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WHAT IS IT
ALL ABOUT ?

This magazine, circulating throughout what is generally termed the Western Christian World, has evoked more than curious interest. The most persistent comment received from new readers is the relationship between the article material, the world of today and the hope for the world of tomorrow. In addition, comment has been made on the fact that within the articles presented the theme, despite the chaos of the present time, of 'the Most High ruleth in the kingdoms of men' permeates throughout. In these two comments is summed up the purpose behind *The Covenant Message*.

The first article, 'Window on the World', is generally a comment on some aspect of the world situation in the political area as this impinges on and affects the general well-being of Anglo-Saxondom. In a nutshell, this article deals with the world as it is while the remainder of the articles deal with the world as it *could* be if the true people of God's Covenant i.e. the true modern development of God's Covenant People in Anglo-Saxondom and its racially akin company of nations, would see through the ingeniously devised subterfuges which over the past four hundred years have been aimed at them.

The identity of this modern company of nations is based on the fact that modern history has shown that they are indeed the inheritors of the Biblical Charters given to Israel and by this latter term, Jews are not implied. If Jewish sources are consulted, it will be seen that *they* do not claim that this modern English word is synonymous with Israel. However, to return to the Anglo-Saxon and kindred people, being the inheritors of God's Charter for the accomplishment of His Purposes, this company of nations should return to the 'faith of the fathers' which was centred on obedience to the Divine Law. Notwithstanding what ecclesiastics have and do say, this Law, as a national Constitution is the only mechanism by which the current political rot can be halted. Thus this magazine is produced and distributed against the need to awaken God's People – not only to identity, this is only the first step, but to both identity and responsibility which is centred in God's Holy Law. It is to this end that we trust that it will be a blessing to all who read it.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Pro. 29:18).

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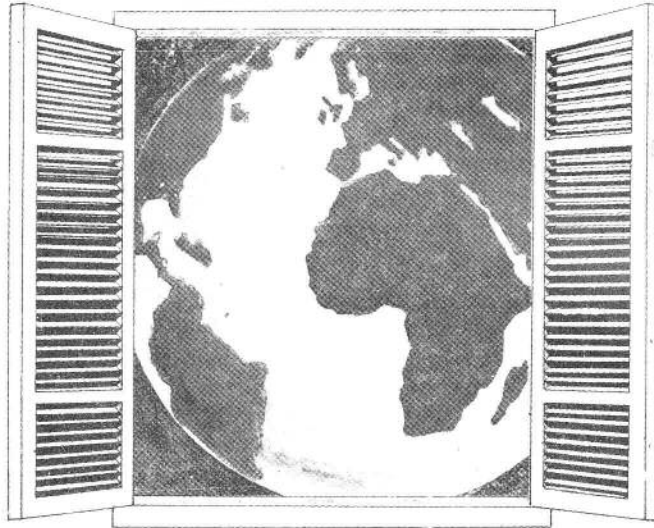
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BEWARE THAT "INDEPENDENT" THIRD SECTOR

"But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way." As with parables concerning the Kingdom of Heaven, so also is it, in reality, with the kingdoms of this world. The enemy never sleeps. While the American Nation's concerned citizenry was recently occupied with a national election, then enthused by the installation of a new administration, and finally bemused by a concentration of attention on little El Salvador, the *Leaders of the Left* were regrouping, reorganizing, planning to defeat any attempts to halt the national march toward Corporate Collectivism and Welfare Statism. Sensing a defeat at the polls in November 1980, as long as a year ago, these leaders began developing a new strategy. They would work, not through the Democratic Party, or other patently political groups. *Instead, they would work with organisations dedicated to the promotion of Secular Humanism; specifically, with the National Council on Philanthropy (NCP) and the Coalition of National Voluntary Organizations (CNVO).* These organizations were like "holding companies" over the myriad philanthropic and non-profit corporations in

—From the *Don Bell Report*

the U.S. The Leaders on the Left would bring together all the foundations and non-profit organizations into one grouping to be known as the *Independent Sector (IS)*. There is in American society the *public sector* (government) and the *private sector* (all enterprises, activities and associations not run by the government). The plan involves adding a *third sector, IS*. The work — obviously political and therefore illegal, according to IRS regulations — would be financed by the *big tax-exempt foundations such as Ford, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Mellon, Sloan, Lilly and so forth*. Also aiding financially in this seemingly philanthropic, endeavour would be an impressive list of corporations. We don't have a complete list of such contributors, but under the letter "C", we find such donors as the Carter Hawley Stores, Inc. (which includes Bergdorf Goodman, Neiman-Marcus, The Gadget Tree Stores, Weinstock's, Sunset House Mail Order, the Walden Book Stores, Holt Renfrew of Canada, etc.); CBS, Inc.; the Chase Manhattan Bank; Chevron U.S.A. Inc.; Connecticut General Insurance Corporation;

Conoco, Inc.; and more. To add to the impressiveness of IS, active leadership of the alleged Third Sector includes John W. Gardner of *Common Sense*, Andrew Heiskell of *Time & Life*, Mark Talisman of the *Council of Jewish Federations*, Faye Wattleton of *Planned Parenthood*, Kenneth N. Dayton of *Dayton Hudson Corporation*, and Waldemar A. Nielson of the *Council on Foreign Relations*.

This organizing clique met originally in March of 1980 to lay their plans. They worked at the project through the spring and summer and then, on October 22 through 24, they assembled in Washington D.C. to outline their programme to an amazingly impressive and powerful membership. Here again, we don't have the complete membership list, nor would we have the space to publish it. But *Persuasion At Work*, a publication of The Rockford Institute, printed a partial list of the members of this new IS, which includes such organizations as the American Catholic Conference, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, American Red Cross, etc. Here is a partial list of the voting members of IS that are listed under the letter "A": the Aid Association for Lutherans, the American Association of Museums, the American Red Cross, the American Association of Homes for the Aging, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, the American Hospital Association, the American Alliance of the Arts, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities, the Association of Black Foundation Executives, Inc., the Association of Junior Leagues, etc.

Not all non-profit organizations have been induced to become members of IS. The Rockford Institute is an example. Instead of joining, it is warning all the readers of its *Persuasion At Work* to be alerted as to the intentions of IS. It points out that: "Since World War II, voluntary activist groups, often with foundation support, have been at the heart of virtually every movement that has brought about the avalanche of governmental regulations, the vast increase in welfare-state activities and the governmental funding of so-called private organizations . . . Given the impetus toward the welfare state provided by the non-profit sector, to what extent has corporate philanthropy in the past actually served the best interests of the business community? If IS uses its money, its power, lobbying expertise and army of constituent members, in behalf of the liberal ideology which has characterized the big foundations and the most determined elements of the non-profit sector over the past quarter century, then the advent of IS is not good

news." L.T. Patterson is more explicit. In his *PSL Strategy Letter* of February 28, he charges, and we quote in part:

"Your hometown paper won't know, but a gigantic secular humanism organization is rapidly being formed to offset the influence of the new Right! . . . It is composed of an unholy amalgamation . . . called *Independent Sector (IS)* . . . Its proclaimed purpose: to bolster private voluntary organizations. But the *real* purpose: to attack the new religious influence from the conservative groups that played a role in the defeat of Jimmy Carter, Frank Church, et al . . . Careful attention should be given to this group by Howard Phillips and the Conservative Caucus, the 'Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress' (run by Paul Weyrich), the 'American Life Lobby' (run by Judy Brown) and the National Pro Life PAC. (run by the Rev. Charles Fiore) . . . After studying the operations of the Subrosa Government in America for the past fifteen years, I can tell you that *this group means real trouble for conservative Americans!*" "

That Patterson is right in his appraisal can be seen from a study of reports about that October 22-24 meeting of IS in Washington. We quote from Rockford Institute's description:

" . . . Noteworthy is the technical talent which IS has enlisted to generate public support for its agenda. In the Washington conference the workshop devoted to 'Increasing Public Awareness of the Sector: Through the Media', was both inspirational and informative. The participants were advised how to take advantage of the new media technology *such as the video disc and were alerted to the opportunities offered by as many as 1 000 new radio stations in 1981*. 20 specific tips were given on the do's and don'ts of presenting one's case to the media. The 'Workshop on Advocacy and Lobbying' was equally explicit and expert in the recommendations for obtaining favourable action in the Congress. Activism is now a high art and IS has mobilized some of its most gifted practitioners." (Unquote).

Waldemar Nielsen, CFR liaison officer, author of two books about philanthropy and voluntary organizations, and IS organizer, states the case

quite plainly. We quote from a paper by Nielsen: "Think for a moment of the great transforming forces for change in our national life over the past forty years – the civil rights movement, the women's movements, consumerism and the antiwar movement during the Viet Nam period – and ask yourself where they came from. In every instance their origins are to be found not in the technocracy nor the bureaucracy or the political parties, but rather in the organized impulse of free groups of ordinary citizens... In the world of non-profits there is constantly present a great latent righteousness because most of the inhabitants feel they are serving some high moral purpose in behalf of the commonweal. As a result educators, scientists, artists, and reformers can be readily aroused to assert the claims of their institutions in passionate and absolute terms... Regulatory consistency, precedent, cost effectiveness, detachment, and moderation are not values they ordinarily hold to be of the highest importance..."

Let's interpolate Nielsen's statement: *Think for a moment how our national life can be changed if all these various educators, scientists, artists and reformers can be brought together under one umbrella organization; and if all their transforming power can be controlled and directed toward one great purpose: the creation of a New World Society! If all these so-called 'free' groups that are represented by non-profit organizations, charitable associations, foundation-sponsored activities, and social-action minded corporations and religious groups can be amalgamated, trained, indoctrinated, outfitted and financed by IS and its moneyed angels; think of the inestimable power this alleged Third Sector of society will have. Whoever controls this power through IS will be a Modern Pied Piper, capable of leading a whole populace joyously into the New World Order!*

There is this added danger regarding any consolidation of non-profit corporations and organizations: Because of their special status with the gift-giving U.S.A. Internal Revenue Service, they are all dependent for their survival upon the Government. As the Supreme Court has decreed, what government subsidises government can control; and government looks upon tax-exemption as a form of subsidy. Therefore, whatever Subrosa Clique controls Government also will control this so-called Independent Sector (IS)! Which means more power into the hands of the already too powerful.

