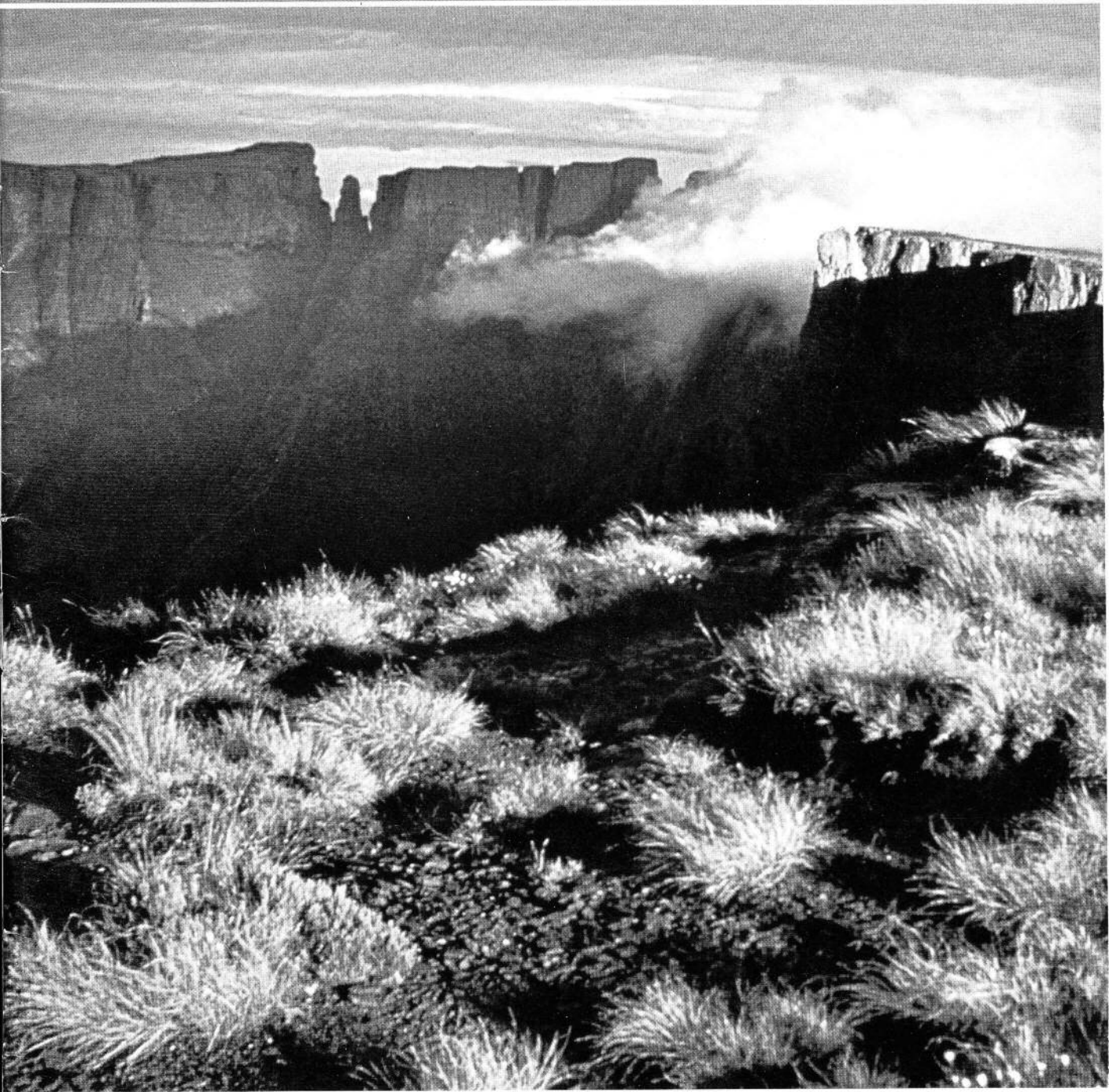


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ALL ABOUT?

In reading through this magazine, it should be borne in mind that The Federation of the Covenant People is not a new religion — it is an Organisation of Anglo-Saxon and Kindred People who believe that God meant precisely what He said. WHAT He said is recorded in the Bible as His Covenants — hence the name of this magazine. While many indulge in philosophising these Covenants, i.e. interpreting them as 'types' and 'parables' thus making them applicable to any one in a wide and ever-changing variety of situations, this Federation holds and teaches that God's Covenants are very specific and apply only to those involved in them.

According to the Scriptures, and over a thousand years before the heterogeneous people known in the Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek and Latin languages as 'Judaeans' or as 'Jews' in modern English parlance came into existence, God made an Unconditional Covenant which was designed as the National Charter of a people very different from the Jews. Under this Charter, the specific People to whom it was given were destined to become 'a great and mighty nation' (Gen. 18:18) who would 'spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south' (Gen. 28:14) and become 'a nation and a company of nations' (Gen. 35:11) who would inherit lands reserved for their use among the nations of the world (Deut. 32:7,8). To transfer this Charter to any other people would be a breach of contract and, as the Scripture makes abundantly clear, this has not been done. "I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Mal. 3:6).

The question is naturally asked as to why one particular People were endowed with a Divinely-given National Charter and not others? In a world — both ancient and modern — riven apart by interpretations of Deity, the need for a witness of the One, True Living God was imperative and so He made that witness (Isa. 43:21). However, vital though the National Charter was, the people required motivation and to this end a National Constitution was given which gave credence to the name by which the people were called — Israel, ruled by God. Because of the violation of that Constitution, the nation came under its Judgments and were removed from the land and became blind to their identity (Isa. 42:19; 59:10). They have re-emerged under a new name (Isa. 62:2; 65:1) as the Anglo-Saxon company of kindred nations but, because of national blindness are still experiencing the Judgments for Law-transgression.

In this magazine, the reader will find articles showing the 'Judgment' situation in action — because of national blindness — and also articles dealing with the history of God's Covenant People, a history which is repeating itself in the contemporary scene in Anglo-Saxondom. This is not coincidence — it is evidence of the Reality of the God of Israel and His Determination that His Will shall be done on earth, as in heaven.

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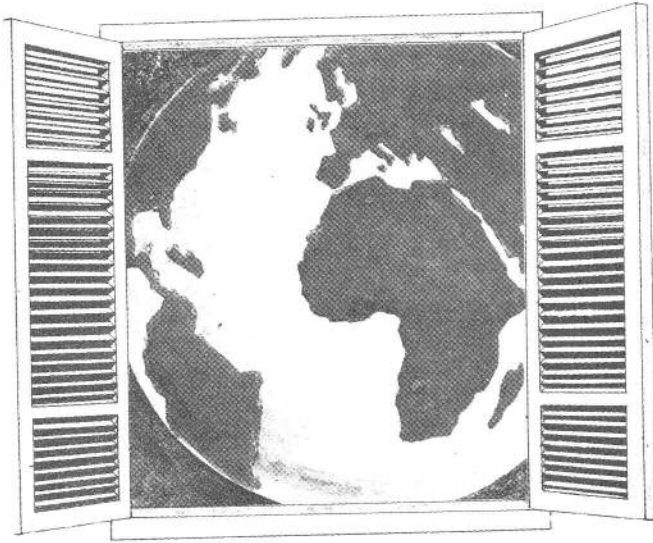
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A change in seasons as the mighty Drakensberg on the east of South Africa prepares for winter.

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WINDOW ON THE WORLD



From: THE YELLOW RIBBON

—Nord Davis, Jr. U.S.A.

Editor's Comment: Mr. Nord Davis has won the American *Liberty Award* for patriotic journalism on four occasions. He writes to impart knowledge and make the reader think for himself and thus may be considered as controversial by those who know only what they read in their newspaper or see on T.V. It is hoped that the reader will find this article particularly informative.

"DOUBLETHINK means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them. The Party intellectual knows in which direction his memories must be altered, therefore he knows that he is playing tricks with reality; but by the exercise of DOUBLETHINK, he also satisfies himself that reality is not violated.

The above is taken from "1984" by George Orwell who died in 1950. That was before American soldiers in Korean prisoner-of-war camps had been subjected to the terror of Soviet-style mind

altering methods known today, collectively, as "brainwashing". The whole purpose of any form of psychological warfare is to render the individual or the entire target population, docile and indifferent to the advances of the enemy. Scientifically, these techniques can be used to make people and nations believe that current events just happened as a natural course of evolving events or as the result of highly technical and complex forces that defy understanding. Strangely, the antithesis is also true. Any time a person is seduced into accepting any two contradictory beliefs simultaneously, they are by that very Act, rendered docile and passive. As the Bible states, "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways" (St. James 1:8).

This article is presented as just one example of how psychological warfare is used to further the goals of those who plan to create a world-wide totalitarian socialist government.

Psychological warfare? Almost everyone when asked, will admit that the Totalitarian Socialists, which include the Communists and all of those who are members of the Tri-Lateral Party, are believed to have some kind of propaganda programme aimed at the people. After all, we have *Voice of America* beamed at them, so doesn't it seem reasonable that they have something beamed at us? I mean, it is just common sense, isn't it? So, if we are to accept as probable that such propaganda exists, what form has it taken? If we are being beamed at, if we are being indoctrinated, surely the reader can think of one Totalitarian Socialist objective which they would have us believe, can't he? Come now, as an exercise, write just one such goal on the margin of this paper. Guess what? If you are not a student of such things; I will venture to say that you can not think of one such objective which you can be sure came from the enemies of the Western Way of Life.

Do you know why you can not put a specific finger on even one such goal? How can you recognise such propaganda if you don't even know what it is? Here the Soviet Union is spending literally billions of dollars to get you to accept their way, and you can not even remember what it was that they said. The reason is because modern Totalitarian Socialist propaganda is not done in an overt way – as waving the Hammer and Sickle. You just might catch on if they were foolish enough to do that. Psychological warfare techniques are put together in a scientifically skilful way, specifically so that you will not think it is coming from the Enemy, and so that the message works on the sub-conscious areas of the mind. In other words, you have been had, but you are to never know that you have been had.

Unless you have been trained to notice these “wiles of the Devil”, you can be actually led to believe that there are some valid points in what is modern devilry. Just recently this truth was hammered home to me during the lecture of a certain college professor on television. He told his audience that there is a Christian viewpoint with valid concepts, and there are also non-Christian viewpoints which promote valid concepts, and, here was his punch-line: “I am convinced that the Truth lies somewhere in the middle.” He was challenged later during his question and answer period, and he replied that he was happy with any position this critic took, and that he did not want to become in any way emotionally involved with either side.

Here is the classic DOUBLETHINK, two contradictory beliefs held simultaneously and accepted as Truth by a highly educated man. As you can see, when this form of psychological warfare is superimposed upon the subliminal mind, even an educated man is powerless to have any concern as to what is Truth. Remember the very serious question posed of the Lord Jesus Christ by Pilate in St. John 18:38? “What is Truth?” If you will notice, Jesus, the Author of Truth, never even gave this man an answer. Why? It is obvious that Pilate's mind was gone, and as a direct consequence, notice that he was docile. He could not make up his mind about what to do with this curious Man standing before him! He really did not care about what was done, just leave him alone. This one form of psychological warfare goes on day and night across T.V., both in the so-called entertainment and the news and reinforcing “documentary” broadcasts.

The mind is so wrenched, first one way and then the other, getting what appears to be continuous supporting evidence and argument for the opposing and contradictory beliefs, that the majority of our

people have literally been rendered docile.* Have you noticed that? And, so typical of this mental attitude, the victim will adamantly deny that he has been thus affected.

