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GOD'S ECONOMY OR MAN'S?

Three topics most frequently mentioned today are freedom, social rights and the economy. This is not surprising as these three vital matters are interdependent.

It has been said that freedom reigns when the wealth of a nation is in the hands of the everyday person, but that oppression reigns when it is in the hands of the few. And by wealth is meant not just money but the produce, goods and raw materials which are the real wealth of a nation. This is why the economic system under which we choose to live is of such vital importance.

A just economic system produces many benefits - equity and plenty for all sections of society, no inflation, debt free currency, stability in production and employment, no forced poverty, little psychological stress, stable family life, time for leisure, security of possessions and inheritance, and freedom from financial bondage.

An unjust system leads to greed, oppression, broken families, violence, indiscipline, poverty, debt, anarchy and social disorder in general.

We have two choices. We can choose God's system or the systems developed by man. God's system has been recorded since the time of Moses and is based on Natural Economic Law, i.e. nature credits - man debits.

It was Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) who studied Natural Law at the then Puritan School of Harvard, who commented:

"Nations can create wealth in only three ways:

1. They can have War and take it
2. They can have Free Trade, where someone buys cheap and sells dear, and cheats.
3. They can have the Miracle of Agriculture in the production sector of society" (which is dependent upon God's Blessing).

However, God's system, even in Ancient Israel, was used for short periods only despite the fact that it had brought freedom, blessing and abundance.

On the other hand, the economic systems of men have been implemented for thousands of years and in most instances have resulted, eventually, in vast riches amidst poverty and distress, followed by rebellion and anarchy.

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There are two main systems in Man's economic theory.

1. The Monetarist System where through monetary policy the value of money is regulated
2. The Oligarchy or Free Trade System.

EBLA

Around 2500 B.C. a great economic/commercial empire existed in the Near East. Its pacts with other nations guaranteed the safety of commercial routes and enabled merchants to move about without unnecessary risk. It was not aggressive and had no standing army, but used mercenaries for defence or correction. It covered Syria, Palestine and Mesopotamia, and traded into the Zagros Mountains on the east and to Central Turkey on the West. It was the recently discovered Empire of Ebla.

Ebla created a great "common market" that was both functional and stable. Its economy was based on a system of barter – goods for goods or the exchange of the basic metal silver for goods or other metals. Barter of silver for gold took place in the fixed ration of 5:1 as it was in Egypt during the period of the Old Kingdom, the golden age of Egypt. The zenith of Ebla was the era of Cheops and the Great Pyramid of Gezer. This ratio reflects considerable prosperity and economic stability. Ebla's economy appears to have been solid and non-inflationary. They had a fixed list expressing the values of one product in relation to others and these relationships were stable.

For example, one ox was worth 30 silver shekels, 6.3 gold shekels, 45.45 tin shekels, 1500 copper shekels, 93.75 lapis lazuli shekels, 33 sheep, 30 skins, 214 turtles, 2.3 male slaves, 30 measures of top grade wool, etc. Gold bars were used to hoard wealth, i.e., gold represented unused wealth and so could be traded for corn, or sheep, etc., if an insufficiency of these items existed for any reason, or for items not obtainable within the State. Governors of the various cities and even the King himself paid tribute into the State Treasury.

Ebla became a key part of an international trading complex and, because of its geographical position, co-ordinated the flow of goods among lands remote from each other. However, at the time of its fall Ebla seems to have departed from its original fixed value barter system for a system involving usury and it was eventually engulfed by the great Accadian Empire of Naram Sin (2360-2160 B.C.) which in turn fell to the Amorites who founded the First Dynasty of Babylon c. 2000 B.C.

At this time ancient Babylon became an immense city occupying 200 square miles and involving both banks of the Euphrates. Unfortunately, the buildings of Old Babylon are now under the water table and cannot be excavated.

In Old Babylon all forms of literature flourished, dictionaries, mathematical treatises, algebra, astronomy, classifications of all sorts of knowledge. There was also interest in pseudo science, astrology, magic, divination and the like.

However, it was Babylon's powerful Commercial System which has influenced the course of civilisation down to this very day. Professor Cyrus Gordon writes that by early in the 2nd Millennium B.C. – about the time of Abraham – the merchants, sponsored by their kings to look after their national interest abroad, had official duties and prerogatives and a military capability for self defence. The spread of this merchant class – called TAMKAROO – culminated in the Hammurabi Age of Babylon when Babylonian business, law, language and writing spread to the ends of the Near East, to the Aegean in the north-west and Egypt in the south.

The merchants introduced the Babylonian language wherever they went for keeping accounts, making contracts and writing correspondence. Scribes in various areas had to be trained in the essentials of Babylonian literature so a knowledge of the classics of Mesopotamia was exported whenever the Tamkaroo opened offices throughout the ancient world, as were their religious practices.

But, the most lasting of their influence was the spread of their business methods and system of money manipulation. The seeds of the Capitalist System were produced in Mesopotamia and sown throughout the ancient world by the Tamkaroo and their successors as early as two thousand years B.C.

The most fundamental part of the capitalist economy is the encouragement of capital investment by the payment of interest. Here was the beginning of Usury as we know it today.

It was the Babylonian System involving usury, which God had guarded Israel against in His Law, knowing the economic slavery it would bring. It was this system also which enabled the later Neo Babylonian Empire of Nebuchadnezzar to rise so quickly to wealth and power in the early 6th Century B.C. Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon embodied all that results from a system whose aim is great wealth and whose motivation is power and pleasure.

Babylonian society embodied all that is worst in the world today; great wealth amidst great poverty, lust for riches, military power, conquest for raw materials, dictatorship, economic and military control over other peoples, control of trade between east and west, self indulgence, vice, false religions, occult practices, false philosophies, secret societies forming a mystical, international brotherhood with secret rites and ceremonies.

It was the second rise of Babylon under King Nebuchadnezzar which marked the birth of what Scripture calls "Babylon the Great" and indicates will exist until the end of this present Age.

PRESENT DAY WORLD ECONOMY

Today the economic situation of the world as a whole is anything but equitable. Hunger, poverty and death confront us regularly, even within the so-called wealth nations of the West, and these are supposed to be times of great enlightenment.

The present policies of World Economics are being formed by an International network of financial leaders. Just thirteen families control the central banks of all the hard currency countries of the world, i.e., those countries whose currency is not allowed to fluctuate to any great degree, and they have control of the policy-making and decision making of these banks.

Those who control the Prime Banks also have the controlling interest in the major oil companies. For example, the ultimate controlling factor of all American prime banks, the Federal Reserve system, the major oil companies and many other multinationals, as well as the Rockefeller Foundation and their European interest, comes through a Joint Stock Trust (or holding company) which was set up by the original Rockefellers in America in 1870. Though judged illegal three years later, it has continued to exist.

