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## THE MERCY OF THE LORD

*"But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them." (Psa. 103:17)*

Gibbon in his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* identified twelve underlying causes which brought about the Empire's final downfall. Among these were "the concentration of power in the hands of one ruler for whom there was no constitutional form of election, a widening gap between rich and poor, a pampered soldiery, defence cuts and a run down of military forces in spite of massive taxation and a failure of this army to meet its commitments, suppression of the middle classes while the rich pursued a life of luxury and avoided shouldering the responsibilities of government, the alienation of a bureaucratic central government from the people and a breakdown of law and order." By such conditions the whole fabric of society was so undermined that it finally collapsed.

That Western society is facing a similar fate few people realise. Their thoughts are on pleasure and comfort, and the acquisition of worldly goods.

Christmas 1998 has just passed and would have been perhaps the most pagan and most commercialised of the Christian era. It was celebrated commercially worldwide in countries such as Japan where the original Christian theme would not have been acknowledged let alone understood. God's place as the Giver of all good and perfect gifts has been usurped by 'Santa' or 'Father Christmas', whose yearly promotion is now a large scale commercial enterprise throughout Christian and non Christian countries alike.



But Scripture states that:

*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."* (Jam 1:17)

Certainly God's giving of His own beloved Son to bear the righteous judgment for the sin of the world is understood by few and ignored by the great majority.

Perhaps it is a good thing that Christ is being taken out of Christmas! Most 'Christmas' celebrations, even within Church circles, are on a childish level, emphasizing His humanity and weakness by concentrating attention on a crib surrounded by animals, a babe in his mother's arms, and Christmas carols which do little to reveal our Lord's identity as the victorious, glorious, all-powerful Son of God, soon to return as Judge of the nations and the great world King of Kings.

Despite the Asian economic crisis and its undoubted future effect upon this country, sales this Christmas were well up with retailers delighted. It matters not that payment has been very largely by credit card, adding to the population's already enormous indebtedness to the world's money powers. As credit (debt) is more and more encouraged the peoples of the world, both as nations and as individuals, are heading for economic enslavement and all that accrues from it.

How often we look despairingly about us as evil abounds and the standards of our once 'Christian' society are trampled underfoot by those whose only aim is wealth and power. However, Bible prophecies repeatedly warn of the resurgence and the seeming triumph of evil throughout the centuries. The entanglements of Satan are of far greater dimensions than the battle of the individual against personal sin. The present conditions of our society are but the outcome of age-old world conditions which are soon to come under Divine Condemnation and final judgment.

"The figurative language of prophecy is harsh and uncompromising as applied to the world conditions which environ us today. Like some bold etching engraved by the hand of Fate it delineates the conditions of life which hold us all in bondage to the Mammon of unrighteousness.

God's condemnation is upon those conditions and His Judgment is visited upon them. By these Acts of God, humanity is to be delivered from the bondage of ages. But Divine Deliverance as it will be effected stage by stage in the colourful events of living history will seem less harsh than the bold etching of prophecy. And when these events come to be written in the pages of historical retrospect the greatest feature of the picture will be revealed as the great Mercy of God." (D. Davidson)

It was in mercy that the Lord God cursed Satan promising :

*"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her Seed; It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel."* (Gen. 3:15) Here began the Gospel message, the message of the One Seed in Eve's line who would finally destroy Satan's world-wide authority and influence.

In mercy God chose Abraham to be the progenitor of seed through whom all the families of the earth would be blessed. (Gen. 22:15-18)

*"And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."*

In mercy He provided David with an everlasting throne and royal line, promising that his seed would reign over the seed of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob in perpetuity, culminating in the rule of the One Seed, Messiah the King, Who will reign over the House of Jacob forever. (Ref. 2 Sam. 7:15&16, Psalm 89:19-37)

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."* (Isa. 9:6-7)

It was in mercy that God established His People Israel as a nation under His Perfect Law providing them with the opportunity to become "an holy People unto Himself" if they would keep His commandments and walk in His ways. Their obedience would have brought great blessing and made them an instrument of blessing to all the nations of the earth.

*"And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee.*

*The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.*

*And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:*

*And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them."*

The "curses" or consequences of disobedience to the Law were clearly stated (Lev. Ch. 26 & Deut. Ch. 28) and God warned them: *"... they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed forever."* (Deut. 28:46)

Find a people which has been blessed nationally in proportion to its government's reverence and adherence to God's Word, and has also suffered nationally (from enemies, drought, pests, disease, civil unrest, etc.) when its government has departed from the ways of God, and you will find the seed of Jacob. Disobedience to the commandments of the Lord their God has been a recurring feature of the Israel peoples over a period of 3000 years, together with their consequent sufferings as a result.

But in mercy God has preserved His wayward Kingdom People throughout the centuries, promising them that though chastised for their iniquities they would not be utterly cast off, but would eventually fulfil His purpose for them, being regathered and spiritually restored (Jer. 31:31-37) at the appointed time to operate as His Holy Nation showing forth the glory of the Lord. *"But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end."* (Isa. 45:17)

*"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising..... And thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob."* (Ref. Isa. Ch. 60)

In order that this might be accomplished God in great mercy sent forth His Righteous Servant to secure the national redemption of His People Israel and Salvation for all individuals who would accept it.

*"And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee (the Christ) for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth."* (Isa 49:6)

*"Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.*

*And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.*



*And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust."* (Romans 15:8-12)

*"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."* (Isa. 53:5&6)

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."* (John 3:16&17)

In mercy also He has promised to return to rule the world in righteousness and peace.

*"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

*And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."* (Acts 1:9-11)

*"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.*

*And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*

*And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."* (Micah 4:1-3)

*"And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness (prompt in equity)." (Isa. 16:5)*

*"And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."* (Zech. 14:9)

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## THE REPUBLICAN ISSUE

*"I have made a covenant with my chosen,  
I have sworn unto David my servant,  
Thy seed will I establish for ever,  
and build up thy throne to all generations."  
(Psalm 89:3&4)*

In his article published in "On Target" 15/1/99 Mr. D. Thompson makes the following points:

The Press, the A.L.P., Big Business and Big Money are all campaigning for the Republic. Big Money is represented by Malcolm Turnbull, who is linked to global merchant banking interests, and Janet Holmes a Court, Australia's wealthiest woman, who are expected to pour thousands of dollars into the campaign.

President Clinton is an example of a popularly elected president which most Australian republicans are proposing for this country. Such a president, the Head of State of the most powerful and wealthy nation in the world finds himself threatened with dismissal being charged with perjury and obstruction of justice. The enormous disruption to their system of government caused by having to try the President is regretted by many Americans. This is contrasted with the British monarchy in that while some previous monarchs have stained their reputations in various ways it has not affected the stability of the system of Government.

Mr. Thompson says: "Do we insist on choosing our own Head of State or continue to leave that choice to Providence? So far, Providence has a better track record than the manipulation and corruption that accompanies the selection of the head of state of the U.S.A."

Again in the *On Target Supplement* for January 30, 1999, it was stressed that the subversion of the Head of State is extremely difficult in a monarchy and, in our own system, not much point because the Monarch does not exercise direct political power. He is also well provided for by inheritance.

However, in a republic an elected president is open to the influences of powerful pressure groups and can be corrupted by the influence of immense wealth. Such subversions of U.S. presidents have occurred in the past. Indeed, "the election of the Head of State often results in an increase in corruption, a problem not faced by (hereditary) monarchies where God selects the Head of State by birth."

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## Sheet No 2 THE LORD'S PASSOVER (Contd.)

### Does Scripture agree with this?

In Deut. 16:6 we read "...*thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun.*" Again in 1 Kings 22:35 we read "... *and the king ....died at even...*" Then as a result of this, verse 36 says "*And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun.*" So 'even' precedes 'the going down of the sun'. The sun, of course, reaches its greatest height at noon then begins to go down during the afternoon. So the passover lamb which had been chosen on the tenth day was kept until the fourteenth day when it was sacrificed at noon. This marked the beginning of the Passover Festival. It also marked the beginning of the seven days of unleavened bread.

Exodus 12:15,18-20 says, "*Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses.....In the first month, on the fourteenth day ....at even (dusk) ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even....*" and Mark 14:12 speaks of the first day of unleavened bread as being when they killed the passover, which was at noon on 14th Nisan.

It was during the afternoon after the passover lamb had been sacrificed that they took the blood of the lamb and sprinkled it on the doorposts and lintels of their houses.

### Comparing 1486 BC with AD30

At this stage I want to begin comparing the Passover of 1486 B.C. with the Passover of A.D. 30 during which Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified. It should be noted that in both 1486 B.C. and A.D. 30 the dates corresponded exactly, falling on the same days of the week, the 14th being the 5th day of the week, the 15th the 6th day and the 16th the 7th day, which corresponded to the Sabbath although at the time of the Passover in 1486 B.C. Israel did not keep it as such. The 17th was thus the first day of a new week.

John Ch. 12:1- 8 tells us that the Lord Jesus came to Bethany six days before the Passover (the Passover Supper) i.e. on 9th Nisan, to the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, where they made Him supper, after which Mary anointed His feet with costly ointment. When Judas Iscariot complained at the expense our Lord replied, "*Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this*" indicating that His time of sacrifice had come.

Previous to this time He had been identified as the **LAMB OF GOD** by John the Baptist: "*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."* (John 1:29)



Next day, on **10th Nisan**, He entered Jerusalem riding upon an ass as had been prophesied (Zech. 9:9) and many people who had come to Jerusalem for the Passover went forth to meet Him with palm branches, hailing Him as King of Israel. However, Jesus spoke to the disciples of His coming death.

*“And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.”*

*If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name.*

*Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.*

*The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, ‘An angel spake to him.’*

*Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die.” (John 12:23-33)*

And so Our Lord was confirmed by God the Father as His **sacrificial Lamb** on **10th Nisan** when the passover lambs were being selected.

1 Cor. 5:7 describes Our Lord as “*Christ our passover*”. He knew that God’s judgment was about to fall upon Him, no wonder His soul was troubled. But He also knew that the Prince of the World, Satan, would soon be vanquished.

We may wonder, if the symbolism is to apply perfectly, why Our Lord was not crucified on the same day that the passover lambs were sacrificed, on 14th Nisan.

**Why was His physical death not until noon on the next day?**

As individuals we are not just physical bodies. We all possess a soul, a spiritual being who inhabits our body until the body dies. The soul then sleeps until Judgment Day or, in the case of believers, until the time of the First Resurrection. (1 Thes. 4:13-18; Rev. 20:5-6) When Adam sinned he ‘died’ **spiritually** but his **physical body** continued to function until it also died.

As the “Lamb of God”, the “Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:8) our Lord was the true **spiritual sacrifice** from the foundation of the world, and as such He was selected by God on **10th Nisan**. The actual sacrificing of the passover lamb at noon on 14th Nisan typified this **spiritual sacrifice**.

John 6:53-56 refers to Our Lord’s “spiritual body”:  
*“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.”*

As believers, therefore, we partake of His **spiritual body and blood** in order to become **one spiritually** with Him and with one another, as Romans 12:5 expresses it: “*So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.*”

Paul speaks of our “old man” that “body of sin” being crucified with Our Lord. Again this is **spiritual** not physical. We should, from the time that we become committed Christians, present our “*bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.*” (Rom. 12:1) That is, we should live our lives in **physical bodies** but with our “old man” i.e. our own ego with its desires, passions, self indulgence, etc., submerged in the new **spiritual life** of Christ. Our old ego is to be crucified continually as we seek to replace it with a life which is motivated by and pleasing to Him.

By partaking of Christ’s **spiritual body** the believer has received **eternal life** even though still inhabiting a dying physical body. The redemption of our souls has already been accomplished but we await the redemption of our **bodies**. This will take place at the time of the **First Resurrection** when we are told “This corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, “*Death is swallowed up in victory.*” (1 Cor. 15:54) The final redemption of the physical body will restore the eternal life of both soul and body which was lost when Adam sinned.

Just as Adam’s sin brought spiritual death first then physical death, so Our Lord’s death entailed **spiritual death** as well as **physical death**. And this is what the Passover Ordinance foreshadowed. Our Lord Himself explained His coming suffering in these words:

*“For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” (Matt. 12:40)*

“In the heart of the earth” could not mean the rock-cut tomb in which His physical body lay for two nights and one day.

It signifies, as Mr. Davidson expresses it, the “earthbound” spiritual state of **natural man**. That is, He was for three days and three nights “cut off” or **isolated from God the Father** in the **spiritual state of natural man**.

The symbolism of the Scape Goat is of help in understanding this although this ordinance had a national rather than an individual application. On the Day of Atonement one of the ordinances required the selection of **two goats**, one to be **physically slain as a Sin Offering**, the other to be the **Scape Goat** which carried the sins of the People away (Lev. 16:7-10). These represented two aspects of Our Lord’s Passion - the physical and the spiritual.

The blood of the slain goat sprinkled before the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant - the earthly throne of Jehovah - signified that a sinless life had borne God’s penalty for the sins of the people - **death**. The blood of the sinless one stood between God and the People. This typified the blood of the coming **Righteous Lamb of God** which would be shed at Calvary and would in God’s sight expunge the sin of the world.

But laying both hands on the head of the Scape goat the High Priest confessed over it all the iniquities, rebellion and sins of the people then sent it away into the wilderness.

*“And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited (or more correctly, a land cut off.)”* This typified Our Lord’s spiritual state of being **cut off** from God.

This period of spiritual isolation **ended** on Resurrection morning **17th Nisan** when Our Lord ascended to present Himself to the Father. “*Jesus saith unto her (Mary), Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.*” (John 20:17)

**When did His Isolation Begin?**

It began at **noon on 14th Nisan** when all leaven had been put out and the passover lamb was sacrificed as a symbol of Our Lord’s unblemished **spiritual body** sacrificed for the sin of the world. From that moment He became a **living sacrifice** cut off from the high spiritual sphere with which He had been in constant communion. **Noon on 14th Nisan** thus marked the beginning of the “*three days and three nights in the heart of the earth*”.

The **putting away of all leaven** before noon on 14th Nisan signified the **purpose** of His coming as the Second Adam, i.e., to **purge away the leaven of malice and wickedness** brought in by the First Adam, in preparation for the receiving of the **unleavened bread of sincerity and truth** by the seed of the Second Adam, i.e., those who eat by faith of Christ’s spiritual body.



## 15th Nisan

Returning to the First Passover of 1486 B.C. we find as 14th Nisan draws to a close that the blood of the Passover lamb has been sprinkled on the houses and its body roasted with fire. Unleavened bread has been baked and bitter herbs collected in preparation for the Supper that evening. The new day beginning at sunset, the Passover Supper would be eaten on 15th Nisan.

Let us now consider the 15th Nisan which in both its foreshadowing symbology and its final fulfillment would be the most solemn date in the history of the world.

As the 15th Nisan began each household sat down to eat the **Passover**. They were to *"eat the flesh.... roast with fire, and unleavened bread; with bitter herbs...."* while sheltering under the sprinkled blood. *"And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover."* No-one was to leave the house until morning. (Ex. 12:11, 22-23)

The Lord's passover, typified by the flesh of the passover lamb in 1486 B. C., spoke of the **spiritual body of the spiritual Lamb of God** present at the Passover of A. D. 30. The roasting with fire symbolized the judgment of God which He would endure as the sinbearer. While the bitter herbs of the First Passover were representative of the misery and affliction of Israel's servitude in Egypt, they were symbolic of the **agony of soul** suffered by the **Lamb of God** while cut off, isolated from the Father "in the heart of the earth".

The blood sprinkled on the doorposts and lintels was to be a **TOKEN** - *"For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."* (Ex. 12:12-13)

The eating of the Pascal Lamb with unleavened bread and under the blood as a **token** prefigured Our Lord at His Last Supper giving the wine to His disciples as a token of His blood preserving from death, and the bread as a token of His spiritual body, "My flesh" - the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, thus making them one in Him.

*"And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many."* (Mark 14:22-24)

*"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread."* (1 Cor. 10:16-17)

*"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."* (1 Cor. 5:7,8)

At midnight on 15th Nisan 1486 B.C. the Israelites sheltered safely under the blood while the Angel of Death smote the firstborn of Egypt.

At midnight on 15th Nisan A.D. 30 we find Our Lord on the Mount of Olives with His disciples.

*"And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane (oil press): and He saith to His disciples 'Sit ye here while I shall pray'... And He saith unto them (Peter, James and John) 'My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death'."* (Mark 14: 32-34)

*"And being (becoming more intensely) in an agony He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was (became) as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."* (Luke 22:44)

Our Lord's agony was not just the anticipation of His forthcoming physical ordeal. It was an **agony of soul**. He was actually bearing in His soul God's judgment on mankind's sin - the blood again typifying the protection from death for all who will shelter under it. He alone made possible the restoration of man's fellowship with God.

Mr. Davidson says Our Lord "spiritually bridged the gap between man's spiritual state and the high spiritual realms from which He Himself had been cut off, thus effecting the 'Passing over' of death from mankind." But we must realize that He is the **only bridge**. He is the **only One** through whom man can be spiritually reunited with God. He alone bore our sin. He alone has provided our protection from God's judgment and made the way for us to enter His presence.

Men are saved from spiritual judgment and death when they believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and acknowledge that **He bore God's judgment for their sin**. This is a **spiritual** decision made while we are still in the flesh, which assures us of **eternal, spiritual life**. But our salvation will not be completed until our physical bodies are raised incorruptible at the First Resurrection.

Because our Lord was without sin His soul was in **total communion** with God Who is Spirit, Light and Love. But during the time that He was bearing the judgment for man's sin His soul was cut off from God's power, His presence and His mercy.

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### Sheet No 3 THE LORD'S PASSOVER (Contd.)

*"For He hath made him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5:21)*

It was in this state of **spiritual isolation** that He had to face **physical death**. But because he was Perfect, Sinless Man He triumphed over death and Satan. Hence the blood of the Passover lamb was a token of the "Great Passover", as Mr. Davidson calls it, i.e. the passing over of God's judgment of death on this world's sin, because the sinless life of Jesus Christ the Righteous was taken instead. By His death He purchased this world, saving it from annihilation and gaining the right to be its **Judge and King**.

Soon after the Angel of death had passed over Egypt Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron **by night** bidding them to take Israel away. *"And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said. And he also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men." (Ex. 12:30-33)*

Israel began their escape from Egypt at dawn on 15th Nisan. *"And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians." (Num. 33:3)*  
This began Israel's Exodus journey.

After Our Lord's **midnight agony** in Gethsemane He was betrayed by Judas and arrested by the officers of the Chief Priests and Pharisees while it was still **night**.

Then "as soon as it was day" He was taken to the Council, then to Pilate and Herod. This was the beginning of His Exodus referred to by Moses and Elias on the Mount of Transfiguration. *"And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease (exodus) which he should accomplish at Jerusalem." (Luke 9:31)*

The Children of Israel travelled from Rameses to Succoth during the morning of 15th Nisan after the Passover. *"And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders." (Ex. 12:34)*



During the same morning in A.D. 30 we read :*“Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him....”*(John 19:16-18)

*“And it was about the sixth hour (9.00 a.m.), and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour (Noon). And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.”* (Luke 23:33,44-45)

The New Testament divisions of daylight were:

(Cock-crow a.m.)	-	3.00
Between 6.00 a.m. (Sunrise) and 9 a.m.	-	the THIRD HOUR
Between 9.00 a.m. and Noon	-	the SIXTH HOUR
Between Noon and 3.00 p.m.	-	the NINTH HOUR
Between 3.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. (Sunset)	-	the TWELFTH HOUR

Our Lord, therefore, was Crucified at 9.00 a.m. and died at Noon, on 15th Nisan A.D. 30, His Spiritual Death having already taken place at Noon on 14th .

By noon on 15th Nisan in 1486 B.C. the Children of Israel had encamped at Succoth where they prepared the first meal of their journey. All they had was the unleavened dough.

*“And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.”* (Ex. 12:39)

This baking and eating of unleavened cakes prefigured the Crucifixion of Our Lord's physical body, on the same day in the same month and at the same hour, marking the beginning of the final stage of His isolation from the Father as the Slain Lamb of God.

*“And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt..... there shall no leavened bread be eaten. This day came ye out in the month of Abib (Nisan).”* (Ex. 13:3-4)

So it was at this time on 15th Nisan that the actual ritual of the FEAST of Unleavened Bread came to be celebrated to commemorate the baking of the unleavened dough as the first meal of their exodus.

*“The 14th day of the first month is the Passover of the Lord. And in the 15th day of this month is THE FEAST: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.”* (Num. 28:16-18)

It is this feast which John 13:1-2 defines as the “Feast of the Passover” *“Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father.....And supper (i.e. the Passover Supper) being ended,....He.... began to wash the disciples' feet....”* (John 13:1-5)

When asked who would betray Him our Lord indicated Judas Iscariot by passing him a sop. *“And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast .....”* (John 13:27-29)

That is the FEAST of Unleavened Bread celebrated at noon on 15th Nisan following the Passover Supper of the previous evening. It typified our Lord's final giving of Himself: *“I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”* (John 6:51)

Following noon on the 15th Nisan Israel began the second stage of their exodus, entering the wilderness to finally reach the impasse of the Red Sea at Pi-Hahiroth where the Egyptian army overtook them. And the people were sore afraid and cried unto the Lord.

*“And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.”*

*“And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared (dawn); and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.”* (Ex. 14:19-23, 27)

So Israel had crossed through the Sea before dawn by the light from the Cloud of Fire. *“Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses.”* (Ex. 14:30-31)

Thus the apparent impasse becomes a HIGHWAY OF SALVATION for Israel on the first day of a new week.

The second stage of Our Lord's exodus began at His death at noon when, as Mr. Davidson expresses it, “He passed into the cul-de-sac of the wilderness that shut Him off from life.”

He was placed hurriedly in the sepulchre on the afternoon of 15th Nisan because the 16th was the seventh day of the week - the Sabbath.

*“This man (Joseph of Arimathea) went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.”*

Here His body remained during the 16th Nisan, the Sabbath Day, until just before dawn on 17th Nisan, the first day of the new week.

*“The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. (John 20:1) And “Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that He had spoken ....unto her.”* (John 20:18)

Thus “the anniversary of the crossing of the Red Sea - at dawn of the same day of the week, day of the month and day of the year - the Last Adam burst the partition of death that had been imposed on the seed of the First Adam.

This ended our Lord's cycle of three days and three nights in the ‘heart of the earth’. The apparent cul-de-sac of DEATH opened out into the New and Living Way.” (D.Davidson)

But when speaking to the disciples during His ministry He had said, *“The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, (i.e., national rejection) and be slain, and be raised the third day.”* (Luke 9:22) and they hadn't understood.

Just before His ascension to heaven He appeared to the disciples in Jerusalem. *“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day.”*



In both cases He was speaking of His physical suffering, His rejection by national Israel and His death, so that His Resurrection took place at the beginning of the third day from His betrayal and Crucifixion.

Our Lord arose before dawn on 17th Nisan, i.e., at the end of 16th Nisan as Perfect Man triumphant over death and the grave. (1 Cor. 15:20): "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept".

This was typified in the old Ordinances of Worship by the presentation of the single barley sheaf of firstfruits as a wave offering on the 16th Nisan, the first day of the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost).

How exact is the Word of God and how perfect is its symbolism!

Then at dawn on 17th Nisan, the first day of a new week, He ascended to present Himself to the Father, His isolation ended and His fellowship restored. "Jesus saith unto her (Mary), Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." (John 20:17)

## THE ISRAEL NATION

We spoke earlier of the Scape Goat upon which were laid the sins of the Nation Israel each year on the Day of Atonement, the scape goat being typical of Our Lord as the Sin Bearer.

But this being an ordinance of national worship it was significant of the bearing away of the sins of the nation - not of each individual but of the nation as a continuing entity. It was thus typical of the redemption of the Nation of Israel made possible by Our Lord's sacrifice.

"But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: ....." (Isa. 43:1-3)

Just as we as individual believers already have eternal life so also the Nation Israel is to remain a people forever as promised in Luke 1:33: "And He shall reign over the House of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

But just as we, as individuals, remain bound to our physical bodies and "old man" egos until our redemption is completed at

the First Resurrection so, too, the Nation Israel has retained its physical body and old nature. It is possible that the First Resurrection will be the time when nationally Israel will receive a heart of flesh instead a heart of stone as Ezekiel has written:

"And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God." (Ezek. 11:19-20)

Only then will God's Nation Israel faithfully witness to the truth and glory of God which was to be its purpose in this world.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God." (Isa. 43:10-12)

The physical Israel Nation as a continuing entity will only then become as promised "a kingdom of priests and an holy nation" (Ex. 19:6) fit to take their place as the people of the Millennial Kingdom of the returning Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Then, finally, to have a part in the Great City the Holy Jerusalem seen in a vision by the Apostle John, on whose gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of the Children of Israel. (Rev. 21:12)

"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

(Rev. 21:22-27)

(Ed.)