Only those with any dogmatic and adamant beliefs – on one side or the other – have any spirit of fight left in them. Let me repeat the First Axiom of this paper again:

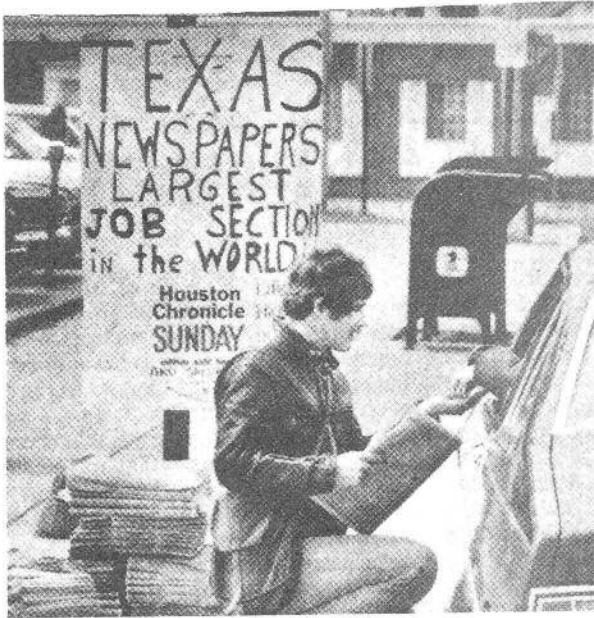
“Any time you accept simultaneously any contradictory beliefs or concepts, you are rendered docile and indifferent to further arguments from either side.”

There is a corollary to the above which I am now giving you as the Second Axiom:

“Any time you hear a media person, politician, teacher, or clergyman expound as truth contradictory beliefs or concepts, look upon that person as an instrument of psychological warfare or, as we would call him professionally, ‘a change agent’.”

A typical DOUBLETHINK psychological thrust has been making news. One concept is that since the election of President Reagan, the Soviet Union is once again our arch-enemy and America must increase her defence budget to a total of two thousand millions of dollars (2 Billion) per year. The contrary concept, promoted by the Ambassador for Trade, Bill Brock, is that the U.S.A. must now review her policy regarding the restricted trade with the Soviets, especially as to now lifting the grain embargo. Well, which is it? Enemy or Most Favoured Trade Partner? Obviously, it can not be both. If you believe that both are logical simultaneously, then just give this article to someone else. There is nothing I can do except pray for you! You see, if you believe that the Soviet Union is really the Enemy then you must believe that any foreign aid and foreign trade would be counter-productive and treason. On the other hand, if you believe that

*Another form of psychological warfare which will not be covered in this paper, consists of the use of alternating hope and despair. One day the target population is on the edge of expectancy only to be thrown into despair when the sought for event is not forth-coming. When the despair gets to its lowest, the change agent will again give a false story inducing great hope again, only to again have the target thrown into despair. When the situation warrants it, several forms of psychological warfare are used together.



Brainwashing - Newspapers.

the Soviets are now really nice folks who have just had years of bad press, and that they really have no evil intentions concerning America or the rest of the world, then your position must be to want to help them in every way including aid and trade. Give them computers, and build them huge truck manufacturing plants. In this way you can work to build bridges to peace between what would be otherwise political and economic antagonists. Now, if you hold this position, then it is just fine for the Rockefellers to set up a branch of Chase Manhattan Bank at 1, Karl Marx Square, Moscow. And, in all logic, you would be a friend of those who want to abandon all of our "industrial and military complex" and dismantle our huge defence budget. For the purpose of this discussion and thesis, this author is not concerned as to which contradictory belief you now hold – just as long as you hold one in mutually exclusive relationship to the other. Any person who can still reject as impossible contradictory beliefs as mentally incompatible, has yet to submit subconsciously to this psychological warfare technique. Without exception, when you find any citizen who expresses indifference to the merits of either position; or who acknowledges that your opinion has merit but then verbalises the arguments for the opposing position; that person is to some limited extent under the control of this psychological conditioning.

Now, I am going to take this thesis one step further. The psychological operative does not

really care what set of contradictory beliefs you hold. In fact, he will make it his business to try to get you to accept as many sets as he can, for each time your intellect surrenders to this folly, it deteriorates just a little further. The change agent is not the least concerned, believe it or not, with the actual merits or absurdities of either side of the mutually exclusive concepts he is thrusting upon you. His only initial objective is to get your subconscious mind into the DOUBLETHINK mode – to get you to accept ANY set of contradictory beliefs simultaneously. The merits, or the relevancy of the beliefs truly have no importance. The Communist change agent couldn't care less whether you are a patriot or a sympathiser for the goal of DOUBLETHINK is his objective. This brings us to the Third Axiom:

"When any person is induced into the DOUBLETHINK mode, even if initially with non-controversial or inconsequential concepts, that person's subconscious mind has been prepared to accept without question, and against all logic and reason, whatever ultimate psychological warfare concepts that change agent deems desirable or useful."

If this all sounds confusing, go back at this point and re-read the last few paragraphs aloud to yourself one or two times. Pray that in receiving this knowledge, you also get the wisdom to handle it.

For more than 16 years, I have been a student of the lies, distortions, and contradictory simultaneous concepts promoted by the so-called news media. I have watched double-minded politicians get more and more unstable in their ways and removed from office when their usefulness was exhausted. From this observation, and the knowledge of psychological warfare tactics, I can give you this Fourth Axiom:

"Thy psychological warfare propaganda value of any news story is directly proportional to the amount of news coverage given to the story or event. Any story which is a continuing saga, which introduces contradictory ideas as truth, and which contain the elements to overly depress or stimulate the subconscious mind, have the necessary ingredients upon which a change agent can operate."

My observation is that every news event which falls into this broad classification is there for one purpose – its propaganda value. Those valid news

stories which do not induce mental DOUBLETHINK, are generally given very little coverage or simply ignored.

Now, can you tell me what the DOUBLETHINK was concerning the official story told about the assassination of President Kennedy? One part was the hoax, but widely believed, that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin; a simple story to the effect that a depressed former soldier had just bought a mail order carbine and used it to murder the most popular President in modern times. The contradictory part was that there were some facts which must be locked away for 50 years. If the second concept is true, then the first is false. If the first is true, then there is no reason not to tell us everything.* There were hundreds of DOUBLETHINK concepts introduced in this story, but the net result from a psychopolitical point of view was that the new President was able to get the most important piece of legislation ever passed from a Totalitarian Socialist point of view: The 1964 Civil Rights (sic) Bill. Only 10 percent had anything to do with minority problems and it is the first Law ever which takes away the citizen's right to a trial by jury!

The Vietnam War was probably one of the cleverest long range psychological warfare events ever imposed upon the American mind. There were dozens of DOUBLETHINK contradictory concepts which were forced into simultaneous acceptance by the American people. While creating class conflict here at home it scientifically prepared the American mind for the mental conclusion of American military impotence and the eventual totalitarian socialist conquest of South-east Asia. Did you buy the DOUBLETHINK? Did you really believe that the most powerful military power in the world, with unlimited supplies, men, and equipment, could *not* defeat the least most powerful nation in the world with limited supplies? Nonsense! Then, why did America lose? Who put the DOUBLETHINK into your mind? Was it not the very same change agents of the news media who tricked you about the Kennedy Assassination and later gave you the so-called "Watergate" scandal?

As you begin to observe the tactics of psychological warfare in the laboratory of the reporting of news events, watch for a new twist to the rather common DOUBLETHINK. Most DOUBLETHINK

contradictory beliefs fall into either a logical concept or an emotional concept. Logic against logic or an emotion against an emotion. Now, the skilful change agent is able to pit an emotional concept against a logical one in mutually exclusive contradiction simultaneously accepted. A victim seduced into this mental programming loop may well be pushed to the border of insanity. How does the subliminal mind rationalise a logically contradictory emotional concept? (How much further dare I go before the white coats seek me out to protect society? I have rewritten this one paragraph six times and I still can not get my point across plainly enough so I could understand it if I didn't know what I was talking about. I give up. Now I hope you understand?) Anyway, this DOUBLETHINK with a twist was used on the American people in the Iranian Hostage crisis.

Now that the "tears of joy" and the "hopes repeatedly dashed to despair" psychological warfare tactics are over and the American citizens are all home, let's just examine this most unusual event in American history. The taking of hostages, as was done, was an act of war. Khomeini, as an active KGB agent for years, knew that the United States was powerless to act. *America gave up her right to declare war when Truman signed the United Nations Charter.* Since the United Nations' military affairs officer has always, by prior agreement, been a Soviet Union Army Officer, there was just no way the UN would intercede for American interests in Iran. But, you see, most of the world, yes, even so-called educated people, do not know of this serious restriction on American military actions.

So, in the eyes of the world, the President had no choice but to declare war. But, he didn't. If no war is declared, (and it can not be under UN Charter rules), a DOUBLETHINK situation has been set up and the American people were never told why! On the one hand, America did not want to risk the needed oil and the lives of 52 Hostages. No! No! On the other hand could America let an Act of War go unheeded and thus risk the lives of Foreign Service personnel all around the world to acts of terrorist governments? No! No! Mental thesis plus mental antithesis produces synthesis: *Do nothing.* These two contradictory concepts were induced into our minds day and night for a year, and doing nothing as the inevitable consequence of complex international law and foreign policy.

As a deliberate result of this psychological warfare caper, America and her power to defend her embassies and citizens abroad, lost face around the world, and even among her own people.

*Copies of Mr. Davis' book on the Kennedy Assassination obtainable only from Mr. Davis, Box 29, Topton, North Carolina 28781 U.S.A. \$1 per copy plus \$1 postage.

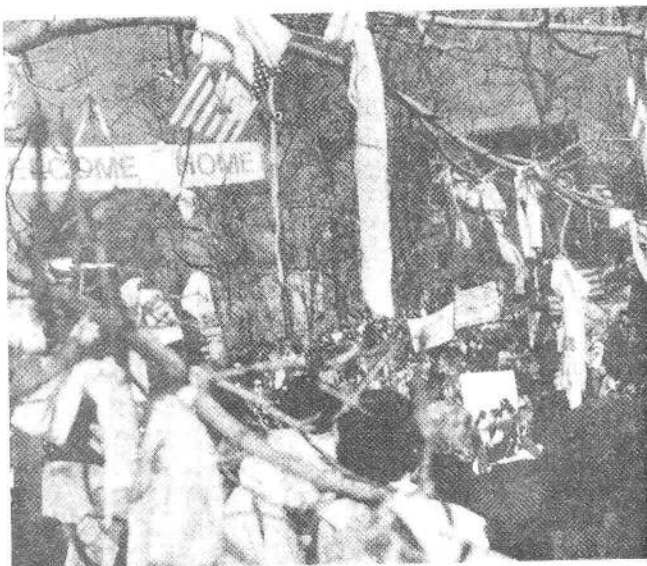
Throughout Asia and the Third World countries, Americans are looked upon as cowards and unwilling to defend their honour. There is probably no more destructive or self-destructing mental attitude, as individuals or as a nation, than the shame of knowing, for whatever the stated reason, that one is a coward and afraid to defend his honour, his nation, or his integrity.

There has always been one colour which for years has been used to define cowardice: YELLOW. An international authority on the usage of words, Rogets Thesaurus, shows that YELLOW means, cowardly, unmanliness, weakness, and "chicken". It has been instilled in us since our youth that the coward has a "yellow streak" in his personality.

The change agents of today were quick to jump on the psychological significance of the colour YELLOW and they did a number on millions of Americans such that they physically did the Act of wearing the colour of the coward, a yellow stripe or ribbon, to remember the Hostages. Why didn't they wear a red, white, and blue ribbon? From the viewpoint to the propagandist, these colours stand for patriotism and national sovereignty, and would thus have been counterproductive. Patriotic colours induce men to be men, while yellow has the exact opposite effect.