Let's take this premise a step further. In the March 9, 1981 issue of *U.S. News & World Report* on page 73, there is a pictogram headed, "Half of

All Americans Now Depend Upon Government". The text says, "It's no wonder that the Reagan administration is running into trouble in its attempt to scale back the size of government. *A new study shows that an estimated half of the nation's population now relies on pay, pensions, welfare aid or other forms of income from federal, state or local governments.* Thus, the share of the nation dependent on governments climbed by more than a third between 1960 and 1979". A New York economic consulting firm did the estimate and an economist with the firm explained: "We counted people as government beneficiaries when the income they received seemed sufficient to create a voting bloc – a group of people who would set up some serious yelling and screaming if any one tried to take their goodies away from them." The following, according to A. Gary Shilling & Company, is who they are and how they are divided into groups:

Federal military employees, 2 100 000. Federal civilian employees, 2 800 000. State and local government employees, 13 100 000. Dependents of government workers, 12 600 000. Private employees paid by government spending, 9 500 000. Their dependents, 6 600 000. Recipients of government pensions, Social Security and other transfer payments, 59 400 000. Other recipients of government benefits not counted elsewhere, 6 200 000. Their dependents, 8 700 000. *Total dependent upon government: 122 400 000*, or approximately 50.2 percent of the entire population. This creates an extremely serious situation, and as Howard Ruff points out in the March 1st issue of *The Ruff Times*: "There is a *Titanic struggle* shaping up in Washington, D.C. that reminds me of the Japanese monster movies. While Rodan and Gidzilla are locked in a death struggle, the city gets trampled. I'm afraid that the struggle that has begun in Washington between President Reagan and everybody who ever got a *cheque*, a *subsidy*, or *regulatory protection* from government is one of the epic cat fights of the century, and I'm afraid that *the American people might get trampled in the process.*" (Emphasis as in the original.)

Now, let's combine the power and influence of those who are dependent upon the government for pay, pension, welfare, subsidy or regulatory protection, with the potential power represented by a coalesced, coerced, and controlled Third, or Independent Sector of Society. Here would be a political power-house that could cause the entire populace to rush joyously like death-desiring lemmings, into a Sea of Socialist Enslavement from which our children might never surface.

But we're not through yet. In addition to governments' dependents and a misnamed Independent Sector (IS), there are those whom the Christ described as "false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves". There is, for example, George McGovern, former U.S. Senator, onetime National Democrat Party's choice for President of the United States. He has taken upon himself a new role. He is the self-proclaimed political leader of the world Council of Churches. He has an abiding hatred for the Moral Majority which, he says, robbed him of his rights. So he is organizing a coalition against the New Right and "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour". More importantly, however, all the liberal religious leaders are getting together under the aegis of *Clergy and Laity Concerned*, left-wing outfit that is causing much trouble in El Salvador and other Central and South American countries. Espousing a "liberation theology" and denouncing the capitalist system, CLC has an imposing membership, including Eugene Carson Blake of the W.C.C., Theodore Hesburgh of Notre Dame. Robert Drinan of the U.S. Congress, Eugene Pickett of the Unitarian and Universalist Association, Rabbi David Saperstein of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Bishop Frances Mugavero of the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, Bishop Roy Nichols of the United Methodist Church, Lora Anne Quinonez of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Dr. George Weber of New York Theological Seminary, etc., etc.

So, we have the misnamed Independent Sector, the government Dependents, the McGovern types, and such organizations as Clergy and Christian Laity all waging a war to prevent Christian reconstruction and Bible-based morality. In answer, Paul Weyrich of the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress writes: "We must work harder now than ever... *Our conservatives*, especially those in the Senate, *are going to be under attack and the media is going to attempt to create an atmosphere within which they will be afraid to do what is right*: The only remedy for this is our troops, just as our troops were the only antidote to the vicious propaganda effort against those who believe in traditional values during the election..." And conservatives not only in America but throughout the Western world should be fully aware of the attacks which will come in one form or another.



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OUR WORLD TODAY

by W.G. Finlay



Few surely can doubt that there is trouble and unrest in almost every country in the world today as the forces of evil gather together in order to obtain what they consider to be their "right" to rule all men. On every hand one hears increasingly of attempts to overthrow one government or another, of dire poverty, unemployment, racial strife, terrorism and so on and so on, until one wonders whether it will ever be possible – in spite of man's tremendous technological advancement – for man to truly find peace, safety and security.

During the past few months the United Kingdom in particular has experienced more than her fair share – if one can call it that – of attacks and violence from within. One thinks of the IRA affair with hunger-strikers determined on exploiting the situation by becoming "martyrs" even though this means the death, maiming and mutilation of thousands of men, women and children. Possibly those behind the scene consider their cause to be a just one but what of justice for others – those who do not want to come under either Catholic or Communist domination?

It may be true that the British government would like to see peace, stability and reconciliation in Northern Ireland as well as improved relationships between this country and the Irish Republic, but it is also true that there has been a tendency to try for a solution at all costs – without considering the feelings of the people concerned which is surely reminiscent of their handling of the Rhodesian situation where those who had developed the country were ignored in order to appease those

whom the British government chose to support for reasons of their own. Incidentally, it is interesting to note that the British people are still being brainwashed into believing that what their government did then to Rhodesia was not treason against their own kith and kin, but the best for all concerned. And this even as Zimbabwe's (Rhodesia) Prime Minister, Robert Mugabe openly talks about his Catholic upbringing and his combination of Christian "principles" with Marxism!

It is perfectly true that Britain has always been considered the most tolerant of nations, but just how tolerant can one really be? As one reader of *The Covenant Message* wrote during April from the United Kingdom: "The enemy is now within and is feted by the Blatant bias Brainwashing Corporation (BBC) with a non-stop stream of Black agitators warning of the coming holocaust if their 'frustration' and 'alienation' is not further pandered and cosseted. On every hand is seen that the BBC's propaganda shows how 'integration' and 'liberation' is progressing in other lands. Recently the 'star' performers have been South Africa's own Tutu (Black rule in South Africa by violence in five years) and his fellow luminary of the *World Council of Churches*, Britain's Archbishop Runcie announcing Tutu's impending martyrdom (having his passport taken away after his 'successful' whirlwind tour denouncing his home base). Lucky his domicile is not the Soviet Union! (for him, of course, not the unlucky West who have him inflicted on them). Runcie has hogged TV and Radio discussing whether he will cancel his South African visit in 'protest',

but it is doubtful whether South Africa will be so lucky! After Montefiore's visit to South Africa in July (what an impelling fascination the S.A. Republic has for these infiltrating Marxist moles in their phoney saintly drag) one can be sure Runcie will make a bee-line for Tutu to have a conspiratorial pow-pow, and on return straight to the BBC for an eager interview to register his 'shocked finding'."

Then in April, racial violence erupted in Britain yet again with the *Daily Mail* commenting: "Those who found the riot in Brixton reminiscent of the war-time blitz did not exaggerate." On April 13th, the report was that one hundred and sixty five police officers and eight firemen were injured, 106 people were arrested; a fire engine, 19 cars and 26 premises were damaged by fire and — even while the rioting was proceeding, the Left-wing chorus was in full voice."

The Marxist leader of the *Lambeth Council*, Red Ted Knight, claimed that the police presence in Brixton was provocatively large and thus the explosion of street violence inevitable — but no intelligent person could possibly accept this. The real reason for the large police force is that Brixton more than anywhere else has the highest crime rate in Britain and — "The majority of the crimes are committed by Blacks. It is equally worth remembering that the majority of the victims of these crimes are Black too."

Contrary to what may be said there is circumstantial evidence which suggests that the riot in Brixton, far from being spontaneous, was planned in advance and that the police were set up by conspirators. "BBC-TV was warned of the riot by a 'phone call nearly two hours in advance. Large groups of Black youths were forming up beforehand, while various Whites with cameras were actively photographing every move the police made. A number of Left-wing agitators were recognised in the mob, some helping to make Molotov cocktails, which, together with iron bars, were available in suspiciously large quantities."

Meanwhile, and again according to our United Kingdom correspondent: "Not once has Archbishop Runcie denounced the Black looters and rioters, but he wheeled Black mummers representing the Holy Family through London's streets and straight on to the eager BBC to relate this instance of 'inter-racial harmony' during Easter. One look at Runcie's face would convince anyone that he is a tool of stronger minded conspirators and that they promoted his succession to a man whose obsession with 'The Third World' was such anyone would wonder why he had any time for his White flock at all.

"Now Runcie is the head of a discredited State Church which has financed Black terrorists to kill our own people; given 50 000 pounds to Black power terrorists in this country to edit 'Race

In Londonderry, a hooded protester raises a clenched fist.



Today' which advocates attacking the police, and killing also. The Church's main obsessions are miscegenation and homosexuality and whose only apparent mission is to make Britain a land fit for half-castes and sodomists to thrive in.

"Some have even proposed conducting 'marriages' for sodomists in church, and have not been reprimanded. Simon Phipps, Bishop of Lincoln, considers all 'love' should have the right of 'physical expression' and has recommended and described the various efficacy of methods of satisfaction in 'loving physical contact for gays' in his *Diocesan News*. Presumably a church magazine is fit reading for adolescents? Edward Bakey, luminary of the World Council of Churches, and Dean of Liverpool Cathedral is another campaigner very active for homosexuality and has written a foreword in *Time to Tell the Truth*."