## AT REST

It was with sadness that news was received of the passing of Mrs. Phyllis Stough wife of Mr. Harold Stough on January 24, due to a heart problem. Mr. Stough has been for so many years a faithful and able world-wide expounder of our Israel message. The members of B.I.W.F. (Vic. H.Q.) Inc. Melbourne wish to express their sympathy to Mr. Stough in his sad loss.





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## LORD OF GLORY

Lord of glory, we adore thee,  
Christ of God ascended high;  
Heart and soul we bow before thee,  
Glorious now beyond the sky;  
Thee we worship,  
Thee we praise -  
Excellent in all thy ways.

Anointed King, with glory crowned,  
Rightful heir and Lord of all!  
Once rejected, scorned, disowned,  
E'en by those Thou cam'st to call!  
Thee we honour,  
Thee adore -  
Glorious now and evermore.

Lord of Life! To death once subject;  
Blessed, yet a curse once made,  
Of Thy Father's heart the object,  
Yet in depths of anguish laid;  
Thee we gaze on,  
Thee recall -  
Bearing here our sorrows all.

Royal robes shall soon invest Thee,  
Royal splendours crown Thy brow;  
Christ of God, our souls confess Thee,  
King and Sovereign even now!  
Thee we reverence,  
Thee obey -  
Own Thee Lord and Christ alway.



## THE LORD'S PASSOVER AND THE PERFECT PARALLEL

\*The streets became more and more crowded as Jerusalem thronged with men of all nations. Even the temple offered a strange sight at this season, for in parts of the outer courts a wide space was covered with pens for sheep, goats and cattle to be used for offerings. Sellers shouted the merits of their beasts, sheep bleated, oxen lowed. Sellers of doves also had a place set apart for them. Potters offered a choice from huge stacks of clay dishes and ovens for roasting and eating the Passover Lamb. Booths for wine, oil and salt, and all else needed for sacrifices invited customers. Persons going to and from the city shortened their journey by crossing the temple grounds, often carrying burdens. Stalls to change foreign money into the shekel of the temple, which alone could be paid to the priests, were numerous, the whole confusion making the Sanctuary like a noisy market.\*

The above is part of a description of the Passover in our Lord's day as given by Geikie in his "Life of Christ", and illustrates just how far the Jews of that time were, from understanding the gravity and meaning of the ordinances they were carrying out.

The **PASSOVER** was the first of the great annual Feasts in which, combined with a detailed sacrificial system, Israel's worship was centred. When God gave Israel His Law He instituted the Feast Days as annual celebrations for three reasons, to remind the people in their generations of major basic facts of history; to revise the Law and the Covenant; and to enlighten them, though symbolically, as to the Divine Purpose.

The ancient paganisms, being associated only with the natural occurrences of nature, the seasons, heavenly bodies, etc., lacked any sense of divine guidance in history. But Jehovah's power was associated not only with the forces of nature but also with isolated **historical events**. For example, His deliverance of Israel from Egypt demonstrated His saving power in commanding all the powers of nature - plagues, water and wind, earthquake and storm, to serve His purpose.

John Bright writes in *A History of Israel* (p. 162) "Yahweh was not a benign maintainer of status quo to be ritually appeased, but a God who had called His people from the status quo of dire bondage into a new future, and who demanded of them obedience to His righteous Law. Israel's faith, thus grounded in historical events, alone in the ancient world had a keen sense of the divine purpose and calling in history".

### Israel's Sacrificial System

As Israel's sacrificial system had some similarities to that of the Canaanites in the types of animals offered, its form and

terminology, it is thought by some that Israel borrowed such ideas from her neighbours and improved upon them. However, we know from the Book of Genesis that the custom of sacrifice was **instituted by God**. In Genesis Chapter 4 we read of Abel bringing of the firstlings of his flocks and the fat thereof as an offering unto the Lord and it was accepted. Not so Cain whose offering did not involve death.

It has been suggested that Genesis 3:21 "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them." implies the sacrifice of an animal. Having sinned by disbelief and disobedience Adam and Eve had lost their mantles of glory which had emanated from the presence of God's Spirit with Whom they had been in continuous communion. Remember how Moses' face shone after 40 days and 40 nights in God's presence, Stephen's face shone when filled with the Holy Spirit as he was being stoned, and Our Lord's garment shone on the Mount of Transfiguration. In making Adam and Eve coats of skin God was teaching them that in order to cover their sinful state an innocent life had to be taken and thus innocent blood shed.

Adam had been warned that if he ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil: "*Thou shalt surely die*" or, more correctly, "*dying thou shalt die*" (Gen 2:17) Among the many attributes of God is **perfect justice and righteousness**. He is therefore **unable** to look upon sin or to condone it in any way. His law and justice must be satisfied.

Man in his sinful condition is alienated from God and therefore under condemnation and exposed to His judgment. Divine justice requires that "*the soul that sinneth it shall die*" (Ezek. 18:4), and all disobedience to God is sin. This is referring primarily to spiritual death, i.e., the cutting off or separation of man's soul from the power, presence and love of God, and spiritual death eventually brings about physical death.

By incurring spiritual death Adam and Eve began to die physically as their bodies began to deteriorate. Until that time they had possessed eternal life of both soul and body and had been one with God. However, because of the **innocent animal's death** their sin and shame could be covered **typically**, until such time as the LAMB OF GOD would be slain whose death would atone for the sin of the world.

All men, therefore, have forfeited their eternal life because of sin, and must await the judgment of God. However, God always acts according to His unchanging righteousness, His loving kindness and His mercy, and so has provided the one and only way whereby the possibility of regaining eternal life could be restored to mankind. This was to involve the Lamb of God voluntarily laying down His life and shedding His blood under divine retribution.

This is what the 'Ordinances of Sacrifice and Offering' expressed. Though valueless in themselves, for we are told that "*it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins*" (Heb. 10:4), they were "*a shadow of good things to come*" and they served to remind the people of their **unrighteousness before an Holy God**, for "*in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.*" (Heb. 10:3)

Leviticus 17:11 says "*For the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul.*"

We must remember that the word "**blood**" is used frequently in Scripture to mean **death**, e.g., "purchased with His blood", "through faith in His blood", "justified by His blood", "His blood be on us and on our children". The shed blood of an animal - its death - typified the future death of the coming **Sinless Lamb of God**, who alone could bear the judgment appropriate for the souls of sinful men. God would deal with Him as He must deal with all sin, i.e., by rewarding it with death. It was this wonderful provision of God's Grace which the Ordinances of Worship demonstrated, foreshadowing truths deeply spiritual and profound as well as prophetic.

Though the Laws of Hammurabi of Babylon at the time of Abraham were similar in some respects to the Law later given to Israel at Sinai Mr. Davidson sees the Hammurabi law as a corruption of the original law given by God to Adam and surviving through the Noachic Flood. We are told that "*Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.*" (Gen. 26:5)

As sacrifices were carried out by the Patriarchs well before the time of Moses the sacrificial cults of Israel's ancient neighbours could also have been corruptions of the God instituted form of sacrifice and worship spread by members of the Adamic race both before and after the Flood.

Just as the Law of God was recodified at Sinai and reinstituted in a pure form which could be disseminated and applied for the blessing of the whole world so, too, the Ordinances of Worship given to Israel embodied God's great Plan of Redemption for the whole world. They dealt not only with individual and national sin but spoke also of the **Coming One** who would resolve the sin question for all time, making it possible for man to be released from the bondage of sin and restored to fellowship with God, thus enabling God finally to dwell with men.

It is this that the Lord's Passover so amazingly portrays and while the world at large celebrates Easter, its paganized substitute for the Christian Passover commemoration, venerates



Easter Bunnies and Easter Eggs, eats Hot Cross Buns and indulges in Easter holiday revels, let us ponder on the Bible's revelation of the Passover and its stupendous significance.

## The Passover

Basically the Passover commemorated the deliverance of Israel from the bondage of Egypt and from the Angel of Death who smote the firstborn of Egypt while Israel sheltered under the blood of the Passover Lamb. But its significance was prophetic as well as historical as it foreshadowed in incredible precision the events leading up to the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

The times of events are very important in understanding the symbology. The date/time frame and much of the information involved in this study has been obtained from the work of the late David Davidson whose exhaustive and penetrating studies occupied the earlier part of this century. His dating of the Exodus of Israel is 1486 B.C., when the original, dramatic events of the First Passover were experienced.

After the second last plague upon Egypt God spoke to Moses and Aaron giving them detailed instructions regarding His requirements of the Israelites during what was to be the final plague, after which Pharaoh would allow the people to leave. This was the first of the Feasts of the Lord which Israel would be required to keep as God's Nation. God spoke to them early in the month of Abib which was later called Nisan. This was at that time the seventh month of the civil year as it had operated in Egypt. But God at that time instituted a new calendar, which later became known as the Sacred Year. *"And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you."* (Ex. 12:1-2)

So where the month of Tisri had been the first month of the old civil year it now became the seventh in the new calendar, and Abib (Nisan) became the first month instead of the seventh. In doing this God was making a new beginning for the Israel People who would now be moulded into a nation in fulfilment of His promises to the Fathers and for the consummation of His own great purpose in the earth.

## Night and Day

There is one very important point that we need to note before we go any further and this is the definition of the Hebrew 24 hour "day". Our 24 hour day begins and ends at midnight. We think of each day as beginning with morning and daytime and ending with evening and nighttime. But the Hebrew 24 hour "day"

began at sunset and ended at sunset. Their "day", therefore, began with evening and nighttime and ended with morning and daytime. So we read in Genesis Ch. 1, *"And the evening and the morning were the first day."*, etc. Whereas we begin our days with breakfast they began their days with supper.

For example, the beginning of 15th Nisan was at sunset on the 14th and the beginning of the 16th was at sunset on the 15th and so on.

## Terms

We must understand too the terms used in both the Old and New Testaments in regard to the Passover. As well as being the name of the first great Feast the word "passover" was used to denote the lamb that was slain and eaten at the feast. The Passover was also called the Feast of Unleavened Bread because no leaven was to be eaten or even kept in the household for seven days from the beginning of the Feast. Luke 22:1 *"Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover."*

## When did the Feast of Passover Actually Begin?

Numbers 28:16 says, *"In the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the Lord."* This refers to the whole festival as detailed in Ex. 12:21-24.

Lev.23:5 says, *"In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover."*

This refers to the sacrificing of the passover lamb.

Going back to Exodus 12:3-6 we find God's instructions were *"In the tenth day of this month (Nisan) they shall take to them every man a lamb....for an house.... Your lamb shall be without blemish, male of the first year....."*

*And ye shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening."*

We need to look at the words *"in the evening"*. The Hebrew means *"between the evenings"* and has been explained in various ways by various people. Mr. Davidson explains it this way. As mentioned previously an Hebrew 24 hour "day" is described as "evening and morning" - the "evening" representing nighttime and the "morning" representing daytime. Between the evenings would be the time between the end of one night and the beginning of the next night.

As the end of nighttime is dawn, i.e., 6.00 a.m. and the beginning of the next nighttime is sunset, i.e. 6.00 p.m. Therefore, between the two nighttimes, or evenings, would be noon.

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## THE GREAT PYRAMID (Part 3)

### Lights:

The Egyptian name for the Great Pyramid is "Khuti" meaning "the Lights". In Semitic languages the equivalent name is "Urim" - "the Lights". In Phrygian and Greek the root "Ur" (light) became successively "Pur" and "Pyr" (fire) and "Pyra" (beacon fires).

In Chaldee and Hebrew, 'middin' = 'measures'. Thus the Chaldee/Hebrew name for the Great Pyramid is 'Urim-middin' and means 'Lights-Measures'. In Greek this is 'Pyra-midos,' in Phrygian/Phoenician 'Purim-middoh' - 'Pyramid'.

The name 'Pyramid' monumentalises the external purpose of the Great Pyramid. It is a 'beacon of reflections', 'a monument of measures.'

"The Great Pyramid embodied in its external casing all the knowledge of the Ancients concerning the properties of the Sundial. Planned to effect its purpose primarily by means of reflected sunlight, and secondarily only by means of shadows, the casing of the Great Pyramid was selected from the whitest and best limestone from the quarries of Turr and Masara, on the opposite or Eastern side of the Nile..... the visible surfaces of all casing stones were worked as accurately as modern optician's work.... Flaws in the visible surfaces of the casing stones were cut out and refilled with accurately fitting pieces of limestone, invisibly cemented in.... It is obvious that it was from the brilliant reflections from its casing slopes that the Great Pyramid is named... *Khuti* 'the Lights'.

The Pyramid's reflections were transformed into visible effect - at least around the hour of noon-day.... The reflections gave accurately the days upon which the Winter Solstice, the Spring Equinox, the Summer Solstice, and the Autumnal Equinox occurred. This precisely defined the Solar Astronomical Year.

The principal points of the Solar Vegetation Year were equally well defined. Whilst the noon reflection of the Pyramid's South face always pointed due South at the instant of noon - during Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn - it displayed the striking property of being elevated above the horizontal each day of Autumn, Winter, and Spring, and depressed below the horizontal during the entire extent of Summer..... Exactly mid-way between the Vernal Equinox and the Summer Solstice, and, again, exactly mid-way between the Summer Solstice and the Autumnal Equinox, the beam reflected at noon from the Pyramid's South face, was truly horizontal. This horizontal reflection defined the first noon of Summer and the last noon of Summer.



Between these two dates, 6th May and 8th August, the noon reflexion from the Pyramid's South face cast a triangular reflexion on the ground, and at no other period of the year.... During the Summer half of the year no shadow was thrown by the Pyramid at the instant of noon, nor for an appreciable interval before and after noon. .... The solid beams of reflected light proceeding from the East and West face slopes of the Pyramid at noon had a further remarkable property defining Winter as distinct from Spring, Summer, and Autumn.....

The Great Pyramid is so situated that it is the centre of the quadrant of a circle that defines and includes the Nile Delta (to the north). Within two periods of 16 or 17 days. The Great Pyramid provided two outstanding phenomena defining fixed points of the Solar year. These were the North-East and North-West directed vertical surfaces of reflection at noon of 1st November and 11th February, and the North noon shadow limits on 14-15 October and 27-28 February.

The early sowing period in the Delta occurred between 14th October and the beginning of the general sowing season on 1st November; while the early harvesting period occurred between 11th February and the beginning of the general harvest season at 27-28 February, when barley was reaped and flax plucked.

#### The Hollowing in of the Pyramid Surfaces:

To define more clearly the ridges and edges of the reflections and to counteract the local dispersing effect of the variable surface refractions due to heat radiations from the Pyramid's surfaces, these surfaces were designed to be very slightly hollowed inwards towards the centre line of each face slope of the Pyramid..... The hollowing was in the general form of two plane surfaces meeting along the centre line of each face slope.... The core masonry was likewise hollowed in to the same extent, preparatory to the external casing stones being added to form the smooth reflecting surfaces. This hollowing is so small (approx. 3 feet) in proportion to the Pyramid's mass, and extent of external surface, that it is not visible to the eye.

This receding camber was sufficient to make correction for the well-known optical illusion whereby a large plane escarpment appears to bulge outwards. Correction for this optical illusion was made by the ancient Egyptians in the case of their monolithic beams and lintels, and by the ancient Greeks in the case of their columns. A truly level beam appears to sag in the middle; a slight camber upwards eliminates the illusion. A large vertical column appears to overhang towards the observer on the ground; a slight tilt away from the observer removes the illusion."

(From *The Great Pyramid Its Divine Message* by D. Davidson)

The Great Pyramid is the solid geometrical expression of natural laws referring to solar astronomical time, to orbital motions and elements. The possession of such knowledge by the Pyramid designer implies the possession of a knowledge of astronomy at least equal to that of the 20th century.

#### Measures:

The investigations of the 19th century astronomers Sir John Herschel and Prof. Piazzzi Smith into the shape and measurements of the Great Pyramid established that the Pyramid Inch is only 0.0011 more than the English inch, i.e. 10,011 English inches are equal to 10,000 Pyramid inches. This was found to be indicated by the "Boss" on the Granite Leaf in the Ante Chamber to the King's Chamber.

#### The Earth's Polar Diameter

According to the International Spheroid of Reference adopted in 1924, the polar diameter of the earth was estimated as 7,900 miles - a finding of 20th century science and representing an achievement not possible until then. (The best modern methods compute the present day measurement as 7,898 miles.) However, the *Book of the Dead* states definitely that the Pyramid inch is exactly 1/500,000,000 (one five hundred millionth) of the Earth's polar diameter. Calculating the distance represented by 500,000,000 Pyramid inches it is found to be within 100 feet (or 1,200 inches) of the estimated 7,900 miles of 1924.

#### THREE ASTRONOMICAL YEARS

Although amazingly synchronized there is irregularity of motion among the heavenly spheres. In its relation to the star sphere and the sun, the earth has three major motions which are of tremendous importance to earth dwellers. Due to these motions there are three different "years" recognized by astronomers who know the exact length of each. They are designated: the Solar Year, the Sidereal year, and the Anomalistic year.

1. The earth rotates on an inclined or leaning axis. This motion from west to east every 24 hours gives us day and night and occurs at the rate of 1,000 miles per hour.
2. While spinning thus like a top to give us sunrise and sunset, our earth is also racing over its course around the sun from east to west, at the speed of 1,000 miles per minute to give us the seasons.
3. There is another motion in conjunction with these two, called "wabbling" (similar to the swaying action of a top after the speed of rotation is no longer sufficient to keep it perfectly upright). The swaying or wobbling of the central axis of the earth is due to its lopsidedness or uneven distribution of bulk

along the equatorial belt, thereby causing a periodic increase and decrease in the attraction exerted by the sun and moon. Were the earth a perfect sphere this wobbling would not occur. It is, however, flattened at the poles and over-bulged along the equator.

(These displacements in shape from the true circle, and the leaning of the polar axis from the true vertical, are called *obliquities*. And since the Great Pyramid employs science to proclaim a Messianic Salvation it is proper for us to note, that in the realm of morals, actions which deviate from God's standard of spiritual and ethical uprightness are very properly called *iniquities*.)

#### The Solar (or Tropical) Year:

The Solar Year of 365.24 days is the time interval between two successive autumn (or spring) equinoxes in the earth's journey around the sun, (or between successive summer or winter solstices). This year is symbolized in the geometry of the Pyramid's base. The corners of the designed base were marked by four corner sockets deeply cut into the natural rock. A line joining these corners forms a square, the external geometrical base inside which the hollowed in constructional base was designed.

The length of the square's four sides together equal 36,524.24 inches or 100 times the number of days in the solar year.

#### The Sidereal (or Stellar) Year

The length of the Sidereal Year is the basal period for the other forms of the 'year'. It is the interval between the Earth's position at any time in the year, in relation to the fixed stars, and its next return to that same position. The time interval of the Sidereal year has been found to be 365.25647 days or about 20 minutes more than the solar year.

Ascertaining the difference in time between these two years was quite an achievement for astronomers around the beginning of the 20th century. But this also was symbolized in the design of the Great Pyramid's base.

The structural base circuit of the Pyramid, as designed, corresponded with the hollowed in base perimeter of the casing base edges. This circuit is longer than the perimeter of the square (corner to corner) defining the Solar year.

The designed base circuit for the completed Pyramid along its hollowed in sides is 36,525.647 pyramid inches which is 100 times the Sidereal year in days. This is a good average value for the Sidereal year.



## The Anomalistic (or Orbital) Year

The interval between successive annual returns of the Earth to its **Perihelion**, the point in its orbit nearest the Sun, defines the **Anomalistic year**. The length of this year depends upon the earth's wobbling motion. Modern astronomy has discovered that the **Anomalistic year** is 25 minutes longer than the Solar year, and about 5 minutes longer than the Sidereal year. Its length is 365.25997 days.

The internal geometric base circuit of the Pyramid as designed is 36,525.997 inches or 100 times the length of the **Anomalistic year** in days.

*Therefore the Pyramid's designed base geometry defines the Earth's annual orbit, in terms of its three forms of year.*

## The Precessional Cycle

The great astronomical cycle known as the **Precession of the Equinoxes** round the Zodiacal signs was recognized by the earlier Egyptians as a period of 25,826/7 years, but the knowledge was lost prior to the 3rd century BC. Tradition held that the true period of Precession was given by the Pyramid base and the circuit of the base square came to be adopted, whereas the correct period is determined by the sum of the base diagonals - representing 25,826.54 years.

The apparent paths of the Sun, Moon, and Planets in the stellar heavens always lie within a particular belt encircling the heavens. This belt is termed the **Zodiac**. The central encircling line of the Zodiac is the **Ecliptic**, i.e. the apparent annual path of the Sun.

The slow but continual shifting of the equinoctial points from east to west, occasioned by the earth's axis slowly revolving in a small circle about the pole of the ecliptic, causing an earlier occurrence of the equinoxes in successive Sidereal years is termed the **Precession of the Equinoxes**.

This retrograde motion is the result of the gravitational pull of the sun and moon on the mass of matter accumulated about the Earth's equator. This causes a counteracting "wobbling" motion by the Earth which results in a slow change of direction of the Earth's polar axis. The amount by which the Solar year constantly falls short of the Sidereal year is determined by the extent to which the direction of the Earth's axis is altered in the course of the year.

The **Precession of the Equinoxes** is a long cycle of time varying from 24,000 to 28,000 years. It extends from the time when the Earth's Polar Axis is directed to a certain point in the sphere of the fixed stars until it returns again to that same point.

The **Precessional Cycle** beginning in the year 1588 has been estimated by astronomers to last 25,826.54 years, as indicated by the sum of the base diagonals of the Pyramid.

## Squaring the Circle

The mathematical value **Pi** (3.14159265...) is not supposed to have been discovered by any civilization until the Greeks stumbled upon it in the 3rd century BC. However the designed vertical height of the Great Pyramid bears the same relationship to its base perimeter as does the circumference of any circle to its radius, viz.,  $2 \times \text{Pi}$  or  $2 \times 3.14159265...$ . And this relationship is constant for any level in the Pyramid's masonry.

Without the incommensurable mathematical value **Pi** there can be no squaring of the circle and no astronomical calculations. It is a mysterious number the value of which has been worked out to over 200 decimal places. Yet the Great Pyramid is a five thousand year old demonstration of the perfect evaluation and use of it. The whole Pyramid design from base to apex, in passages and chambers, sets forth the repeated use of **Pi** and quadrature of the circle.

This ancient wonder in architecture is a symphony in mathematics, its presentation based absolutely upon the geometry of the year circle.

## Building Precision

R. Bauval and G. Hancock in their *Keeper of Genesis* make the following points: The Geodetic location of the Great Pyramid of Giza one mile to the south of latitude 30 degrees north (one third of the way between the equator and the north pole) is at the centre of the world's habitable landmasses. This is less than half an arc minute to the north of astronomical latitude 30. Any 'error' involved is thus reduced to less than half of one-sixtieth of one degree - a hair's breadth in terms of the earth's circumference as a whole.

The Pyramid builders equipped the monument with corners set at almost perfect right-angles. The variation from 90 degrees is just 0 degrees 00'02", 0 degrees 03'02", 0 degrees 03'33" and 0 degrees 00'33" for the four corners. "This is not just 'atomic clock' accuracy but the Rolex, MBW, Mercedes Benz, Rolls-Royce and IBM of building engineering all rolled into one."

It is fairly well known that the Pyramid was aligned by its architects to the cardinal points (with its north face directed north, its east face directed east, etc., etc.). Less well known is just how eerily exact is the precision of these alignments - with the average deviation from true being only a little over 3 arc minutes (i.e. about 5 percent of a single degree).

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### SAVED BY HIS LIFE

In a previous article we discussed the need to be reconciled to God if we are to be at peace with Him. This reconciliation was made possible by the Son of God on the Cross when He was made *"to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."* (2 Cor. 5:20-21) Not only are we reconciled to God by the death of His Son we are continually saved by His life. *"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."* (Rom. 5:10)

Those who have lived during the "latter days" or "Christian Era" have been given the unique opportunity, as individuals, of knowing God in the fulness of His indwelling Holy Spirit. Israel had every reason to trust God for material blessings because of the miracles involved in the Exodus, the Wilderness journey, and in their entry into Canaan. We have every reason to trust Him for spiritual blessings because of the Sacrifice and Resurrection of His Son, and the gift of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit of promise (John 14:16-18).

