Bible treatises have been written by people of many **and** varied faiths, each reflecting the faith of the writer. This work will be no different, in that it will reflect the faith of this writer. It will be a bit different, however, for it will proclaim the theme of the Bible to be the KINGDOM OF GOD. It concerns the record of GOD'S dealings with men in the past, **HIS dealings in the present** and what His plans are for the future of this planet we call Earth and its inhabitants. This record is the book we call the HOLY BIBLE, THE VERY WORDS **OF** THE LIVING GOD.

GOD caused the Book to be written by transferring the very words into the intelligence of the human writers and they wrote them with their hands. The words, however, were GOD'S words, chosen by GOD and preserved by GOD.

It is this writer's unwavering belief in <u>verbal inspiration</u> that prompts the writing of this work. You may find this approach a bit different that any you have read before, but please do not brand it heresy before you have carefully considered the reasoning and checked out the scriptural references. This writer makes no claims to infallibility, but readily admits to three things:

- 1. BEING AN INDEPENDENT THINKER,
- 2. BEING READY TO QUESTION ANY AND ALL TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE, and
- 3. BEING WILLING TO SAY "I WAS WRONG' IF IT CAN BE PROVEN THAT ERRORS HAVE BEEN MADE.

I am dedicating this endeavour to my grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the hope that GOD will use this to encourage them to 'search the scriptures to see if these things be true"------Acts 17:11 We live in a time in history when mankind in general teeters on the brink of global disaster. We are warned of the terrors of a nuclear holocaust and of the distinct possibility of its becoming a reality in our day.

To many this would seem the 'end of the world!". To others who embrace the 'rapture theory' it would be the beginning of the GREAT TRIBULATION. Those who have been taught that Jesus is coming again and that it may be today, believe that they will be rescued from the terrible events of the GREAT TRIBULATION. If they see this event as the 'beginning of Jacob's troubles', they do not expect to experience it.

Those who have no fundamentalist religious opinions simply see a nuclear disaster as a thing that will destroy the earth, or a large part of it, for many years to come, plunging the survivors into the dark ages to start all over again.

Whatever their views, or the reasons for those views, it seems to be the almost unanimous conclusion that life, as we know it, on this planet could very well change drastically in the decades to come. It would hardly be argued by any responsible person that we are on a collision course with no solutions for preventing disaster in the offing. Political solutions are abundant, but workable solutions are non-existent.

This world that GOD so loved is sick unto death. This world needs a SAVIOUR. This world HAS A SAVIOUR A Plan for redeeming this world existed before man was placed upon it. That Plan is what this book is all about. The question is-how far will this destruction be allowed to go before that redemption takes place?

As a child I was trained in the Pre-tribulation, Premillenial, Rapture theory. At that time it was not a popular view and caused me to suffer much ridicule from my friends and schoolmates whose theological training did not include a 'rapture'. Today it has gained a good deal of respectability through such books as "The Late Great Planet Earth?" and "There's a New World Coming", by Hal Lindsay, and through television programs that glamorize that great event. Bumper stickers state "The driver of this car may suddenly disappear". Believing in this now does not brand one as a odd-ball as it did in the early thirties in my small town in the midwest and moves, books and television have greatly increased its popularity. I lived in a little town in Southern Wisconsin that boasted two churches, one Roman Catholic and one Methodist. Almost the entire town's population were members of the Catholic church and the Methodist membership originated in the farming community. My father did not believe in hiding his light under a bushel, so there was no place for me to escape. His views were considered my views and there was no doubt as to what those views were. They were a total departure from that of either of the churches in the town, so that set us apart as 'holy rollers'.

The nickname 'holy roller' came, not from any charismatic doctrine, but from the pulpit pounding, hellfire and damnation preaching of the roving preachers who made their home with us while holding revival meetings in the neighboring towns, often in a tent pitched in some convenient location. The doctrine espoused was not that of Pentecostalism, as would be expected, but rather that of the Plymouth Brethren. For those who have never heard of this, it is not an accepted name, even by those who embrace its teaching, for it has no ordained ministry, no church heirarchy, but rather go two by two, holding services wherever a door is opened, and my father always provided that open door.