It should be noted however, that these clerics have little standing among the British voters — their churches are largely empty and they themselves are mainly regarded as objects of ribald fun. However, they like to pose in the only role they have — promoting the Black man at the expense of the British people.

Pattern of Events

From the above there can be little doubt that revolutionary forces are indeed at work exploiting and inflaming the situation in a way detrimental to British interests and indeed, the same forces are at work in all the lands of true Israel.

One cannot help but feel that Western politicians have long been aware of this fact which indicates a very deliberate machinery in operation. Who may say with any certainty precisely what prompted the words of Winston Churchill when he declared that he was not called to preside over the dissolution of the British Empire? Many reasons for this statement have been given, but what is surely evident is that those in high places must realise that they are *not* the authority governing the well-being of the people in their lands and that they only govern as they are permitted.

To fully appreciate this, it is necessary to review the history of Britain over the past three hundred years and to follow the pattern of events which, to even the most naive, is indicative of conspiracy and intrigue. However, one cannot divorce the past three centuries of British history from the Bible for at the commencement of this period they were not only called 'the people of the Book' by continental commentators, but their history subsequent to this



Residents in front of gutted buildings in Brixton.

followed the pattern as laid down in the Covenant Promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They became a 'great and mighty nation' (Gen. 18:18); they developed into a 'nation and company of nations' (Gen. 35:11); they spread 'west, east, north and south' (Gen. 28:14) and with their home in the 'isles' (Isa. 49:1) under a Royal line which came from Ireland, Egypt and Palestine their development followed along Biblical lines.

However, prior to this development on the stage of world history, there was the period of 'awakening' which, too, was in accordance with the prophetic scriptures. In Hosea 6, the following account is recorded: "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." While one may speculate over the period intended in the 'days' mentioned here, is it pure coincidence that exactly after two thousand years ('... one day with the Lord is as a thousand years' 2 Peter 3:8) there was a revival which rejected the Roman Catholic pretensions to having exclusive rights insofar as the Holy Scriptures were concerned? John Wycliffe, the first of the Reformers, was born in 1324, exactly two thousand years from the time when the last of the house of Israel was removed from Palestine by the Assyrian invasion in 676 B.C. Wycliffe began to translate the Scriptures into English thus enabling the people to worship God in their own language and to read from the Word of Life for themselves.

1948 –

Here, indeed, was the reviving of true Israel, an event which far surpassed that spurious one when the Israeli State was born in 1948 – a period which has no connection with Hosea's 'two days'. It is all too obvious that Satan knows the Scripture and, what is more, believes them for one may see conspiracy and intrigue at work in Britain acting against the developing nation.

As one studies the history of those times, i.e. from the time that the Reformation established Protestantism in Britain, one may see a two-pronged attack being launched on the people. One came from the Papacy in which every device was used to deny Britain and her people the fruits of their religious liberty which came from the Open Book. The other was more subtle with the manipulators remaining very much in the shadows and having dupes to do the work for them. This may appear to be a page from fiction and no doubt many will feel that it is so but, and this cannot be over-emphasised, if one honestly searches the record of history and the events which shook Britain from the time of Elizabeth I to the present day, one will find that forces were, and are at work capitalising on deliberately created situations and activating revolution.

Isaac Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, once wrote in a book dealing with the events of Cromwell and Charles I and published in 1851: "It is fated that England should be the first of a series of revolutions, which has not yet finished." What were these revolutions and how did they come about? Were they spontaneous or were they engineered? Only history can answer these questions – a history which probes the problem and provides an answer.

As is well known, Philip of Spain sought to force Britain back into the Roman 'fold' through the might of his navy – an expedition which ended in failure and along such lines as to brand into the consciousness the reality of God's promise: 'No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper...' (Isa. 54:17). From the defeat of the Armada, Rome resorted to psychological probes aiming at those in places of authority. While very limited success attended this one finds the second prong of Satan's attack coming into the picture. At this time, the kingdom was bound – Monarchy, Church, State and people – in a unity which augured well for the future.

Religion Used to Create Tensions

However, this future was threatened by the

rumbling which began to make itself felt within the *sphere of Protestantism*. Calvin, the 'French' Reformer, had died in 1564 and the legacy of his doctrine became the groundwork for the creation of the revolution which broke out in the reign of Charles I. As one looks at this doctrine, one is struck by the emphasis which is laid on the 'sabbath' which, of course, was given to Israel in the general body of Law. Significantly and according to the Holy Scripture, this aspect of the Law does not take precedence over any other portion and one is at a loss to understand why Calvin and others stress this to the exclusion of other equally valid Laws. Calvin's Jewish ancestry may have had something to do with this for at the meeting of the B'nai B'rith held in Paris and quoted in the *Catholic Gazette* of February 1936, Calvin's origin is claimed as Jewish.

Be that as it may, Calvin's emphasis on the Sabbath became a point of contention which divided the people into 'Sabbatarians' and 'Sabbath-breakers'. Such was the pressure exerted in this subject (those exerting this are not named in the history of this time) that Disraeli in his work on those times wrote: "... it seemed that religion chiefly consisted of Sabbatarian rigours; and that a British senate had been transformed into a company of Hebrew Rabbins." It was only in 1650, after the execution of the king that an Act was passed inflicting penalties for the breach of the Sabbath, but apart from this, it would appear that the Sabbath issue, having divided the people and created tensions, simply fizzled out.

Meanwhile, while these tensions were being created, influential men were being assassinated. Buckingham, the staunch supporter of James I and companion of Charles, then Prince of Wales, a moderate Protestant, was assassinated under mysterious circumstances early in the reign of Charles I. This bore all the hallmarks of a conspiracy other than that associated with Romansim. This was followed by the sudden and inexplicable appearance of armed mobs – an event which even today, after all these years, has no explanation in the history of those times. Bare comment appears to the effect that at this time, civil war was not in the mind of any Englishman notwithstanding the events of revolution in France. These mobs intimidated all and sundry with Parliament and the Palace particular objects of their attention.

Revolution in Action

It was subsequent to this that pamphlets began to appear in Britain all written in revolutionary

language and issued in France. They bore the now familiar trinity – Liberty, Equality, Fraternity – and urged the complete overthrow of Monarchy, Church and State. Strangely enough, an Old Testament rallying call was printed on these pamphlets in the words: “To your tents, O Israel” (I Kings 12:16). Who would use these scriptures at that time? Certainly not the Roman Church whose religion was (a) Babylonian, and (b) a perversion of the New Testament Gospel accounts.

Such was the violence of the mob that the King and Royal Family were forced to retire from the palace of Whitehall to a place of safety leaving the mob in triumphant control of Westminster. The history of this time then records the rise of Oliver Cromwell and developments taking place in the army which created two factions recorded as ‘Levellers’ and ‘Rationalists’ who ‘purged’ Parliament no less than four times leaving it with only 50 members who became known as the ‘Rump’. That these men held views along the lines of the French revolutionary doctrine – the modern counterpart to this being Marxist Communism – plus the fact that they were not ‘purged’ is a definite pointer to an influence other than British or Roman.

In the same history which paints the picture of those times, one may see Charles I depicted as an aspiring dictator. He is portrayed as engaging in ceaseless contest with his parliaments on three issues. (a) In the early years, the ascendancy of Buckingham; (b) the repression of Puritanism by the high church ecclesiastics; and (c) the King’s right to raise money by royal prerogative without parliamentary consent. Very little mention is made concerning the activating forces of revolution which were at work and which were thrusting, in conjunction with Roman intrigues, at the very heart of Britain. Ignoring the background to Charles’ actions, history records that the king was arrested and brought to trial but even here a difficulty was encountered for no English lawyer was found who would draw up the charge against the king. Finally, an alien, Isaac Dorislaus, accommodated the need and the king was executed in 1649.

Once before there was satanic glee when the Babylonian Nebuchadnezzar killed Zedekiah and all the princes of Judah but the children were forgotten and the ‘king’s daughters’ (Jer. 43:6-7) escaped and fled to Egypt under the care of Jeremiah the prophet. With Cromwell in charge, Charles, the son of the now executed king, was in Scotland – a country which was, above all things, Royalist. At this time, the Scottish Covenanters were very active and Charles, accepting the Covenant, was received as

king in Scotland. When he finally returned to England (1660) after the death of Cromwell, he found the enemies of authority firmly entrenched – a fact which became obvious as attacks on his character and faith were made through insidious pamphlets which were circulated.

Whatever else is written about Charles II, all commentaries agree that he had a singularly acute political intelligence. Essentially Protestant (being a Scottish Covenanter he could be nothing else) he recognised the fact that many of his subjects had, in spite of the Reformation, retained the Roman faith. He sought to implement a toleration for these people and was immediately branded as a Papist by those whose business was revolution in England. Such was the pressure exerted that the *Test Act* was passed under which Roman Catholics were excluded from all offices in the realm. However, Charles, recognising something of the magnitude of forces at work, set about securing a small private army for himself – a fact which discouraged any attempt at revolution and which left the remainder of his reign in comparative peace, only disrupted by propaganda campaigns and attacks on his name.

Charles II was succeeded by James II who, in spite of the *Test Act*, was a Roman Catholic and very much a target for those fomenting revolution in Britain. The king’s bias in favour of Romanists in his realm and of which much is recorded in the history of the closing stages of the 17th century, led to tremendous unrest which forced him to leave Britain, taking refuge in Ireland. William of Orange, upon the invitation of Parliament, landed in Britain with an army but, it should be noted, no intention was evident on his part to depose James from his throne. His was ostensibly an expedition in the context of the defence of Protestantism.

Those years were indeed turbulent and an ideal cover for any insidious long-term subversion conspiracy. James made a stand against William in Ireland and was defeated in 1690 at the Battle of the Boyne. He then fled to France where he eventually died in 1701.