Understand, I am not saying that there is anything intrinsically wrong with the colour yellow. It is fine as a ribbon in a pretty girl's hair, or to decorate a light and cheerful kitchen. But when this colour yellow is mentally and psychologically associated with a failure to act in an honourable way, or to put chivalry and gallantry above all other personal concerns, then that colour has a devastating effect upon the will power and the subconscious mind. It can be even more psychologically destructive when in the Name of Patriotism, the Colour of cowardice is displayed on the person or around his home. Notice: the same ones who brought Watergate also induced Americans to wear the colour yellow.

I was in Washington, D.C. on the very day the Hostages were given the formal welcome there. Many saw that event on colour T.V. Most Americans were caught up in the emotion of the moment, and, in empathy, feeling the joy of the relatives, they wept even while they were accepting as proper, a yellow stripe, ribbon, or streamer tied to the feet of the Eagle and flown above the American Flag, and at the same time experiencing a highly emotional moment, a reinforcement of a conditioned reflex toward cowardice, was being super-imposed on their subconscious.



Hostages return:
omipresent yellow ribbons on the route.

Most people will never understand what was done through the Iranian Affair. Only a few, perhaps as few as 10 percent, will really understand the awesome portent of what I have written here. Yet, as a practical matter, and knowing the subversive nature of the news media today, one can almost be certain that whatever is suggested and done, has probably been introduced into thinking patterns for subversive, psychopolitical warfare purposes.

Remember this final axiom:

"Whatever the majority believes; whatever the majority does; whomever the majority elects; and whatever cause is widely promoted by the news media, is generally wrong and counter-productive, contrary to the best interests of the Western World.

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What Men Call Heresy

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE
IN CONTINUITY TODAY

by W.G. Finlay

A MAN MAY BE A HERETIC IN THE TRUTH; AND IF HE BELIEVE THINGS ONLY BECAUSE HIS PASTOR SAYS SO OR THE ASSEMBLY SO DETERMINES, WITHOUT KNOWING OTHER REASON, THOUGH HIS BELIEF BE TRUE, YET THE VERY TRUTH HE HOLDS BECOMES HIS HERESY.

Milton – Areopagitica

Three hundred and forty eight years ago – a period in time when John Milton could quite conceivably have written the above – a man was condemned for heresy because he dared to oppose the *opinion* of theologians on a subject for which they were totally ill-equipped. The man was Galileo and the theologians were those of the Rome Holy Office (the office of the Inquisition). One hundred years earlier, the Polish Nicolaus Copernicus had propounded his theory that the earth was not the centre of the universe but for some reason, was not challenged by the Holy Office. However, when Galileo, after assembling the first telescope and studying the planets, supported the theory of Copernicus he was immediately condemned by the Holy Office which stated that the Copernican view was 'philosophically foolish and absurd' since it 'contradicted the Bible in many places, according to the literal meaning and according to the common exposition and interpretation of the holy fathers and learned theologians!

The point to be noted here is not so much the theory which Galileo propounded, but the fact that he dared to oppose the 'exposition and interpretation of the holy fathers (the ancient church teachers) and the current theologians'. From this, it is more than a little apparent that the Roman Church in 1616 A.D. held itself and its teaching – *on any subject* – to be infallible which, of course, was an enactment of the *Catechism of the Council of Trent*



which stated: "But as this one Church, because governed by the Holy Ghost, cannot err in faith and morals, it necessarily follows that all other societies arrogating to themselves the name of Church, because guided by the spirit of darkness, are sunk in the most pernicious errors, both doctrinal and moral." As the Roman Church is governed by a Papal hierarchy, the same infallibility is attached to them and indeed, the decision of the Council of Florence on the 5th July, 1439, supports this. "The Pope of Rome hath the supremacy over all the earth; that he is the successor of St. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, and the head of the church, the father and teacher of all Christians; and that Jesus Christ hath given him, in the person of St. Peter, the power to feed, rule and govern the catholic church, as it is explained in the acts of ecumenical Councils, and in the holy canons."

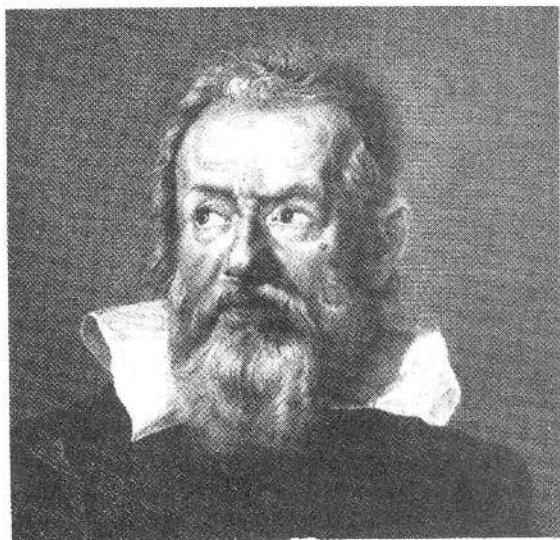
In what might be thought to be a slight digression here, attention is focussed on the so-called authority which the head of the Roman Church derives from Peter and which has been used down the centuries to coerce individuals into total obedience to the dictate of the Pope. As an ensign of their spiritual authority derived from their claimed apostolic succession from Peter, the Popes have worn *two keys* on the arms of their regalia indicating to the uninformed that heaven – wherever this may be – is only attained through obedience to the Roman Church or its head, the Pope. To the informed, the *two keys* – significantly the Lord Jesus Christ did not specify any particular number in Matthew 16:19 – were associated with pagan worship in Rome two centuries *before* the Christian

era and were common to Janus and Cybele who, because each possessed a key, were said to be the opener and shutter of the gates of the invisible world. The priests of both Janus and Cybele claimed the same infallibility as has the Roman Church and, as with this Church, they claimed the mandate of Divine authority for restricting or granting entry into the invisible world.

However, be that as it may, attention is once again focussed on Galileo who, in 1633 was arrested, brought to trial and condemned for 'heresy'. He was then made to kneel and publicly renounce the Copernican theories after which he was sentenced to imprisonment and given a 'salutary penance' to recite. According to the record, the prison sentence was never carried out although Galileo was forced to live under what may be called 'house arrest' in Siena for a while before being allowed to return to his home in Arcetri near Florence where he remained until he died in 1642, a sadly disillusioned and broken man. The story of Galileo is that of a man who, notwithstanding the provable nature of his contention, was forced, by *theological opinion*, to renounce the truth and label it as heresy. In the Vatican records, Galileo is still a heretic and, no doubt resulting from the exploration of space by both the Americans and Russians, the Vatican Secretariat for Non-Believers has recently promised to review the case of Galileo, but has indicated that the process will undoubtedly be a long and drawn-out affair. The reason for this warning is of course, all too obvious for if the Vatican is really serious in reviewing the charge of heresy against Galileo for propounding that the earth was not the centre of the universe, they must admit that the Roman Church, under the supposed guidance of the Holy Spirit, was wrong in condemning a man for speaking the truth. In the light of present knowledge, Galileo must be acquitted of the charge of heresy and the Church be found guilty of suppressing the truth in favour of theological opinion. Such a development would naturally arouse memories of other instances when the 'infallible' judgment of the Church made errors – not the least of which being when, after deciding that Joan of Arc was a heretic and having had her burned at the stake, the Papacy reversed its decision and to make compensation, canonised her.

Not Only the Church of Rome

Bearing in mind that *theological opinion* was held as more authoritative than tangible, proven fact, attention is now focussed on an identical situa-



Galileo

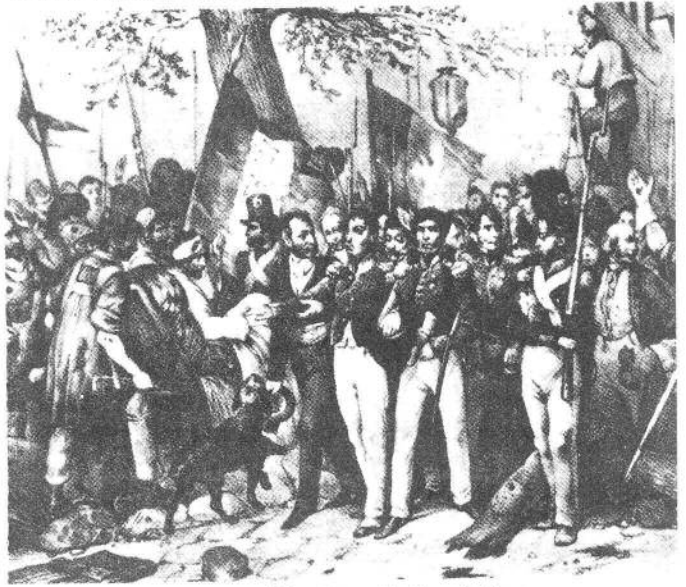
tion which developed after the power of Rome was broken. As is common knowledge, the Reformation era saw the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred European nations break away from the dominance of Rome and with the Bible now printed in a language that they could understand, the people were no longer dependent upon dictatorial ecclesiastical opinion for their understanding of the things of God. In the initial years of the Reformation era, the zeal of the people for the Word of God was the dominant feature in everyday life but within fifty years or so the people were coerced into relying increasingly on the power of the State to maintain the Reformation status quo while they, the people, occupied themselves in the everyday problems of earning a living. Thus, while the Reformation lost its initial popular support from the people who trusted the State to safeguard their religious freedom, they did not see that the Renaissance was continuing and indeed flourishing in the realm of learning and that this was kindling the embers of a new dictatorship very much on a par with that wielded by the priesthood of the Papacy. That which was being born at that time was the embryo of modern liberalism which was attaching itself to small groups in all the Protestant countries.

The early seventeenth century saw the beginning of the expansion of the Anglo-Saxon people who spread to the west – to the new world of north America – to the south, to southern Africa and to the east, to Australia and New Zealand. Here, in new lands and with a tremendous task before them, the men and women of Anglo-Saxondom, while still retaining a love for the Word of God, came to depend heavily on pastors for instruction and the scene was once again being set wherein theological opinion *could* dominate among the people who were otherwise busily engaged in the politics of life.

If one thinks of the history of the United States, one sees that the liberalism which had developed into the French Revolution on the continent of Europe, began to make its tentative appearance in new doctrines which were being taught and that, with the passage of time, these tended more toward interpretation of humanism and the need for correcting the moral and social ills than on preaching the Word of God. What was only tentatively suggested in the doctrines of a hundred and fifty years ago has developed into the main platform of orthodox Protestant Churches today and that which is known as the 'social gospel' is occupying more and more preaching. The universal brotherhood of man, the equality of all races as the 'children of God' and the so-called inalienable 'right' of all

people in the equalising process of the redistribution of the world's wealth – these, in one form or another, have become the militant objective within the various Church Councils which have sprung up in Anglo-Saxondom. Ignoring the reality of conflict which has, over the past twenty years, testified to the incompatibility of races living together in the same environment, Protestant one-world theological opinion is as dogmatic about its cause as was the Rome Holy Office when it condemned Galileo.

Very little has changed despite the fact that four centuries ago Anglo-Saxondom broke away from the dictatorial opinions of the Church of Rome. While the 'Holy Office' may not operate in Protestant orthodoxy *as such*, they still make use of the same psychology in that in cases where evidence



The French Revolution

is produced to show the disparity between races, they immediately resort to the political terminology of 'racism' while any attempt to show that one-worldism lacks the sponsorship of God is silenced by the charge of 'heresy'. Having thus come the full circle after a matter of four centuries, modern Protestant orthodoxy is once again doing exactly what the Roman Church did namely, substituting its opinion for 'thus saith the Lord'.

