew scholars tell us that numbers have special meanings in the eyes of God. The number **ten** implies completeness of order, nothing lacking or over. It signifies that the circle is complete. Thus ten represents the perfection of divine order.

The Ten Commandments are not the whole of the law, but they are the foundation for all the rest of the law and in that they sum up the entire law.

In Genesis chapter 18, we find Abraham interceding for Sodom. The Lord agreed if He could find as few as **ten** righteous people in Sodom He would not destroy the city, implying that with ten, order was established.

The tenth Passover recorded in the Bible (chronologically) is the one where Jesus was crucified (Matthew 26:1-5). It is the fulfillment of the once and for all perfect sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. Thus, ten completes the pattern once and forever.

The Hebrew letter that equals ten is a Yud. Yud is the smallest Hebrew letter. The symbolic meaning of the Yud is God's Hand, meaning how God's Hand works or interacts in our lives.

Because the Yud is the smallest character in the Hebrew alphabet, it symbolically says that God's Hand is always there, but it **never forces us**. The more humble we are, the more God's Hand can have influence in our lives to be directed according to His will.

For our lives to come "full circle" is to be a part of God's Divine Order. If we want to be in the center of His Will, we must be in the center of His Circle! Again, this takes humbling ourselves to His Perfect Will. Can we know the Will of God for our lives?

To answer this question first look at Ephesians 5:17 which says "*Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*" (also see Eph 1:9) Yes, we can know the Will of Creator in our lives if we humble ourselves and change the way we think. Romans 12:1-2 in NLT says it like this: "*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.*"

Let me encourage you to do one thing in establishing Divine Order in your life this year. Start by making a determined effort to change the way you think & make more room for God, His Word & prayer in your life. Instead of watching a soap opera, try finding a Christian program. Listen to praise & worship music just a little bit more than usual. As you honor God with small changes, He will honor you with big ones. He Loves you and wants to bless you!

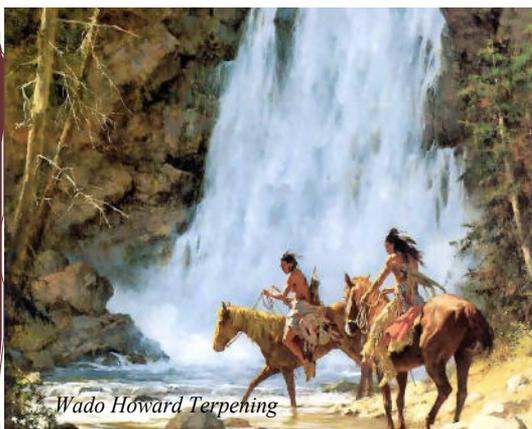
**Let 2010 be the Year of Divine Order in your life– Aho!**

## Teachings from the Native Way

**I Corinthians 10:32** says we are to “*Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God.*”

One of my favorite stories is about the origination of the term “Indian Giver.” Of course this is very offensive to Native Americans and for good reason. Like Jesus, the best way to teach about why this is offensive is to tell a story. This is supposed to be a true story about a “certain” Anglo fur trader in the Brazos river area of Texas many years ago.

The Anglo trader came upon a group of “Indians” (could have been Texas Cherokees but probably were Comanche). They had just returned from a good hunting trip and had many furs to show for it. The Anglo trader knew of the bad effects that firewater (whiskey) had on the Indians so he devised a plan to get them drunk before offering a trade of each other’s gifts. He entered their camp and offered them the firewater as a sign of friendship. After the natives became intoxicated, he offered to trade them his “valuable” knife for all of their furs. In their intoxicated state they agreed. After the natives passed out, the trader took the furs and left the camp.



When the natives woke up the next morning, they realized they had been taken advantage of by their new friend. A gift, in Native culture, must be considered equal in value for the exchange to be valid. After coming to the conclusion that the trader got them drunk in order to make an unfair trade, they mounted up and chased down the fur trader. They took back their furs and gave back his knife.

From the Anglo prospective the Indians took back their gift, therefore the term “*Indian Giver*” was birthed. From the Native prospective they just righted the wrong that the trader did to them.

I pray this helps those understand why the term “*Indian giver*” should never be used. Aho!

**Have a most Blessed and Prosperous New Year!**



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