It is not enough to mentally acknowledge that God exists and is able to perform all things - even the devils believe this. We must trust that He has performed the miracle of redemption for us as individuals, but in order to enjoy newness of life the believer must continually make the moral choice of walking in His Way, obeying His Law - *"If ye love me, keep my commandments"* (John 14:15) - and doing His Will rather than pursuing our own desires. We should be living spiritually in the Land of Canaan receiving the blessings which result from obedience and faith rather than in the Wilderness of fear, doubt, complaint and punishment.



The following is taken from "The Saving Life of Christ" by Major W. Ian Thomas, 1961, pp 40-44.

\*God's purpose in the cross of Jesus Christ was two-fold: first that we might be forgiven, being saved from sin's penalty because Christ died *for us*, and secondly, that we might be delivered from sin's power, because this old sinful nature, called the flesh, died *with Him*.

The question that must arise quite naturally now is this, "If in God's economy my old nature has been crucified with Christ, and I am to reckon upon this by faith as a fact, what is to take its place as the **controlling principle of my life?**"

The Bible answer is to be found in Galatians 4:4-6:

*"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."*

That is to say, no sooner are you redeemed, because you have put your faith in the One who died for you, than God restores to your human spirit the presence of the Holy Spirit, by whose presence you receive the very life of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead, and become in Him a partaker of the divine nature.

In 2 Peter 1:3-4 we read, *"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature."*.....

I have a glove at home that has picked up my Bible dozens of times - but never once before I put my hand into it! As soon, however, as my hand comes into that glove, the glove becomes as strong as my hand. Everything possible to my hand becomes possible to that glove - but only in the measure in which the glove is prepared simply to clothe the activity of my hand.

That is what it is to have Christ, by His Spirit, dwelling within your redeemed humanity. You are the glove, Christ is the Hand! .... and with Paul you may say, *"I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me - I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me, [that is, I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]"* (Phil. 4:13 Amplified N.T.)

The presence of the living Christ, by His Spirit within you, imparts to you all the things that pertain to life and godliness, all that you need to live a life of righteousness and nobility of character.

It is this enjoyment of Christ's indwelling which is represented by the land of **Canaan**; the land of **promise and of plentiful provision**. Canaan (symbolically) ..... is not heaven. It is not "pie in the sky when I die".

It is *Christ Himself*, and *right now*, living His victorious life through me. Indeed, it is only the Lord Jesus Christ who is capable of living the Christian life; as Romans 5:10 declares, He not only reconciles you to God by His death, but He saves you moment by moment by His life; that is to say, He died not only for what you *have done*, but He rose again to live in you, to take the place of *what you are*. His strength for your weakness! His wisdom for your folly! His drive for your drift! His grace for your greed! His love for your lust! His peace for your problems! His joy for your sorrow! His plenty for your poverty! This is Canaan.

*Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night ...  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light ....  
Out of my sickness into Thy health ....  
Out of my want and into thy wealth ....  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus I come to Thee!*

This is Canaan! Brought *out* (of Egypt) to be brought *in* (to the Land of Canaan).

This was God's purpose for His people *then*, and this is God's purpose for His redeemed people *now*. He desires that the *natural man* - destitute of divine life, the devil's plaything - might become the *spiritual man* - filled with the Spirit of Christ, alive unto God as an instrument of righteousness.

### Why then the Wilderness?

This is the tragedy of Christendom today, as it was the tragedy of God's People Israel then, for forty years in the wilderness. A people who lived in self-imposed poverty! Every day they spent in the desert was a day they could have spent in Canaan - for God had given them the land! They would not believe, however, that the God who brought them *out* was the God who could bring them *in*!

The Wilderness is a picture of what the New Testament describes as a carnal Christian..... The carnal Christian is the one who has received the Holy Spirit and all the fulness of Christ, yet ignores His presence and struggles to live the Christian life as though Christ were not there. He is the one who constantly begs and pleads for all that God has already given him, but which he will not take. He is the one who will not step out by faith upon the glorious fact that Christ is his life, and therefore his victory! The Christian life is an exchanged life. *"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"* (Gal. 2:20).....

### Are you still in Egypt?

Then trust Christ now as your Saviour! By faith, apply the precious blood that He shed upon the Cross, to the doorposts and lintel of your own heart, and thank Him like a child that you are redeemed!

### Are you still in the Wilderness?

Then repudiate your unbelief! Start right now trusting the Lord Jesus for that for which His blood was shed - that He might live His resurrection life in and through you, even while you are still on earth in the body, and thank Him that He is your victory, that He is your strength, that He is your future, that He is all that you can ever need at any time, in any circumstances, for *"in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and you are complete in him"*. (Col.2:9-10)

### Are you in the Promised Land?

Then your portion is to reign in life! To reign by One, Christ Jesus, and to know joy unspeakable and full of glory, to know His peace that passeth all understanding, to know that every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon has been given to you, that you may be strong and of a good courage, neither afraid nor dismayed, in the knowledge that the Lord your God is with you whither-soever you go, for **this is your victory**, *"even our faith"*. (1 John 5:4)\*

## NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND THE REPUBLIC

"What we have before us now is a proposal to shift the sovereignty of this nation from the Crown to the parliament. That is the inevitable consequence of what we are now being asked to do. It is not a debate about republic versus something else. We are debating heads of state and therefore we are debating sovereignty....."

I am happy to enter into the argument that the Crown, as it has evolved, especially in the past 200 years, is in fact the encapsulation of the sovereignty of the people, and I am happy with an Australian system which does not give sovereignty to the parliament. Sovereign parliaments have always been dangerous creatures and they are not to be trusted.....

May I appeal in conclusion to those who have come here to argue for different republics. I find myself in strong disagreement with Archbishop Pell. All republics are not the same. Look around the world and that is obvious. You cannot vote for just any republic on the basis that any republic is better than what we have." (Bishop John Hepworth, Constitutional Convention Delegate for S.A.) *From Heritage vol. 22 no. 87 p. 15.*



# GOD'S OATH - THE TITLE DEEDS TO PALESTINE

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## NOTE:

As the writer has used the term "Jews" to describe all the descendants of Abraham throughout their history this term has been corrected to Israel, or Israelites, etc. as appropriate. The covenants of promise were given to **all Israel** not just people stemming from the Kingdom of Judah. The changes are enclosed in brackets, otherwise no other alteration has been made.

It needs to be understood that the present word "Jew" was originally "Judean". This term was used after the remnant of Judah returned to Palestine from the Babylonian Captivity in 535 BC. After this time all worshippers of Jehovah, whether in Palestine or not, were known as "Jews" (Judeans) as Josephus states, because Judea was their place of origin. The later '**Jewish Nation**' was founded at this time.

The term "Jew" has **never** included the descendants of the bulk of the Ten Tribed Kingdom whose people were dispersed into Assyrian territories from 745 to 720 BC, over 200 years before Judah's captivity ended.

**Today**, the term "Jew" represents a **community of different peoples** including:-

- (a) The descendants of the '**evil figs**' of whom Jeremiah prophesied: "*And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.*" (Ref. Jer. Chapter 24)
- (b) The descendants of the **unbelieving Jews** of our Lord's day and since. (The descendants of the many thousands of **believers** would have joined the '**Christian**' community.)
- (c) The descendants of those surrounding peoples (Edomites, etc.) who were incorporated into the **Jewish Nation** by forced circumcision after conquest by John Hyrcanus and Alexander Jannaeus between 134 BC and 76 BC.
- (d) The descendants of the large number of proselytes from foreign races which adopted Judaism at the time of Queen Esther, and under the Maccabees and since.
- (e) The descendants of the Turko-Mongol peoples of the Chazar Empire of South Russia who embraced Judaism as their State Religion near the beginning of the 8th century AD.

(Refer also: Ezra 4:2, 9-10 & 2 Kings 17:23-36)

(Ed.)

"The following is an article culled from the "Biblical Recorder," written by Dean McNEALE, D.D., which deals with a subject of great importance in the light of Present day movements. Unfortunately, owing to the length of the original writing, we have been compelled to present it in a greatly condensed form." (Biblical Research Society, December, 1946)

*"And this I say that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect." (Galatians 3: 17).*

"On the present occasion our subject is prophecy, and the special chapter in the prophetic volume to which I invite attention is that which treats of the restoration of [Israel] to the land of Palestine. We must examine the abiding covenant by which it is secured, and carefully distinguish between that, and the temporary, conditional covenant by which nothing was secured, or could be made perfect.

## "A Matter of Faith

If it be found scripturally correct that the covenant by which the land of Palestine was guaranteed to [Israel] was abrogated or disannulled, then we must in all candour relinquish our expectation that [Israel] shall be restored to that land. We can, in that case, have no confidence of heart, that they shall be restored as a matter of the unchanging purpose and sure promise of Almighty God. On the other hand, if we find that the covenant in question has not vanished away, but was confirmed in Christ, and cannot be disannulled, then the restoration of [Israel] becomes a matter of faith, resting on the veracity of Jehovah. It is in this inquiry I wish you now to engage your minds.

"The text which I have quoted from the New Testament, refers from the transactions recorded in the Old. The Apostle speaks of two facts, and asserts concerning them, that the later cannot disannul the earlier, or make it of none effect. It is obviously indispensable to ascertain, first, what Paul means by the covenant confirmed 'of God in Christ'; and secondly, what he means by the law given four hundred and thirty years after.

## "CONFIRMED OF GOD IN CHRIST

Looking to the context, we perceive that, what is called the **covenant confirmed in Christ**, is in the preceding verse called the **promises made to Abraham**. '*Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.*' His seed was Christ. '*And this I say,*' added the Apostle, '*that the covenant that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.*'

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## SHEET 2    GOD'S OATH - THE TITLE DEEDS TO PALESTINE (Contd.)

"It is plain, that he uses these two phrases as synonymous - '*promises made to Abraham*', and the '*covenant confirmed in Christ*.'"

### "Promises Made to Abraham

We now refer to the promises made to Abraham. In the twelfth chapter of Genesis they are thus written: '*I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing, and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.*' This last clause contained an announcement of the Gospel of Christ (see Gal. 3:8). Thus, these promises made to Abraham were twofold, referring first to the nation, as a nation peculiarly favoured of God; and, second, to the coming salvation of the Gospel.

"We next refer to the seventeenth chapter, where we read: '*And I will establish my covenant between Me and thee, and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting covenant to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.*' Here we have the same promises with this remarkable addition, that the selected dwelling-place of that nation is distinctly specified - 'all the land of Canaan.'"

### "Not Left to Creature Performance

Observe that these promises were made unconditionally to Abraham. The language of Jehovah is absolute - '**I WILL.**' In this case, the conditions were not left to the uncertainty of creature performance. They had all been undertaken, and were in due time perfectly performed by Christ. Therefore, what consisted of free and absolute promises to Abraham, the Apostle calls a covenant confirmed in Christ. Thus we have ascertained our first point - what we are to understand by the covenant confirmed 'of God in Christ.'

### "THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LAW

We are now to enquire what is signified by the law given four hundred and thirty years after. This note of chronology brings us distinctly to the period of the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. In the nineteenth chapter of Exodus, we read, '*Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people, for all the earth is Mine.*' Then follows a description of the mountain that burned with fire, with blackness, and darkness, and tempest. And then in the next chapter, the Ten Commandments of the Law, are spoken by the Lord, and engraved on the 'tables of the covenant.'



"To this Moses frequently refers in his recapitulation of the transactions. In the eleventh chapter of Deuteronomy he says, *'Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them.... Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day; and a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God.'* And again, *'But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them, I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.'* (Deut. 30:17-18.)

#### "Contrasted with the Abrahamic Promises

Quotations of this kind might be multiplied, but it is needless. What we observe is, that **here all is conditional**. The contrast between this language and the promises made to Abraham is most striking. The blessings are the same; but the manner of speaking of them is totally different. Here **nothing was 'confirmed in Christ,'** but all awaited to be **confirmed by the persevering obedience of the people**. Everything depended upon this - if they obeyed.

"Thus, in the **Mosaic covenant**, all was **imperfect**, nothing was **confirmed**; while in the **Abrahamic covenant**, as we have seen, **nothing was imperfect**, all was 'confirmed in Christ.' It is difficult to imagine a greater contrast between any two transactions. It is, in truth, the contrast between the law and the **Gospel**; for 'the law was given by Moses,' and 'the Gospel was preached unto Abraham.' (Ref. John 1:17; Galatians 3:8)

#### "WHAT OF THE MOSAIC COVENANT?

Our next inquiry must be, 'What has become of this Mosaic covenant?' The answer is, 'It is abolished.' In the eighth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, we read, *'In that he saith, A new covenant, He hath made the first old, now that which decayeth and waxeth old, is ready to vanish away.'* To learn what it is that is here called old, we have but to refer to the preceding verses. *'Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel, and with the House of Judah, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt.'*

#### "Old and Vanishing Away

It is clear that what the Apostle pronounces **old and vanishing away** is the **Mosaic Covenant**." Dean McNeale then referred to passages in the tenth chapter of Hebrews and the third chapter in Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians,

mentioning that "which was done away." He continued: "The thing to be **done away** was still Mosaic; that is, **the law as a covenant** [not the Law itself]. It has no connection whatever with the promises made to Abraham.

"The Mosaic covenant is broken. We can claim nothing from it for the future. What was the use of it? It was 'added because of transgression.' Fallen man, the [Israelite] included, had lost sight of the extent of his departure from God. A standard of high and holy elevation was indispensable to exhibit in contrast the moral degradation of both [Israelite] and Gentile. Such a standard was given in the Mosaic covenant. By it was the knowledge of sin; by it was [Israel's] **dispersion**. Everything under it was **failure**.

#### "THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT REMAINS

What then? Does the failure of the Mosaic disannul the Abrahamic? Paul gives the answer, *'And this I say that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.'*

"If the Mosaic and the Abrahamic covenants be identified as one and the same, then in the total wreck of the Mosaic, the Abrahamic is also totally wrecked - the promise of the **land** is gone, the promise of **Messiah** is gone, the promise of **preservation** to the [Israel] nation is gone. All is gone.

#### "The Whole Covenant Involved

If the promise of the land in the covenant with Abraham be abrogated, so also is the Promise of Messiah in the same covenant, and so also is the promise of preservation to [Israel] as a nation. On the other hand, if the two out of the three promises made to Abraham have thus survived the Mosaic ruin, the third will be found to survive also, and the land of Canaan will be given to [Israel] according to Abrahamic promise, notwithstanding their long failure and forfeiture under the Mosaic covenant.

"We do not deal rashly or indiscriminately with the Apostle's argument. We neither represent him as applying the promise of the land to the Gentile converts, nor as abrogating or disannulling the promise of the land to [Israel], which forms a part of that covenant which he says cannot be disannulled. We represent him as defending generally against Mosaic transience, the **abiding covenant with Abraham, inclusive of all its promises**. Nothing can eventually hinder the consummation which was 'confirmed before of God in Christ,' the Fulfiller of all conditions, and announced before of God to Abraham, **without any conditions**.

#### "THE FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY

In reading the prophecies, we so frequently find denunciations of wrath against [Israelites], followed by great and precious promises of returning blessedness. In the one, we hear the thunder rolling from Mount Sinai and smiting the transgressors; in the other, light and life appear on Mount Sinai. The Mosaic cloud passes away, and the **Sun of Abrahamic promises** rises with healing in His wings.

"One instance must suffice, taken from the Prophet Micah. *'They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money; yet will they lean upon the Lord and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us. Therefore'* - for this their iniquity and hypocrisy, in violation of the Mosaic covenant - *'therefore shall Zion for your sake be ploughed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.'* (Micah 3:8-12).

"The prediction was fulfilled to the letter, and the site of the House of God at Jerusalem ploughed as a field, under the Emperor Titus. This is the punishment of the iniquity of the [Jewish nation], come upon them to the uttermost for their repeated violations of the Mosaic covenant.

#### "Looking on to the Consummation

But is this final? No. The Prophet had respect to the covenant which cannot be broken (being 'confirmed in Christ'), as well as to the broken Mosaic covenant; and anticipating the period of gracious recovery from ruin and dispersion, he added, *'But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house (the same expression which in the curse and calamity is freely applied to Israel) shall be established in the top of the mountains and it shall be exalted above the hills, and people shall flow into it. And many nations shall come and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the House of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths, for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem;'* (Micah 4:1-2)

"It is easy to say that, in this passage, these expressions mean the Christian Church, but upon what pretence is the meaning changed? These expressions mean literally [Israel] and Jerusalem when the prediction is a curse and a calamity; but in the very next clause of the sacred writer, when the prediction is a blessing and a restoration, these same expressions do not mean literally [Israel] and Jerusalem! Is this consistent?

"But let us proceed with the prophecy. *'And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and*



they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nations shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree and none shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts hath spoken it.' (Micah 4:3-4)

### "Universal and Final Peace Predicted

"I believe God, that what He has so spoken shall assuredly come to pass. We have full confidence of heart, that the universal and final peace here predicted among all nations, shall in due time, and under [Israel] and the King of [Israel], be established. 'In that day,' continues the Prophet, 'In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted. And I will make her that, halteth a remnant, and her that was cast off a strong nation.' (Micah 4:6-7)

"Her that was cast off! Her that halteth! Her that is driven out! Her that I have afflicted! Who can this be, but the [whole Israel] nation?

### "Re-echo of Abrahamic Promise

Hear the word of the Lord, and mark how it re-echoes the absoluteness of Abrahamic promise. 'I WILL assemble her that halteth! I WILL gather her that was driven out! I WILL make her that was cast off a strong nation!' It is thus that mercy at last triumphs over judgment; and the loving faithfulness of Jehovah, pledged in the Abrahamic covenant, survives all the righteous frowns and righteous strokes incurred under the Mosaic law.

### "THE TRIUMPH OF GRACE

Finally, behold in these two covenants, as in a glass, your own sin and your own salvation. The ruin of [Israel] under the broken law of Moses is an image of the ruin of every sinner. So far as the Mosaic covenant is concerned, the case is utterly hopeless. 'By the deeds of the law can no man living be justified.' 'As many as are of the works of the law are under the curse.' No man can fulfil the required conditions. But thanks and praises be to our God, the Abrahamic covenant is of a very different character. It is 'confirmed in Christ'; it cannot be disannulled; its conditions are performed, and its blessings free. It is the triumph of Grace.

"Such is the salvation of every [Israelite] or Gentile Christian - and such shall be the last chapter of [Israel's] history. 'Not of man that willeth, nor of man that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy' (Romans 9: 16)."

## THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND THE CONSTITUTION

(Points made by Sir David Smith AO KCVO  
From: Heritage vol. 22, no. 87, p. 14, 1998)

~ Australia achieved full independence from Britain, and became a sovereign nation, some time between 1926 and the end of World War II.

~ Australia is already a sovereign and independent nation, and becoming a republic cannot and will not make us more independent.

~ The Monarch is our symbolic Head of State and, as part of our Constitution, has an important role in ensuring the stability of our system of government.

~ In seven years of seeking to remove the Queen from our Constitution the republicans have not been able to agree on who or what to put in her place.

~ The Queen is Queen of Australia by the decision of the Australian Parliament in 1953.

~ A multicultural Australia should not be saying to the other fifteen monarchical countries of the Commonwealth, most of whose people are neither white nor Anglo-Celtic, that we refuse to share a monarch with them.

~ The Governor-General by virtue of the provisions of the Australian Constitution, and particularly Section 61, is our constitutional Head of State, and has been since 1901.

~ Because the Governor-General is appointed by the Queen on the advice of the Australian Prime Minister and is not elected either by the people or by politicians, his allegiance is to all the people and not just to those who might have voted for him.

~ Our Constitution confers the constitutional powers on the Governor-General in his own right and not as a surrogate, delegate or representative of the Sovereign.

~ The Queen cannot and does not perform any of the Governor-General's constitutional duties, not even when she is in Australia.

~ The Queen cannot and does not direct the Governor-General in the performance of his constitutional duties.

~ The Governor-General continues to perform his constitutional duties even when the Queen is in Australia.

~ The Governor-General does not consult the Queen before he performs any of his constitutional duties.

~ The republic will not give us an Australian Head of State because we have had one for nearly thirty-three years, since Lord Casey became Governor-General in 1965.

~ Under a Keating-Turnbull republic the president would replace the Governor-General and go on doing exactly the same job in exactly the same way, but without the restraints which appointment, as distinct from election, imposes on the holder of high public office.





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**But the end of all things is at hand;  
be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.**  
(1 Peter 4:7)

"Almighty God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords,  
Thou hast put this prayer on our lips, make it also the language  
and desire of our hearts.

Make the coming of Thy Kingdom the supreme ambition  
of our being, the governing impulse of all our thoughts, words  
and deeds, our all consuming passion, for which we will gladly  
suffer or sacrifice.

Make the coming of Thy Kingdom a living reality with  
us, so that we understand that it means the end of all other rulers  
in our lives but Thee; it means the end of all other dominion but  
Thine.

Oh Lord our God, we thank Thee for Thy Kingdom, for  
the hope it offers us, for its certainty and security, for we know  
our security is there. For amid the shakings of all things around  
us Thy Order - Thy Kingdom - is unshaken and unshakable.

We thank Thee for the gracious offer and privilege of  
Thy Kingdom. Without it we are lost and undone and at the  
mercy of every wind that blows, but with it we are at the mercy  
of nothing. We have found solid rock for our faith and for our  
feet. In Thy Kingdom we are unshakable and unsinkable.

Oh King Divine, fire us with unquenchable passion, and  
endow us with all-conquering power to extend Thy Kingdom  
here on earth among men. Help us not to count the cost nor  
shirk the battle, but to labour with Thee, always certain of the  
ultimate goal - the coming of Thy Kingdom, the doing of Thy  
Will on earth as it is done in heaven."

(From: The Prophetic Expositor, May, 1998.)



## THE DEMISE OF BRITISH JUSTICE?

The Australian media has made mention several times of a proposal to do away with Trial by Jury, as it is 'expensive and outdated'. In July last year Britain's Home Secretary also stated that he was considering taking away the criminal defendant's right to trial by jury for the same reason. It is now obvious that this proposal is one more step toward changing our Justice System from a system based on British Law, to a system which, in time, would be easily aligned to a World Justice System.

Already a structured plan has been presented "to set up a European Public Prosecutor on the Continental Inquisitorial Model with overriding jurisdiction throughout the territories of the European Union."<sup>(1)</sup> It is called CORPUS JURIS and introduces penal provisions for the protection of the financial interests of the European Union.

The European Commission is setting up a legal framework where all powers are held by a central body to whom all member nations must defer. It is not to be a federation of states, such as Australia where some powers are held by the member States and some by the Federation, but a single State with one head of power.

Is this then the precursor to a planned single World State where the System of Justice would be, like Corpus Juris, based on the European Inquisitorial Model codified by Napoleon and "borne out of Roman Civil Law and the former temporal power of the Roman Catholic Church"<sup>(2)</sup>?

Our British Justice System provides liberty from arbitrary arrest and incarceration, as safeguarded by *Habeas Corpus* and *Trial by Jury*. This system is unknown in Europe where suspects can be arrested and held for unspecified periods of time "without any obligation to give reasons subject to argument in a public hearing."<sup>(3)</sup>

Habeas Corpus was defined by Blackstone as "*The subjects' Writ of Right, passed 'for the better securing the liberty of the subject'.....27th May, 1679. If any person be imprisoned by the order of any court, or of the queen herself, he may have a writ of habeas corpus, to bring him before the court of the queen's bench or common pleas, which shall determine whether his committal be just. This act (founded on the common law) is next in importance to Magna Carta.....*"<sup>(4)</sup>

The British Justice System has always struggled to preserve individual freedoms, against tyranny from both within and without the country. It developed over centuries, has influenced many nations worldwide and has for centuries remained a buffer against despotism. However, the promoters of the World State have their own agenda which does not include British law.

The first overt action in this regard was the formation in the late 1940s of a group called the *United World Federalists* consisting of Council on Foreign Relations members. Objects of the Group, as stated by one founding member - James Warburg - were that membership should be open to all nations without the right of secession, that World Law should be enforceable directly upon individuals and that World Government should have direct taxing power independent of national taxation. He also indicated that we would have World Government whether we liked it or not - either by consent or by conquest.

A development of the *United World Federalists* was "Parliamentarians for World Order" established in 1981 which subsequently changed its name to *Parliamentarians - Global Action*. It has now more than 1,000 members worldwide, all of whom are federal politicians from nearly 60 countries, and include about 30 Australian federal politicians. Funding for the organization comes from a variety of sources including the Rockefeller Foundation and the Rockefeller Family Associates. The object as stated in the 1981 Brochure was "*to promote the cause of world institutions and enforceable World Law for the peoples of the world as a single community through Parliamentary action*"<sup>(5)</sup> Is it any wonder we feel sometimes that our politicians are traitors to the Australian people and to our culture?

