## DON'T BLUNDER ON THE HEBREW WORD "CHAY"

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I don't know when, where or how the misuse of the Hebrew word "chay", Strong's #2416, got started, but with the help of a very astute lady I have been able to trace it back to Nord Davis. Whether it originated with Nord, or whether he was influenced by someone before him is unclear at the moment. Nord became famous for two of his publications, a series of 15 lessons he entitled *Star Wars*, and his 64 page, 1990, 8½x11 inch format booklet, *Desert Shield and the New World Order*. In these works, Nord made groundbreaking assessments for which I commend him, but he wasn't entirely without error. In both of these works, Nord wrote extensively on the use of the Hebrew word "chay", and for the benefit of the serious Bible student, I will provide constructive criticism how he used the word incorrectly!

All the Bible teachers that take the same position as Nord, seem to limit their research to *The Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of The Bible*, with its Hebrew, Chaldee and Greek dictionaries. With this paper we'll see how deficient this can be, as I will also cite the *Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament* and *The New Brown – Driver – Briggs – Gesenius Hebrew And English Lexicon*. After one has examined all three of these sources on the word "chay", one will plainly comprehend how limited Strong really is! Also, it will become crystal clear how those who demand that "chay" at Gen. 1:24-25 is the creation of the nonwhite races are entirely wrong. First we will examine Strong's on the Hebrew word #2416:

"2416 'n chay, khahree; from 2421; alive; hence raw (flesh); fresh (plant, water, year); strong; also (as noun especially in the feminine, singular, and masculine plural) life (or living thing), whether literally or figuratively:— + age, alive, appetite, (wild) beast company, congregation, life (-time), live (-ly), living (creature, thing), maintenance, + merry, multitude, + (be) old, quick, raw, running, springing, troop."

Remember, the definition stops at ":-"! After ":-" are only the KJV's renderings which are sometimes flawed! One will notice here that Strong's gives us only a short paragraph in all, and an even shorter definition! Next, I will cite the Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament and The New Brown - Driver - Briggs - Gesenius Hebrew And English Lexicon for their lexical input, which is considerably more than Strong's!

**Gesenius'** states: **"2416** פּ, construct חֵיָה plural חַיָּה plural הַיִּים , feminine (from the root חֲיִים).

- "(A) adjective (1) alive, living, Gen. 43:7, חֵלֵּה יֵהְ יֵה 'is your father yet alive?' verses 27, 28; 45:3, 26; 46:30. יָּה 'every living thing;' Gen. 3:20; 8:21. חַי 'he who lives for ever,' i.e. God, Dan. 12:7. This is an accustomed formula in swearing, חַי יְהַהָּה 'Jehovah (is) living,' i.e. God liveth; Ru. 3:13; 1 Sa. 14:45. חַי אַלְּהִים 2 Sa. 2:27; poetic אַל Job 27:2, and יַּי יִּה 'as I live,' when Jehovah himself swears, Nu. 14:21, 28; Deu. 32:40; Jer. 22:24; Eze. 5:11; 14:16, 18, 20, etc.; also of the oath of a king, Jer. 46:18, [but this King is חַיִּי בְּבָּאוֹח שְׁמֵּל יְהַהָּה 'those who are alive.' i.e. men. Ecc. 6:8, בּבָּא 'דָּר 'the land of the living.' as opposed to the place or state of the dead (Hades), Eze. 26:20; 32:23.
- "(2) lively, vigorous, 2 Sam. 23:20, according to כתיב: (כתיב: בתיב). Company שָּׁ הַיָּל קרי). Company הָיֶה Also, flourishing, prosperous ['according to some'], 1 Sa. 25:6.
- "(3) *reviving;* hence metaphor ក្កា ប្រជាធ្វេច Gen. 18:10, 14; 2 Ki. 4:16, 17; at the reviving of the season, i.e. the year, *in the next spring,* when the winter is past, περιπλομένου ἐνιαυτοϋ Od. xi. 247).
  - "(4) raw, used of flesh, 1 Sa. 2:15; Lev. 13:14, seq.
- "(5) *fresh,* as of a plant in its greenness, Ps. 58:10; as of running water, opposed to that which is stagnant and putrescent, which is called in Arabic ثلا أطست dead water. Gen. 26:19; Lev. 14:5, 50.
- "(B) substantive *life*, Lev. 25:36. [1 Sam. 25:6, 'and say ye thus לֶּחָי to life (i.e. to welfare), hail' to be regarded as a form of salutation, and not as being here the adjective. See Thes.] So in the formula of swearing, ['when by created things']. מַרְצֹּה by the life of Pharaoh, Gen. 42:15, 16; מַּפְשָׁדְּ by the life, 1 Sa. 1:26; 17:55. The name of Jehovah is in the same sentence preceded by מַר (see letter A, 1); whence יְהַנֹהְ וְחֵי נַבְּשֶׁדְּ 1 Sam. 20:3; 25:26. It is much more usual to use in this sense the –