Israel – a Missing Factor

If one looks generally at the theological opinion which has dominated both the Roman and orthodox Protestant Churches, it is patently obvious that this opinion has decided that the Reality, Integrity

and Person of God is of no importance and that the Divinely attested 'thus saith the Lord' should be subordinate to the censorship of theology. There are, of course, many who would throw up their hands in horror at such a thought and would be most indignant in their denial that this is the case. However, when has either the Roman or Protestant Churches drawn attention to: "Ye (Israel) are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God" (Isa. 43:12) or; "This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise" (Isa. 43:21)? When has any prominence been given to; "By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies..." (Gen. 22:16,17)? When has either Rome or Protestantism drawn attention to the unconditional Covenant which the Lord calls 'my covenant' (Gen. 17:2) and which, depending upon the Integrity of God, assures that the specific covenanted progeny of Abraham will inherit a wide-ranging variety of material blessings? When has either of these institutions declared the importance of the continuity of God's Law-machinery which, given as His purpose in creating a nation (Deut. 4:5-7) was later confirmed in Jeremiah 31:31 and ratified by the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 26:26-28)?

The answer to all these questions is that they are not taught because it is contended that the Old Testament and all that it contained was completed and fulfilled at the time of the First Advent when the Lord Jesus Christ ushered in the present New Dispensation reaching for all men, creating new institutions and introducing new doctrines. This theological *opinion* certainly lacks the sponsorship of the Lord Jesus Christ – the Word Incarnate in the flesh (John 1:14) – Who categorically stated: "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). As it is the Old Testament axiom that: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7), why does orthodoxy not show, in the writings of the prophets, where the Lord God of Israel changed His mind and decided to abolish His oath-bound Covenant, to invalidate His covenant people and His Law and start all over again with a spiritual body called the Church? The reason why orthodoxy does not

produce their proof of this contention is because, outside of theological conjecture, *it does not exist*. Recognising this weakness in theological opinion, a new theme was introduced in that, finding no positive evidence to support any changes in God's Covenant Purpose, it is now taught that the Old Testament, while having a certain historical reality, was intended to point all people to the New Testament and the creation of the 'Gentile Church' – the body of Christ. An illustration of this is to be found in the theological preamble which prefaces the Book of Ruth which reads: "Typically, the book may be taken as a foreview of the church, Ruth, as the Gentile bride of Christ, the Bethlehemite who is able to redeem."

The 'Type' Theory Versus Fact

It would serve at this point to note what the Scripture says about this and, as will be obvious, this 'Gentile bride' theory i.e. the inclusion of all and sundry into a spiritual church body, is diametrically opposed to all that is written in the Old Testament. In the first instance, heterogeneity – diversity of people – has no place in the Covenant story for while Abraham had eight sons, six by Keturah (Gen. 25:2), one by Hagar (Gen. 16:3) and one by Sarah (Gen. 21:1-3), only one, Isaac, fell heir to the Covenant promises (Gen. 26:3). If the Abrahamic story was a 'type' foreshadowing a spiritual union of all people in the bonds of the covenant, all eight sons of the patriarch would have shared in the Covenant Promises. Thus, at the very outset of the creation of Israel which later was called the 'wife of Yahveh' (Isa. 54:5), any thought or suggestion of the inclusion of others is soon dispelled.

In passing on to the continuity of the Covenant family, any suggestion of the involvement of anything remotely resembling 'Gentile infusion' is quickly dispelled. "And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: and I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt *not* take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land; must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? And

Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. The Lord of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land: He shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence" (Gen. 24:1-7). If the Covenant Purpose was to be a universal one, this statement became irrelevant and Eliezer, the eldest servant wasted his time in travelling so far to the north to obtain a bride for Isaac. However, the command of Abraham, the man who believed God and had this counted unto him for righteousness (Gen. 15:6), was that Isaac's bride was *not* to be a Gentile bride but that she was to be found among Abraham's kindred.

In continuing this story, it will be noted that Eliezer obeyed the command of Abraham and finally came to the city of Nahor. "And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: and let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also; let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, *Abraham's brother*, with her pitcher on her shoulder" (Gen. 24:10-15). Led of the Holy Spirit, Eliezer came to Abraham's family which, if a 'gentile body of believers' was God's intention in preference to a separate and uniform people, would make the Holy Spirit in error and guilty of doing something not approved of God. With the 'daughters of Canaan' so near at hand and in such great numbers, it would have been comparatively easy to select one of them, convert her to the faith of Abraham and then give her to Isaac as his wife. This is how things would be done today if theological opinion had its way. However, the Holy Spirit directed Eliezer to Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel thus deliberately selecting Isaac's second cousin as the woman through whom the Purpose of God would be continued. Significantly, Jacob, who became the Covenant heir and whose name was changed to 'Israel', too was directed to the same source for his wife (Gen. 28:1-3) – the mothers of his twelve sons being Leah and Rachel, the daughters of Laban, the son

of Nahor, Abraham's brother (Gen. 29:5).

Thus, as one looks at the history of events during which the Lord God created a national instrument and subsequently gave it its national Constitution, separateness was the order of the day. If strict separation characterised the building of a nation in which the Reality, Integrity and Purpose of God was vested, any opinion which transposes this into a 'Gentile Church' or suggests that the Old Testament narrative is studded with 'types' is merely indulging in flights of fantasy.

What Happened to Israel?

If one turns to the writing of the prophets, those men who wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (Heb. 1:1) and depicted both the times in which they lived and the future consequences of this, were very blunt in telling the story as it was. The devastation in Israel was caused by (a) a lack of knowledge (Hos. 4:6) – which area could only be the Law as the prerequisite to the fulness of the Abrahamic Covenant, and (b) the breakdown in national separation which gave rise to an integrated society. "They have dealt treacherously against the Lord: for they have begotten strange (Heb: *zuwr*, alien) children: now shall a month devour them with their portions" (Hos. 5:7). "Strangers (Heb: *zuwr*) have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth it not" (Hos. 7:9). "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers (Heb: *zuwr*) devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers (Heb: *zuwr*)" (Isa. 1:7). "Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers (Heb: *zuwr*), and after them will I go" (Jer. 2:25).

The physical effect of these strangers on the now integrated Israel society was such that the writing of the prophets who lived through the integrating process, makes it abundantly clear that *this policy* was not only detrimental to man, but the very antithesis of God's Plan and Purpose for the world. If one considers *that* situation and parallels it with the by-product of theological opinion today, it will be seen that integrated societies within the overall policy of universalism is in diametrical opposition to what *God* has stated in His Word. "I am the Lord, I change not . . ." (Mal. 3:6). If, as Bible history makes abundantly clear, the same Lord punished His people for breaking His Law (which required strict segregation) and removed

them from the devastation of an integrated society in Canaan, is it feasible to conclude that He Who changes not should suddenly reverse His decision and welcome what He formerly condemned?

As the accounts in 2nd Kings 17:1-6 and Jeremiah 39:1-7 relate, all twelve tribes of Israel, as a consequence of Law-transgression, went into captivity – a process which occupied some 130 years and was effected by the Empires of Assyria and Babylon respectively. According to the Book of Ezra, a small remnant totalling 42 360 of the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin (Ezra 2:64) returned from the Babylonian captivity but nothing is said of the people of the ten tribes nor of those of Judah and Benjamin who did not respond to the decree of Cyrus the Persian king. As the Books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Ezekiel relate (Ezek. 33:24; Ezra. 9:1-2 and Neh. 13:1-3), this small remnant of the Israel family were not the only occupants of the land to which they returned and integration once again became the order of the day. Bearing these facts in mind, it would be ludicrous to suggest that the integrated Judaeans – or to use the 17th Century English translation, Jewish – population represented Israel when no member of the Birth-right tribe, Joseph (1st Chron. 5:2) was present.

What of Israel's Future?

As has been mentioned earlier, the prophet Hosea was used by the Lord to pronounce His indictment against Israel and if one concentrates on the writing of this prophet, it will be seen that in addition to his role as an 'accuser', he was used by God to relate how He, the Lord, intended to overcome what had become a stumbling block in the fulfilment of His Covenant Word. It will of course, be recalled that the Lord had committed Himself by oath to the fulfilment of His unconditional Promises but in transgressing the Directives of the Lord and incurring the punitive measures of this, Israel had created a situation in which the Integrity of the Name of God was in jeopardy.

In the opening verses of the writing of Hosea, the prophet was told to indulge in very strange behaviour. "Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and the children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the Lord." In response to this strange command, Hosea took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she bore him a son whose name was Jezreel. The full significance of this name and the reason for it is recorded in 2nd Kings 10:1-4. Gomer then bore a daughter to Hosea whose name, according to the

Lord's command, was Lo-ruhamah because, said the Lord, "I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away." After Gomer had weaned her second child, she again bore a son whose name, again according to Divine command, was Lo-ammi, for, said the Lord, "Ye are not my people, and I will not be your God". As one reads further in the Book of Hosea and in conjunction with those of Isaiah and Jeremiah, the symbolism enacted in Hosea's life, becomes very clear. Having found 'uncleanness' (Lawlessness) in Israel, the Mosaic 'bill of divorce' (Deut. 24:1-4) was invoked (Jer. 3:8) and Israel was sent out of the land. As a 'divorced wife' (Isa. 50:1) and sent out from the presence of the 'husband', the awful pronouncement of 'unpitied' and 'Ye are not my people and I will not be your God' would appear to terminate any relationship between the Lord and His Israel people.

In Hosea's writing one sees Israel justifiably condemned and utterly forsaken but instead of consigning them to oblivion, the Lord further involves Himself with the *same people* by providing them with *further unconditional promises*. Note Hosea 1:10. "Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God." As is obvious, there is no ambiguity here – no conditional clause – merely the same Sovereign 'shall' as had characterised the Promises made to the patriarchs. The status of 'sons of the living God' – and again there is no ambiguity in attaining this – was to be attained through the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who in affirming His mission, said: "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 15:24). If one considers the story of that devout man Simeon who was 'waiting for the consolation of Israel' it will be seen that his response, under the Holy Spirit when he held the infant Christ in his arms was that He, the Lord, was to be "the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:25-32). The Christ of God was to be the 'glory of Israel' – a fact which immediately disqualifies the Jews (who not only murdered Him, but have persistently denied His Deity) from being Israel.

When?

It should be noted that the unconditional promise of the status of 'sons of the living God' was made to the *nation Israel* and for the integrity of the Lord

to be vindicated, Israel, not the Jews nor the 'Gentile church', must be called by this name. The pattern of events leading up to the time when Israel is indeed reinstated as the sons of God, is clearly set out in Hosea's second chapter which relates that the nation would be stripped naked and set as in the day that it was born (verse 3). The time of Israel's birth as such was undoubtedly the time of the giving of the Law (Deut. 27:9) but prior to this, the people were a fleeing, migrating mass whose only possessions were the Covenant Promises of God. After the Empires which had taken Israel captive had fallen, God's Covenant people again became migrants with still no possession other than the as yet, unfulfilled promises within the Abrahamic covenant. "Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths (verse 6)." As 'wanderers among the nations' (Hos. 9:17) Israel would be ignorant of the fact that her footsteps to an 'appointed place' (2nd Sam. 7:10) were being guided by a hedge of thorns which would not allow for turning away or resting until the place appointed had been reached.