It is very obvious that once they reach the world stage, external pressure is brought to bear on politicians to change their own strongly held policies, if these do not conform to the internationalists' agenda. Examples which readily spring to mind are Keating and the privatisation of the banks; Howard and the G.S.T. Is the G.S.T. the prelude to a world taxation system?

Unfortunately, British Law itself, in Britain and elsewhere, is not now marked by the justice that once characterised it. The Common Law System of Britain which for centuries has provided an enviable structure for individual freedom and development is already submerged beneath much legislation which savours of pragmatism and political motivation.

### THE COMMON LAW SYSTEM:

The following is quoted from: *Christianity and Law - an Inquiry into the Influence of Christianity on the Development of English Common Law* by S.C. Perks Avant Books, Whitby, Eng. 1993.

Quote pp.7-9: For the purpose of this book Arthur Hogue's definition of common law as "the body of rules prescribing social conduct and justiciable in the royal courts of England" has been adopted.

(P. 10: The term *common law* can have a number of different meanings depending on its context. In a very broad sense the term can mean "the legal system and habits of legal thought that

Englishmen have evolved. In this sense it is contrasted with systems of law derived from Roman law." In a narrower sense it refers to those laws that are common to the whole of the kingdom and derived from common usage and custom. In this sense it contrasts with whatever is particular, extraordinary and special, whether that distinctiveness is due to geographical, political or other factors - it is not local law....mercantile or canon (ecclesiastical) law.

[The above definition does not include the courts of equity.] Equity is applied where common law and the precedents established under it are not able to provide a framework for justice in particular or special situations. The Court of Chancery which emerged in the 15th century was the principal court of equity.

Note: The Court of Star Chamber, whose origins were also in the 15th century was not a common law court and operated on principles fundamentally different from common law practice. It maintained a very close connection with the King's Council, unlike the common law courts, which were independent of the Council, and was very much hated towards its end - it was abolished in 1641 - for its arbitrary use and abuse of royal power. pp.10-11)

English common law evolved out of the practice of the royal courts which administered a body of rules common to the whole realm (apart from Canon law) in the period following the Norman conquest. Its sources, however, go back to the pre-Norman laws and customs of England.

[By the end of the 6th century A.D. the witness of the Celtic and Early British Churches had had little influence on the pagan Anglo Saxon invaders of England.]

With the arrival of Augustine's mission in 597 and the subsequent conversion of Aethelberht to the [Roman] Christian faith, England came under the influence of the Christian religion and the laws of the Anglo-Saxon kings reveal increasingly throughout the second half of the first millennium the strong influence of Biblical ideals and law. This is particularly noticeable with Alfred and his successors, who held up the Mosaic law as the ideal which the nation must follow if it is to be blessed by God.

Heathen practices were forbidden, and those who continued in them commanded to cease or leave the country with their possessions and their sins. The church was protected by law, granted immunity from taxation and the clergy became important members of the king's witan (council). Church and



royal law were not separated and the king ruled as head of state and church, making laws for both. As a result, Anglo-Saxon practices and norms were modified under the influence of Christianity and many elements of social life and judicial procedure incompatible with Christianity became obsolete. The Anglo Saxon understanding of moral responsibility and legal liability acquired a Christian meaning.

After the Norman conquest many of the pre-Norman dooms and customs of Anglo-Saxon England remained in force but were modified and transformed to meet the contemporary situation. The Normans provided a strong central government, and as the administration of justice in royal courts by royal judges increased, the old courts of shire and hundred, and the feudal courts, declined in importance.

The new situation created by the Norman presence, along with the ascendancy of the royal courts drawing on pre-Norman laws and customs, led to the creation of the common law. Church and lay jurisdictions were separated, however; but the church continued to exercise a strong influence on the lay courts in an indirect manner.

After the Papal Revolution (late eleventh and early twelfth centuries) the canonists developed an integrated and complex system of canon law applicable in the ecclesiastical courts. This was the first modern Western legal system. The secular state imitated this in many important ways, adopting aspects of both the legal theory and procedure of canon law. English common law, however, did not come under the controlling influence of Roman law.

The theology of Western Christendom played an important part in shaping legal theory in the West generally. The Western theory of retributive justice was the result of developments in theology following the Papal Revolution, particularly Anselm's doctrine of the atonement.

Modern theories of legal representation, the taking of oaths before giving testimony, the emphasis on judicial investigation and rules for determining the relevancy of evidence were all developed and practised first in the ecclesiastical courts and later adopted by the lay courts. The influence of Christianity mitigated many pagan and barbaric elements of pre-Christian judicial procedure, such as the ordeal, modifying them according to biblical principles and eventually leading to their abandonment.

Furthermore, in the first half of the second millennium morality and law were not so sharply distinguished and human law was subject to the requirement that it conform to reason and the law of God, which were then considered to be practically the same thing. This remained the case even after case law and precedent came to dominate the common law system. In equity also the common rule was that no law is just or binding if it contravenes reason or the law of God.

The common law system was developed during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries by the royal judges, who were mostly ecclesiastics. The laws and customs of England, which were themselves strongly influenced by Christianity during the second half of the first millennium, were transformed into the common law system during the first half of the second millennium by Christian judges under the influence of the church and Christian ideals. The church also provided in many respects a model of government for the secular state.

Our legal system was formed and developed over centuries under the dominating influence of the Christian religion. Our system of justice is what it is, and is distinguishable from other systems far less civilised than ours, because of the influence and input that the Christian religion has brought to it.

Now, however, the Christian presuppositions upon which our law was built, and upon which it relied for its validity and authority, are being abandoned by our people and by our legislators and judges. As a result the traditional understanding of the rule of law which guided our nation for so long is being overturned in favour of the rule of politicians who legislate in terms of pragmatic principles rather than Christian ideals.

Our legislators no longer recognise the authority of a higher law to which all human law must conform if it is to be valid, and thus Christian law is being replaced by law based on alien presuppositions.

For over a thousand years the Christian faith influenced and helped to shape our law, and our law underpinned our Christian heritage. Both are now in ruins. The remedy for this malady lies in recognising once more that all human law must conform to the standards of justice revealed in God's law. (End Quote)

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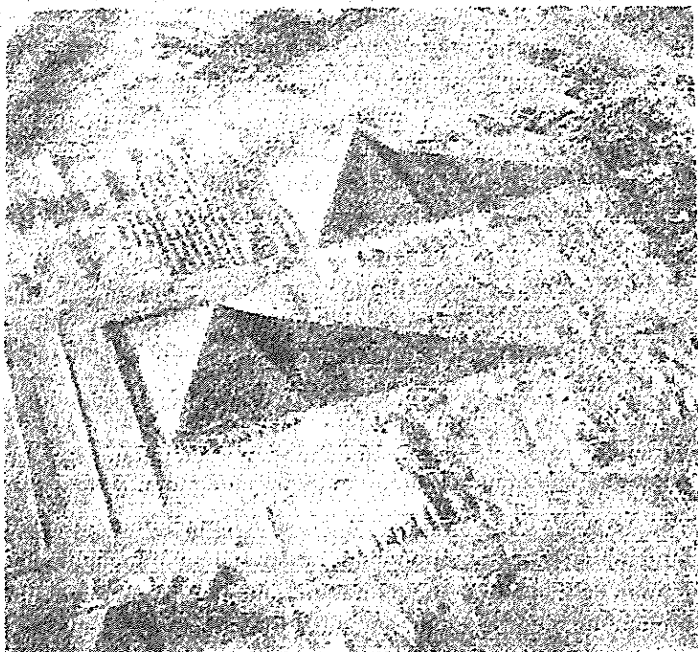
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The "hollowing-in" feature visible on the Great Pyramid only



## THE GREAT PYRAMID (Part 5) THE ALLEGORY OF THE GREAT PYRAMID

The Pyramid's physical aspects, the modern knowledge expressed by its geometry and construction, and the astronomical cycles and chronology defined thereby have been briefly discussed in Parts 1-4. The Great Pyramid was found to be "a graphical representation of a **universal law of relativity, geometrically expressed**. This representation defines the Earth and its orbit in dimensions and motions, as well as the variations in these dimensions and motions, all in precise terms of modern gravitational astronomy." However, the Pyramid is also symbolic.

### COPTIC CHRISTIANITY AND THE 'BOOK OF THE DEAD'

From the remotest periods of authentic history, an atmosphere of mystery has enshrouded all expression of thought and opinion concerning the Pyramids of Gizeh. Essentially geometrical in form, the Pyramids, by influencing the expression of theological conceptions, supplied **religious allegory** with an unfailing source of geometrical symbolism. It is this **pyramid allegory** of which a **corrupt survival** exists in the **Egyptian Book of the Dead**.



It is from the *Book of the Dead* that the Coptic descendants of the ancient Egyptians derived the mystical and allegorical element which was introduced into early Christian Gnosticism. The literature of early Christian Gnosticism abounds in mystical pyramid figures and associated astronomical conceptions and constellations.

To the Copts is due the survival, to the present day, of the ancient Egyptian Calendar and month names. To them we owe the retention of a dialect of the ancient Egyptian language, and with it, much that has tended to facilitate and elucidate the translation of ancient hieroglyphic texts.

Coptic tradition associates the Great Pyramid with the symbolising of astronomical and geometrical figures, just as the Egyptian Ancestors of the Copts associated the Great Pyramid with their ideal secret house in the *Book of the Dead*, and with their geometrical Dynastology, cosmical year circle, and Sothic cycle mythology.

#### MESSIANIC SYMBOLISM

It has been established from various sources that the Great Pyramid was designed to express an **allegory**, an allegory that was of **much greater importance** than any limited use the structure itself could ever have served. The literary traditions descended from the ancient Egyptians state that the Great Pyramid contains records relating to astronomical cycles, chronology, and prophecy. The texts of the ancient Egyptian Messianic prophecy identify the Great Pyramid as a symbolic representation of Messianic prophecy.

The Hebrew Messianic prophecies are identical in sequence with the ancient Egyptian Messianic prophecies, and refer to the Messiah and His kingdom in terms of a **Pyramid allegory** in which the Messiah is the apex-stone (chief corner stone) and His kingdom is the 'Stone Kingdom'.

The geometrical representation of the Pyramid's **Passage System** defines a complete and accurate system of astronomical chronology in terms of modern astronomical chronology. Its principal structural features are identified as relating to **allegorical** features in the ancient Egyptian and Hebrew Messianic prophecies. In all of these relations the Pyramid's '**displacement factor**' (286.1) is constantly indicated as the essential factor relating to *change* in both physical and spiritual conditions.

When the **Messianic prophecies** of the ancient Egyptians and Hebrews are read in relation to the structural and geometrical allegory of the Pyramid's **Passage System**, the **displacement value** is also found to apply to *spiritual changes* taking place in history and in relation to time, as defined by the Pyramid's

astronomical system. The corresponding dates are, in all cases, dates that define the **outstanding changes** relating to the **Christian fulfilment of Messianic prophecy in history**.

#### ANCIENT PROPHECIES

M. Alexandre Moret in his "Gods and Kings of Egypt", clearly shows that an ancient prophecy was current in Egypt, from the earliest times proclaiming the coming of a saviour of the human race.

All the sacred imagery identified later with the New Testament accounts, an accurate forecast of the purpose of the Messiah's coming, the manner of His death, the rites of the Lord's Last Supper, and, in fact, innumerable details of our Lord's life and teaching were proclaimed in Egypt for thousands of years before His actual Advent. This can all be established, by reference to Moret's work, as giving additional significance to the words of Zacharias in Luke 1:68-70:

*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David; as He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets, which have been since the world began."*

The evidence from Egyptian sources, and from other ancient sources, has hitherto formed the basal data for the **Rationalist** presentation of the so-called "**myth**" of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Great Pyramid - and the Egyptian traditions relating to its Message - now enable us to review the whole of the data in a true perspective.

As in the case of the Pyramid chronology, and the Egyptian King Lists' fictitious presentation of this as applied to Egyptian history, so also in the case of the promised Messiah, the Egyptians claimed that He had already come in the person of their god Osiris.

#### THE BUILDERS' ERROR

The hollowing inwards by 35.76 Pyr. inches of the Pyramid's sloping faces to more clearly define the reflections and counteract the effect of heat radiation, was a structural correction involving the Pyramid's base. The actual base circuit is therefore defined by two squares, one marginally 35.76 P inches internal to the other.

The outer square defined by the base corners is 36524.24 P inches in circuit, and the inner square is **286.1 P inches** less in circuit. The larger square was the *Designer's planned* base circuit: the smaller square was the base circuit of the Pyramid as built - the result of an error on behalf of the *Builders*.

However, careful surveying shows that the Builders' error was *intentional*, because the difference between the Designer's circuit and theirs is exactly 286.1 P inches. We may feel confident that this error was *deliberate* on behalf of the builders, for the reason that the same value, 286.1 appears in three other most significant places in the Pyramid. This error of 286.1 P inches carried by every course of masonry, resulted in the top circuit being just that much too small. The Headstone, therefore, could not be placed because the builders' intentional error had caused the Pyramid to be too small to receive it. With what marvellous exactness does the symbolism here set forth the Biblical truth about sin.

#### THE DISPLACEMENT FACTOR

The central theme of the Great Pyramid is the displacement of Jesus Christ for the salvation of a humanity which displaced itself from God and eternal life by sin. The factor of supreme worth in the Pyramid's system of mathematics is the displacement number 286.1. In the language of Mr. Davidson, "This factor is of such transcendent value that it operates throughout in a manner wholly beyond the ingenuity of the human mind to devise."

Without the number 286.1 the other mathematical values would be useless as a basis for calculations in astronomy. To drop or change this factor would be fatal to the Pyramid's entire system of science, chronology and Messianic symbolism. Such facts of modern science as the distance to the sun, the sidereal and anomalistic years, the precessional cycles and rates, ellipticity and gravitational values, would be utterly impossible of demonstration by the Pyramid system were it not for the operation of the factor 286.1.

#### THE SYMBOL IS SIN

What is known as obliquity in astronomy is, in the Bible, termed iniquity or sin. The degree of obliquity, departure or displacement from perfect roundness or uprightness is determined in the astronomy of the Great Pyramid system by the factor 286.1. It is, therefore, a numerical symbol of man's sin against God and the degree of that sin in its departure from the divine standard of life and character. The Builders' deliberate error was 286.1 P inches short of the perfect base circuit and by just that much, and for just that much, the Headstone could not be placed. Likewise it is true that by sin and for sin's sake, man makes impossible the enthronement of Christ within his life.

Furthermore, the passages and chambers of the Great Pyramid represent the plane in which the tragic drama of human sin and divine atonement is enacted. This plane, the North to South Vertical Axial Plane of the Pyramid's **Passage System**, is



displaced eastwards from the North to South Central Vertical Plane of the Pyramid by 286.1 P inches.

With this central axis typifying the Sovereign Will of God, the symbolism of the displaced passages shows clearly that the Drama of Man's Chaotic Civilization is taking place outside the realm in which God's Will is supreme in all matters.

## SYMBOL OF ATONEMENT

The harmony of the Bible with the Great Pyramid is nothing short of astounding. In God's written Word we read that He in whom dwells all the fulness of the Godhead became a curse for us who were under the curse; that He who knew no sin, and was without sin, became sin for us who were lost because of sin.

Christ's life on earth is His cycle of displacement. He was out of His place of Sovereignty in the Godhead and in the place of sin - the place man made for himself when he displaced himself by sin. Just as man's deliberate displacement meant sorrow and death for him, so was it for the Messiah who stands in his stead. Such is the message of God's Word and also the graphic declaration of the Pyramid. The factor 286.1 is the symbol of Atonement as well as of sin.

Having made both sin and life eternal possible by His own creative act, God was willing to assume responsibility for doing all that infinite Love and Grace could do to make Salvation possible. The central theme of Redemption is, therefore, the Atonement made by God in the death of His only Son. Here is the cost of man's creation.

## THE WAY OF LIFE ETERNAL

Both the Word of God and the symbolism of the Pyramid proclaim the way whereby the atoning sacrifice of the Messiah becomes eternal Salvation for man. This New Life which every man needs is his the moment he does three things:

- 1. Accepts the Saviour of Love Who made the Sacrifice on his behalf.
- 2. Accepts the Sacrifice of Love as Atonement for his sin.
- 3. Accepts the Law of Love as the rule of his life.

"When we come to the last hour of life and the turbulent waters splash at our feet; when the shadows of the night of death begin to gather, when the sun of life is setting and the chilling damp of the grave reaches our brow, and when the bell of Eternity begins to toll the solemn requiem of the soul - if you have this Salvation, this life hid with God in Christ Jesus, you will be happy and safe."

## IN SUMMARY

In Pyramid terms the Displacement Factor defines:

1. the concentration of reflections for points of the year by stabilising the refracted rays;
2. the three related year values;
3. the true mean sun distance;
4. the Law of Gravitation;
5. the variation in eccentricity of Earth's orbit;
6. the annual rates of Precession;
7. the annual rates of change of Longitude of Perihelion;
8. the initial date of the Pyramid's Message Period (AD1558) and Daniel's 'time of the end';
9. the 1530 years from the Messiah's ministry to the above initial date;
10. the relation of the Messiah to all the preceding - the definition of the Apex Pyramid symbolic of the Messiah in Old and New Testament symbolism.

The symbolism conveyed by the above ten categories is -

- a) By (10) in relation to the previous nine, that 'In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge' (Col. 2:3), and that by Christ, God 'created all things' (Eph. 3:9); that 'the world was made by Him, and knew Him not' (John 1:10).
- b) By (1) in relation to the succeeding nine that 'God is Light' and 'God is Love' (1 John 1:5 & 4:8); that Christ is 'the Light of the World,' who, by His Displacement - i.e., Daniel's cutting off of the Messiah 'the Light shining in darkness' (John 1:5) - neutralised in Himself the effect of sin, the breaking of Divine Law, by restoring the Light. That, to man, is the essence of Divine Love - the stabilising of the refracted rays.

The Displacement factor symbolises the Creator's special sacrifice for mankind - the Messiah's 'cutting off but not for Himself.' It symbolises God's special sacrifice for mankind. "Herein is love, not that we loved Him, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10)

**God did not meet us half-way. He came to us.**

(Extracted from, *The Great Pyramid Its Divine Message* by D. Davidson and H. Aldersmith, 1948.  
*Great Pyramid Proof of God* by G. R. Riffert, 1933.)

(To be continued)



## MISINFORMATION OR A HOUSE OF CARDS

*"...thy merchants were the great men of the earth;  
for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived."*

(Revelation 18:23)

We live in an era of gross misinformation and half truths, an era of deception and mind bending. This was brought home to me forceably as I was recently viewing a **purportedly genuine** video dealing with world control. This video went on to portray members of the Royal Family as belonging to a 'Reptilian Race' who supposedly inhabit members of the White Race, and who 'shape-shift' (like the weird 'shape-shifter' character in the fictitious Star Trek series), when they are present at human sacrifices. Years of Star Trek and Star Wars type films have conditioned the uninformed to accept such nonsense or at least to consider it possible. Strange that this **misinformation** is being circulated just prior to our voting on the Republic!!!

A current topic about which much more has appeared on the Internet than in the News Media is the so-called Millennium Bug (Y2K). Some statements made have been criticised as scare mongering and classed as misinformation, however, many have come from informed people who are in positions of cognizance. We need, therefore to consider the possibilities so as not to be caught unawares even if only some of the warnings eventuate.

Many Bible students have been expecting the "fall of Babylon", as described in the Book of Revelation chapter 18, to happen near the end of this millennium, but such a collapse has been until now difficult to imagine or explain. How we as individuals could be affected by it has not been discussed. Perhaps some small insight can be gained by considering the "problems" envisaged by the Y2K Computer Bug. Perhaps this very event will cause or trigger the desolation of that 'great city Babylon' which holds the world in economic bondage and provides the resources for evil to proliferate.

The great materialistic, commercial/financial/economic empire now controlling or influencing all facets of life, which modern man has fabricated this century is in reality fragile and unsteady. It depends for its successful operation upon a **vast, complex and speedy information network**. Commenting on this CIA Director, G. Tenet, has said, "We are building our information infrastructure, the most complex the world has ever known, on an insecure foundation." Just how insecure this foundation is will be tested when the calendar rolls over to the year 2000.

Many leading figures in the U.S.A. have commented gravely on the seriousness of situations which could occur if computer



systems used in many different fields are not all compliant by this date, and some heads of Departments have already quit their jobs so as not to be held responsible for any resulting crises.

Possible problems which have been cited are as follows. The USA is the most computerised country in the world and leads the field in Y2K compliance. Even so reports from various experts in the USA indicate that it is unlikely that about 3000 critical Federal Government systems, 1800 of which are military systems, will be corrected in time, let alone the remaining 60,000 government computer systems which will need fixing, together with **uncounted millions of embedded computer chips.**

Old systems with archaic software coding that makes the detection of date calculating sections difficult, still play major roles in the military. The examination of 358 million lines of code are required to ensure Y2K compliance. Any breakdown could result in the loss of military capability worldwide and render the American military helpless for a period. In short the **US Federal Government** is in a severe Y2K crisis.

**Britain**, another of the world's most compliant countries, also faces problems. Almost 90% of the British Navy's vital computer systems, including those that control its nuclear missiles, are not protected from Y2K. Eighty-two percent of the critical computers serving the Ministry of Defence HQ in Whitehall are non-compliant, while two-thirds of the RAF's and one half of the Army's critical computer systems are not ready. Many of Britain's missile systems are expected to shut down at the year 2000.

Work has slowed down on **Corporate America's** computers due to computer consultants' fears of being sued if the work is not completed in time or if the computer goes down anyway.

With the introduction of 'just in time' inventorying during the last 15 years, the **manufacturing sector** has eliminated the holding of large reserves of necessary resources and so greatly reduced associated costs. This philosophy, which involves the delivery of required raw materials, component parts, etc., as and when they are **actually needed**, has influenced industry worldwide. It has **reduced reserves** of medical supplies in hospitals, of car parts for automobile assemblies, of replacement parts for power-generating facilities, etc. But it requires the **efficient operation** not only of the **manufacturing systems** but also of the **financial and information systems** upon which it depends for the smooth transference of resources. And **no safety reserves of supplies are available to ride out unexpected events.** Even a small programme change in one system such as a date change, can have an unpredictable side effect in another causing 'the ripple effect' (i.e. failure across systems).

General Motors has stated that when robotic devices were tested for transition into the year 2000 they froze and stopped operating, incapacitating the plant. When Chrysler Corporation tested its Sterling Heights assembly plant by turning all the plant's clocks to December 31, 1999, they experienced lots of problems. The security system shut down and no one could get in or out. The time clock systems didn't work so people could not have been paid.

#### THE DOMINO EFFECT - an illustration:

"In March 1996 two brake plants in Dayton, Ohio went on strike for 17 days. Because of this and their **just-in-time procedures** 26 of the 29 General Motors automobile assembly plants were shut down. Eighteen other parts manufacturing plants shut down to prevent inventory buildup. As a result, more than 177,000 employees were furloughed, not counting untold slowdown in the more than 100,000 companies that are third-party vendors to GM. This 'blip' cost GM more than \$900 million directly. Safe estimates of total costs to all companies involved would easily double that. These figures don't include mortgages that went unpaid, car payments that didn't make it on time, or the losses to the businesses that served those employees . . . and the companies that stocked those businesses with their finished goods . . . and the suppliers of raw materials for the finished goods manufacturers. And so on and so on.....

Virtually all large companies rely on hundreds, if not thousands, of external hardware and software vendors, utilities, banks, transportation and other service providers. A date-conversion problem at **any single point** in those supply chains could bring a business to its knees..... A chain reaction of noncompliance from suppliers to suppliers to suppliers to GM (or Ford or Chryslers) can shut down the auto industry even if the Big Three (who are spending over \$1 billion on Y2K) become compliant.... .... the major American auto companies have over a billion lines of code and hundreds of thousands of chips embedded in equipment, all of which must be repaired."

It has been reported that more than 330,000 **small businesses** in the US risk closing their doors until the problem is fixed and more than 370,000 are likely to be temporarily crippled by Y2K computer problems.

Critical to the functioning of the American economy are the **electrical power grid** and the **telephone/telecommunications system** without which most businesses could not proceed. Both are vulnerable to Y2K as are the US fire and police department dispatch systems and police and fire equipment. "Experts say that if America should lose its telephone/telecommunications system for a week or a month or more, it would precipitate the greatest depression in US history. Crime and social upheaval would run rampant as law enforcement lost its communications, and America would be naked to terrorist or foreign attacks."

