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the soul of the nation weeps.....

"As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him".
(Deut 32: 11-12)

Oswald Spengler, in his *Decline of the West*, made the following observation: "... if we are to enquire into the sense of history, we must begin by solving a question which has never yet been put, viz., *for whom* is there History? " The word 'history' is of course, the formal record of the past in respect of human affairs but it is also certain prescribed events arising out of the Sovereignty of the Almighty God as these remain unfulfilled. History does thus not only belong to those who made it in the past, but to those who will make it in the future,

What will future history record? Over the past three centuries, world history has been written by the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred European nations whose impact on the world has been such that no other record of achievement can rival this. The opportunity to climax the long history of human struggle with the demonstration of a God-centred way of life was certainly there but, as depicted on the cover of this magazine, the failure of the two leading Western powers - the Lion of Britain and the Eagle of the United States - is such that even tears of remorse cannot express the tragedy of lost opportunity.

The 18th Century English poet, Abraham Cowley, expressed something of this failure when he wrote of 'words that weep and tears that speak' which could have to do with the *words* which the Lord God spoke to the Patriarchs by way of Promise. With 'eagle's wings' He bore them and gave them everything that was needed to accomplish His Purpose in the earth and yet His People have squandered the Gifts of God by placing theology above the Theocracy and in the anguish of their choice, the soul of the nation pours out its tears.



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WHAT IS IT
ALL ABOUT ?

'Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.'

This magazine has to do with what is generally called, the Israel Identity Truth. And Israel Identity as the term suggests, draws attention to a people who may be identified with the name Israel which, in the first instance is a status - *ruled by God* - and secondly, the patronymic name which was given by God to Jacob who was also the inheritor of the Promises of God which deal with very material things - national things. Such statements of course, go against the teaching of Christianity today which in the main centres its belief on the importance of the individual whereas God's Word insists on giving priority to Almighty God. Thus, 'Let God be true' is the theme of *The Covenant Message* which presents evidence of His Hand in history and the assurance of His Intervention today.

The matter goes further however for within the twenty-eight pages of this journal, the editorial policy will be seen as providing as much evidence as possible in order to re-establish within the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred European nations, a sense of purpose and direction coupled with a reverence for the responsibility which must come with identity. It may be asked here as to why so much effort should be put into telling this company of nations that they are Israel when in fact, the world accepts that the Jews are identified with this name? The answer is very simple. The world may accept this but the Jews are NOT the people to whom God made His Promises for as a people - and this term is very ambiguous for it presupposes a nation descended from a common ancestor - as a people, the Jews (by this name) only came into existence after 536 B.C., whereas the Promises of God were made circa 2,000 B.C. and to a nation. Nor are the Jews a nation but rather, a heterogenous people bound together by a faith - and no such group ever figured in God's Covenant Promises. And while the Jews profess to keep the Law of the Lord, even the punitive or retributive clauses of this Law cannot be seen as working in them.

Conversely, within the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and company of nations, there is a great deal of embryonic evidence of the Promises while in their Constitutional life, each of the punitive clauses of the Law of the Lord may be seen in operation. And if two and two are added together, the answer is four. An answer which surely reveals that these people are Israel to whom the Law was given at Sinai.

Tragically today modern Israel is both gloomy and despondent. They have allowed others to usurp their name and will insist on wallowing in a 'gentile' state of mind and cannot see their own short comings. Yet in a time not too far off happy indeed will these people be when they re-discover that God is indeed their Lord.

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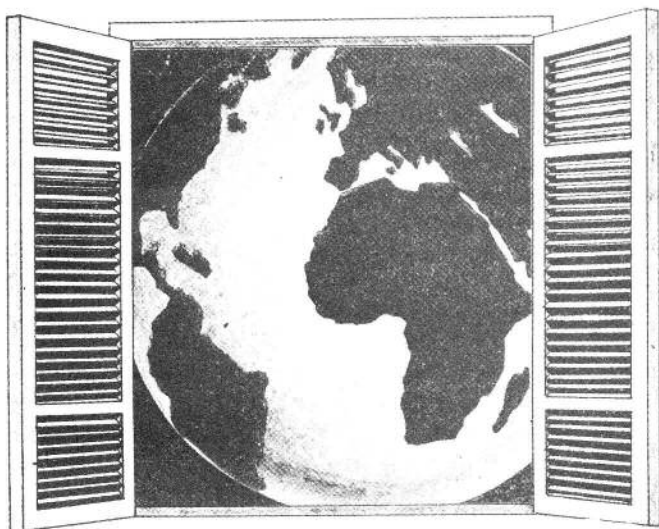
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PRIVATE ENTERPRISE – FACT AND FANCY

A favourite gambit of professional propagandists – whether sectarian or non-sectarian – is to persuade one that a particular word or phrase applies personally and then extend that word or phrase into situations that bear little or no relation to the one put forward originally. On a moderate plain we may admire and wish to emulate the rough and tough, but clean-living, cowboy who rescues calves from bush-fires and motor cars from the edges of cliffs, but the extent to which you then go on to drink So-and-So's Beer or smoke This-or-That cigarette is a measure of the skill of the advertiser, not of the quality of the Beer or Cigarette. We may be fervent as Christians and eager to put into practice the ideal of 'loving our neighbour', but the extent to which you may be then persuaded to apply the name 'neighbour' to all and sundry without question is a measure of the skill of the preacher not of the truth or propriety of the message he is preaching.

So too, merely because your Prime Minister has attached the epithet 'free enterprise' to the system he is encouraging you to live under, is a very weak reason to accept that at face value without further investigation.

In accordance with the instruction of the Lord to His disciples when He sent them out 'as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents' (Matt. 10:16), it is necessary for us to examine closely every statement that is made on any subject, not only to see if it conforms or not with the Will of God, but also to see if it conforms with the picture we have built up in our own understanding of the

situation being commented upon. Who was it who said that in the past words were used to *express* thoughts, but that nowadays they are used to *disguise* thoughts? The loose language used by most politicians and by many preachers is occasionally accidental – in that the speakers do not know any better – but it is far more often used purposefully – in that they do not really want their listeners to understand fully what they are talking about. Moreover, it is always very much easier to get out of a promise if it has been imprecisely stated and understood than it is if both the promiser and the promisee know clearly and concisely what has been promised.

Therefore a good understanding of the language and the intention used both by ourselves and our antagonists is a prime necessity if we are to give a good account of ourselves in any verbal contest.

It is hopeless getting involved in a discussion on religion, for example, if it is not clearly understood what you mean by 'a Christian' and what your opponent means by exactly the same term. A broad agreement that 'Christianity' is 'a good thing' is utterly useless if you mean one thing by that expression and your opponent means something quite different and possibly totally wicked.

If you try to get yourself involved in an argument on colour without knowing that you are a racist, why you are a racist, and what is meant by that term, not only by yourself but also by those with whom you are arguing, you will soon be in trouble from the anti-racial groups, for a person fighting against something he cannot identify is a very easy target.

So when we come to the discussion of political theories – that is the different ways that man has developed to keep his society intact – it is very necessary for us to know what the expressions we use actually mean for there are a large variety of words used to describe the different political organisations that have been invented or developed by man to govern himself. Some of the terms need careful study before the differences can be stated and some of them are self-evident, but a non-extensive list will include: Monarchy, Oligarchy (government by the Few), Democracy (government by the People), Republic (government by an elected leader), Dictatorship (government by an elected leader who will not give up his leadership), Parliamentary (elected representatives from whom and by whom the leader is chosen), Executive Presidential (leader and representatives elected separately), Constitutional (the leaders do not trust the electorate and make sure that the rules

conform to the game), Totalitarian (in which you will be bound to put the state – or perhaps the government – first in all your activities) and Anarchical (which is a Totalitarian system when the leaders have lost control). Nationalist (originally stemming from pride in one's nation, but nowadays veering towards Totalitarianism), Socialist (getting closer to Totalitarianism), Communist, Leninist, Marxist, Maoist (now we're getting somewhere), and People's (that's just to keep you thinking you can play with the reins while the horse is standing still). Multi-Party and One Party (there's no difference these days). Capitalist (more money-powered than government-powered), Conservative (we must keep to the old values while changing with the times), Liberal (we must change with the times), Labour (times have changed). Right (right), Left (wrong), and Centre (probably wrong, too).

It is very easy to get lost in the mass of possibilities, and very dangerous, too, because one might find oneself supporting a particular type of government that you find eventually is totally unsuited to your (and your family's) needs and uncomfortable for your (and your family's) activities. Ask yourself whether you would prefer to live in a country governed by a Democratic Constitutional Parliamentary Monarchy, or one governed by a Democratic One-Party Parliamentary Constitutional Republic with an Executive President, and what the different effects upon your well-being and your comfort would be. Would you prefer to hope that your Executive President would concentrate on executing his duties rather than on executing you? Go about it the right way and you will find yourself sliding into such a quicksand of verbiage that it will take all the Secretary-General's horses and all the Secretary-General's men to put poor humble Dumble together again.

Another favourite expression which has been much over-used recently in South Africa, and no doubt in other countries as well, things being what they are, is Free Enterprise. Perhaps Free Enterprise is a 'good thing', if what you mean by Free Enterprise is the same as what I mean by Free Enterprise. But what guarantee have you, or I, that we mean the same thing by that phrase as does the Prime Minister of South Africa? A cheer has gone up recently that Mr. Botha is showing signs of Right Wingmanship by his pronouncements on Free Enterprise and a partnership between the Public Sector and the Private Sector. But what sort of partnership is this going to be, and who is the Private Sector he has talked so much about and is relying on for his support?

Mr. Botha's Free Enterprise is really a free-for-all and does not exclude the Capitalistic-Monopolistical Big Business Enterprise. Who does constitute the Private Sector and were any of the people you think are in the Private Sector amongst the three hundred or so 'Industrialists, Financiers, prominent businessmen and politicians' from South Africa who were in conference with many others of the same type from many different Countries at the Carlton Centre, Johannesburg at the end of 1979? Senior executive officials from the groups of companies most closely aligned with what we have called *The Conspiracy* were there taking decisions that affect YOUR future, and by reports from Mr. Botha's own lips, many of these have already been put into operation. Do these decisions really represent the views and ideas of the *Private* sector? And what do you, as a *Private* individual, think will be the effect of their decisions upon your daily life?

A Strange System Indeed

The Free Enterprise system that Mr. Botha advocates is indeed a strange sort of Free Enterprise and is certainly not the sort of thing that we will approve. In fact, the inhabitants of Poland or Hungary will not be unfamiliar with some of the ideals envisaged in this supposedly free, Western country. Mr. Botha has promised us all sorts of goodies as a result of our acceptance of his Free Enterprise offer and so, from an extensive list, let us look at some of the goodies he holds out in his hand.

You are probably already a subscriber to a Medical Aid Scheme, and if you are not, there is reason to believe that a Compulsory National (and you know what that means) Medical Aid Fund is on the drawing board. Hospital and Educational

services are soon to be altered, if they are not already, so that the only choice you have will be to attend a service which is open to all races or to attend a service run by the Government. As far as Education is concerned, it is common knowledge that our great Private Schools are becoming increasingly multi-racial, so much so that only two schools, one for boys and one for girls, spring to mind as not having conformed to this. Ask yourself who is reaping the benefit of much money spent in these schools and why it was spent.

Government, quasi-government or conspiracy-controlled boards are now in operation to regulate the production, sale and purchase of every possible item. Everything needed to build a house and live in it is controlled in one way or another. Electricity, Oil and Fuel, well no-one need tell you how much these items are controlled, nor need they tell you who controls them. Transport, generally, and the Motor Industry are regulated so that one way or another your getting around could be restricted fairly easily.

