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DESTINY MAGAZINE is the official publication of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America, set up to explain the true function of the Celto-Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples in the plan of God as modern Israel, with special reference as to their history, true identity, and responsibility as revealed by the Bible and in the light of modern archaeological and ethnological research.

We of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America are plain Americans who have seen God's hand in our history and for the most part we are churchmen who see God's Word in the Scriptures.

Names more often mislabel than describe the things to which they are affixed, and the name of this Federation is no exception. Anglo-Saxon is a noble name when it is clearly understood; it is also a very inclusive name. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man.

We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth.

We believe that in the Bible we have plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, the moral order of society and for the economic process based on justice and equity. In the Law we find the moral and economic order by which God intended to make obsolete the pagan order under which we live. In the History we see our forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity and correction. In the Prophets we have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and *foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action.* In the Gospel we have our Lord offering to set up again the Kingdom of God in its economic and moral and spiritual elements. In the Apostles and the Church we have all this held as a precious possibility at any time we are ready for it, but at present under the phase of interior religion without the larger social manifestation — in brief, but one hemisphere of the given Truth. So that we may be said to stand for *the whole Law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ.*

OUR responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that we, as a people — *the Celto-Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples,* as our Federation puts it — are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant and upon whom He laid His Law, "Which if a man do, he shall live."

That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people was called *Israel.* Selected, disciplined, and dispersed on their mission, they are as really existing and working now as they were in Bible times. In ignorance of their identity, they have been blindly fulfilling part of God's purpose, but the foretold time is come when they shall know who they are and what they came here to do. Our movement is but one sign of that awakening.

We know the divine *destiny* that Israel was commissioned to fulfill. We know that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We can trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles and then on to America. By what the Prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, and by the way-marks they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

WE still live in Bible times in the truest sense. The United States and Canada are peopled with branches of Israel, the Covenant People. And being who they are, and being where they are, their responsibility as human channels through which the purpose of God is to flow to the nations is very great. This Federation is a recognition of that responsibility.

So that we stand for the Bible, for Christian truth in all its parts, and for the place of the American people in the plan of God.

Israel was not chosen for its special work by reason of any superiority to other people; their promised greatness, which has now been fulfilled, was not given for their own aggrandizement but as necessary equipment for the world work they were to do. Everywhere the notes of Israel are civil and religious liberty. The Bohemians who stood for Huss, the Italians who saved Italy from Communism, the liberty-loving and God-fearing men of Holland and Belgium, the Brittany men of France, the Saxons of Germany, the Scandinavians and Britons and North Americans all belong to the Israel stream of destiny. Even in Russia are pockets of Israel —for, through Russia and Poland in days before Christ, dispersed Israel was slowly filing across Europe to "the appointed place." So that they are, as was foretold, a multitude in the earth, and their recognition of their identity and responsibility holds mighty possibilities for the future.

THIS American nation is a Covenant Commonwealth, included in the unalterable, unconditional covenant which God made with Israel. But on its own behalf, also, our American nation in its national documents made its own covenant with God which it is dishonoring today. We are trying to recall our people to a sense of their present position.

This, in large and general terms, defines our position. We number amongst our members and adherents clergymen of every denomination and members of all the churches. We are anti-nothing but pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We have no doctrinal tests and seek to avoid controversies arising from differing doctrinal views. For the most part our membership holds the generally accepted elements of Christian truth. Taken as a whole the doctrines held within the Federation by its members would comprise the totality of present Christian belief. This we seek to complete with the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today, as in Bible times—the same people with the same work—but now nearing a time of great change in the world for the fuller entry of the Rule of God amongst men.

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Finland

WHATEVER Finland may possess of natural resources or strategic position, because of geographical location, cannot justify Soviet Russia's invasion of this small country. At this writing Finland's army is still holding back the Russian hordes, but we fear it will not be for long unless substantial assistance reaches the freedom-loving Finns. If merely the possession of coveted wealth, in any form, is all that is necessary to excuse such attacks then we face a period of legalized robbery, pillage and violence. Russia's reasons for attacking Finland are but excuses for making war upon this Christian people.

Both Germany and Russia are moving against one small country after another. It is a pity that the small countries do not clearly see the handwriting on the wall and form a united block against the forces of aggression and evil. If they do not hang together they most surely will hang separately, and it is foolish for any one of them to think that neutrality will give them immunity from attack if the aggressor finds it to his advantage to invade their territory.

Our country has been selling the necessary materials for waging war to Japan and others. Why not open every available avenue to supply a country with the *needs for waging a righteous war of defense*? Nations are declaring they must destroy Hitlerism, but *what about Communism in Russia*? If Germany must be stopped as an aggressor certainly the aggressive campaign of Stalin should meet the same resistance!

It will be a blot on civilization if a Christian country, because of tardiness to assist her in a life and death struggle, succumbs to the attacks of a godless, communistic government, the leaders of which are nothing else but murderous gangsters.

We are opposed to war, but there is a cause for which one must be willing to risk war and that is *in defense of justice and right*. As a nation we should do all in our power to assist a weak but courageous people in a desperate fight against the powers of darkness and evil which are entrenched in a nation, the leaders of which recognize no law other than expediency.

Let us face realities. Force, stark and brutal, is marching onward in Europe and Asia today. If successful there, the Atlantic and the Pacific will not prevent these aggressors from challenging our security here. We should give full moral, financial and economic support, with necessary materials and supplies, that the outposts of Christian civilization may better stand a chance to stem the tide of the destroyers. We can do no less, nor ought we to hesitate, for freedom and the very principles of Christianity which have made life worth while are now at stake.

If Soviet Russia should consider our aid to Finland as an act of war the ensuing diplomatic break would give us a splendid opportunity to clear our country of treacherous Red organizations financed by Moscow for the purpose of destroying our form of government.

The Spirit of Evil

JOHN describes three unclean spirits emanating from the mouth of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet which would be the personification of foul and treacherous machinations in the last days.

We know that the dragon has always typified paganism. Imperial Rome was its last stand as a world empire. The Roman Fasces, a bundle of rods, with an ax projecting from the middle of them, was the symbol of power over life and limb in this political empire of the dragon.

The beast is false ecclesiasticism, represented in its many manifestations and through occult practices. In ancient Egypt, Tibet and in other oriental countries the swastika was used as a magic sign, or charm. It was a religious emblem in India and China at least ten centuries before the Christian era. In certain occult manifestations the devotees stood within a circle of swastika signs as a protection from harm.

The false prophet is easily identified as Mohammed whose followers had as their emblem the crescent and star. The horns of the moon were turned to the dexter side of the shield. Under this sign fanatics tortured, raped and murdered hundreds of thousands in Asia Minor, Europe and Africa. They showed no mercy in their pillage and in the destruction of those who did not agree with them.

Here we have the dragon, the beast and the false prophet with their heraldry—three sources from which there emanates a spirit of evil afflicting the world today.

Can we identify modern movements and find that the energizing spirit of each originated in the above three sources? If we can, and at the same time find that each has adopted, in whole or in part, the ancient heraldry, that identification is completed.

What are the facts? Mussolini moves to revive the Old Roman Empire. He has adopted the Roman Fasces as the emblem of his movement. In this sign and and through his activities we have the modern manifestation of the spirit of the dragon. The Fascists will yet make military moves which, though unsuccessful in restoring the Roman Empire, will materially contribute to the final phase of war activity that is to center in and around the Mediterranean, Egypt and Palestine.

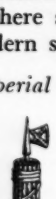
Hitler, with the Nazi emblem, the swastika, moves against the House of Israel. He also desires the destruction of Christianity as a spiritual force and power. The leaders of Naziism advocate the restoration of the ancient pagan occult worship and are undertaking to deify Hitler and make Naziism greater than Christianity. These forces are marching on towards the final judgment of nations in the events of the great and terrible day of the Lord.

Stalin, the fanatic, crushes all who dare oppose him with a ruthlessness that, if anything, exceeds that of the followers of the false prophet. A spirit of evil and hate animates the

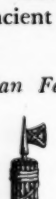
forces he represents as Communism moves to slaughter and destroy all who oppose it and its program. At first glance it is not so easy to identify the emblem of Communism with the heraldry of the false prophet. If, however, we draw the crescent moon with its horns pointing to the sinister side of the shield, placing the star in the opening, we need but add a handle to both the crescent and the star to have the hammer and sickle. These forces under the reverse sign of the false prophet are rapidly moving towards the final day of slaughter.

That the reader may more clearly visualize these emblems as they are identified with the earlier heraldry we here show both the ancient and modern signs.

Imperial Rome



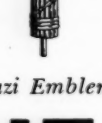
Italian Fasces



Occult Charm



Nazi Emblem



The False Prophet



Emblem of Communism



These three have declared war against our Lord, but John said "The Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings." We must therefore add another symbol which stands for those against whom the above three are making war. It is the sign of the cross, not the counterfeit † but the true emblem X as used by the early Christians.





Mr. Chamberlain voiced the opposition of evil perhaps better than even he knew when he said, "Now may God bless you all and may He defend the right. For it is evil things we shall be fighting against — brute force, bad faith, injustice, oppression and persecution. And against them I am certain the right will prevail."

The right will ultimately prevail for He is Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war (Rev. 19:11).

Intolerance

MANY voices are proclaiming the need of tolerance, and we readily grant such a spirit is certainly needed in a world afflicted by violence, hatred and war. However, in this day of evil propaganda many advocating tolerance have no intention themselves of being tolerant. Their advocacy of tolerance is but a smoke screen behind which they hope to be able to go forward unmolested in their plans.

True tolerance is granting others a right to personal opinions and doctrines, while intolerance is an unwillingness to tolerate opinions or beliefs contrary to one's own. Tried against this standard, history has demonstrated that ecclesiasticism (whether Protestant, Catholic or Jew) whenever in complete control, has been most bigoted and intolerant. Furthermore, all of the evidence points to the fact that if any one of these groups again becomes supreme, we will have the same spirit of intolerance.