"And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now" (verse 7). From the time of Israel's demise in the land of Canaan, right through the 'seven times punishment' (Lev. 26:28) and even though the last 800 years of this was spent in the 'appointed place', Israel's history has been that she has followed after Baal – a substitute for the one True God. While under Rome, she decided to return to her 'first husband' but, as has been seen, the Reformation, even though it made the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred European nations God-conscious, it did not restore the Law of the Lord as the people's Constitution. It is patently obvious that despite the decision to return to her first husband, Israel continued in a Lawless vein for in verse 10, it states: "And now will I expose her uncleanness before her lovers, and no one shall by any means deliver her out of my hand" (Sept. rendering).

The Anglo-Saxon people in their several lands, are very much in the hands of the Lord today and one would be very hard put to explain the calamities which are befalling God's modern company of nations as other than the punitive measures of the Law of the Lord. However, it is quite possible that within the intensification of these measures a situation will be reached in Israel when, in order to vindicate His Word, the Lord will act and within the

mighty deliverance by the Lord, Israel will not only *decide* to return to her first husband, but will do so in truth. "And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi (husband), and shalt call me no more Baali . . . and I will betroth thee unto me for ever, yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord" (Hos. 2:16-20).

From the Old Testament, one passes to the last Book in the New Testament where that which Hosea wrote is enacted at the end of the age. "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" (Rev. 19:7-8). This, so it is claimed, is the church, the 'Gentile church' which is to be married to the Lamb. However, in passing to the penultimate chapter in the Bible, one reads: "There came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the *bride*, the *Lamb's wife*. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the *holy Jerusalem*, descending out of heaven from God, having the *glory of God* . . ." Is not this the 'glory' which Christ was to be to Israel? "and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as a crystal; and had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the *twelve tribes of the children of Israel*" (Rev. 21:9-12).

This, in very brief outline, is the story of God's revelation of the history of His people Israel – it is what God says and not what some theologian imagined. This Israel story has, of course, been labelled as heresy, but one wonders in a day to come when 'every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof' (Matt. 12:36) who shall be guilty of heresy – those who speak the opinions of orthodoxy or those who say: 'thus saith the Lord.'

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Religious Winds of Change

by U.N. Owen

"... put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:14,15)



Since its inception in 1945, the United Nations Organisation has indulged in re-structuring the world in conformity with socialist principles and in the process, has set in motion the machinery by which the prophecy concerning the 'enemy coming in like a flood' (Isa. 59:19) could be fulfilled. The main devastations wrought by the United Nations is to be seen among the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred nations whose authority and influence in the world has been abolished under the political winds of change which have given 'independence' to the various people who previously depended on them. Africa, of course, is in the forefront of the United Nations 'beneficiaries' and the history of this continent, over the past twenty years or so since liberation (?), is a dismal shadow of things to come if the United Nations continues with its plan for world socialisation.

There is a school of thought which contends that everyone is entitled to independence and while few would argue with the *concept*, the *principle* as applied by the United Nations in that it affects and impugns the independence of others exposes this Organisation as a tool designed for destructive purposes. If one considers Britain today, one sees a

state of society in which the independence of individual Britons has been adversely affected by the independence granted to former colonies. Immigrants from these former colonies – Coloured or Black – in rejecting the ‘benefits’ of independence in their own lands, have flooded into Britain where legislation has to be passed which makes it an offence to exercise one’s right of discrimination. One wonders how long it will be before an action similar to that taken in the United States in *Affirmative Action* becomes law in the United Kingdom?

While not specifically part of this article, it would serve to note the long term effect of *Affirmative Action* as already applied in the United States particularly as it is quite possible that the same policy could be applied in Britain in order to force a further integration between the immigrants and Britons. Basically, *Affirmative Action* is a federal policy designed – so it is claimed – to benefit ethnic minorities in which federal subsidies and contracts are awarded on the basis of these minorities being on the payroll. In other words, if one can prove that they are employing a Black or some other ethnic minority, the chance of federal contracts are that much greater. However, *Affirmative Action* goes further. Evidence is coming to hand to show that federal subsidies or the reward of federal subsidies is being broadened to take in other minorities and is designed to force a quota of people of sexual preference minorities, i.e. homosexuals, into such key positions as teachers and preachers. There have been several instances when a teacher has been discharged because it was found that they were teaching homosexuality to the children, but when it was found that federal funds would be withheld because this action was in contradiction to *Affirmative Action*, they were re-employed. Likewise in the realm of preachers where more and more homosexuals are finding lucrative employment in the pulpits. If a preacher was discharged because of his ‘sexual preference’, the tax-exempt status of the church would be removed. Such a situation does not apply in Britain – yet. This digression is intended to show what has happened in the United States and *could* happen in Britain to further pollute Anglo-Saxon society.

Religious Changes in the Wind

There can be very little doubt that the political structures in Anglo-Saxondom have been changed because of the impact of the immigrant population on the land. However, political structures are very

flexible entities and can be changed again and because of this, attention is directed to what Professor Seely in his work, *The Expansion of England*, called ‘the soul of the State’ – religion.

As has been seen, because of United Nations’ action, the winds of political change have swept over Africa and, among many other things, have created racial problems when Coloured or Black immigrants decided to leave their liberated lands and live among their former colonial ‘masters’. However, the winds of political change have been followed by winds of religious change in Africa which are demanding a restructuring of Christianity in conformity with the new situation on the continent. One finds that the President of Africa’s youngest state – Zimbabwe – is the Reverend Canaan Banana who, after just ten months, is on record as having said: “The wineskins in which the wine of the gospel came to Africa are too foreign and outmoded to be able to contain the new ferment of total liberation. They must now be relegated into the archives of history.” A spokesman for the recently formed *Religious Council* of Zimbabwe – A.S. Chigwedere by name – has outlined the programme for the reform of the church in his country and in which he said: “The church made no effort to understand the African and apparently has no wish to do so. Typically after the fashion of the colonial administrators, it condemned outright African religious traditions and customs as pagan and heathen. The African was branded ‘ancestor worshipper’, the ancestor was labelled as a demon, an evil spirit and ghost, the African was urged, forced and cajoled into abandoning everything he stood for in favour of the new religion. Present missionaries have made little, if any practical effort to depart from this path. They have made little effort to study the African past and accommodate the African.” Said President Banana, “The church needs to join forces with the resurgence of national consciousness for the purpose of re-appraising Zimbabwean culture and gearing the gospel to addressing itself to people *in forms native to that culture.*”

So then, in Zimbabwe as in other liberated African states, the Christian religion is due for another overhaul – a further adaptation to accommodate and incorporate forms native to the Africans just as it was adapted in the days of Constantine when it incorporated Babylonian paganism which had become ‘native’ to the Romans. Many of course, would claim that the ‘Africanisation’ of Christianity in Africa is a local phenomenon and while it may include African traditions and

customs, there is no likelihood that these would be exported to Britain or any of the other Anglo-Saxon countries. One should remember that Anglo-Saxondom is already riddled with other 'African exports' and in the light of its fascination with things foreign and alien, who is to say that Anglo-Saxondom will not, through various forms of coercion, accept and adopt the African version of Christianity? They have already been softened up for this by the 'social gospel' which has used and adapted scriptural terminology for political ends and there can be very little doubt that the 'faith once delivered to the saints' (Jude 3) is almost non-existent because of this.

Religious Fascination – Israel's Weakness

If one turns back the pages of history to the Old Testament, one finds that the current fascination with which the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred people look on other people and their ways of life, is identical with the same fascination which Israel had. Conversely, the Jews, whom many people equate with Israel, have never shown any interest in other cultures – except for the purpose of exploitation – and have remained strictly Pharisaic in their practices. The scripture which prefaces this article is very pertinent to this situation and serves a very useful purpose, not only as an identification of Anglo-Saxondom as true Israel, but as a warning against the trends which are currently developing.

If one looks at Joshua's statement again and in detail, it will be seen that Israel had an unrealistic obsession with the religion of other people. If one looks at the background to the situation as it obtained when Joshua challenged the people to choose whom they would serve – that any choice was open to them was too incredible. Israel, it will be recalled, had served the Egyptians for three generations and had been delivered from servitude and bondage in such a way that despite its memorial in the Passover (Ex. 12:14), the actual experience should have been sufficient to have branded the Reality of the Lord into the national consciousness for ever. The supernatural Red Sea crossing was another unforgettable experience as was the transformation of the waters of Marah; the manna which fed the people and the defeat of the armies of Amalek – all this served to prove the Reality of He Who was now calling the people whom He had created to His Service. The giving of the Law and the 'cloud' by day and the 'pillar of fire' by night which went with Israel were further evidences which contrasted the Reality of the Lord God of

Israel with the unreality of the gods worshipped by the people with whom Israel came in contact.

While it is absolutely true that that generation which was so richly endowed with the proofs of the Reality of God was condemned to die in the wilderness – and this because of their fear for other people (Num. 13:31-33) – the new generation was certainly not without its experiences. They saw the priesthood questioning the authority of the Law-giver Moses in which he was accused of unlawful conduct in marrying an 'Ethiopian woman' (Num. 12:1,2). Today of course, this incident is used by many to indicate that one *can* marry across the racial line because, as is suggested, God chastised both Miriam and Aaron for accusing Moses of unlawful behaviour in marrying the Ethiopian woman. According to his own account, Moses married Zipporah the daughter of Jethro, the priest of Midian (Ex. 2:16-21) – a fact which suggests a marriage into the Abraham-Keturah line (Gen. 25:2) rather than a marriage across the racial line. By reason of the fact that 'Midian' is not inter-changeable with either 'Ethiopia' or 'Cush', both Aaron and Miriam were challenging Moses on some other marriage of which there is no reference in the scripture. It is quite possible that these two were using an earlier event in Moses'

Ark of the Covenant



life in which, according to Josephus, as Commander in Chief of the Egyptian armies and in order to bring the Egyptian campaign against the Ethiopians to an end, promised marriage to an 'Ethiopian princess'. This marriage was consecrated, after which Moses returned to Egypt never seeing his 'wife' again. Thus in Aaron's charge against Moses, the people saw the attempt by the priesthood to gain ascendancy over the Law and the Law-giver.

This new generation of Israelites saw and were parcel of the great struggle in Israel for authority and they were certainly made very aware of the Reality of He Who had appointed Moses as the Law-giver and leader in Israel (Num. 16:1-35). As they stood on the eastern bank of the Jordan river, they heard Moses re-giving the Law as it had been given by the Holy One of Israel on mount Sinai and after appointing Joshua as his successor, Moses bade them farewell as they made their way to the water's edge prior to crossing. Here again they experienced the incredible – the waters dried up as the priests carrying the Ark of God's Covenant placed their feet in the river and Israel passed over on dry ground (Josh. 3:17). The fall of Jericho was another incredible event and as they became involved with the conquest of the land of Canaan, they were certainly very conscious that this land had been promised to them by He Whose Reality had been demonstrated time and again.