Shell Oil experienced a 20% failure rate in systems controlling radar, mapping, ballast monitoring and global maritime distress and safety equipment, on their vessels and offshore rigs as they tested for Y2K.

The National Civil Aviation Review Commission also has warned that the US could face aviation gridlock severe enough to severely damage the economy and shut down the air traffic control network responsible for monitoring tens of thousands of flights each day. There is also concern that **aircraft** flying in the US may not be Y2K compliant. Large jumbo jets can contain hundreds of computers and thousands of embedded chips. At risk are some sophisticated navigational and flight control systems that have been introduced into cockpits in the last 15 years. Mid-air crashes, missed runways, aborted take-offs could occur if the avionics are not compliant.

The new \$4.3 billion Denver International Airport, the most modern in the world, is non-Y2K compliant on 100 systems, 40 of which are critical and include the airport's underground train, communications boards, baggage information displays, handling, etc. What then of the thousands of older airports around the world?

It is also feared that the Y2K bug has compromised American security. In the urgency to obtain programmers the US has changed immigration laws to allow 90,000 computer programmers to immigrate to the US this year. Thus many programmers working on the problem are non-Americans and the programmes foreign produced. This opens the way for viruses, bugs, and snooping capability, to be added and for programmes and information to be stolen.

It has been calculated that only 63% of US Federal critical computer systems, those vital to protecting US national security, health, safety, education, transportation, and financial and emergency management, will be ready on 1st January 2000.

#### THE WORLD VIEW

The Y2K computer problem is a massive threat to the **global banking and investment systems.** "In 1987 the stock market in Brussels was shut down for two hours because of Y2K-related problems with futures software. In those two hours lost commissions totalled \$1 million and that problem was relatively minor and easily fixed.... No element of the economy, including the financial system, operates in a vacuum. The banks and Wall Street could be 100% Y2K compliant and still be pulled down by other elements of the economy, by foreign banks or securities firms who are not compliant, or by domestic banks or brokerages that were not totally compliant. The system is tremendously **interconnected, interdependent and fragile - with potential for a domino effect very large and growing.**"



An executive of England's prestigious Barclays Bank has warned: "When computers click over from the year '99' to '00' experts say many applications will crash and create indecipherable data. Under this 'doomsday scenario' global markets and economies may fail to cope with millions of computers crashing at once. It is feared currencies and stock exchanges could go into free fall, slashing the value of savings". The same executive said he was planning for the absolute worst - buying tinned food and bottled water from mid-1999 onwards.

The Y2K computer problem is a **global problem** and if the US is not fully prepared, the rest of the world is less prepared. A World Bank survey found that only 37 of 128 borrowing member nations are even aware of the millennium bug. Nations lagging far behind include Germany, Japan and Russia - all **major players in a closely entwined global economy**. "The globalization of economies makes everyone vulnerable to failure outside their borders. Sever a key link - power, finance, telecommunications, medical devices, transportation - even for a few days and the **implications are dire**." \$3 trillion are transferred electronically every day on a global basis in foreign currency, securities, and derivatives markets. Even if only 5% of those transfers go awry due to bad computers somewhere in the world chaos would quickly ensue.

A 1998 study undertaken in Copenhagen found that the city's power will be disrupted for the first 10 days of year 2000; that transportation services will be hampered by fuel and power shortages; that telephone systems will be inoperable in some areas; that hospitals will operate only on an emergency basis and that schools and banks will be closed for a month. If similar events as these occur simultaneously in hundreds of cities around the world, a global depression of incredible proportions will be triggered. (If the power should stay down as long as it did recently in Auckland - 4 months - the results would be catastrophic.) **The Managing Director of the Australian Stock Exchange has warned that the Victorian electricity industry may be unable to fix the millennium bug computer problem on time. He warns that there could be severe power shortages from January 2000 across the national grid.**

It is expected that the availability/lack of electrical power will be the major factor in determining the severity of Y2K disruption. If power generation and distribution problems are non-existent or shortlived, Y2K will pass without much discomfort. But if power outages last for weeks or months the effects could be traumatic causing shortages in food and fuel supplies, transport disruption, job losses, civil and industrial unrest. It would seem appropriate, therefore, to put by a supply of bottled water, dried and tinned food, pet food - enough to last perhaps a month - just in case! As well as this have a means to cook food, keep warm and some form of lighting, in case electrical power or gas becomes unavailable for a time.

It is interesting that of the countries of the world Australia, Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Israel, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States are the most Y2K compliant expecting approximately only 15% of companies to experience failure. These are predominantly the **Israel nations** of the world. Countries with a possible 50%-66% of companies likely to experience failure include Germany, Japan, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, India, Turkey, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Russia, Egypt, Pakistan and many others.

**IS THE YEAR 2000 COMPUTER CRISIS ALSO BEING USED TO FURTHER GLOBAL ENDS?**

The year 2000 computer crisis has been played down by the media to the extent that the general public has no conception of the enormity of the problem or of the seriousness of its implications. What is thought provoking is that although the problem was identified in the 1970s **early steps were not taken** by Governments to ensure its solution by the deadline - the date AD 2000. There would have been time to rectify matters if governments and business leaders had acted immediately.

Arthur Gross, Chief Information Officer for the Internal Revenue Service warned that "failure to achieve compliance with the year 2000 will jeopardise our way of life on this planet for some time to come." However, in a memorandum to the US Congress Steve Forbes of Forbes Magazine wrote: "... the Clinton-Gore Administration is failing to insure that vital government computers will be fixed in time. Nor are they impressing the American public and foreign governments with the urgency of this crisis. Why such silence? Are they trying to limit public concern until after the mid-term election? The stakes are too high for such partisan political games." But is there a deeper motive? Others of the same ilk have made the following statements:

*"Out of chaos shall come the New World Order"* (George Bush)

*"We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order."* (David Rockefeller)

Whatever the truth is about Y2K we know that our great God *"doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth and none can stay His hand..."* (Dan. 4:35) Let us do what we can to be prepared for possible disruptions and trust Him for what we cannot control. *"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast."* (Isa. 26:20)

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## THE GREAT PYRAMID (Part 6) MESSIANIC REVELATION

The Great Pyramid is a memorial of Love and Tragedy, the world's only monument to the Infinite Love and Divine Tragedy of God's only Son, the Messiah.

The promise of the coming Saviour/Messiah was given nearly 6000 years ago and is recorded in Genesis 3:16. This knowledge was spread abroad by the Adamic Race, the world's colonizers and explorers, and when the Pyramid was built Messianic prophecies were already 1,000 years old. His Coming, Passion, Resurrection and Kingdom were all clearly predicted. He was associated with Spiritual Light and the Sun of Righteousness in contrast with physical light and the solar sun. Egyptians of this early dynastic period possessed a good, practical form of monotheism and a belief in immortality which were already extremely ancient even in the days of Pyramid building.

In the Old Testament God, the Creator, appears under two names - Elohim and Jahveh (Jehovah). Similarly, in the early period of Egyptian dynastic history, the one God appears under the two aspects, Heru-ur and Set. These two aspects were later separated to form the Egyptian pagan deities, the elder Horus and Set.

In the original Egyptian monotheism, however, Heru-ur was the eternally beneficent aspect of the Creator, and Set was the aspect associated with judgment, correction, punishment, and death. The hieroglyphic representation consisted of the face of Heru-ur and the face of Set being depicted as two aspects of one being.

Heru-ur was the aspect seen in the perfection of the Creator's work; the aspect in which were revealed the promise and intention of giving Eternal Life to mankind. Set was the aspect presented to man under the condemnation of death, and as looking in temporal judgment upon mankind. Heru-ur was the aspect looking upon light; Set the aspect looking upon darkness.

Again, Heru-ur was the ancient Egyptian designation for the aspect of the Creator revealing the promise of the Messiah. To the Egyptians of this early period, the Messiah was the 'Hidden One' in Heru-ur (Horus the Elder). The kings of the early Egyptian Dynasties had names involving Horus and Set.

The organisers of the construction of the Great Pyramid appear to have come into Egypt during the reign of Seneferu, the last king of Dynasty III. The reign of Khufu, Dynasty IV, followed quickly, during which the Pyramid was completed. Both of these kings possessed Horus names. It is not until the end of the



Vth Dynasty that 'Son of Ra' names appear.

Set, as understood by the Egyptians, obviously originally represented the aspect later usurped fully by Osiris, as the judge of the dead. Osiris, by displacing Set, made it necessary for the devising of a role for Set in the Underworld of the Egyptians. The Egyptian Osiris robbed the Egyptian Set of his benevolent attributes and left Set simply to perform the role of chastiser, that led ultimately to Set being identified as Set-Typhon, the opponent of the Egyptian Horus, and the enemy of Osiris. In this form Set-Typhon was the arch-fiend of the Egyptian Underworld.

The Egyptian Osiris, not content with usurping the attributes of the original Set aspect of Horus, also displaced completely the original Horus, by usurping the attributes of the Heru-ur aspect. The original agricultural god was thus finally identified as the original "One God, who was also the giver of Eternal Life." (Titus 1:2) In this form many of the Messianic attributes were enshrined in Osiris, but some difficulties seem to have led to the creating of "the younger Horus" as the son of Osiris, to conquer the serpent that, tradition held, had slain Osiris.

The Osiris of late Egyptian times is, however, essentially represented as the Messiah of the ancient prophecy. The picture presented of Osiris, as a god who had been manifested in Egypt, and had died there, belongs to the later period of Egyptian history.

### The Truth Lost

For a great many years, therefore, the Messianic revelation was preserved in its purity and especially so in Egypt during the building of the Pyramid by the Shepherd Kings. After their departure, however, a change of religious sentiment and thought occurred whereby the original Messianism was perverted and debased.

The literary texts conveying this information establish very clearly the fact that instead of the Bible borrowing from the pagan religions of antiquity the cardinal truths of Christianity, as modernists and sceptics allege, both really obtained them originally in pure form from the one and same source.

What the Bible has retained unadulterated, heathen religions degraded with grotesque, idolatrous substitutions. We observe, therefore, according to the ancient texts, that the spiritual and symbolical meaning was displaced for another having physical reality only. Human sacrifices, in some instances, took the place of the Divine Atonement and constituted the sacrament of cannibalism. The bread and wine were considered the literal body and blood of the Messiah, hence the Bacchanalian festivals with all their debaucheries. Spiritual regeneration of the heart

was identified as physical reproduction and then followed, as a natural consequence, the unspeakable abominations connected with phallic worship. (Ref. Romans 1:18-23 etc.)

### Osiris-Ra the Messiah:

Nor did the debasement of Messianism end with phallicism. The light of the Divine Revelation had now gone entirely. Nature, idolatry and heathen gods were supreme. Vegetational decay and rebirth superseded Resurrection. Physical light from the sun displaced Spiritual Light from the Messiah.

Osiris being the ancient Egyptian corn and vegetational god and Amen Ra the god of the sun, the solar cycle with its seed time and harvest, decay and regrowth was erroneously identified as the redemptive cycle of the Messiah's life; while Osiris was given the attributes of the solar deity and called Osiris Ra.

This composite pagan god supplanted the Messiah and Lord of the Pyramid so absolutely, that in the thought of the Egyptians, he fulfilled all the Messianic prophecies. Osiris Ra, therefore, in the ancient literature of Egypt, after a certain period, is the Messiah of the Pyramid. Instead of the rites of the Sacrament being anticipatory they became memorial. The Messiah had come. Osiris Ra was He.

### The Pyramid's Divine Origin:

It is amazing, however, that the ancient religious literature, so pagan, idolatrous and cluttered up with errors and abominations, should nevertheless have preserved intact a complete and accurate description of a structure considered foreign to Egypt because its builders were the hated Shepherd Kings, whose work was unhallowed by any markings of the national religion. That these same pagan writings should all proclaim with others of Babylonia, that the Great Pyramid enshrined - without assistance from heathen deities - a Divine Revelation, is also amazing.

The divine origin of the Pyramid's character and message has been established by a scientific demonstration of its wonderful super-human system of universal truth. Now, God is speaking to us in the terms of a Salvation made possible through His Son Jesus Christ, the Messiah of the Pyramid.

### Gravitation and Salvation:

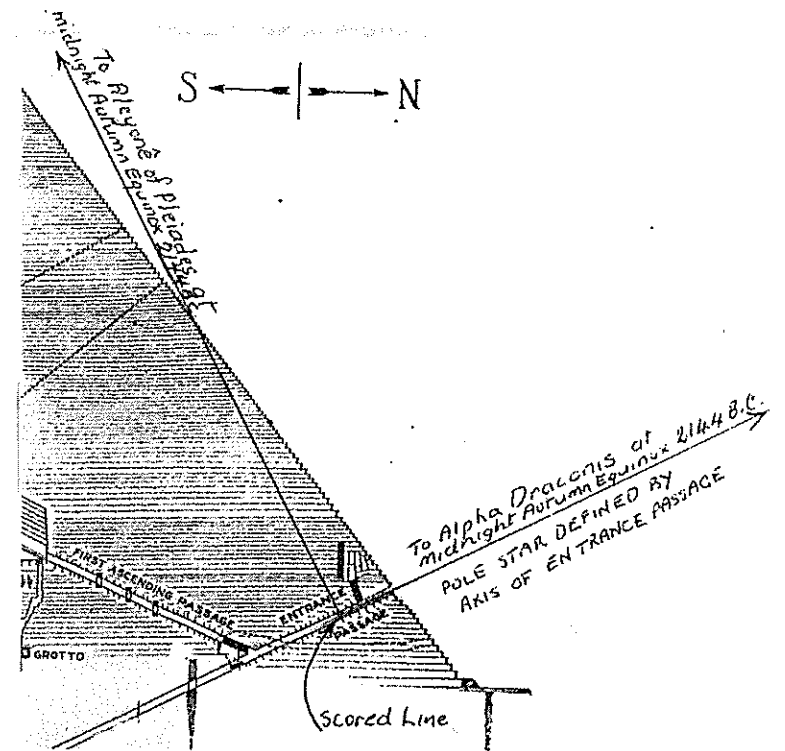
The supreme triumph of the wisdom and perfection of the Great Pyramid is its Messianic culmination. Throughout all of its symbolism and science are the fundamental facts and teachings of Christianity. These cluster in the branches of its profound system as fruit on the stems of bearing trees. Inseparably connected are the divinely declared gospel truths about human sin, moral responsibility, Christ's deity, atonement and

resurrection and man's lost condition with possible recovery through Messianic intervention.

In the Great Pyramid we have a logical fusion of astronomical science with the Biblical Christianity of Jesus Christ. And again we note a surprising parallel; for in both the underlying basis for harmony is gravitation, that mystic, drawing attraction recognized by modern astronomy and declared by the Master when He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself." (John 12:32)

He whose drawing power of love has the gravitational effect known as salvation is doubtless the essence of that mysterious cosmic force which, when spoken of in the terms of science, is gravitational astronomy.

### The Pyramid's Astronomical Alignments



Standing at the bottom of the Pyramid's Descending Passage precisely at midnight of the Autumn Equinox of 2144 BC an observer would have seen Alpha Draconis, the ancient Pole Star, aligned with the axis of the Descending Passage.



A scored line on both walls of the Entrance Passage perpendicular to the floor, aligned with the star Alcyone of the Pleiades, also at midnight on the Autumn Equinox of 2144 BC, and at no other date plus or minus 25000 years. The Alcyone date is associated with the zero year of the Scalar Chronology and with principal features of the Pyramid's external geometry. It fixes the Pyramid meridian and the astronomical day of Pyramid time, as associated with midnight, as the zero for reckoning for days. And it fixes the commencement of the Pyramid's solar year at the Autumnal Equinox. This was to be important for the future civilization which was to receive the Pyramid's message.

The angle of the passageways is 26 degrees, 18 minutes, 10 seconds. If, with a surveyor's transit, we were to sight due east from the Pyramid and then turn north-eastward through the above angle, the new line of sight would pass directly over Bethlehem, the place of Messiah's nativity.

Or, if a great circle were drawn through Bethlehem and the Great Pyramid, using that distance as the diameter, its circumference would be 2,144 times 1,000 sacred Hebrew cubits. The circle is the symbol of God; Bethlehem and the sacred cubit represent the Messiah of Christianity; the Pyramid is God's revelation of true science, and it is in the year 2144 BC that the Messianic cycle of 6000 years harmonizes with the cycle of astronomy, symbolising the saving intervention of God in the affairs of man.

## THE MEGALITHIC BUILDERS

From the evidences of astronomy, folklore, tradition, and archaeology it is deduced that the origin of astronomical observatories and almanac devices (stone circles, etc.) employed to fix and portray the principal points of the solar astronomical and solar vegetation years, is carried back to the valleys of the Euphrates and the Nile.

Sir Norman Lockyer has shown that the Pyramid builders of the IVth and Vth Egyptian Dynasties, must, from their astronomical cult, have come from the region of the Euphrates. He shows also, that nearly all the ancient year cults of the Nile Delta are connected with the Euphratean equinoctial year. Sir Flinders Petrie, too, finds an Euphratean origin for the Vth Dynasty of Egypt.

We find that the idea of the IVth Dynasty Great Pyramid builders in Egypt was the original of the idea followed by all the megalithic builders from Egypt to Spain and Britain. The Great Pyramid was built, not alone as a Sundial of the day, but in its external features, as a Sundial of the Seasons.

D.A. Mackenzie observes that "the Celts appear to have embraced the Druidic system of the earlier Iberians in Western Europe, whose culture had been derived from that of the Oriental colonists.

At an early period in the Early Agricultural Age and before bronze working was introduced, England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, were influenced more directly than had hitherto been the case by the high civilizations of Egypt and Mesopotamia, and especially by their colonies in South-Western Europe."

Sir Norman Lockyer has commented that "it is interesting to note that, while the astronomical side of the inquiry suggests a close connection with Egyptian thought, the folklore and traditions, when studied in relation with the monuments, indicate a close connection between ancient BRITISH and the SEMITIC civilisations. The Druids of Caesar's time were undoubtedly the descendants of the astronomer-priests.

The circles and alignments of North-Western Europe lie on the Northern track of the megalithic builders from Western Asia and Egypt. But structures similar to Stonehenge are found along a line from the East on both sides of the Mediterranean. These occupy a remarkable position along a vast sea-board which includes the Mediterranean coast of Africa and the Atlantic coast of Europe, thus lying entirely along a natural sea route. The Druid culture of Ancient Britain had been water-borne to Britain rather than passing through Gaul.

The Libya-Amorite route between Western Asia and the Atlantic Coasts seems to have been almost entirely a sea route rather than a North African Coast-Land route. The distribution of megalithic buildings along the coast of North-Western Africa and South-Western Europe is denser than along the coast of North-Eastern Africa. This points to the fact that these monuments were erected near colonized ports of call along the sea route to the ancient Portuguese, Spanish, British, and Baltic metal, amber, and jet deposits. The period for this earliest activity in maritime commerce between Britain and the East dates from before 2000 BC to 1200 BC.

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## KOSOVO - THE EMERGENCE OF NEW WORLD POWERS

*"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*

*For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.*

*And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and (God hath remembered her iniquities.)" (Rev. 18:1-5)*

From Scripture it is clear that Great Babylon is that false, man-made, materialistic, anti-God order which at the end of the age would dominate the nations of the earth in all facets of life, its directing force being the acquisition of money and the power which money can exert. It is clear also that the Israel nations too are subject to this domination, hence the command to "*Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*"

If you don't think we are dominated by Babylon consider as an example the Kennett "Privatisation" programme being carried out here in our State of Victoria, one would think a place of little importance on the global scale. Public utilities sold off include the power generation and distribution system, the natural gas refining and distribution system, and the railway system.



These have been sold to huge multinational corporations, not to Victorian voters or rate payers, the real owners of these utilities! Among the tenderers for the purchase of V-Line were Freight *Victoria* (dominated by Rail America) and the *Australian* Transport Network (comprised of US Wisconsin Central Rail Transport Corp., Tranz Rail (NZ), a NZ Investment Bank and Berkshire Partners - a Boston-based investing group), while other bidders are connected with General Electric, JP Morgan and international bankers SG Hambros. The new multi-million dollar toll road encircling Melbourne is also to be privatised.

Another recent proposal by the Kennett Government is to force every country town to be connected to a municipal sewerage system. When installed at the expense of ratepayers, these sewerage schemes will be attached to Regional Water Authorities which have been set up recently as businesses without community representation. Is Kennett's next move to sell off the State's water system to a multinational corporation?

(Ref. *On Target*, 16.7.99)  
Money, not service, is the criterion. From *The Age*, July 5, we learn that of the 200 most influential institutions on the planet, 160 are transnational corporations whose revenues would be greater than most nation states. As such corporations devour the sources of wealth worldwide, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. More and more we are becoming oppressed by the necessity to conform to the demands of globalization, from the global market, multiculturalism and republicanism, to the GST and genetically modified plants and food.

## ISRAEL IN BABYLON

The rapid expansion of "Babylon's" power and influence in this century has resulted in the gradual decline in the power and influence of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the USA. The more entangled they have allowed themselves to become in the Babylonian system the more rapid has been their decline.

In the period since WW2 neither British nor American power has been used wisely or decisively due to deteriorating leadership. This decline has progressed in proportion to the increase in their materialism and godlessness. These two once great Christian nations have steadily relinquished their roles as custodians of the tenets of the Kingdom of God and have sought to excel in the kingdom of men.

But as the ancient King Nebuchadnezzar was to learn, "... *the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.*" (Dan. 4:17) We have stark evidence of this today. God has indeed seemingly over all nations set up the "basest of men". It has been said that "the era of Thatcher and Reagan has been wholly eclipsed by the era of Blair and Clinton - leaders with no connection to the history that made their countries great, supported by electorates without a memory." But this has begun

a gradual relinquishment by the Israel Peoples of their leading roles in the "Kingdom of men", and will perhaps enable them more easily to "come out" of "Babylon".

The mantle of world super-power held first by Britain and then by the USA is now up for grabs as US power also is on the wane. We are reminded of the evil condition of Judah and Jerusalem at the time of their fall:

*"For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, the mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, the captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.*

*And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable."* (Isa. 3:1-5)

The United Kingdom of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland was for centuries invincible to European invasion, the British peoples possessing the combined strength of will and purpose necessary for resistance, as well as the protection of their Great God. By espousing the policy of Devolution the present leadership, a product of the liberal-socialism of the rebellious sixties which challenged every inherited tradition, is resolved on devolving away the parliamentary power from Westminster, the "Mother of Parliaments", so destroying the last vestiges of the greatest and most benign empire ever known.

## THE BALKANS

With more than two-thirds of American cold war forces pulled out of Europe the war in Kosovo has highlighted the decline in the power and prestige of both Britain and American. In the World's eyes NATO has failed and British and American leadership is being criticised both globally and within their own borders. Just as British super-status was eclipsed by the USA, so now American super-status is being eclipsed as other nations compete to fill the power vacuum.

The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, which was expected to usher in a new era of peace, stability and prosperity, democracy and global capitalism. However, this decade has seen violent currency exchange-rate fluctuations, the S.E. Asia economic melt-down and the collapse of the Russian, Mexican and Latin American economies.

Despite the USA's apparent economic growth and low inflation, the economy has underlying weaknesses: an extremely over-valued and soaring stock market which is presently fuelling the

US economy; negative personal saving rates; high foreign borrowing; a severely bloated national debt, interest on which accumulates at approximately \$40 million per hour; and a huge ballooning trade deficit expected to reach \$300 billion this year leading to inflation and higher interest rates. Then there is the enormous cost of the Kosovo war.

## Germany:

The only real winner in the war with Yugoslavia is Germany who grows stronger as Britain and the USA grow weaker. A secret Intelligence Report dated 7.11.44 has disclosed the plans made then to rebuild the Nazi Empire after WW2. Large sums of money were allocated by the German Government to industrialists so they could engage in underground activity after Germany's defeat, creating a flow of capital to neutral countries to enable a secure post-war foundation to be established in foreign lands. Financial reserves in these countries were to be at the disposal of the Party so a strong German Empire could be gradually built up after the defeat.

The European Union has been described as a "cloak for German ambitions". Germany has been pressuring the US, who owns 75% of NATO power, to help carry out these ambitions. To control Europe Germany must control the Balkans, and therefore strongly encouraged the NATO attacks. However, Germany's fiercest enemies are the Serbs (Yugoslavia) whose policy this century has been to prevent German expansionism in the Balkans. Germany has long historical ties to Slovenia and Croatia. Slovenia being once part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, many in Slovenia still lean towards Germany.