"Plural פּיִים, once מַיִּים Job 24:22, *life,* Gen. 2:7; 3:14; 17:7, 15, etc. בּיִּחַ חַיִּים the breath of life, Gen. 6:17; עצ חַחַיִּים the tree of life, i.e. of life of long duration, θεοεικελοϋ or immortality, Gen. 2:9; compare 3:22, 24. Hence – (a) *living, sustenance, βίοs*, Prov. 27:27. – (b) refreshment, Prov. 3:22; 4:22 – (c) *prosperity, welfare* (compare Syric *[do not have the Syric font for comparison with the Hebrew]* Luke 19:9 for the Greek σωτηρία), *happiness,* Ps. 34:13; Pro. 4:22, 23; 12:28; 13:14;14:27. מַּרָּחַ חַיִּיִּם the way of welfare, Pro. 2:19; 5:6."

I measured the column space for the Strong's lexical data on the Hebrew word "chay", and it used up 1½ inches in this format. On the other hand, Gesenius' used up 8 inches of column space, or 5.33 times more column space than Strong's. This should immediately wave a red flag, as the Bible researcher must ask, 'how much data on the word 'chay' did the Strong's not cover?' I further measured the column space that Brown-Driver-Briggs-Gesenius' used up for their presentation on the Hebrew word "chay", and it consumed 32½ inches, or 21.66 times more data than Strong's! It should also be noted that Brown-Driver-Briggs-Gesenius, in their coverage of the Hebrew word "chay" use a multitude of abbreviations in their work. Had they not used abbreviations, it would have increased the column space by at least 1/3rd more, or making a total of about 43 inches of column space. The abbreviations alone will take 8 letter size pages, and I plan to make them available in an accompanying paper. Now let's see what B-D-

B-G has to offer on the Hebrew word "chay" #2416. Though before we do, note that B-D-B-G breaks the word "chay" into five categories; something Strong did not do, and Gesenius' only in part:

## THE NEW BROWN-DRIVER-BRIGGS-GESENIUS HEBREW AND ENGLISH LEXICON On Strong's #2416, Five Different Significant Categories:

#1 of 5 on Strong's #2416, "†ו. יַד adjective, alive, living;—'דו Gn ביל Gn ביל Gn ביל Gn ביל אוים אוים לא מויים לא  $3:20 + \pi$  Am 8:14 + 15 times (Ew<sup>§ 329</sup> explains as cstr., but Ges<sup>§ 93, R 7 n.</sup> al. as contracted abs.); f.  $\pi$ יים Gn 1:20 +; pl. שיים  $\psi$  116:9 +;—**1. a.** of God, as the living one, the fountain of life אל Jos 3:10 (J), Ho 2:1 ש 42:3; 84:3; אלהים חי 2K 19:4, 16 = Is 37:4, 17; אלהים חיים Dt 5:23 1S 17:26, 36 Je 10:10; 23:36; חי יהוה Yahweh is living ψ 18:47 = 2S 22:47; אלי חי מאלי אי avenger is living Jb 19:25; the formula of the oath is יי ע Ju 8:19 Ru 3:13 1S 14:39, 45; 19:6; 20:21; 25:34; 26:10, 16; 28:10; 29:6 2S 4:9; 12:5; 14:11; 15:21 1K 1:29; 2:24; 17:1, 12; 18:10; 22:14 = 2Ch 18:13, 2K 5:16, 20 Ho 4:15 Je 4:2; 5:2; 12:16; 16:14, 15; 23:7, 8; 38:16; או Jb 27:2; הי האלהים 2S 2:27; " ארני י Je 44:26; חי אוכי 1K 18:15 2K 3:14; as used by God Himself it is חי אוכי 32:40, elsewhere אני Nu 14:21, 28 (P) Is 49:18; Je 22:24; 46:18 Ez 5:11; 14:16, 18, 20; 16:48; 17:16, 19; 18:3; 20:3, 31, 33; 33:11, 27; 34:8; 35:6, 11 Zp 2:9, cf. also אלהיך דן, באר שבע חי דרך מה א 8:14; with the exception of בְּחֵי הַעוֹלֶם by him who liveth for ever Dn 12:7, הו is always (as an artificial distinction of scribes) used of non-sacred oaths, v. b. b. of man; אַרֶם דָּי a living man La 3:39, in antith. הַדִי :מָת Is 38:19; הַחֵי collective Ec 7:2; Absalom 2S 19:7; Naboth 1K 21:15; a son or lad 2S 12:21 1K 3:22 $^{(\times 2)}$ , 23 $^{(\times 2)}$ , 25, 26 $^{(\times 2)}$ , 27; 17:23; usually pl. חיים *alive, living* Nu 16:30, 33 (J), 17:13 (P), Dt 4:4; 5:3 Is 8:19  $\psi$  55:16; 124:3 Pr 1:12 Ec 4:2<sup>(X2)</sup>, 15; 6:8; 9:4, 5 Ru 2:20; taking prisoners alive Jos 8:23 (J) 1S 15:8 1K 20:18<sup>(X2)</sup> 2K 7:12; 10:14<sup>(X2)</sup> 2Ch 25:12; living (prosperously) 1S 25:6 (We rds. לְאָחִי = לְחִי (v. Klo Dr) to my brother, after B fratribus meis); elsewhere in phrase (אַחָם) חיים על (פני) הארמה כל-הימים אשר הם all the days that they (ye) live upon (the face of) the land Dt 4:10; 12:1; 31:13 1K 8:40 = 2Ch 6:31. Note phrases: (ים) yet alive Gn 25:6; 43:7, 27, 28; 45:28; 46:30 (J), 45:3, 26 Ex 4:18 (E), Dt 31:27 1Sa 20:14 2S 12:22; 18:14 1K 20:32; בהיות חי 2S 12:18 1K 12:6 2Ch 10:6; אַרץ (הַ)חַיִים land of the living Is 38:11; 53:8 Je 11:19 Ez 26:20; 32:23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 32 ע 27:13; 52:7; 142:6 Jb 28:13; ארצות החי 4 116:9; דו׳ 116:9; ספר  $\psi$  69:29; אור הח' שרור  $bundle\ of\ the\ living\ 1S\ 25:29; אור אור אור <math>light\ of\ the\ living\ Jb\ 33:30\ \psi$  56:14. In the oath by life of men יה is pointed always המלך הי אדני מי אדני as my lord the king liveth 2S 15:21; תי פרעה Gn 42:15, 16 (E); חֵי נַפְשַׁך מִי מוּ 18 1:26; 17:55 2S 14:19; הַי נָפָשַׁך מי מוּ Yahweh liveth and as thy soul (or thyself) liveth 1S 20:3; 25:26 2K 2:2, 4, 6; 4:30 מָהֵי דֶ׳ חֵיֵּךְ 2S 11:11 (but on text v. We Dr). c. of animals, alive, living: ox Ex 21:35; 22:3 (E); goat Lv 16:10, 20, 21 (P); bird Lv 14:4,  $6^{(\times 2)}$ , 7, 51, 53; dog, די המת לכלב מן־האריה המת Ec 9:4 (comp. Arabic prov. Kalb hay wa-lâ maiyit, a living dog and no dead lion Wetzst Verhand. Berl. Anthrop. Ges 1878, 388); reptiles Gn 1:28 (P); animals in general Gn 9:3 (P); בשר חי living, raw flesh Lv 13:10, 14, 15<sup>(×2)</sup>, 16 (P) 1S 2:15. **d.** animals and man, phrases for either or both: כל חי Gn 3:20; 8:21 (J) Jb 12:10; 28:21; 30:23 ע 143:2; 145:16; כל גַפַשׁ חַיָּה (P); כל גָפַשׁ חַיָּה (Gn 6:19 (P); בָּשׁ חַיָּה (Gn 1:20, 24, 30 (P) 2:7, 19 (J); כל גָפַשׁ חַיָּה (Gn 5:29 ער החי 9:12, 15, 16 (P) Ez 47:9; כל נפש החיה Gn 1:21; 9:10 Lv 11:10, 46 (P). e. (dub.) of vegetation, as thorns, green, ψ 58:10 (Ges Ew Ol Pe, but De Ri Che Bae raw flesh, v. c supr. ad fin.) f. of water, flowing, fresh מים חיים Gn 26:19 (J), Lv 14:5, 6, 50, 51, 52; 15:13 Nu 19:17(P), Je 2:13; 17:13 Zc 14:8 Ct 4:15. **2.** (dub.) lively, active: איש חיל an active man 2S 23:20 (but Qr איש is to