The theology is almost identical to that of the Baptist church and the 'rapture' was a very important part of that teaching. I was thoroughly indoctrinated in the teaching that the Second Coming of the Lord was the next great event to take place and that it could happen at any moment. If it should happen, I was taught that every believer would be suddenly taken up out of the earth, leaving all the rest to go through something called the "Great Tribulation". For those who have heard the message of salvation and had not become a 'born-again Christian', there was never to be another chance. It doomed all of the survivors. My greatest fear, as a child, was that I would come home and that my mother and father would be gone and I would be left. This fear gripped me every time I came into the house and was not greeted by either my mother or my father. I was certain both of them would go up in the rature, so the presence of one was sufficient, but if both of them were out of sight, I would immediately panic.

This fear was looked upon as something very good by the preachers that lived in our home, for it was evidence to them that I was 'troubled about my soul', something that pleased them immensely.

As I was taught, the open sesame to that 'rapture' was the fact that I was 'saved'. This salvation was a very definite, instantaneous thing, something that one could give an exact time and place to verify its occurence. The bornagain experience that was so necessary to insure a part in the 'rapture' was to be something so definite as to leave no doubt of its reality. Nothing so mundane as a trip "down the sawdust trail" (an expression relating to an altar call) was accepted, for salvation, as understood by the particular group that I was indoctrinated into, was the final end result of a long drawn-out process of soul searching, a 'coming to the end of yourself' resulting in an experience from which everything in your future life is dated.

Although I wanted to be considered a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, I had never experienced anything I could date as the time I came to the realization that I was saved', and without that magic date I could not be guaranteed a place in that 'rapture' Believe me this is what I was taught,

One must, of necessity, know when he was saved, how he was saved, where he was saved, and be ready at a moment's notice to give witness to that event.

I do not wish to ricidule this teaching, for I believe that there is such a thing as instantaneous salvation but I do not believe that everyone experiences the exact same thing. For some, believing the record God gave of Himself is like a gradual unfolding of a flower, growing and expanding until it reaches full bloom.

The 'rapture' was to usher all of the believers into the presence of God, where they would remain for the seven years that follows where the rest of the world is experiencing the worst troubles the world has ever, or will ever, see. At the end of that seven year period the believers were to return to the earth with the Lord where He will rule and reign for 1000 years with Satan tied. This return was to take place at the time of the Battle of Armageddon. As the end of the 1000 year period there was to be a great general resurrection when all of the dead would stand at the Great White Throne Judgment to receive their final verdict. Most of these dead would have already been in torment for many, many years, but they were still to be resurrected to another judgment and then cast into the Lake of Fire to be tormented for ever and ever.

With this gloomy picture you can see how necessary it was to be saved and have a part in that rapture. If, for nothing else, it was necessary as a fire escape. The glories of the life with God were seldom proclaimed, but the agonies of the doomed were painted in all their horror, accompanied with appropriate pulpit pounding to accentuate the statement.

This theology is not far removed from many of the popular TV broadcasts of today. The hell-fire and damnation

may be soft pedalled a bit, **\*being replaced by the spiritual** gifts of healing, the **speaking** in tongues, promises of the abundant life which is interpreted as being a life of material plenty as long as you give lip service to God.

With all the promises of the believer being rescued from these times of trouble, and with all the promises of material blessings for those who have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, it is easy to imagine the consternation that is bound to be rampant when the events proclaimed to be a part of that tribulation period begin to happen, and the ones who had ther 'ticket bought with the upper-taker' begin to see that the train isn't arriving to carry them away.

The scripture that is most used to explain the world situation just prior to the great tribulation is that of Matthew 24 where it speaks of 'wars and rumors of wars, kingdom against kingdom' but it goes on to say that the end is not yet and to explain in greater detail those conditions. This is proclaimed as being fulfilled in our day when we are told of earthquakes appearing in very remote places not usually given to earthquakes, greater wars, more and more conflict.

There is no one who could deny that these things are indeed taking place as we read this. The questions are"

- 1. "Does this scripture picture present events, or is it yet to come?.
- 2. Do 'wars and rumors of wars' mean merely an increase in wars, or does it mean a recurrence of wars after they have ceased for a long period of time?"
- 3. If the latter is true, then when did wars and rumors ever cease?