Regulations are now coming in to regulate the type of Housing you should provide for your employees (although the employers of most of us do not have to even provide houses for us), and you engage an employee these days without registering him at the Local Bantu Affairs Administration at your peril.

As this is written the following news has just come in. Bricks and cement are to be increased in price, and so is flour. This with no 'by your leave', no possibility of objection or discussion, but at the whim of one or more of those control boards. Another announcement is that cinemas are to be opened to all population groups, presumably to tie up with the theatres, hotels and restaurants which have already been virtually thrown open in the recent past. You do not even have the freedom



Private Schools become multi-racial.



Food production controlled by "boards"

to buy toothpaste unless it has got Fluoride in it, and if you do not believe me, go out to your local Chemist and try.

Even the much-vaunted Budget we have had does not mean much. Granted it appears you are going to prosper from it, but please answer three questions: (i) which group of people is gaining most from the Budget? (ii) which group of people is still contributing most? (iii) and who has been playing around with the gold price and why? In any case, the price increases, mentioned above, that are presumably a result of the Budget, have come into operation even before the supposed benefits of the Budget itself. Consider that the price of petrol in South Africa today at the local pump is 52,7c per litre. It will be interesting and instructive to see if there is any change between now and when this article is published.

You are being lined up to pay for a good many things from which *you* will not benefit – and in normal circles that constitutes a crime. You are not permitted to take part in the production, sale or purchase of a vast range of items without following a strict selection of controls and regulations. There is a Government monopoly on Radio and Television and a 'Free' Enterprise monopoly on all the major Newspapers and magazines.

Schoolteachers have been forced by Government legislation to join a Teachers' Council and Trade Unions are proliferating. You cannot build a cottage or a cess-pit without having some busy-body come along to see that you are building it right and to make sure that you are obeying the rules. You cannot harness your own waterfall on your own land to produce more than a nominal supply of electricity and woe betide you if you sell it to someone else, and if you find gold or diamonds on your land – watch out! While there are many more goodies in Mr. Botha's Christmas Sack, these are just a free (enterprise) sample for you to try before you agree to buy the whole package.

It is easy for political scientists to blind you with their science. You are unfamiliar with their language, you are unfamiliar with their theoretical approach, and you are unfamiliar with their dialectical ability. They have been trained, or have trained themselves, to suspend their judgment, to attack an argument cold-bloodedly, as if it does not really affect them, as if they were examining animals in a cage and could go home afterwards to a nice hot supper and not have to think about the dear little deer until after breakfast tomorrow. They have been trained, or have trained themselves in the ability of being able to explain difficult (and wicked) precepts in terms of easy (and good) similes. Very few people have sufficient familiarity with enough of the terms used above in connection with the different types of government to be able to find their way unerringly through the maze, choose a satisfactory and viable possibility and argue in its favour. It is much more simple to allow the science to wash over you, to place your faith in the 'experts', to rely upon them for your learned-sounding quotations and to make use of a 'general consensus of opinion' to rule your thoughts and save your conscience.

Over the ages it has been a fault peculiar to our peculiar people that they prefer to accept without question statements that appear popular or authoritative and to repeat these statements as facts in support of an argument, without investigating the popularity or the authority of the statements right through to their sources. We have acquired, and have possessed for thousands of years, a near fatal impulse to be like other nations, forgetting that we have been developed, by God, to the possession of special attributes and qualities that make us totally unlike any other people and that ensure that the *mores* pertinent to the rest are almost guaranteed to damage ours. The cry 'let us do this thing because other people are doing it' has

led true Israel into many crises during the time of the nation, and the same cry is doing the same thing today even more so as the time speeds towards its climax.

There are explanations for this peculiarity, of course. In our genetic make-up we are especially responsive. Primarily this responsiveness should be towards God, and quite frankly, all we really need to do to get our nation back on to the right paths is for us to redevelop this God-responsiveness as a nation, or even as parts of the nation, thereby rediscovering our purpose and re-engaging the motivating force behind our greatness. It is not really sufficient, on the other hand, for us to perform this as individuals, for throughout our history the emphasis has been upon a *NATIONAL* as opposed to an *INDIVIDUAL* effort, and it is the nation that has been given the purpose, the nation that has been given the guide-lines and the nation that must obey.

Our special responsiveness, our basic goodness, even the very instructions we have been given (thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself – Leviticus 19:18) tend to make us listen to outside advice and be amenable to opinions from many directions. It is not for nothing that we have been referred to as 'sheep', and our instinct for straying, for following the loudest voice or the most convenient way or the method easiest to hand is almost as damning as our refusal to pay God the obedience due to Him. We possess a God-responsive gene, we have been commanded to 'look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged' (Is. 51:1), we have been commanded to 'search the scriptures' (John 5:39), to look at the evidence, and yet our critical ability has become untrained through lack of practice, our analytical muscle has been wasted away through a paralysis of disobedience. The fact that those who give us this advice and form these debilitating opinions for us have an urgent desire – natural or otherwise – for our final destruction just does not seem to enter into our heads. Sheep we are and sheep we will remain, and as sheep we will follow the Judas-Goat into the slaughterhouse, we will follow anyone who can make up a specious argument right up to the butcher's cleaver and beyond. Appeal to our 'good nature' and you can have our head tomorrow and our soul the day after.

Why is it so difficult for us to follow the 'still small voice' and so easy for us to follow the 'great and strong wind', 'the earthquake' and 'the fire' (I Kings 19:11-12)? In very truth, we ought to have learnt our lesson by now, after two and a half

thousand years of pain, difficulty and discomfort.

But very occasionally we do stop our lemming-like run, and we do examine our codes of behaviour. Whether we actually get as far as comparing that behaviour with the precepts laid down for us in God's Word is an open question, but let us hope and pray that as the time does speed towards its climax we may become more amenable to the requirements of God, and less willing to follow the traditions of men.

Without Recourse

Having followed this little by-way on the faults peculiar to ourselves, let us return to the mainstream of our argument which is centred around types of government. Are you content with the idea that one man should have one vote, that all should have a say, once every four or five years, in the governing of his country, and that having placed your one cross on your one piece of paper you are then in the hands of that one man – and two hundred, three hundred, six hundred more like him – without any recourse, until he comes up again, if you are lucky, or unlucky, depending on the damage they have done, for re-election? What do you think of the man who crosses the floor, who changes his party affiliation, and does not present himself again to his constituents for reappraisal by resigning his seat? Do you think he is justified in retaining his seat as your representative – and continuing to draw his Parliamentary salary – if he is not certain that his constituents will still want him as their representative?

More important still, much more important still, do you think that God approves of the way governments are chosen and run, still speaking in terms of what is called 'Western Democracy'? Do you think that it was part of His plan that the Westminster style of government should have been spread (in a rather mongrelised form) to so many countries of what is called the Third World? Do you think it should even have been started originally in Great Britain, or rather in the Britain that once was Great? Are you happy with the thought that it is within the bounds of possibility that one of the most prosperous and most powerful countries in history should be governed by a man who has yet to satisfy many of his critics that if he is not responsible for the act of murder, then he is at any rate responsible for one of the most callous acts of culpable homicide that has yet gone uninvestigated?

You would have thought too, would you not, that in America the land of the brave and the free,

anyone who wanted to send his child to a school, in his own neighbourhood, composed of children of his own, and his friends', type, would be able to. Yet many thousands of US citizens have voiced their disapproval of 'bussing' without being listened to. *Is that Freedom?* Then too, the average citizen in the United States has no say whatsoever in the final destination of the grain (now not to be sold to Russia, but don't hold your breath), or military hardware or sophisticated computer systems bought with his hard-earned money by the all-pervading Federal Government. *Is that Freedom?*

The average worker in Great Britain is not permitted to work if he does not have a Union card in many types of work. He would find it very dangerous to work if the union leaders say 'strike' and he would find it very uncomfortable to strike if the union leaders say 'work'. *Is that Freedom?* If you are clever, talented and hard-working you may be able to build up a large sum of money in reward for your labours in some countries of the world, but in most countries you will not be permitted to export that reward to another country. *Is that Freedom?*

Did the people of Great Britain really choose, really have a choice, to go into the Common Market? You may remember that shortly before the referendum it was announced that the Communist Party had instructed its members to vote 'no'. In view of the fact that there are comparatively few Communist Party members in the UK – scarcely enough to have any significance in the referendum – is it not possible that this was a blind to frighten the public into voting 'yes'. And if this is so, or for any other reason, *is that Freedom?*

One of the most important features of the modern systems of government, and the same is true for virtually all of them, is that the individual loses his individuality. No longer is there much room for a man to take the responsibility for his actions, to pay his way, to step out of line. Even purchasing is being conducted by Credit Card, and the latest rumour is that 'they' are thinking quite seriously of having your Credit Card number tattooed on your forehead. *Is that Freedom?*

We have heard of *Vox Populi* – supposedly 'the voice of the people' – until we are blue in the face. First question: Who makes up the *Vox Populi*? That's right, it's our old friends the newspapers. If someone makes some world-stopping statement to you and you ask them where they got that from, what do they say. 'I saw it on the Telly.' Second question: Does anyone ever ask you for the full quotation about *Vox Populi*? Do you remember

how harmful it is to quote out of context? Here is the full translated quotation from Alcuin (dates 735 to 804 AD):

"Nor should we listen to those who say, 'the voice of the people is the voice of God', for the turbulence of the mob is always close to insanity." (Epistolae, 166/19)

Is that Freedom?

It has been said that the breeding ground for Communism is the poor, inhospitable, unhealthy and ignorant existence of the underprivileged, and the poorer, and more inhospitable, more unhealthy and more ignorant the environment, the more fertile the ground for the seeds of Communism. Don't believe it. Communism breeds best and fastest in the Universities and amongst the Intelligentsia, in the places where people are too frightened by their position and of their colleagues to speak against it, or even think against it. By handing out more and more Socialism, more and more Welfare state, more and more Public Assistance, the 'Upper Crust' is condemning the poor more and more surely to a worse and worse situation. Is Communism the cure for poverty, ignorance or bad health conditions? No. Then what is? Hard work, my friend; hard work and the possibility of being able to ignite an idea that someone else will pay good money to take advantage of. With the Welfare State, National Health, and State Education it is not possible to take full advantage of this system. *Is that Freedom?*

Yet it has been said that the Western Democracies, including South Africa, are bastions of the Free Enterprise system. But the essence of Free Enterprise is that it should be enterprise (that is 'bold or courageous action' – *Oxford Concise Dictionary*) by free men. That is to say that any individual who comes up with a bright idea should be entitled – without having to pass through a whole mass of restrictive regulations – to take advantage of that idea and make a profit from it if he can. The disadvantage of the scheme, and what human scheme does not have a disadvantage, is that the lazy, the idle and the stupid may have to go hungry. However, no government is entitled to take away from the individual the responsibility of providing his own living and no government is entitled to take away from the individual the possibility of providing his own living – at least in terms of the laws given to Israel by God. Properly applied, the Israel Laws will ensure that there are no poor and needy persons as we will bring to your notice in a short while.

It is possible that this conflicts with some of the views you hold. Search the scriptures properly, my friend. No one said to Jacob that he had to split his flocks up – thousands and thousands of sheep – amongst all the poor of his country.

Are the Blacks worrying you? Have no fear. Just as the government is not entitled to remove from you either the responsibility or the possibility of your providing for yourself, so too they are not entitled to place you in any situation wherein you have any contact with a person who is not an Israelite – indeed, part of their job is to see that you do not come into such contact.

