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"Blessed be the LORD God of *Israel*; For He hath visited and redeemed *His* people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for *us* in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That *we* should be saved from *our* enemies and from the hand of all that hate *us*; to perform the mercy promised to *our* fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he swore to *our* father Abraham, That he would grant unto *us*, that *we* being delivered out of the hand of *our* enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of *our* lives." Luke 1:68-75; the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian people are *ISRAEL!*

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### "FOREIGN MISSIONS – A MISGUIDED PRIORITY"

by Pastor Jim Jester

Missions are often regarded as the heart of the church, but most churches' mission programs are misguided and the end result will be the destruction of Christian culture, not the spreading of it. How could something so important and following Jesus' "great commission" actually be the enemy of Christianity? The answer is simple: just cause the church to misunderstand the great commission and therefore misapply it. Our enemies have done this very effectively.

First of all consider that for the first 1500 years, the Christian Church had no foreign missions programs! That's amazing to most of us today. It was not until the beginning of the 17th century that any Churchman in the Western world entertained the idea of a multi-racial church. The pre-occupation with foreign missions has consumed the Christian world for the past 200 years.

The result? We have not converted the other races or changed their countries, but instead they have come to the home of the missionaries who tried to help them. Even those who are 'Christianized' don't last; they always revert back to the gods of their ancestors. America complains about illegal (and legal immigratio), and the effect it has on us all, but the blame can be laid upon the church first and the government second. Nothing has done more to encourage the third world to invade the Christian West.

The multi-racial church is the norm now; and so is multi-culturalism in the nation. (Anti-)Discrimination is the law of the land. But that does not make it right. These policies are not supported by the Bible.

There are two main verses used to support the evangelization of the whole world of human beings. But first we should take a look at the book of beginnings, Genesis. It is here where we find keys to understanding the rest of the Bible. It's amazing, all my life growing up in church and I don't recall a sermon about this passage.

I have a Systematic Theology book of nearly 700 pages and this verse is not covered at all, except as a prophetic reference to the coming Lord Jesus Christ (the Seed of the Woman)!

Genesis 3:15 says, "...I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed..." Has this not been true throughout history? Struggles and wars between these two lines of descent?

#### DO ALL RACES SHARE IN SALVATION?

Everywhere in the Bible where we find the words "elect," "salvation," or "redemption," it is only applied to Israel (Jacob and his seed). Jesus Christ died only for the "elect" of God, which is Israel. All through the Bible (even the N.T.) God's name is repeated as Yahweh, the "God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

By what authority do Christians believe that Yahweh is to be the god who has embraced the whole world in salvation? The Bible very plainly teaches that He is the God of a particular people in covenant relationship with Him. How foolish it would be for someone to proclaim that Allah is the god of all the earth, when we know he is the god of the Muslims. How ridiculous for someone to say that Brahman is the god of everyone, when he is the god of the Hindus. How absurd is it to say Buddha is god of all people when we know he is god of the Orientals. Similarly, is it not as crazy to say that Yahweh is the God of everyone, when the Bible claims He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel? Do you believe the Bible, or do you believe that salvation is extended to all races on the Earth?

#### THE BIBLE IS THE BOOK OF ADAM'S RACE

The Bible declares itself to be the book of one people: "This is the book of the generations of Adam."

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*In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their (plural) name Adam...* (Genesis 5:1-2).

Only the chronology of Adam's children is in the Bible. Specifically, you will find the record for the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob-Israel in the Bible. You will not find the records of the Mongoloid and Negroid there. So can we say with any kind of Biblical authority that the Bible is a universal book with a universal God for all people?

Furthermore, the Bible says that the Law of Yahweh was given to this particular people:

*"He sheweth his word unto Jacob, His statutes and His judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any [other] nation..."* (Psalm 147:19-20).

It is these people who are responsible for keeping God's Law; no one else. It is these for whom Christ died because they broke God's Law, therefore salvation is for them alone. Some may ask, how do I know what race Israelites are? That's another subject of study and is very easy to prove, but I will just tell you it is the White race.

### **THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM**

The operative word here is kingdom, not gospel. Gospel simply means 'good news.' What good news are we talking about? Of the kingdom! What kingdom?

The Ming Dynasty? Look to your Bible. What kingdom do you find? The kingdom of Saul, David, Solomon; and then the kingdom divided into Israel and Judah, what else? What do these kingdoms have to do with any other race on the planet? Absolutely nothing! The kingdoms of Israel mean nothing to the other races because it is not THEIR history or THEIR ancestors. Who has carried on the tradition of royal families and kings beyond the Bible (also predicted by the Bible)? The White race. No one but the Caucasian race has developed rapidly in civilization and carried the Christian message with them.

### **THERE IS NO RACIAL UNITY IN ADAM**

Nearly all the clergy throughout the world assume that all the races developed from Adam and Eve. Therefore most church people believe the same thing. Usually it includes a young earth scenario of around 6,000 years, which lays aside all scientific evidence of an old Earth (of at least a billion years). The Bible does not teach that all races originated in Adam. If you believe that the Negroid, Mongoloid, and Caucasian races are all descended from one man and one woman then you can certainly call yourself an evolutionist.

Dr. Ross, a Christian scientist, in his book "The Genesis Question" (p.108) states that "firmly established dates" of various racial groups extend back from 4004 BC to 30,000 BC. Other scientists (of evolutionary theory) give dates farther back than this.

A plain reading of scripture also gives evidence of pre-Adamic people as seen in Genesis 4:14-15 where Cain was fearful of his life being taken by someone (I have heard it suggested that he was fearful of his parents and siblings, CIM) at the place he was banished to. In Genesis 4:16-17 he also had obtained a wife

and built a city (most just build a house for their family - a city would suggest a much larger group of people, who could not have been siblings, CIM) So it makes sense that he gained ascendancy and had many people to help him build and live in this city. If he had married a sister, as some theorize, why would he need a city and why would Adam allow one of his daughters (if he had one at that time) to go to a banished and life-threatening area to marry the man who had killed his son, her brother? Would that make sense?

As I have noted above, Genesis 5:1 says, "*This is the book of the generations of Adam.*" So which race was Adam? An examination of the Hebrew word for Adam describes him as a White man. The word 'Aw-Dawm' (#120 from *Strong's Concordance*), which is from 'Aw-Dam' (#119), means to show blood (in the face), flush or turn rosy, be red (ruddy). No other race can do this. Throughout the Bible the word "man" is actually the word "Adam" (in about 350 cases). This is what the Bible is about; Adam's race only, except as it mentions others as they relate to Adamkind, such as strangers, bastards, giants, Nephilim or angels (messengers).

There is no record that David tried to witness to Goliath before he killed him, nor is there a record of missionaries being sent to the Egyptians before God killed them. (Israel did not send aid and comfort to the survivors! Haiti had missionaries, but they

slaughtered the French to get them out, and God killed them now, with the earthquake, and the White Israel nations fall over themselves to provide aid).

The only way a person can create a myth of unity of all races is to set aside the Bible's plain teaching and adopt the theory of evolutionary humanism. Every race has its own family history and particular heritage. They simply do not share in Adam's genealogy or Biblical heritage. Hence there is no foundation for the idea that all races can share in salvation.