In December, 1991, Germany recognized breakaway Slovenia and Croatia, in spite of strong opposition by the UN, the EU and the US, and supported them with troops and armaments. One week later the Vatican recognized Croatia too. A month later the EU recognized the two states not wishing to confront Germany, as did the US who changed from blaming Germany for provoking Yugoslavia's civil war to supporting Germany's decision militarily. Then the civil war spread to Bosnia Herzegovina and the Serbs lost control of a large part of this republic also.

Yugoslavia had existed as a unified country since 1919 except for one period in WW2 when Hitler made Croatia his puppet state, Croatia being ruled by a pro-Nazi regime. Over 700,000 Serbs were slaughtered by Croatia in WW2 - hence the Serbs' uneasiness about the Vatican/German alliance with Croatia. During 1992/94 Germany exported \$320 million worth of military hardware to Croatia and committed 4,000 troops inside that country to enforce the peace agreement. German interests are best served by a weakened Serbia.



Kosovo is composed of 90% Albanians. Albania and Germany have good relations, Albania recognizing Germany as one of the most important countries in its foreign policy. While Germany is the strongest foreign industrial power in Albania, 600,000 Albanians reside in Germany including the families of many Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) guerrillas.

The KLA was deliberately raised up and supported by Germany to fight the Serbs in a war begun by the German supported Albanians. Comments re "genocide" and "concentration camps" in Serbia were initiated by the German Defence Minister. In 1987 the KLA "ethnically cleansed" 1,000 Serbs and Croatian "ethnic cleansing" of Serbs this decade was hushed up.

Germany is pushing hard for an independent European military force and is to play an active security role in Europe. Under NATO the deployment of German ground and air forces in combat roles has now been accepted by the West.

In return for becoming the main base of operations for the peace-keeping forces in Yugoslavia, Albania has had its economy and infrastructure improved and maintained by NATO. When NATO withdraws this will be taken over by the German-led EU thus giving Germany access to a warm-water port in the Balkans - the warm deep-water port of Tirana on the coast of Albania, near the junction of the Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas.

But there is more to the Kosovo war than Germany's push for power. Don Harkins, Spotlight, July 5, 1999, quotes from *Kosovo: the War is about the Mines* by Sara Flounders, who quotes from a *New York Times* reporter:

"The sprawling, state-owned Trepca mining complex, the most valuable piece of real estate in the Balkans, is worth at least \$5 billion."

Harkins says that the mines apparently contain rich veins of lead, zinc, cadmium, gold and silver, and that Kosovo has 17 billion tons of coal reserves. He sees America throwing billions of dollars in military hardware into the peace-keeping effort so the global socialists can set up a puppet government that will allow the international industrialist/bankers to plunder the resources of a sovereign people.

German expansion will not stop in the Balkans. Already a German airbase has been established on US soil at Alamogordo, New Mexico, and German pilots are in America learning to fly American war planes. Germans are now studying computer technology deeply as it is the basis of America's defence and military operations.

## Russia:

Behind the facade of Perestroika Russia is rebuilding her empire

using millions of "lost" or "unaccounted for" aid dollars. Although Russia had been refused any further aid, the Kosovo war saw America fawning over Russia and requiring her to broker a peace deal with Belgrade. The inducement given by the IMF was \$2 billion.

In his article in *Spotlight* 5.7.99 Mike Blair gave the following information:

\*The deal hammered out in Helsinki, Finland on June 19 left the Russians in control of a vital airport in the capital of Pristina. The agreement negotiated by US Secretary of Defence William Cohen with Russian Defence Minister Marshall Igor Sergeyev on the issue of the part the Russians will play in so-called "peacekeeping" efforts in the war-torn Yugoslav province of Kosovo has been hailed as a great achievement for the Clinton administration and NATO, but the Establishment media has only glossed over the fine print.

When Cohen met with Sergeyev, the Russians held a dagger to his throat - some 300 of their crack airborne troops in total control of the Pristina airport - and the Russians were refusing entry to NATO forces.

Much of the Pristina airport is built underground to make it survivable under nuclear attack. Despite being hit numerous times by NATO bombers, Yugoslav MIG jet fighters based there came through the bombardment undamaged in underground hangars. The airport was considered by Yugoslav forces as one of its top-secret facilities.

The airport is key to the future of NATO occupation of Kosovo because most supplies and support for the peacekeeping forces must pass through it. At the end of the Cohen-Sergeyev negotiations, a deal was signed by both which left the airport in Russian control. Russian troop strength there was increased to 750 men.

By the time the agreement was made the Russians had already turned the airport into a fortress. It was ringed with a barrier of dug-in snipers to discourage any infiltration. The deal allowed the airport to remain the headquarters for Russia's agreed upon 3,600 troops in Kosovo, with its commander also in charge of the airport itself.

Also under the agreement, the Russian troops would have 16 liaison officers in Kosovo and would patrol the province in three main areas: the northern part of the sector controlled by US forces, the northwestern part of a sector under German control and a small piece of French-controlled sector in the north.

The key word here is "north". The Russians will have a presence in the part of Kosovo most important to the Serbs - the north - where most of the religious sites are located, as well as many of the province's mines and natural resources.\*

\*So two protagonists for the position of the World's super-power vie for advantage while a third, the Peoples Republic of China, works relentlessly in the background.



## CHINA TODAY

In 1949 Mao Tse-tung overthrew Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist Government. Mao unified China causing the deaths of 20 million dissidents - his own people. A further one million Chinese lives were lost in the fighting with America in South Korea.

At that time Taiwan represented China, having a seat in the United Nations. But during the Nixon administration the US recognised Communist China and became allied with it against Russia. In 1971 Henry Kissinger - Nixon's national security adviser - secretly advised Chinese leaders in Beijing that the US would not support Taiwan's independence and three months later the Peoples Republic of China was admitted into the UN and Taiwan lost its seat. Sino-American relations had been built on a one-China (PRC) policy.

In 1976 Mao died and Deng Xiaoping established diplomatic relations with any country who would help China to modernize and prosper economically, seeking American technology. Western education and free trade.

The Carter Administration in 1978 was first to formalize diplomatic relations with China. China was given "Most Favoured Nation" trade status and a Student Exchange Programme. Joint intelligence operations were formalized and the Nixon Administration's line of considering Taiwan as part of China was followed. This was done with a view to strengthening the anti-Soviet bloc in Asia and led to a generous trade surplus for China. Student exchange Programmes in the 1980's involved 80,000 Chinese students, most of whom graduated in Science and Technology subjects, while very few American students went to China.

China was aiming to be a world power by the year 2000.

In 1979, against the President's wishes, a bipartisan coalition in Washington legislated the Taiwan Relations Act - allowing Taiwan to purchase enough arms to defend itself, and for US intervention in case Taiwan was attacked.

In 1983 the Reagan administration admitted China to the Foreign Military Sales Programme allowing China to purchase American weapons on a line of US credit. Taiwan was allowed to keep pace with China's build-up of arms. However, at this time America's own arms build-up dwarfed that of both China and Taiwan.

But for years China has stockpiled conventional weapons and from 1980-87 had exported \$8.7 million of low-cost weapons to Middle East nations like Iran and Iraq.



In 1989 George Bush, the new President, tried to strengthen ties with Beijing by visiting Deng Xiaoping. This visit was followed by Gorbachev three months later when all strain in Soviet/Sino relations came to an end. Pro-democracy rallies gathered momentum in China and on June 3/4 the Tiananmen Square massacre took place.

1989 saw the Soviet Union crumbling. But China remained the same totalitarian regime as before, only more modern and with a burgeoning economy. This all resulted in:

1. A US ban on high level contacts between the US and China;
2. Strict trade sanctions against China;
3. A US-led freeze on international loans for China; and
4. A ban on military contacts with China.

But these did not last long. Within weeks Bush had sent contacts to Beijing for secret talks and had relaxed trade sanctions, approved the sale of four Boeing jet engines and approved the export of two Hughes Aircraft satellites to China. Chinese officials were allowed to work in Long Island Grumman Plant towards upgrading China's ageing air force. Six months after Tiananmen Square the loan freeze had ended and Beijing had the same line of credit as before.

By 1990 Soviet/American relations had changed because of the ending of the cold war, but relations with China had not changed. China was important to the United States, not now for providing help against the Soviet but because of the potential harm it might do by exporting missiles and nuclear technology. Previously close ties with China had been needed as a counterweight to Russia. Now they were seen to be necessary to prevent China from proliferating dangerous weapons.

In 1991 Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton gave an impassioned speech against Bush and ties with China. However, with the cold war ended and the Soviet threat gone US defence spending was slashed. This meant that the Defence Industry was looking for new customers. The Gulf War of 1991 had been closely watched by China to assess how much further it had to go to modernise.

By 1993 China, the fastest growing economy in the world with an annual trade surplus of \$15 billion from the US, had tripled its defence spending. That same year Clinton was sworn in and determined to toughen up on China by making its MFN (Most Favoured Nation) status dependent upon its human rights record. Three months later Clinton put sanctions on China for shipping M-11 missile parts to Pakistan. This restricted China's import of "dual-use" (military & civil) type technology such as high-speed computers and satellites.

But nine months after being sworn in Clinton gave in to big business (including the Defence Industry) which was eager to

burst China's market of 1.2 billion people. Clinton about-faced and proceeded to strengthen diplomatic ties with China even further, to a "strategic partnership".

The post cold war period saw a proliferation of dangerous weapons. The disbanding of Soviet States resulted in missing nuclear warheads, and related items. Poorly paid Russian scientists and physicists found work aiding rogue states like Iran to develop nuclear programmes. Russia made much needed money by exporting military hardware, while at the same time the US itself was exporting military hardware under the name of "technology".

Before the end of the cold war American technological secrets had been well guarded and trade restrictions did not affect the business community greatly as the Defence Budget was very large. But after the cold war, trade barriers crashed.

From 1993-98 the Clinton Administration initiated the most sweeping deregulation of export controls ever in America, which has severely compromised American security. This deregulation has resulted in breached security, scandals and investigations as the burden of tracking items used for suspicious purposes was placed upon the businesses selling them, rather than upon the Government. Before strict computer export controls were lifted in 1996 China had only three US made Computer systems. Today she has over 300. In 1998, of the 390 Super Computers exported by the US half went to China.

However, the ban on exporting ballistic missiles, spy satellites or advance fighter technology was not lifted. To obtain these China had to steal them. A Chinese espionage ring has been discovered which, operating since the 1980's, has been responsible for stealing some of America's most sensitive technology involved in designs of nuclear weapons, e.g., the neutron warhead technology, and advanced radar technology for submarine tracking.

What does China intend to do with its massive arsenal? In 1991 China delivered missiles and military equipment to Pakistan, Syria and Iran, the last two being supporters of international terrorism. In 1996 Beijing exported nuclear weapons technology to Pakistan; and in 1997 Iran received from Chinese firms with fronts in Hong Kong, equipment for chemical weapons.

In summary:  
America's policy of partnership with China has not worked. It has not stopped the proliferation of dangerous weapons. It has not improved China's human rights. It has not slowed China's massive arms build-up. It has not stopped China from becoming a bully in S.E. Asia. It has not helped Sino-American relations - quite the reverse.

Instead, America has created a monster in S.E. Asia.

China aims to be the dominant naval power in the West Pacific within 20 years, pushing its coastline out 1,000 miles to envelop Japan, the Philippines and the South China Sea by 2010, and Darwin by the following decade. By 2050 it expects to be a super power. Thirteen of China's intercontinental ballistic missiles equipped with nuclear warheads are already pointed at the US.

America's leadership - shallow, short-sighted, naive and greedy - has enabled the poor, poverty-stricken country left by Mao Tse-tung to become in 25 years a world power. It was China who sanctioned the US, suspending diplomatic relations, military contacts and human rights discussion, after NATO's bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade.  
(Ref. The Philadelphia Trumpet May & June 1999)

We are witnessing today the final rise to power of the Anti-God nations of the Kingdom of Men as God's blessings on the Israel nations are withdrawn because of their apostasy, and their power diminishes. Will their weakness and vulnerability bring about their repentance and cause them to turn back to their God for deliverance from oppression or invasion?

Scripture indicates that when our Lord Jesus Christ returns worldly nations and the forces of evil will oppose Him. The final phase of His return will be His victory over these, prior to His millennial reign on earth. Revelation chapter 19 verses 11-21 portray these events.

*"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."*

*His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

*And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.  
And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

*And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

*And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. (Rev. 19:11-16)*

## WHAT ARE WE TOLD ABOUT OUR LORD'S EARTHLY KINGDOM?

As the prosperity of the British world drains away there will be many who will find themselves in the predicament prophesied by the Prophet Isaiah: "*Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water...*" (Isa. 1:22) Indeed the whole planet is groaning under stress of the exigent aim for more and more wealth. Its result has been poverty, ill-health, harvest failure, environmental destruction, wars, inequity, injustice, persecution, and much else.

The key to our Lord's Kingdom on earth is the restoration of His Covenant People to a right relationship with Himself and the demonstration to a sick world of His righteous government and its resultant rewards. We are told in Jeremiah 31, and Paul repeats this in his Epistle to the Hebrews chapter 8. "*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: and they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*"

The LAW, which is the basis of all perfect administration will be kept. With what result? "*If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.*" (Lev. 26:3-6) "*And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.*" (Lev. 26:11-12)

HEALTH will be the natural condition of life: "*Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.*" (Isa. 35:5-6)

"*There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.*" (Isa. 65:20) There are no sinners in heaven but in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. To those who live

God's law an hundred years will be as childhood, but those who willingly break it will suffer its consequences.

PROSPERITY will be general, not just for the rich.

"*And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.*" (Isa. 65:21-23)

The JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT of our Lord will be righteous. "*... he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*" (Isa. 11:3-5) "*And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*" (Micah 4:3-4)

"*They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse (the father of King David and therefore a forefather of Christ), which shall stand for an ensign (standard bearer) of the people (the House of Jacob); to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.*" (Isa. 11:9-10) "*Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever.*" (Isa. 9:7)

As yet it is only His original earthly kingdom, Israel, which was formed for this purpose. The kingdom has yet to spread till "*the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ*". "*And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain (nation) of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains (the nations), and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain (nation) of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion (the place of government) shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (the place of worship).*" (Isa. 2:2-3)

What a privilege it will be to be in our Lord's Kingdom. However, much greater will be the privilege for those who at His return, rise to meet Him in the air to be forever with Him, carrying out His commands in the administration of His Kingdom. (Ref. 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 20:4-6) (Ed.)



## THE GREAT PYRAMID - Part 7

### MEASURES

"The evidence of archaeology, folklore, and tradition - together with the astronomical alignments and datings - has established the Eastern origin of the builders of Stonehenge. This evidence has shown that the astronomical ideas of the British megalithic builders had been formulated in ancient Egypt. This formulation reached its highest phase of constructional expression in the work of the Great Pyramid builders.

The connection thus established between early Britain and ancient Egypt leads at once to a further discovery. The megalithic builders who monumentalised in Britain the science of the ancient Egyptians employed in their constructions a system of measures in use in ancient Egypt. The route of the megalithic builders is the route of the ancient system of measures from the East into Britain."

"... the Stonehenge Circle is a constructional expression of the geometrical relations holding between the ancient Egyptian square and linear systems of measures. Its constructional diameter is an important Egyptian unit of linear measure. The area defined by this diameter - i.e., the circular area precisely internal to the outer ring of stones, is the exact area of an important Egyptian unit of square measure.

The great unit of surface measure in ancient Egypt was the *aroura*. This was a square of length of side of an hundred common Egyptian cubits of 20.63 British inches each. This square was divided into four quarter squares - the *quarter aroura* being employed as a separate unit of square measure. The diameter of the circle equal in area to the *quarter aroura* is 1163 British inches. A circle of this diameter falls precisely internal to the outer ring of stones forming the circle of Stonehenge..... Thus at Stonehenge we find the Egyptian *quarter aroura* set out in circular structural form to define, by its alignments, the points and circuit of the solar year. A similar association held between the *quarter aroura* and the year in ancient Egypt."

In Egyptian inscriptions there are two hieroglyphic representations of the year - one indicated by a *square* the other indicated by a *circle*. ".... the *aroura* was derived from a representation of the year in measures. The original representation was in the form of a circle. The circumference of this circle measured 3652.42 selected units of length. This represented the circle of the solar year to a scale of 10 selected units of length to a day. The diameter then measured 1162.6 selected units of length.



To reduce the **circular area** thus defined to a **form** suitable for land measuring, a rectangle was formed of length 3652.42 equal to the **circumference** of the circle, and of breadth 1162.6 equal to the **diameter** of the circle. The area of this rectangle was therefore equal to **four times** the area of the circle. The rectangle thus produced was the intermediate stage of the **aroura**.

Transformed into the form of a **square of equal area**, the **aroura** became a square of length of side 2060.66 selected units. The division of the **aroura** square side into 100 parts supplied the **common Egyptian cubit of 20.6066 units**, which is equal to 20.63 British inches."

"The Egyptians formulated a system of measures that, in the case of circular areas, and sectors of circles, avoided the repeatedly recurring trouble of the *pi* relationship. By employing in their everyday work separate units and scale for circumferences, diameters, and areas, they avoided calculations that embodied the troublesome ratio of diameter to circumference. Simple formulae were drawn up from which the circumferences and areas of circles, or sectors of circles, were immediately obtained from the diameter, or vice versa."

#### The principal units of measure were derived:

- (A) from the **diameter** of the "year circle",  
 64 diametric cubits of 18.1656 Primitive inches  
 (equalling 18.1856 British inches)  
 100 diametric feet of 11.626 P.ins. (11.6388 B.ins.)  
 1600 diametric digits of 0.7266 P.ins. (0.7274 B.ins.) and  
 (B) from the **circumference**,  
 200 circumferential cubits of 18.2621 P.ins. (18.2822 B.ins.)  
 300 circumferential feet of 12.1748 P. ins. (12.1881 B.ins.)  
 5000 circumferential digits of 0.7305 P.ins. (0.7313 B.ins.)

#### The Sacred Hebrew Cubit:

It can be seen therefore that there are 25 Diametric Digits in the Diametric Cubit, and 25 Circumferential Digits in the Circumferential Cubit. This suggests that the **Basal Cubit** of the original Primitive inch system consisted of 25 P. ins. This is the value of the **Sacred Hebrew Cubit** as derived by Sir Isaac Newton, and since confirmed by the metrological researches of Oppert, Petrie, and others. This points to a Euphratean origin.

"Completing this connection, Petrie finds the 24 inches' cubit in use in Egypt during the period of Dynasty XVIII. At this time the Egyptian language and the political and religious institutions of Egypt were strongly influenced by a powerful Semitic (Shemitic) faction in Egypt. Around the same time Stonehenge and similar monuments were being built in Britain by a race

whose astronomical and metrological cults evidence Egyptian influence, yet whose folklore and traditions indicate Semitic origins.

The Sacred Cubit of 25 P.ins. never occurs in Egypt unless during periods of Semitic dominance. The other systems belong to the whole period of Egyptian history. That these systems were derived from the scale of the Sacred Cubit of 25 P.ins. confirms that the Egyptian units of measure were not formulated in Egypt but derive from the former civilization.

The Foot or Sacred Half-cubit of 12.5 inches:

The half-cubit (12.5 inches) appears in Babylonia as the 'foot' of the Babylonian system of measures. It appears in ancient Greece (12.44-12.62 B.ins.), in Etruria (12.45 B.ins.), in 'Roman' Britain, and in medieval England (12.47 B.ins.)"

"A statute of Richard I, belonging to the year 1199, defines an acre in Cornwall as '40 perches in length and 4 in breadth and every perch of 16 feet in length.' Cornwall was the principal British centre of the Oriental colonists from 2000 BC onwards. Their influence still predominates in the folklore, traditions, and customs of Cornwall.

It is obviously from this race, with its Mediterranean and Atlantic ports of call, that ancient Greece, Etruria and Britain derived the Sacred half-cubit of 12.5 P.inches. Now 16 feet of 12.5 P.ins. give the ancient perch in Cornwall as consisting of 200 P.ins. The perch or rod of more recent times consisted of 16.5 feet of 12 inches, or 198 inches..... The inch remained the basal unit, unchanged, except for small local variations."

The legal 'foot' of 12 inches was instituted in the 10th century but the 'Belgic foot' of 13 and one third inches, and the foot of 12.5 inches continued to compete with it even during the 15th century. The 'Belgic foot' originated around Asia Minor, averaging 13.35 B. ins. and passed to Greece as 13.36 B. ins. But 13 and one third Primitive inches (of value 1.0011 British inches) equal 13.348 B. ins. or 13.35 B. ins., as in Asia Minor."

"Egypt is only a stage in the tracing of origins to their source in a former (Adamic) civilisation. The Egyptians, at an early date, lost the meaning and application of much that they have handed on to later days for elucidation."

Petrie's investigations of buildings in Greece indicate that the system used was the mean of the two early Egyptian systems - the diametric and the circumferential, while the Roman system of measures was derived, through the Greeks, from the Egyptian diametric system. The 'Roman foot' appears in Medieval England as 11.6 B. ins.

#### Ancient Records of an Egyptian Pyramid of Measures:

"The data from ancient Egyptian documentary sources show that the various metrological dimensions and standards of linear and square measure were **preserved in the form of an existing Pyramid**. The primary unit of measurement, the various outstanding dimensions and structural peculiarities, and the angles of the face slope and the Apex angle of this existing Pyramid are all **precisely defined** by the **Egyptian literary data**.

The data define a) the general basis of the Pyramid's design:

- the unit of dimensions: - 1 P. inch (1.0011 B.inch)
- the angle of the face slope with the horizontal: - 51deg.-51'-14".3
- the Apex angle: - 76deg.-17'-31".4
- the Base square Circuit :- 36,524/5 P.ins. as equalling 1,772 common Egyptian cubits ( of 20.63 B. ins.)
- the Height from base to apex:- 5,813 P.ins."

Other details of design were also given.

#### Fictitious Egyptian Pyramid Dynastology and Chronology:

"The Pyramid measures thus standardised were all associated with the geometry of the year. For this and other reasons the Egyptians of various periods, subsequent to the erection of the monument, deemed that all its measurements denoted the duration in years of astronomical periods. In accordance with this conception, they formulated various systems of fictitious or mythological chronology. Each cult had its particular system, always, however, based numerically on the Pyramid year cycle geometry. Each system claimed to be a presentation of the chronology of the Egyptian Dynasties - Divine and human. The systems all differed considerably, so that it is impossible to synchronize the various intervals given for the same Dynastic periods.

All the systems in existence in the third century BC, were edited by the Egyptian priest, Manetho, and entered in his work on Egyptian history, "Aegyptiaci," written in Greek. Several versions of the systems of fictitious chronology, known as the Egyptian "King Lists" were extracted from Manetho's work by Julius Africanus in the third century AD..... Another version was preserved by Eusebius - also in the third century AD. The versions of Africanus and Eusebius were, in turn, preserved by George Syncellus about 800 AD..... However, the version preserved by Eusebius has been demonstrated to have been in use in the fifth century BC - 700 years before Africanus was born, and 200 years before Manetho.

It was at a comparatively late period of Egyptian history that the



Egyptians constructed their various systems of fictitious chronology. This they did by substituting years of alleged Egyptian history for Pyramid inches in important measurements of the Great Pyramid.

So extensively did the Egyptians adopt the outstanding measurements of the Great Pyramid in their fictitious systems of chronology that the Great Pyramid's external features, dimensions, and units can be derived without any prior reference to the Great Pyramid. Were the Pyramid not now in existence its external form, dimensions, and units, together with its principal external features, could be reconstructed entirely from the Dynastological Lists of the Egyptians.

The unsystematic manner in which the Egyptians adopted Pyramid measurements as the basis of astronomical periods in their King Lists clearly indicates that they had nothing but a general vague tradition to guide them. They proceeded to extract measurements without regard to sequence or principle....

The compilers of the King Lists added the measurements of radii to the measurements of arcs, horizontal distances to vertical distances and totalled measurements in cubits together with measurements in inches. However the single idea they did adhere to was that the Pyramid base circuit contained a representation of the Period of Precession. One school adopted the sum of the base diagonals as giving the Period in inches for years. Another school adopted the base circuit in inches for years, as defining the Period. The difference between the two conceptions amounted to 10,698 years, or twice the duration of the human kings given in one summation of the Lists preserved by Africanus.

Nevertheless, in their oral tradition, possibly without much understanding of the facts, the Egyptian priests retained many valuable items of astronomical knowledge. This is indicated by the manner and sequence in which the Greeks derived their knowledge of science from the Egyptians. It was only after the seed of freedom, sown by the rising Greek nations, had produced independent philosophers, and when these philosophers had commenced to visit the Egyptians and Chaldeans, that the meagre information gleaned from the priests and independently derived from the empirical rules, was reduced to its crude Greek first principles.