These are questions that must be answered before we can come to any definite conclusions as to what must take place before God intervenes and governs the earth from above. As long as the government lies in the hands of men, controlled by Satan, wars will never cease. The only things that will cause wars to cease is for God to redeem this world from the ultimate destruction that must be the end result of Satan's domination. Therefore, if Satan is allowed to 'go the limit' we can expect drastic conditions, perhaps even a nuclear disaster before God redeems the earth.. Those who expect to be rescued from the drastic end of Satan's domination, will be sadly dissappointed, for this will include all of the inhabitants of the earth at the time it occurs, believers and unbelievers alike. Please do not misunderstand and assume I do not believe in a 'rapture', for I know that this is a very real event that will take place exactly as God has stated in the record given of Himself. My objection to orthodox theology is the time and conditions under which it takes place. Failure to recognize the time period in which this takes place gives rise to the kind of fears I experienced as a child, and I do not believe that sort of fear honors the great God of the universe.

I realize that the reader will probably say, "But that is just YOUR opinion!" That is absolutely true. Every theology in the world today is just somebody's opinion. Some have proclaimed to have been given a message directly from God, but the fact remains that ANY theology, regardless of how many follow it, is still just the opinion of men. Remember an opinion is only as good as the information behind it. If your opinion came into being from anything other than your own personal study and examination of the book God caused to be written, then you cannot be sure of the information that generated it,

I am not trying to force my opinions or my conclusions on anyone, but I am proclaiming what I have discovered In my own studies and am encouraging every reader of these words to do the same. What I am throwing out is a new approach to the scriptures, one that makes sense and logic out of the greatest Book on earth, and the most misinterpreted. Follow me through my reasoning and see if this offers you an approach that you can search out FOR YOURSELF, to see truly "WHAT HAS GOD SAID?"

As a GOD-GENERATED BELIEVER IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, I am attempting to be a faithful steward. Thank God, it is not required that I be a successful one, only that I remain faithful to the Book of Books. I can no longer hide my light under a bushel, but, in the pattern set down by my father, a very honest student of the Holy Scriptures, I must speak out with whatever writing talents I may or may not possess, to give glory to my wonderful Saviour.

If any acclaim is ever given to this little book, I want the credit to go to Ray Callaway, a barber in southwestern Wisconsin who dedicated his life to pointing his fellowman to the Book of Books. He was not content to dedicate merely his life to this end, he had to continue speaking after he ceased to be a soul and became a dead soul, for he spoke, by way of a tape recorder from that lifeless body that lay in the funeral home. In a forty five minute message he proclaimed the importance of going to the Book for yourself, not to be content with accepting what was told you, but to search out, for yourself the message of salvation as written in the pages of that Book. To continue that message that he gave in May 1972, I want to dedicate what is left of my life. I have no fear of the outcome when a reader goes to the scripture, HONESTLY searching for truth, for 'HIS WORD WILL NOT RETURN UNTO HIM VOID, BUT WILL ACCOMPLISH WHAT IT WAS SENT FORTH TO DO".

My only fear is for people to blindly accept a message from someone they HOPE is closer to God than they are, and therefore multiply the errors.

# TRUTH IS IN THAT BOOK

IT'S UP TO THE READER TO FIND IT

# A TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER

As a tribute to my father, Ray Callaway. of Boscobel, Wisconsin, born April 1, 1894, died May 15, 1972, I would like to reproduce the message he put on tape and arranged to have played at his funeral, As a progressive Bible student, his understanding of the scriptures was in a constant state of flux, for study always presents new light on subjects. Being willing to conform to new truths, (or I should say, old truths, just new to you) is the evidence of an honest student of the Word. Some of the statements made in the tape did not conform to his views at the time of his death, for the tape was made three years before he died. But those points were minor points, all in all the message he gave was what he would have said had he been alive.

His sense of humor did not leave him, even from the casket, and I am sure you will detect this as you read the message he gave, It is with great pleasure that I produce this message, living again some moments with my father's memory as I do so.

"Here it is January 20, 1969, I have a little tape recorder here, and thought I'd put on it a message that could be played at my funeral, seeing as how it is my funeral. I've never spoken at a funeral before, God never led me that way, but I know there were a few things I would have said if I had.

I want to take you folks to a few passages in the Word of God. In Genesis 1 God said, "Let there be light, and there was light". You notice that God <u>said</u> there was light and there was light. God said that the light was good. And God divided the light from the darkness, and He is sure doing that today. "And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night". Notice here, 'the evening and the morning were the first day". We say "morning" and then "evening" make a day, but God doesn't say that. There's a **darkness** before there's light. The same thing in the Word of God.