### **JOURNEYS OF PAUL**

There are those who say all this is fine but it is the Old Testament and now we are in the New, and Paul says everyone else is grafted in. No matter what I say here some will not give up their misguided teaching of Judeo-Christian theology. They are too brainwashed (indoctrinated might be a better word), and deceived to change. Today's church invents a "spiritual Israel" to replace the physical Israel because they are unwilling or unable to identify who physical Israel is.

Did Paul really say such a thing, that all races are now grafted into Israel? Would Paul lay aside the fact that the Bible was written about Adamkind, that God would ignore His everlasting covenant made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel, and that God would break His own law of Kinsman Redeemer (Leviticus 25:47-49) to do so? It is not hard to see that the "Gentiles" of the New Testament are simply Israelites in dispersion.

Paul starts out in Romans 11, "... *Did God cast off his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch I am the apostle of the Gentiles ...*"

So Paul admits he is of the Israelite nation (of

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Benjamin). The word "gentile" is misused today - we cannot call any one person a gentile because "gentile" is a word for nation (ethnos, ethnic, family) and nation means more than one person. He also asks if God cast off his people in the total sense of the word.

He continues; and I will add to clarify what was understood by Paul and his hearers, but not so much for us today:

11. "I say then, have they (of Judah) stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come to the gentiles (nations or tribes of dispersed house of Israel), for to provoke them to jealousy.

17. "And if some of the branches (twigs from Judah, still in covenant) be broken off (severed from the main olive tree), and thou, being a wild olive tree (house of Israel/gentiles, dispersed, who are out of covenant - divorced), wert grafted in among them (where He cut out the natural twigs and placed you among the remaining twigs), and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the (Master's cultivated) olive tree . . . .

24. "For if thou (house of Israel) wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good (cultivated) olive tree: how much more shall these (of Judah), which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?"

Paul is making the point that olive branches can be grafted into live trees whether they be wild or cultivated. But other branches, like figs (other races outside Adamkind), could not.

25. "For I would not, brethren ('adelphos' - from the womb; house of Israel/gentiles), have you ignorant of this mystery (silence from God in the past), lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Judah, until the fulness of the (pre-determined number) of the gentiles (dispersed Israelite nations or tribes) be come in." [this is actually a reference to Genesis 48:19 where in blessing Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh, Jacob said that Ephraim would become a multitude or 'fulness' of nations]

26. "And so all Israel (all the tribes of Israel and Judah) shall be saved ..."

The fact that God has a predetermined number of elect (Israel) to be saved is not a new teaching, for He told Moses in Deuteronomy 32:8, "When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, When he separated the children of men (sons of Adam, KJV), He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel." Notice that the context of the Bible is speaking of the nations of Israel and their inheritance, when the God of Israel segregated the children of Adam.

There can be no doubt that Israel is the Elect, therefore any other races of humans cannot be in that number. Isaiah 45:4, "For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me." All the debates I've heard all my life between Calvinists and Arminians on who the "Elect" are, and all they needed was this one verse to solve

the problem.

Besides all this, why do churches continually send missionaries when Paul said the gospel was already preached? Colossians 1:23, "... be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I, Paul, am made a minister."

While I am in the New Testament, I have another question. Why did James, in his opening statement (1:1) say, "...to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greetings."

It is commonly assumed that the O.T. is for "Jews" (multiple meanings) and the N.T. is for "Gentiles" (misunderstood). Then why is there a book called Hebrews in the N.T.? It plainly says (in 8:8), "...Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah."

Another verse to ask about: Why, if all races can be saved and should be preached to, why is there no 13th gate to let them in? Revelation 21:12, "...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."

Do Christians no longer read their Bibles and think for themselves?

### THE GREAT COMMISSION

Now, here are the two main passages used by mainline denominational churches to "spread the gospel" around the world:

1. Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

2. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Let's examine both of these and see if they support the commonly held belief of sending missionaries all over the globe to convert those who have never heard the gospel. Let's look at the two terms found here:

"Nations," G-1484 'eth'-nos' (from Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary). Probably from G-1486; a race (as of the same habit), that is, a tribe; specifically a foreign (non-Judean) one (usually by implication pagan) :- Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

"World," G-2889 'kos'mos' (from Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary) probably from the base of G-2865; orderly arrangement, that is, decoration; by implication the world (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literally or figuratively [morally]) :- adorning, world.

God so loved order, ('kosmos,' world; it doesn't say He loved everyone in the world) so He gave His Son to restore the race ('ethnos,' nation). What race? Adamkind. The "all" of Scripture is all nations of Israel. It can be no other. Applying "all" to those not a part of the covenant is foolish. In the context of Scripture it can only apply to the Elect, those for whom Christ



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Christians better have a mission of being involved in taking over political power, for if they do not, they will become extinct as a race and thus Christian culture will be gone. Our God (no one else's) does not want the New World Order, He wants Christian order by His Law reigning supreme and unchangeable. Christians aren't here to take issue; they have to take over.

*"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* 2 Peter 3:9.

Remember, who is the "us" the "any" and the "all" as defined by the Bible? The "elect" of God. Church people today like to quote the "Go ye ..." of Jesus' great commission to try and support their evangelization projects. But what about our Lord's "Go not ..."?

*"...Go not into the way of the gentiles [nations], and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."* Matthew 10:5-6.

*"...I am not sent (to anyone else) but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel."* Matthew 15:24.

### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

So far I have given you Biblical evidence of who we are as Caucasians (White race). Yet there is even more evidence found in history and archeology so I must include a brief historic note. Unless we get back to our heritage and follow the Bible we will destroy Christian culture with foreign missions. Our church fathers knew this and hence the second book printed (the Bible being the first) on the newly invented Gutenberg Press was a history book about Joseph of Arimathea which covered our early history just after Christ's resurrection.

Many early historians, such as Ptolemy, identified Britons as Israelites. Caesar wrote in 54 BC that "The Druids make the immortality of the soul the basis of all their teaching, holding it the principal incentive and reason for a virtuous life." (they were wrong about the 'immortal soul' though!)

He gave as one of the reasons for the Roman legion's poor showing against the British was that they believed in a resurrection to eternal life and so were not afraid of death. This was 80 years before Jesus' death on the cross. This is why Europe was so easily converted to the message of the gospel preached by Paul, Joseph, and the other Apostles. As Jesus said, *"My Sheep hear my voice and they follow me."*

This proclamation by our Lord was fulfilled as fast as the Word could be carried. Within a few hundred years every king in Europe was crowned as a sovereign in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christianity has been accepted by no other people. Jesus' great

commission has already been fulfilled. It is a waste of the churches' time and money (God's tithe) to pursue foreign missions. Worse yet, the end result will be the adulterating (inter-racial marriages) of our race and the end of Christian culture.

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Meanwhile of course, for 1900 years His chosen people the Israelites have gone on defying Him, so as each generation of Israelites dies, God snatches them on down to hell, where all of these Israelites will spend the centuries of eternity, screaming and crying in pain and torture. It's too bad, God did have this covenant with Abraham, that would save these Israelite descendants of Abraham. But He just hasn't been able to do it, although He will try again, some time in the future and may save a handful of them for the Kingdom.