The International Monetary Fund is controlled by the five grain cartels who control 98 percent of the world's Food Distribution (Continental, Cargill, Dreyfus, Bunge and Antre). I.M.F. policy forces countries to sell their raw materials below the cost of production in order to pay the interest on their debts. For example Ethiopia must sell their beans cheaply to West Germany while Ethiopia's own people starve to death. And this has repercussions in the buyer country where the cheap imports force prices down and collapse the market. Producers of similar products there receive small return for their home-produced products so their standard of living drops and many are bankrupted.

Importation of cheap wheat from South America is forcing many U.S. wheat farmers out of business and the importing of cheap dairy produce has resulted in the slaughtering of thousands of American dairy herds. A similar situation exists in most other countries in the world.

The practice is engineered to enable Third World Countries to pay the Interest on their debts to the I.M.F. Many of these countries are drug trafficking in order to

raise funds and the money is being laundered through the International Banks. In 1986 \$1.2 billion were laundered through U.S. banks.

Since it was initiated in 1944 at Bretton Woods the International Monetary Fund has assumed more and more control of World Trade and today most of the nations of the world are in its debt. The World Bank of which more than 100 countries are members, borrows money on the world market and practices Fractional Reserve Banking which is now a prominent feature of our usurious Banking system. Recently freed East European nations are now being "helped" by the World Bank by the issue of interest bearing loans to promote production. These nations will soon be heavily in debt like the nations of the West and so, in time, all nations of the world could eventually find themselves in debt bondage to the few who control the World's Banking System.

But can Man keep control of the world's economics?

NATURAL ECONOMIC CYCLES

In his book entitled "The Great Depression of 1990" Dr. Ravi Batra explains that he has studied economic statistics relative to the past two centuries in the U.S.A. and has found:

1. that the rate of inflation (persistent increase in prices) has peaked every 3rd decade;
2. that the rate of money growth (or distribution) has also peaked every 3rd decade;
3. that these peak decades of inflation and money growth have also been peak decades of Government Regulation; i.e. despite social and economic changes made by man these three have crested together every 3rd decade.

He has found also that a recession has occurred every decade and a depression every 3rd or 6th decade, but if the 3rd decade experienced only a recession instead of a depression then the 6th decade brought a depression of crisis proportions. This may be illustrated as follows:

1930 (Depression)
1960 (Recession)
1990 (Depression Crisis)?

These cycles he believes to be natural economic cycles which occur regardless of man's efforts to control the economic system.

As well as this he has observed that Depressions always follow great concentrations of wealth as happened in the U.S.A. in the 1920s. Today the same thing is happening. The number of billionaires in the U.S.A. more than doubled in 1986. The top five percent of Americans have incomes more than the entire bottom 40 percent.

However, in 1920 the U.S.A. had a budget surplus in the balance of trade but in 1985 it became a debtor nation and today is the largest debtor in the world. Thousands of its banks and savings and loan institutions could collapse at any time and the rest of the world would go with them.

Dr. Batra believes that as the 1960s escaped a depression the 1990s will experience the worst economic crisis in history – one of worldwide proportions because of the load of debt which has been heaped upon the nations of the world this century.

It would seem then that the prophesied "fall of Babylon the Great" is inevitable through the working out of natural laws. No wonder the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her. No wonder the heavenly voice cries out "Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Rev. Ch. 18)

Scripture shows, however, that the Fall of Babylon will usher in the promised Kingdom Age when the Lord Jesus Christ will return to earth to rule the nations in righteousness. His righteous Law and Perfect Economic System will be demonstrated to the world by His Kingdom People of Israel.

Under His System there will be no poor, the worker will find happiness and satisfaction in his labour, sharing equitably in all profits. Ownership of private possessions will be secure and those in need of help will be cared for. Fair weights and measures will govern all commercial ventures and equity of trade will raise the standards of nations who trade with Israel. Borrowing of money without usury will encourage enterprise and initiative and all will share equitably in the abundance of God's blessings.

God's Law of the Sabbaths will ensure that the cycles of depressions and economic collapse will not occur.

Six DAYS to labour – The seventh passed in worship, spiritual rejuvenation and fellowship with friends.

Six YEARS to plant and carry on economic activities – The seventh to be a year of rest for the land, a cessation of labour and release from debt.

49 YEARS (7 weeks of 7 years) of commercial activity and the buying and selling of land leases – The 50th YEAR THE GREAT JUBILEE

Liberty for all proclaimed and the return of land to its rightful family. (Lev.25:10)
The holding of family reunions.

Wherever God's Law is faithfully kept the economy will ensure freedom and social justice for all, and the land will yield its increase in abundance.
(Isa. 65:18-24)

Y.M.W.

Another B.I. member has joined the ranks of the departed. Mr. Ernest Oldham, of Unit 2/54 Mooney Road, Carnegie passed away in April this year 1990. Another believer eagerly awaiting the soon coming of the Lord.

Ed.

B.I. Bookroom's removal from its nearly half a century's tenancy space in the Block, Collins Street, Melbourne to our present Headquarters in the basement Majorca Buildikng, 258 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, 3000; increased utility charges, postal, rental and other inflationary charges, cost B.I.W.F. Headquarters well over \$5,000 more to function adequately in 1989-90 than in the previous twelve months. We would welcome further contributions from as many of our readers as possible to enable us to continue operating in a viable manner. We thank all who contributed financially to our organisation, and we would appreciate any further financial assistance towards the continuing effective functioning of our activities in informing the public of our concern for the welfare and future of God's Israel on earth.

The President,
B.I.W.F. VIC. H.Q.

God has met our financial needs to date, but sometimes by not much to spare. It is to you, my readers, that I look for support in this most important function of being God's witnesses as on earth. In a financial manner we can assist the Almighty to bless our witnessing to His goodness to His people on earth, when we cannot assist in other ways.

We have been informed that Mr. Cox of Great Britain is compiling a British-Israel encyclopaedia, which will be welcomed by all members. He will welcome contributions of B.I. background and history from B.I. sources in all countries.

Ed.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the B.I.W.F. Victorian Headquarters was held at our bookroom at 12.30 p.m. Thursday, 24th May, 1990. After the Annual Meeting, a Council Meeting was held and the following is a report of both meetings. Reports were tabled by the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Bookroom Manager. The B.I.W.F. Vic. H.Q. President commented on the year's activities and personally thanked the Secretary, the Bookroom Manager, and the members of the Executive and Council for their conscientious contribution in assisting himself and our organisation to operate efficiently. My thanks also go to all who have assisted with Bookroom activities; the ladies who assist at various meetings; and Mr. J. G. Davies, our honorary auditor, with assistance when necessary by Mr. Reigal.