Joshua's Incredible Challenge

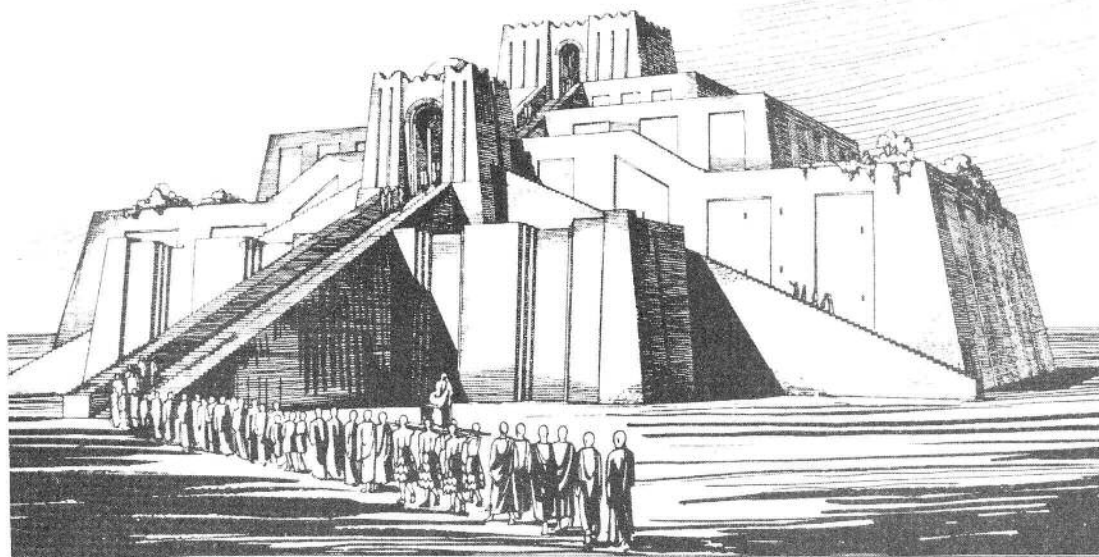
In challenging his people to 'choose you this day whom ye will serve', Joshua was not offering the people of Israel a choice, he was accusing them of

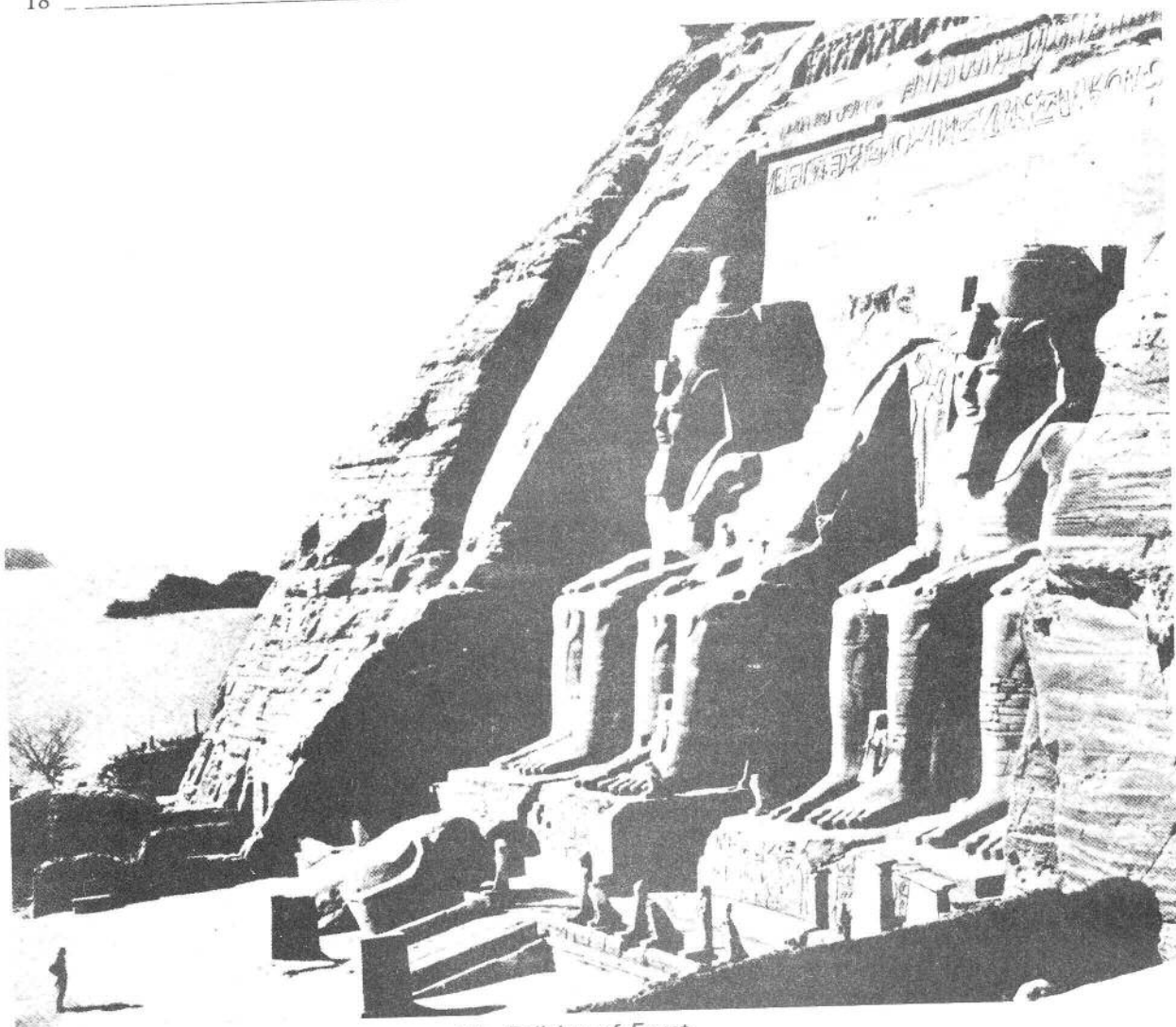
participating in *three religious systems* which, despite their immediate experience of the Reality of the Lord, were beginning to fascinate the Covenant People. He charged: 'put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood (Heb. *nâhâr*, 'river') – this was the Chaldean religion; 'put away the gods which your fathers served in Egypt' – this was the erection of idols and the worship of inanimate things, and 'choose to serve the Lord or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell' – this was the Canaanitish religion which was pure sexual perversion.

The Religion of the Chaldeans

The gods worshipped on 'the other side of the river' were both figuratively and literally as numerous as the stars of heaven for astronomy appeared to be the main interest of the Chaldeans. Even today one may see the remains of the 'ziggurats' – the observation towers – used by the Chaldeans who, so it is said, calculated a year as being 365 days, six hours and fifteen minutes, being an error of thirty minutes according to today's technology. However, it was a short step from astronomy to astrology and the Chaldeans became famous as magicians, sorcerers and diviners with the result that the planets came to be worshipped as gods and the four elements, earth, water, air and fire, the manifestation of the gods. To interpret the gods and their message for the people, a special priesthood was set up which, so it is claimed, could only operate when the priest partook of the elements and in this context, the Rev. Alexander Hislop in his *The Two Babylons*, had much to say. "They

A sketch of what the ziggurat may have looked like.



*The Religion of Egypt.*

(the priests) were also anointed with magical ointments of the most powerful kind; and these ointments were the means of introducing into their bodily systems such drugs as tended to excite their imaginations and add to the power of the magical drinks they received, that they might be prepared for the visions and the revelations that were to be made to them in the mysteries."

The drugged priest – sometimes inhaling gasses from cracks in the earth – became subject to hallucinations of all types and babbling with a slurred speech which was almost unintelligible to the people, he was said to be communicating the message of the gods to the people. So then the 'gods worshipped on the other side of the river' were the planets and the four elements.

The Religion of Egypt

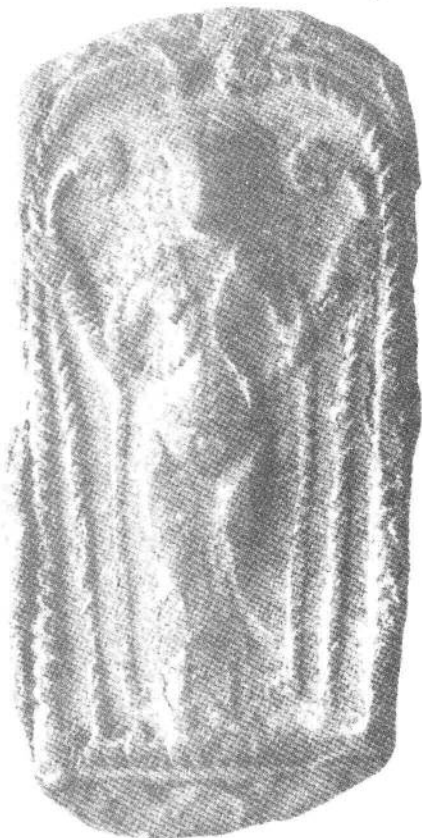
The gods of Egypt which held sway during Israel's sojourn in that land were many and varied with each city having its deity who took different forms to suit each occasion. In Thebes, the presiding deity was Amon whose consort Mut (the mother) bore him a son whose name was Khonsu who became the gods of the moon. This trinity, presiding over the capital city of Egypt was a mighty power in the hands of the priesthood who declared that Amon assumed different forms – one occasion being when he assumed the form of the reigning Pharaoh who was away from the capital, and in this guise he obtained admittance to the queen's bed-chamber and as a result, Amenophis 3rd was born.

At Heliopolis, the god Ra – the sun – held sway and according to the priesthood, he was one day bitten by a snake, but was cured by Isis the goddess only after he had revealed his magical name to her and endowed her with his authority. Isis was the consort of Osiris and she bore him a son called Horus whose main form was the hawk and so, in common with Thebes, Heliopolis too had a trinity. While there is certainly much more to the ‘gods of Egypt’ story, the above will suffice to show the religious environment from which Israel escaped.

The Religion of the Amorites

In Halley’s *Bible Handbook* and under the title of *Religion of the Canaanites*, it states: “In excavations at Gezer, Macalister, of the Palestine Exploration Fund, 1904-09, found in the Canaanite stratum, which had preceded Israelite occupation, of about 1500 B.C., the ruins of a ‘high Place’ which had been a temple in which they worshipped their god Baal and their goddess Ashtoreth . . . Under the debris in this ‘high Place’, Macalister found great numbers of jars containing the remains of children who had been sacrificed to Baal. The whole area proved to be a cemetery for new-born babes.

The Canaanite fertility goddess



Another horrible practice was what they called ‘foundation sacrifices’. When a house was to be built, a child would be sacrificed, and its body built into the wall, to bring good luck to the rest of the family. Many of these were found in Gezer. They have been found also at Megiddo, Jericho and other places.”

The religion of the Canaanites centred on sexual perversions to placate the gods with the fruits of these being offered in sacrifice. Thus immoral indulgence became the religious rite of the Canaanites who then offered their children in propitiation for their acts.

Israel in This Situation

That same generation of Israelites to whom Joshua was speaking when he challenged them concerning the three religious systems were without excuse for indulging in these. They had heard Moses, in reiterating the Law of the Lord to them, warn against the very practices which were attracting them. He had said: “When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard or a necromancer” (Deut. 18:9-11). Discounting this, Israel, if not actually practising the religion of the ‘gods on the other side of the river’, were in the process of considering it.

Insofar as the religion of Egypt was concerned, that generation had heard Moses repeating the Lord’s Command: “Thou shalt have none other gods before me. Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth . . .” (Deut. 5:7,8). With regard to the ‘gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell’, they had heard Moses say: “And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them (i.e. the Canaanites) before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods . . .” (Deut. 7:2-4). Then too they had heard the Law which militated against the Canaanitish

practice of propitiating the gods through the sacrifice of their children: “The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin” (Deut. 24:16).

There can thus be no doubt that the children of Israel were fully aware of the fact that the expressed Will of He Who had demonstrated Himself and Who had given them the land of Canaan was diametrically opposed to the religions of the nations round about them and yet the fascination which these had for Israel was such, that within 20 years of Joshua’s death, every man was doing that which was right in his own eyes (Judges 17:6). Despite the rule of the Judges, this fascination continued and eventually, arising out of it, Israel rejected God as King and demanded ‘a king to judge us like all the nations’ (1st Sam. 8:5).