I guess, Jesus didn't really mean it when He said He had 'all authority in heaven and on earth.' What He must have meant was He had some authority in heaven, but not much on the earth. And that in a nutshell - perhaps I'm being a little facetious - is the Bible story as it is taught in most of Christendom today. Not very flattering to Jesus Christ, is it? And not very conducive to convincing our young people that Jesus

Christ will do for them in the future, what we say He will, since in the past He seems to have been a total failure among the people He came to save. When we read Galatians 3:29 to our children, *"if ye be Christ's [an anointed people belonging to Jesus], then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise,"* how can we ask them to believe they have any certain inheritance, when this God we ask them to trust has been so totally unable to perform His previous promises?

Has Jesus Christ really failed? Or is it possible that in our ignorance of just what these promises and prophecies about Israel were, that rather than having failed, Jesus has instead brought to pass just exactly what He prophesied He would. Is it possible that the descendants of Abraham, have been made into the many nations prophesied in Genesis 17?

Is it possible that God has really blessed them, above all people upon the face of the earth, as He said He would do to Israel? Is it possible that we are looking at the wrong people for the fulfilment of the Israel prophecies. And that Israel, far from rejecting Jesus Christ, and being an unbelieving people for 1900 years, have instead believed on Him by untold millions, and that even today very few of them wor-



ship any other god, but Jesus Christ. That is true of course only the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian and kindred peoples of Europe, America, South Africa, Australia and NZ **ARE THOSE ISRAELITES!** For it is among those people and in no others, that the religion called Christianity has flourished. They and they alone, believe the God of Israel. When we see that, then and only then, can we look across the earth and make sense out of history and Bible prophecy.

Let's go on in the New Testament to see how it tells us rather plainly that it was the descendants of Abraham, the Israelites, who would become Christians in this age.

In John 8:39, Jesus said to the Jewish Pharisees, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham." All church-goers should know what Abraham's works were, Faith. Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness, is both an Old Testament and a New Testament doctrine. Abraham's children would be children of the faith.

In John 10 Jesus said in verse 14: "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." Verse 27: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any {man} pluck them out of my hand." Israel is called 'God's sheep' in the Old Testament. Since Jesus came to do the will of the Father, it would follow that the sheep here must be Israel. This makes sense with what follows, the next verse: "My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." So these sheep were in the Father's hand, they were then given into Jesus' hand, and no man can take them away from either Jesus or the Father.

Now, the people we know as Jews are NOT in Jesus' hand, they are NOT Christians, and they have NOT followed this Good Shepherd, and yet Jesus said the sheep the Father had were given to Him and they would follow Him. That must mean the Jews were NOT the sheep, and that the present Christian people are those sheep; the people that God had as His sheep prior to Christ and gave to Christ. Otherwise, this too has failed and Jesus was wrong.

The book of Acts is a study in itself of this question as to which people became Christians. We know the disciples were Israelites, and it is certain that most, if not all, of Jesus' followers referred to in the gospels were Israelites. And in the beginning of the book of Acts, on the day of Pentecost, we hear Peter address that crowd in this manner, he calls them; "Ye men of Israel," (Acts 2:22). And in verse 41 we read: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day were added (unto them) about three thousand souls."

Before they were baptized and after Peter called them Israelites, he told them in verses 30 and 38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the

remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of holy ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, {even} as many as the Lord or God shall call." He said to these Israelites: "Become Christians, for the promise is unto you and to your children." This indicates that the promise was racial. It was to that generation of Israelites, and to the generations of Israelites that followed (far off into the future).

Then we read of three thousand of these Israelites becoming Christians. In later passages in the book of Acts we read of thousands more becoming Christians. In Acts 3:12 Peter again calls his listeners, "Ye men of Israel" and in verse 25 he says to them: "Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers." In verse 26 he says: "Jesus, was sent to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

They believed, they repented and they became Christians. As we read on in the book of Acts, more Israelites are converted. Five thousand are numbered. And other groups are not numbered, so the total would be much more. That was nineteen hundred years ago. Just the present day descendants of these few thousand Christian Israelites here, not counting the Christian Israelites in Rome, Galatia, Corinth, Ephesus, and so on, would number in the millions today.

Are we to believe that these descendants all left the Christian

faith and joined the religion of Judaism, and that today none of the progeny of these Israelites are still Christian? That is nonsense! It is obviously more probable that they ARE Christians, and that they just do not know that they are descended from these ancient Israelite Christians, since they have gone under the name Christian - and under geographic location names for so many centuries in Europe and where they spread to from there.

In Acts 6:7 we find that conversions of the Israelites to the Christian faith was so great, that "a great number of the priests were obedient to the faith, and the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." How many of us miss these passages and believe the ministers when they tell us, 'Oh, the Israelite priests and the Israelite people in Jerusalem and in Judea just didn't accept Jesus and they turned away, and they are still not Christians today.' That is NOT true. Israelites were converted in great numbers in those first years, according to the book of Acts; and even men of the priesthood.

You should read all of the book of Acts with this in mind. In several places it is recorded that entire cities came to hear the stories of Jesus, and most, if not all, of them were converted and became Christians. By the time of the destruction of the city of Jerusalem in 70 AD, most of the people of Judea and Samaria were divided into two religions; Christianity, and what was known as Phariseism. Some of us are convinced by history and by Bible prophecy that all of the

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Israelites became Christian, and it was the non-Israelites who retained the religion of Phariseism (which became the Judaism of today, by their own admission). Persecution of the Israelite Christians by the non-Israelite followers of Phariseism was then responsible for driving the Israelites out of Judea and Samaria in the years between 35 and 70 AD. As they left Palestine, they took the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. We read of this as early as Chapter 8 of Acts, where it says in verse 4, *“Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.”*

They scattered over the eastern end of the Mediterranean, into Greece, into Rome and other areas. That is why Paul and the other apostles could travel and find Christian communities wherever they went, and those communities were Israelites. Not necessarily ‘gentile’ as we call so many Christians today. When we also find the word ‘gentile’ means ‘nation’ or ‘nations,’ then we can see that when Paul said he was going to the gentiles, he meant he was going to the nations of (dispersed) Israel. This is explained in some detail in the tract **A Study into the Meaning of the Word ‘Gentile’ as Used in the Bible. (#503 @ \$3.55)**

Paul went to the nations of Israel, the ones who had been dispersed from the Assyrian captivity about 700 years before Jesus Christ. At the same time, the converted Israelites from Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, were being driven out, so they also helped to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ rapidly into the Mediterranean area of Europe. We can verify that these Christian groups were Israelites by reading the epistles in the New Testament to see to whom they are addressed. The best known one on this of course is James, which begins: *“James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.”* (James 1:1).

In Romans 1:6 Paul called them *“the called of Jesus Christ,”* in verse 7 he calls them ‘Saints,’ and in Chapter 7 he identifies them by his words as Israelites. He writes *“Know ye not, brethren, [and then here is a parenthesis] (for I speak to them that know the law).”* (7:1). Now who of all the people of the earth would know the Law? *“He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.”* (Psalm 147:19-20). ONLY ISRAELITES! No others had the Law. This and other passages verify that the Roman Christians were Israelites. (see also Romans 9).