There are those who construe opposition to any program or plan as intolerant. There is a vast difference between honest and vigorous opposition and intolerance. Constructive opposition is based on fact and reason, while intolerance and bigotry result from passion and hatred, and needs no fact or reason on which to base its findings.

So long as a man's opinions or doctrines are matters of belief, and affect him only in his personal outlook and acts, he is certainly right in declaring another intolerant who would undertake to prohibit his freedom of belief and expression. The moment he moves toward subjecting others to the policies and opinions he expresses, opposition is the active expression of the opinions of those that differ with him. This is not intolerance but a move to preserve and defend one's rights.

Men organize into political groups for the purpose of bringing to pass the acceptance of the form of administration they desire. It would be foolish to say that those who organize in opposition to their platform are intolerant.

We readly concede, as a right, that every individual has the privilege to worship God as a Catholic, a Protestant or a Jew. However, when any one of these three move in a political way to control the other two or to impose their beliefs upon others it automatically ceases to be a matter of personal belief and the doctrines advocated become a public issue. Every man has a right to fight such issues with all the means at his command. That is not being intolerant.

We have noticed that men who have in view religious-political power are quick to raise the cry of intolerance when their program is discovered and opposed. We concede the right of personal freedom in opinions, possessions and worship. But with all the might and power at our command we must resist every move to impose upon all of us the doctrines of any of us. If in such opposition the cry of intolerance is heard, then those raising that cry are themselves most intolerant!

The Heavens

THE newsapers this last month have carried such headlines as "Heavens to Stage Big Show," "Spectacle of the Century Awaits in February Skies." Before this issue is off the press at the end of February five of the planets, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn and Mars will be seen lined up at one time in the western sky. This is an exceptionally rare event with five evening stars all visible to the naked eye like beads on a string.

An Italian scientist and astronomer has recently discovered four planets beyond Neptune. He says, "I have recently been able to ascertain that these celestial bodies regulate our entire solar system. It is their huge power of attraction on the world axis which causes all geographical movements and earthquakes."

We as yet know very little regarding the heavenly balances and checks,

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A Prominent Minister Writes an Open Letter to Clergymen

SOME of you have asked me how it was that I became interested in Anglo-Saxon-Israel truth, which I proclaim is the Gospel of the Kingdom and is a vital message absolutely essential at the present time—in a period when it is indeed true that "Men's hearts are failing them for fear at looking on the things which are coming upon the earth." There is no other Message which can give light and understanding, hope and comfort to the majority of people who are otherwise unable to grasp the meaning and significance of what is going on in the world today and its eventual outcome.

Now you may say that the Gospel of Salvation is more important, or you may even say that it is the only message of importance. I maintain, however, that *both* are vital for it must be borne in mind that the Salvation offered by Jesus Christ to all mankind was preparatory to making possible the coming of His Kingdom upon earth. After Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom, which was the great burden of his entire teaching, He very clearly portrayed the necessity of spiritual relationship with Him as a means of entrance into the Kingdom. This is what He called New Birth. At no time, however, did He lessen the importance of the Kingdom itself!

Well, the following is my story, briefly, of how I investigated and then came into a knowledge concerning the Truth of the present-day identity of Israel.

SOMETHING over twenty years ago I was in charge of a parish in the West. One day in the course of my usual visiting I was talking with an esteemed member of my congregation, an officer of the church, who astonished me by asking, "Do you know anything about Anglo-Saxon-Israel teaching?"

I replied that I had heard something about it but that I was not thoroughly conversant with it.

He then gave me literature which I began to read, and very soon found that if Anglo-Saxon-Israel was the Truth, then some of my theological conceptions would have to be revised. Indeed, when I had proceeded farther, I could only come to the conclusion that I knew very little about what the Bible actually said but rather was full of ideas gained from the various Commentaries which had formed part of my theological course. And I venture to suggest that *you* very likely are in exactly the same situation, without realizing it. You smile, but let me give you an example of what I mean.

I presume you have in your possession Dr. Driver's Commentary on Jeremiah. You have? Do you remember in the introduction to this book, Driver comments upon what he has summarized as the contents of certain chapters of the book and in this case, I have in mind particularly the chapters relating to the definite promises made to and the prophecies regarding the future of Israel. Driver says in effect that these promises and prophecies form part of a plan that God found would not work; that circumstances had so changed that it never could work, and that therefore these promises to Abraham, Isaac, Israel and David were broken and the blessings but never the curses were transferred to the Christian Church.

I suggest to you, that this is not only a thoroughly wrong idea but that it is a suggestion which does despite to the honor of Almighty God and impugns His righteousness. If the promises of God in any particular are broken, how can any one say which of them can be relied upon—and in the case of the promises which I have used as an example, you will remember that we are told by the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews that they were confirmed and ratified by Almighty God and then in order that they might be regarded as absolutely immutable, God again confirmed them by an Oath, as the writer says, "Swore by Himself."

Doubtless this aspect of the question has not occurred to you, as indeed it does not appear to have occurred to a great many of our brethren, and certainly not to some whom we are apt to regard as expert theologians!

WELL, it was things like these which gave me a severe jolt as far as my own theological conceptions and as far as the training which I had received in my College and Seminary coures were concerned, and I determined that I must examine the truth concerning Israel more closely. I was impelled to this course by a further consideration: My ordination vows were fresh in my mind! I remembered, as I am quite sure you do, that when I was made a priest of the Church I had been asked whether I believed or rather was persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contained everything necessary for salvation, and promised to instruct the people committed to my charge, from the same Scriptures, and to teach nothing which might not be proved from them. Further, I remembered also vowing that I would be ready to "banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word" from the people committed to my charge. I was thus placed between the horns of a dilemma and I am conviced that you are in exactly the same situation. Either the Anglo-Saxon-Israel message is according to the Bible and can be proved from it and is therefore true or else it is an erroneous and strange doctrine, which must be disproved, and neither of these courses can be carried out until the person who undertakes to do either has made a careful, unbiased study of what the Truth concerning Israel actually is! You must agree that this is

a reasonable procedure.

Any fair-minded minister of the Church, remembering his ordination promises, must so agree.

Well, then, upon further and thorough examination, I found that the perpetuity of Israel as a nation is fully substantiated as to content and truth by the Bible, which is God's Word written. I came to the conclusion that what is called the habit of "spiritualizing" passages of Holy Scripture is not only false but has done more than anything else to weaken people's belief in "the faith once delivered to the saints." And I found further that, as a matter of fact, what is called "spiritualizing" is no such thing, but rather that literal matter of fact statements of the Book are turned into figurative language and thus give an entirely false idea as to their real meaning. To make a long story short, as a result of my studies I became convinced that the Covenants of God made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Israel and David were and are irrevocable. They still stand, and therefore because they stand there must be in existence somewhere today—a people or peoples that represent in their history, both past and present, and in their national characteristics, the outstanding marks of identification which the Bible declares belong to none other than Israel and which have never been transferred to any other people or organism. By that I mean, of course, that the promises made to Israel are not now in the possession of the Church as such but that they must belong to those who God declared Israel should become—a "Nation and a Company of Nations" and a "Great People."

YOU suggest that Israel is today represented by the Jewish people? Surely, a moment's reflection will convince you that this is an absolutely erroneous assumption. Do not for one moment think that I am in the slightest degree anti-Semitic, but facts are facts and the truth is that the Jewish race is not a nation, neither can it ever be a nation again. Indeed, as a matter of truth, only what is called the "Seventy Weeks Nation of the Jews" ever had any right to consider itself as a nation and even it was under the domination of a foreign power. If you remember, God in many places declared through the Prophets that the Jews had forfeited their right to nationhood. For example, you have only to read the 19th chapter of Jeremiah to see what I mean, comparing it for contrast with the 18th chapter. And then, remember the unequivocal statement made by our Lord to the people of His day, "The Kingdom is taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" and note carefully, that it is a NATION and not a "church."

Further, I realized that the Kingdom of God as an actual concrete reality was established on earth at Mount Sinai in Israel when God declared through Moses, to the assembled people, "Thou shalt be unto me a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation."

I remember, too, in spite of the fact that condemnation against Israel for its sin was pronounced and a sentence of punishment given, yet, with the condemnation and the sentence, promises of restoration were made by God, and He declared again through Jeremiah that the Nation thus established at Sinai as well as the Davidic Throne within the nation should remain in perpetuity; the latter to be occupied by a lineal descendant of David until "He comes whose right it is." And then, in connection with this fact, I remembered that part of the great Message sent direct by God to Mary in Nazareth contained the promise of the restoration of the Kingdom and the occupancy of the Throne of David by our Lord Jesus Christ.

You look surprised at this! Let me explain in detail what I mean. And forgive me, if I remind you fully of the statements of the Annunciation. You will recall them, I am sure.

Remember that these statements were all part of a complete declaration, each clause formed an integral part of the whole and for the purpose I have in mind let me break it into clauses:

We have, first, the statement that Mary should conceive and bear a son. She did. All the world acknowledges that fact. It is historic. The Incarnation is the foundation of the Christian faith.

Next, it is stated that the Son to be born was to be named Jesus. He was. And again, history attests the fact.

The statement proceeds, "He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest." Humanity again agrees with this. He was the greatest of all the sons of men and He was and is the Son of the Highest, for He is the Son of God.

So far, we are in complete agreement and the Christian Church affirms the truth of the statements thus quoted.

We proceed. The next clause is "The Lord shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. He shall reign over the House of Jacob forever and of His Kingdom, there shall be no end."

Now why should a Christian hold up his hands in horror when it is suggested that this latter statement, relative to the occupancy of the throne of David and the rule over the Kingdom established in the House of Jacob is a statement just as literal and just as true to fact as the preceding clauses. Where is the logic of such an attitude? If three out of four statements I have quoted are accepted as true, what right has any one to suggest that the remaining clause should not be accepted as true?