Thus, Professor G. Forbes states that "the Egyptian priests tried to keep such astronomical knowledge as they possessed to themselves"; and, as indicating the reluctance with which they parted with information, Sir G. Wilkinson states that "Iamblichus says that the Greek Pythagoras (c. 540-500 BC) derived his information upon different sciences from Egypt, he learnt philosophy from the priests; and his theories of comets, numbers, and music were doubtless from the same source; but the great repugnance evinced by the Egyptian Priests to receive

Pythagoras, will account for their withholding from him much that they knew, though his great patience, and his readiness to comply with their regulations, even to the rite of circumcision, obtained for him more information than was imparted to any other Greek."

"In light of the facts we now possess from the monuments, the ancient accounts of the sojourn of Pythagoras in Egypt picture him as a skilful cross-examiner eliciting information from a reluctant Priesthood. We can picture the Egyptian Priests striving to impress Pythagoras with the vast extent of their own learning and at the same time seeking to obscure the real facts - and their own ignorance of the derivation of the facts - by dogmatic and mystifying assertions. Nevertheless, their long association with a credulous and easily satisfied laity ill fitted them for dealing in debate with an intellect so original, independent, and penetrating as that of Pythagoras.

As previously stated, the external features, dimensions, and units of the Great Pyramid, when studied *in plan*, give, precisely and accurately, every essential value of the Earth's orbit, and its motions. These include the values of the Anomalistic, Sidereal and Solar years, the mean Sun distance, the Sun's diameter, and the maximum and minimum values of the eccentricity of the Earth's orbit. It can be appreciated, therefore, how and why Pythagoras - having studied the science of the Egyptians - was enabled to enunciate, **over 2,000 years before the truth was generally realised**, that the planets revolve round the Sun.

Coincident with the political and commercial rise of the Greek States, and the development of Hellenic science and arts, we can trace the decline, politically and commercially, of Egypt, and the accelerated decadence of Egyptian science and art. Greek philosophers hastened to absorb the virtues of the dying race - and many of its vices. Greek mercenaries, from the middle of the 7th century BC onwards, found military employment in Egypt. Pandering to the cults, the Greeks gradually undermined, throughout a succession of generations, the basis of the Egyptian national constitution. Slowly they Hellenized a nation for whom Hellenism meant disintegration.

After the conquest of Egypt by Alexander the Great, the Greeks monumentalised their indebtedness to the Egyptians in the sciences and arts, by founding, during the reign of Ptolemy I, the famous library of Alexandria. From this age onwards, a long succession of Greek geometers, astronomers and philosophers, in the various schools of Alexandria, maintained the connection with Egypt. Here all the learning that was gleaned and developed from the priests of the dying cults was reduced to literary form and method. Sadly, in AD 642 the famous library was burnt by orders of the Caliph Omar."

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### A QUESTION OF FAITH

"In *Jesus 2000: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Millennium Message* to be published this year, he writes:

"I can tell you frankly that while we can be absolutely sure Jesus lived and was certainly crucified on the cross, we cannot with the same certainty say we know He was raised by God from the dead." (*Herald Sun* 2/8/99)

Knowing how the Media of this day and age misquotes statements and misemphasizes details to make a story and invite debate or controversy, it is difficult to know just what the Archbishop's statement really meant to convey. However, we must disagree with his reported statement and **proclaim with confidence that we can know with certainty that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, if we believe that the New Testament Scriptures are the Word of God, and accept the testimony presented in them of that wonderful event.** But how reliable is this testimony and how authentic are the statements made by the "witnesses" as quoted in the Gospels?

Fragments of chapter 26 of Matthew's Gospel, a book of possibly 150 pages, which were held from 1901 at Magdalen College Oxford and known as the Magdalen Papyrus, are the oldest NT fragments extant. Carston Thiede's rediscovery and dating of these fragments, using modern forensic science, has led to renewed efforts to **correctly date and thus to authenticate the New Testament Scriptures.** Mr. Thiede's book *The Jesus Papyrus* was quoted at some length in the Supplement to the Monthly Notes of August, 1998, but some of his remarks are worth repeating.

"There is now **good reason to suppose that the Gospel according to St Matthew, with its detailed accounts of the Sermon on the Mount and the Great Commission, was written not long after the Crucifixion and certainly before the destruction of the Temple in AD 70; that the Gospel**



according to St Mark was distributed early enough to reach Qumran; that the Gospel according to St Luke belonged to the very first generation of Christian codices; and that the internal evidence suggests a date before AD 70 even for the non-synoptic Gospel according to St John..... These are the first stirrings of a major process of scholarly reappraisal. It concerns all of the Gospels. It affects everyone who has read them or will read them..... For centuries, science has quarrelled with faith..... Yet empirical science may prove to be the handmaiden of faith rather than its arch-enemy. This process of re-evaluation is an opportunity for ordinary people to look afresh at the New Testament and its relevance to their lives."

"The men and women who founded the first Christian communities did so with remarkable speed and organizational skill, driven no doubt by a sense of apocalyptic mission and absolute spiritual responsibility..... And what more practical need could the early communities have felt than the need for authentic information about their Lord and Saviour? It is odd that the question of accurate witness has been accorded so little significance by recent scholars, given that it was clearly so important to the New Testament authors themselves.

The Lucan Evangelist says that his history was handed to him 'by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word' (Luke 1:2, REV). The author of St. John, likewise, stresses that his account of the soldier piercing Jesus' side when he was on the Cross is based on eyewitness evidence: 'He who saw it has borne witness - his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth - that you also may believe' (John 19:35, REV). Later the Evangelist is identified as 'the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true' (John 21:24, REV). This suggests, like John 1:14, that the author also included many of his readers among the eyewitnesses of Jesus' life and resurrection..... The communities for whom the Gospels were written valued accurate testimony. To be a witness to Christ was to be part of a spiritual elite. In Acts 10:41, Jesus is said to have appeared 'not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses' (REV). It was not a claim made lightly or simply for show. The question of reliable witness was evidently one of deadly seriousness.

Textual scholar Birger Gerhardsson ..... has shown how important the accurate transmission and learning by heart of holy tradition were in the Jewish milieu of the first century AD. Diligent memorization of important texts and sayings, he argues, was a sacred task. Paul speaks often of a tradition which was handed over and received between Christians (e.g. 2 Thess. 2:15) So does Matthew in chapter 15 of his Gospel (vs. 1-9). The transmission of the good news from witness to witness,

from witness to convert, from convert to scribe, was probably 'conscious, deliberate, and programmatic'. This, as Gerhardsson is the first to point out, does not mean that the Gospels were a stenographer's account of the life and work of Jesus. Equally, however, 'there is no reason to suppose that any believer in the early church could create traditions about Jesus and expect that his word would be accepted.'

Gerhardsson's work .... has much to tell us about the formal relationship between memory and text in the first decades of Christianity. The redating of the Jesus Papyrus should be considered in this context. If St Matthew was written before the destruction of the Temple - perhaps many years before - it was written for men and women who would look upon the events it described as recent reality rather than generations-old folklore. Some of them would have had direct experience of Jesus' ministry; many more would know those who claimed to have seen the miracles, the raising of the dead, even the risen Christ. Their faith was a tradition in the sense that it was a shared, recent experience rather than a body of folklore that had taken decades to evolve."

"Many criteria have been proposed as ways of establishing the Gospels' authenticity. But surely.... the 'criterion of antiquity' - has been overlooked? If material is older, it is *prima facie* more likely to be a reliable account of what happened. A diary written on the day of an event is - in most cases - better evidence than a memoir written forty years later..... a religious text written twenty years after the events it describes is radically different from one written forty years after..... If the so-called 'tunnel' separating the life of Jesus from the work of the Evangelists was short - perhaps years rather than decades - then we need not assume that their recollections were faulty or fabricated.... The redating does strengthen the view that, .... 'the Gospels are not a doctrinal speculation but the attestation of a fact'."

"Whether or not one believes these events happened is entirely a matter of personal faith. What should not be doubted is that the authors of the Gospels considered them of overwhelming and perhaps even terrifying significance. We need to imagine people breathless with history, overcome by the impulse to record a quite exceptional occurrence. They felt a divinely inspired obligation to tell the world and posterity that God had been made flesh. If we lose sight of this elemental truth about the origin of the Gospels - if we .... forget their sheer urgency - we lose sight of what these extraordinary books really are."

"The authors of the Gospels could hear far more than the faintest whisper of Jesus' voice. Indeed, the first readers of St Matthew may have heard the very words which the Nazarene preacher spoke during His ministry; may have listened to the parables when they were first delivered to the present crowd;

may even have asked the wise man questions and waited respectfully for answers. The voice they heard was not a whisper but the passionate oratory of a real Man ..... whose teaching would change the world....."

The redating of the Gospels - a process which is only now beginning in earnest - provides an unexpected convergence of faith and history; a filling-in of what has been called the 'ugly ditch' between the two. "For if the Gospels are more authentic than we thought, then perhaps the gap between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith is not as great as academics have claimed and some Christians feared. These extraordinary books stand before us bathed in a new light of understanding. Jesus' voice seems anything but a whisper. In this sense, the Magdalen Papyrus speaks not only to the minds of scholars but to the hearts of all people." (From: *The Jesus Papyrus* by C.P. Thiede & M. D'Ancona)

## FAITH IS THE KEY ISSUE

The belief of Biblical statements is a matter of FAITH. If the Archbishop has difficulty in believing them it is sad not only for him, but also for all those under his guidance.

Faith, however, is not something which one person can explain or prove to another. It is a GIFT of God, something intangible yet very powerful and very active in the lives of those who do exercise this great gift. It is a way of life and the controlling force in life for those who live by its power. Read Hebrews chapter 11. By faith we learn to walk with God in worship, obedience and confidence, to please Him and to witness for Him. By faith many throughout the ages have been able to suffer persecution and withstand grievous trials.

Israel's early history is marked by men of great faith - Abraham, Joseph, Moses, King David, Daniel and other prophets. In more recent times men of faith, such as Lord Shaftesbury and William Wilberforce, worked against social abuses and changed the course of history.

"Faith," we are told, "is the evidence (proof) of things not seen". (Heb. 11:1) Faith is the evidence of one's BELIEF. "The just shall live by faith" (Heb. 10:38) but "... faith without works is dead" (Jam. 2:20 & 26). True faith then must result in action. Therefore faith enables the believer to say, "I am willing, Lord, to accept whatever happens in my life as being from You", and also to be confident that He will guide and preserve them through life's difficult patches as well as its pleasant ones. Faith teaches us to be thankful for both, for difficulties teach us to practise faith so that it grows stronger. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thess. 5:18)



Those who claim to be Christians and do not know the **certainty** of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the **living reality** of faith in their lives need to consider their beliefs carefully.

The Works of our Lord Jesus Christ witnessed to the truth of **Who He was**, and to His perfect faith in His Father. These 'works' are recorded in Scripture but those who choose not to believe this record are not able to believe His Works either. Nor are they able to believe the witness of His **Resurrection**.

Witnesses have testified that they saw Him turn water into wine, walk on water, heal the sick - even when some distance intervened (John 4:46-54) - give sight to a man blind from birth, raise the dead (John 11:32-45), and many other wonderful works. They watched amazed as He revealed Himself to them as the Son of God, demonstrating that great power which was His as the Sinless Son in perfect communion with His Father, until He was cut off from His Father in order to bear the sin of the world. Then only could He be taken and cruelly put to death.

*"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* (Phil. 2:8-11)

Finally He was revealed in resurrection as the **Perfect Sinless Son of God** whose body the grave could not hold.

*"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom.....that ye may know..... the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand....."* (Eph. 1:17-20)

Dare we believe that God could not raise Him from the dead?

When Christ first appeared to His disciples after His resurrection they thought He was a spirit and were afraid but He said, *"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself, handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."* (Luke 24:39) Then later when Thomas, who was not present when the Lord had appeared to the disciples, was expressing his inability to believe what they told him, Christ entered the room and said, *"Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."* (John 20:25-27)

Testifying to the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the Day of Pentecost Peter stated: *"This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof*

*we all are witnesses,"* (Acts 2:32) In Peter's great audience on this occasion were many priests, Scribes and Pharisees, who had been responsible for His death, and possibly even Roman soldiers who had guarded His tomb, just fifty days before. When Peter made the assertion that the Christ whom they had crucified (v. 23) had arisen with the same **uncorrupted physical body**, and that he and the other disciples had actually seen Him alive, they didn't dispute this claim or produce His dead body. Instead, *"they were pricked in their heart"* saying, *"Men and brethren, what shall we do?"* (v. 37)

Both Peter and John testify that they did eat and drink with Him after He had risen from the dead (Acts 10:41; John 21:1-15), while our Lord Himself prophesied of His resurrection: *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up..... But He spake of the temple of His body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said."* (John 2:19-22)

Dare we deny the power of God or His great overall purpose in Jesus Christ! At His first appearing Christ veiled His glory in order to witness by word and deed to His Father's existence and character, and to fulfil His Father's will as the promised Sacrifice for Sin. *"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."* (Isa. 53:4-6)

When He appears the second time He will be seen in all His glory and power. *"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."* (Luke 21:25-27)

May we believe steadfastly in His promised return, and have faith to meet Him with joy and confidence knowing that *"..... now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."* (1 Cor. 15:20-26) (Ed.)



## HALF BAKED

".....Ephraim is a cake not turned  
(i.e. a pancake burnt one side and moist the other - uneatable)  
Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not:  
yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.  
And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not  
return to the Lord their God, nor seek Him for all this."  
(Hosea 7:8-10))

The Prophet Hosea foretells the coming destruction by Assyria of the Kingdom of the Northern House of Israel led by the Tribe of Ephraim. This was the result of their continued idolatry and departure from the Law of God given at Sinai.

*"I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing." (8:12) "When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died." (13:1)*

As a result their degradation was complete: *"Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men." (10:13)*

They were enjoined to repent: *"O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity." (14:1)*

*"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you." (10:12)*

But they would not repent and their former power and prosperity ended in captivity, oppression and dispersion.

How similar is this situation to that of the Israel-British nations today. Without the guidance and blessing of their God in national life, national diplomacy fails through lack of wisdom, and injustice and inequity are the rule of the day. Without His protection we are at the mercy of our enemies.

The following excerpt from *The Philadelphia Trumpet*, July, 1999 highlights the rapid descent into near oblivion of a once great, and greatly blessed, Christian nation.

"From all of documented history, it is apparent that only one superpower, the greatest this world has known, had the distinction of possessing the ability to exercise great **restraint in the use of its military power**. According to the masterful thinker and practitioner of geopolitical strategy Hans J. Morgenthau, 'The only nation that in modern times could maintain a continuous position of preponderance owed that position to a rare combination of potential superior power, a reputation for superior power, and the infrequent use of that superior power.'

Thus Great Britain was able, on the one hand, to overcome all serious challenges to its superiority because its

self-restraint gained powerful allies and, hence, made it actually superior. On the other hand, it could minimize the incentive to challenge it because its superiority did not threaten the existence of other nations'. (Politics Among Nations, p. 179)

Sadly, in this latest, most horrible military adventure in which the British administration has operated in subservience to the US administration - leading compliant NATO powers in the trashing of Serbia - this old strength of imperial Britain is nowhere in evidence. One certainly finds little evidence of masterful restraint matched with the judicious use of overwhelming power in the way that the US, Britain and their NATO allies have conducted this brutalizing little affair.

Apart from the disastrously bad targeting of so many civilians and civilian institutions (hospitals, buses, trains, etc.) the legacy of this latest round of the Balkan wars is going to be quite frightening.

A 12-mile oil slick floats down the Danube, attesting to the crushing of Serbia's oil dumps. Numerous bridges across the river now lie with their backs broken. The power grid is smashed to bits. A fetid soup spreads across the country, fed by streams, leaching into ground water, befouling the countryside, as spilled wastes cascade from bombed-out chemical plants. Multiple thousands of civilians who had no say in this affair have been thrown on to the lists of unemployed.

The lack of a sense of proportion, the lack of a common-sense perspective, the lack of any innate wisdom in the conduct of this Balkan war, have destabilized a whole nation's citizenry. The spin-doctors fool the world with their demonizing of Slobodan Milosevic. In this effort to crush the ant Milosevic, NATO has used multiple loose cannons. NATO has gained a Pyrrhic victory, but Milosevic still lives, just as Saddam Hussein still survives in Iraq.

But the citizenry, who just want, as Solomon declared, to 'eat and drink and enjoy good in his labour,' are those who always suffer in these situations. Vengeful liberal-socialists are attempting to revise history in an effort to deny whole generations the knowledge of the glorious heritage of Great Britain at its peak of Empire. They would do well to take stock of that masterful restraint - that sense of fair play - which tended to spare civilian populations while going for the jugular of the real enemy." (End Quote)

## THE BRITISH EMPIRE

India under British rule saw forty different nations, speaking twenty main languages and following many different religions, with their rivalries and quarrels, dwelling in peace and without fear of invasion or foreign conquest. Under British rule India did not fall into the anarchy which engulfed China or come under tyranny such as enslaved Russia for so long. India had one law and one allegiance and confidence in their Courts of Justice. In two hundred years Britain created and organised a serene harmony of peace and order, tolerance, justice and law.

A few thousand officials and barely fifty thousand soldiers, renewed from generation to generation, controlled by the Mother of Parliaments and inspired by the venerable symbols of the British monarchy, were able to confer these benefits and privileges upon a country with three hundred and fifty millions of people who constituted one sixth of the human race.

South African General Jan Christian Smuts, a one time enemy of Great Britain, made a number of references to the British Empire in speeches he made during World War I. Sadly, it was from that time that growing unbelief and departure from Bible principles accelerated, and has resulted in a devastatingly rapid decline in the national power and prestige of a people who had been expanding and flourishing for 400 years. The following are excerpts from some of General Smuts' speeches.

"I would ask you not to forget in these times the British Commonwealth of nations.... Your Empire is spread all over the world, and even where the pace is slowed down in one portion it is accelerated in another, and you have to keep the whole before you in order to judge fairly and sanely of the factors which affect the whole....

The British Empire is much more than a state. I think the very expression 'empire' is misleading, because it makes people think as if we are one single entity, one unity, to which that term 'empire' can be applied. We are not an empire. Germany is an empire, so was Rome, and so is India, but we are a system of nations, a community of states, and of nations far greater than any empire which has ever existed; and by using this ancient expression we really obscure the real fact that we are larger and that our whole position is different, and that we are not one nation, or state, or empire, but we are a whole world by ourselves, consisting of many nations and states, and all sorts of communities under one flag. We are a system of states, not only a static system, a stationary system, but a dynamic system, growing, evolving all the time toward new destinies.

Here you have a kingdom with a number of Crown colonies; besides that you have large protectorates like Egypt, which is an empire in itself, which was one of the greatest empires in the world. Besides that you have great dependencies like India - an empire in itself, one of the oldest civilisations in the world..... But beyond that we come to the so-called Dominions, a number of nations and states almost sovereign, almost independent, who govern themselves, who have been evolved on the principles of your constitutional system and who all belong to this group, to this community of nations.

Now, you see that no political ideas that we evolved in the past, no nomenclature will apply to this world which is comprised in the British Empire; any expression, any name which we have found so far for this group has been insufficient, and I think the

man who would discover the real appropriate name for this vast system of entities would be doing a great service not only to this country, but to constitutional theory.

[In the United States of America] you have one national state, over one big, contiguous area with subordinate governments for the subordinate parts, but one national Federal Parliament for the whole. Compare with that this enormous system comprised in the British Empire of nations all over the world, some independent, living under diverse conditions, and all growing towards greater nations than they are at present....

In all empires of the past, and even in the United States, the effort has been towards forming one nation. All the empires that we have known in the past and that exist today are founded on the idea of assimilation, of trying to force different human material through one mould so as to form one nation. Your whole idea and basis is entirely different. You do not want to standardise the nations of the British Empire. You want to develop them into greater nationhood. These younger communities, the offspring of the Mother Country, or territories like that of my own people, which have been annexed after various vicissitudes of war - all these you want not to mould on any common pattern, but you want them to develop according to the principles of self-government and freedom and liberty. Therefore your whole basic idea is different from anything that has ever existed before, either in the empires of the past or even in the United States.

I think that this is the fundamental fact which we have to bear in mind - that the British Empire, or this British Commonwealth of nations, does not stand for unity, standardisation, or assimilation, or denationalisation; but it stands for a fuller, a richer, and more various life among all the nations that compose it. And even nations who have fought against you, like my own, must feel that they and their interests, their language, their religions, and all their cultural interests are as safe and as secure under the British flag as those of the children of your household and your own blood....

[One] potent factor that you must rely on for the future... is your hereditary kingship. The theory of our Constitution is that the King is not merely your King, but he is the King of all of us. He represents every part of the whole Commonwealth of nations.

It seems to me this British Empire has only one mission, and that is a mission for greater liberty and freedom and self-development. Yours is the only system that has ever worked in history where a large number of nations have been living in unity....you are the only league of nations that has ever existed. The idea that you cannot have many nations in the Empire is perishing of its own folly, the British Empire is one Commonwealth, but many nations. We have old nations and new



nations like Canada, and it is a fact full of significance for the builders of Empire that as the new nationhood of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa has become more conscious and more clamant, so has the attachment to the Empire become stronger, firmer and more effective...

One shudders to think what would have happened to mankind were it not that the might of the British Empire had been thrown into this struggle for freedom. I do not mean Britain merely, I mean the British Empire with all it stands for - its resources, its power, its prestige. Humanity at the end of this war (WW1) will know that it largely owes its freedom to the fact that the British Empire had proved to be a reality, and not a sham."

General Smuts had great confidence in the British Empire. He saw it as a world in itself in which every part grew separately yet all grew together and which would prevail if they were true to their old traditions of self-government and freedom. But under enemy attack from within and without - physical, mental and spiritual - both leadership and people have let go their faith in God and their Christian inspiration. As a result they have lost their way. Despite the wonderful deliverances of WW2 they have turned their backs on their Great God and Protector and as a result are becoming rapidly the 'tail' instead of the 'head.' The following warning was given three and a half thousand years ago.

*"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:.... and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.*

*And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath;...*

*But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes.....The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail."*  
(Deut. 28:1, 12, 13, 15, 43 & 44)

Instead of humbly relying on the beneficence of Almighty God and remaining loyal to the Empire family, the British leaders allied themselves and their people to Europe.

*"For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed."* (Isa. 9:16)

Britain paid a high price for its membership of the European Economic Community and its compliance with the Treaty of Rome. They lost sovereignty over their trade, no longer giving preference to Commonwealth countries, and many of Britain's previous trading partners became trading partners of the EEC.

The later Maastricht Treaty has involved Britain in undertaking to forego its sovereign power to create its national money supply. The "Euro" currency will be regulated from Brussels, and German and French influence will be the decisive agency of imposing monetary policy in Britain.

A recent report states that Eastern European refugees unwanted in Germany and France are being put on the Eurostar train without proper documentation and sent into Britain with free tickets. Over 60,000 are anticipated this year. The cost to the British taxpayer of providing for 1,000 asylum-seekers is approx. 10 million pounds a year. (Ref. *OnTarget* 19th Aug. 1999)

Even the national identity of England has been compromised by the gradual build up of large ethnic minorities. Her growing heterogeneity, forced upon her this century, threatens to destroy after hundreds of years of endurance, her character and individuality as a people.

This century, behind-the-scenes promoters of world control have targeted the British nations and Monarchy as obstacles to their purpose. Every avenue has been exploited to obtain their removal from a position of power and influence in the world, and because of their departure from their God and His Word the machinations of evil appear to have accomplished their objective. We are nationally powerless in a world of increasing danger to our heritage and way of life. As modern day Israel peoples our only hope is in our Great God. He alone can save us, and will do so if we turn humbly back to Him in repentance and faith, asking for His help. How low must we fall before we acknowledge our rebellion, unbelief and wickedness?

The Book of Hosea after castigating Ephraim, the leader of the Northern Israel Tribes, for their evil ways and foretelling their doom, ends with the wonderful promise of their future restoration as God's People. (Hos. 14:4-9)

*"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. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.*

*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."*

May we turn to Him soon

**"For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us."** (Isa. 33:22)

## THE GREAT PYRAMID (Part 8) - BIBLE CHRONOLOGY CONFIRMED

"Had the Bible been accepted as a guide to the study of history, secular sources of history would have been found to fall into line and to be confirmed and enhanced by the Sacred Record. By proclaiming the untrustworthiness of the Bible, theologians and historians lost the clue to history and to the ultimate reality of history." (D. Davidson)

Mr. Davidson has demonstrated that Egyptologists have failed to present known evidence which would have established the veracity of the Old Testament documents; and have negligently permitted vital material facts to be suppressed, thus causing the dating of Egyptian historical events during Old Testament times to be erroneous.