In the first chapters of 1 Corinthians, Paul addresses them as believers, then we read in 10:1, *“Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the*

*cloud, and all passed through the sea;”* He is referring to the Red Sea and the cloud of Glory with which God overshadowed Israel as they came out of Egypt. So he is writing to believers at Corinth, that is in Greece, and he says THEIR fathers passed through the Red Sea. That means the believers at Corinth had to be Israelites. Turn to Galatians. This is a little more confusing, partly because of the use of the word *gentiles*, from the Greek ‘ethnos’ where it really means ‘nations,’ but we still have in that letter evidence that the Galatian Christians were Israelites. *“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption (placing as) of sons.”* (Galatians 4:5). Who was under the Law? Only Israel! Who therefore was redeemed? Israelites! To receive what? The adoption (placing as) of sons, as Israelites. So the Galatian Christians were Israelites by race.

The next letter, Ephesians, is full of symbolic phrases which identify its subjects as Israelites. In Chapter 1, they are called *“predestinated,” “chosen,”* the *“purchased possession,”* and so on. Then in 2:1 he says to them, speaking of Jesus Christ: *“And you {hath he quickened}, who were dead in trespasses and sins;”* Again, the presence of the Law identifies them as Israelites, for in 1 John 3:4 we read that *“sin is the transgression of the law.”* And in Romans 4:15, *“for where no law is, {there is} no transgression.”* In order to be transgressors, these Ephesians had to have the Law. Again, only Israel had the Law. In Ephesians 2, there is also the passage about these people being reconciled to the household of God, by the blood of Jesus Christ. You would not use the term ‘reconciled’ to anyone who had not once been a part of the group, had been alienated, and now brought back again or reconciled. Remember that at other times I’ve shown how Israel

became God’s wife at Mount Sinai, then, because of her adultery and worshipping other gods, she was divorced and cast off.

Now, Jesus, through His shed blood, has effected a reconciliation between God, and God’s divorced wife Israel. Israel is reconciled. We do not use the term reconcile to describe a first time marriage between two parties. The term is used only to describe a re-uniting after a separation. Throughout the New Testament, therefore, whenever the term ‘reconcile’ or ‘reconciliation’ is used, it can refer ONLY to divorced and cast off Israel, being brought back through the Christian faith. In addition, there is no prophecy that Jesus Christ in this age would convert a people or a nation of non-Israelites. But instead that He would convert those Israelites. That is what was happening, as the book of Acts and these letters testify.

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The letters to the Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy and so on, do not have clearcut passages which you can point to and say, "See, these are Israelites." But they follow the same pattern as the others, in using the names for Israel such as 'saints,' 'brethren,' 'sons of God,' 'elect,' 'peculiar people,' and so on. The letter to the Hebrews by its title and contents is addressed to Israelites. Then follows James: "*James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.*" (James 1:1). James not only identifies them as Israelites, but as scattered tribes, or the dispersed tribes. Since James' letter was written years before the dispersion of the 'Jews' in 70 AD, it is proof that the dispersion of Israel had taken place prior to the dispersion of the Jews.

I think that is enough for now to prove that the New Testament is written to and about Israelites. I believe that you can see from what little we have covered here that the New Testament is a record of the conversion to Christianity of most of the Israelites who heard the Gospel. Then of their diligence in carrying that Gospel on to other Israelites who were then converted. So that within a few decades of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, most of the Israelites in the eastern end of the Mediterranean had become Christians and were no longer called Israelites, Jews or Judeans. I believe that process continued.

However, most ministers today try to tell us that all of the world's Israelites are followers of a religion called Judaism, and that they number only a few millions of people. In order for that doctrine to be true, that would mean that in the centuries since the book of Acts and the New Testament were written, all of these Christian Israelites would have had to abandon Christianity, denounce Jesus Christ, turn back to the religion of Phariseism, and resist almost to a man reconversion back to Christianity. In that case, their quick and seemingly almost spontaneous acceptance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the first century, hardly makes sense, either from a rational or from a prophetic standpoint.

No! The only thing that makes sense is that these Israelites did become Christian, and they now number in the tens and hundreds of millions, in Europe, North America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. And that although millions are not diligent in their obedience to the Christian Gospel, still they have not turned to religions such as Judaism which are in opposition to Jesus Christ.

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## DAN NOT MISSING FROM REVELATION

by Adam de Witt

Often I have been told that the tribe of Dan is not mentioned in Revelation and that there must be a reason for this. The verse used to make the claim is found in Revelation 7:8. At first reading, all the tribes are stated but that of Dan. Thus, many say that Dan is left out. The reasons vary, but usually those saying so, will say things like, "Well the tribe did something wrong," or "Dan left to go to Europe before the rest," or something to that effect. Yet, that would not make sense. All the twelve tribes were given promises throughout the Bible.

Then a small clue to solving the riddle actually came my way via the Christadelphians, of all groups. They concluded that Dan was not missing, but a mistranslation saw the name Dan given as Manasseh. Well, that sounded believable. Furthermore, they also add that Manasseh was used in the verse as part of a

cryptic message, or at least cryptic to those not reading Greek. The cryptic message is alright as an idea, but the mistranslation is wrong. I have checked it in the Greek, and it is Manasseh. The name Dan is not there. However, Dan is in Revelation all the same, but not in the verse of the cryptic message.

For instance, in Revelation 21:19-20, Dan is indicated and implied by the Sapphire; it being Dan's stone, and also being amongst the other stones of the tribes in that part of Revelation. Also, Revelation 7:6-8 tells of the four camps, one with the eagle implying that the leader tribe is Dan. Indeed, Dan-implied symbols are found in several places in Revelation.

So let us look at the 'cryptic message' from whence stems

the belief amongst many that Dan is written out of the book, at least in Revelation 7:8. In this verse it reads Manasseh, so everyone asks, "Where is Dan?" But that's like asking, "Who is able to pluck the banana from the coconut tree?" No one, because coconut trees don't grow bananas. Likewise, this verse doesn't list ALL the tribes other than Dan; it is also missing another tribe. Yet no-one picks up on that. The other missing tribe is Ephraim. But should it be Ephraim? Should it not be Joseph? But no-one asks, "Why then isn't Ephraim mentioned, as he is the brother of Manasseh? Or why doesn't it say Joseph, who was the father of the two, and was the true brother of the other tribes, for the others are not brothers, but uncles of Manasseh and Ephraim?"

Does it mean then, that the tribe of Dan is left out, as well as all those of Ephraim? That latter tribe (Ephraim) however, is, oddly enough, never asked about. Maybe this verse is not about tribes at all. Dan is implied elsewhere and Ephraim is not stated in this verse, and nor is Joseph, yet Manasseh is. This then, is where the Christadelphians did shine a helpful light...

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They tell us that each name in the verse has a meaning, so if the names are translated, the meaning comes through, and it reads thus...

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The "forgetting the past" part is Manasseh. Thus, the verse is not about which tribe is "in" or "out," but rather it is a message as part of, and within, the narrative. And maybe, this verse should have been translated, so as not to have created the muddle; a verse that has no tribal implication at all, it may well be just a sentence.

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We are going to tackle a subject that may go against the grain of many people, but we must first think of what the Biblical view is of this subject. We must learn to follow God's way and not our own.