Financial Conspiracy

It is of singular interest to note that from the time when tensions were created in England, i.e. from the period of Charles I, a *financial mechanism was put into operation which, since that time, has exercised almost dictatorial influence over all political considerations*. Gilbert, in *History and Principles of Banking*, quoted in the *Encyclopaedia*

Britannica, refers to a pamphlet published in 1676 under the title of *The Mystery of the New-Fashioned Goldsmiths or Bankers Discovered*, in which the following appears.

“Much about the same time – the time of the civil commotion – the goldsmiths (or new-fashioned bankers) began to receive the rents of gentlemen’s estates remitted to town, and to allow them, and others who put cash into their hands, some interest for it if it remained but a single month in their hands, or even a lesser time. This was a great allure-ment for people to put money into their hands, which would bear interest till the day they wanted it; and they could also draw it out by one hundred pounds or fifty pounds, etc., at a time as they wanted it, with infinitely less trouble than if they had let it out on either real or personal security. The consequence was that it quickly brought a great quantity of cash into their hands, so that the chief or greatest of them was now enabled to supply Cromwell with money in advance, on the revenues, as his occasion required, upon great advantages to themselves.”

At the time when the situation in Britain was being exploited in which James II had to withdraw to Ireland and thence to France, the Bank of England came into being, the charter for which, dated July 27th, 1694, declares among other things that they shall “be capable, in law, to purchase, enjoy, and retain to them and their suc-cessors, any moneys, lands, rents, tenements, and possessions whatsoever; and to purchase and ac-quire all sorts of goods and chattels whatsoever, wherein they are not restrained by Act of Parli-ament; and also to grant, demise and dispose of the same.”

The goldsmiths or money-lenders became an influencing factor from that time and one may see in the recorded history of banking how the nation’s wealth became bound up in ‘promissory notes’ which at times, were not worth the paper on which these were written. It is not intended here to concentrate on the subject of banking but merely to show that the Bank of England was established at a time when unrest and tensions had been engendered in the people of Britain. Wars, whether civil or external, were costly affairs and these, together with the usual costs of running a country could be, not only profitable but advan-tageous in enhancing the cause of revolution.

Britain has, of course, engaged in many wars since that time and this, coupled with an expansion throughout the world has increased the debt to those whose business is to lend money. The strangle-

hold of this system is nowhere better illustrated than in the national debt of the United States of America which today, has reached proportions which show *that it can never be paid*. Prior to World War I the American national debt amounted to approximately one billion dollars. In 1920 it had climbed to 26 billion and by June 1939 it had increased to 40 billion. The international econo-mists and philosophers were then predicting dire consequences should the debt reach the 45 billion mark – the legal limit set by the American Congress – but, at the end of the Second World War, it had reached 269 billion dollars and in 1966 was 361,5 billion. It is small wonder that American world policies are so confusing – at one time anti-Communist and then in other instances – furthering the



American Riots.

Communist expansionist empire but few can doubt that there is a conspiracy making important headway in America as well as in Britain and in other Western countries.

Today inflation – the abnormal increase of currency by the issue of inconvertible legal tender notes – is reaching an all-time high bringing the suggestion that a one-world monetary system be set up to meet the present world economic problem. ‘Special Drawing Rights’ have been suggested too, with no money changing hands but with credit available according to one’s work, such credit controlling not only the individual but all nations too.

Trade Unions

Trade Unions along with the ‘Civil Rights Movement’ have, since the Second World War, continued to grow in power in America and the bloody riots of the ‘60s in Harlem and elsewhere, although claimed to have been merely a sincere desire to end the extreme poverty of the Negroes, can now be seen in their true colours. In 1967, when certain officials in Detroit collaborated with the rioting mobs against the police, it became all too obvious that there was far more to the picture. Indeed, since 1913, *four years before the Communist take-over in Russia*, certain powers, as revealed in May 1776 by the Jesuit Adam Weishaupt, seized control of the Wilson Administration, financed the purge in Russia and since that time have worked ceaselessly for a closer friendship between the U.S.A. and the Soviet Republic.

Their plan is for “a united Europe and a resolute America working shoulder to shoulder?” – and – “for a political union now, not just a trading bloc.” It is openly said that there will soon be a *“division of the world into three spheres of political control: one area under the hegemony of the United States and Europe, a second controlled by the Soviets and a third by the Red Chinese. The troika system would then be merged at the top, and the United Nations would become the formal seat of World Government.”*

Meanwhile, the stranglehold on Britain continues unabated with every opportunity taken to cause further unrest and dissension among the people. This once great nation of Almighty God solicits for hand-outs from a supercilious European Common Market. Fawns over unscrupulous Eastern Powers and bows to the dictates of upstart African leaders while the Trade Unions, led by Communist infiltrators dictate to them. And Britain’s financial position has, to all intents and

purposes, reached the point of no return.

There are, of course, many who will claim that much of the trouble and violence are merely industrial disputes but few can honestly doubt that there are definite revolutionary elements present and mainly within the Trade Unions who would like nothing better than to see a head-on clash between the workers and the present government. Ironically too, these Unions are supported by a Welfare State which ensures that in spite of not working, no one will suffer for, while the men strike, their families are supported by the State.

This is a far cry from the events of 1819-1868 when the condition of the workers, brought about by the money-lenders who considered the people to be nothing more than tools for their own convenience, was indeed extremely grim. In August 1819, a meeting took place in St. Petersfield, Manchester, of ‘working class reformers’ and which is today remembered as the Peterloo Massacre. At that meeting some 600 people were seriously hurt and 11 killed when the mounted Manchester Yeomen were called out to disperse the crowd by force and it seemed then that the stranglehold was complete.

Yet, in spite of this, the struggle continued until in 1830 the Robert Owen’s Grand National Consolidated Trade Union was formed. This promised to obtain better conditions for the working people of Britain. However, a change was to take place and by 1922 events were beginning to form which finally led to the General Strike of 1926.

It is questioned today whether at that time revolution as such was actually planned in spite of the fact that the Soviet Union sent one million pounds to assist the miners. In May 1926 a formal letter laying down certain terms was handed by the then Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin to the Trade Union leaders which read: “... overt acts have already taken place, including gross interference with the freedom of the Press. Such action involves a challenge to the constitutional rights of freedom of the nation.” This referred in the main to the *Daily Mail* printers who had refused to print an article “For King and Country” which called on the people to turn against the strikers.

In spite of the fact that it was reiterated time and again that this strike had only been called because the coal-mine owners had cut wages, claiming this to be necessary because the return to the Gold Standard had caused the price of exported coal to increase, yet it cannot be denied that the Communist Party seized the opportunity to join in the domestic argument. It issued a pamphlet challenging

CALLING CANADA

Trail of the Turtle



by Leonard R. Saunders

"Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee"
(Psalm 83).

There appeared in *The Enquirer* of January, 1972, a long letter over the signature of the Reverend Milton A. Swaren of Bloomsbury Baptist Church, Toronto, Canada. It carried the caption, "We're Communists?", and read in part:

"In the first place it is entirely true that Mr. Trudeau is a Fabian Socialist, since I have this confession from his own lips. One of the questions I asked him in our interview was if he is, as has been alleged by many people, a member of the Fabian Socialist Party.

"He did not want to answer at first, but after a lot of persistence on my part, he did admit that, 'Yes, it is correct, I am a member in good standing

of the International Society of Fabian Socialists, but that does not mean that I have any sinister motives such as the overthrow of our government or the establishment of any kind of dictatorship in Canada. Surely you feel as I do, that in a democratic framework such as we enjoy in Canada there is room for all shades of political opinion and I have as much right to be a Socialist as you have to embrace whatever political views you may happen to hold'.

"The above is an exact quotation from Mr. Trudeau during my audience with him in 1969. Dr. Robert Thompson (MP) says in correspondence I have had with him, 'You are correct when you say that in your opinion the Prime Minister of Canada is

a Socialist. I would go one step further and say that he is a dedicated Marxist'. Mr. Lubor Zink believes that Mr. Trudeau is 'a very dangerous man'... I have quoted two men who should speak with authority more than you or I since they see Mr. Trudeau in action every day... The RCMP Commissioner, Mr. William Higgit, has mentioned Communism as one of the major threats to our National Security. Men who are very knowledgeable in the subject say that there is in fact a Communist conspiracy in operation in Canada now. Are all these people liars? I cannot believe that. They cannot all be wrong."

Now let us consider the political peregrinations of Pierre Trudeau in respect to the treacherous Trail of the Fabian Turtle.

The Fabian Socialist Society was inaugurated in England by Edward R. Pease, stockbroker, in 1884, as an offshoot of Thomas Davidson's "Fellowship of the New Life". However, little is recorded about Pease after that; he seems to have been entirely eclipsed by the journalist George Bernard Shaw and the civil servant Sydney Webb, and later his wife Beatrice, who were responsible for developing the Society into one of the most dangerous elements of world politics.

Under the motto, "Festina Lente" (Make Haste Slowly), the Society adopted the theory of achieving a socialist society by "Gradualism" as an art of political gamesmanship. The name of the Society was taken from that Roman general, Quintus Fabius Maximus, who defeated Hannibal by avoiding battle until he had gathered enough strength to strike and vanquish his weakened enemy – in politics the same thing can be accomplished by long, tedious debate. Later, as dictator, Fabius was nicknamed "Cunctator" (or "delayer") because of his delaying tactics in the Second Punic War. To emulate their hero, Fabians frequently grace their literature with the phrase, "I wait long, but when I strike, I strike hard". Does the reader need to be reminded of the strategy of "Cunctator" Trudeau over the past twelve years? The emblem of a turtle was adopted to signify the slow, guarded advancement of the Fabian toward revolution with persistent and progressive determination.