To those who purchase our literature, and members and supporters who have kept us viable by their generous donations and other financial support we are very grateful. A list of receipts and expenditure is always available at our bookroom for perusal by any member who wishes to see where any money donated is used and for what purpose.

As a non-profit-making organisation with annual costs approximating at least \$28,000 p.a. and inflation continually contributing to increases in that respect, it is not easy to maintain the bookroom and function as a continuing witness without your financial contributions, bequests or other support. To all who contribute, we believe it is the Lord's work you help to finance. We request any continuing donations you may be able to provide, and pray God will richly reward any who do so give. Once again our thanks. To anyone who may be interested, the Taxation Department recognised some years ago that any bequests to B.I.W.F. Vic. H.Q. would be tax free. All such bequests are acknowledged in these Monthly Notes.

Office-bearers for the year 1990-91 are as follows: President, Mr. E.B. Clements; Vice-President, Mr. V. A. Proposch; Vice-Presidents, Mr. C. Tingate, Miss V. Walke; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. Piercy; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. Tingate; Hon. Asst. Secretary and Ass. Treasurer, Mr. J. L. B. Walke; Council Members: Mrs. J. Fowler, Mrs. R. Lewis, Mrs. N. McLeod, Mrs. C. Murray, Mrs. E. M. Walke, Mrs. G. Weir, Miss G. Chidzey, Dr. N. McLeod.

At the Council Meeting after the Annual Meeting appointments were made as follows: Prayer League Convenor, Mrs. J. Piercy; Editor "Monthly Notes", Mr. E. B. Clements. The respective Committees consist of the following: Lecture Committee; Sen. Vice-President (Convenor), Secretary, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer. Literature Committee: Bookroom Manager (Convenor), Treasurer, Secretary or Asst. Secretary, Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. G. Davies.

I am again very grateful to all who assist me in performing an important Kingdom activity. The financial year ends 30th April next. Our books will close on 31st March next, and in 1991 B.I.W.F. Vic. H.Q. Annual Meeting is scheduled for late in the month of May, God willing.

E.B.C. (President).

To whom it may concern:-

Like many other organisations, B.I.W.F. membership is decreasing, for obvious reasons. Ours is now less than 100 financial members. Quite a number of them are pensioners, so it was reluctantly that our Council had agreed to confirm annual membership charges at \$5 per annum. Any increase had not been agreed to by our council members for a number of years, but it is felt that financial burdens should be more equally shared by all who support our cause, that is why the increase is now acceptable. If anyone feels this could occasion further insurmountable financial burdens in these difficult times, please inform our bookroom manager. I'm sure something can be worked out, as we value the feelings of any age group.

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EXCELLENT ADVICE

The wise person will read the whole of the chapters quoted below from the Holy Scriptures, which most of us seldom open in this busy day and age. Of course, certain requirements are necessary to ensure the blessings, but the person really facing up to his or her obligations certainly won't depart from such reading empty handed. In other words, it can all be summed up in the New Testament words "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things (food, clothing, all your NEEDS) shall be added unto you." Notice the NEEDS, *not* wants!

Some of the important truths from the following quotations are, as briefly as possible, without sermonising, summarised in the words peace on earth to men of goodwill".

To combat the blues. Psalm 27 commences "The Lord is my salvation, whom shall I fear" and ends "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord, be of good/courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait I say, on the Lord". In other words, ask His help in your problems, believing, and in His own time, He will answer you.

Pocket book empty? Psalm 37:3 "Trust in the Lord, and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass . . . A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken but the Lord upholdeth the righteous . . . in the days of famine they shall be satisfied."

Notice God first expects something from us and then He fulfils our requests!

Unkind associates? John 15. "As the Father hath loved Me (Jesus) so have I loved you . . . if ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in my love . . . love one another" (as, in another place) "do good to them that hate you" – a sure way to break down opposition!

Discouraged about your work? Psalm 26 "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Out of sorts? Hebrews 12. "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him. For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth . . . if ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as sons." (The parable of the prodigal son is an example of this.)

Losing confidence in your fellow man? 1 Corinthians chapter 13. (Read it yourself from the New Testament; no single quotation would be adequate to cover the depth of the humility and riches therein!)

Want your own way, and verbally insist to all and sundry? James chapter 3 "Be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation . . . if any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man . . . the tongue is a little member and boasteth great things . . . it defileth the whole body . . . the tongue can no man tame, it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therefore bless we God, even the Father, and therefore curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. Brethren, these things ought not to be so. Who is a wise man and embued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom . . . where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

Here is a message that is not only applicable to Christmas time, but to any time. A message in the keeping of which could bring about peace on earth, and goodwill among men.

E.B.C.

TAKE A TONIC

If perchance you need a mental tonic, the following words, which were found in the precincts of a church in Helford may help.

If you have the blues, then read the 27th Psalm.

If your pocket book is empty, the 37th Psalm is what you want.

If people seem unkind, try the 15th chapter of St. John.

If you are discouraged about your work, remember the 126th Psalm.

If you are out of sorts, there is the 12th chapter of Hebrews.

If you have lately been losing confidence in your fellow-men, you need the 13th chapter of the First book of Corinthians.

Finally, if you cannot have your own way in everything, keep silent and inwardly digest the third chapter of St. James.

Anon.

SATAN (His unholiness)

The name appears more than 50 times in the Bible (18 times in the Hebrew scriptures, and once only in the books of 1 Chronicles, Job, and Zechariah. From a root word "to oppose", to be or act as an adversary. "Refer 1 Peter 5-8". See Mark 4.14-15; Luke 8-12. Also 1 John 5.19)

In the Greek N.T. the name *Satan* is mentioned 36 times. The word "devil" 33 times. Ref. Rev. 12-9. See also Matt. 12.24-27; 2 Corin 6.14-15)

In Revelation, the Greek word "Diabolos" is used, translated "devil" (false accuser, slanderer). (C/f 1 Tim. 3.3)

THE EVILS OF THE MODERN BANKING SYSTEM

1. This is a brief history of banking control in the United States of America from 1750 to 1813, or 'how the International Bankers got economic control of U.S.A.' The following is a precis of an article by Alain Pilote from "News and Facts".

"In 1750 there was not yet a United States of America, thirteen colonies on the American continent forming "New England", belonging to the mother country England. Benjamin Franklin wrote of them "Impossible to find a happier and more prosperous population on all the surface of the globe." When he went to England to represent their interests, he was asked how he accounted for their prosperity, while England had so much poverty. "Simple", Franklin replied. "In the colonies we issue our own money called 'Colonial Script'. We issue it in proportion to make products pass easily from producers to consumers. In this manner creating ourselves our own paper money, we control its purchasing power and we have no interest to pay to anyone."