be preferred); איבי חיים mine enemies are lively  $\psi$  38:20 (RV, but Houb Ol Ew Hu. Che al. read שֶּקר,  $\|$  , חַּנְּם). **3.** reviving: פָּעֵת חַיָּה at the time (when it is) reviving, the spring Gn 18:10, 14 (J), 2 K 4:16, 17."

- #2 of 5 on Strong's #2416, "†וו. [דִי] noun [masculine] kinsfolk (Arabic a group of families united by vital ties  $RS^{K 36-40} Dr^{Sm 119}$ ), pl. sf. אָדָי 1S 18:18, incorrectly pointed with the interpretation *my life* RV, but read אַדָּי *my kinsfolk*, We Ki Dr RS SS RVm VB. It is explained by the gloss "(אַדִי וּ We (Klo reads)")"
- #3 of 5 on Strong's #2416, "†ו. חַיָּה noun feminine, living thing, animal (Zinj. wild beast DHM Sendsch. 34)—יה Gn 8:17 +; cstr. היה Is 57:10 +; old case ending (poetic) היה Gn 1:24  $\psi$  50:10; 79:2; 104:11, 20 Is 56:9<sup>(×2)</sup> Zp 2:14; sf. קילות  $\psi$  143:3, etc.; pl. קילות Lv 14:4 + 12 times— **1.** animal, as a living, active being: **a.** in general, Gn 8:17 Lv 11:2, 27,  $47^{(\times 2)}$  Nu 35:3 (P)  $\psi$ 104:25 Is 46:1 Dn 8:4. **b.** wild animals, on account of their vital energy and activity Gn 7:14, 21; 8:1, 19; 9:5 (P) Lv 17:13; 25:7 (H) Jb 37:8 ע 148:10 Is 40:16 Ez 14:15; 33:27 Zp 2:14, 15; קנה דו קנה דו ש 68:31 wild animal of the reeds; רעה evil beast Gn 37:20, 33 (JE) Lv 26:6 (H) Ez 5:17; 14:15, 21; 34:25; ממאה עם לים Lv 5:2 (P) unclean beast; הארץ Gn  $1:25, 30; 9:2, 10^{(\times 2)}$  (P) 1S 17:46Ez 29:5; 32:4; 34:28 Jb 5:22; דיתו ארץ Gn 1:24 (P)  $\psi$  79:2; השרה Ex 23:11, 29 (covt. code) Lv 26:22 (H) Dt 7:22 2S 21:10, 2K 14:9 = 2Ch 25:18, Ho 2:14, 20; 4:3; 13:8 Is 43:20 Je 27:6; 28:14 Ez 38:20; 39:4 Jb 5:23; 39:15; כל ח' השרה Gn 2:19, 20; 3:1, 14 (J) Jb 40:20 Je 12:9 Ez 31:6, 13; destroyer among beasts. c. living beings, of the cherubic chariot Ez 1:5,  $13^{(\times 2)}$ , 14,  $15^{(\times 2)}$ ,  $19^{(\times 2)}$ , 20, 21, 22; 3:13; 10:15, 17, 20. **2.** life, only in late poetry, ψ 143:3 Jb 33:18, 20, 22, 28; 36:14 Ez  $7:13^{(\times 2)}$ , and (dub.)  $\psi$  74:19; 78:50. **3.** appetite, activity of hunger: חית בפרים appetite of young lions Jb 38:39. **4.** revival, renewal: חַיָּה מָצָאת thou didst find renewal of thy strength (reinvigoration) Is 57:10; v. קיַה"
- #4 of 5 on Strong's #2416, "†וו. הַיָּה noun feminine, (si veral.) community (= feminine of וו. בְּלִשְׁתִּים הַ מַבְּלְשָׁתִּים הֹנָה according to Nö<sup>ZMG, 1886, 176</sup>)—קָּה מְּלְשָׁתִּים הֹנָה and a community of Philistines (i.e. a group of allied families, making a raid together) was encamping 2S 23:13 (= מַחֲנֵה 1 Ch 11:15); perhaps also ψ 68:11 (cf. infr.)