PERHAPS you will suggest that the Throne and the Kingdom are *spiritual only*. What warrant is there for that? Remember, the fact of the Kingdom was established in the House of Jacob, which is Israel. The Angel Gabriel's declaration with regard to our Lord is that His Kingdom is still established in the House of Jacob which is Israel. The Throne of David which was declared to be, as you will remember, the Throne of the Lord, was also established in the house of Jacob which is Israel, through the House of David. How can an intelligent person believe that either of these things were transferred from material and physical entities into something which is purely spiritual?

Now, there is something else which I would call to your attention. The preaching of our Lord Himself was concerned primarily and almost wholly with the Gospel of the Kingdom. In that marvelous period which took place between the Resurrection and Ascension (which we call the Great Forty Days) we are told that

the Risen Lord was with the disciples on many occasions, speaking to them "of things pertaining to the Kingdom of God" and we see further that these disciples were so full of the idea of the Kingdom and of the fact of its restoration that the very last question which they addressed to Him was, "Lord, wilt Thou at this time, restore the Kingdom to Israel?"

Now, note, they were not told that they were mistaken in their ideas relative to the future restoration of the Kingdom. Surely, if the Kingdom was not to become a functioning power on earth, we are correct in assuming that our Lord would have said that they had misunderstood all that He had been teaching. But He simply said that it was not for them to know when the Kingdom should once again function in Israel.

NO, my friends, the Kingdom of God is a literal fact and I am convinced that the conditions through which we are now passing and the signs of the times so prevalent are indicative of the near approach of the time when that Kingdom will once again function; for I am sure, and I think that you will agree, that the outcome of present events will be the establishment of a righteous world dominion under the sovereignty of Jesus Christ and that this will be in very fact the Kingdom of God. Because the Anglo-Saxon and Celtic peoples represented principally by the "Nation and Company of Nations" of the British Empire and the "Great People" of the United States of America possess within themselves all the outstanding characteristics to which I have already referred and because together they today represent the largest Christian entity among the nations of the world they are undoubtedly the modern representatives of Israel. I go further, and say they ARE the Israel of God and it is the bounden duty and responsibility of every citizen of Anglo-Saxondom to become acquainted with the responsibilities of the heritage to which by the Grace of God they have fallen heir.

I know that I have written enough to give you an occasion for serious thought. I suggest to you that you cannot but consider yourself in exactly the same position as I found myself many years ago, and I trust that by the Grace of God you will come to the same conclusion which I was constrained to adopt.

Students in the Kingdom

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"AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:1-4).

What one attribute does a little child possess that caused the Lord Jesus to make this statement, which amounts to an ultimatum regarding entrance into his kingdom? Recently this question was asked in a Bible class and out of the dozen answers given not one of them taken by itself could have accounted for the finality of the Lord's sweeping challenge to his adult audience.

After much contemplation on this vital passage of Scripture it seems that the main idea lies in the fact that a little child is teachable. Not yet having acquired the belief that it knows everything, it is in position to learn something. When Mother points to a chair and says, "See the chair," it never occurs to the child to argue that the object is a table; or, if Father says, "Listen to the dog bark," it does not contend that the noise was made by a cow. It submits with becoming humility and absolute confidence to the instruction of its parents.

In Matthew 13, Jesus draws a distinct line between the multitudes and his disciples on the sole basis of teachableness. His disciples asked, "Why speakest thou unto them in parables?" He answered, "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given . . . Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand." Does this suggest partiality? Or was there a reason to justify giving spiritual understanding to one group of people and withholding it from another group? The reason is clearly stated: "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have closed . . . But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear."

IT is plain that the unconverted multitudes were not victims of unfair discrimination. They had access to the prophetic messages of Moses and the prophets just the same as the Lord's disciples. Like the disciples they had heard Jesus teach and preach; they had seen his great miracles as he healed the sick, restored sight to the blind, fed thousands that hungered and raised the dead. These things had been done in the open where all men could hear the words and see the mighty works of the Son of God. They had ears to hear the words of eternal life, yet heard nothing; they had eyes to behold the wonderful works of God in their very midst, but saw nothing. What is the Master's charge against these people? It is that they are unteachable. And what is his sentence for the crime? "Ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

The stupidity of these people was not due to the fact that they were all mentally deficient, or what might be termed the ignorant masses. On the contrary many of them boasted of their knowledge. When the Lord of heaven and earth tried to explain divine truths and plans to them they became contentious, even to the point of conspiring to trap him into contradicting himself. It is utterly hopeless to teach people who think they know all the answers. There is noth-

ing as effectual as conceit for sealing the mind against the acquisition of wisdom. See how cleverly Jesus calls our attention to this fact in the phrase, "their eyes they have closed."

Someone tells a little parable of a young swallow, not a year old, proving concusively that his father and mother were wrong in migrating South for the winter. Having proved this, to his own satisfaction at least, he remained North to see what cold weather was like. Long before winter ended the poor little swallow was found dead on the ground. The conclusion is that he had the better of the argument and the worst of the experience. So it was with the stubborn Pharisees and Sadducees: they upheld their arguments, but missed the kingdom.

IN contrast to this unteachable group we find that our Lord gathered about him a few men who were willing to be instructed. To them he opened up "the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." (Mathew 11:25.)

The whole of Jesus' prayer in John 17 is a petition, not for the self-righteous leaders of Jewry nor for the unbelieving masses, but strictly in behalf of all students in the kingdom, who, like little children, are responsive and eager to be taught. "I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and THEY HAVE RECEIVED THEM, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and THEY HAVE BELIEVED that thou didst send me . . . Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word . . . And the glory which thou gavest me I have given thee . . . Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

Surely we are convinced by this time that it matters tremendously how people react to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. It is interesting to contrast the reactions of the two groups throughout the New Testament. Here are a few out of many illuminating examples. We find the teachable disciples seeking instruction. "Lord, teach us how to pray . . Declare unto us the parable . . . Why could not we cast out the evil spirit? . . . What shall we do that we might work the works of God? . . . Tell us when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?"

THE unteachables run true to form wherever found. We read that the people of Nazareth "rose up and thrust him out of the city." At Gadara, "The whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts." The Pharisees said, "This fellow does not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of devils." The chief priests and rulers "cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas."

Since human nature is essentially the same through the centuries it is not surprising to discover that many people today, in company with the Nazarenes, Gadarenes, chief priests and rulers, are like the foolish swallow in the little story—unteachable. If all the unteachables were avowed atheists their influences would be much simpler than it is. Unfortunately, like the scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees, many of them hold important posts in the synagogues and churches, and in the professions of religious teaching and writing.

The favorite pastime of modern Sadducean scribes is the writing of books and articles designed to discredit the plain teachings of the Bible. Try to get one of them to face the issue in a frank discussion and immediately he heads you into a fog of evasiveness. He will tell you that the difference in your viewpoint and his lies in giving different meanings to certain words. From this point on any sensible discussion is hopeless, because you never can discover just what he means about anything regarding Christian doctrines.

In a lecture, Dr. Fred Smith once facetiously illustrated this evasive tendency. He told of reading a book containing 349 pages. He said the author's first idea seemed to be that there is an influence for good which tends upward. About the middle of the book he admitted that there is also an influence which tends downward. On the last page he finally summed up the matter by declaring that there is one influence in man tending upward and another tending downward. Dr. Smith concluded, "I wondered why he didn't say on the first page, "There is a God and there is a devil"—and save the writing of 348 pages."

WITH much self-satisfaction theological modernists call our attention to their tolerance, and to their intelligent scientific approach to the subject of religion. Yet many Christians have found them to be most intolerant; and investigation proves them to be anything but scientific in their approach to the Bible.

It is a well-known fact that modernism rests its entire structure upon the assumption that the art of writing was not in existence at the time Old Testament writers claimed to have done their work; therefore, none of these works were done at the time indicated by the Bible, nor by the men whose names they bear. We are told that the truths of God contained in the Old Testament were handed down from generation to generation by means of oral legends and myths which became thoroughly jumbled and unreliable in the process. Then finally, after many centuries, they were written down by scribes who signed the names of Moses and the prophets to these spurious documents to add prestige to them. Sensible people are expected to believe that God resorted to this unscrupulous method to communicate with his people.

Barnum's philosophy that you can fool all of the people some of the time has worked to the extent that if one refuses to accept this implausible theory he is branded as an ignoramus, unworthy of important pulpits and slick magazines. Barnum also reasoned that you can't fool all of the people all the time, and therein lies the hope that laymen will yet do some investigating and draw conclusions based upon genuine scientific evidence.

The *National Geographic Magazine* for October, 1930, contains an extremely important article entitled, "A New Alphabet Of The Ancients Is Unearthed," by F. A. Schaeffer. This one article alone, with its forty-eight illustrations, contains enough evidence to blast the foundation from under the whole structure of mod-

ernism. Mr. Schaeffer, writing of his excavations in Syria, tells of this thrilling and significant discovery:

"In a room divided by three pillars we came upon a large number of clay tablets covered with cuneiform text. We had found the palace library! These writings promise to reveal most valuable information concerning the history of the ancient Near East. Some are written in Babylonian, the diplomatic language of that time, and deal with important government treaties. One provides for the exchange of prisoners of three previously unknown cities on the Mesopotamian boundary: Hazilu, Halbibi, and Panashtai.

"But, to our amazement, we found that the majority of the tablets had been inscribed in a language the existence of which no one had ever surmised! And—an extraordinary thing—it is in an *'alphabetical'* script of 27 cuneiform signs, a real alphabetical document of the second millenium before Christ.

"Up to now the origin of an alphabet, probably the most wonderful achievement of the human mind, has been considered of much more recent date. Only through this instrument did writing, reading, and, with these, the entire field of knowledge, become accessible to the masses. Prior to this development, only priests and rulers, after a long period of study, could fathom the mysteries of Egyptian hieroglyphics and Babylonian ideographs, with which weapons they were assured of their power over the ignorant masses.