When the English bankers were informed of that, they had a law passed by the British Parliament prohibiting the Colonies issuing their own money and ordering them to use only gold or silver debt-money that was provided in insufficient quantity by the English bankers. The circulating medium of exchange was thus reduced by half. Franklin stated that "the conditions were so reversed that the era of prosperity ended and a depression set in to such an extent that the streets of the colonies were filled with unemployed."

Then the revolutionary war was launched against England, followed by the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Our school books erroneously teach that it was the tax on tea that caused the American Revolution. But Franklin clearly stated "The Colonies would gladly have borne the little tax on tea and other matters had it not been the poverty caused by the bad influence of the English bankers on the Parliament; which has caused in the Colonies hatred of England and the Revolutionary War."

The founding fathers of the United States, bearing all these facts in mind, and to protect themselves against the exploitation of the International Bankers, took good care to expressly declare, in the American Constitution, signed at Philadelphia, in 1787, Article 1, Section 8, Paragraph 5 "Congress shall have the power to coin money and to regulate the value thereof".

The Bankers did not give up. Their agent, Alexander Hamilton, secretary of State (Minister of Finance) in George Washington's cabinet, advocated the establishment of a Federal Bank to be owned by private interests, and the creation of debt money (with false argument such as "a national debt, if it is not excessive, will be to us a national blessing . . . The wisdom of the government will be shown in never trusting itself with the use of so seducing and dangerous an expedient, as issuing its own money.") And he convinced them into believing that only the debt-money issued by private banks would be accepted in dealing abroad.

2. (The Evils)

Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of State, was strongly opposed to that project, but President Washington was finally convinced by Hamilton's arguments. A Federal Bank was thus created in 1791, the "Bank of the United States", with a twenty year charter. It was more really the "bank of the bankers" since it was not owned by the nation, but by individuals holding the bank's stocks, the private bankers. (The name was purposely chosen to deceive U.S. citizens that they were the owners of the bank, which was not the case. In 1811 Congress voted against renewal, thanks to the influence of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.

Jackson said "If Congress has a right under the Constitution to issue paper money, it was given them to use by themselves, not to be delegated to individuals or corporations." Nathan Rothschild from the Bank of England issued his ultimatum "Either the application for renewal of the Charter is granted or the U.S. will find itself in a most disastrous war." Nathan Rothschild issued orders "Teach these impudent Americans a lesson, bring them back to colonial status". The British Government launched the war of 1812 against the U.S. . . . Rothschild's plan was to impoverish the U.S. through this war to such an extent the legislators would have to seek financial aid . . . which of course, would be forthcoming only in renewal of the Charter for the Bank of the U.S. . . . Thousands were killed, but what does it matter to Rothschild? He has achieved its objective. The U.S. Congress granted the renewal of the Charter in 1816. (Extract from W. G. Carr's book "Pawns in the Game". p.52)

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln, in full conformity with the provisions of the American Constitution, caused \$450 million of debt-free greenbacks to be issued, to conduct the Civil War. Re-elected in 1864, he promised to attack the powers of the bankers, as soon as the war had finished. In 1865, Lord Goschen, the spokesman for the financiers, wrote in the "London Times", "If this mischievous financial policy, which has its origins in North America, shall become duradored down to a fixture, then that government will furnish its own money without interest. It will pay off debts and be without a debt. It will have all the money necessary to carry on its commerce. It will become prosperous without precedent in the history of the world. That government must be destroyed or it will destroy every monarchy on the globe". (The monarchy of the moneylenders.)

Lincoln was assassinated April 14th of that year, and a tremendous restriction of credit followed, organised by the banks. (The currency in circulation in the country, which was, in 1866, \$1907 million (representing 50.46 dollars for each American citizen) had been reduced to \$605 million in 1876, representing \$14.60 per capita. The result: in ten years, 56,446 business failures (a loss of \$2 billion), and if that was not enough, the bankers reduced the per capita currency in circulation to \$6.67 in 1887!

In 1896, the Democratic Presidential candidate was W. J. Bryan, with Lincoln's same banking policy. School books inform us it was a good thing he didn't become President "for he was against bankers' 'sound money' ". (The money created by creating a debt.)

Finally, on 23-12-1913, Congress voted the Federal Reserve Act which was taking away from Congress the power to create money, and handing over this power to the Federal Reserve Corporation. The aviator, Charles A. Lindberg's father (a Congressman) said concerning this Act "When President Wilson signs this Bill the invisible government of the Monetary Power will be legalised" and referred to it as "the legislative curse of the ages".

How right he was! U.S.A.'s national debt is now thousands of millions of dollars owed to the banks largely owned by the families of members of the Rothschild and Rockefeller families.

As John Adams wrote to Thomas Jefferson in 1787, "All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise not from defects in the Constitution, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation.

Henry Ford, more recently stated "If the people of the nation understood our banking and monetary system, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning!"

We are all in 'hoc' to a vicious Satanic system which only the soon return of Jesus Christ Himself will solve!

E.B.C.

PRIORITIES

Luke 10.42 "But one thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

There are several inferences in this statement by Jesus Christ. As in many decisions, a choice is necessary, good or bad, correct or incorrect, right or wrong. In the case of the situation mentioned in the gospel of St. Luke, Martha and Mary were sisters, and Martha had received Jesus into her house, as verse 38 informs us. Her sister Mary "sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word".

Now Martha was a busy housewife, more interested in her guest's needs and feasting, and cares of this life, and she is typical of many of her sex, far more interested in the physical welfare of others and present survival, than she was in their present or future spiritual sustenance which the Bible and God primarily require. Martha had many good attributes but had got her *priorities mixed*.

As the Bible advises "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God". (Matt.4.4) Further advice was "Lay not up for yourself treasures on earth" (Matt.6.19) "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through or steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt.6.20-21)

Martha was a good person, interested in many practical things that were beneficial to her own and other people's welfare, but unlike her sister Mary, had not yet learned to get her priorities right, to her own detriment whereas Mary preferred to choose the more important thing, the word of God. Martha was disgruntled by Mary's choice, and came to Jesus complaining "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me." (Luke 10.40)

Jesus then used this incident to teach us all a vital lesson, that any choice we may make can be a significant contribution to one's future welfare. Not that there was anything wrong with any of the attributes that Martha displayed, and she was not chastised for that reason, but what was wrong with Martha's choice was that her *priorities* were wrong. In even menial tasks, it is essential a person's priorities *must* be right, and be seen to be right. *God first*, then obligations to anything else to follow. Jesus is not only the Saviour to believers, but He is the God-King to Israel and all men, and He expects His followers to get *their priorities right*.