If you were to turn to the 9th chapter of John you'd see the blind man that got his **eyes opened.** He walked in darkness all those years and then God opened his eyes. Jesus asked him a question and you know there's a few questions found here--there's 16 of them in the 9th chapter of John. I wouldn't want to go into all of them, but its interesting to see what they are. The last 2 or 3 found there----Jesus met that man. He was thrown out of the synagogue for saying that a man named Jesus opened his eyes.

People these days will go 100 miles just to see someone throw a cane away, but that's healing and it's not in the program today at all. When it was in the program they wouldn't have it. There it is right there in the 9th of John. There that man was and Jesus met him when he was cast out of the synagogue. Be a good thing for a lot of people if they were thrown out of that place of worship---outside for standing up for the Lord Jesus Christ. Whether you know Him or not, you know He is---and if you don't make your stand for what you know---just stand up for the Lord Jesus Christ and see where you end up---right where I am when I died---OUTSIDE OF IT ALL.

As Christ went outside of Jerusalem to die! Was that too holy a city for such a sinful act, or was it too sinful a city for such a holy act? You can just judge that for yourself.

I want to say that in the 9th of John, Jesus met that man and the first question He asked was"

"Dost thou believe in the Son of God?"

And that is a good question. I'd like to ask each one here today,

"Are you a believer in the Son of God?"

If you are you've had that birthday. You can look back to a time when you were in darkness. Jesus said right here in the 9th of John, or rather, the blind man answered that question,

"Who is He Lord, that I might believe?"

Jesus made Himself known to that man right here in the 9th chapter of John. The same Christ that made Himself known to me the 22 day of June, 1930. I came to know Him. But I'll tell you, I found out that going forward in a meeting, giving your heart to the Lord and cleaning yourself up and testifying for Christ---that doesn't take you into anything.

It takes the blood of Christ to take you into the reality of your sins under the blood and you'll never have a clean conscience . . . no one will have a clean conscience, no one listening to this tape. . .I don't care you good you are--reformed--- if you don't know the value of the <u>blood of Christ...</u> . it takes the <u>blood of Christ</u>. .it's the <u>blood of Jesus Christ</u>, <u>God's Son</u> that cleanses us from all sin. Until you know that, you'll never have a clean conscience.

That's why I'm making this tape. I'm, not here to raise myself up---you look at this old body---this ain't worth 5 cents for fertilizer out here.

There's a few questions in the Word of God I'd like to bring before you, but I'd like to finish these two in John 9 before I move away from John's gospel.

Jesus said,

"For this judgment came I into this world, that the blind might see and those that see might be made blind."

Now He told that to people and He's telling it to you. You just stop and think of those words...

"Are you blind also?

That's the question they asked.

"Are we blind also?"

What did He tell them in the last chapter of John? You turn and look. Jesus answered .

"If you say you see, your sin remaineth."

You say you're saved, that you've <u>always</u> believed, You were brought up that way---then you're just as blind as a hottentot in Africa, as to what the real Glorious Gospel of the Grace of God is. That's why I'm making this tape this morning, to bring before you folks the GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD

That's the very first thing you need to know. If you're not concerned about two or three questions I'm going to bring before you on this tape, and you've come to an occasion like this.... you've come to this many times and you've sat down and listened to a man preach a flowery sermon over a man. . .that's why I'm preaching this myself--- I've heard too many men stand up and preach and tell about a guy and you about had to get up and take another look at the corpse to see who he was preaching about.... <u>you knew the man</u>. . .and I want to say as far as my funeral sermon in concerned, I've already preached It..<u>I HAVE ALREADY</u> PREACHED IT!!!

You're preaching yours every day of your life. You can't live for the devil and go out here and try to make a name for yourself. . I don't care who you are,.. I don't care if you're a preacher standing in the pulpit with the Word of God in your hand every Sunday, if you've never experienced the GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD, you've got nothing to tell!!!

Right here in the oldest book in the Bible. .NOW the Bible contains 66 books, and the oldest one is Job.. . I want to bring a few questions. The first one is found in the 14th chapter of Job. . .the 14th verse.

"If a man die, shall he live again?"

That's a good question. The answer is found between the pages of this book and why doesn't the preacher give the answer to that question,

"If a man die, shall he live again?"

You won't find the answer to that in the Old Testament. You can read that clear down as far as you want. . . but you know if you stop and think, Jesus answered that question. The Son of God went to the cross and died and then arose and He answered that question . It's found in 2 Timothy.

"He brought life and immortality through His death, burial and resurrection."

He proved to the world that if you die you're going to live again and that's the proof.