You cannot construct a Free Enterprise system by making grandiose statements about Constellations of States and about Interdependence. Constellations of States presuppose an amalgamation of interests and more controls to regulate those interests. Interdependence presupposes a dependence upon something or other outside your own control, in direct contrast to Independence which means not being subject to any outside authority for your activities. Now, we just need to be a shade careful here, lest we be accused of advocating a system of unbridled licence. Complete independence, that is not being subject to *any* outside authority, taken to its ultimate conclusion, leads to anarchy. 'Israel' means 'ruled by God', and within that context – and only within that context – we must, should, can and will be independent. The only dependence Israel needs is upon the Almighty Father. A Constellation of States means to a greater or lesser extent the mixing of the races, the mixing of the nations, and the mixing of the interests of the nations, whereas God has commanded that Israel should be separated from all other races, nations, peoples and interests.

From whatever direction you look at the matter South Africa is at the moment on the wrong road, and who is there to say that all other Israelite peoples are not likewise on the wrong road too. For much of this does not apply to South Africa alone. If you live in some other country, look around you and see if the same ideas, with the same contrasting disguises, 'Free Enterprise' for 'Private Enterprise', and 'Interdependence' for 'Independence', and 'Socialism' for 'sturdy self-responsibility' are not being placed more and more heavily upon the shoulders of the private individual. Taken to its extreme this means that the economically productive who are mainly in the minority are supporting the economically unproductive mainly in the majority to the extent that the lazy are living off the fat of the land while the diligent are in grind-

ing poverty. The mass of interfering regulations in the United States of America and the creeping Socialism of the United Kingdom and its association with that 'Constellation of States' the European Common Market stands out like ugly and greedy reefs in a stormy sea on a lee-shore.

But that is enough empty, negative and sterile criticism of the apologies that go for current modern governmental systems. Let us have a tentative look at God's Word and see if it is not possible to extract the system of government that He would like us to live under – no, 'under' is a bad word – let us say the system of government He would like us to live *with*.

The Only Answer

Political scientists are pleased to attach names to the systems of government they propose and we are familiar, or we should be if we take an interest in such matters, with the Western system of Democracy and with such things as a One Party Democratic Parliamentary Republic, and therefore let us use the expression 'Private Enterprise Theocracy' to describe the system we are going to look at. It is a private enterprise system because God expects you to use your talents and abilities in order to run the system and it is a theocratic system for the following reason. Have you ever paused to think that 'theocracy' is really just the Greek translation of the Hebrew 'Israel'? Just as 'Democracy' means 'Ruled by the people', 'Plutocracy' means 'ruled by the rich' and 'Bureaucracy' means 'ruled by officialdom', so 'Theocracy' means 'ruled by God', which is the precise rendering of 'Israel' – 'ruled by God'.

You may be labouring under the delusion that was put forward generally some years ago that Scriptural Law consists of a mass of restrictive regulation and legislation. When you consider that the regulations of one aspect of US business practice stretches to 50 000 pages (you couldn't get that into an average-sized bookcase) and the Scriptural system *in toto* is found mainly in about 81 pages of a normal Bible with room to spare and with some discarded in accordance with the Lord Jesus Christ's Sacrifice, you will find that the Scriptural Law is nearly infinitely less restrictive. (Actual figure approximately one-five-hundredth of the restriction.) Put bluntly, if you had to read 50 000 pages multiplied by 100, let's say, to cover all aspects of your life in order to conform with the regulations, or 100 pages to do the same, which would you choose?

The Private Enterprise Theocracy

1. There will be no President and the Lord Jesus Christ will reign as King, having been given the Throne by the Father.

2. There will never be any elections, nor any need for them, and no parliament. God has authorised no man to alter His Laws, nor even to discuss them, and all we need to do is to know them and put them into practice.

3. Administrative posts will be hereditary and will be occupied by trustworthy men who will be disinterested and unbribable and who will afford exactly the same standard of justice and dealing to all citizens, regardless of age or degree. This standard will be based upon a set and permanent constitution, the provisions of which will be clearly visible in content and operation and will be known to all, being written in the hearts and minds of the citizens.

3. Finance will be governed by two principles: (a) there will be no usury and (b) there will be a just and true system of weights and measures.

4. The trial and punishment of offenders will be organised so that the offender re-imburses the sufferer by more than the original offence. If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep (Ex. 22:1). A person who has shown by his actions that he has no place in the society will be excluded from it, but will not be permitted to become a financial burden upon the rest of the citizens. The principle of Capital Punishment will be enforced for certain offences. But BEWARE, for with the same measure ye mete, it shall be meted out to you again. The justices will be entitled to – may even be encouraged by your opponent to – investigate your circumstances and actions while they are investigating those of the offender.

5. There will be an enforced holiday one day in seven for the citizens and an enforced holiday one year in seven for the land. There will also be an assembly of all male citizens on three specified occasions during the year. Debts not repaid within the seven year period are cancelled.

6. A set charge of one-tenth of increase will be charged upon each citizen for the running of the state, and no other compulsory tax will be payable.

7. It will be the duty of all parents – and they will perform this duty willingly and to the best of their ability – to bring up their children to approve of, appreciate and follow the system under which they will live, and to perpetuate it

in the succeeding generations.

8. Landmarks and boundaries will be strictly attended to, controlled and adhered to. At the end of the fifty year period of occupation, the land will return to the person to whom it was first given. Land, in short, cannot be sold or bought, but can only be rented for so much of the fifty year period as remains.

9. An Israelite citizen can only be hired until the end of the seven year period and due attention must be paid to the regulations governing the duties and rights both of the master and the servant. These regulations include the hours of service, the amount and the time of payment, the period of indenture, the reward for good service and the penalty for poor service. The hiring of non-Israelite labour is governed by a different set of regulations, but ideally there will not be any non-Israelites to employ.

10. Loyalty or Love for God, for His system, for His People and for one's family, in that order is a pre-eminent requisite and the citizen will be required to defend these objects of his loyalty, providing his own arms and keeping himself fit and trained in their use, at any time. Kindly notice, in this connection, that the modern 'Love Myth' put forward, not only by Churches, but by Governmental and other organisations, in modern times, contradicts this principle. The Love Myth states that God loves us ('love' is undefined) so that we must love Him ('love' undefined), and we must show our love for Him ('love' undefined) by loving ('loving' undefined) our neighbour ('neighbour' undefined), and that is what God wants us to do because by loving our neighbour we are loving God. It is time this myth was exploded, and the fuse is John 14:15 'If ye love me, keep my Commandments'. Examine the Greek of this quotation. 'Love' is *agapao*, to love with the head as opposed to loving with the heart. That is to say it is a deliberate and rational decision to love made in full possession of the facts, for which feeling it is considered that 'to be loyal' is a more expressive translation. 'Keep' is *teereo*, to guard (from loss or injury by keeping an eye upon). That is the sort of 'loving' and 'keeping' that we are talking about and it has very little to do with the rather pale and anaemic 'charity' with which we are inclined to salve our consciences. Have you ever heard a man (or a woman) justifying his (or her) adultery by quoting the 'love your neighbour' passage?

11. As far as moral and social matters are concerned, the behaviour of any citizen is governed by the principle that he and his possessions may not

act to the detriment of any other citizen or the possessions of any other citizen, and that he must make good (or better) such detriment as occurs. Each citizen has the right of appeal to the (disinterested and unbribable) administrators and may call witnesses to prove the justice of his cause. Witnesses who deliberately mislead the administrators have a specially severe punishment reserved for them.

12. A very strong series of principles in the state system is that family matters and marriage ties are inviolable. This is to guard the basic breeding and genetic content of the race and to ensure that a man's ancestors and descendants are clearly recognisable not only as Israelites but also in terms of family descent, the continuance of the national breed being paramount.

13. The word of a citizen is to be trustworthy, a yea being 'yea' and a nay 'nay'. Any oath or bond that is made must be fulfilled.

This list, this schedule of principles, is of course not exhausted and it is a subject that needs urgent attention, for within this framework, with very few additions, the citizen will be entitled to run his own affairs as he thinks fit and without outside interference, taking his profit or his loss upon his own responsibility, no man gainsaying him. His profit – and do not think of profit as a dirty word – is his own and can be used for his own pleasure or further profit, once the requirements of the Tithe Law have been fulfilled. He can lend or borrow money or goods, provided that the transaction is not usurious and provided he remembers the seven year rule. He can manufacture any article, he can sell his labour or his talents for what he can get for them. He can sell the use of his land (remembering the fifty year rule) and can conduct any and all of his affairs as he thinks best without restriction from any other person, answerable only to God.

It is no good expecting a long list of 'Do's' and 'Don'ts' in the ideal Private Enterprise Theocracy system of government, because, again within the framework laid down in the Scriptures, the list is short. There is no need to spend up to twenty percent of your time (and therefore of your money) examining government regulations to see if you are allowed to do something or other. All you have to do is to run through the principles behind the Laws of God – which will be written in your hearts and minds – and you will *know* whether your course of action is valid or not. If you have the loyalty to the system required by God you will not be disturbed by any feelings of wanting to bend the rules. If you have the confidence that all your competitors are

also obeying the Laws, then your profit will depend on your talents and abilities and not on the degree to which you can influence some officious government bureaucrat or gullible member of the public to give you a special favour. Your sales will not depend upon your advertisement that your toothpaste is the best, but upon the reputation that you have built up for a fair article at a fair price. The responsibility will be upon you – which is where it ought to be – for dealing justly, and the responsibility will be upon your customer – which is again where it ought to be – to judge your article or service at your price against those of other manufacturers at their prices.

This principle in particular, combined with a just system of weights and measures and *NO USURY* will give a stable and economic financial situation in which a man can build up his own savings to provide for his old age and for his descendants, which security is, of course, at the heart of ninety percent of the moans and groans about wages and salaries under the present system.

Properly handled – Wow! Properly not handled – the Theocracy will have no need for charitable organisations and Old Peoples Homes. Each man, or at the very least each family unit, will be well able to provide for their own retainers and pensioners, and will still have enough resources to provide a basis upon which the next generation can build. There is nothing to stop a group of individuals banding together to provide hospital or educational services for the poor and needy if they wish to (but no state authority has the right to interfere in that) so that no-one need go without health or education, but if one chooses (as one should choose) to be responsible for one's own health and education then you will have a variety of differently priced services from which to choose, or the opportunity to create your own if you wish, or the opportunity not to be hospitalised or educated if that is your choice.

Perhaps in those last words is summed up the whole tenor of the argument in God's Theocracy – 'it is your choice'. No-one will stop you sitting back and not earning anything, but also no-one will stop you working as hard as possible and earning as much as you can. Any one citizen will have the opportunity of using his talents, abilities, skills, labours to improve himself to the nth degree where 'n' tends to infinity. There is no limit within the framework to prosperity, to security, to happiness.

There are hard facts and flighty fancies about Private Enterprise. Do you feel that the fancies have become the facts and the facts the fancies?

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WHY?

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For some considerable time now, the question uppermost in the minds of those who view the disastrous trends within Anglo-Saxondom with despair, has been – when? When will it all end? When will sanity be restored? When will the rampant permissiveness and licentiousness come to a halt? When will the Governments stop bartering national sovereignty? When will the Lord come again? Ever since the Word of God became an open Book and men were able to read of the Hope expressed in the promise of the Second Advent, they looked on each developing crisis as heralding His Coming again and yet four centuries have passed and nothing has apparently happened. Crises have deepened, both tragedy and catastrophe have increased and still nothing happens. The hope embodied in the word ‘when?’ is beginning to fade – just as is stated in 2nd Peter 3:3 – and is being replaced by an accusation, totally unfounded, and centred in the word ‘why?’ – why does God allow this or that to happen? Why did God allow the Christian Rhodesia to become the Marxist Zimbabwe when so many were praying for deliverance? Why does God allow Christian men and women to suffer tragedy after tragedy? Why does He allow Christian Parliaments the freedom to pass legislation which is aimed at the humiliation of the White people? Why doesn’t He put a stop to the total corruption of His People?