## ARE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS CHRISTIAN?

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Birthday cakes. Lighted candles. Singing "Happy Birthday." Receiving gifts. In almost every culture and nation on earth, virtually nothing is as universally celebrated as birthdays. But is birthday-keeping biblical? Does God agree with this practice? As sure as death and taxes, all human beings are born on particular days. Everyone has a birth date. Since God wants His people to celebrate life abundantly (John 10:10), could this include celebrating birthdays? Is birthday-keeping innocent fun - or does God hate it? Does it even matter?

If you bought a new computer, you would expect it to come with an instruction manual. Without a manual, you would have to learn how to use it through trial and error - and possibly delete necessary files and software in the process. The instruction manual saves users many headaches.

Believe it or not, you also came with an instruction manual - the Bible! God's expressed will and purpose is written throughout its pages. Every word of Scripture is God's message to you - who you are, what you are, why He created you, and how He expects you to conduct your life. Everything you need to know about the true purpose of life is written in God's Word (John 17:17; Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

When you read the Bible, God is talking to you! He shows you how to live a happy, fulfilling, abundant life. Pick up your "instruction manual" and examine what God says about birthdays.

### BIRTHDAYS IN THE BIBLE

Birthday celebrations are mentioned in the Bible on three separate occasions. In each case, something terrible occurred. These three accounts bear brief examination.

The first account is in Genesis. Pharaoh, the Egyptian king, celebrated his birthday by executing his chief baker (Genesis 40:1-23). God gave Joseph special understanding of a dream by Pharaoh's butler and baker, that the baker would lose his life in three days after Joseph interpreted the dream. Joseph seemed to understand that Pharaoh would use this occasion - his own birthday party - to put his baker to death. As the dream had foretold, the baker was hung at the party.

The second account, the New Testament figure, Herod the tetrarch, reluctantly ordered the beheading of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:3-11). Notice verse 6: "But when Herod's birthday was kept ..." During the dancing and merry-making at his birthday party, Herod got carried away and eventually made a promise that he did not want to keep. As a result, a great servant of God lost his life.

The final account is found in the book of Job. The Bible says that Job's seven sons "went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and drink with them" (Job 1:4). These parties were obviously not centered around any kind of celebration related to God, or Job

would not have worried that his children may have sinned during these celebration feasts. He was not exactly sure what was going on in their minds, but the very celebration of their birthdays triggered great concern in him (1:5). Apparently, during the birthday party of Job's oldest son, God caused all ten of Job's children to die through what appears to be a tornado (verses 6-13, 18-19).

Further proof that these birthday celebrations displeased God is found in Job 3. Take time to read the entire chapter carefully. Job spends much time cursing every aspect of the day of his birth. The loss of all of his children, due to a birthday celebration, stunned and sobered him. His words make plain that there is nothing good about the day of a man's birth. He openly cursed the

day he was born. This will be shown to have greater meaning later in this article.

Some who are familiar with these accounts attempt to explain them away by saying that there is no statement contained within them that directly prohibits birthday celebrations. They also ignore Job's comments described in the previous paragraph. It is true that the above scriptures do not contain a *direct* condemnation of birthdays starting with the phrase "Thou shalt not ..." or something similar. But consider for a moment the central lesson of each of these accounts. They represent the only three birthday parties described in the entire Bible. *Absolute disaster occurred on each occasion!* If God felt birthday celebrations were something positive and good, why wouldn't He have recorded one other account where something either good or positive happened? Yet there is no such account.

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important figures? Does God not want those who serve Him to recognize these most important birth-dates? Let's search for the birth dates of some of God's greatest servants.

Abraham is referred to three times as God's "friend" (2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23). He is also called "*the father of us all*" (Israelites - Romans 7:1) Romans 4:16. Many verses demonstrate that he will play a very important role when the kingdom of God is established on earth at Jesus' return. However, the Bible does not record the birth date of this great servant of God.

Moses was referred to as the meekest man on the face of the earth (Numbers 12:3). Many verses describe this Bible figure and virtually everyone is familiar with him. The Bible does *not* tell us when he was born either.

The famous King David is called "*a man after my [God's] own heart*" (Acts 13:21-22). Much of the Bible describes the life of this man. God used him to record a great many of the Psalms. When the kingdom of God is established on earth, prophecy records that he will rule the tribes of Israel (Ezekiel 34:23-31), called there, 'the house of Israel.' Surely the Bible records the date that this great servant of God was born. It does not!

There is not one verse in Scripture describing anyone celebrating the births of these righteous men. In fact, the Bible is silent on the exact dates of the births of all God's faithful servants - Jacob, Sarah, Noah, Abel, Samuel, Job, Esther, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Peter, Paul, James (Jesus' brother), and the rest of the apostles. Even the birth date of Jesus Christ goes unrecorded in the Bible!

### THE CHRISTMAS "BIRTHDAY PARTY"?

But what about Christmas? It is in the Bible, isn't it? Doesn't it celebrate Jesus Christ's birth? Didn't the wise men bring presents to baby Jesus because it was His birthday?

Study any reputable encyclopedia or visit a well-stocked public library and you will discover that Christmas was celebrated by immoral, pagan idol worshippers - people who many times sacrificed their children to pagan gods - 2,000 years before Jesus was born. December 25th originally marked the time of the winter solstice. These idol worshippers held pagan festivals to celebrate the "rebirth" of the sun when the days began to lengthen. (***Is Christmas Christian? #103 @ \$5.85***; CD-Rom ***The Two Baby-lons, @ \$5***)

Let's briefly examine the subject of the "wise men" who gave gifts to Christ. The scripture that describes this is in Matthew 2:1,11, "*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews (Judeans)? . . . And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they pre-*

*ented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*"

It is commonly supposed that these were birthday presents for "baby Jesus." But is this what the Bible actually says? Absolutely not! Also, they arrived well after His "birthday." Notice that it refers to Jesus as a "young child" rather than a baby. This is one more reason that the gifts brought to Him could not have been "birthday presents."

A long-standing, ancient custom of the East was to present gifts when one came into the presence of a king. These men understood that they were in the presence of the "King of the Jews (Judeans)." The Bible has many examples of people sending gifts to kings or presenting them upon arrival into the king's presence. This custom is common today when ambassadors or others come into the presence of a world leader.

Finally, notice what the *Adam Clarke Commentary*, volume 5, page 46 states about what really happened on this occasion: "Verse 11. They presented unto him gifts. The people of the east never approach the presence of kings and great personages, without a present in their hands. This custom is often noticed in the Old Testament, and still prevails in the east, and in some of the newly discovered South Seas Islands." Gifts were customarily presented to kings. The real intent behind this example should now be clear.

God does not even record the exact day His Son was born. And nowhere in the Bible can you find examples of Jesus' disciples or the New Testament Church celebrating His birthday. However, God does tell us His exact month and day when His Son died (Exodus 12; Leviticus 23:4-5; Numbers 9:1-5; Matthew 26:1-2; John 18:28; 1 Corinthians 5:7). Read the booklets *The True Origin of Christmas*, *The True Origin of Easter*, to learn more about these pagan holidays (these are NOT available from CIM).