The next question is found in the 10th verse of the 14th chapter of Job.

"A man dieth and wasteth away, a man giveth up the ghost and where is he?"

Now where am I? You're looking at this body---you're seeing me, that's been Ray Callaway for over 70 years. Where am I now? Am I a soul or have I a soul? Are the soul and the spirit the same? What do you know about these things from the Word of God? Take me---1 could talk a long time on these subjects, but where am I, just where am I?

Did Paul---did anyone in the Bible know where they were going? Do you know where you're going? Did the thief on the cross know where he was going? There were three men died there---the Son of God with a thief on each side---He died between the people He came to save, that's what He did. What happened to those two men? Did one of them know and one of them didn't?

Look at the first two sons brought into the world, Cain and Abel, brought up in the same home. What was the difference in those two boys? Do you know the difference between Cain's offering and Abel's?

Think of it!! Maybe you folks listening here today, there came a time when you brought an offering to the Lord. If there hasn't been, there will be ---and what will it be? You've got to stand before God and what is your offering going to be? Is it going to be Cain's offering or is it going to be Abel's offering?

You know that's there--- if you don't know it you should know it---just read it. I could tell you, but I'm not going to tell you, read it for yourself.

"By faith Abel offered a more excellent offering than Cain" it says, and "He that being dead, yet speaketh". He's still speaking to you. What did he bring? He brought a little lamb. He laid it down there. What did that lamb speak of? It spoke of the Lamb of God. John said in the first chapter--he pointed away from himself and said.

"Behold, the Lamb of God , which taketh away the sin of the world".

Have you ever been pointed to the Son of God who takes away the sin of the world, or are you still lookiing to a man like John? Are you John's disciple? I never walked this earth and pointed any man to me.

Paul said,. "If this gospel is hid it is hid to them that are lost, The god of this world is blinding the minds of them that believe not lest the light of the GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF CHRIST, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

What does the next verse say? I'll never forget myself---I'll never forget when that verse became a reality to me. "But God who is rich in mercy"---what does it say---"God commanded the light to shine out of darkness "----it shined into this dark heart of mine. What did He give me then with that Light? The light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ--that's what I got when I got saved. That made a reality of these words. Christ came down into this world, He didn't just come down to make a name for Himself. He came down here for one reason and that was to die.

"As by one man sin came into this world, and death by sin, therefore death has passed on all men, for all have sinned."

That's you!! "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord" "He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son hath not life". If you have Him, how did you get Him? Where did you get Him. When did you get Him? Did you get Him through some religious ordinance you did? Why, it tells us in the second chapter of Ephesians that it is "by Grace we are saved through faith and its not of ourselves, lest anyone should boast."

Do you know who I'm talking to now? To every soul who is listening to this tape. You know what you are? You're dead---you're just as dead as a chair sitting in your living room as far as the Spirit of God is concerned if you don't use those ears to hear and turn your ear to the Living God, to the Word of God. Read it through. Some of you folks that profess to be saved for years, did you ever read the Bible through? I can tell you I read it through before I was saved---read it through a few times since---but I don't believe in reading just to read through the Bible. I read it to study the Bible. You study this thing that you're facing here

"If a man die, shall he live again?"

Do you know anything about it? That's a good question.

Now in the 15th chapter of first Corinthians, verse 35, a question comes up,

"Some men will say, 'how are the dead raised up and with what body do they come?'"

Now just think about that ! Do you suppose God puts questions in His Word never to be answered? Have you gotten the answer for that? Where am I now? I've been dead, say, two or three days. This old body has been taken to the undertaker. Man, I hope they made it look good --- to go out here and plant it. I was thinking about a little dog we had here last summer., He died and I made a little box and stuck it in the ground up there in a little grave, That's just a dog---and you know a lot of people say we die like a dog. but man, they've got this thing so commercialized--these deaths---look at this undertaking parlour !! Look how nice it is --- and how the green grass they put over the grave and all that. Too bad they didn't roll me up in a blanket and take it down----like in the 5th chapter of Acts with Anannias and Saphira. They had a funeral for both of them, about --- how long?---couldn't have been more than 4 hours and they had 'em both dead and buried! That's the Word of God.

We read in the Bible,

"Jesus said, 'Follow me', and he said 'Suffer me to bury my father, when I bury my father, then I'll follow you'. But Jesus said, 'Let the dead bury the dead!"