31:11; 34:13; 63:4; 64:2; 66:9; 88:4; 103:4 Pr 18:21 Ec 2:17; 6:12; 7:13; 9:9<sup>(×2)</sup> 10:19 Jon 2:7; 4:3, 8; חַיִּי שֹׁרה life of Sarah Gn 23:1 (P); שׁנֵי דוֹ vears of the life of 2S 19:35 Gn 23:1; 25:7, 17;  $47:8, 9^{(\times 2)}, 28 \text{ Ex } 6:16, 18, 20 (P);$  שנה לח' (P) שנה סיים Pr 3:2; 4:10; 9:11; שנה עמי מי days of the life of Ec 2:3; 5:17, 19; 6:12; 8:15; 9:9; מל יִמִי דו Gn 3:14, 17 (J) Dt 4:9; 6:2; 16:3; 17:19 Jos 1:5; 4:14 (D) 1S 1:11; 7:15 1K 5:1; 11:34; 15:5, 6, 2K 25:29, 30 = Je 52:33, 34, Is 38:20 (poem of Hez.) ψ 23:6; 27:4; 128:5 Pr 31:12; 'π or during one's life Gn 27:46 (P) Lv 18:18 (H) Ju 16:30 2S 1:23; 18:18 ψ 49:19; 63:5; 104:33; 146:2 Jb 10:1 Ec 3:12; 9:3; יה היה Gn 6:17; 7:15 (P); הי, רוּחָי ווּ Is 38:16 (poem of Hez.); בשרים Pr 14:30; הי (רוּחָ) הי Gn 2:7; 7:22 (J). **2.** life: as welfare and happiness in king's presence Pr 16:15; as consisting of earthly felicity combined (often) with spiritual blessedness Dt 30:6, 15,  $19^{(\times 2)}$ , 20; 32:47  $\psi$  30:6; 133:3 Pr 3:22; 4:13, 22; 8:35; 10:16; 11:19; 12:28; 19:23; 21:21; 22:4 Mal 2:5; used only once distinctly of eternal life (late) שׁל חַיֵּי (Dn 12:2; שׁל חַיֵּי ל 42:9 God of my life; שׁ מעוז ח' עולם ψ 27:1; שׁ מקור ח' 36:10 Pr 10:11;  $13:14;\ 14:27;\ 16:22;$  שֵׁץ (ה) שֵׁץ Gn  $2:9;\ 3:22,\ 24$  (J) Pr  $3:18;\ 11:30;\ 13:12;\ 15:4;$  ער הרח של 16:11Pr 5:6; 15:24; ארח לח' Pr 10:17; ארחות ח' Pr 2:19; ה)חיים הַרֶּד (ה)חיים דר 2:19; ארחות ח' Pr 5:6; 15:24; ארח לח' Pr 6:23 Je 21:8; ארחות ח' Pr 4:23 sources (origin and direction) of life; תוכחת די Pr 15:31; בַחַיִּים Is 4:3 written unto life. **3.** sustenance, maintenance: לְנֵעֵרוֹתֵיךּ חַיִים Pr 27:27 maintenance for thy maidens, v. infr." This has been taken exactly (except spelling out the parts of speech) from the electronic edition of B-D-B-G.