"Believing that the notations of the Greek historian Herodotus were correct, many scholars have praised the Phoenicians as the inventors of the alphabet. Our discovery indicates, however, that, long before the Phoenicians, the kings of Ras Shamra used a genuine alphabetical script for their diplomatic correspondence. People have racked their brains, wondering with what signs Moses wrote his Tablets of the law; he may have had an alphabet.

"We took every precaution to safeguard these precious historic documents. Among them are large tablets recording government treaties and very small ones containing the personal correspondence of the kings. The position in which each tablet was found in the earth was photographed, and their removal filmed.

"I sent a messenger to Latakieh to request the presence of the Governor and the Minister of Finance of the State of the Alaouites as witnesses to the discovery. They came in two days; then I removed several additional tablets in their presence. Telegraphic information of this discovery sent to the Academy in Paris brought congratulations by radio and letters from England and America."

OUR lexicographers have managed to build up a fairly adequate vocabulary with a 26-letter alphabet—and now we learn that these ancient people had one with 27 letters! How is it that present-day religious leaders have not heard about these discoveries? Do they never read *The National Geographic*? Or do they regard the findings of archaeology unscientific? The matter needs to be looked into because they continue to flood the book stores and magazine stands with writings based upon obsolete speculations which have long since been exploded and discarded by top ranking scientists. If such men are scholars they must be the kind Paul described as—"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was." (II Timothy 3:7-9.)

"So do these also resist the truth." How perfectly this statement fits the unteachable "liberals" who resist all scientific evidence which refutes their traditional concepts, and yet manage to keep themselves constantly in the limelight through their much speaking and writing!

When religious leaders refuse to be taught by the Spirit of God they always fall into grave errors and become sponsors of subversive movements affecting the general welfare of humanity. When the rulers of the first Christian century rejected Christ and cast him out of the cities they cheated the multitudes out of the abundant life which was in their midst. So today the masses are being misled by men who scornfully disregard the sure word of prophecy—men who see no connection between the plans of God as revealed by the prophets and the great movements of men and nations in the world today.

Rejecting our Lord's kingdom on earth, over which he will eventually reign as king and bring all nations under the perfect will of God, men become easy prey to counterfeit systems that promise to establish peace and universal brotherhood. Read the lists of names connected with the various organizations now under surveillance of the Dies Committee investigating un-American activities and you will find among them many prominent Sadducean ministers and teachers. Did not the Lord ask, "Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?"

If Jesus valued the writings of Moses and the prophets to the extent that he said not one jot or tittle would fail until all was fulfilled, what must he think of men in our day who presumptuously turn deaf ears to his teachings? He says he will be ashamed of them. "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:38.)

Except men "become as little children," — humble, teachable — they "shall not enter into the kingdom."

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but this we do know as declared by the prophets and so succinctly expressed by Prof. Totton in 1892 A.D.: "It is ridiculous to suppose that the Crisis, when it comes, will be brought about without the entire solar system lending its assistance. God always works by means, and has certainly timed the clock-work of His universe in accordance with every end in view. No mortal mind will ever be able to arraign the fitness of His arrangements, and in due time the stars in their courses will drown the scoffer's voice."

Does the present planetary aspect but herald the beinning of a series of heavenly signs? Is it to climax with, "Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven!" If, as we believe, the end of the age is at hand there will yet appear startling phenomena in the heavens that will bring confirmation.

A Study of Revelation

Part Two: The Message of the Churches

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THE SEVEN CHURCHES to which John addresses his message were specially selected because each, in its activity and spiritual relationship to God, represented in type a particular period in Church history. Here is set forth the virtues and shortcomings of the Church in seven great spiritual subdivisions. It is an appraisal of the spiritual life of His people during these last two thousand years. Therefore, let us study the message and apply its prophetic import to the period designated.

The angels, or messengers, no doubt were men from each Church visiting John in his exile on the Isle of Patmos.

The Church at Ephesus, 30 to 64 A.D.

THIS CHURCH, meaning *desirable,* represents the early apostolic period. This is confirmed by the activity of false apostles who could not have been in evidence at any other time in Church history. It is a Church full of zeal and good works, having patience, but which fell away from its first love. This is clearly indicated in the writings of the apostles by the loss of the spiritual enthusiasm endengered at Pentecost. The Church was practically free from state persecution until 64 A.D.

The Lord is shown as walking in the midst of the Churches, guiding, directing and comforting them, as well as judging their activities. He admonishes the church at Ephesus to repent, else their candlestick will be removed and their light extinguished. This Church is commended because of its hatred of the doctrines of the Nicolatians, which doctrine He also hates. That doctrine is lording it over the laity represented in ecclesiastical hierarchy which is condemned. This spirit of regimentation and control was already manifesting itself in the Apostolic Church.

The overcomers are promised immortality, for they are those who will reign and rule with Him in the restored Kingdom. Such are, therefore, to have access to the Tree of Life in the midst of the Garden of God, where there will be peace, joy and happiness forever.

The Church at Smyrna, 64 to 313 A.D.

THIS CHURCH, signifying *bitternes* and *trial,* represents the age of persecution. Nero's edict in 64 A.D. dates the beginning of this Church period. Many were purified in the fires of affliction, for pagan persecution rested heavily upon the Christians. God knew their works, tribulations and poverty and said they were rich in faith and admonished them to be faithful even unto death. Comfort is given to the martyrs in the assurance of resurrection through Him who was dead, but now is alive forevermore.

There are those who declare they are Jews, but in reality are of the synagogue of Satan. When Jewry crucified Christ they ceased to be Jews in a spiritual sense. Up until then God had been with them, but now their place of worship, the synagogue, has become the abode of the adversary. It was blasphemy for them to declare they were God's people. The result of the crucifixion brought forth Daniel's prophecy, "And the Jews they shall be no more his people (*or* the people of the Messiah)" —*Marginal rendering* (Daniel 9:26). The kingdom had been taken from them (Matt. 21:43) and had been given to Israel, who was to find grace in his wilderness. (Jer. 31:2.) The Church, instead of the synagogue, was now the center of spiritual activity among His people.

The devil is charged with casting some of them into prison thus representing the pagan system as devil-controlled. Many were thus cast into prison and, ecause of their testimony, died the death of martyrs. The ten days of persecution may refer to the ten edicts issued by the emperors from Nero to Diocletian. The accepted list is as follows:

Nero	64 A.D.
Domitian	95 A.D.
Trajan	107 A.D.
Hadrian	127 A.D.
Marcus Arelius	165 A.D.
Septimus Severns	202 A.D.
Maximus	235 A.D.
Decius	249 A.D.
Valerianus	257 A.D.
Diocletian	303 A.D.

The ten days may also apply to the ten years (a day for a year) which began in 303 A.D. This dreadful persecution lasted ten years. Hundreds of thousands of Christians died or were banished. Diocletian authorized this last and fiercest of persecutions by the pagan Roman Empire. This Church was admonished to be faithful unto death and they would receive a crown of life. In thus gaining the victory the second death could not hurt them.

The Church at Pergamos, 313 to 529 A.D.

THIS CHURCH, meaning *height* or *elevation,* was freed from persecution and Christianity became popular under Constantine. This resulted in apostasy and worldliness. Constantine the Great saw that the dreadful persecution of the Church increased its strength for "the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church." As a matter of super-statesmancraft the celebrated edict of Milan was issued. This restored peace and returned all confiscated property to the Christians and the Church. Christians again became citizens and came to power through the popularity of their religion. Constantine proclaimed his conversion to Christianity, having seen a vision of the cross in the heavens with the words, "Conquer by this."

Pagan systems of worship were baptized and their idolatrous abominations grafted into the pure wor-

ship and service of the Church of God. Christianity became the religion of the Empire. False doctrines were injected into the life of the Church with a corresponding loss in spirituality. In addressing this Church our Lord is represented as possessing a sharp sword with two edges. Thus, only in the power of the Word and the Spirit, the two-edged sword, can men rightly divide the word of truth.

When Babylon was overthrown the Chaldean Mysteries transferred its seat from Babylon to Pergamos. The Lord refers to the Church at Pergamos as dwelling, "Even where Satan's seat is." Not only was Pergamos the seat of Satanic power, with its iniquitous system of worship, but the Church of this period was now popular in the court of the adversary. Reference is made to Antipas, a faithful martyr. The word is supposed to be from two words *anti*, opposed, and *papas*, pope, father. Evidently it is a reference to the faithful who were in strong opposition to the "mystery of iniquity" that was already beginning to work in the Church.

The Lord declares He has a few things against Pergamos because they held to the doctrine of Balaam. Balaam taught Balak to defile Israel. Balak caused them to sin through worldliness, immorality and idolatry. The period of church history thus represented amply justifies this condemnation. The doctrines of the Nicolaitans were now advocated and accepted in the establishment of authority and power over the Church through ecclesiastical orders. They are called to repent, else He will fight against them with the sword of the Word of the Spirit.

The overcomers are promised the hidden manna—spiritual food so needed for the soul. They are promised a white stone, a symbol of covenant relationship, and a new name signifying a change in character and position as they come into close communion and fellowship with Christ.

The Church at Thyatira 529 to 1529 A.D.

THIS CHURCH, meaning a *sweet savor*, an *acceptable offering*, represents the period during which time the Papacy came to power. She calls herself a prophetess, teaching and seducing God's people. In addressing this Church the Lord is represented as having eyes like unto a flame of fire and feet like unto brass. With His eyes He is searching out the truth. His feet denote the irresistable treading out of Judgment.

