

QUESTION #56

I have the early writing of Armstrong where Pentecost was being kept on Monday for forty years and now some Churches of God keep it on Sunday how did this come to be?

Actually, it has been reported that, Elder, Armstrong, for a short time, at the very beginning of his conversion kept a Sivan 6 Pentecost as by the Hebrew Calendar observed by the majority of the Jewish community through out the world. His change to an always Monday Pentecost and then to a Sunday Pentecost (as the Karaite Jews observe) in the early 1970s, was based on a question that had arisen about the proper point of where to start the count from. Once, Elder, Armstrong made the decision to change from a Monday to a Sunday Pentecost there remained a certain contingent of loyalists who persisted that, Elder, Armstrong made a mistake and continued to observe a Monday Pentecost, which no Jew adheres to. The why then, as to the many Church of God groups keeping a Sunday Pentecost is to, Elder, Armstrong's change and influence in His teaching on the issue as to at what point one is to start the count from. For a more detailed explanation as to the specifics on this issue go to: http://www.triumphpro.com/pen_hwa.htm Read the article titled "Did Herbert Armstrong Ever Observe Pentecost on Sivan 6?" by William F. Dankenbring.

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