As one passes through the history of Israel, while Joshua’s challenge was echoed by the prophets, it appeared to fall on deaf ears and as one passes to the concluding episode of Israel’s sojourn in the land of Canaan, it becomes apparent that the invasions which resulted in Israel’s captivity was the work of the Lord in removing His people from that environment which was destroying them. To many people, this statement of the Lord deliberately removing His people from the area of iniquitous behaviour would appear to be a platitudinous ‘explanation’ – an interpretation on which to base a theory for the continued existence of the Israel people in some other land. It should be recalled that the covenant progeny of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the people who were removed from the land ‘for their good’, was the exclusive area through which the Integrity of God was to be demonstrated. The unconditional Covenant which the Lord entered into with the patriarchs had to have a national area for fulfilment and as the Covenant applied to none other, the Israel nation *had* to be saved for this purpose.

It was after Israel had demonstrated their preference for ‘a king to judge us like all the nations’ that the Lord intimated a homeland for His people in a place other than Palestine. “Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime” (2nd Sam. 7:10). It thus became obvious that the Lord’s removal into captivity was not only imperative to His Covenant Word, but also imperative to the vindication of this declaration of intent communicated to king David.

Israel Today

In the various lands to which the modern development of God’s Covenant People has been directed, one may see an environment developing which, in many ways, is identical with that which resulted in the Lord’s direct intervention in removing Israel from Canaan. Foretelling through astrology – the religion of the Chaldeans – is on the increase with the current President of the United States said to be very subject to this. Drug-taking in the deliberate creation of hallucinations too is on the increase. The ‘gods of Egypt’? – well then has not true modern Israel created its own gods in the form of wealth, film stars and ideology? The ‘gods of the Amorites’ – the tragic immorality in Israel today speaks louder than any written word and thus nothing further need be said of this.

As was said at the commencement of this article, the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred people are fascinated by the ways of the foreigner and the alien and have incorporated many of their ways into Anglo-Saxon life. As has been seen in considering the political winds of change which have bestowed ‘independence’ on Africa, the same winds are beginning to transform the ‘pearls’ which have been so freely given and which are indeed being ‘trampled under foot’ (Matt. 7:6). Will Israel be ‘rent’ by yet another African export?

Before Israel’s fascination with other people and their ways takes its final toll in destroying the nation, one can expect another Intervention by the Lord – an Intervention which is accompanied by a charge not too dissimilar to that which Joshua made so long ago. “Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; I do not this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for my holy name’s sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went . . . Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel” (Ezek. 36:22-32). There is surely nothing in Israel’s ways to commend the nation today as God’s Servant nation, but in the vindication of His Holy Name *and only because of it*, Anglo-Saxondom must and will get itself into line with God’s Holy Law which militates against every trend which is manifesting itself today. Israel was designed to be ‘a peculiar treasure unto me above all people’ (Ex. 19:15) and this has yet to be demonstrated to the world – and it will be.

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THAT when some years ago, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was asked why the Name of God was not mentioned in the United Nations, she is quoted as making the reply: "Although God is not mentioned in the U.N. meetings as God, you must not think He is not present there. He is present under different names, and we must respect each other's religions where so many of us are together in the same spirit of co-operation and desire for peace" – Yet, how can true Israel's God be present among the many gods to whom homage is given, including the god of Communism, which is Marxism? And where is the 'peace' or even the 'desire' for peace in this evil organisation?

THAT there can be no solution to the many vexatious problems confronting our people today until we turn from our evil ways and our evil companions. We need to be free of such organisations as U.N.O. and instead, select men to be placed over our Israel nations who truly fear God and keep His Commandments. The leadership we so sorely need must be willing to lead us in the paths of righteousness so that we may observe the requirements of Almighty God's Statutes and Judgments and so reap the benefits of obedience to them.

THAT the Constitution handed down at Mount Sinai contains every statute necessary to regulate the well-being of a just social order. The people, from the depth of chastened and sincere hearts, must proclaim their willingness to do all that their Lord has spoken. Only then will the tribulation end and the blessings of a happier era be attainable.

THAT for those who understand something of the Divine design outlined in the Bible's prophecies there is expectant hope rather than fear and despair. The 'flood' will sweep away only the accumulated deadwood of centuries, false human systems that impose a grievous burden upon all.

THAT when the cleansing process is over, there will be erected a regenerated society in which true Israel will enjoy hitherto unparalleled opportunities for the realisation of its potentialities.

THAT recognising there *are* bounds beyond which evil will *not* be allowed to continue its disruption, the Psalmist has stated: "*For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be . . .*" Regardless of the turbulence and trouble they may engender, God has set a day when, in the dimension of time, all wickedness will be stayed.

THAT – "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh . . ." (Luke 21:28)

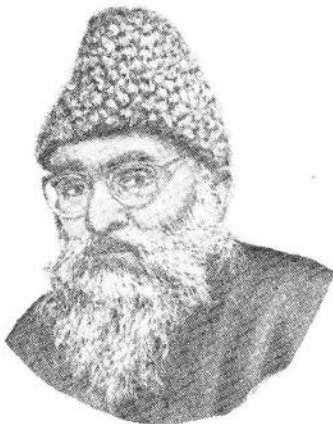


MODERN



FABLE

by Otis Read D.D.



Israel's internal problems are surfacing among her minorities according to a rather lengthy article under the title 'Intermarriage Helps To Heal Israeli Jews' Rift' appearing in the Sunday *Baltimore Sun* for 3/8/81 which reads in part: (Quote) "There are tensions between each of the groups in Israel", noted Rivka Bar-Yosef, a professor of sociology at Hebrew University. She was referring to the periodic rivalries and misunderstandings among the 201 500 Israelis from the Soviet Union, 186 000 from Romania, 178 000 from Poland, 45 000 from Germany and Austria, 25 300 from Czechoslovakia, 41 900 from other European countries, 28 600 from Latin America, and 41 000 from North America, as well as between the

217 600 from Morocco, 105 400 from Iraq, 52 900 from North and South Yemen, 51 900 from Iran, 51 800 from Algeria and Tunisia, 44 600 from Turkey, 30 800 from Egypt, 27 500 from Libya and 19 500 from India . . .

Whatever animosities and resentments are expressed between members of immigrant groups, however, they are nothing in comparison to the suspicion and hostility often voiced between all Jews united as Israelis and the Arabs here in occupied territories. More and more, Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jews are becoming friends. The main meeting grounds are Israel's army, schools and offices . . .

More than a decade ago, an Ashkenazi woman quipped, "They say Israel is a melting pot. I see everything in the pot. But by God, somebody better start doing some stirring." Professor Bar-Yosef said Israel might more accurately be described as a stew, a mixture of many still identifiable ingredients. Citing various statistics that reflect this reality of human relations, she said, "There is a lot of stirring." (End Quote)

The term "Jew" remains a confusing and mysterious term to most Christians whose misguided understanding leads them to believe it is racial rather than political or religious in application. In the language of the New Testament Scriptures "Jew" (*Ioudaios*) varies according to usage. Before the captivity it was used of the citizens of the kingdom of Judah. It was used to distinguish those who were converts from Judaism to Christianity. "The apostle John, inasmuch as agreeable to the state of things in his day he looked upon the Jews as a body of men hostile to Christianity with whom he had come to see that both he and all true Christians had nothing in common as respects religious matters, even in his record of the life of Jesus not only himself makes a distinction between the Jews and Jesus, but ascribes to Jesus and his apostles language in which they distinguish themselves from the Jews, as though the latter sprang from an alien race." *New Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon*.

According to the *Jewish Encyclopedia*, 1904 edition, Vol. VII, page 174 right hand column under the title 'Jew':

JEW (The Word): Up to the seventeenth century this word was spelled in Middle English in various ways: "Gyu," "Giu," "Gyw," "Iu," "Iuu," "Iuw," "Ieu," "Ieuu," "Ieuz," "Iwe," "Iow," "Iewe," "Ieue," "Iue" ("Ive"), "Iew," "Jew." All these forms were derived from the Old French "Giu," which was earlier written "Juiueu," derived from the Latin accusative "Judæum" with the elision of the letter "d." The Latin form "Judæus" was derived from the Greek *Ἰουδαίος*; and this in turn from the Aramaic *יהודאי*, corresponding to the Hebrew *יהודי*, a gentile adjective from the proper name "Judah," seemingly never applied to members of the tribe, however, but to members of the nationality inhabiting the south of Palestine (Jer. xliii. 9). It appears to have been afterward extended to apply to Israelites (II Kings xvi. 3) in the north. The English word is met with in the plural form as early as 1175, in the Lambert "Homilies"; in earlier English the form "Iudea," derived from the place-name "Iudea," is found in the Anglo-Saxon Gospels (John xviii. 35) of about the year 1000. Ormin, about 1200, uses the form "Judeow," derived from Old High German "Judeo," from which the modern German "Jude" is also derived.

In the Old Testament the term "Jew" appears to be applied to adherents of the worship of *יהוה* as conducted at Jerusalem after the Exile: it is thus used in the late Book of Esther. In more modern usage the word is often applied to any person of the Hebrew race, apart from his religious creed. At one time during the emancipation era there was a tendency among Jews to avoid the application of the term to themselves; and from 1860 onward the words "Hebrew" and "Israelite" were employed to represent persons of Jewish faith and race, as in the titles "Alliance Israélite Universelle" and "United Hebrew Charities."

We share the above information, taken from the *Jewish Encyclopedia* (1904 edition) to further 'confuse' you in your attempt to 'identify' these people with so many ethnical aliases who claim to be Abraham's offspring via Isaac and Jacob-Israel. This spurious nation is today blackmailing numerous of our national leaders of our hard earned tax dollars in their continued attempt to be accepted with respect into the world society of nations. Those who oppose her ambitions are soon absent and forgotten within the halls of congress. The hireling preachers who climb aboard her bandwagon and do her religious lobbying never want for support.

The days making up our immediate future are destined to be days of important decisions. Unfortunately our Bible School teachers and misinformed preachers continue to programme our future leaders with half-truths "giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from

the truth". The greater part of the so-called religious segment of our nations's political conscience is being guided by "the tradition of the elders" and emotion rather than by fact! Very, very, few of whom have done their homework in matters Scriptural. Totally blind to the National Message of God to His true Servant race, the Pauline epistles are becoming the authoritative voice of our foreign policies. With the whole world sick and psychologically in bondage, World War III is inevitable. As our commerce in armament increases and our 'defence programme' accelerates, unemployment may be helped, but rest assured that those whose true identity remains a confused issue will profit the most. I have witnessed it two times over already in my lifetime and the heart of man has not changed – neither have the enemies of our culture. Our uncontrollable emotions, "Jewish fables" and misguided sympathies will, however, all be taken care of through His Return to reign on David's Throne and lead "His people" into the glorious sunrise of the New Age commencing to dawn.

American Missionary Slain in Columbia captioned an article in numerous papers (cf. *The Baltimore Sunday Sun*, 3/8/81) telling us of a tragedy that might have been averted. My heart goes out to Chester A. Bitterman, III's wife, children and parents. I recognise his zeal for God's Truth and apparent concern for those to whom he sought to minister. To me, it is a pity that he could not have spent it ministering to those in our own dying nation who have not as yet experienced the Saviour's love. With only the greatest of love in my heart for his family, I want to use his 'untimely', or perhaps 'unnecessary' death to help the living understand a truth that is deliberately disregarded by many facets of organised religion.