Thyatira is commended for its work of love, faith, service and endurance. It has increased its works and demonstrated its zeal for the Lord. That zeal, in part, however, had turned to ritual in its service and worship. Condemnation is pronounced upon this Church for suffering the woman Jezebel to teach. Jezebel, the heathen wife of Ahab, a king in Israel, represents idolatrous, pagan worship and thus signifies the union of God's people with idolatry and evil.

The Church of Rome came to power with Popes usurping the authority and position of Jesus Christ. The teachings and doctrines emanating from this source have polluted the entire stream of religious thought. She is given space to repent which may be an allusion to the 1260 year-days, or the period of "time, times and the dividing of time." Judgment would follow refusal and her adherents would suffer because of her sins. Death is also pronounced upon her children. These are those political Christian institutions which are imitating Rome's Nicolaitan example and teaching her doctrines. The result of these judgments is that all Christendom is to know that her works are evil.

Many in this Church remain faithful in spite of false doctrines and spiritual apostasy. The Lord promises no other burden for them than that they would suffer martyrdom. The overcomers who keep His word unto the end, will be given power over the nations. The morning star will arise for them as they awake in His likeness, for He is "the Bright and Morning Star."

The Church in Sardis 1529 to 1789 A.D.

THIS is the Church of the Dark Ages which was spiritually dead, for a great apostasy had spread over all Christendom. Sardis meant a *remnant*, an *escaped few*. Though spiritually dead there yet were those of this Church who had not defiled their garments. They were admonished to be watchful, helping those in persecution, and to be faithful, for they knew not the hour of their visitation, Of these the Lord said, "They shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy."

In addressing this Church our Lord is represented as having the Seven Spirits of God and the Seven Stars. He is shown as helping through the power of the Spirit to give guidance to the Church. While many in this Church are to suffer a martyr's death, the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit was to keep them from evil and temptation in the face of the deadening effect of the great spiritual apostasy.

The overcomers were not only to receive the white raiment of righteousness, but their name would not be blotted out of the Book of Life. The Lord declares of each, "I will confess his name before My Father and before the angels."

This is in conformity with Jesus' instruction to His disciples, "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God." (Luke 12:8.)

The Church in Philadelphia 1789 to 1914 A.D.

THIS CHURCH, meaning *brotherly love*, represents the missionary spirit and enterprise of the last century. It is the resurrected period of revived spirituality in Christendom. Rome (Mystery, Babylon the Great) for centuries had caused God's people to be subjected to spiritual and physical bondage, worse than that of the Egyptian bondage of Israel. The Reformation was the beginning of the removal of the fetters that bound Israel. Following the French Revolution this period began with the organization of missions and Bible societies. It closes with the curtailment of missionary enterprise as the result of the declaration of war in 1914 A.D. This 125 years not only saw the rapid spread of the Gospel into all lands but it also witnessed an awakening to Second Advent expectations. The knowledge of the revelation of the Great Pyramid came during these same years while men also began to awaken to the fact that the Anglo-

Saxon-Celtic peoples were the House of Israel today. The expectation of the Second Advent reached its height in 1844 A.D., only to be followed by disappointment and a tarrying period. The war of 1914 not only closed the Philadelphia phase of Church activity, but revived interest in prophecy and the nearness of the Second Advent.

In addressing this Church our Lord is represented as, "He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the keys of David, He that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth and no man openeth." The key is the symbol of power. The authority usurped by Rome had now passed into the hands of His true Church. Here we have our Lord as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, holding the power to David's kingdom and throne, summoning Israel, His people to rise to kingdom tasks. One of those assignments was to be, "His salvation to the ends of the earth." Because this task would be completed during the period of the activity of this Church, an open door is set before them. The Book that Rome closed was now to be opened and given to all the world. The Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples have taken the Scripture and printed it into over 1000 different languages, and the Gospel has been preached unto the ends of the earth.

The trial of faith could not discourage those of Philadelphia, for the Lord promised to keep them from the hour of temptation which would come upon all the world, to try those that dwell therein. As the end of the age approached this Church would find the light of prophecy burning brighter until the dawn of the New Day. To them the "Behold, I come quickly" is a blessed hope. Therefore, the Lord said, "Hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

The overcomers are to become pillars in the temple of God, occupying positions of support and power in the restored Kingdom. They will be citizens of the New Jerusalem, receiving the new name of God, and will reign and rule with Christ. Thus they are to be like as He is—co-heirs in that Kingdom.

The Church of the Laodiceans, 1914 A.D. to End of the Age

THIS is the Church of the present day! Laodicea means *justice,* or *judgment,* for upon them comes the end of the age and judgment. This Church is neither hot nor cold, having a form of godliness, but denying the power of God as she fellowships with the adversary. Because she is lukewarm the Lord declares He will spew her out of His mouth. This Church lacks the conviction and zeal of the early Christians. Fashion, ritual and ceremony have taken the place of true spirituality.

The Inter-Church World movement, following the World War of 1914-18, emphasized the fact of Christianity's claim to riches in goods and possessions. But the Lord declares she is miserable, poor, blind and naked. Satisfied with the past, content with the present and supported by powerful political-ecclesiastical organizations the members of this Church have neglected the Word and the Truth. They are counseled to buy of Him gold tried in the fire and through this refining process of tribulation acquire genuine wealth and the white raiment of righteousness.

Here is condemned the denials of modernism and the spiritualizations of fundamentalism, for the orthodox teaching of this age is defective and wrong, blinding men to truth. The counsel is to anoint their eyes with eye salve, that they may see. One of the great truths of the present day is the restoration of Israel and the awakening to her identity and responsibility. Blind to these truths and in opposition to Scriptural teachings regarding the Kingdom, the Church is failing to recognize God's plan and purpose concerning His people. The Laodicean Church is to witness the signs of an age coming to a close, but, blind to reality, they are condemned for failure to understand the times in which they live.

The call is to repent, for He stands at the door and knocks. He is coming again, if they will hear His voice and open the door He will enter and fellowship with them. (See also Luke 12:34-37). The overcomers are to sit with Him in His throne, as He has overcome and sat down with His Father in His throne.

The Christian Dispensation

The activity of these Churches, like seven great highways, extend the entire length of the Christian dispensation. Each has pre-eminently marked with its characteristics the particular stage in history of which it was to be a type. All seven Churches will be active throughout the entire Christian age. During the period of the manifestation of the Laodicean spirit the Lord is to return. Those in every Church who gain the victory receive the promise of wonderful blessings.

Corroborative Evidence

The Great Pyramid, whose name means "Revelation Measures," in the Grand Gallery symbolism of the Christian dispensation, shows seven courses of overlapping stones extending the full length of this Grand Gallery. Here we have evidence that there are seven distinct types of activity extending the entire length of the Christian era, but also following one another in spiritual significance, as indicated in the vertical plane as one is above the other in spiritual ascendancy.

Prophecy has been amply justified in its historical verification. Today the Church is face to face with an actual fact, the *imminence of HIS SOON RETURN.*

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Millennial Music

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IN the Book of Job we are told that when God created the earth and poised it in space, "The morning stars sang together and the Sons of God shouted for joy." (Job 38:7.)

As we follow through the Scripture we find that the Sons of God were the patriarchs or representatives of unfallen worlds.

We may be certain that the shout of the Sons of God was in perfect harmony with the song of the stars. Being a shout it was in the major key. Thus we have revealed to us the pitch of Celestial Music. In all the heaven of heavens there is no place for the minor note or heaven would not be heaven.

The music of the spheres is not merely a poetic concept. It is a fact. Each of the planets of our solar system has its own particular color, ranging from the red of Mars to the blue of Venus. Science has fully demonstrated that each color has its own rate of vibration and the light from it can be transmitted into its particular sound or tone. Therefore, each planet, sun, moon or star as it flies through space emits its note in perfect harmony with all other heavenly bodies.

Shakespeare, even in his day, recognized this fact and wrote:

"Look how the floor of heaven
Is thick laid with patines of bright gold;
There's not the smallest orb which thou beholdest
But in his motion like an angel sings,
Still quiring to the young-eyed cherubins.
Such harmony is in immortal souls
But while this muddy vesture of decay
Doth grossly close it in, we cannot hear it."

In full accord with this scientific truth, the Sweet Singer of Israel, centuries ago, called upon every created thing to praise the Lord. (Psa. 148.) Had we but the ears to hear we could live in the joy of the gigantic symphony of the universe; earth, sea and sky, plain, hill and mountain peak, trees of the wood, beast, bird and insect, even mother's old fashioned flower garden, all pouring forth their anthems of praise to Him who so wonderfully created and so graciously preserves.

The next occasion when the hosts of heaven were marshalled for praise, was at the advent of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In Heb. 1:6 we read, "And again when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world he saith; And let all the angels of God praise Him."

In obedience to that command, the angelic host assembled over the fields of Bethlehem and the humble shepherds, whose ears were miraculously tuned to hear the music of heaven, were made the recipients and the heralds of the divine message, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

HAD we the ears, we too, mid dews and damps of life, might hear the great angelic chorus, as certainly as we catch the song of the distant choir carried on the ether waves through the radio. In Eden it was so and man lived and walked amid the rhapsodies of heaven.

But, in the fall, man lost his ability to hear anything ethereal. His rebellion threw him and his planet out of harmony with the whole universe. He was no longer attuned to the Infinite. Earth's music became a pensive wail, voiced in the half notes of the human octave. The Jubals of the centuries have invented their instruments of music to cheer the world but the minor note in the scale still stands as the memorial of the sin and consequent sorrow of the human race.

Every highly sensitized musician is conscious of the existence of a song that has never been sung by earth's choirs, of a melody that has never been played on earth's instruments, of an exhilarating, transporting, exalted note that has never been struck by any composer, singer or orchestra. The hunger, the longing, the outreach of their souls was never more beautifully or vividly expressed than by Adelaide Anne Proctor in *The Lost Chord,* a few stanzas of which we present:

"I do not know what I was playing
Or what I was dreaming then,
But I struck one chord of music
Like the sound of a grand Amen—

It flooded the crimson twilight
Like the close of an angel's Psalm,
And it lay on my fevered spirit
With a touch of infinite calm.

