

"B.C.E. & C.E., *et al.*,"

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When referring to historical year-dates, there is an effort by at least the well-controlled television and print media, and particularly the self-described producers of "docu-drama" styled "history" programs, to reject the long-standing, regular use of "Before Christ" (B.C.) and "Anno Domini" (A.D., year of our Lord), and to substitute for each of these an allegedly secular determination of such Year-Date. Such usage has brought upon many a confusion, and yet also a reaffirmation of what it replaced, even if such alternative, replacement terms caused "unintended consequences," bringing with it "collateral damage."

These heralds of revisionist historical accounting methods have increasingly put in the place of B.C. their term of "Before the Common Era," or, B.C.E., and in place of A.D., their term "Common Era," or C.E. Their conduct is only one aspect of a widely applied, multi-faceted agenda. This exercise in "change" can plainly if not only be perceived as an attempt to eradicate the Christian influence in our historical comprehension. Some Christians are unfortunately misguided into thinking "BCE/CE" means: "Before the Christian Era," and, "Christian Era," but understanding Jewry and their views and ways will quickly dispel this Error, especially when considering the greater view of Jewry and their Works (or, Wrecks).

Because of these recent attempts of "the usual suspects" to undermine the foundations of our Christian faith, and by the same means, that of the faith of any and all others (Ps. 11:3, 82:3-5), Your Writer sets forth his understanding of the subtle strategies of The Adversary, or Adversaries, of true, Yahweh acknowledging, Israel in replacing what we have with what they want us to have. And what we really now have, as well as what they want us to have all the more, is not always what we ought to have nor what we were Scripturally told we should have.

Most Christians, presumably being the inwardly innocent and outwardly gentle lambs as they are (or ought to be) where consideration and acceptance of "others" are concerned, apparently allow this error to exist unopposed, believing perhaps that it is merely another way to determine the past, and that it is right and acceptable to have a "tolerance" of such a subtle and unrecognizable undermining of their faith.^{1/} The greater Error is therefore put upon the Christians for allowing this Error, and less upon their Opponents for doing it.

^{*/} The use of "vs." in this title, as "versus," here is rightly applied as representing those who are "opposed to; confronting; challenging; seeking to overcome and defeat."

^{1/} Tolerance has often been defined as one of proximity, i.e., 'the farther one is from the direct circumstances and consequences that are to be tolerated, the more those circumstances and consequences are tolerated'; which, by extension, means: the closer one is to the problem, the less it is tolerated.

First may be considered the proposed terms, B.C.E. and C.E. and several other interloping methods. These have not (yet) entirely supplanted entirely "B.C. / A.D." as the (inter)national annual timekeeping indicator of choice. No doubt, when referring to historical dates, there has been a recent effort afoot by television "docu-drama history" producers and news media snippet moguls to encourage their viewers to reject the ordinary use of "Before Christ" and "Anno Domini," and make timely use of the deftly suggested "secular" phrase "Before the Common Era" and "Common Era," said to be a non-religious date-measurement system. News & Entertainment media usage may be profuse in its application, but news nor neither entertainment industry usage nor aggressive suggestions from it and its minions makes it so: BCE and CE are as "religious" as are B.C. and A.D., as it will be soon seen, below.

Second, as if this were not enough, that dual set of annual descriptives is not alone. There has also been a recent and very glibly asserted new mechanism of avoidance: "B.P.," or "Before (the) Present." This happily rather obscure term of "Before Present" could not inform anyone of when a particular moment in "the past" had occurred, since the "present," in which the Reader considers that past historical moment, will continually move farther away from the historical event contemplated, causing that Year Date to increase in how many years it had previously occurred, making every book and article obsolete and in need of revision or updating after each chronological year.

Some calendric interlopers find use for "Anno Mundo, A.M.," or "Year of the World", but who decides when that First Year was? Consider also the similarly adjustable "Y.A.," as in "Years Ago," and "MYA," as in "Million Years Ago." From what point in time? Today? Or, from when the article was written? Adjusted to "Before Present"? And, when was the article written? More obsolescence and endless updating of previous works. Too much effort, in calculations, too costly in publication, and not enough reliable "bench marks" from which to measure ancient or any history accurately. All this serves no other purpose than to confuse, and perhaps re-direct, which serves an Adversary rather nicely.