Initially the Society could boast of only about 40 members, mostly intellectuals or those of acceptable social standing such as Shaw, John Stuart Mill, Sidney Webb, and Beatrice Potter (whose father was president of the Grand Trunk Railway, and who later became Mrs. Sidney Webb). Beatrice Webb enjoyed an annual income of 1 000 pounds, which she devoted almost entirely to the Society, and

later to establishing the London School of Economics and Political Science. Sidney Webb, never intended Fabianism to develop into a political party; he promoted the idea of "penetration", or, as Beatrice preferred to describe it, "permeation", by which Fabians would permeate existing political systems with socialist ideals. Such chicanery was fittingly demonstrated in a stained glass window at the Society's headquarters showing a wolf clad in a sheepskin, and was ably performed by "Cunctator" Trudeau by his final conquest of the Liberal Party in 1980.

In setting forth the aims and purposes of the Society, it was first made clear that "The Fabian Society consists of Socialists", and its purpose was declared as "the reorganisation of Society by the emancipation of land and industrial Capital from individual and class ownership, and the vesting of them in the community for the general benefit... The Society accordingly works for the transfer to the Community of such Industrial Capital as can conveniently be handled socially. For the attainment of these ends the Fabian Society looks to the spread of Socialist opinions, and the social and political changes consequent thereon... It seeks to achieve these ends by the general dissemination of knowledge as to the relation between the individual and society in its economic, ethical, and political aspects".

It is interesting to note that, by "permeation" of the Liberal Party in England, the Liberal members were becoming so imbued with socialist ideas that by 1911 a book by George Dangerfield appeared on the market titled: *The Strange Death of Liberal England*. Under the tutelage of "Cunctator" Trudeau, one may expect a similar demise of Liberalism in Canada.

In 1898, Sidney Webb made a six-month tour of the U.S.A. and Canada to plant and nourish the seeds of Fabianism on the North American continent. He had already established the London School of Economics, and assured the London Chamber of Commerce that "nothing of a socialist tendency" would form any part of its curriculum. One may observe that it may be possible to absorb tuition provided by this hall of learning without becoming a red-hot socialist, but that seems as unlikely as it would be for an individual to take up residence in a leper colony without falling victim to the disease.

We do know that among the celebrities who attended LSE we find such names as Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. (1933-34) and John F. Kennedy (1933-36) both under the instruction of Professor

Harold Laski, chairman of the Fabian Society from 1946 to 1948, whom Fabian Pierre Elliott Trudeau was to describe as “my most stimulating and powerful influence”. It was Laski who once told one of his students, “My friend, we are both Marxists – you in your way, and I in Marx’s!”

Among the famous men of the literary world who were caught in the web of Fabianism were: H.G. Wells; John Galsworthy; Jerome K. Jerome; Aldous Huxley; J.P. Priestly; and G.K. Chesterton who resigned from the Society after embracing the Roman Catholic faith. But one of the outstanding magnates of socialist delusion was John Maynard Keynes, first Baron of Tilton, economist, 1883-1946, who advocated large-scale government economic planning and spending to promote employment. He profoundly influenced the economic policy of democratic nations -- many believe, to their detriment and ultimate ruin. The manipulation of the world financial system is the ultimate integral plot of the Fabians toward globalism. It provides the financial means to enrich the few at the expense of the many, to the impoverishment and enslavement of mankind, in order to promote a “New Economic World Order”.

On the outbreak of World War II, Fabians were somewhat exultant over the prospects of capitalism being destroyed. In 1940, four Fabians became members of the War Cabinet, and various other members of the Society were appointed to high government office as the war continued. These enterprising gentlemen founded their own Fabian War Aims Research Committee and Colonial Bureau in the same year. Thus was initiated contact between the Society and native politicians, some of whom were already trained in the Fabian philosophy, such as Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, Tom Mboya of Kenya’s KANU Party, and Jomo Kenyatta, leader of the infamous Mau Mau.

While Britain struggled in the throes of war and courageous Canadians sacrificed their lives on the battlefield, while our Fabian Pierre rode the streets of Montreal on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle wearing dedicated insignia, the Fabian turtle moved steadily forward with “the inevitability of gradualness”, as Webb would say, until the end of the war and victory for Britain. Victory? Nay, for suddenly, with all the inevitability of Fabian planning, the reptile struck, and struck hard. Sir Winston Churchill, who had saved his country, was to suffer an ignoble defeat at the polls, and live to see the dissolution of the British Empire.

How could it be that another “Conservative”, Sir Harold MacMillan, would undertake the shock-

ing work as he heralded the “Winds of Change”? In 1968, this writer was discussing Macmillan’s strange actions with the late John G. Diefenbaker, and a few days later received a news item from the *London Times*, to which Mr. Diefenbaker had attached a memo: “Re. our recent conversation, this may interest you.” The newspaper item informed its readers that Sir Harold Macmillan had been a member of the Fabian Socialist Society for many years.

Over recent months, Canadians have witnessed the Fabian turtle making ready for his final strike, a desperate strike of a power-crazed dictator in quest of omnipotence. We ask ourselves if a new Canadian Constitution is so important to our Fabian Prime Minister, or is there something else that he is after? For our answer to this riddle, we would refer to his book which was written in 1961, titled *The Practice & Theory of Federalism*, from which we quote:

“If the whole of the Canadian electorate could miraculously be converted to socialist ideals at one fell swoop, there would be no reason to discuss strategy in the present contest. Socialism would be achieved with or without federalism, and socialist administration would be installed at every level of governmental affairs, *no matter the form of the constitution?* (Emphasis added – LRS).

“Note the last words”, advises Igor Gouzenko: “No matter the form of the constitution.’ In other words, Parliament is of no importance, it is important who is the Prime Minister, and whom he appoints on a vital and strategic position, so in the ripe moment to turn Canada into a radical socialist state.”

“O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; Yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the world” (Psalm 83).



"After This Manner..."

Our Father which art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done
 in earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts, as we
 forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil:
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

It is the tragic fact of Christianity that when misfortune strikes the individual this is immediately 'blamed' on Almighty God. It becomes His Will that there should be suffering and unhappiness, with few caring to acknowledge that in fact, all misfortune is entirely due to the disobedience of not only the individual but the nation as a whole.

Disobedience to His Law

Of His Law, God declared over and over again – *"all the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live"*. In other words, through *obedience to Him* the nation and the individual would enjoy life to the full and so know true peace and prosperity.

Moses unequivocally stated too the requirements needed for blessing to fall upon the people – *"Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments ALWAYS"* – the same charges, statutes, judgments of which our Lord Jesus Christ said *not one portion* would be done away with. However, many reject this and indeed maintain that the God of the Old Testament is completely alien to that of the New. He is to them – 'A

Tribal God' – 'A God of Vengeance' – 'A Blood-thirsty God' and more and so they deny Him and refuse to even consider obeying His Law in spite of the Lord's Prayer which they religiously say over and over again. Thus it is obvious that throughout most of Christianity today, *Yahveh* – the *El Shaddai* of the Old Testament – the Great *Father* of the Lord Jesus Christ – has been left out of man's way of life and instead, a religion has been created based on a creed of 'love' and 'grace' in a context so far removed from Scripture as to make it almost impossible for there to be any cohesion. In other words, man's theology has taken over with the result that the nation and the individual within the nation is suffering the result of the 'curse' of the Law of the Lord. For, no matter how much people may deny the Law and deny Almighty God, these 'curses' still obtain. The Law still stands no matter what man may say concerning it. Therefore, when misfortune falls it is not God's Will – but the result of disobedience of His Law – exactly as He warned would be the case – and God does not break His Own Law.

When the Lord Jesus Christ decried the 'traditions of men' as rendering the Word of God of none effect, He not only spoke of those present at that time, but of all the generations of sceptics who have felt and still feel that they know better than the revelation of God as found in His Holy Word. Indeed, so blatant is this denial that any honest attempt to teach the *TRUTH* is rejected out-of-hand and it becomes necessary to ask as did Moses of God: "Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, *What is his name? WHAT SHALL I SAY UNTO THEM?*" – what indeed! For, just as in those days *HIS NAME* was unknown and *HIS WILL* unacceptable to the people, so too today Almighty God

and His Law are unknown and ignored. And the result is that the people suffer. They simply will not accept the way of life – salvation – which has been laid down by Almighty God.

It was not for nothing that the Lord Jesus Christ denounced those who felt – and still feel – that any doctrine which runs contrary to their own concept or to that which so-called ‘human conscience’ dictates, must be excluded and denounced as heretical. He demanded that above everything else the Name of God, the Father, be glorified and His Will be obeyed and the revelation of God is found within the pages of Old Testament Scripture.

“... Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants *that walk before thee with all their heart...*” (I Kings 8).

“Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears...” (II Sam. 7).

Our Lord knew that without complete acknowledgement of *The Father* anything He – the Christ – might do or say would be as nothing for on Its Own, His Life and His Mission was worthless.

“... *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise* (John 5:19).

“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, *but the will of the Father which hath sent me* (I John 5:30).

“Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, *which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundations of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them*” (John 17:24-26).

From these words and so many more of

the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is obvious that to declare – “I follow Christ” – means very little if there is not above all else, *the full acknowledgement of Almighty God and His Will for His people*. Without this, Christianity – no matter how saintly, good or well-meaning it may be – means very little and it is in this context that the Lord Jesus Christ stated: “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; *even as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.*” This immediately puts the question of ‘love’ in its correct place – *without obedience there is no love* – and indeed, to deny God’s Will which is His Law is to bring upon one all the words of *the Christ* – “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity*” (Matt. 7:22,23).

The Fatherhood of God

There can be no doubt then that before praying *The Lord’s Prayer* one should be familiar with its meaning. That first of all the great Fatherhood of Almighty God should be contrasted to the Creatorship for the one is more intimate than the other. This Fatherhood presupposes a family relationship which is clearly evident as revealed in Exodus 4:22. “... *Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my first-born...*” The basis of this tremendous statement being seen in the barrenness of Sarah and the creation of the Israel people. “*But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by name; thou art mine*”. Clearly evident here is God’s direct involvement in the matter. “And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken.”