I have sought, but I seek it vainly
That one lost chord divine
That came from the soul of the organ
And entered into mine."

MADE in the image and likeness of God, man was intended to live in the joys of God's presence to join in the song of the angels and the praise of an exulting universe.

To this end he possesses nine vocal cords: evidencing the fact that it was never divinely intended that he should be limited to an octave but that he should sing in a montave, a scale consisting of nine notes instead of eight. Naturally then, the pupil in music has to twist or adjust the nine vocal cords in order to sing the eight notes of the octave. Very few of even the great artists can sing with a full throat easily, like a bird. How few of those heralded as great have caught the soul of music or can sing without consciously, mechanically "making the tones." In most cases the manifest effort detracts from the pleasure of either seeing or hearing the artist. How discordant the best of earth music must sound to angelic ears.

Here, as in all else that is awry in the realm of men, we must depend upon Jesus Christ to set it right. His mission to the planet was to bring "all things" into a state of harmony with the divine will. John tells us "For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved." The word translated "world" is *cosmos* in the Greek and gives us some idea of the tremendous sweep of the divine purpose "that the cosmos through him, might be saved."

What effect man's sin might have

had upon the starry firmament we do not know, but we do know that our planet, earth, went through a change and has been passing through disturbances ever since which have spelled hardship for the whole race. Even the ground was cursed for man's sake and brought forth briars and thistles. Thus man was doomed to earn his bread in the "sweat of his face."

At incalculable cost Jesus purchased the right to save the whole cosmos and give us "the restitution of all things." This we are assured will culminate in "a new heavens and a new earth." "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away." The minor notes will, therefore, pass forever from earth's music.

In these last days of a dying age, with the final Armageddon and its accompanying planetary readjustments at our very door, it will not be long until peace, marvelous peace, shall flow down our streets like a mighty river and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea; when no man shall need to say to his neighbor, Know the Lord! but all shall know him from the least even unto the greatest. Then will come the imperial command: "Sing O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it; shout ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing ye mountains, O forest and every tree therein; for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob and glorified Himself in Israel." (Isa. 44:23.)

The *new* song, the song of the Redeemed, will be sung on the new scale, keyed in harmony with the music of the spheres and earth shall echo back in a mighty *major* the song of the skies—"Halelujah; the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!"

The Biblical Garden of Eden

The origin of the Account—Part Two

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WHEN I was graduated from college as a young man just past my twenty-first birthday, I wrote a "learned" thesis on the Origin and Development of Writing; the idea, of course, being based upon the study of Homer. In an extensive essay I finally concluded that writing was utterly unknown in the time of Homer, therefore he could not possibly have written the Iliad and Odyssey. As an old man, now nearing the last mile posts of life, I read again that great burst of youthful erudition and smile! How confident ever is youth! How little science *really* knows!

The art of writing had its origin neither in the valley of the Euphrates nor the Nile, so says the latest deduction of science.

I am speaking in the following paragraphs of the origin of man as a species, and am not speaking of him as the WHITE RACE. That comes later.

The continent of Mu was geographically located as is indicated by the map; and its physiography was as described in DESTINY for February. Here, in the opinion of many scientists, man as such had his beginning. He did *not descend* from the anthropoids; but more properly, perhaps, as I pointed out more than thirty years ago, the anthropoid was an "arrested development," or degenerate branch of the *genus homo*. Man was *always* man, and our Christian readers may rest assured that the theory of evolution so assiduously taught as fact has been entirely exploded scientifically by Mr. Dewar, in a book entitled *Man: A Special Creation*. Man was created man, and not a beast capable of "development;" of rising from a lower to a higher plane! At the same time I maintained, taught, and published that man was not a *savage* in his original state; but through *circumstances and environment* degenerated into that stage of existence. If we read carefully certain passages in both the Old and New Testaments, we cannot fail to put such interpretation upon them. Man from the beginning had a superior intellect, ability, and skill that was *given* him at the beginning, and did not struggle up through the ages from cannibal to the civilized man. This place where man had his original civilization, so far as science can determine, was the continent, or islands, of Mu.

HERE man invented the art of writing, the keeping of account of certain events and activities consistent with his environment. This art and at least some of the tablets have come down to us. Now whether these extant tablets are some of the original or are mere copies is difficult to decide. It is probable, however, that a few are original while others are copies. These tablets were discovered by James Churchward over fifty years ago in India. He worked many years at their translation with the aid of a native priest. Most of these tablets have been translated; but some have not, and certain passages in others are doubtful in the interpretation. But the interpretation is sufficiently accurate to give us a very definite datum in regard to some things.

The teachings or influence of these writings first reached what is now India, where the texts were written in the Naacal language or dialect; from India the spirit of the texts reached Egypt, and from Egypt to Sinai. The Egyptian hieroglyphics were a further development of the Naacal form, and the Naga-Maya form. The Egyptians later shortened the extensive and expansive characters into the shorter form known as the hieratic. Some of the names and terms used by the early historic Egyptians were transliterated from these tablets. Just by way of illustration:

the term *Ra* comes from Mu, meaning the *sun*. Ra-Mu means the "empire of the sun." Let us call your attention to the name of several of the kings of Egypt whose names are the greatest in written history: The Ra-mu-ses (Rameses, the Great, etc.,) which may be interpreted as "the ruler of the empire of Mu." In addition the word Pharaoh is not originally an Egyptian word, and it means "the great house." It was not a name, but a title. Does that title date back to the time when men first set up a dynasty? Does the idea go back to the time when God communicated directly with man? Is that the basis of the notion that the king had the attributes of divinity? In Genesis we have the expression, "Let us make man in our own image." Is this a "hereditary memory" of the origin of mankind? We also know that the Hebrews, for some unexplained reason, never orally uttered a certain name or attribute of Jehovah. Was there some real reason for this taboo, or was it pseudo in its origin and application? We might go on asking questions ad infinitum about this line of thought. How did the custom originate?

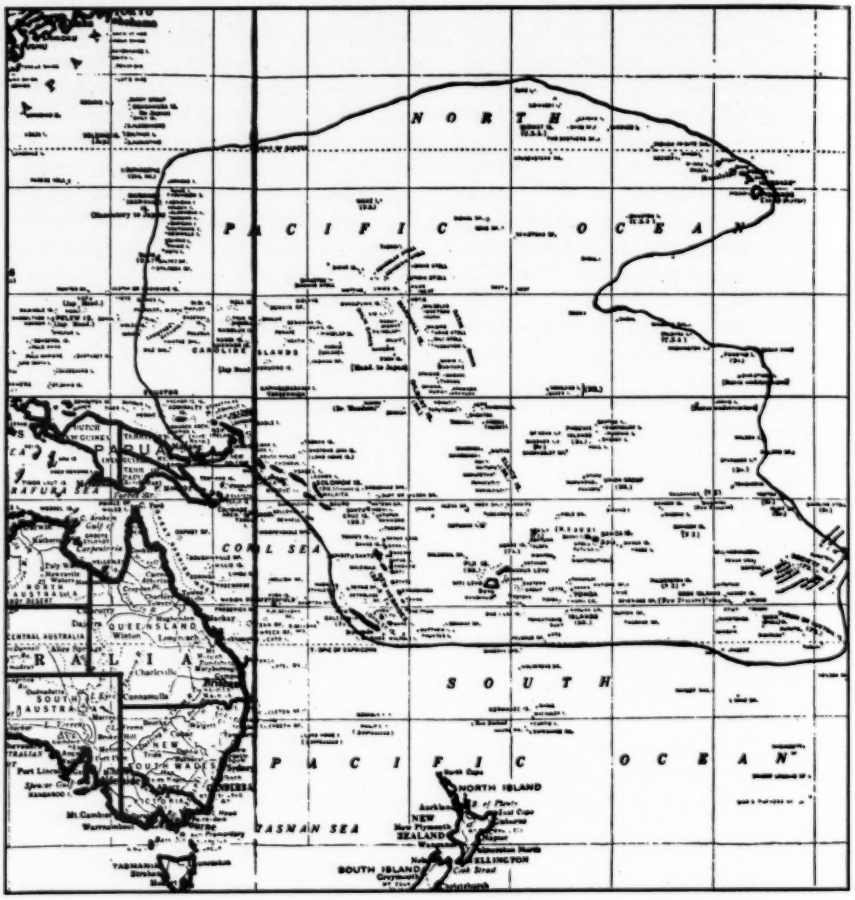
The tablets of Mu tell us that the heavens and the earth were created in "seven periods of time;" these periods were not "days" as is the modern idea, but more corresponding to the Greek words used in the LXX translation of the Old Testament. These tablets also state that man came from God, and must return whence he came. Religion was purely monotheistic so far as can be deduced from the tablets; but they are not devoted to theology or religion to any extent, nor is there anything that can be classified as mythology found in any of the tablets so far interpreted. One thing stands out in the description of the people, so far as they go into detail, and that is that there were two branches, one a blonde, meaning by that just what we do at the present apparently and another of the brunette type. The brunettes occupied the southern part of the continent, or the southernmost island, while the blondes occupied the other portions. Now this assertion of there being a "blonde" type cannot be interpreted as meaning the white race as we have it today; it can mean only that one branch of the race was lighter complexioned than the other which might easily be accounted for from purely environmental conditions. I once saw in the very center of Africa a number of women who could have been called "white," but it was that deathly, milk-white that instantly betrays the fact that the individual acquired that color through artificial environmental conditions. So the statement of the tablets concerning a "blonde" type does not necessarily prove a white race. In addition, such may have been a "freak" such as can be found today both among men and animals.