In addition to acquiring and studying all of this lexical data on the Hebrew word "chay", #2416, I have looked up and cited every place where the Hebrew word is used, (502 times) in the Old Testament, in order to fully comprehend its proper context, and it certainly does not mean the creation\* of the non-Adamic races! To use it in such a way only promotes confusion! On the contrary, the Hebrew word "chay", #2416, used in conjunction with people, can only be rightfully claimed by Adamites and Almighty Yahweh (in the flesh) Himself! [\*"creation & "formed" used together at Isa. 43:1, 7; 45:18! Also, Adam-man "created" at both Gen. 1:27 & 5:1!]

For instance, if the Hebrew word "chay" means the creation of the nonwhite races, then Eve is the mother of all non-Adamites (black, mud or otherwise) at Gen. 3:20, where it states she is the mother of all "chay":

"And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all [#2416] 'chay'."

Another for instance is, if the Hebrew word "chay" at Genesis 1:24-25 means the creation of the pre-Adamic races, then Adam himself is pre-Adamic, as at Genesis 2:7 Adam is recognized as a "chay" creation twice:

"And Yahweh Elohim formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of [2416] 'chay'; and man became a [2416] 'chay' soul."

The other races never had that breath of life breathed into them as Adam did, so they're just the opposite of "chay". Actually, the non-Adamic races are the walking dead, or zombies! Not only that, but Christ Himself spoke of BAD RACIAL KINDS (*i.e.*, genos) at Matthew 13:47-50!

Again, if the Hebrew word "chay" at Genesis 1:24 means the creation of the nonwhite races, then Yahweh Himself is racially nonwhite, for He is a "chay"-God.

Deut. 5:26: "For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the [2416] 'chay' God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

Joshua 3:10: "And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the [2416] 'chay' God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites."

2 Kings 19:16: "Yahweh, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, Yahweh, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the [2416] 'chay' God."

The reader should understand that this is only three of the hundreds of instances where #2416 "chay" is used in direct relationship with God (*i.e.*, "Elohim")! So why should we lower our Almighty down in character equivalent with the non-Adamic, unclean (*i.e.*, sewer people) races?

For a more complete study on the word "chay", the reader should obtain a copy of my 38 page companion article to this brochure, *Study On The Word "Chay"*, #2416, where I cite the 502 instances that #2416 can be found in the Old Testament! Once you have studied my data, plus any lexical material you have at hand, it will become very clear that the Hebrew term "chay" does not support a premise regarding the creation of the nonwhite races!

I know this flies in the face of the late Nord Davis and his followers, such as Eli James, who evidently believes that Nord was infallible like the pope. The simple truth is, there is no evidence Nord used ant other source than Strong's *Lexicon*. Chances are, he built his flawed premise on Strong's inadequate definition of "chay". But, I will say this: Don't take anything that I teach as the infallible truth, but do your own unbiased research on the subject, and, "... show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (at least the best you can), 2 Tim. 2:15. And if you haven't studied the subject thoroughly, remain silent until you have!

As one will notice, I'm being as honest as I know how to be in revealing all of my sources for everyone to see, as I consider it a privilege to share them with others who may not have the where-with-all to purchase them for his own use. Of all the spurious beliefs in Israel Identity, the misuse of the Hebrew word "chay" has to be one the most serious! For many, it's just another attempt to wishfully-think non-Adamites into Yahshua's Kingdom, which He will never, ever allow to happen! Let's face it, it's all genetic: We're the sheep and they're the goats. Mixing the two won't work either!