Read too Hosea 11:1 which is a soliloquy of the time when God brought His ‘son’ out of Egypt and while this statement applies to the Lord when as an infant, He too was brought out of Egypt, one should never forget the incredible association between the

Anointed One of God and the anointed people as related in Hebrews 2. “For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all one: *for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.*”

It was these ‘brethren’ (Greek: *adelphoi* – from the same source or womb) who are spoken of as “my son” in Exodus 4:22, and under the Fatherhood of God in Jeremiah 31. “Is Ephraim my dear son?” – “. . . I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born” – which clearly shows that the term ‘Father’ according to Scriptural revelation is not the wide term that universalists would give to it but is limited to those to whom it applies. Those who are of Israel and who, notwithstanding their transgressions and their dishonouring of the Name of God were to be reinstated as the *‘sons of the living God’* as related in Hosea 1:10.

As one continues in the Lord’s Prayer and enlarging on the phrase *‘Hallowed be Thy Name’* it will also be seen that this is relative to the Fatherhood of God and is applicable within exactly the same context. Just as the term ‘Father’ is very relevant to Israel, so too is this subject of the veneration of the Name of God.

It is an everyday occurrence that when a child is born, the name of its father is placed upon it and in exactly the same vein, the Name of God was put upon the Israel people – a feature which, according to the Word of God, was not repeated with any other people and no other people were given a mandate to use this Name. In Numbers 6:23-27 it is stated: “Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD Bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put MY NAME upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.” This, of course, directs one right into the Ten Commandments, the third of which is: “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” The word ‘take’ here is translated from the Hebrew *nâcâh* which literally means to ‘accept or to carry’ with the word ‘vain’ coming from the Hebrew

shav, which is invariably used in the sense of ‘desolating’ and literally meaning ‘uselessly’. Many today of course, have taken this to mean that one should not use the Name of the LORD in swearing or in taking an oath or some such vein, but in fact, it goes much further in that it has a national implication when coupled with Numbers 6:27. “And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel: and I will bless them.” It is only as one accepts the full implication of this that one can obviate such traps as are set by those who for instance, claim the *racial Moabite origin* of Ruth – in defiance of the Law, as an ancestress of the Lord.

Ruth did not take the Name of the LORD – accept or carry It – uselessly for if one looks at the account of this woman, it will be seen that her usage of the YAHVEH NAME establishes her as a pure Israelite. THIS NAME was only given to Israel (Num. 6:27) and when Ruth used it (Ruth 1:17) without any reaction from Naomi, it is patently obvious that she was ENTITLED *by race*, to use it. Just by way of interest to those who love the Word of God, verse 16 of Ruth 1 would appear to contradict this statement and so attention is drawn to the words recorded. “. . . thy people shall be my people, AND THY GOD MY GOD.”

The first verse in the first chapter of the Book of Ruth establishes that the event took place “. . . when the judges ruled” and if one looks at the Hebrew word translated as ‘judges’ it will be found to be ‘*elohim*’ which, in many other passages is rightly translated as GOD. In point of fact, ‘*elohim*’ is used in several ways in the Scripture and the following are a few examples: In Psalm 8:5 it is used incorrectly, of angels; In Exodus 20:3, it is used of heathen gods; in 1st Kings 11:5 it is used of a woman (a goddess); it is used of the heavenly host creators (Gen. 1:1) and is used 5 TIMES OF JUDGES (Ex. 22:8,9). At the time of the Ruth story, the judges (*elohim*) were ruling with each tribe having elected its own ‘judge’ thereby having a multiplicity of ‘judges’ in Israel. When Ruth said: ‘thy people shall be my people, and the ELOHIM (judges) shall be my Elohim (Judges)’ it has nothing to do with worship but with the fact that Ruth placed herself under the *administration of the judges* elected by the tribe of Judah.

This digression is intended to show that in Israel, in Biblical times, the NAME of YAHVEH was indeed ‘hallowed’ – (Greek: *hagios* – to separate) – as indeed it was separated to Israel for *their* special use.

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven

The Kingdom of God is held by many to be limited to the spiritual experience alone – firstly on conversion, and secondly, upon entry into heaven after death. In the so-called ‘sermon on the Mount’, the Lord Jesus Christ, immediately after having provided what is known as the ‘Lord’s Prayer’, said: “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you” – the Kingdom being linked to God’s Righteousness or more literally, RIGHT WAYS. Where does one find the ‘right way’ of God? “Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you an eagle’s wings, and brought you unto myself. 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. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel*” (Ex. 19:3-6). The ‘right ways’ of God are therefore to be found in His Holy Law – the ONLY formula for living which the YAHVEH of Israel ever provided for His People. The Law expresses His Will and when THIS is done in the earth, there will be no shortage of food, drink or clothing for, as is related in Leviticus 26:3,13, these are the God-guaranteed benefits derived from keeping His ‘right ways’. Throughout His Word, the LORD has promised that if His Law is kept, He will be in the midst of the people and the people will know that He is the LORD our God. What else is this but the Kingdom of God and His righteousness in operation?

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

This naturally enough, has nothing to do with physical ‘bread’ as the petition for

things to eat – and thus ‘bread’ – is covered in the previous clause ‘Thy kingdom come’ for in this Kingdom, food, which includes literal bread, is already petitioned for. Thus then, the ‘bread’ involved in this petition, relates to the fulfilment of some portion of God’s Plan and Purpose in the earth.

On the occasion of the institution of the New Covenant – when the Lord Jesus Christ met with His disciples in the Upper Room on the eve of His Crucifixion – He took bread (literal) and broke it and gave thanks and said: “Take, eat, this is my body...” (Matt. 26:26). Quite contrary to what so many people believe, He DID NOT SAY: “Which is broken for you.” The Lord thus represented His Body in the bread and as He had stated on an earlier occasion: “He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him” (John 6:56). *His ‘flesh’ and His ‘body’ were therefore presented as synonymous* and if John 1:14 is considered, it will be seen that this represents ‘the Word of God’. The Word of God – this does not include the doctrines ABOUT the Word of God – relates God’s Intention in the earth and His Plan to accomplish this which is involved with the Israel Covenant People. In praying for ‘our daily bread’, the petition is one for both the gradual and the ultimate completion of those things which are written in God’s Word.

Forgive Us Our Debts As We Forgive Our Debtors

It is patently obvious that as the Lord upheld the Law in all respects (Matt. 5:18), this petition has its appeal within this context. It is of course, basic to the Law of the Lord that at the end of the national cycle of seven years, all debt was to be cancelled out (Deut. 31:10) and if this system were observed, an economic system, second to none would become effective. However, in the Greek text, the word translated as ‘debts’ is not *DANEION* which is used in the monetary sense, but *OPHEILEMA* which is literally: ‘an obligation’ or a ‘duty’. In an Israelite community there was a civic responsibility in which each individual was expected to conform

with what God had laid down as his responsibility – which of course, was that individual's 'duty'. The failure of the individual to fulfil his obligation meant that some other person was called upon to fill the vacuum at inconvenience to himself. In normal circumstances, this would result in 'bad feeling' between the two, but if one overcomes this and accepts that the individual defaulted in his duty through circumstances beyond his control and not for personal gain, that forgiveness would be reciprocated by God Who knows that in today's world, 'Caesar' demands our service and we must obey or suffer the consequences. Thus then, this petition has to do with faults in behaviour towards God's Law because of 'Caesar's Law' which has dominion over us.

Lead Us Not Into Temptation But Deliver Us From Evil

It would be ludicrous to suggest that God would deliberately guide people along lines tempting them to break His Law and thus incur its punitive measures. This being so, it would serve to note that the word 'temptation' is translated from the Greek *PEIRASMOS* which means 'put to proof' and may be seen in the light of that which the Lord experienced when He was 'put to proof' at the beginning of His Ministry. It should be noted that it was after the voice from heaven had said: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17) that the Tempter put the Son on proof as to His Identity. In every instance of the required proof, the Son came back with the statement: 'It is written' or more literally: 'It is Divinely attested...' The Son triumphed in the matter of being 'proved' for in His physically weakened condition, He did not try to withstand the testing probes as to His Identity in His Own Strength but, in invoking the Law of His Father, He proved Himself a worthy Son.

The petition today is in exactly the same context. The prayer is: Do not prove us... the Lord foreknew the anti-Law doctrines which would abound and that His people would follow this rather than return to the LORD and consequently, if individuals were 'proved' as He was, they would have

absolutely no defence and would most certainly fall into the evil consequences of what would have resulted had the Lord not resisted on the mount of Temptation.

THINE IS THE KINGDOM

"Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. *Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.* Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now, therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name" (I Chron. 29:10-13).

"Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, Lord, art become their God" (II Sam. 7:23).

"O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens... O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8)

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord. Thy blessing is upon thy people.

Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

*FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE
POWER AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER.
AMEN.*

LIFE OR DEATH ?

by U.N. Owen

How is it possible that the evil forces are now so triumphant? How is it possible that the Church authorities do not condemn terrorism and all its horror? How is it possible that in spite of all the missionary work which the Church has done and in spite of all the Churches which are so active, Christianity has not changed the world? Why is it still possible for people to suffer? Can the 'human rights' ideal possibly change the nature of man? Have the Western politicians any answer to present world conditions? Has the Church any answer to the very real problems which do exist?

How? Why? How? The questions continue to be asked — and tragically there seems to be no answer for obviously something has gone very wrong somewhere. In government, elected representatives no longer appear to have the ability to cope with the overall national and international scene for in spite of fine political speeches, everything is receding into a common mould which projects total hopelessness.