Both the questions ‘when?’ and ‘why?’ are typical examples of what has happened within the modern development of God’s Covenant People – the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and Kindred European nations. Having inherited their faith from their fathers which centres on the importance of the individual – to which they believe, God and His Mighty world Purpose is totally committed – they are egotistically satisfied that they are doing alright in His sight and are therefore entitled to expect Him to get them out of the mess that they have created. Hard words? Yes, they are but they are the Truth and it’s time that the Truth was given an airing after so many centuries of satanic delusions.

The time has come for God's People to do some *real* thinking about what they believe and where they are going. For instance, how many people realise what they are doing when, using the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, they prayerfully expect God to answer their prayer – even if this is in direct opposition to that which He has previously stated as His Will? What, in effect has happened is that Anglo-Saxondom, both nationally and individually, have come to expect God to be at their beck and call whenever they get themselves in a muddle and can see no way out of it. They never look at themselves *as they really are in the sight of God*, preferring to look at God as though He owes them a debt which can only be repaid by getting them out of trouble. And make no mistake here. Anglo-Saxondom is in trouble – deep trouble – and humanly speaking, there appears to be no way out of it. This does not mean that this company of nations should simply sit down and accept demise as inevitable and it also does not mean that groups within this company of nations should get down on their knees and pray for deliverance. *This* has been going on for a long time and nothing has happened. This went on in Rhodesia where large numbers were gathered in prayer – and still nothing happened. WHY? Is it not time that *this* question was answered?

In the previous issue of *The Covenant Message*, attention was drawn to the subject of God's Enemies in action and the machinery which was put into operation so as to alienate God's People from Him. That same machinery is in operation today and is the only explanation for the question 'why?' in the context of accusing God of inactivity when national and personal crises require it.

God will Do what He said He would Do

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Num. 23:19). Of all the Scriptures recorded in the Bible, this one is perhaps the most disbelieved of all. And yet this statement is the key to understanding and is the explanation to the so many 'why's?' which are asked when confronted with the lack of response from God. The test, when either making petition to God or expecting Him to do something about a given situation, is to see what He has said about the situation and, if He has assured that He will act – rest assured that it will be so but, if He ignored the situation or if it arose because of something against which He has

warned, *He would be in violation of His Word if He acted* then.

Attention is now drawn to what God has said He will do ever remembering that He is indeed not a man that He should lie.

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing" (Gen. 12:2). "And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee" (Gen. 17:6-7). "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?" (Gen. 18:17-18). "By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies" (Gen. 22:16-17). Remember, God is not a man that He should lie. These are but four out of approximately one hundred Promises which God made to the patriarchs and the question of Integrity comes to the fore. Did He really mean it or was it contingent upon some other factor. One can be absolutely certain that He meant what He said and *nothing* in this universe can alter the fact of the fulfilment of God's Promises to the people to whom they were made.

The question naturally arises as to why God has apparently not honoured His Promises for, as is obvious, they have not been fulfilled in the Jews to whom in any case they were not made. Even in Anglo-Saxondom in which company of nations one may see an embryonic demonstration of these Promises, the demonstration cannot be taken as the fulfilment of the Promises in their *entirety*. What then is the answer? To explain this situation, it must be realised that God committed Himself to His Promises – placing the Honour of His Name upon them – as an expression of His Total Sovereignty in the earth. Nothing and no one could prevent the Almighty God from doing precisely what He had said. The point which is missed by so many is that God never said *when* His Promises would be fulfilled in their entirety and consequently, starting on the premise that He *would* be faithful, it behoves His People to proceed from this point.

The Time of Fulfilment

The first point to consider in exploring the 'when?' in the context of promise-fulfilment is to observe whether or not any Scripture provides a clue. Basically, and contrary to modern theology, the recipients of the Gifts of God *must be worthy* of them which is precisely the object of Moses' statement to the children of Israel recorded in Deuteronomy 29:29. "The secret (Heb. *câthar*, hidden) things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed (Heb. *gâlâh*, advertise, publish, proclaim) belong unto *us* and to *our* children for ever, that we may do (Heb. *âsâph*, to accomplish, to follow, to execute, to observe, to perform) all the words of this law." While one may hesitate to state that the Covenant Promises were an inducement to the people to get into line with Him, the Lord God of Israel was not so encumbered with the niceties of human reaction and told it as it really was. Naturally enough, modern theology would say that no man (or men) would be justified by works and therefore any suggestion that keeping or doing the Law would earn the fulfilment of the Promises is without foundation. However, because of his works, Abraham was called the 'friend of God' and as James stated: 'faith without works is dead' (James 2:20). Notwithstanding what *men say*, the first prize for keeping the Law of the Lord according to Moses, was the Covenant Promises and this, after all is simple logic for the Law was a national instrument designed to give meaning to God's People. A literal translation of Deuteronomy 4:6 is: "Do these statutes and judgments for they are your skill and your meaning to the nations for a witness that God is in your midst." It is quite possible that God's Soliloquy in Genesis 18:17-19 was a further inducement for the intrusion of these verses appear to have no relevance otherwise to the overall text. If this is so, then one could reasonably expect an embryonic demonstration of the Covenant Promises at a time and in a situation when they could be fulfilled in their entirety.

As Moses definitely linked those things which God publicized – His Covenant Purpose – with the Law, it would serve to note precisely what God said concerning this Law. In Leviticus 26:3 it is stated: "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit . . . And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people" (verses

11-12). One should remember that this is precisely what God said He would do *if the people gave heed to His Law*. Conversely, He said: "If ye will *not* hearken unto me, and will *not* do all these commandments; And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will *not* do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you: I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of the heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it . . . And if ye will *not* for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins" (Lev. 26:16,27-28).

This is what God said and His faithfulness to both the blessings and the punitive clauses of the Law is the measure of His Integrity to whatever else He said. Biblical history shows Him to be absolutely faithful for when the nation had been induced to slide into transgression of the Law, each of the five stages of progressive punishment took its toll until the final stage, removal from the land and seven times chastisement ended the national existence of Israel in Palestine. *God had indeed done precisely what He had said.*

The 'Seven Times'

Before proceeding, it becomes necessary to examine the cryptic expression – the 'seven times' – for while in verse 21 of Leviticus 26 this expression is used to indicate *intensity*: "I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins" – in verses 24 and 28, the absence of any qualifying situation transforms the statement from *intensity* to *duration*. That the word 'time' or 'times' *is* used as a measurement of duration in the Bible is confirmed when one considers the Book of the Revelation. In Revelation 12:14 a certain prophetic period is spoken of as lasting for "a time and times and half a time" while in verse 6 of the same chapter, that same period is described as being "a thousand two hundred and threescore days". In the previous chapter i.e. the 11th in the Book of the Revelation, one finds that "a thousand two hundred and threescore days" is in fact forty-two months which therefore makes "a time and times and half a time", "one thousand two hundred and threescore days" and "forty-two" months synonymous terms. In Biblical days, one month was exactly thirty days and one year exactly three hundred and sixty days. Working from the scale

provided in the Revelation, it becomes apparent that “a time, times and half a time” equals forty-two months which is exactly three and a half years in Biblical chronology. If one takes “one thousand two hundred and threescore days” (1 260 days) one is again back to “forty-two months”. It is perfectly logical therefore that as three and a half times (1 plus 2 plus a half) equals three and a half years, one “time”, must equal one year. When, in the case of duration the word “time” is applied, because it projects into the future, it must of necessity be considered in the prophetic context. In this context, one day is appointed as one year (Ezek. 4:6) and, as has been shown above, one “time” equals one year of 360 days, the literal duration of one “time” is therefore 360 literal years. The simple expedient of multiplying this period by seven – as in the seven times – produces a period of two thousand, five hundred and twenty years. This is the period which God had said would operate in the punitive sense over Israel for Law-transgression. Is God a man that He should lie? He said it and Israel experienced it.

What of Forgiveness?

Notwithstanding what God said, there are those who claim that as God is a God of love, forgiveness and the blotting out of sins could surely alter – in fact, cancel out the unexpired period of punishment. The answer to this is YES – *but on God's Terms and within the perimeters which He has prescribed.* Provision for forgiveness and restoration is made within the Law itself, but once again – *only on God's Terms.* The ceremonial ordinances which made propitiation for law transgression were certainly there and the forgiveness of sin was always available and offered but it required positive, prescribed reaction and obligation on the part of those who availed themselves of this Gift of God. The provision – indeed the only provision – provided in the Law for shortening the ‘seven times’ national punishment, is recorded in Deuteronomy 3:30-31. “When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee (the prescribed punishments for Law transgression), even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, *and shalt be obedient unto his voice* (see Ex. 19:8): (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.”

From this statement which contains the germ of forgiveness, two features emerge which should be noted. In the first instance, it will be noted that, as

has been mentioned previously, the ‘covenant sworn to the fathers’ is linked to keeping the Law. Secondly, the ‘turning to the Lord your God’ is not in itself sufficient unless accompanied with being ‘obedient unto His voice’. This is the *only* provision by and through which, the ‘seven times’ over Israel could be cancelled out. Much as modern theology insists on total cancellation of all sin without any strings attached to it, the facts of history plus the contemporary scene certainly argues to the contrary. Theology maintains that the whole body of the Old Testament was wiped out on Calvary – an argument which is *not* supported by the Scriptures which in fact state just the opposite. As the Old Testament draws to the conclusion of its history, God states that He is the ‘unchanging Lord’ (Mal. 3:6) while the same theme is picked up by James who stated that in God, there is ‘no variableness neither shadow of turning’ (James 1:17) hence theology is at variance with what is stated.

History and God's Word

Faithful to His Word, when His Israel people ignored the warning signs provided in the Law, the final punitive measures were put into operation by God and the nation was removed into captivity (2nd Kings 17:1-6). *He had not deviated one iota from what He had said.* It was at this point that the prophets came into their own and communicated God's further Intention to provide the means whereby they *could* turn to the Lord their God and obey His voice. Dotted throughout the writings of the prophets one finds the Promise of the Redeemer Whose Act would open the door and make reconciliation between God and His People more than a statement of intent. It is the fact of history – the door has been opened and all that is required is the acceptance of the invitation as this had been written in Deuteronomy 4:31.

The Enemy Operates

It was at this point that enemy action became intense. The pretenders in Judaea had known that ‘the man from Galilee’ had selected twelve men and had sent them to ‘the lost sheep of the house of Israel’ (Matt. 10:6) and they knew that this mission had been accomplished (Luke 22:35). They had had a taste of His exposure of their pretensions (John 8:44-47) and they had no means of knowing to what extent God's true people had been informed concerning their masquerade. After, as they thought, they had successfully silenced Him by putting Him

to Death and notwithstanding the stories of His Resurrection, they felt that they could deal very effectively with whatever the Apostles could do.