But there is yet another method coming along, rarely seen today, but its use may easily take more of a hold sometime in the not-so-distant future than the above examples (and someone actually used this one in a "news" article): "A.C.E." Even though its usage had no explanatory definition accompanying it, in its context, the first conclusion one may arrive at or should arrive at, and be probably correct, was that ACE means "After the Christian Era." And the proponents of ACE mean it. It almost rightly assumes "Christianity" as we know of it today, and by that extension the people who adhere to it as their faith, will not, in that future time, exist as a religious practice nor as a religious people in this world; and, therefore, the reckoning of the years in historical terms will then be labeled "Before the Christian Era" (again, BCE), and A.C.E., After the Christian Era." Of course, this is assuming those non-Christian and/or anti-Christian users bother to acknowledge the then-demised, previous existence of the Christian faith, or to admit its once former place. (By ignoring it, maybe it will go away; and it probably will).

To better explain the reasoning behind any of these new terms of Year-Dating, the Jews, the ones almost always promoting such revisionist historical terms, consider everything that is "not Jewish" as being "common," which Judaism and Jewry define almost consistently as:

“unworthy, despicable, filthy; unclean; goyim” — and this, for the Jews, may be true, but for Christians, not. The years nearly all Christians mark as “A.D.” are therefore, in the Jewish thought, representative of an unclean, unworthy, and vile, worse than apostate “Christian” era, which the Jews believe they must destroy, without Jewry itself being destroyed (a difficult, if not impossible, task). But with the insistent and wide-spread usage of BCE and CE, BP, YA, MYA, and ACE, these Eternal Adversaries approach their goal in their usual manner: they induce their most youthful targets to use these alternative terms, as if a rebellious act against parental and other authority, and thereby let these misled peoples will then assist those Adversaries who hate them to destroy the memory of themselves and their own history, while the Adversary exalts their revisionist historical accounts.

If the B.C.E. and C.E. and all other labels are allowed to continue unrecognized, and unopposed, such un-Christian, anti-Christ usages will begin to obtain more “currency,” more artificially induced acceptability and thus usage, in these most subtle though in-plain-sight manners, and they will supplant and eventually erase all references to the favorable Christian impact upon human life and history. Further, it implies, in the typical subtle Jewish way, that the entire world — as the Jews see it — has become less unclean, less common, and at least less non-Jewish, if not more-Jewish. What greater haught is to be found in all human history cannot be found, than when one alters true history to meet their own needs, selfish as they would be.

What plans can a reader have to combat this undermining menace, if the supposed "news and history sources" divert them to this "new and improved" timekeeping indicator, except to be constantly reminded to think for themselves, and do in fact question the “authority” of those revisionist Date claimants?

And yet for all this, we ought to laugh at the Jews who use "BCE and CE," etc., because in the very definition of Before the Common Era / Common Era, there is either a fatal flaw, or maybe a reason, or perhaps a purpose, in these Jewish (re-)calculations: this Jewish method nonetheless uses the admitted birth-event of Yahshua / Jesus Christ Himself to be the dividing year-date-line between the Jewish ‘Before the Common Era’ and their ‘Common Era,’ thus unwittingly acknowledging if not admitting — whether they want to or not — the commanding presence and position of Yahshua/Jesus Christ in their self-assumed cunning, if not also evading, annual calendaric schedule, by use the event or advent of Him to adjust their: “before & after.” The other terms would rarely find any real use as determinatives, but equally laughable in the manipulations of when those events occurred.

But then, the Jews concurrently maintain their supposed Biblical accounting of "5771" for our "A.D. 2011," which begins where?, and when?, and with what abbreviated indicator? If true Israelites were able to accurately determine when this world’s existence began, or had at least some provable starting point, the Jewish and other “secular” year methods could be either replaced or dismissed to the use of those others who see some advantage in them.

So: who is right, then? Or now?