Think for a moment! Every year, millions of professing Christians celebrate the supposed birthday of Jesus Christ. Jesus warned about such misguided professing Christians, saying: "*This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. Howbeit in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandments of God, you hold the tradition of men*" (Mark 7:6-8). Each year, during the Christmas and Easter seasons, Jesus' warning is proven right!

### HOW GOD VIEWS YOUR BIRTHDAY

We have now established that the Bible records negative examples of birthday celebrations, while it is silent on celebrating, or even identifying, the birthdays of all of God's faithful servants - including Jesus Christ.

But what does the Bible specifically say about your day of birth? Most people think that the day of one's birth is special. Celebrating it certainly does seem and feel like the right thing to do. Yet, Solomon was inspired to write, "*A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of*

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one's birth." (Ecclesiastes 7:1)

Like Job, Jeremiah also cursed the day of his own birth: "Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed ... Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?" (Jeremiah 20:14,18).

If the day of our death is better than the day of our birth, and some of God's greatest servants said that their birth date was far from being a special day, then how special can this day be? According to Scripture, it is not a time to jump for joy, sing and expect gifts, simply because one is born into the world on a specific date.

### THE DAY OF A MAN'S DEATH

We have just read that the Bible explains the day of a man's death is better than the day of his birth. This is a stunning statement. Most people do not think of death as particularly wonderful. When it happens to a family member or close friend, it is usually a day of terrible sadness and emotion. No matter how or when death comes, no one celebrates the event. The Bible describes death as an *enemy* and a *defeat*. Consider some of the following verses describing death. Keep in mind that the Bible still says this day is better than the day of birth.

Solomon also wrote, "As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand. And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit has he that has labored for the wind?" (Ecclesiastes 5:15-16).

Does this sound like a day to look forward to? The Bible still states that the day this verse describes is better than the day of one's birth.

The apostle Paul was inspired to write, "For the wages of sin [that you earn by breaking God's Laws - 1 John 3:4] is death" (Romans 6:23). Death is the *penalty* for sin. It is not pictured in the Bible as a day of triumph or, as so many like to picture, "as a *friend* one meets at the end of life's highway." Paul also wrote, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23) and "... it is appointed unto men once to die" (Hebrews 9:27). Sin leads to death. John was inspired to write the definition of sin: "Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the Law" (1 John 3:4). The penalty - the wages - of sin is death. This is not an event to look forward to.

**BUT THERE IS HOPE!**

Jesus Christ is returning to this earth to rule - to put all things, including His enemies, under His feet. This includes the enemy called death. Notice: "Then

comes the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign, till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death... So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory, O death where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:24-26, 54-56).

So this life is a physical, temporary existence. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. Considering this, what is so "happy" about a "birthday" into an ungodly, carnal-minded world, only to die and never see life again? Why celebrate being born into a world that is cut off from God's divine guidance - a world of misery, confusion, poverty, ignorance, famine and disease - that could erupt into violence at any time? God can and will give Israel eternal life. He wants Israel to have it. He wants you to live to the fullest and experience the way of life that produces real peace, joy, abundance and security. But life has to be lived *His way*, according to *His rules*.

Paul wrote to the Israelite Corinthians, "For since by man [Adam] came death, by Man [Jesus Christ] came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive... The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening [living] spirit... The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second

Man is the Lord from heaven. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 45, 47-49).

When compared to the awesome future God has in store for His people - becoming beings who will never taste death and will not be limited to the physical laws of this material universe (read all of 1 Corinthians 15 - celebrating one's physical birthday seems foolish.

### ORIGIN OF BIRTHDAYS

Then where did birthdays come from? The astonishing answer is from the pagan practice of astrology! Thousands of years ago, when men looked up into the night sky and charted the stars, they invented calendars and calculated birth dates, to the very hour, of kings, rulers and their successors.

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have been putting their trust in horoscopes instead of God (just look at the ads for astrologers and clairvoyants in women's magazines)

In ancient Egypt, the pharaohs ordered businesses to close on their birthdays and gave enormous feasts for hundreds of servants. In ancient Greece, wealthy males joined birthday clubs composed exclusively of men who shared their birth date. Once a month, the club celebrated with a feast. When a member died, he left money to help pay for future parties. In Persia, noblemen observed their birthdays by barbecuing an ox, a camel and a donkey and serving hundreds of small cakes to the celebrants.

In ancient Rome, the emperor gave huge parties in honor of his own birthday, which included parades, circuses, and gladiatorial combat. The celebration of days was so important to the average Roman citizen that the Roman calendar designated a majority of days for some form of celebration - including many birthdays of gods and famous men.

The Roman calendar, with its emphasis on continual celebration, has had great influence on modern society. Consider the following quote about the origin of the Roman calendar:

*"Our [Roman] calendar is not Christian in origin. It descends from the Egyptians, who originated the 12 month year, 365 day system. A pagan Egyptian scientist, Sosigenes, suggested this plan to pagan emperor Julius Caesar, who directed that it go into effect throughout the Roman Empire in 45 BC. As adopted it indicated its pagan origin by the names of the months - called after Janus, maia, Juno, etc. The days were not named but numbered on a complicated system involving Ides, Nones, and Calends. It was not until 321 AD that the seven day feature was added, when Emperor Constantine (supposedly) adopted Christianity. Oddly enough for his weekdays he chose pagan names which are still used."* (*Journal of Calendar Reform*, Sept 1953, p.128).

Modern birthday parties and celebrations by children take their form mainly from Germany, where the birthday child received gifts, chose a menu and received a candle-ringed butter or jam cake. The lighted candles for the cake may have originated from the birthday of the Greek moon goddess Artemis. Pagan worshippers honored her every month with moon-shaped honey cakes. Because the moon glows with light, the cakes were decorated with lighted candles.

Saying "happy birthday" to friends and loved ones was society's superstitious way of protecting them from evil spirits. Birthday thumps, bumps, pinches, etc., were said to bring luck and send away evil spirits. Party snappers, horns, and other noisemakers were also intended to scare off bad-luck spirits. It should now be clear that birthdays are not only unbiblical, they are pagan!

## GOD'S SACRED CALENDAR



It is important to note that God has His own calendar. Much could be said about this subject. This brief explanation is vital. (God's calendar is a solar calendar, and is comprehensively detailed in **ITS ABOUT TIME: THE SABBATHS**, by Adam de Witt, #161 @ \$9.65). It is as though the sacred calendar was designed by God to make birthday celebrations impossible to observe, while the Roman calendar was specifically designed to make birthday celebrating more convenient. The date of February 29, which only occurs once every four years, creates a special problem for all those with this birth date. However, only one person in every 1461 is affected by this "leap year" problem.

### WHY IT MATTERS TO GOD

Why does God care whether or not you celebrate birthdays? After all, it is a chance for you to give presents to someone and make him or her feel good. What could be wrong with this? Here's what God commands: *"Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the heathen are dismayed by them. For the customs of the people are vain"* (Jeremiah 10:2,3).

After God freed Israel from slavery, He clearly instructed them, *"After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein you dwelt, shall you not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, where I bring you, shall you not do: neither shall you walk in their ordinances"* (Leviticus 18:3). God commanded that they not defile themselves with the practices and customs of the surrounding nations (verses 24-29). *"Therefore shall you keep My ordinance, that you commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that you defile not yourselves therein: I am the*

*LORD your God"* (verse 30). This is an emphatic command from God. He does not want His servants dabbling in the customs of this world.