E.B.C.

From Halley's "Bible Handbook".

JOB

The traditional view is that Job was Jobab, the second king of Edom, and "Hauran" was his home, north of Arabia. The Septuagint, in a postscript, indicates that Job was a descendant of Abraham. The land of Uz, east of the Sea of Galilee between Palestine and Arabia towards the Euphrates river. Job was presumably a wealthy, patriarchal chieftain, famous for his integrity, piety and benevolence. Job's disease (2.7) was thought to be a form of leprosy, complicated with elephantitis; was painful and loathsome. His friends - Eliphaz the Temanite (descended from Esau) Bildad the Shuite (descended from Abraham and Keturah) and Zophor (uncertain). Elihu, the Buzite, descended from Abraham's brother, Nahor. (Gen. 22-21).

We have been informed that Mr. Cox of Great Britain is compiling a British Israel Encyclopaedia, which will be welcomed by all members. He will welcome contributions of B.I. background and history from B.I. sources in all countries.

Ed.

COMPARISONS

Has the following happened in your place of worship?

Many of my readers are church-attending people, where they hear (hopefully), the Word of God read, or expounded from the pulpit.

Probably, it does not exceed the imagination of most church-goers to recognize in their gathering together for worship a similar incident to that recorded in the third epistle of John chapter 1 verse 9. The Scofield Reference Bible has this comment to make concerning the 3rd epistle of John, and most likely many church-goers can envisage similar attitudes in their own church or place of worship. Quote - "The aged apostle had written to a church which allowed Diotrephes to exercise an authority common enough in later ages, but wholly new in the primitive churches. Diotrephes had rejected the apostolic letters and authority. It appears also that he had refused the ministry of visiting brethren (v.10) and cast out those who received them. Historically, this letter marks the beginning of that clerical and priestly assumption over the churches in which the primitive church order disappeared.

From 3rd John 1.9 - "I wrote unto the church, but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the prominence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, praying against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbidden them that would, and casteth them out of the church. The next verse adds "Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God, but he that doeth evil hath not seen God."

Diotrephes is compared with Demetrius, to the former's discredit. (Verse 12) "Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself, yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true".

In the place of worship I attend, I experienced both similar experiences.

To whom will you be compared? For myself, I hope and pray I will be compared with the latter.

E.B.C.

B.I. Bookroom's removal from its nearly half-a-century's occupancy of tenancy space in the Block, Collins St. to our present headquarters in the Basement, Majorca Building, 258 Flinders Lane, Melbourne; increased utility charges, postage, rental and other inflationary charges, cost B.I. H.Q. well over five thousand dollars more to function adequately in 1989-90 than in the previous twelve months. We would welcome further contributions from as many readers as possible to enable us to continue operating in a viable manner. We thank all who have contributed financially to our organisation, and we would appreciate any further financial support toward the continuing effective functioning of our activities in informing the public of our concern for the welfare and future of God's Israel on earth.

The President

Another B.I. member has joined the ranks of the departed. Mr. Ernest Oldham, Unit 2, 54 Mooney Road, Carnegie passed away in April this year, 1990. Another believer eagerly awaiting the soon coming of the Lord.

Ed.



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SLOW TO BELIEVE

Luke 24.25-27 "Then He said unto them, O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself." Or as modern translation states "How slow you are to believe everything the prophets have said."

It seems that many of today's Bible critics have difficulty in accepting comparatively simple statements of fact as being of any substantial consequence. Jesus called his listeners "fools and unbelieving" and pointed them to the only way to have understanding, and that was by "beginning at Moses and all the prophets; i.e. Genesis to Malachi, the Scriptures known as the Old Testament. As Dr. Scofield states in his translation of the bible, "The student in whom dwells an ungrieved spirit finds here the risen Christ."

The only conclusion that can be drawn from such an inference is that opposition to acceptance of Scripture or its correct interpretation shows that all such opposition comes through unwillingness to believe all that the scriptures state, and as Scofield is largely correct in his summation the doubter and disputor must harbour a "grieved spirit", for whatever reason. As Dr. Scofield stated in his summary of the "four gospels", "In approaching the study of the gospels, the mind should be freed, as far as possible, from mere theological concepts and presuppositions. Especially is it necessary to exclude the notion - a legacy in Protestant thought from post-apostolic and Roman Catholic theology - that the Church is the true Israel, and that the O.T. foreview of the kingdom is fulfilled in the church. Do not, therefore, assume interpretations to be true because familiar. Do not assume that the "throne of David" (Luke 1.32) is synonymous with "My Father's throne" (Rev. 3.21) or that "the House of Jacob (Luke 1.33) is the church composed both of Jew and gentile.

Although Dr. Scofield was not a British-Israel believer at the time he produced his Reference Bible, his writings prove beyond doubt that he understood in detail

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the necessary beliefs as to why British-Israelites are so-called in this day and generation. It has also been stated that before he died, he became a B.I. believer, which is not at all surprising. The scholarship he displayed proved beyond any reasonable doubt that his interpretation of God's message to men is most relevant to this belief in any day and age, and that most unbelievers are deliberately ignorant of God's truth for mankind, so that they are "without excuse".

Another point Dr. Scofield makes is that "mere unbelievers are never called children of the devil, but only religious unbelievers are so called. (c/f Matt. 13.38:John 8.33-34:Matt. 23.15)

So it is in the church, the believers, that the devil is able to have so much infamous achievement, his followers being the tares amongst the wheat, who are being gathered together for burning. The time is fast approaching when that burning is to occur, and the wheat, the faithful believers, will receive their reward, eternal life along with their Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. May that day come soon, to His honour and glory in bringing it about.

E.B.C.

HELP NEEDED

As we all know, we all have commitments, which in our worldly economy, never decrease. Some at least annually, tend to increase, sometimes substantially, e.g. rents, postage, machine maintenance or replacement (typing and printing) due to obsolescence or failure, robbery, etc. These costs won't go away, they have to be met! That is the reason that on occasions, which I am pleased to say are not often, I ask some of my readers or B.I. members that have more than they need, to give our organisation some financial assistance that will enable such additional costs to be met without undue concern for our organisation's administrators. Whatever is cheerfully given to the Lord's work is never lost, for he is no person's debtor. Your response to this request will be greatly appreciated.

The President,
B.I.W.F. Vic. H.Q.