Recognising the danger signals – after all, if Israel now turned and became obedient to the Law, their own pretensions would be further exposed – they recognised too the need to subvert the Message of the Christ, but above all, to keep the true heirs of the Kingdom from embracing the machinery which God had given as the passport to the Covenant Promises. That this was done – in the Name of Jesus Christ – cannot be doubted for one has only to consider the indictment of the Lord to the ‘churches’ in Asia Minor to realise this. In His indictment to those at Sardis (Rev. 3:1) it will be noted that the Lord said: “I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.” J.B. Phillips’ translation of this is: “I know what you have done, that you have a reputation for being alive, but in fact you are dead.” And how does one differentiate between being alive and being dead in the sight of God? One need go no further than the authority which was confirmed by the Lord Himself – Moses (Luke 16:31). Moses had said: “See, I have set before thee this day, life and good, and death and evil: In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments” (Deut. 30:15). The story of the indictment against the church at Sardis is therefore a vindication of the contention that the Israel community in that region had been infiltrated and literally ‘switched off’ from the Law.

What of the Apostles?

Did those men – the Apostles – lend themselves to this anti-Law propaganda? Did they, as suggested in most theological text-books, remain in Jerusalem organising the Church? This would have been in violation of their commission for on Resurrection day, when the Lord appeared to the eleven in the upper room, He said: “. . . as my Father *hath sent me*, even so *send I you*” (John 20:21). These same men had previously heard Him state: “I am *not sent* but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matt. 15:24) and with this in mind, it is inconceivable that they would do otherwise. As Israel was certainly not in Jerusalem nor in Judaea the only reason for the Apostles being there would be to try to offset the propaganda of the Pharisees.

With Peter establishing the fact that Israel at that time was in Asia Minor (1st Peter 1:1), the behaviour of some of the Apostles could appear

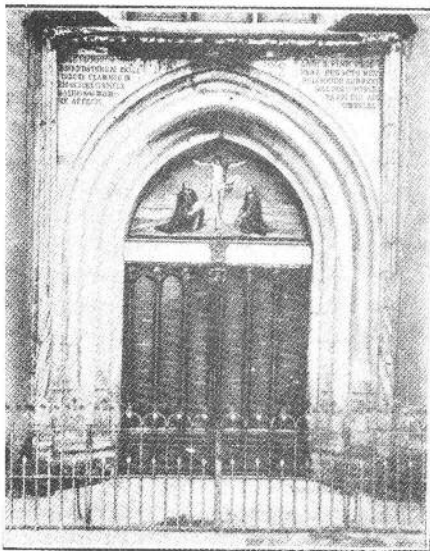
to be out of keeping with their commission for according to prominent church historians and secular ones as well, they went as far afield as Britain. Gildas, the British historian who lived from A.D. 516 to 570 wrote: “Meanwhile, these islands . . . received the beams of light, that is, the Holy Precepts of Christ, the true Sun . . . at the latter part, as we know, of the reign of Tiberius Caesar” which would put the event not later than A.D. 37. Why the British isles? Were the Apostles merely indulging in the favourite Pharisaic past-time of proselytising all and sundry? In some way still historically obscure, these men or those of them who did pass to the Britannic isles, somehow knew that this was the direction in which Israel would go and therefore they were preparing the ground for Israel’s arrival. They recognised the mighty forces of deception which were at work and knew that they were ill-equipped to handle the situation. They knew, as was later confirmed, that the enemy propaganda in Jerusalem was branding *them* as phonies and so they passed from that scene and laid true Apostolic foundations in the isles in the west. It will be recalled that Marcion, in A.D. 140 denounced the Apostles as ‘frauds’ and consigned their teaching to the limbo of spurious doctrines accusing them of being ‘corrupters of the truth’. So the actions of the Apostles are not to be wondered at.

The Lord had stated that ‘by their fruits ye shall know them’ (Matt. 7:20) and if the ‘fruits’ of the Apostle’s planting in the isles is anything to go on, one may see that *their* message was the anti-thesis of that being preached in Asia Minor. In Asia Minor, Israel was filled with the importance of the individual and had a strong antagonism to the Law – in the isles, they were filled with a national sense built on the things in the Law of God. Proof of this is found at a much later stage when Rome, a blend of Babylonian paganism with the doctrines of Plato and Socrates plus the perverted pristine faith of Christ, spread its proselytising tentacles into Britain. According to the Venerable Bede in his *Ecclesiastical History*, the Scots were still observing things Hebraic when, after a report from Augustine, the Pope demanded that they stop observing the Old Testament Passover festival and that they observe the Papal Easter. The actual account is as follows. “The same Pope Honorius also wrote to the Scots whom he found to err in the observance of Easter, exhorting them not to think their small number, placed in the utmost borders of the earth, wiser than all the ancient and modern Church of Christ throughout the world;

and not to celebrate a different Easter, contrary to the Pascal calculation, and the synodical decrees of all the bishops upon earth.” The Papacy was successful and once again the doctrines of men dominated over the teaching of the Scripture.

God and the Reformation

From the time of Calvary, it would appear that God was totally inactive against the perversion of faith and the marriage of paganism to Christianity when Rome embraced this as their national faith. For the following thousand years, God appeared to be totally absent from this planet leaving it to the dictates of Rome. However, remembering that God has said what He would do at all times, one should recall that He had promised to ‘raise’ His people up after ‘two days’ (Hos. 6:1-2) and this, in terms of chronology in God’s reckoning (2nd Peter 3:8) would be two thousand years later. And indeed, two thousand years after Israel had been taken into the Assyrian captivity, a strange thing began to happen among the nations which fall within the term, the Anglo-Saxon and company of European nations. A stirring against Romanism developed until the authority of the Pope was thrown over and the Bible became an open Book. Recalling that there were still two centuries to run before the ‘seven times’ would run out, this was an opportunity given by God for His People to search the Scriptures and truly turn to Him and be obedient to His voice.



Present Doors of Castle Church
Wittenberg with Luther’s Theses
cast in Bronze.

This, however, is reckoning without the continuity of enemy action. Two men who were most active in throwing off the yoke of Rome fell into the same Pharisaic trap which had invalidated the re-emergence of true Israel immediately after the Sacrifice of the Lord. They proclaimed that the Law was not for them. Calvin, in his work *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, wrote: “I will briefly remark, however, by the way, what laws it (i.e. government or state) may piously use before God, and be rightly governed by among men. And even this I would have preferred passing over in silence, if I did not know that it is a point on which many persons run into dangerous errors. For some deny that a state is well constituted which neglects the polity of Moses, and is governed by the common laws of nations. The dangerous and seditious nature of this opinion I leave to the examination of others; it will be sufficient for me that I have evinced it to be false and foolish”. So Calvin considered the Law of Moses to be ‘dangerous’, ‘seditious’, ‘false’ and ‘foolish’ and the tragedy is that so many believed and still believe him. How true the words of the Lord Jesus Christ when He said: “If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead.” Another ‘modern prophet’, Luther, was likewise very much anti-Law for in his work *Small Catechism* which is cited by Friedrich Heer in *The Intellectual History of Europe*, he stated: “Sin cannot separate us from God, even if we commit murder and fornication a thousand times a day.” Isaiah, an *authorised* prophet had this to say by way of contradiction. “But your iniquities have separated you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear” (Isa. 59:2). There can be little doubt why there appears to be such a vacuum in the context of unanswered prayer when both Calvin’s and Luther’s views or opinions are considered more authoritative than the prophets.

The Embryonic Demonstration of God’s Faithfulness

It was immediately after the Word of God became an open Book that God’s People in the isles and in north-west Europe began to spread abroad and to establish new colonies and new beginnings. From Britain alone there developed – again in embryo – a demonstration of God’s Faithfulness to His Covenant Promises – an inducement to approach the termination of the ‘seven times’ with a new determination to meet all the requirements for Israel’s re-formation.

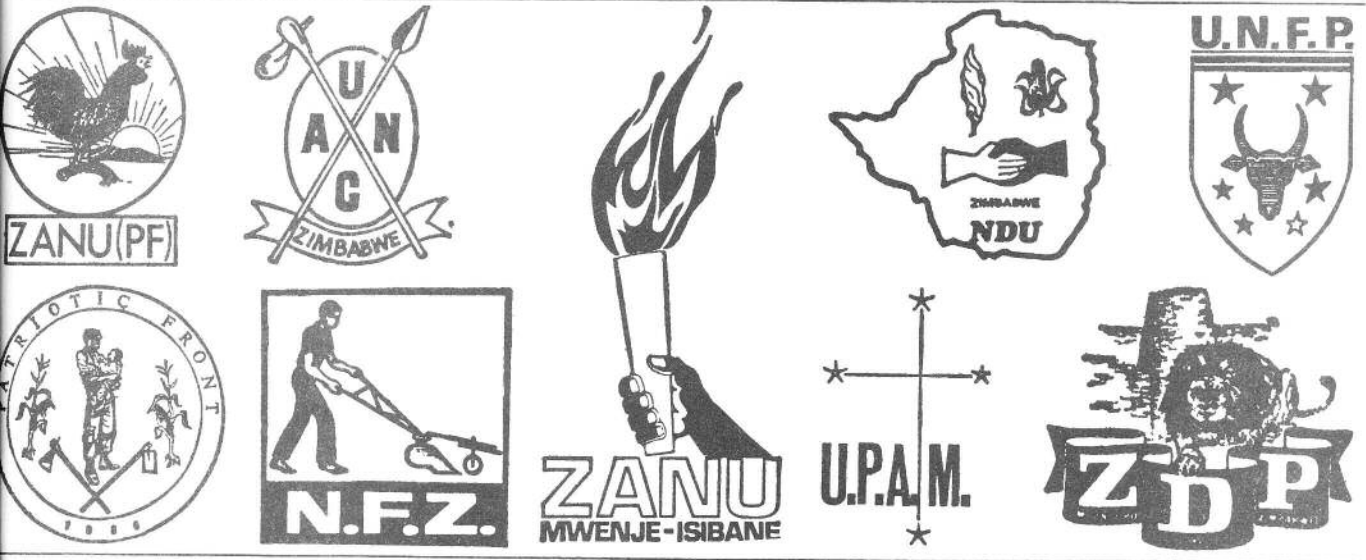
True Israel began to pass out of the punishment phase of the Law of the Lord at the beginning of the nineteenth century, but a new theology, based on the so-called 'enlightenment' of Darwin's theory of evolution was taking hold and out of which developed the 'social gospel' in its primitive forms. The discipline of God's Law found no place in this evolving 'gospel' and as the nation continued in ignorance of what was required of it, and continued to break God's Discipline, the punitive clauses again became active. If the warnings of chastisement as recorded in Leviticus 26:14 and onwards are re-read, it will be seen that notwithstanding the protestations of Christianity that Israel or Christians are not under the Law, the first three chastisements have again already taken their toll within Anglo-Saxondom. It will be seen that sickness will dominate which is precisely what has happened with the national budget having an enormous slice set aside for hospitalisation. Wars have and are decimating the people while their influence and authority in the world has certainly been broken. Government has become totalitarian just as is expressed in verse 19 and the coloured races – the 'chay' (translated as 'beasts') – are certainly beginning to make themselves felt. The fourth and fifth chastisements have not yet become operative and it is highly unlikely that they will do so. The situation within His Covenant People is such that unless He does something, His Holy Name will be in jeopardy and *this* is the point at which He has stated He will intervene.

