

Elder Kiesz's CG7 history [nice comment by Ken Westby though I don't agree with his view ☺)

If you are interested in the recent history of the Church of God 7th Day, you will find the writings of John Kiesz interesting, especially his work on Christology.

I met John and his wife on two occasions in the 1980s when they sang for Feast of Tabernacles celebrations in Denver hosted by Jeff Booth and his congregation in Amarillo.

Elder Kiesz lived into his 90s and was a leading elder and teacher for much of the 20th century. He represented a large group within the CG7 that held to a one-God doctrine.

That unitarian voice within CG7 has since been silenced. Elder Kiesz taught the preexistence of Christ but denied that Jesus was God or was the Creator or God of the OT.

I disagree with his preexistence conclusions, but I think he got the single-God issue right.

Craig White has specialized in the history of the Church of God in its multifarious iterations.

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Craig White of Sydney, Australia, has posted the CG7 history Mr. Westby mentions above at friendsofsabbath.org/Further_Research/john_kiesz/kiesz.htm. Mr. White comments: "Many thanks to the Church of God (Seventh Day) for supplying me this paper for the purpose of preserving further aspects of Church of God history"