HOW did the "literature" of the people of Mu get to India? That is one phase of history which is difficult to teach to the modern generations; they have been accustomed through many years and various kinds of teachers to turn their minds in exactly the opposite direction from which they should think. The notion has become "fixed" in the minds of people that the ancient nations were hermit in their disposition, and refused to have intercourse with their neighbors in any other manner than war. It is difficult to make the student of the present day colleges to think otherwise; while the fact of the matter is that ancient nations trafficked with each other in about the same manner that nations do today, and that war was a mere incidental in the routine of national development. Ancient nations were great colonizers; some willfully such, while others were compelled by circumstances to extend their influence beyond the fatherland. Such was the case with Mu. How early she began the policy of colonization there is no way of knowing at present; but that she did colonize cannot be successfully denied. One of the outlets for her surplus population was what is now called India. The distance from the continent of Mu to India was not great, and the science of navigation was not unknown to the people of Mu. They made their way to adjacent lands, established new homes, new interests; but did not lose contact with the fatherland. They took with them to the new lands the manners, customs, science and art of their old home, just as the European settlers did in America. New and strange environment caused modified social, economic, and governmental forms from those of the original homeland. They may have taken with them to India and Burma some of the original records; but I am inclined to think that they reproduced the major portion of them from memory. It is possible to conceive that their priests carried with them some of the religious tablets, just as the Pilgrim Fathers carried their Bibles. Abraham did the same thing when he migrated from Ur of Sumeria to Palestine and pitched his tent beneath the Oak at Mamre; these were family records, family "trees," etc. These records, five hundred years later, came to the hands of Moses, and from them he undoubtedly secured some of his "sources" for Genesis. Something of the same kind took place in the case of the colonizers from Mu. The tablets inform us that Mu had seven great and principal cities, and *three* lands. Whether these three lands were three physical divisions or political divisions there is no way of knowing. If we study the oceanography of the area taken in by the accompanying map, we will be struck by a phenomenon which is diffiult of explanation, viz. there are *two* very deep ocean channels between the contiguous groups of islands as they stand today, as if indicating that originally these were channels of deep water between three great bodies of land. That is a matter, however, for a scientist devoted to that branch of study to determine. The tablets state that the land of Mu was destroyed by a cataclysm, and the disintegration began in the eastern part; that the destructive force was of volcanic and tidal wave origin. The entire area did not submerge at one and the same time; but the destruction came in several "waves" at intervals, but finally caused the continent as a whole to submerge leaving only vestiges in the shape of islands, and mountain peaks. The remains of Mu today are known to us as the South Sea Islands —thus the first civilization of which we have any knowledge sank beneath the sea, and the first mountain range rose in other parts of the Globe, which were possibly the Himalayas, which, in turn, would just about balance the sphere.

Many of these remnants of a once great continent are of intense interest, among them being the Easter Isle that ever since its discovery has

been a puzzle and enigma to the archaeologist, ethnologist, and traveller. This island is 2,100 miles from the coast of South America as a ship sails. It is small; a mere dot even upon navigation maps, being 13 miles in length by 7 miles in width, in all ca. 91 square miles. But upon it are many artifacts that are worse than "cross-word" puzzles to the archaeologist. To date there have been found 555 carved stones, and seven tablets with *written* records upon them. These tablets are the same as the ones in India, i. e., they have the same characteristics, and written in the same characters. There are statues varying in height from 3 feet to 70 feet, the average being between 15 to 18 feet. There are stone platforms 30 feet high and 200 to 300 feet in length. These stones are cut and dressed, but have no mortar or cement in the joints. Some of these platforms are known to have been wharves, for they have all the markings as such; they stand in that relation to the sea even at the present time. Some of the statues remain erect on their pedestals, while others are prone. Whether they were hurled thus in the original cataclysm, or were prostrated by later disturbances, cannot be determined. One thing is certain, viz. they were not overthrown by human hands.

There is one wall on the island, and I do not mean by that the wall of a building, but such as in modern civilization is to be found as the boundary wall of farms. However, this wall is dressed and faced. Here are found inscriptions literally by the mile. The form of writing is the same as the tablets of India, and Churchward was able to interpret them to a great extent.



WHEN the great cataclysm came, it is not probable that any of the peoples of the continent *escaped* to any adjacent continent; there were some survivors, to be sure, but they clung to the few islands and mountain peaks that were left unsubmerged. I think it would be impossible to attempt to describe the frightful horrors through which those people passed. Some scientists are inclined to think that the whole continent sank beneath the waves during the space of one night. But whether that be true, or a longer period was consumed, the continent went down, and now forms part of the floor of the Pacific. Can you picture the destruction, the loss of life, the awfulness of the scene? I believe it beyond the power of human man to do so.

Those who were on the doomed continent did not escape at that time to their continents, but the colonies from that land had spread by peaceable penetration, if you please, to the other continents, and these colonists carried with them some of the "books" of their homeland.

When we come to trace the movements of the races in prehistoric times, we meet with a very difficult problem, even when we do not go back any farther than the XVth and Xth centuries B.C. To illustrate what I have in mind: we now know that the peoples whom we call the Classical Greeks were not a "pure" race as was once held by scholars; but they were a very much "mixed" folk. We know that they represent *three* waves of immigration, or more properly, invasion. We get them in the following order: (1) the Achaeans, a highly "blonde" people; (2) Dorians, a "brunette" type of human beings, and (3) the Ionians. These took the peninsula in turn subduing their predecessors, and the *indigenes*, or so-called original inhabitants of the land. Now this all happened when the Empire of Egypt was at its height and during its decline. We know the history of Egypt, in outline, at least, but we know nothing of the greatest and most important "race movement" in history. We know not who the invaders of Greece were, nor from where they came except that the *tradition* is that they came from an indefinite "north."

If we cannot trace race movements that took place within 3,000 years of our time, how much more complicated it becomes to attempt to trace the movements of people who lived tens of thousands of years ago. Yet we can accomplish something along that line because people always leave behind them certain "clues," as the modern detective would say. The detectives of whom we are now speaking are the archaeologists, the ethnol-

ogists, and the anthropologists. But we often find clues that lead to nowhere; again we get off on false clues; but after all the obstructions of investigation have been cleared away, we often find the "finger-prints" that lead on to a logical solution.

ABOUT 25 years ago I wrote an editorial for *The American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal* under the title, "Was Dr. Stephen D. Peet Correct?" Many years previously Dr. Peet, then the Editor of the mentioned magazine, contended that the Inca were a people who had previously enjoyed a very high state of civilization; but that they had landed upon the continent of South America *without* their accustomed implements, and therefore, the civilization which they set up, from a material view-point, was very inferior to the mother-civilization. He held that either they came to the continent as colonists without sufficient supplies, or they were fugitives from some great catastrophe; in either case they never returned to the land from which they came. The Inca were *not* Indians, i. e., the aboriginal inhabitants of the continent. Who were they, and from whence?

The Egyptians of their classical era were not related anthropologically to any of the races with whom they came in contact, in spite of the assertion of modern ethnologists that the Egyptians were kin to the aboriginal inabitants of the Sudan. There were two people who were racial kin, the Egyptians and the Basques of the Pyranees; but not kin to the other races of Europe.

If the above statements are true, then who were the Egyptians? There are two theories relative to the matter, and each has its "proof" and its support. Let us examine the more likely. The "clue" that we shall follow is one of writing. Some of the books used in our colleges and universities tell us that the Egyptians *invented* their form of writing. As a matter of fact, they did nothing of the sort. What they did was to *improve* upon a system already handed to them. The system handed them was that of the tablets of India derived from Mu. The Egyptians took the system, supplemented, expanded, and adapted it to their needs, the resultant being the hieroglyphics of Egypt. But as the need for conservation of time and space arose, the Egyptians modified their system, i. e. it was shortened and simplified. Then this raises the question: Did the Egyptians come to the Valley of the Nile from India? And as a corollary we get this: Were the Egyptians who came from India the descendants of the colonists of Mu?

IT is the consensus that the Aryan (white) race moved into India and into the European continent during the time of an identical race-wave-movement. Did this movement originate in some part of India, or somewhere nearer the center of the Asiatic continent? Or did the Egyptions and Basques have some other common origin?

These race movements, and the interlocked problem of writing, complicate the investigation to the nth degree. When we have raised the question of the origin of the Egyptian system of writing, then we immediately raise its twin: Whence originated the Cuneiform system? The two are not identical, nor do they seem to have a common source. Do we have to hypothecate several *independent* origins of the art of writing? That is the attitude to which the historian Barnes and his collaborators have been driven in their writings. Are they correct, and is that the ultimate conclusion to which we must all finally come? If the art of writing had three or more separate and independent origins, then are we not driven to the conclusion that each *race* of the human family had an independent origin? In other words, we are forced to the conclusion that God did not create *one* race, but at least three races. If there are more than three races, then He also created them. Yet we must accede that all the races have a common factor, or otherwise they could not cross-breed. Men cannot cross-breed with any other branch of the animal kingdom, not even with that branch supposedly so close to him—the anthropoid ape. Thus we are forced to the conclusion that man originated from a common stock regardless of his present race affinity. Then at once arises the question: What constitutes a race, and what are the basic differentiations of races?

We have raised here more questions than our space allows us even to attempt to answer. We shall have to use the selective method in answering, or attempting to answer even some of them. One may ask, Have these questions any bearing upon Bible study? Yes, far more than would appear upon the surface. The Bible makes no pretension of being a scientific text book upon any subject excepting *religion,* but it does not side-step any question with which it may have to deal. However, it very seldom goes into detail in regard to any supplementary subject. The writers of the different books of the Bible touch only lightly upon the questions raised. Race was not a matter of discussion with them; but when they were compelled to say something along the line, it was said in the simplest manner possible, giving summary rather than detail. Someone says immediately that Genesis teaches that all mankind was fathered by Adam, and mothered by Eve. Is that the proper interpretation? We believe not. We believe that there were other races on the earth, and had been for untold ages *before* "Adam" and "Eve" were given the "breath of life." And we believe that if one studies the Biblical account carefully there will be no disagreement upon the subject. The Bible is concerned with the recounting of the origin and development of only *one race,* the Adamic, or WHITE race. We know, and no one contradicts or denies that there existed several races called human that are now as extinct as the Mammoth, the Mastadon, and the Saber-toothed Tiger. We further are convinced that the existing human races are *not* descended from these extinct branches of humanity.