The national history of true modern Israel has followed the course of departure from God's Holy Law and in this, the punitive clauses must operate if God is to be true to His Word. God is not a man that He should lie. At this moment in time, God's enemies feel that it is expedient to push home their plans and as most people know, strong moves are afoot to bring about changes in the national Constitutions of the U.S.A., Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand with a situation in Britain and Europe developing which could demand changes too. The pattern has already emerged in which an 'elite', non-elected body will have the power of policy planning and enforcement. Will this be dictated by the enemies of God? If so, all true Israel is headed for an unprecedented time of trouble out of which, only God can save them – of which they are assured (Jer. 30:7). However, the point is that it need not be. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and *pray*, and *seek my face*, and *turn from their wicked ways* (obey His voice); *then* will I hear

from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2nd Chron. 7:14). Here again is the same principle as is found in the only provision for the cancellation of unexpired punitive punishment. Once again, *it is the turning of the nation to the Lord and obeying His voice which is the only passport to His healing of both people and land.* If, in the days that lie ahead, the people are permitted a say in new Constitutions for their land, let their call be – 'Back to the Lord; Back to His Law' for this alone can provide that which is so desperately needed today. The 'constitution' which the enemy would put upon God's People does not require much imagination for it would be designed to not only humiliate the people – it would be designed to alienate the Covenant People from their God for ever.

While men and women are asking the 'when's?' and the 'why's?' in response to the lack of attention by God, let them remember that He Who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps and that He is well aware of the modern trend to jeopardise His Holy Name. There can be no doubt that His Israel people are disappointing Him for despite the many incentives which He has provided, they still, like sheep, follow the judas-goat to destruction. Small wonder then at His accusation against His People: "I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for my holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen (nations) whither ye went . . . Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O House of Israel" (Ezek. 36:22,32). However, one may take heart for all is not lost. God is not a man that He should lie and on this the true modern development of Israel can depend. He has promised deliverance – and deliverance shall come and more. The Covenant will be fulfilled and the world will see – not the rampaging enemies of God – but the rule of peace, quietness and assurance when God is in the midst of His People. This day is near, not because men say it is so, but because world trends and enemy action is shouting it from the rooftops and the only people who will not hear (Isa. 42:19,20) are the people of God who have been deluded and wander around asking 'why?' – why God doesn't get them out of the mess. To these, one can only say, 'have patience, watch and pray, God is doing exactly what He said He would do'.

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The Death of a Nation

by John Manton
—Rhodesia

As I stand in my room overlooking my beloved Umtali, I watch the early morning sunlight creeping gently through the foothills and dispersing the remnants of the mists of the night and I cannot help but reflect on the past and ponder the future. I analyse what has been, I think about what might have been and I speculate on what is to come.

In this wild, beautiful land some ninety years ago, a small band of White pioneers trudged over these same mountains and hills in search of a dream. They came seeking their fortune and looking for a future. They stood on the top of the mountain which today is called Christmas Pass and looked out at the wilderness beyond. They came from all walks of life. They were rich, they were poor, but they had one thing in common, the love of an Empire, belief in God and faith in themselves and their future.

They encountered endless frustrations and problems. The land was sparsely populated and the people who populated it were little better than savages. From this land the White settlers carved a flourishing, sophisticated and modern nation. From a population of little over two hundred thousand they enabled the Black to grow to over six million by introducing medical facilities; by stopping the different factions from warring on each other and oppressing the weak; by introducing law and order and work.

In 1890, there were no villages, no towns, no cities. There were no Hospitals and no Schools, but the White man gave these to the Black man. The Government could have been invested with the unchanging and complete laws of Almighty God, but unfortunately the settlers at that time did not realise their identity and consequently fell into the hands of the law-makers of Great Britain and South Africa. Thus it was that laws were introduced which, although they were beneficial to the population, did not come up to the perfect standards of the Almighty.

However, the country progressed, expanded and the present infrastructure was started. After the Second World War, the weak, blinded Western nations joined in the rat race of the hyenas of the Third World in their clamour to drive the White men out of Rhodesia, to hound them and to indoctrinate them into believing that they should apologise for the benefits they have brought to all. In fact, that they should apologise for being White and thus the "Winds of Change" swept across Africa.

Many thought this wind had been stemmed when, in 1965, Rhodesia declared its Independence from Britain, although the Constitution at that time gave a Covenant that the country would remain as a Subject of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain. It also gave a promise to Almighty God

that it would obey His statutes. Yet hardly had the ink dried on the *Declaration of Independence* when the Premier was making Covenants with the very people he had declared a hindrance to Independence. Within months he had gone cap in hand to the British Government; within years he had breached the Covenant with God.

He had joined the satanic forces against the White man and thus Rhodesia began running faster and faster with the tide of so called human progress. Rhodesia's heritage was given up to the braying of the hyenas of the United Nations. She listened to the heathen ranting, raging and imagining all kinds of vain things but most of all, her leaders sold their souls to Satan for a mess of pottage and today the country has a Marxist-orientated Government led by a so-called Roman Catholic who does not know the first thing about running a country and with a Ministry of rabid terrorists who have killed and maimed their own people.

In the eyes of God Rhodesians have been betrayed by their own leaders, by their own kith and kin and even the Black man can know that he too has been betrayed.

As the months progress there is little doubt that communal farms will be established and which will be little more than concentration camps. Watch for the various business companies led by quisling Managing Directors who are leaning over backwards even now in admitting that they were wrong. Because they paid the African what he was worth *in labour* and did not pay him more because he was not worth more!

Watch too as hospitals lower their standards as more and more White people cannot stand the working conditions and leave the country. Watch the Education facilities become corrupted. Their standards, which have been amongst the highest in the world, gradually eroded away by the intrusion of a different Race into our Schools, and all this is in the name of progress!

Undoubtedly things will appear to progress; peace will appear to come to the land. Businesses will be financially sound and maintained. Indeed, they will have to be, because, if they are not, what example will be there for the Prime Minister of our near neighbour to the South, to quote as an example to his befuddled and deluded citizens when he is pointing out to them the benefits of multi-racialism. For as South Africa too slides down the path of multi-racialism, the same platitudes will be given to the Whites as well. The myths of world opinion; the doctrine of one world brotherhood; God's plan for the ages, and so on. All this will be

given as a sop to the people in order to encourage them to commit national suicide just as Rhodesia has now done.

It is true that the last stronghold of the White man in Africa is too strong to conquer quickly by military means from outside and so the one-worlders have hired traitors within the country to erode the consciences, to get rid of the patriotism, of the people. But what of the future, can people really believe that in three to four years time, when the Whites of South Africa have been sacrificed by their own kind and by the moneymakers of the world, can one honestly say, that they believe that life will be tolerable, that the Ethiopian will have changed his skin, that the Communist of yesteryear *will* be the reasonable and conservative man of tomorrow?

It can truly be said that in the history of the true Israel people of the world, going back for six thousand years, they have never faced a future so wrought with problems and difficulties. Never have they deliberately appointed over them one who is not their brother in race. For the first time they have taught the heathen to be captains and rule over them and their sorrows will surely take them to depths unknown.

Yet there still remains one course open for them, a course which is revealed in the following quotation from 2 Chronicles, Chapter 7, Verse 14:-

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Verse 15:-

Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

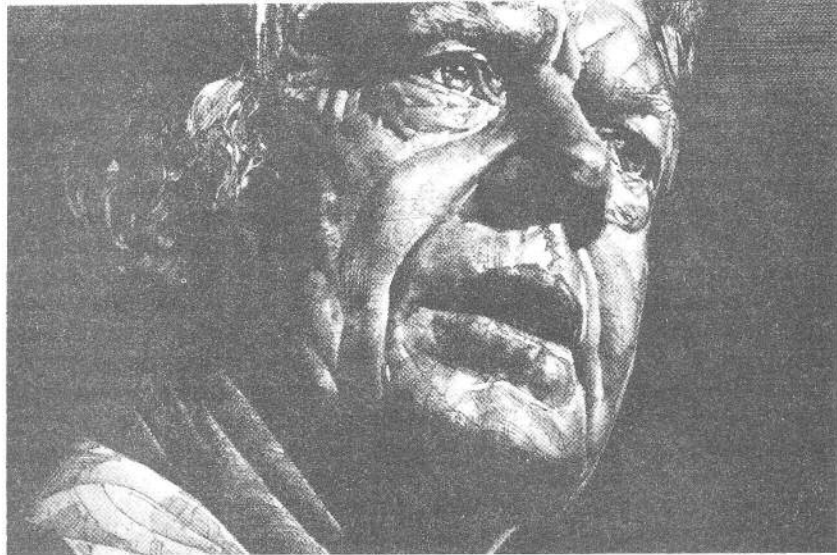
Verse 16:-

For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually."

God grant that true Israel will soon turn back to Him.

America at the Crossroads

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The attitude and inevitable consequences of America's Foreign Policy in this hour was exposed and forewarned by the Holy Spirit's inspired message to the prophets centuries ago. "Because ye have said, we have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge (already flowing into Afghanistan) shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves (SALT I, SALT II?)." God's reply to such strategy is brief and to the point – "Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies (the forces of nature: Job 38:22; Isa. 30:30-31; Ezek. 38:22; Rev. 16:21), and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then shall ye be trodden down by it." Much could and should be said concerning the symbolism here used to describe the political bluffing and hypocrisy.

Who knows the secret promises made by various Secretaries of State during past administrations which America is now finding themselves obligated to keep? Only the little circle of Internationalists know the answer to this question and who, but Almighty God, can free America from the hidden hands who today guide the ship of State? Propaganda, rumours, hopes, fears, etc., have vexed the

nation from the past 90 days during which American sons and daughters have remained hostages in this 'cat and mouse' game. "From the time that it (the overflowing scourge) goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report." The nightly exploitation of the hostage episode by the news media has sent a restless nation to bed in frustration. "For the bed is shorter than a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than he can wrap himself in it" (Isa. 28:15-20). Iran's anger is not vented against the American public, but against those individuals responsible for bringing about the present situation. Their hostility is directed toward the eventual exposure of the guilty parties, but in the meantime the national image is being tarnished beyond recognition. Who are the guilty parties whose nights are restless because of the fear of the day of their exposure?

Spotlight, February 4, 1980, helps exonerate the American people of the scapegoat guilt they are saddled with while the real culprits remain hidden. (Quote) – "A vast underground economy amounting to tens of billions of dollars 'diverted', 'misappropriated' or 'privately converted' – that is, stolen from the national revenues of a booming, oil-rich Iran, arose from the quarter-century-long secret alliance of two ruling dynasties: the Pahlavi clan, headed by the recently ousted shah, and the Rockefellers of New York. In court papers filed

recently in New York – significantly, the Rockefeller's legal residence – the new, violently anti-U.S. Iranian government of the bearded Ayatollah Ryholla Khomeini accuses the exiled shah and his family of 'enriching themselves . . . by accepting payments and bribes . . . defrauding the government and the citizens of Iran . . . misappropriating and diverting funds . . . in a massive plan of secret and fraudulent activities'. The papers emerged when the present government of Iran filed suit against the deposed shah in New York's state Supreme Court. By pursuing the matter in a state (instead of a federal) court, Iran implies that the shah's attachable assets are situated in New York. Both the court and Chase Manhattan bank, which is sighted in the action, are in Manhattan. Court sources said Iran plans to sue Chase Manhattan separately . . . Before the Chase Manhattan Bank took a hand in streamlining our economy, a former senior Iranian diplomat, brother of one of Iran's most influential government leaders during the shah's regime, told the *Spotlight* in a recent interview, 'bribes and kickbacks were a peripheral evil of Iranian life, as they are in most other countries. But after David Rockefeller became the shah's personal banker and trusted financial adviser, corruption grew into the central factor in Iran's affairs: Pay-offs, and skimming became commonplace. Stealing from the state grew systemic. There was no other way to do business'. The Iranian diplomat's revelations were supported by court documents and legal papers obtained by the *Spotlight's* investigative team in recent weeks, as well as interviews with a number of knowledgeable sources in Washington and New York. A Dallas executive whose company paid out more than \$10 million in bribes to be able to do business in Iran told the *Spotlight* (on condition his identity be protected), 'David and Nelson Rockefeller, who were frequent visitors to Tehran in the 50's and early 60's, persuaded the shah to let Chase Manhattan money-chasers take charge of Iran's 'financial modernization'. They promised they would turn Iran into a wealthy country just like the U.S.'" (End Quote)

The true wealth of any nation should be measured by their natural resources and the ability of the people to transform these resources into goods marketable. However, big money interests have moved onto the scene. America's natural resources remain undeveloped and those capable and anxious to transform them into goods marketable remain idle and are compelled to become the slaves of the money interests in order to survive. Yes, they promised to make Iran "a wealthy country just

like the U.S." and were caught in the act of doing so. The close association between politics and money is clearly demonstrated in the Rockefeller brothers, especially when Nelson was high in government! The average working man has little conception of the extent of corruption and the power exercised in government by such institutions as Chase Manhattan and its board of directors, etc. The prophet wrote: "The good man is perished out of the earth; and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, (now note this!) the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward, and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up . . ." The shah received what he was promised and so innocent hostages are being held while the real culprits continue doing business as usual. The prophet continues, ". . . The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: (and now hear this!) the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity" (Micah 7:1-4). It should be obvious to us now as to why the Iranians are so determined to bring the shah to trial and force him to expose his conspirators in the financial rape of Iran. Money talks and it also keeps men's mouths shut and those who are a party to this whole dirty mess don't want the average American to know the truth. As the prophet said: "the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity."