In the fields of health and general environment too there can be no denying that even with the advances which have unquestionably been made in both these areas, people continue to be ill and far too many are under-nourished. And when it comes to security — there is every reason to fear. Not only being old and unable to work, but for all ages, there is the fear of assault on both the individual and the home. So today and notwithstanding all assurances, life has become almost a nightmare and few really seem to care or even dare stop to care whether there are those who suffer in one way or another — they are all too busy living their own lives and trying to cope.

These are hard cold facts repeatedly revealed by statistic after statistic which all the fine words simply cannot alter. Nor can the suffering and the anxiety be completely lulled to sleep by words of promise either political, or emotional concerning one's place in heaven when one dies for all have to live a life *here on earth* and it naturally follows that it will be *this* life which really concerns people — possibly now more than ever before. So it is all very well to offer a future where things might get better or to offer a far distant reward for none of this can ever answer the present very human need.

Man has of course long searched for utopia but has never found it, for even without his own inhumanity to his fellow man, there have constantly been natural calamities to cope with and when war and conquest are added, then it is that people turn to the unknown for security and protection. Primitive people have always believed that death is where Paradise is just as they believe that on death the spirit immediately becomes dangerous or powerful and that, being now free, it can either bring disaster or blessing depending on the appeasement offered.

Down the ages and in every country the hope of life after death has been the solace of the bereaved whether primitive or civilised. It is said that in European folklore the swan was long the symbol of death because when seen swimming it became reflected in reverse in the water. There are also many to whom the Day of the Dead or the worship of the dead is of utmost importance.

It may perhaps be considered "old-fashioned" to turn to the Scriptures for an answer not only to world problems, but to this question of life or death. What is important of course is that the traditions of men do not supersede the Word of God although as Dr. E.W. Bullinger has stated: "When nine out of ten believe what they have learnt from Tradition, we have a thankless task, so far as pleasing man is concerned. We might give our own ideas as to the employments, etc., of the "departed" and man would deal leniently with us. *But let us only put God's Revelation against man's imagination, and then we shall be made to feel his wrath, and experience his opposition.*"

Yet as one reads the Old Testament record, it becomes very obvious that *death* is something to be dreaded above all else. It also becomes obvious that it is only *life* that truly praises Almighty God. Psalm 6 asks: "Return, O Lord, deliver my soul, oh save me for thy mercies' sake. *For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?*" While Psalm 9 begs: "Have mercy upon me, O Lord, consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death. *That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion; I will rejoice in thy salvation.*" Consider too Psalm 13 where David pleads: "Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; *lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.*"

He speaks too of "*the sorrow of death*": "*the snare of death*", "*the dust of death*" and of the "*valley of the shadow of death*" with its darkness and he states: "*My heart is sore pained within me; and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.*"

Perhaps more than anyone else, David begged the Almighty to spare him from death although others too knew that those who *love* death in reality *hate* God. Isaiah declares: “*For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.*” – “*The living, the living, he shall praise thee . . .*” and in Ezekiel 18 are the words: “*Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefor turn yourselves, and live ye.*”

Surely these words of the Almighty clearly show that He has no wish for any to die – that it is transgression which has brought death – that it is transgression of His Law? For to keep this Law is to truly live.

But according to Dr. Bullinger: “Tradition has long been handing down the Old Serpent’s lie which deceived our first parents. God said ‘Thou shalt SURELY die (Gen. 2:17), Satan said: ‘Thou shalt NOT surely die’ (Gen. 3:4) And all Traditionists and Spiritists agree with Satan in saying, There is no such thing as death: It is only life in some other form . . .”

Yet –

“God speaks of death as an enemy
 Man speaks of it as a friend
 God speaks of it as a terminus
 Man speaks of it as a gate
 God speaks of it as a calamity
 Man speaks of it as a blessing
 God speaks of it as a fear and a terror
 Man speaks of it as a hope . . .”

And as Dr. Bullinger states: “Satan’s lie has succeeded, and accomplished its purpose so that though the Lord Jesus Christ said: ‘*I will come again and receive you unto myself*’ Christendom says, with one voice, ‘No, Lord. Thou needest not come for me: I will die and come to Thee’. Thus the blessed hope of resurrection and the coming of the Lord have been well nigh blotted out from the belief of the Churches, and the Promises of the Lord have been made of *none* effect by the ravages of Tradition. Men may write their books, and a Spiritist may entitle one ‘There is no death’, etc. They may sing words and expressions which are foreign to Scripture, about ‘the Church triumphant’. They may speak of having ‘passed on’; and about the ‘home going’; and ‘the great beyond’; and the

‘border-land’; and ‘beyond the veil’: . . .” but against all this must be set the Word of God over which Hosea charged that God’s people were being destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hos. 4:6).

There can be little doubt as one studies history or considers the world of today that through the denial of the Law of the Lord, through complete disobedience to it, God’s Israel people have granted *death* the victory. Hosea knew as indeed did all the prophets of old, that the Almighty had given His Law to His people through Moses who had stated: “*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, that thou mayest live and multiply; and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it*” (Deut. 30).

Note these words again “*life and good*” – through obedience to His Law but “*death and evil*” – through disobedience. And the words go on: “*I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest cleave unto him, for he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them*” (Deut. 30).

Again note the words “*life and death*” – “*blessing and cursing*” – “*therefore choose life*” for it is only in *life* that “*thou mayest love the Lord thy God . . . and . . . that thou mayest cleave unto him . . .*” – in true salvation which is safety and security such as is not known today.

“*. . . for he is thy life.*” God Alone is life. And to know “*life*” is to be obedient to His Will – a will witnessed to and attested to by His Entire Creation.

Thus the Law of the Lord is the Way of life – and the Lord Jesus Christ affirmed this when He stated that no portion of the Law could or would be done away with until all should be fulfilled. Moses cried out: “*He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth, and without iniquity, just is he.*” This is the same “*Rock*” which Peter acknowledged so many years later, although of course there are those who claim that it was the church which would be built upon the “*rock*” – or upon Peter himself – but it should be noted that the word translated “*church*” is taken from the Aramaic *quahal* which is identical with *ecclesia* and which means “*a selected assembly*” and is used in this sense of the nation Israel through-

out the Bible.

It will be recalled that it was Israel which was called out and assembled at Sinai to hear the Law and to be the nucleus of God's Kingdom on the earth and it seems inconceivable that the Lord Jesus Christ would recant what He had known the Father had done and suddenly build a church. Read John 5:19 again: "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*" And Almighty God had declared: "*This people (Israel) have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise*" (Isa. 43:21) and again: "Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: *I have formed thee*; thou art my servant: O Israel, *thou shalt not be forgotten of me*" (Isa. 44:21).

How then after words such as these could Israel be cut off completely in the Sight of God and replaced? After the Almighty had said: "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee"? (Isa. 44:22) Malachi and so many of the prophets reveal God as saying: "*For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*"

The Lord Jesus Christ had Himself stated that He had come to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 15:24) to the *apollumi* – those put away in punishment for transgression of the Law. These "sheep" were the Israel people – the *ecclesia* – and not a church. The Almighty declares: "My people hath been lost sheep . . . Israel is a scattered sheep" (Jer. 50). "For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out" (Ezek. 34).

In all the Pharisaic-come-Idumaeian pretensions to the Israel heritage it was of course necessary that *true* Israel be kept in ignorance of the one mark by which it could identify to itself and to the people of the world – *the Law which alone gave content and meaning to the name Israel – ruled by God.*

It was vital to the continuity of the Edomite delusion – perpetrated in the heterogeneous Judaeian (Jewish) population – that the principles of life and death (*the Law of the Lord*) the only guaranteed mechanism by which these opposites can be measured, should be expunged for ever from Israel memory. (Ps. 83).

Thus, under an imagined new dispensation in which 'love' takes precedence over both individual and national discipline a substitute (as in the case of the Judaeian population) invalidates the Law and

makes genealogical association with this of none effect.

And so since theology has decided that despite Scriptural evidence to the contrary, a new dispensation had dawned, the *true* Israel nation of God in Anglo-Saxondom is busily engaged today in death-throes reminiscent of those which preceded the removal of their forebears from the land of Canaan. By their obsession with the anti-Law involvement with people of other races and with pre-eminence given to *their* demands above the demands of the Law of the Lord, it is small wonder that just as Moses had warned, Israel has become the 'tail' – the extremity – in the body politic of world deliberations.

It is small wonder too that on every hand there is sadness, sorrow, ill-health and tragedy in one form or another, that nothing that is done or said eases the present world turmoil. That people are continually searching for some 'paradise' somewhere – anywhere – even in death, just so long as they can find some sort of peace for themselves and perhaps hopefully, for others too.

"And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul; and to keep for thy good the commandments of the Lord and his statutes, which I command thee this day"
(Deut. 10).

Then indeed will all the questions be answered. There will be plenty for all. Old age and its agony will be a thing of the past; glorious health and strength will be a reality. Terrorism, war, assault, cruelty, distress of every kind will disappear from all the Israel lands. The family will again be united, the land will be blessed. There will be true salvation – safety and security – *and above all, there will be life.*

Again then the call goes out – "Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit for why will ye die, O house of Israel

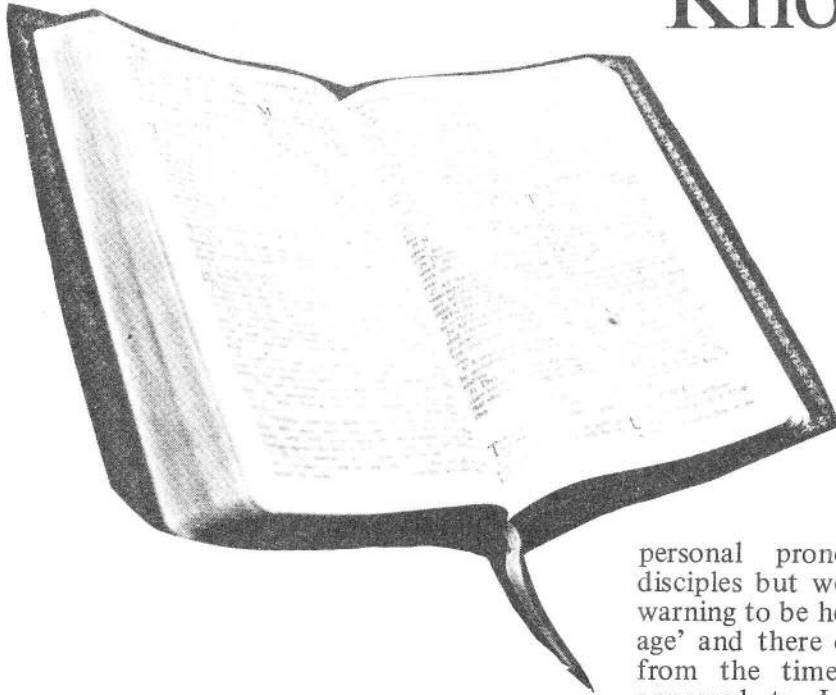
"*For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye*"

(Ezek. 18:31,32).