But what about those who reach age eighty, ninety or one hundred years old - should we altogether ignore the many years of life experiences they have gained? No. In our current society, where senior citizens are routinely ignored and considered to be a burden, it is certainly permissible to *acknowledge* someone who has reached a considerable number of years. (Leviticus 19:32, Strong's #H7872, gray, old age). Someone who has lived through two world wars, the Great Depression, the Atomic Age, the Cold War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Kennedy assassination, civil rights marches, race riots, the rise and collapse of the Berlin wall and the worldwide growth of the Internet, has reached an age where special honor should be naturally conferred upon them.

Proverbs 16:31 says: *"The hoary (white or gray) head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."* People who have lived to great age, sometimes reflected by pure white hair, often have great wisdom and experience to share with younger generations. Simple *acknowledgement* that they have

reached age 70, 80, 90 or 100 shows them honor and appreciation. It is not wrong to acknowledge that one has reached a milestone in a long life.

What we have described above is far different than celebrating birthdays with all of the usual pagan traditions! Celebrating the day of one's birth, as though it were a special occasion, is wrong. It violates God's command. It keeps people selfishly focused on their temporary, physical lives, when God's purpose is to give His people eternal life in His Kingdom. True Christians should be focused on how their lives are preparing them for living in that kingdom instead of celebrating their own birthday.

God hates all pagan customs and traditions and practices - birthday celebrations are not an exception!!

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I seem to recall having heard many years ago, that one's number of years of life, were counted by the number of Passovers one had attended. But I have never found a reference, or quote for that. CIM

## THE SCARE TACTICIANS:

'Scientists' should face criminal prosecution

by David Warren, The Vancouver Sun, BC, Canada

And then there was acid rain, and then there was the ozone hole and... I hardly had space in an earlier column to recount the whole history of "environmentalist" frauds and impostures. It would be interesting to see some attempt to estimate the total direct cost to the world's taxpayers of all the scare-mongering since Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* first started appearing in *The New Yorker* magazine in June 1962.

Each scare, in turn, is packaged and marketed with more skill than the previous; each enjoys its run in the world's headlines, and the frenetic political attention we have been watching in Copenhagen in its most advanced form. Each in turn is gradually forgotten as more facts come to light, as the apocalyptic predictions fail, as the storyline bores through repetition. And then a new scare needs to be invented.

"Anthropogenic global warming" will go the way of its predecessors, having achieved what was meant for it, in its season: the extortion of huge amounts of money by the parasites clustered around all the existing environmentalist spigots, the sinking of new bung-holes into the public accounts, the creation of new big-brotherly bureaucracies to feed new vested interests and untold riches and prestige for the "settled scientists" who work the system for patronage.

But then it will be replaced with a new environmental scare narrative.

The parties are already working on "acidification of the oceans;" there were loose ends from Rio '92 on "biological diversity" and there will always be fresh water-supply issues to play with. The threat from asteroids was briefly considered, then dismissed: too

hard to blame that on the free market. But the activists will come up with something, for their livelihoods depend upon it.

For this reason, I think we need, after thorough public inquiries, to bring criminal prosecutions against some of the major scientific players exposed by the recent release of emails and papers at the centre of the "global warming" scam. The more any percipient reader pores through those "hacked" documents, the clearer he will see the criminal intent behind the massaging of the numbers; for the masseurs in question stood to benefit directly and personally from getting "the right results." This is, by its nature, an issue for the criminal courts.

My reasoning here is that "environmentalism" at large has, like all other "progressive" movements, exploited public gullibility about motivations.

The leading lights have accumulated wealth and power, while presenting themselves as men of goodwill. They have projected themselves through sympathetic media as unselfish and pure and have demonized their opponents as selfish and impure while themselves being on the take.

Even before examining, objectively, details of the claims environmentalists are making, the public needs to be put on its guard. A successful representative democracy requires an electorate armed against

politicians of any stripe or kind (elected or otherwise) who make claims to personal sanctity, for this is an infallible mark of grave hypocrisy. Genuinely good people do not advertise their goodness; genuinely humble people do not advertise their humility; genuinely truthful people do not claim to be messengers of "settled science" when there is no such thing.

There are real cultural failures here - running through our postmodern societies - that allow the scare tacticians to flourish.

In a sense it is an environmental catastrophe, although the environment in question is a psychic, rather than a physical,

landscape. People have become unattuned to the most basic warning signals our ancestors used to protect themselves against human predators. We are removed by modern technology from the possibility of looking them straight in the eye. (What comes through a television screen is in no way intimate; it is instead a form of "virtual reality.")

We, the people, must find ways to recover the pre-bureaucratic order of things. The great and very real problems of society - including pollution and conservation of resources - are not amenable to "activist" cures. The world simply does not work that way.

The real environmental problems are solved by inculcating subtle cultural traits into the people themselves - which the state cannot do. It can be done only from parents to children. Individual human beings must be raised to eschew waste, luxury and personal display. They must be raised to prefer good to evil, truth to falsehood, beauty to ugliness.

There are no quick fixes. The solution to environmental problems is civilizational, and thus organic.

*Add to your collection:  
from the late Arnold Kennedy:  
"GENTILES"*

**The word misused to promote the popular all-inclusive 'Jews and Gentiles' Doctrine.**

*When we examine verses such as, 'For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are on the face of the earth' (Deut 7:6), they establish the exclusive nature of Israel as being a holy (set apart) race among all the other races of this globe. Because these verses are so precise, we can see that there is a racial message that conflicts with the common belief about "Jews and Gentiles."*

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The solution environmentalists propose is the extreme opposite of this: it is "the end justifies the means."

## SABBATH BREAKING AND THE DECAY OF NATIONS

by Brooks Alden

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"You show me a nation that has given up the Sabbath, and I will show you a nation that has got the seeds of decay." D.L. Moody

In reading the words of this great preacher, evangelist and publisher of the nineteenth century one can see the wisdom by looking at the plight of the Anglo-Saxon nations today. I suspect that the glory days for the British Commonwealth and the United States began their departure when we began to give up on the Sabbath.

This certainly was not so in the early years of the twentieth century. Take, for example, the World Exhibition in Paris in the year 1900; neither the British nor the United States would participate on Sundays. Their respect for God's Law paid dividends and when respect was lost both nations, perhaps more the British Commonwealth, declined in prestige and morality. Both nations long for their former days of power and prosperity, but the growing poverty, fear and loss of freedoms of the people depicts nations sorely lacking God as Commander in Chief.

Some time ago, a young Vancouverite asked me what Sundays were like when there was no commercial activity of note taking place in our communities. I don't know whether my answer satisfied him; I told him that this particular Sabbath concerned mostly our rest from our daily toils. That this Fourth Commandment of the Almighty directed us to, "*Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work. But the seventh (day, after 6 days of work) is the Sabbath (rest, cessation) of the Lord thy God: In it thou shalt NOT do any work...*"

I like what a man by the name of Meyer said, "The Ten Commandments do not make things right. They state things because they are right. We shall never get right until we begin to see that the Bible does not make things right or wrong. It simply states what things are right and what things are wrong in the Eternal order; the keeping of the Sabbath is right, it is obligatory, not only because it is in the Ten Commandments, but because it is part of the Eternal order. If men break any one of these Commandments, they are not simply sinning against God, they are hurting themselves, because God made things right or wrong, not arbitrarily, but because some things make for health and some for disease." If you think on this, lack of rest will invariably lead to ill health.