MORE EVIDENCE

(Based on an article by D. C. Nesbit of Canada in the "Prophetic Expositor of 11-3-90)

When the disciples returned from their 'overnight fishing trip' where they landed 153 great fish (a numerical number symbol for the 'elect' who have answered Christ's call throughout the Christian dispensation) they had about 200 cubits to traverse to bring in those fish. Does this post-resurrection scene on the shore of the Sea of Galilee represent those saints of the New Testament which, in the resurrection will be joined with the believers of the Old Testament for the great marriage supper of the Lamb? (Peter was told by Jesus he would be a 'fisher of men' – the secret symbol of the early Christians was a 'fish').

The Israelites under Joshua, when crossing the river Jordan, followed the Ark of the Covenant, symbol of Jesus Christ, 'by about 2,000 cubits'. (Joshua 3.4) Did each cubit here represent a year of the Christian dispensation? Does each cubit (200) when the 'great fish' were landed represent a decade (10 years) of Gospel preaching (which also covers 2,000 years?) (*Two witnesses* establishing a truth. [Deut. 19-15])

This is another pointer as to where we are in prophetic times, the last ten years when the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will occur?

With all the other evidence available, I would assert it is more than a certainty!
E.B.C.

FRIENDS

A friend is taken for one whom we love and esteem above others, to whom we impart our minds more familiarly than to others, and that from a confidence of his or her integrity and goodwill towards us; thus Jonathan and King David were mutually friends. Solomon in his book of Proverbs gives the qualities of a true friend. (Prov.17.17) "A friend loveth at all times, not only in prosperity, but also in adversity." (Prov. 18.24) "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother; he is more hearty in the performance of all friendly offices. He reproves and rebukes when he sees anything amiss." (Prov.27.6) "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; his sharpeth reproofs proceed from an upright, and truly loving and faithful soul. He is known by his good and faithful counsel, as well as by his seasonable rebukes! (Prov.27.9) "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart, so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel. By such counsel as comes from his very heart and soul, and is the language of his most inward and serious thoughts. The company and conversation of a friend is refreshing and reviving to the person, who when alone is sad, and dull, and inactive." (Prov.27.17) "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

By friend is meant also the favourite of a prince. Ilushai was the friend and favourite of David. (2 Sam.15.37) Zebud, the son of Nathan, was Solomon's friend, (1 Kings 4.5) and Ahuzzath was the particular friend of Abimelech, King of Gerar. (Gen.26.26)

The friend of God. This is principally given to Abraham, as in 2 Chron.20.7 "Art thou our God, who gavest this land to the seed of Abraham, thy friend for ever." And in Isaiah 41.8, "But thou, Israel, art the seed of Abraham, my friend".

The Apostle James, likewise makes mention of this (James 2.2,3) "And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God". His title is given him not only because God frequently appeared to him, conversed familiarly with him, and revealed secrets to him". (Gen.18.7) "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" but also because he entered into a covenant of perpetual friendship, both with him and his seed." (Gen.12.2,3:17.3,4,7) and especially because he renewed the covenant with him, upon the sacrificing of his son, Isaac and confirmed it by an oath, and thereby admitted him to a nearer degree of friendship and communion. (Gen.22.16,17) "And it is upon this trial of Abraham's obedience, namely, the offering up of his son, that the epistle James quotes the passage, where Abraham is called the "friend of God" (James 2.21,22,23)

Our Saviour calls His apostles friends. (John 15.13) "But I have called you friends: (He adds the reason for it) for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you. As men used to communicate their counsels and their whole mind to their friends, especially in things which are of any concern, or may be of any advantage for them to know and understand; so I have revealed to you whatever is necessary for your instruction, office, comfort and salvation. And this title is not peculiar to the apostles only, but is common with them to all true believers.

The friend of the bridegroom is the brideman; he who does the honours of the wedding, and leads his friend's spouse to the nuptial bed. John the Baptist, with respect to Christ and His church, was the friend of the Bridegroom; by his preaching he prepared the people of Judea for Christ." (John 3.29) 'Friend' is a word of ordinary salutation, whether to friend or foe. He is called friend who had not a wedding garment. (Matt.22.12) And our Saviour calls Judas, the traitor, friend. (Matt.26.50)

Some are of the opinion that this title is given to the guest by an irony or antiphrosis, meaning the contrary to what the word imparteth, or that he is called "friend", or was so in his own esteem and account, though falsely, being a hypocrite. However, this being spoken in the person of him who made the feast, it is generally taken for

a usual compellation, and that Christ, following the like courteously "salutes Judas, which yet left a sting behind it in his conscience, who knew himself to be the reverse of what he was called. The name of friend is likewise given to a neighbour. (Luke 11.5) "Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say, friend, lend me three loaves?"

E.B.C.

PRAISE THE LORD

Several times in the Psalms appear these words "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men", and e.g., although Israel of old failed Him many times, and sinned against Him and His instructions, time after time he came to their aid, has continued to do so (in British history), and will once again do so in this present decade at this approaching 'Second Coming of Jesus' time.

I recently heard a sermon by an ordained clergyman from a church pulpit and it caused me to do some solid thinking for once. In that sermon he referred to a statement made by a missionary (soon after David Livingstone) who spent half-a-century working as a missionary in Africa. The statement attributed to that long-serving follower of Jesus Christ was 'The Christian' faith is grace, the Christian life is gratitude. this was apparently the reason for a lifetime of service to Almighty God, in the mission field. God in His beneficence provided 'grace' for mankind through the life and sacrificial death on the cross of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

The only sufficient way we can attempt to be grateful for that gift is by our own lives to also be used in demonstration of one's appreciation and thanks, as that missionary tried to do by his fellow man.

On arriving home after that sermon, I looked up and read some Psalms (103 to 107), and after fifty years of studying His Word and attempting to pass on my contemplation of it, I am really just beginning to understand the first verse of Psalm 107. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good for His mercy endureth for ever! And it was for us, the Israelite, the British (Covenant Man)! Verse 2 of this Psalm states "Let the redeemed of the Lord SAY SO".

Four times in this Psalm 107 (verses 8, 15, 21 and 31) appear the words "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men".

Time and again His people Israel have turned their backs upon Him, and when they are in dire distress, expect Him to come to their rescue (which He inevitably has done in the past) but this time we are to be taught such a lesson we will never forget it! And don't we, *his people*, deserve it? A re-reading of Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 and 2 Esdras chapter 8, and Daniel (last three chapters), with prayer to God that His Holy Spirit will guide our understanding, will ensure that we can be prepared for the great day of God Almighty, and the Second Coming of His Son, Jesus Christ, in this decade.