Many years ago when a college student, I read what was supposed to be a translation of a story from the *original* Aryan language. But the trouble with the original *form* from which the translation was made was that it was artificial. I mean by that that the philologist picked his words from the Sanskrit and wrote the story by piecing together the words thus picked out, yet the author attempted to prove by that method that Sanskrit was the original language of man, and probably the one used in the Garden of Eden. That is what we are attempting to find. There must have been an original and com-

mon language, otherwise the story of the Tower of Babel is pointless. Is Babel the point at which the race began to differentiate? Is that what is meant by the story? The Indo-European languages all trace back to the Sanskrit, but what was the common tongue that formed the basis of the Sanskrit? Is there any affinity between the Indo-European and the Agglutinative tongues? Apparently not. Then are we to conclude that that branch of the human race which speaks the Indo-European tongues constitues the WHITE RACE, and those who do not so speak them form an independent and alien branch of the human race? Then this produces the broad and general question: Is the history of the human race a continuity, if it can be traced, or is it fragmentary, never having possessed continuity? If it is not a continuity, then the so-called races were produced separately and independently. What is the answer? When we have answered this question, we have answered by implication *what* was the Garden of Eden, but not *where* was the Garden.

WE have raised more questions than we can ever hope to answer in this short article. In the tablets (original or copies) from India, which had their source in Mu, there is the account of creation of the Kosmos, and, without going into detail, let me say that if Mr. Churchward has anywhere nearly correctly interpreted or translated them, they tell the story in a manner that would befit a modern scientist.

When we take up the study of the story as related in the oldest Sumero-Babylonian Tablets, we are immediately struck by the degeneracy of the account. The first are purely scientific even from a modern viewpoint, while the latter is child-like, imaginative, and polytheistic to the extreme. From whence did the Sumerian writers obtain their source? Was it folk-lore tradition garbled, deformed from the original, and degenerate, or were they written from traditional memory, or pseudo copies of the Mu tablets? The truth probably is the latter, i. e. pseudo copies of the Naacal tablets.

The priestly writer or author of Genesis accepted an even later Babylonian version, but rejects the polytheistic and unworthy elements. He is not interested in geography; his knowledge of geography, if any, was very limited and, in addition, he was not interested in geography which might at any time change. But he was interested in the *significance* of the Garden whether considered in a physical or spiritual plane. As set forth in Genesis, the Garden would seem to have assumed roughly the shape of the triangle. However, it is probable that the writer had in mind the general form of the original homeland of the Semitic peoples. The boundary lines of this land may be given as the Mediterranean Sea forming its western boundary; the Zagros mountains the eastern, while a 1,200 miles line from the Persian Gulf westward to the sands across the Nile formed the southern. Trees and rivers in the Garden constituted its outstanding characteristics. The prized possessions today in this same territory are trees and rivers. Also, let me add, these are the chief characteristics in whatever account may be consulted. Was the Land of Mu the original Garden of Eden? Mu was a land without mountains; but a land of rivers, a land of trees. Let me suggest that the man of Mu was one of peace. Of the artifacts found which are known to be his, not one weapon of warlike characteristic has ever been found. The true "aboriginal" inhabitant of the South Sea Isles is a lover of peace. He is not at all the savage pictured in books of travel. No, not at all.

LETTERS

The following letter to a Jewish Rabbi from a Christian Layman reflects a spirit of friendliness and a sincere desire for agreement on the vital issue with which it deals. It is published here, by permission, because of its interest to all serious students of the Bible and of the problems confronting mankind.

—*The Editor.*

Dear Rabbi:

This will acknowledge your interesting letter. Like you, I have no desire to be controversial, but the lack of answer to many of my previous inquiries and new problems arising from statements in your reply, raise such a flood of seeming inconsistencies that I am compelled to write at length in an endeavor to clarify the situation, as I am more mystified than I was before writing to you.

I quote from the second paragraph of your letter as follows: "You undoubtedly regard the Prophets as foretellers of events, while I regard them as forthtellers, i.e., as interpreters of the leading events of their own time and not at all as predictors of what might happen centuries after their time."

Previous statements made by you are contrary to the foregoing, particularly where you mention how your "forebears dared to envision a time, etc." The things you admit they foresaw, reach away into the future and beyond our day to that time "when war should be no more." We are justified in believing that all scripture prophecies will materialize on account of many which have already been fulfilled with exactitude. May I recall a few:

Abraham told of 400 years servitude for his descendants in a strange land.

Jacob in declaring his Will, said, "I will tell you that which shall befall you in the last days." The Birthright or Dominion went to Joseph, and his son Ephraim was to become through the ages "a multitude or company of nations"; Manasseh to be a "great people." These nations can be readily identified to reasonable thinking men in our present day.

Moses spoke as follows: "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of these, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him shall ye harken"; Jesus Christ came! Moses warns of seven times (2520 years) of punishment for sin if God's laws were disregarded. History recor
Israel went into Assyrian captivity in the eighth century B.C., and her treacherous sister Judah into Babylonian exile 150 years later.

Jeremiah and Daniel both tell of 70 years stay in Babylon and history tells of a remnant of less than 50,000 of Judah and Benjamin returning to Jerusalem, but most remained in Babylon while some undoubtedly joined with Israel in their trek across

Europe to the Isles west and north as prophesied by Isaiah.

Daniel prophesied that this small vassal nation of Jews then formed would last 70 prophetic weeks (490 years) and that in the seventieth week the Messiah would come. It is a matter of history that Jesus Christ came exactly at that time and also that in A.D. 70 this vassal nation was destroyed and the people scattered.

The prophets were indeed *foretellers* and yet also forthtellers! Surely, my dear Rabbi, it is unnecessary to bring further proof (of which there is ample) to show the impossibility of your statement being consistent with the facts of history. I quote again from your letter: "We look upon the Prophets as statesmen with a spiritual message, and no more than that. As a matter of fact, every reference in the Old Testament, which is commonly ascribed by the Church as predictive of the coming of Christ, may be explained in the light of local and temporary circumstances."

The reason I am so concerned with the foregoing remark is that the land in which we live is predominantly Christian and if the statements you make are true the whole basis of Christianity upon which this nation was founded is false and the faith of millions of our citizens vain and groundless. But I thank God that 2000 years of experimental knowledge in faith and practice proves the error of your conception and in addition we have the confirmation of fulfilled prophecies. I am aware many Jews believe and claim they represent Israel in the world today, which claim cannot be sustained in fact or history. I am convinced that much of the distress and confusion now extant is caused through the Jew purporting to represent and speak for Israel. I ask you to bear with me as we look at a small portion of history as recorded in the Old Testament.

The unilateral or unconditional covenants made by God Almighty with our great progenitor Abraham, which were confined to Isaac, Jacob, Moses and David, guaranteeing Israel's national existence for all time have never been revoked. With this the Jew has nothing whatever to do excepting as some of them are descended from Jacob's son Judah and then only when they rejoin Israel by accepting the Messiah. These covenants stated that Abraham's descendants through Isaac and Jacob were to be as the sands of the sea shore in multitude. They were to become a Great and Mighty Nation and a company of Nations and also a Great People; to possess the Gates of their enemies; to reign over many Nations —be reigned over by none; also to be envied and feared by all Nations.

This people Israel can be identified in the World today bearing all the marks belonging solely to Israel, and manifested by the Anglo Saxon Celtic Nations, but by no stretch of imagination can the Jews as such or Judah fit into this great national prophetical picture. An interesting fact, however, is as I stated in my previous letter, that this great people compose the only ones among whom the Jews (or Judah) are finding refuge from the terrible persecution under which they today suffer in gentile or ungodly nations.

I ask you, my good friend, are we not today seeing the fulfillment of the vision given Jeremiah, which I quote: "Then I went down to the potters house, and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hands of the potter; *so he made it again, as it seemed good to the potter to make it.*" Then the word of the Lord came to him saying, "O House of Israel cannot I do with you as this potter, behold as the clay is in the potter's hands, so are ye in my hands, O House of Israel." At the same time the prophet had a vision concerning Judah and he said: "Even so will I break this people (Judah) and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again!'

Ezekiel sees the day when the two families, Israel and Judah, are joined together again; the House of Israel to be represented by Ephraim, whom Israel said would be a Great Nation and a Company of Nations, with the House of Judah represented from those scattered in many places among all countries. This final union to last forever.

Please remember that I do not write as one in any sense antagonistic to Judah or the Jews, nor as an anti-semite, but as an Israelite with the same progenitors as Judah, i.e., Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I am aware of how unorthodox much of what I am saying is to great numbers of organized Judaism as well as organized Christianity, but I write as one pleading with you to recognize our common origin and destiny, urging you to recognize and accept Israel's Redeemer and Messiah, who for these last two thousand years has been rejected by the Jew, so that as restored, re-united Israel, God's great plan of the ages may be speedily accomplished.

Isaiah said, "Who is blind but my servant Israel," and today the great mass of Israel is still blind to their identity. Confusion is accelerated by many of our Christian leaders who believe the Jews' claim of being Israel as a fact, but I say in all sincerity, if the Jew in the world today is all there is of Israel then the writings of the Prophets in sacred Scripture become unintelligible and foolish, but Jesus Christ said "The Scripture cannot be broken," and the prophet Amos said, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets."

I have every confidence, my dear Rabbi, that you will accept these scattered though sincere expressions as coming (to use your words) not in a controversial spirit, but in an earnest endeavor to uncover truth long buried that the time may be hastened when Shiloh will come.

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