As to what Sundays were like, I guess you had to experience the quiet atmosphere and the feeling of bliss. You might think that I am quoting others too much in this, but great wisdom is great wisdom and these words of an early twentieth century visitor to

England by the name of Pere Hyacinthe couldn't have summed up the feeling better when he wrote, "I NEVER shall forget the emotion which filled me at the sight of London. There she sat, the great empress of the seas, giving laws to isles and continents, stretching afar over kings and peoples, not like those of old, the rod of oppression, but the beneficent sceptre of her riches and liberty. And I heard the hum of her vast industry, and through the streets there poured the living sea of men and vehicles; then, by and by, there dawned a day, a day which was not like other days; no noisy wagons now in the streets, no throngs hurrying to business; the giant machine that had been roaring and thundering the day before had suddenly stood still as if before the vision of God."

Most of us, when we were young, understood the wisdom that to break the Sabbath was unthinkable. We knew this in days gone by, our parents certainly knew this, and they understood the advice of Isaiah 58:13-14, "*If thou turn away thy foot from the Sab-*

*bath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable: and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord: and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth; and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*"

One writer penned, "A corruption of morals usually follows the profanations of the Sabbath." This certainly is so, and we who have lived long enough realize that the

profanation of the Sabbath has been greatly instrumental in the corruption of morals.

A number of years ago, I was fortunate enough to talk to someone about the importance of keeping the Sabbath and I adopted his advice. Sometimes it is difficult not going to a restaurant on a Sunday or shopping at the local plaza but I can say that the ten or so years since have bestowed personal benefits. Still, it is sad to see the plight of our nations as lack of rest for our citizens and land brought about through debt and usury prevents a Sunday rest and the Sabbath year of rest. Sadly, our people are neither knowledgeable (Hosea wrote: "*My People are destroyed for lack of knowledge*") nor at this time prepared to repent, so Isaiah 59:2 holds true, "*But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that He will not hear.*"

Nonetheless, you and I knowing full well the underlying message of the Bible and who we really are, should add Sabbath Keeping to our lives, so we may all reap God's beneficence. As to our nation, we can only hope that some day soon the following inspiring words will be noticed by our brethren everywhere:

*"If you refrain from doing your own business  
Upon the Sabbath, on My sacred day,  
And hold the Sabbath a delight,  
And my sacred (set apart) day an honour,  
Not following your own wonted round,  
Not doing business, and not talking idly,  
Then you shall have delight in God's favour,  
For He will let you hold the land in triumph,*

*Add another to your collection:  
from the late Arnold Kennedy*

### WHAT FOLLOWS THE GOSPEL?

This is an in-depth look into what God requires of those who feel they are 'saved.' This thorough work by Mr. Kennedy shows that being 'saved' is not the end of the Christian walk, but only the beginning. The book is not designed to 'tickle the ears' and at times may use Biblical truths which could startle or even shock those who have never heard some of those truths.

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## KILLER GENES CUT SENTENCE

A judge's decision to reduce a killer's sentence because he has genetic mutations linked to violence raises a thorny question - can your genes ever absolve you of responsibility for a particular act?

In 2007, Abdelmalek Bayout admitted to stabbing and killing a man and received a sentence of 9 years and 2 months. Last week, *Nature* reported that Pier Valerio Reinotti, an appeal court judge in Trieste, Italy, cut Bayout's sentence by a year after finding out he has gene variants linked to aggression. Leaving aside the question of whether this link is well enough understood to justify Reinotti's decision, should genes ever be considered a legitimate defence?

"No," says Nita Farahany, a legal scholar at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, who tracks the use of behavioural genetics in the courtroom. She says genes may provide a guide as to how someone is likely to behave, but they will never tell us why they committed a specific act. "It doesn't tell us why they did the thing they did and that's what criminal cases are ultimately interested in." What's more, the gene argument seems to cut both ways. Reinotti viewed Bayout's genes as mitigating his crime, but Farahany has noticed that US courts are increasingly using genes in evidence for the prosecution. "It's just as likely to be used against a criminal defendant as for," she says. "People don't recognize the double-edged potential of this evidence." (*New Scientist*, Nov. 7, 2009).

### COMMENTS BY YAHWEH EL ELYON aka God

I must have missed that passage in the Bible where God says that if a person's genes are abnormal, then it's okay if he murders (or rapes, kidnaps, etc). All I could find were passages like these (a representative sample).

*"Whoso sheddeth man's ('awdawmn,' he who blushes red) blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man."* Genesis 9:6.

*"And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. Or if he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death."* Numbers 35:16-18.

Verses 20-21, *"But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die; Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer when he meeteth him."*

*"So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die. Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction [includes payoff, bribe, a fine, "cutting a deal" - James Bruggeman] for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death."*

Numbers 35:33-34, *"So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and*

*the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel."*

Courtesy James Bruggeman. PO Box 5695, Asheville NC 28813.

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## CRABBY OLD MAN

When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a nursing home, it was believed that he had nothing left of any value. Later, when the nurses were going through his meager possessions, they found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital.

The old man's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas edition of News Magazine. A slide presentation has also been made based on his simple, but eloquent poem.

*What do you see nurses? What do you see?  
What are you thinking when you're looking at me?  
A crabby old man not very wise,  
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?  
Who dribbles his food and makes no reply.  
When you say in a loud voice 'I do wish you'd try!'  
Who seems not to notice the things that you do.  
And forever is losing a sock or a shoe?  
Who, resisting or not lets you do as you will,  
With bathing and feeding the long day to fill?  
Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?  
Then open your eyes, nurse you're looking at me.  
I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still,  
As I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.  
I'm a small child of Ten with a father and mother,  
Brothers and sisters who love one another.  
A boy of Sixteen with wings on his feet.  
Dreaming that soon now a lover he'll meet.  
A groom soon at Twenty my heart gives a leap.  
Remembering the vows that I promised to keep.  
At Twenty-five, now I have young of my own.  
Who need me to guide and a secure happy home.  
A man of Thirty, my young now grown fast,  
Bound to each other with ties that should last.  
At Forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,  
But my woman's beside me to see I don't mourn.  
At fifty, once more, babies play 'round my knee,  
Again, we know children, my loved one and me.  
Dark days are upon me, my wife is now dead.  
I look at the future and shudder with dread.  
For my young are all rearing young of their own.  
And think of the years and the love that I've known.  
I'm now an old man and nature is cruel.  
'Tis jest to make old age look like a fool.  
The body, it crumbles - grace and vigour depart.  
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.  
But inside this old carcass a young boy still dwells,  
And now and again my battered heart swells.  
I remember the joys, I remember the pain.  
And I'm loving and living life over again.  
I think of the years, all too few, gone too fast.  
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.  
So open your eyes people, open and see,  
Not a crabby old man. Look closer. See ME!!!*

Another month gone again. Thanks for and we appreciate your continued interest and support. May our heavenly Father bless you and keep you safe for your faithfulness,