For example, where a long period is deemed to have intervened between two Dynasties - the XIIth and the XVIIIth - no such long intervening period ever existed.

Again, the record is ignored of Ramessu III (Dynasty XX), who refers to a **long interval** separating Dynasties XIX (the dynasty of the Exodus) and XX. This is confirmed as an interregnum of 261 years where no such gap had been suspected. The new chronology gives 480 years intervening between the date of the Israelitish record of the 5th year of Menephtah and the 4th year of Solomon, and this is confirmed by the 480 years of 1 Kings 6:1. The date by the Egyptians' scientific chronology is 1486 BC, and this is the date of the **Exodus** according to the chronology of the Old Testament. An Egyptian record of the 5th year of Menephtah claims that the Egyptians annihilated "the seed" of a landless people, Israel, in this year; and Manetho, as quoted by Josephus, states that the **Exodus** occurred under **Menephtah**.

The overall result of such negligence has been the "loss" of years of history, the misinterpretation of Egyptological evidence and the misdirection of historical research.

Mr. Davidson maintains that the Book of Genesis is a true statement of the history of the Adamic race and of the origin of the People of Israel. He says that the narrative, as it stands, proves that the Adamic race had made great advances in astronomy, and knew accurately the value of the solar year. This is proved by the fact that the lives of the various notable men of Genesis Ch. 5 are given as ending officially in every case in the last year of an intercalary period, or in the last year of a cycle dependent upon, or related to, an extremely accurate intercalary cycle of 103 solar years.



“The bare facts concerning these cycles and their periods, and the ceremonial aspects of the festivals identified with the terminal years of such periods, became known to the ancient nations of the Gentile world long before the cataclysm occurred that destroyed the Adamic civilisation. When, therefore, the Deluge destroyed the Adamic race, the continuity of the succession of chronological festivals in the Gentile world did not depend upon the tradition brought over by the survivors of the Adamic race. This explains why the Chinese literary records give Chinese dynastic epochs that are identical with the epochs of the Book of Genesis....”

The Ancient Egyptians, had two forms of Calendar Year, the year of 360 days and the year of 365 days. The earliest was a fixed Calendar year of 360 days identified with the November agricultural year, and with intercalations of an additional month of 30 days at variable intervals of five or six years. Coincident with this, during the period of Dynasties I to XVI, inclusive, was an intercalated Calendar year of 365 days.

Mr. Davidson presents proof that the earliest Egyptian Calendar Cycles and the Calendar Cycles of the early Adamic civilisation briefly pictured in the first eleven chapters of Genesis were identical. The Calendar year of Genesis was the intercalated Calendar Year of 360 days based on the Autumnal Equinox, Day 1, Month 1 of the Genesis dating beginning at the Autumnal Equinox in the zero year of the Adamic Calendar.

The records of the Chinese, Babylonians, Egyptians, and Hebrews all independently prove that the zero epoch of the Adamic race is 4000 BC, and that the epoch of the termination of the Adamic Deluge is 2344 BC.

We learn from Genesis 7:11 that the Noachic Flood began on Day 17, Month 2, in the 600th year of the epoch of Noah. From the genealogies of chapter 5 of Genesis it can be deduced that the epoch of Noah began 1056 years after the beginning of the Adamic epoch, i.e., the zero year of the Adamic Calendar (4000 BC.) The Noachic Flood began, therefore, in 2345 BC.

- The calendar of the Old Testament developed as follows:
- Adamic:** Autumnal Equinoctial year - an intercalated 360-days calendar.
  - Early Semitic:** Autumnal Equinoctial year (luni-solar) - an intercalated 354-days year, with month beginning regulated by the full moon.
  - Later Semitic:** Autumnal Equinoctial year (luni-solar) - an intercalated 354-days year, with month beginning regulated by the new moon.
  - Israelitish:** Vernal Equinoctial Sacred year (luni-solar) - an intercalated 354-days year, with month being regulated by the new moon.

Mr Davidson also demonstrates that the Babylonian dynastic chronology agrees with the Egyptian dynastic chronology and with Old Testament chronology. He gives the succession of dominant reigns in ancient Egypt from 2036 BC to 967 BC, the period of Biblical history from the life of Abraham inclusive to the fourth year of Rehoboam, the date of every point of historical contact agreeing with and being astronomically confirmed over the whole period of 1069 years. This synchronisation is confirmed at every point of contact by the Babylonian chronological records back to 2035 BC.

The only system of chronological compilation which fails to agree with his perfect synchronisation of three independent systems is the Assyrian. Yet it is the Assyrian (which he demonstrates to be faulty) that has been accepted by archaeologists, historians, and theologians.

However, it is remarkable that the dates fixed three and a half centuries ago by Bishop Ussher, which appear in many Authorized Version Bibles, are uniformly only four to four and a half years earlier than those of Davidson’s synchronisation of the Egyptian, Babylonian and Hebrew chronologies. Bishop Ussher’s initial and only error, which was carried throughout the chronology, was in fixing the dates of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign.

Thus chronological synchronism with Egyptian astronomical datings establishes the dates of the following events:

- 1. Abraham’s Call to his entering into Egypt: 1916-1915 BC
- 2. Jacob/Israel entering Egypt: 1701 BC
- 3. The Exodus of Israel from Egypt 1486 BC
- 4. The Founding of Solomon’s Temple 1007 BC
- 5. The Dedication of Solomon’s Temple 1000 BC

Chronological synchronisms with later Babylonian history also determine:

- 6. The date of the Destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar: 584 BC
- 7. The Founding of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in the second year of Darius I. 520 BC

In view of the rejection of the above datings by 20th century ‘authorities’ an article which appeared in the June, 1999, issue of *Diggings* (pp. 3-6), was of great interest. This article makes it plain that present archaeological findings in Jerusalem do not agree with the “accepted” datings of historical events in Palestine and that this is causing controversy among modern archaeologists. The author of the article writes:

“There seems to be only one solution to all these claims and counter claims - a revised chronology! .....

Recently some noted scholars have been challenging the established chronology of Egypt. If the dates of Egyptian history are to be reduced by centuries, as these scholars suggest, archaeologists may have to completely revise their cosy views of the archaeology of Palestine.

Dr. Rudolph Cohen, Deputy Director of the Israeli Antiquities Authority identifies the Middle Bronze I Age (see chart below) people as the invading Israelites. It would be logical to then conclude that the prosperous Middle Bronze II people included the reigns of David and Solomon. Margeet Steiner correctly referred to ‘the extraordinary prosperity of MBII,’ a fitting description of the wealth and power attributed to David, Solomon and their successors.

The paucity of material from the Late Bronze Age could then be attributed to the period when the Ten Northern Tribes were deported to Assyria after the fall of Samaria in 722 BC. Similarly the Two Southern Tribes were exiled to Babylon after the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC. The Jews were to spend 70 years in Exile.”

From the following chart which was included in the above article it can be seen that Mr. Davidson’s dates follow closely the revised time frame.

AGES	CHARACTER OF CITIES IN ISRAEL	USUAL DATES	REVISED DATES	BIBLICAL EVENTS
STONE AGE	Migrations First cities	10,000-3100	2300 - 2100	Era after the Flood
EARLY BRONZE	Urban life develops Destruction of cities	3100 - 2200	2100 - 1400	Canaanites
MIDDLE BRONZE I	Invaders from south New, nomadic, culture Pottery with Egyptian influence	2200 - 2000  Canaanites	1400 - 1000	Israelite conquest. Era of the Judges
MIDDLE BRONZE II	Sophisticated culture Affluent lifestyle Prosperous Fortified cities	2000 - 1550  Canaanites	1000 - 722 (north) 1000 - 586 (south)	Israelite Monarchy (David & Solomon)
LATE BRONZE	Same people as MB Inferior pottery Cities not fortified Massive depopulation	1550 - 1200  Canaanites followed by Israelites	586 - 539	Assyrian & Babylonian invasions. Exile
IRON	Increase in population Same people as MB/LB Fortified cities	1200 - 586 Israelite Monarchy	539 - 300	Return from Exile

In Supplement (Part 4) to the Monthly Notes for April 1999, four systems of Chronology were discussed.

1. The **Precessional System** beginning in **4699 BC**, defined by the early **Zodiacal System of Six Signs**. This was related to:
2. The **Sacred Scalar System** which, commencing at **4000 BC** and used for historical reference, was defined by the **Zodiacal System of 12 Signs** and confirmed by the **Old Egyptian Chronicle**.

The Pyramid's geometrical representation of the formula for the Precession of the Equinoxes defines the variable annual values for every year from **4699 BC** to **AD 2045**. By this formula, the date for the central point of the **Great Pyramid's** geometrical system is defined as midnight ending 25th January, 1844 AD. This date is represented by the face of the **Great Step** at the end of the floor of the Passage known as the **Grand Gallery**. Independently, the modern astronomical formula for precession gives 90 degrees movement from **4699 BC** to **AD 1844**.

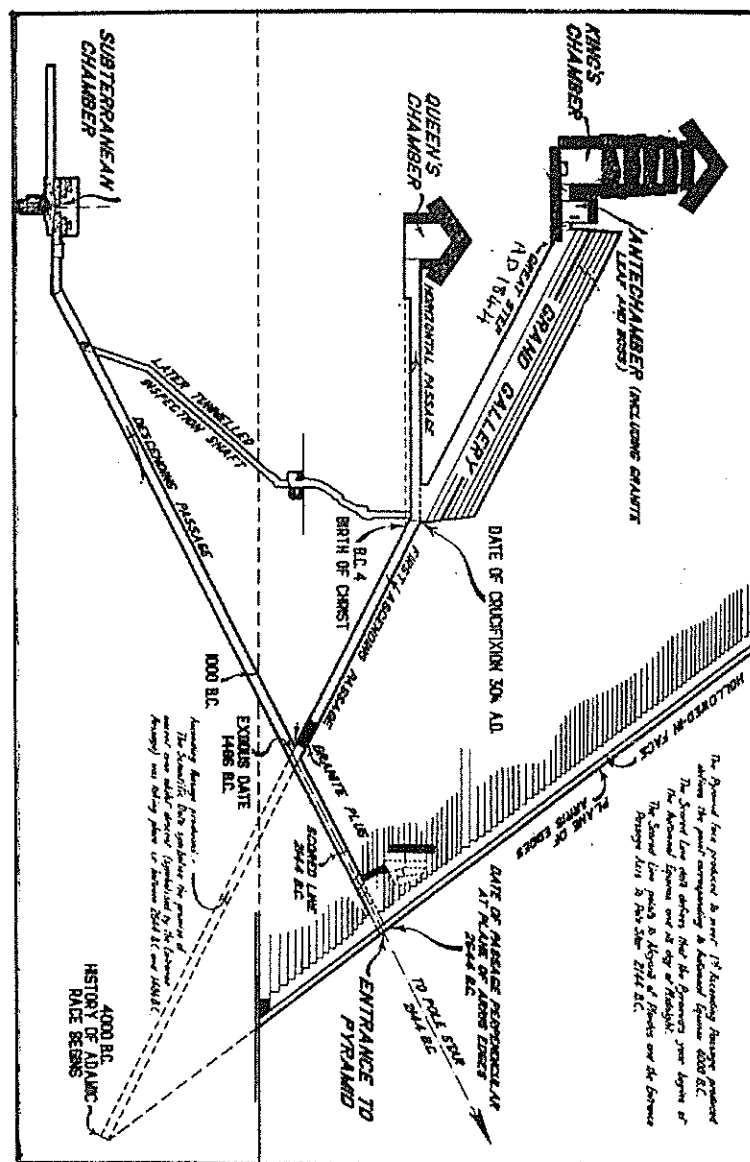
3. The Pyramid's geometry also defines a system of **Orbital (or Perihelion) Chronology** beginning in **4044 BC** and ending in **AD 2045**, having its centre at the centre of the Pyramid's Scalar System, i.e., at **1000 BC**, the dedication of Solomon's Temple. Independently, the modern astronomical tables for the Longitude of Perihelion agree with the table of values derived from the Pyramid's formula.
4. The Pyramid's Scalar System of **6000 pyramid inches** related to the angle of slope of the internal passages, along which the scale is one pyramid inch equals one solar year. This chronological scale is geometrically defined as divided into scalar units of **1000 pyramid inches** representing **1000 solar years**, and constitutes the **Pyramid's Scalar System of 6000 years** which, beginning with the Autumnal Equinox of **4000 BC**, marks six millennia to the Autumnal Equinox of **AD 2001**.

The Great Pyramid's geometrical representation of astronomical chronology demonstrates an accurate system of astronomical chronology that is also proved to be the time basis of Creative Science as applied to man, the Earth, and the Earth's orbit.

Thus the true end of the sixth millennium of the **Adamic Race** is midnight at the Autumnal Equinox of **AD 2001**.

The seventh millennium is expected to be the Kingdom Age of peace and restoration under the perfect justice and equity of the returned Christ as **King of Kings** and **Lord of Lords**.

## IMPORTANT DATES OF THE SCALAR CHRONOLOGY



(To be continued)



## MAKE TRADE NOT WAR

During the seven years which followed the breakup of the USSR the concept of global interdependence was made popular. "Make trade not war" was the slogan as businesses globalized and many influential leaders became obsessed with the idea that an "interdependent world economy" would render international borders useless.

Promoters of the "New World Order" proclaimed the likely disappearance of the nation-state as national aspirations were to be subsumed by the forces of commerce and economics.

Since that time the machinations of the Enemy have become clearly obvious in the outworking of a global agenda towards the submission of every nation-state to the authority and direction of a small but powerful elite of politico economic forces.

These forces mean to control the Planet's natural resources and through them gain immense wealth and total power. Their agents are groups such as the Trilateral Commission, the Socialist International, the Bilderbergers, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the World Trade Organization, whose members meet at regular conferences to shape global events.

Possibly the most powerful body in the world today, the World Trade Organization makes the rules which govern how nations trade with each other. Its rules can override any single government, prevent us choosing what we want to eat, overrule laws passed by even the strongest and most democratic governments, start or sanction trade wars, and override the provisions of international treaties which have been sincerely ratified between the world's nations.

The proponents of international finance and international capitalism (i.e. the private management of the production and distribution of goods and services) have pushed for free trade and a global market. To obtain this, worldwide trade and finance have been deregulated, resulting in the destabilisation of many national economies and a lowering of living standards.

Because the interrelation between economic processes and political and social organisation is so complex any change in one must affect the other: therefore the move from a national to a global economy undermines national sovereignty and all national governments.

The nation-state's economy relates to the material welfare of the nation, the means by which human needs and comforts are supplied. It regulates the production (commercial and industrial), the distribution, and the consumption of goods and

income for its own citizens. But where the employer is the global conglomerate which owes allegiance to no single country or nationality, it is in a powerful position to lay down wage levels which will bring the most profit to itself, rather than benefiting the workers. It is always able to move to another country where labour will work for a smaller wage. Globalization, therefore, tends toward global slavery.

The forces which control a nation's money supply are able to exert tremendous pressure on governments influencing the exercise of political authority, and the direction and restraint of the citizens. Economists have ruled the politicians during the last 30 years fostering worldwide political trends aimed at the destruction of unique cultures, racially structured societies, religion, etc., where such were considered a barrier to the operation of a free market.

A notable example is the gradual destruction of the culture and social structure of the British Isles as Britain becomes subject to European control. In 1978 the Rt. Hon. J. Enoch Powell spoke of the machinations of **Government members** to erode Britain's sovereignty and surrender her independence to Europe. He warned that as well as the EEC's intention to "continentalize" Britain's waters they intended to continentalize Britain's food market.

He said that the UK was the largest food **importing** area of the world and that the EEC wanted to convert it into the preserve of the **continental producers**, upon their terms. The two major areas involved were fisheries and agriculture, two major bases upon which Britain's independence has rested.

He commented that it has been the **British Foreign Office** which has worked relentlessly over the years to surrender Britain's independence to Western Europe, and that the Foreign Office has been supported in its campaign by the same classes and interests as were working in the same direction in the 1930's, the 1940's and the 1970's.

The promotion of multiculturalism and the mass infusion of alien peoples into once homogeneous populations is also being used to destabilize and weaken national resistance to globalization. In Britain alien populations are now concentrated in 12 large urban areas, displacing the indigenous populations, and distorting and disrupting the foundation culture of the nation. England's second city, Birmingham, is on course to become in 25 years England's first Islamic city!

Anthony Giddens, Director of the **London School of Economics and Political Science** (obviously one of the global elite) believes globalism should encompass all of social life as well as the economic realm. Therefore as the free market fragments society, nations should embrace multiculturalism (the

cosmopolitan nation) and **rethink their national identity**. Giddens believes that Britain's large ethnic and immigrant minorities create a **heterogeneity** that may make it impossible to form any sort of national identity!

Similar tactics are being applied to Australia today as thousands of Asians of different backgrounds and cultures are being brought in, adding to the already numerous multiracial groups who have settled here since World War II.

#### THE GLOBALIZATION OF POVERTY

"...those of the economic right see human life in terms of production, acquisition and the distribution of wealth. **The highest value is money.**"

Globalization, the process of increasing interdependence of the economies, societies and cultures of the world, is based upon economic rationalism, which maintains that the best economy is one where the **free market can rule with a minimum of government interference**.

Global Capital and the unfettered free market creates wealth for many but dislocation for the vast majority of mankind. The unemployed is expected to adapt and to relocate to wherever there might be work. Those with jobs will accept low wages through fear of being without work. Investment goes where labour is cheapest, and the real winners of globalization are transnational corporations who have become the real rulers of the world.

Middle America and Middle Australia have not benefited from the pursuit of the free market. Between 1972 and 1994 the real wages of American workers fell 19 percent - the largest slide in three centuries. The average hourly US wages in the spring of 1996 were lower than in 1965. US manufacturing workers once had wages three and four times those in Europe and Japan - now these wages are below Japan's, and only 60 percent of Germany's. America's wealthiest one percent now controls 40 percent of America's wealth - a rise of 19 percent from 1949. America has had trade deficits for the last 26 years and has become the world's **greatest debtor nation** and is a nation in decline.

The number of job-seekers is growing worldwide as the shortage of jobs continues to increase. Having lost their incomes they lose status, contacts, self-esteem and peace of mind and become tangential to a shrinking society. And those who have jobs will agree to practically anything to keep them.

Poverty, such as is at the basis of sex tourism and the situation in India where the poor sell their organs at bargain prices in order to subsist a little while longer, is increasing as it intrudes into the developed nations.

"The haves have taken a strange revenge on the have-nots. The excesses of exploitation, rendered null and void by history in the more industrialised countries, have been transported and reconstituted elsewhere. Meantime, the galloping rise in unemployment in the developed countries tends to make them attain, by insensible degrees, third-world poverty. We might have hoped to see the opposite occur and prosperity spread. Instead, it is **poverty that is becoming globalized**, making its way into privileged countries.

Everything is organised, planned, prevented or induced with **profit in mind**, which then seems inevitable, so fused with the very fabric of life that the two cannot be told apart. It operates in full view of everyone, but unperceived. It is disseminated and active everywhere, but never referred to except in the guise of the "creation of wealth" that is supposed to bring immediate benefit to the entire human race.

To tamper with such wealth would thus be criminal. It must be preserved at all costs. It must not be discussed. It must be forgotten (or one must pretend to forget) that it always works to the advantage of the **same small number of people**.

Only when business - that is, the market economy - has been guaranteed its share, and when that share has been subtracted, are other sectors, such as the **social and political ones**, taken into account, although less and less.

**Profit comes first**; everything else falls into line afterwards. It is only later that we make do as best we can with the crumbs of the so-called "creation of wealth", without which, we are given to understand, there would be nothing, not even those crumbs." (Viviane Forrester)

*"There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords,  
and their jawteeth as knives,  
to devour the poor from off the earth,  
and the needy from among men". (Prov. 30:14)*  
*"He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches,  
and he that giveth to the rich,  
shall surely come to want." (Prov. 22:16)*

(Refs. Wake Up Magazine July-Sept. 1999;  
The New Times August, 1999;  
Intelligence Survey September 1999.

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### EUROPEAN COURT REMOVES GAG ORDER ON SWISS SCIENTIST WHO REVEALED DANGERS OF MICROWAVED FOOD

Hans Ulrich Hertel was the first scientist to conceive of and carry out a qualitative study on the effects of microwaved nutrients



on the blood and physiology of human beings. This small but well-controlled study pointed the firm finger at the **degenerative force** of microwave ovens and the food produced in them. Working with Bernard H. Blanc, of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, and the University Institute for Biochemistry, Hertel was one of eight participants in the study. The conclusion was clear: microwave cooking **changed** the nutrients so that changes took place in the participants' blood. These were not healthy changes but were changes that could **cause deterioration** in the human systems.

In 1991 Hertel and a Lausanne University professor published a research paper indicating that food cooked in microwave ovens could pose a greater risk to health than food cooked by conventional means. It stated that significant changes were discovered in the blood of the volunteers who consumed foods cooked in the microwave oven. These changes included a decrease in all haemoglobin values and cholesterol values, especially the HDL (good cholesterol) and LDL (bad cholesterol) values and ratio. Lymphocytes (white blood cells) showed a more distinct short-term decrease following the intake of microwaved food than after the intake of all the other variants. Each of these indicators pointed in a direction away from robust health and toward degeneration.

Additionally, there was a highly significant association between the amount of microwave energy in the test foods and the luminous power of luminescent bacteria exposed to serum from test persons who had eaten that food. This led Hertel to the conclusion that such technically derived energies may indeed be passed along to man inductively via the consumption of microwaved food.

An article then appeared in the *Journal Franz Weber* (issue No. 19) in which it was stated that the consumption of food cooked in microwave ovens had cancer-type effects on the blood. The article was followed by the research paper itself.

As soon as Hertel and Blanc had announced their results, the hammer of authority slammed down on them. A powerful trade organisation, the Swiss Association of Dealers in Electro-apparatuses for Households and Industry, known simply as FEA, struck swiftly. They forced the President of the Court of Seftigen, Canton Bern, to issue a 'gag order' against Hertel and Blanc. The attack was so ferocious that Blanc quickly recanted his support, but it was too late. He had already put into writing his views on the validity of the studies where he concurred with the opinion that microwaved food caused blood abnormalities. Hertel stood his ground, and steadfastly demanded his right to a trial. Preliminary hearings on the matter were appealed to higher courts, and it was quite obvious the powers-that-be did not want a 'show trial' to erupt on this issue.

On August 7, 1992, the Swiss Association of Manufacturers and Suppliers of Household Appliances brought an action against him in the Canton of Berne Commercial Court. It produced an expert report by a professor at Zurich Federal Institute of Technology, from which it appeared that his research was worthless and his findings untenable.

In March, 1993, the court handed down this decision based upon the complaint of the FEA:

"Consideration 1. Request from the plaintiff (FEA) to prohibit the defendant (Dr. Ing. Hans Hertel) from declaring that food prepared in the microwave oven shall be dangerous to health and lead to changes in the blood of consumers, giving reference to pathologic troubles as also indicative for the beginning of a cancerous process. The defendant shall be prohibited from repeating such a statement in publications and in public talks by punishment laid down in the law ..... death in connection with microwave ovens."

However, in 1998, that decision was reversed. In a judgment delivered at Strasbourg on August 25, 1998, in the case of *Hertel v. Switzerland*, the **European Court of Human Rights** held that there had been a violation of Hertel's rights in the 1993 decision.

Under Article 50 of the Convention, the Court awarded the applicant a specified sum for legal costs and expenses. The Court of Human Rights decided that the 'gag order' issued by the Swiss courts against the Bern scientist, prohibiting him from declaring that microwave ovens are dangerous to health, was **contrary to the right to freedom of expression**. In addition, Switzerland was ordered to pay compensation of F40,000.

This decision is to put an end to judicial censorship of persons drawing attention to the health hazards of certain products.

(From: *Global News - Nexus Feb./March, 1999 p. 9*)

## 'DOLLY' IS NO BABE

"The scientists who cloned Dolly, the first mammal ever cloned from a single adult cell, have discovered evidence that she is aging prematurely.

They say that because dolly, now three years old, was cloned from a six-year-old adult sheep, her cells show signs of what could be advanced aging at a genetic level. As creatures age, the tips of their chromosomes fray and shorten progressively. It appears that Dolly has inherited the 'pre-aged' genetic material of the adult from which she was cloned.

The discovery has heightened the concerns of many scientists about the risks involved in the pursuit of human cloning."

(Ref. Nature, May 27, 1999, pp. 316-317  
New Scientist, May 29, 1999, p. 12)