Jesus of Nazareth was born, Who became Jesus Christ – God manifest in human flesh – for the express purpose of saving "his people from their sins". Setting our "Jewish fables" aside, we have the whole process of His incarnation revealed to us in Matthew 1:18-21; Luke 1:26-33; Hebrews 2:9-17, etc. The Lord Himself acknowledged: "I am not sent but unto the *lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 15:24). The

Greek term *lost 'appollumi', a composite word – 'apo', away; 'ollumi', punishment, meaning 'put away in punishment'. The "whole house of Israel" was subdivided into the two kingdoms of "ISRAEL" and "JUDAH". God divorced the ten-tribed Northern Kingdom of ISRAEL because of their persistent idolatry (spiritual adultery) and the people were carried away into Assyrian captivity from which they never returned. JUDAH was never divorced, but was taken captive by Babylon and held for 70 years. A remnant returned to the land while the greater bulk followed ISRAEL westward toward their "appointed place". Those "lost" or 'put away in punishment' were the ten-tribed Northern Kingdom. The Lord Jesus Christ paid the price of ISRAEL'S redemption, at the same time reconciling the kosmos unto God.

The Lord commanded His apostles: "These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost (appollumi) sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 10:5-6). He also commanded: "And wherever they will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that city or that house" (Vs. 14 – Knox trans.) The Lord did not alter His Commandment to these same men as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20. The command: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, etc." The term "nations" (Greek *ethnos*) here means 'a race' (as of the same habit) – Strong's Concordance. Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon renders it: 'a multitude associated or living together of the same nature or genus – a race'. Obviously *ISRAEL in her dispersion!* History proves the English and Anglo-Saxon peoples as the missionaries of the "gospel" or "good news" concerning the Lord Jesus Christ – which made sense only to "his people" whom He came to redeem, not to place any people in religious bondage. Until we get things in order here at home we had best not try to force God's Message to US upon the heathen peoples who, by the way, can certainly behold OUR SINS both personal and national.

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Know Your Bible

IN THE BEGINNING

by J. Finlay



View of the upper reaches of the Tigris which the Bible calls Hiddekel and which it includes among the four rivers of Paradise.

The subject of Creation is one which fascinates most people but which has also driven many away from a serious consideration of God's Word for with the increase of knowledge in the fields of archaeology, geology, astronomy and other sciences, the dogmatic view that the earth is but 6 000 years old can no longer be supported and thus confidence is shaken at the outset.

However, before proceeding, it is suggested that the reader notes the various points discussed in their own Bible for future reference as for instance the word 'day' or 'yom' – 'yom' as used in Genesis and which indicates a period from sunrise to sunset. The word 'night' is taken from 'layil' or 'lêyl' – "a twist (away of the light); to fold back". In reference to this, Strong's Concordance draws attention to Isaiah 21:11,12; "... Watchman, what of the night? ... The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night ... " In other words night is the opposite of day – from sunset to sunrise.

When studying Genesis 1 it should be noted that although both 'day' and 'night' are mentioned on the first day the sun

around which the earth revolves, *apparently* only came into existence on the fourth day (Gen. 1:14-18). According to verses 16, 17 and 18 "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good." It will surely be appreciated here that there was no need for God to remind Himself of either the 'day' or the 'night' for He was not affected by these and so it becomes obvious that instead of confusion there must be a more reasonable answer.

Then too consideration should be given to the seventh day mentioned in Genesis 2:2. "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made." This verse being a complete contradiction of Isaiah 40:28. "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? that the everlasting God, the Lord the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not neither is weary . . ." Psalm 121:4 states: "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Indeed the very idea that the Almighty was in need of rest is surely unworthy of the Creator of all things for Almighty God, Who dwelleth in light, is not limited by periods of darkness over half of the earth but *man is*, nor does He ever weary or need rest and so the question is asked "Is it legitimate to think of the God of Heaven, when creating, being unable to continue because of the turning of the earth upon its axis, or by its movements in relation to the sun?" Day and night affect man *but never God*.

From these few points it becomes obvious then that God was *doing* something with man during the days mentioned and in his excellent work *Creation Revealed in Six Days* Air Commodore P.J. Wiseman, C.B.E. states: "It is clear that *He was not creating the heavens and the earth*. When He called light out of darkness, when He made the atmospheric firmament, when He caused the waters to recede and dry land to appear, man was *not there* to know anything about it; evenings and mornings were unknown,

and man had then not been created. The activities of the days in the first chapter of Genesis cannot therefore refer to the period of time occupied by God in the creation of the world. Those six nightly periods of rest, as well as the seventh day's rest were introduced *after* man had been created. Consequently, the first page of the Bible must refer to six days during which God *did* something in relation to creation *after man was on the earth . . .*"

What then did God do in the presence of man for six days? Note that each account commences with the words "God said" and so this account is a series of statements made by God to man of what He had done. Man was thus present from the *first day of revelation* – the evening and morning being a dividing period for man who "goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until evening" (Ps. 104:23). Thus during the daylight hours of six days God revealed something about Creation and then at the end of the sixth day God finished talking with man and instituted the seventh day of rest for man's sake.

The words "In the Beginning" show that there was indeed a commencement of time, but do not reveal *when* this was or how long a period it took. Nor can these words be used in the sense of "first of all God" but rather as the beginning of all material things in the timeless past and it was of this that God spoke.

Air Commodore Wiseman has supplied some vital information in his work already mentioned and it is with full acknowledgement that the following is reproduced.

Why This Unusual Structure?

"The account of creation on the first page of the Bible is written in a literary form quite unlike any other narrative in it. Even to the most casual reader it is obvious that there is something very exceptional in its structure. Not only is it *divided into six sections* by the use of the words '*and there was evening and there was morning*' but the *sections are serially numbered from one to six*. The whole record is fitted into a *unique framework composed of words and phrases which are repeated six or more times*. This framework is constructed in the following manner:

Verse

Day One

3. God said let . . . and . . . was.
 4. „ saw . . . that it was good.
 „ divided . . .
 5. „ called . . .
 And there was evening and there was morning day one.

Day Second

6. God said let . . .
 7. „ made . . .
 „ divided . . . and it was so.
 8. „ called . . .
 „ saw that it was good (LXX Version).
 And there was evening and there was morning day second.

Day Third

9. God said let . . . and it was so.
 10. „ called . . .
 „ saw that it was good.
 11. „ said let . . . and it was so.
 12. „ saw that it was good.
 13. And there was evening and there was morning day third.

Day Fourth

14. God said let . . . and it was so.
 16. „ made . . .
 17. „ set . . .
 18. „ saw that it was good . . .
 19. And there was evening and there was morning day fourth.

Day Fifth

20. God said let . . . and it was so (LXX Version).
 21. „ created . . .
 „ saw that it was good.
 22. „ blessed . . .
 23. And there was evening and there was morning day fifth.

Day Sixth

24. God said let . . . and it was so.
 25. „ made . . .
 „ saw that it was good.
 26. „ said let . . .
 27. „ created . . .
 „ created . . . created . . .
 28. „ blessed . . .
 „ said . . .
 29. „ said . . . and it was so.
 31. „ saw that it was very good.
 And there was evening and there was morning day the sixth.

“Apart from the repetition of these phrases, the words used are remarkably few and simple. This is all the more surprising seeing that it is an outline of the origin of the heavens and the earth; of vegetable, marine and animal life, and also of the instruction given by God to man. The principal words used in addition to the framework are those translated, light, darkness, night, firmament, waters, heavens, dry, earth, seas, grass, herb, seed, winged creature, cattle, creeping things, man, image, male, female, replenish, dominion, meat. It will be noticed that ‘God said’ ten times (four times on the sixth day), in this number there is a similarity to the ‘Ten Words’ as the ten commandments are called.

“If this record of creation is carefully examined it will be seen that the six days fall into two clearly parallel parts, the events recorded in the last three days being parallel with the first three. Those best acquainted with ancient Hebrew literary methods will readily recognise a feature frequent in the Old Testament of a balanced symmetry due to a repetition of thought expressed in almost synonymous words. The parallelism is as follows:

“On the first day it was revealed how light came into existence, on the fourth day, about the sources and purposes of the light, the greater light for the day and the lesser light for the night.

“On the second day God explains how the atmosphere came to be, and how it separated the waters above from those below the expanse. On the fifth day how the waters below were populated with fish and the atmosphere with birds.

“On the third day God tells how He gathered the waters together so as to form areas of dry land, and then how the various forms of vegetation came to be. On the sixth day it is said how the dry land was populated with animal life, how man was created, and explains how the first of the forms of green vegetation was for animal life, and both green vegetation and trees were assigned to man for food.

“The second three days tells how space, water, air, and land, are populated. Notwithstanding the simplicity of the record it is comprehensive, and it can be seen how this parallel arrangement agrees with science. It may be summarised as follows:

1. Light

Separating the light from the darkness, effecting day and night.

4. Lights

(Sun, Moon and Stars).
 to divide the day from the night and for seasons and for days and years.

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| <p>2. <i>Water and atmosphere</i>
Atmosphere separating the waters below from those above.</p> <p>3. <i>Land and green vegetation</i>
(a) Land.
(b) Green vegetation and trees.</p> | <p>5. <i>Water and atmosphere</i>
Life in the water (fish).
Life in the atmosphere (birds).</p> <p>6. <i>Land, green vegetation, man</i>
(a) Land animals. Man.
(b) Green vegetation and trees assigned to animals and man.</p> |
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“The key to the arrangement may be seen in the words ‘without form and void’ (verse 2). In the first three days we are told of the *formation* of the heaven and earth, and on the second three days of the furnishing of the void. Thus the *formlessness* take shape or *form* in the narration of the first three days and the *void* becomes occupied and inhabited in the second three days’ narrative.”

Again it must be stated that the six days was the period which the Almighty took to reveal the information concerning His Creation. There is no actual mention as to *how* this was done nor of the tremendous Power which must have been used. God created for His Glory and for His Holiness both being the deepest form of Himself, being both force and energy. The Glory of God and His Holiness a part of the manifestation of His Divine Attributes and Perfection with His Infinite Majesty, boundless and endless as it is, expressing His Eternity and His Immensity. All of this transcends our comprehension and also all limits. We do not know *how* He created for this Majesty of Sovereign Power was and is the demonstration of His Own Will. It pleased Him to create *and so it was*. It pleased him to reveal His Act of Creation to man and it was so.

Tragically today with the tremendous growth of man’s knowledge there has also grown a tendency to bring God down to the level of man and for man to feel he alone is responsible for the Power which rightly belongs to the Almighty. This is man attempting to be as “god” while yet remaining a poor thing indeed. Man may have discovered the “atom” but will for ever remain in ignorance of the “*final atom*” which began and still upholds the entire structure. It is this final *point* or *atom* which reveals

God Himself – Whom man does not really know or want to know preferring rather to worship his own concept of God and his own imagined knowledge and so Creation remains a mystery to man.

However, the revealed Word of God has no quarrel with science and the geology so far known to man. Geology places the earth’s origin somewhere in the vicinity of three and one-quarter billion years ago and this is not disputed. Indeed, the whole narrative of Genesis 1 may be seen, not as a stumbling block to accepting God’s Word, but as a key to the realisation that at some time, countless years ago, God Created the world and all things in it. Later, He revealed much of this to man over a six day period and then caused man to rest on the seventh day.

Does Genesis show that God created instantaneously or gradually? The possibility of an ‘instant miracle’ cannot be dismissed for nothing is impossible with God, but nor is it necessary for a miracle to be quick. When we understand – “*Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together into one place and let the dry land appear and it was so*”, or “*Let the earth bring forth grass and herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind*” – we understand that this was law in operation. And once there is true law, once the law of nature swings into motion, it takes time but it is perfection.

The universe cannot be explained by the sciences alone; these may suggest how things came to be but never why. Sir James Jean wrote, “Everything points with overwhelming force to a definite event, or series of events, of creation at some time or other, not infinitely remote. The universe cannot have originated by chance out of its present ingredients and neither can it always have been the same as it is now.”

Jeremiah states: “*He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His discretion*” and thus all may proclaim “*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power, for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.*”

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