You ask: "What can be done about it?" Not much as of the moment, but continue to pay taxes, high interest rates and be gouged at the gas pump, the supermarket and wherever else one goes to purchase the necessities of life. The guilty are beyond reach and hand-in-glove with those who seek to rule the world by controlling its wealth. The prophet who clearly saw our day, wrote, "Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness. Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the Lord thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets" (Micah 7:7-10).

We can't place the blame wholly upon 'elected' leaders, for they are the product of a decadent

society, the graduates of institutions of higher learning, men who were once the little boys in Sunday School, members of the congregations of churches, business men in respective communities, neighbours and friends. Somewhere along life's road they were bitten by the fly of ambition and became infected with an uncontrollable lust for power and financial wealth. Like Eve in the Paradise of God, their ears were open to the seducing song of the serpent while we continued to earn our bread by the sweat of our brow. Involved with our own petty problems of survival, we neglected to carefully govern the watchmen of our National Birthright and failed to protect the heritage of our children. We placed our blessings into the hands of aliens, anti-Christians and opportunists whose loyalties rest elsewhere than in those spiritual principles which constitute the very foundations of our once glorious Republic! At the moment all seems lost, but the spirit of defeatism and lethargy responsible for our national tiredness, which has paralysed hope and patriotism will be crushed by truth and America will rise to her responsibilities of the hour! We are a people of destiny and because we are, the enemies of righteousness like leeches have infiltrated us and sought to suck our life's blood and bring us to our knees – their helpless victims! Just as they have also done in all Israel lands.

True Israel has forgotten her identity and lost her way and in order to find ourselves we must look back. We must look back to the cradle of civilization, to the Middle East where the "children of Israel" were carried into captivity from their respective kingdoms of Israel and Judah. We must look back to the fathers of these peoples, to Jacob, Isaac and Abraham the "friend of God" Who entered into covenant relationship with His friend – a covenant to be binding for the next 100 000 years and therefore still operative today! We must discover our place amongst that race Jehovah delivered from their Egyptian bondage and formed into the nucleus of His "Kingdom of priests" here on earth and to whom He assigned His Law as the framework of His Kingdom with Its accompanying blessedness to be demonstrated to all His creation through their obedience. Yes, we must look back to those people God swore under oath would be a blessing to all others, to whom the Lord Jesus Christ came calling upon to repent and for whose national redemption He "endured the cross and despised its shame". We must look back and as we do so we must remove the blinders organized religion has placed upon our eyes and take into perspective the whole purpose of His Coming then and soon Return. The prophet has

written "he will destroy in this mountain (nation) the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations (national blindness). He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Isa. 25:7-9). I believe this hour is at last upon us.

Meanwhile, here at home in America we shall witness increasing expenditures as we feverishly struggle to bring the various departments of our armed forces up to respectable strength. I call upon you to join with me in thanking Almighty God for each new day of grace He blesses us with by holding back the "overflowing scourge" of the Soviets who are determined to strike at the very heart of America herself, before we fully awaken to our military weakness and get our defence industries into capacity production. The enemy within has cleverly sabotaged our strength by diverting our attention to deliberately created domestic problems and unrest.

We have thus far escaped the unpredictable activities of the terrorists who have long been busy in the world's troubled areas. Their harassment in our midst is but part of a well planned and organized scheme to further weaken us in our survival efforts. America's greatest problem of the immediate future, however, is a spiritual one. As of this moment we are a divided people with no national purpose or objective. We are in captivity to the money changers. Our confidence in government has been sorely disappointed. Our land has been flooded with well trained and thoroughly organized enemies of our way of life. Our young people have been brainwashed by the entertainment media and are void of a true sense of values. Our credit-debit system has destroyed all consciousness of personal responsibility.

I would caution all of us and not only in America, but in all Israel lands to re-establish a favourable and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ the Lord and make certain throughout every day that our hand is in His and that His Will is being carried out. *This alone, will be the only way that we can win through.*

–Written February 4th, 1980.

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Those Ancient Things

PART II

By Rev. W.G. Finlay

Tangible evidence abounds testifying that man, at some undisclosed period in the remote past, effectively utilised his knowledge of the Eternal Power of God. Secular history, folklore, legend and archaeology all make their contribution to the incredible narrative of man who, notwithstanding the perfection of his original environment (Gen. 1:31), allowed himself to be coerced into betraying the trust and violating the mandate which had been given to him by his Creator.

The dust of centuries has undoubtedly obliterated much of the evidence of the glorious dominion which God had given to man but, as this present age draws to its close and within the context of man's increasing knowledge (Dan. 12:4), the story of the past is once again emerging. The world, if it would only open its eyes, is now able to recognise the warning signs of the dangerous conditions obtaining in human society and men should now be able to realise that there is indeed 'no new thing under the sun' (Eccles. 1:9). That God, in His Infinite Mercy can utilise man's increased knowledge to reopen the tremendous vista of the past, the main purpose of which is to 'sound an alarm' for, in truth, mankind is perilously perched on the brink of disaster.

It would be advantageous to recount here very briefly the story of that far-off civilisation and its downfall. In the first instance, one sees man living, moving and having his being in the knowledge of the Eternal Power of God. There was absolutely no justification for allowing the pernicious intrusion of Satanic dissatisfaction to mar that perfection but men became vain and their foolish heart was darkened – professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. So it was that with ego inflated, man presumed to dictate the course of events believing that he could even make God conform to the image which he, man, conceived. Dominated by a purely intellectual approach which had been perverted



by Satanic intervention, man began to depict God as he perceived Him and idols made their appearance.

Human society now underwent an incredible metamorphosis with man being elevated to deity. The human body was worshipped and degraded. Women changed the natural use of the body into that which was against nature. Likewise the men turned to other men thus sinking to utter evil and to condemnation by Almighty God. For this sin there could be no forgiveness.

The tragedy of this far off almost forgotten past is corroborated by the ever-increasing amount of data which has now come to hand, not the least of which is the *Aztec Popul Vuh*. After relating the perversion of the Truth of Deity, a section of this work under the heading of the book of Dzayan, states: "*Then the fourth race (?) grew tall with pride. We are kings, they said, we are gods. They built temples for the human body. Male and female they worshipped... The first great waters came – they swallowed the seven great islands...*" and the great civilisations of the past dissolved into legend with their story incomplete though it admittedly is, remaining a grim warning to this present generation whose pattern of life is almost identical with that of yesteryear.

Then almost two thousand years ago, man saw

the Truth of God in His only begotten Son (Heb. 1:3) but, as in the past, Satanic erosion again all but obliterated that Truth and man once more resorted to an intellectual portrayal of Him rather than to an acceptance of His Self-revelation. It is thus quite commonplace to hear it stated in Christian circles that the picture of God as stated in His Word is entirely unacceptable *because it does not conform to man's concept of love*. In consequence of this rejection of the Nature, Personality and Character of God in His Word, man is again thrown back on his own intellectual powers through which he not only creates God, but expresses Him and parallel with this liberty taken in respect of God, it must be admitted that the perversion of sex has become the main accompaniment – with both Sodomy and Lesbianism reaching proportions hitherto unprecedented. The warning is undoubtedly here, but who is there to fight against a rampaging Lucifer who knows that his time is short? Further, who accepts the reality of this entity whose malignancy, nature and character are intellectually expunged from human consciousness?

Indeed, in this sophisticated age, one risks social suicide to advocate that the civilisations of the past fell because of Satanic intervention. To speak of Satan, Lucifer or the Devil is to invite sympathetic commiserations for the loss of intelligence and yet this is precisely the person to whom the Bible accredits the fouling of all creation. It is truly one of the most amazing successes of Satan in this age that men no longer accept his reality and instead, philosophise the effect of his intervention as the mere absence of positive thought. The old image of Satan has thus receded under the impact of intellectual analysis and today, he, with God, has become a nebulous pattern of human thought with no existence beyond this sphere.

Yet the Word of God has another story to tell. In the first instance, it will be noted that the Lord God, Who knows the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:10) and Who knows the thoughts of all creation (Ps. 139:4-12) has revealed that Lucifer is capable of independent thought and action without any assistance from man. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" When did man ever fall from heaven? "How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" Here, indeed, is the story of the cause whereby man in the past, became vain and full of ego and so weakened by Satan's 'permissive' society. "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congrega-

tion, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High" (Isa. 14:13-14). Can all this be ascribed to the absence of right thinking? Has man the temerity to suggest that in the Mount of Temptation, the Lord Jesus Christ was guilty of a gross error in merely imagining wrong thoughts? (Matt. 4:1-11).

In the second instance, it will be noted that the Lord God did not leave man, the 'weakened nations', without any incentive to recover the original status which had been lost through Luciferian intervention. Almighty God has always provided proper methods and guides for man and all down the ages, the various component parts of humanity have responded to the many incentives provided by the Lord. However, these endeavours have invariably been forestalled by Satanic perversion of those very incentives so that today, religion has become a mystical intellectual exercise rather than a meaningful, God-directed way of life. Satan's efforts have always been based on the perversion of the Truth of God and so the 'strengthening of the nations' can only be achieved by an acceptance of the Truth of God.



As one proceeds with this story which so many sceptics insist is nothing more than a 'fairy story', one will note that the opportunities which were afforded to man in which man might seek after God, has confirmation in the wide variety of relig-

ions which obtain in the world today. To the various component parts of the human family in 'the bounds of their habitations' (Acts 17:26) and in spite of the incrustations of intellectual devolution, there remained a latent conviction of the reality of God for down the centuries and within the framework of the different racial groups, men have been raised to prominence by amplifying the then prevailing concept of God as comprehended by his own particular racial group. The thoughts of centuries crystallising in a religious ritual and being accepted by adherents as being the ultimate in truth. One thinks of K'ung Fu-tzu or, as he is known in the West, Confucius, or Lao-tse who gave rise to Taoism, of Buddha, of Mohammed, of Akenaton, or of Quetzalcoatl. In the African context, because of its lack of history, one is unable to ascertain any crystallisation of Negroid concept of God other than to note the veneration of the elements as the attributes of God.