These early days of August 1990, with the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, is this present generation of people witnessing the disruption in the Middle East which culminates in the not-so-far-distant future in the Armageddon crisis? I believe we are. Whatever evolves from this present crisis, it may be wise for the believer in God to keep in touch with what He has to say regarding that area of the earth in the prophetic books of His word, the Bible. It may soon be the last opportunity for the sinner to get right with his God, before the Almighty intervenes in the affairs of men and commences the judgement of sinful men that the Bible predicts, culminating in the return of Jesus Christ to this earth. He is long-suffering towards sinful men, but even His patience is being severely tested. *You, my readers*, are being warned! "Watch, therefore, for ye knoweth not" when that Divine intervention will occur.

E.B.C.

THE TRINITY

To teach children concerning the Trinity, take a three-pin electric plug, and show it to them, asking what is this? Then say, it reminds me of God, and then tell them why. But to return to the Trinity.

Some people do not believe in, or understand the Trinity. But it is a vital part of the Bible, as I hope to prove. Some sects, e.g. Jehovah's Witnesses, do not believe in the Trinity, claiming it was introduced by the Roman Catholic church centuries ago, but that is not correct. It is in the Bible as a belief, but not the actual word Trinity, only the doctrine.

Read the Authorised Version of the Bible. (1 John. chapter 5) In the A.V., John's gospel commences (1.1) *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"*. In each case in the original the Greek use for "word" was LOGOS. (Verse 14) *"And the Word (Logos) was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."* (Verse 18) *"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him."*

This is confirmed in 1 John chapter 5, which states (Verse 7) *"For there are three that bear record in heaven (the Father, the Word (Logos), and the Holy Ghost, and these three ARE ONE."* (Verse 20) *"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life!"*

So do not ignore the "Trinity", although that actual word is not stated in His book. That word may not be there, but the doctrine is!

The three-pin PLUG is one fixed unit. The pins may be separated sometimes, but it would not necessarily be effective. It has two *active* parts, or "pins" (the 'Father' and the 'Holy Spirit') representing 'God' and the H.S.) and one *'earth'* pin (representing Jesus Christ). The 'earth' pin (and socket into which it fits) is longer and at an angle and different from the other pins. God, as the baby Jesus, came to earth, and was named Jesus (whose name means 'Saviour'). "He shall save His people from their sins". "In Him was all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Colos.2.9)

The 'earth' pin is a protector, different from the other two active pins. It prevents an 'evil' or dangerous voltage or current being applied to an 'active' line or circuit. Our body is our earthly power house for our mind and spirit or motivation. (We can be like Him in more ways than one.) The three pins of the power plug make one unit, as our body, mind and spirit make us one unit, a *living soul*. The pins can only forcibly be separated.

On its own, the plug has no useful purpose, for it needs power to operate appliances, but put it in a 'live' (or activated) socket, and throw the switch, and *eureka*, any appliance in the circuit becomes 'live', and works, because it has been connected to the power house, the power source. It has become a *two-way* power line-power is **ALWAYS** available, but some *human* being must operate the 'switch' (prayer) to make that power available.

Next time you plug in an 'electrical' appliance, remember the first two letters of the British name 'electric' have the Name of God (Hebrew) EL beginning the word.

Remember the plug and socket in a *well-insulated* unit is able to withstand much abuse. The parts are all of the same mould. There is a saying "We are all of the same mould (but some of us are mouldier than others)" *Pull out the plug*.

The plug as it is, is it of any use? No. Why not?

Because it is not connected up by wiring, or being plugged into the power source. The same applies to each one of us. Unless we are in contact with the power source, we are not much use, either. We, like the component parts of the plug, are the 'connectors' that can always be a source of *light* and *warmth* to all with whom we come in contact.

Look at the plug again.

The BODY is made by plastic injection of two or more substances, or is extrusion moulded. The springs and pins are die-pressed, and the screws and nuts are made by automatic lathes or presses. Jesus said "Ye are the light of the world". We can't illuminate without reading and using His Book, and by plugging in to the power source.

Faulty plugs are virtually useless for power supply and often become highly dangerous to the welfare of others in human society. They must be discarded. So also with us!

E.B.C.

COMMON EXPERIENCES OF MANKIND

1. *A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.*
2. *A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up.*
3. *A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance.*
4. *A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.*
5. *A time to get, and a time to lose, a time to keep, and a time to cast away.*
6. *A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak.*
7. *A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

POWER SCATTERING

Since 1914 and the outbreak of the First World War, Britain has been stripped of her Empire, Power and Prestige and has degenerated both spiritually and morally.

This is in fulfilment of the prophecy in Daniel 12:5.7; that at the time of the end, the power of the holy people would be scattered. The word translated *Holy* means *separate*, while the word translated *scattered* means to break or smash in pieces.

Numbers 23:9; informs us that Israel was to dwell alone and not be reckoned among the nations, i.e. God's dealings with them would be separate and different from his dealings with other nations.

God promised that he would correct Israel in measure and would not leave them unpunished but, though he would make a full end of all the nations whether he had driven them he would not make a full end of Israel. (Jeremiah 30:11;46:28)

The smashing to pieces of the power of the Anglo-Saxon Israel people is a necessary pre-requisite to their repentance and restoration, and their recognition once again as God's own people; and God, as their own Covenant keeping God; and their return to the land promised to Abraham. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Genesis 15:1.18)

This breaking of modern Israel's power is referred to in Jeremiah 30:4.7; as the time of Jacob's trouble but, he would be saved out of it.

We look forward to the day when Israel will repent and seek God's forgiveness, and that he will, as he has promised, hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land.



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**ULTIMATE BLESSING TO COME,
BUT HOW SOON?**

At the present time, Israel-Britain is being assailed from several quarters. Because of her involvement politically and financially with the Common Market European entrance, similar involvement with Anglican-Roman Catholic co-operation and coercion (both Babylonian oriented systems) contrary to the requirements of Almighty God, her former empire and colonies are suffering and being depleted under the chastisement of the Almighty, and this suffering for the next three years or so is more than likely to increase much more than at present until she is brought to her knees, in more ways than one. Before that situation arises, the only alternative Israel-Britain has is in being brought to her knees *in prayer*, asking God for forgiveness and blessing, which He alone is able to give. Listen to these words from the Old Testament book of the prophet Hosea, chapter 14.

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"O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou *hast fallen* by thine iniquity. Take with you words and *turn to the Lord*: say unto Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously (verse 3) Neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, ye are our gods" (this materialism which we have built and worship) (verse 4) "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for Mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. (verses 8,9) "Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him, I AM like a green fir tree. From Me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? Prudent, and he shall know them? For the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein."

The Bible states "I will yet be enquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them."

How long will it be before the prodigal son (Luke 15.11-20) wakes up to himself and says "I will arise and go to my Father, and say unto Him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son . . . and he arose, and came to his Father".