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Know Your Bible!

by J. Finlay



"Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be known"
(Matt. 10:26).

Increasingly many are becoming aware today that certain words, phrases and passages in the Bible have been entirely mistranslated, added and even left out according to the whim or concept of translators and others who have seen fit to interfere with the Scriptures for one reason or another. Often too the word or phrase used does not give an exact meaning or, theology – determined on maintaining its religion – has emplantated an entirely different picture in the minds of men with devastating results.

To *manipulate* is of course to "deal skilfully with or to manage craftily". This is a dictionary definition and it was of such manipulation that our Lord Jesus Christ warned when He said: "... Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am CHRIST; and shall deceive many" (Matt. 24). His use of the

personal pronoun "you" included the disciples but went even further for it was a warning to be heeded right to the 'end of the age' and there can be little doubt that even from the time of His Ministry until He appeared to John on Patmos in A.D.96, 'something' had already been at work, some disruptive mechanism had been intruded for in the Book of Revelation there is His Warning against those who *at that time* professed to follow Him but who in actual fact were following practices which did not conform with what He had taught.

Tragically, His Warning was not heeded then and is almost entirely ignored today. For despite His Accusation against both the scribes and the Pharisees for making the Word of God of none effect, little notice has been taken of this and the practice of the scribes has continued. It was not for nothing that our Lord declared: "*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.*"

"*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men,*

but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous. And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

“Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

“Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?”

Here the Lord was speaking to the scribes and Pharisees of His Day – in what is popularly called New Testament times. However, in Old Testament days the scribes were the Kenites and it is important to note that in 1st Chronicles 2:55 there is mention made of the “. . . families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites; the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the KENITES that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.” Gesenius in his *Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon* identifies these Kenites as a Canaanitish people who lived among the Amalekites, the enemies of Israel. “. . . Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever. And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable and said, Strong is thy dwelling place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock. Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive” (Num. 24).

The Canaanites were undoubtedly an outrageously wicked people, idolaters indulging in shameful and abominable practices even to the extent of human sacrifice and so if the Kenites were indeed the scribes in Israel, it is not surprising that Israel soon turned away from the Will of the Almighty. Nor is it surprising that God’s Law, as given through Moses, soon became a ‘strange thing’ with Hosea recording: “Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin. I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing” (Hos. 8:11,12). And the inevitable happened – as the Almighty had warned – the Law took its toll and Israel, now totally blind to

its identity was carried into captivity.

In spite of the Law forbidding that those who were not of Israel should be allowed to hold any position of authority the Kenites as ‘scribes’ had been allowed by Israel to hold what was indeed a most important position within the community. And inevitably Israel soon began to accept what ever amendments to the Law the Kenites chose to make. Obviously it would all have been done slowly and cleverly so that gradually the people forgot everything they knew of the Law until eventually and inevitably they brought the very curses (indictments) of the Law into operation.

In spite of errors there are, however, many who will say that if everything is in the Bible then it is the truth, but with regard this it should be noted that the early Church ‘fathers’ were not even unanimous in their acceptance as to which Books should be in the Canon of Scripture. The *Third Council of Carthage* (397 A.D.) accepted the enlarged Canon of Augustine which was unsupported by Greek authorities but even before the *Council of Carthage* adopted this, men such as Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon, and Tertullian were questioning the importance of the Epistle to the Hebrews, the Epistles of Peter, Jude and James and were very sceptical about the Revelation given to John.

Today the Bible contains 66 separate Books – 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New although it was not always in this form. The seven Churches mentioned in the Revelation (Rev. 2 and 3) each possessed some manuscripts of the Hebrew Old Testament Books written in Greek, the language most widely used at that time, a few rolls of the Apocryphal books said to have been written in Egypt during the reign of the Ptolemies as well as copies of the Gospels and the Acts, together with the writings of Peter, James, John and Paul and many Churches considered the writings of Paul far more important than those of Peter, James and Jude often omitting these altogether. Significantly these particular Books of Peter, James and Jude are concerned with the historical continuity of Israel which undoubtedly clashed with the writings of Paul.

One such instance will suffice here and

will be found in the words: *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”* This presupposes a universalism, a brotherhood of man with no special distinction for any one people and is in direct opposition to the Law of the Lord. Yet Peter and for that matter, James, had no idea of any such universalism. James addressed his writing to his ‘brethren’ who are, *‘the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad’* (James 1:1-2) while Peter addressed his Epistle to the *‘strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia’* and who were *‘a chosen generation (race) a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people . . .’* (I Peter 1:1 and 2:9). Both these writers being in accord with the Lord Jesus Christ Who had stated very clearly that His Mission was only to the *‘lost sheep of the House of Israel’*. Later, in His Revelation to John the same ‘twelve tribes’ are mentioned and Israel is shown in continuity fleeing *“into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God . . .”* (Rev. 12:6 and 14).

A study of early history concerning the formation of the Bible is not only extremely interesting but thought-provoking for the thought is there as to whether men were ever commissioned by God to draw up a Canon of Scripture and even further – whether they had the right to exercise their own prerogative over which Books should be left in and which should be discarded. It is significant too that the era in which this Canonisation of Scripture took place was the era referred to by the Lord as the ‘Pergamos era’ (Rev. 2:12-17) – a time when the doctrines of Lawlessness, of proselytism and of integration were introduced.

To understand the position of the Church today it is necessary to consider the church of Pergamos which was ‘married to power’. Strangely, or is it so strange it was situated in a University city which although considered to be the place of learning, yet wallowed in depravity and unquestionably, followed every practice which the intellectual – then as now – considered ‘amusing’. A church assembly was set up in Pergamos under the leadership of Antipas and for a while it flourished until eventually, the depravity of paganism and idolatry round

about began to take effect. Thus the message of the Lord was: *“I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes which thing I hate”* (Rev. 2:13-15).

The disparity which exists between what man teaches today and what the Word of God reveals is nowhere better illustrated than in the verse above. The Lord Jesus Christ stated emphatically that the ‘doctrine of Balaam’ – *which advocated a doctrine of physical integration between different races* – was unacceptable to Him. The doctrine of the Nicolaitanes legalised not only such things as food offered to idols, but *encouraged idolatrous worship* and this was the doctrine which the Lord stated He hated. However, as with those far off days, in the present ‘new look’ which Christianity has acquired it is obvious that few modern teachers consider the words of the Lord of importance for just as Pharisaism or ‘the traditions of men’ dominated the religious thinking at the time of the First Advent, so too does Pharisaism control Christianity today. The same pattern is evident for doctrines are propagated in His Name which have no foundation outside of theology and the Lord’s words spoken then still apply: *“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!”*

It was toward the end of the fourth century that it became very obvious to many scholars that ‘errors’ had crept in to the Scriptures or the copies of these. Latin had superseded Greek as the dominant language and Christianity had become the religion of Rome. Stepping into this crisis came Eusebius Hieronymus, or Jerome, who was appointed the task of revising the Scriptures. Jerome used the oldest manuscripts then available and his Version became the parent version of all Scripture in Western

Europe and remained as such for over a thousand years. The Reformation brought about the English Versions of the Holy Scriptures, but since the King James Version of 1611, further revisions have taken place until today it is not surprising that there are often doubts in the minds of people as to which version should be read.

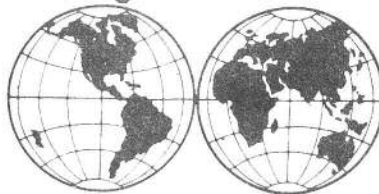
While admittedly not perfect, the King James Version did something which has been erased by modern translations – it gave meaning to the idioms and spirit of the Hebrew Old and Greek New Testaments which is lacking in the modern translations. Its language is grand and majestic, its Message most pointed and its Honour to God unsullied by any attempt to bring Him down to the level of man, but in spite of this, there can be little doubt that today man notwithstanding all the evidence to hand and with many resources available, is drifting further and further from the Truth.

This drift away from the things of God takes on a very sinister aspect when one considers the prophetic words of the Lord Jesus Christ in respect of His Coming again. He asked: “*Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find (the) faith on the earth?*” (Luke 18:8). The *faith* to which the Lord was referring was the faith – “which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude). An even more significant pronouncement was made by the Lord when He intimated that His Name – *The Word of God* – was not known by any but Himself (Rev. 19: 12-13). There will be man’s concept of what he *thinks* God wants, but very little idea of *the Truth*.

Yet against all attacks, in spite of the many versions, translations and manipulations, *the Word of God, in its declaration of God’s Intention in the earth*, will never fail for “... *as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud... So shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it*” (Isa. 55:10-11).

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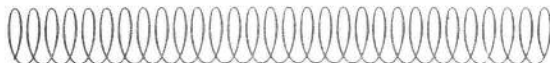
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