The word 'religion' as defined by man, is a recognition of some higher unseen power which is entitled to obedience, reverence and worship. It is, in fact, a word describing man's reaction in respect of his comprehension of God and the formulation of ritual or philosophy arising out of this. Adherents to the countless cults which obtain in the world today are deeply and utterly convinced that their's is the ultimate in truth in respect of God with all others being pseudo-religion. The Lord Jesus Christ, when He was brought before Pilate, said: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, *that I should bear witness unto the truth*. Every one that is of truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? . . ." (John 18:37-38). Like so many, Pilate was utterly confused by the many claims to the Truth and when he was confronted with Truth Itself, he turned his back on It acquiescing to the clamour of those who, too, rejected Him.

Today, the younger generation, as well as many of the older one, are, like Pilate asking, What is truth? There are so many religions – there are so many denominations, there are so many sects – what is truth? Yet, the Lord Jesus Christ, in His Prayer of intercession recorded in John's gospel, stated: "Sanctify them through thy truth: *thy word is truth*" (John 17:17). Here, in the Word of God, the Holy Bible, is Truth and no amount of scepticism, criticism or rejection can alter this fact. It is not a 'fairy story' conjured up in the minds of primitive people – it is not an egotistical emanation of human Hebrew writers – it is not the compilation of legend, myth and folklore – it is

the Revelation of God Himself given through human agency when 'holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost' (2 Peter 1:21). Different men at different times did not write of their own volition but under the compulsion of the Holy Spirit and what they wrote has been preserved down the years and persists to this day as the verifiable truth of God's Plan and Purpose which arose when man abused and rejected the Gifts of God.

In a world which now is completely muddled and degenerate it is most necessary that all delusion that the Bible is a 'fairy story' be removed; that it is purely a Book of conjecture on things unseen, be denied at all costs. For it is surely significant that no archaeological evidence has been produced to refute any part of the Bible and that each find, in some way or other, attests to the truth of the historical record of the Holy Scriptures. As has been seen, man, at a very early age, indeed at Creation, understood the Eternal Power of God – an understanding which necessitated an intellect far removed from the moronic level so condescendingly attributed to early man by evolutionists today. Surely no useful purpose is served by ignoring the archaeological evidence which supports this, nor can it be advantageous to pretend that all the evidence has no bearing on the spiritual life of the people. If the statement that man, fresh from the Creator's Hands, understood the Eternal Power of God is *not* true, what confidence can then be placed on other statements which have a bearing on man's spiritual relationship to God? However, make no mistake here, this statement is absolutely true for it provides a comprehensive basis for that which occupies so much of the Bible narrative, namely, God's Plan and Purpose to rehabilitate the whole world.

It was to this end that Almighty God again engaged in Creation – the creation of a national nucleus which was His Own peculiar property and through which He intended that all the nations of the earth, seeking for God, might utilise the incentive thus provided.

"Ye are my witnesses, said the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me . . . ye are my witnesses, said the Lord, that I am God" (Isa. 43:10,12) and in view of that which has already been written, the creation and formation of Israel, the witness nation, falls into perspective for the God-appointed mission of Israel *was to testify to the reality of the One True Living God of Heaven* in the midst of universal

idolatry. (Deut. 6:4 and Isa. 43:10)

As one studies the scriptures it is all too obvious that it is God's Intention that man should recover that which was lost and that man should attain that circumstance when Almighty God will once again permit him to share in the knowledge of His Eternal Power. It is to this end that God made Israel and one should ever remember that it was a nation *dedicated to service* and that this service had no meaning outside of God's explicit Commission. To go beyond the Commission would be to invite confusion – to reject the Commission is to engender chaos and leave the weakened nations of the world without a dynamic testimony of the Truth.

“... in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice” (Gen. 22:18). Obedience to the ‘voice of God’ was and still is the pre-requisite for Israel and it was therefore incumbent upon the nation, if it was to accomplish its purpose, to observe all the words which the Lord spoke to it. The Promises which the Lord made unconditionally to the patriarchs and which, in the main, were concerned with national growth and expansion, need not have caused any concern in Israel for these were the Oath-bound Gift of God (Gen. 22:17) – material means whereby the nation and company of Israel nations (Gen. 35:11) could participate actively in being ‘my witnesses that I am God’. Thus Israel's part in the Commission of the Lord was not to be concerned over the Promises – these were God's Concern for He had bound His Oath to them -- *but to obey His Voice in all that He Commanded them.*

God's Voice of Command to Israel is found in Moses' recital of the codification of the Law at Sinai which was prefaced by the call to obedience. “Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation” (Ex. 19:5-6). The people of Israel, when they heard these words, responded with a mighty acclaim: “All the words which the Lord hath spoken we will do” (Ex. 19:8). It should be noted that the Lord's Voice, when directed to Israel's participation in His universal Purpose, is always within the context of His Law. It will be noted too that Moses, in providing the new generation of Israelites born in the wilderness with the Law, said: “Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do

them, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people” (Deut. 4:5-6). There is no mention of the Ordinances or the temple ritual in connection with the other nations here – only the statutes and judgments which would elevate Israel to the status of being ‘great’ in the eyes of the nations of the world.

What perhaps has never been fully appreciated is the incredible mechanism in the Law which can so energise a nation to the status where other nations will acclaim it as great. The Law of the Lord is perfect (Psa. 19:7) and its application in everyday *national* living can surely only result in the establishment of an environment of complete perfection. There is of course more to the Law than having rain in due season, a perfect economic system, a healthy population and a healthy land. Its full application is an outward sign of the inner conviction and acceptance, without equivocation or reservation, that God's Voice is the only Directive which is heeded to the exclusion of all others. The keeping of God's Law – indeed obedience to His Voice – is the visible rejection of Satan's lies and the refuting of his permissive society. Further, it is only when the nation Israel is again bound to God by the bonds of His Voice that they will come into the fullest realisation of their Commission to all the nations of the earth.

As is well known, Israel violated the Law of the Lord time and again even replacing it with the ‘statutes of Omri’ (Mic. 6:16) and so Israel went into captivity because of this. It was during the period when the last remaining remnant of all Israel in the southern kingdom of Judah was passing into the Babylonian captivity, that the Lord, through Jeremiah, promised that He would make a new covenant in the context of the Law in which He said: “... I will put my law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people” (Jer. 31:33). This was no new Law that the Lord intended to write upon their hearts and mind – how can perfection be improved upon? – it was the same Law which had been inscribed on tables of stone which would now be inscribed upon the tables of Israel's heart and this promised New Covenant was indeed inaugurated when the Lord Jesus Christ took the Cup after supper and said: “... this is my blood of the new testament (covenant) which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:28).

Time and again it has been erroneously assumed that the New Covenant was made for all even

though the scripture emphatically states that it was made with the house of Israel. "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah . . ." (Heb. 8:8). Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, enjoined all those present on the day of pentecost, to " . . . let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made this same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). Yet many ask "Why not let the whole world know this?" "Why specifically direct this knowledge to the whole house of Israel?" The answer lies in the original Commission of the Lord wherein the nation was formed to be a blessing to all the nations of the earth. By letting the whole house of Israel know that God hath made this same Jesus both Lord and Christ they would be communicating the knowledge that through the medium of the Law of Commandments contained in Ordinances, i.e. the shedding of the Blood of the Lamb, an Ordinance given only to Israel and no other people, the nation was redeemed from the consequences of its transgression and once again set on the road wherein they *could* 'shew forth my praise' (Isa. 43:21) and be a blessing to all the nations of the earth.

Then too, in failing to see the difference between the Law of the Lord, which is perfect, and the Law of Commandments contained in Ordinances, many have erroneously held that the Law of the Lord has been abolished and that Israel today, is purely under grace. Make no mistake here. The Lord Jesus Christ positively stated that: "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matt. 5:18). It is not the law that is to be fulfilled but *the purpose for which the law was given*. This was that man, through complete acquiescence to the Voice of the Lord, might once again know the Eternal Power of God.

It is interesting to note here that the Lord Jesus Christ Who, as man, and made a little lower than the angels (Heb. 2:9) and Who "took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham" (Heb. 2:16) demonstrated something of the Eternal Power of God when He (a) changed water into wine; (b) multiplied the molecular structure of five loaves and two fishes so that five thousand could feed and be satisfied; (c) walked on the sea; (d) commanded the elements; (e) passed from the midst of the angry Jews. All the works which He did are recounted by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and one is staggered to note that the Lord, in pointing to these works, said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the

works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

It was only in the full majesty of the Resurrected Body that the Lord proclaimed: "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth" (Matt. 28:18). This power was obviously considerably different to that which He had prior to the Crucifixion and one is left to ponder the extent of the gulf which separates the actual possession of all power and the knowledge of the Eternal Power of God.

Today the Israel nation, having experienced the wondrous Grace of God in national Redemption by the Blood of the Lamb, but blissfully unaware of the Faithfulness of God to His Word of Promise concerning the material blessings, writhes in spiritual frustration in a conflict of which she is totally oblivious. Yet the Laws of the Lord God have been written in the heart and mind of Israel – these are an integral part of the national make-up of Israel – but the age-long propaganda aimed at invalidating this, coupled with the current permissive society, are taking their toll and the nation has become a pathetic shadow of what it should be.

However, in spite of this, the Promises of God are sure and all Anglo-Celto-Saxondom may still take heart in the knowledge that her King and Redeemer is coming again. That under His Reign, that which is written on the heart and mind will take hold of the whole nation and herald in an era of Kingdom demonstration which will show the nations of the earth something of the recaptured Glory which was man's at the very beginning.

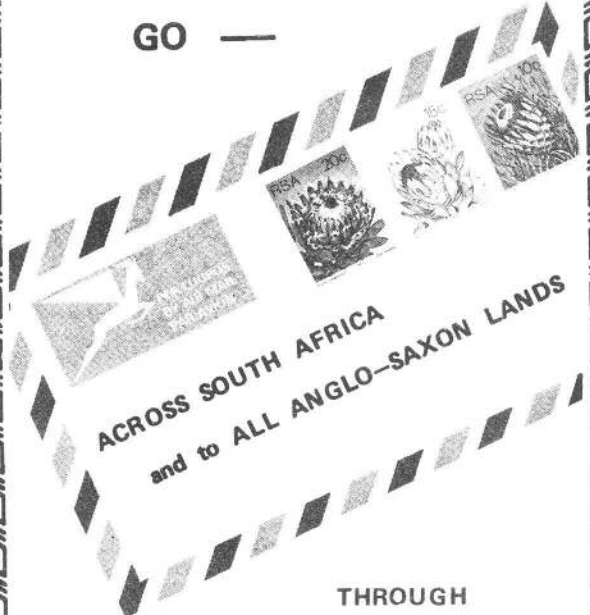
This is no 'fairy story' – it is fact, attested to by a hundred and one proofs. The Coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ, too, is proof for the circumstances of the present time surely demand some cosmic event above and beyond the ability of man. At His Coming, He shall Reign and the function of a ruler is to administer government which shall be fully centred in the Law of the Lord.

Scripture categorically states that the time is *coming* when God shall be all in all. The circle of events will be complete and man once again, as he was in the beginning, fully conversant with the Eternal Power of God. This is surely hope for the future.

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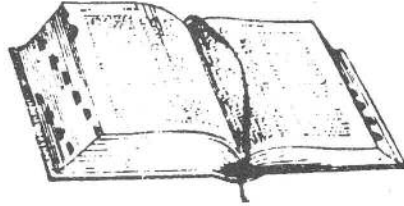
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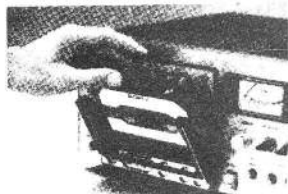
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