In the case of the prodigal son, he returned to his Father's house when he was hungry and virtually deprived of all his substance. The question we ask – is the former British Empire to be wasted to such an extent that she is deprived of nearly all she possesses before she wakes up to her situation ("comes to herself") and requests her God and heavenly Father to sustain her. Notice that before God was able to do anything He had to be asked! How long will it be (in the years yet to come) before Israel will wake up to her desperate plight, and through the Crown, Clergy and Parliament pray that He will spare them further ignominy?

We hope and pray that long before the next three-and-a-half years terminate, Israel-Britain will wake up to the error of her ways, and be requested by the Crown to nationally ask God to do it for them.

I personally hope and pray (for their and our ultimate good) that it will be much sooner than three-and-a-half years (which "time measures" inform have already commenced) before such

a decision has been reached, but like the prodigal son, I fear some 'repentance' or 'hardship' will force a decision in that direction.

The Crown is still necessary for the subjects' leadership in any direction. I pray that the Crown or its leadership, and the clerical and parliamentary leaders under its control, will not leave it too late to ask God's intervention on their or their subjects' behalf. But I don't see much light at the end of the tunnel in that regard! (While personally advocating such procedure.) But I can assure that unless and until such a request to God occurs, the future is not at all bright. God assures us such a situation will occur, but only God knows how and how soon that will be.

Lord, give us *faith* to believe that all He has said will be done. For myself, Mark 9.24 applies "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief."

Her Majesty should view this article, but unfortunately I do not have access to her household. Perhaps one of my readers is better placed in that regard than I am. If so, it would be appreciated if it could be drawn to her attention.

A loyal subject.

E.B.C.

ACHIEVEMENT

This is the 500th issue of these "Monthly Notes", which at the rate of over ten per year, constitute 50 years (half a century) of publication. For most of that time God has permitted me to be the editor of the Monthly Notes and provided me with the necessary incentive and understanding to intelligently present His Word and its meaning to the searcher after the truth. There are well over 3,000 words in each issue of this publication, so simple arithmetic soon indicates that $3000 \times 50 \times 10$ equals 1.5 million words written (and typed) over 50 years (of which my personal contribution constitutes over a million words).

Naturally, I am quite proud of this individual achievement, but at the present age of 76 years, I will be surprised if the Almighty permits my continuance for much longer.

One seldom sees in tangible terms any beneficial results, but I hope that what I have written over the years will have brought knowledge or benefit to at least some of our readers, and I hope that nothing I have contributed will have ever misled any reader into incorrect knowledge of the truth of God's holy word, the Bible.

Of that inspired record it is stated in the Bible "Thy word is truth". Of my contribution concerning its understanding and interpretation I can only humbly hope the same may apply.

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FOR COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING

Found fixed to the communion table in a Welsh church were the following letters:

PRSVR YPRFCTMNVRKPTHPPRCPTSTN.

For centuries the congregations meeting for worship there were not able to decipher what it meant. The meaning had been lost over the years. One day the vowel letter 'E' was mentally inserted by an intelligent person and the message immediately became decipherable. The letters became "Persevere ye perfect men, ever keep these precepts ten", evidently referring to the ten commandments in the Old Testament of the Bible.

For the Bible to be completely intelligible to many people, in like manner to completely understand its message, the key must also be applied. That 'key' is the knowledge British-Israel believers apply, i.e. that the Anglo-Celto-Saxon peoples are the modern-day literal descendants of the Israel people of the Old Testament, of which there is incontestable proof. Those understanding and believing that precept can make the Bible the LIVING WORD of Almighty God in a way no one else can, both now and in days to come!

This reminds me of the epitaph found on a tombstone some time ago, which was "Here I lie, I was once like thee, prepare thyself to follow me".

To which had been added by some wit, "To follow you I'm not content, until I find which way you went!"

E. B. C.

WALK IN TRUTH

The elderly Apostle John, probably about A.D. 90, wrote his "third epistle", to an early Christian church, commencing the epistle with the words "The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth". He wished Gaius prosperity and health", because "the brethren" came and "testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth". (verse 4) "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children "walk in truth".

It is not easy, particularly in this day and generation, to "walk in truth". There is so much distortion of information and facts by politicians, officials, clergymen, etc., whether intentionally or otherwise, that in these pre-millenial days, the "way of truth is evil spoken of" (2 Peter 2-2), distorted or abused to such an extent that few know whom they can really trust.

And that also is a sign of the times (in which we live) to the near approach of the days in which Jesus Christ is to reappear to those dwelling on earth in these days. That is why it is so important that those of us who love the Lord continue to do so, as an example and light to our fellow men and women, not only because it is the right way to go, but as encouragement to others to follow in the way He has set before us.

This is not an easy task, but it is imperative if there is to be a future for both leaders and laity, that truth and righteousness be promoted.

It must be remembered that Christ's law is love (Rom.5.5; 13.10; Gal.5.14), the "law written in the heart" under the New Covenant (Heb.8.8). This New Covenant rests upon the sacrifice of Jesus (Matt.26.28) and secures the eternal blessedness, under the Abrahamic Covenant (Gal.3.13-29) of all who believe. It is absolutely unconditional, and since no responsibility is by it committed to man, it is final and irreversible.

So continue in the service of the Almighty, believing in His word, doing good to those who may despise you, and living, praying and waiting as patiently as possible for Jesus' return to this earth.

E. B. C.

SACRED SITE

Under the caption "Searchers find sacred site", the following appeared in an Australian Newspaper some years ago in this century –

Boston, Dec. 23rd.

"Archaeologists believe they have uncovered the sacred site in Jordan where, in the 19th century before Christ, the patriarchs Abraham and Jacob worshipped, Harvard University announced today. The site is also the one where Joshua rallied the tribes of Israel and where Abimelech was crowned Israel's first King, the announcement said. The site was found last summer in the old Biblical city of Schechem, in Jordan, by an international archaeological team representing Harvard, Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, McCormick Theological Seminary, in Chicago, and a dozen other American and foreign institutions of learning. Under the heading "Altar found" – "Excavation on the site started in 1957 and was resumed in 1960, and reached its goal last summer when the altar was located below the courtyard of Schechem's temple-fortress. The altar and a sacred oak existed in that spot according to oral tradition kept alive by the Israelites for more than 1000 years before the Bible began to be written down. The temple was built over an earlier shrine about 1600 B.C.

Harvard said the major significance of the find is that it "allows a history with dates, worked out archaeologically, to be set back-to-back with an oral tradition that predates the writing of the Bible". Harvard likened the find to that "of Schliemann's excavations in Asia-Minor which shed light on the Greek legend of Troy".

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