Dead bury dead? What do you think? Dead bury dead---yes, they didn't let anyone lay around. As far as me buying this coffin and arranging this funeral sermon and all its not in the Word of God. There's two ways of leaving this world. I didn't know when I made this tape and arranged this thing whether I'd go up in the rapture. There's been thousands of people looking for the rapture and died. How about me?. I died! Here I am. You're listening to this tape. I'm dead!! Where am I? How am I to be raised up and in what body will I come?. There are questions here! Do you know the answer to them?

Not long ago I saw in the magazine ""Truth and Tidings"--some of you folks know of 'Truth and Tidings"---I'm sure that man's read the Bible as much as any man alive---I fellowship with 'em, too---somebody sent in the question "What is the occupation of the child of God from death until resurrection?" That was in the December issue, 1968-- at the answer that man gave!! Why didn't that man take the Word of God and answer that question?

Where am I right now? What am I doing? Well, you know, God 's Word doesn't leave you in the dark on that, and I wouldn't think of such a thing as to say that "God is silent on this subject. This is a very important subject, this question here---"If a man die, shall he live again?"

- (1) IF A HAN DIE, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?
- (2) A MAN DIETH AND WASTETH AWAY, A MAN GIVETH UP THE GHOST AND WHERE IS HE?
- (3) SOME PEOPLE SAY, HOW ARE THE DEAD RAISED UP AND WITH WHAT BODY TO THEY COME?

These three questions are in the Bible. Right here are the questions in this Book. I hold the Book in my hand.. Where am I? Am I going to live---just as Christ lived, , I'm going to live. He rose again. I'm going to rise again. But where am I now? Where does my soul go? You take this old body over to the Evergreen Cemetery, you walk away from it, but where am I? I have a soul! and God says in His word, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

I've had a lot of people ask me, "Am I a soul, or have I a soul? I quote them that verse. I was talking to a man not long ago and he said, "Well, that's the only place it says that" and I said;, "Once in the Word of God is enough for me". It shows me I have a soul. In the 15th chapter of 2 Cor. it says, "The first man, Adam was a living soul, the second man is a quickening spirit.

We were born. God breathed into the nostrils of man the breath of life and man became a living soul. He put them in the Garden of Eden and told them, 'there you are, you can have anything you want, its all yours, take it, but leave one tree alone--- the tree of the knowledge of good and evil----for the day----- (now notice)--- the day that thou eatest of that tree you're going to die."

He told that to Adam, but Satan came along and beguiled Eve. Adam wasn't deceived when he took that. He went into it with his eyes wide open. That's why the Word of God says Adam wasn't deceived, Eve was deceived---the devil deceived her but Adam absolutely sinned with his eyes wide open. Don't think for one minute that you wouldn't have done the same thing. I've done the same thing. The 5th chapter of Romans and th 12th verse says,

"For by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, so death has passed upon all men, for all have sinned"

We have all sinned! And you're dead, you're walking this old world, whoever you are. I don't dare what church you belong to. I don't care what you do. You can be standing in the pulpit with the Bible in your hand, preaching every day, but if you have never been quickened by the Spirit of God, and if you have never came to the place where you are nothing but a dead sinner----I'd just like to tell you how men stand up, hold the Bible in their hand, and quote John 6:37 and say,---"Whosoever cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out"----and give that to me, a dead sinner, ----I was a dead sinner, but God had moved in and was showing me I was a dead sinner, ----and I took Christ crucified from another dead sinner --- and I went home. A NATURAL MAN CAN DO THIS !!

I told them when I got saved 3 years later---why, I lost more friends then than I did when I made my first start. I was a wonderful fella then. The devil patted me on the back. "All your life you lived for Satan, and now you're living for God" they said. I wasn't living for God!!! I had the spirit of the devil, the great deceiver.

The realization came to me---" I'm going to hell with all of this! God showed me that. Now I was meditating on what I had ever done and I couldn't think of a thing. Right there God revealed Himself to me. The last two thoughts I had in my sins were (and this as real as I hold my Bible in my hand and I have it on the authority of the Word of God) ---the last two thoughts in my sins were, (1)what did I ever do to deserve forgiveness, and (2) "I'm going to hell with all of this."

This going forward, this giving my wicked heart to God, the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked--something to give to the lord, the seat of your affections.----Bow can you give your desires to Him? You've got to have your desires changed!!!!! You've got to be born again. You've got to be made a new creature. We are His workmanship, Paul says,

"We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

We can remember----anyone who is saved can remember when they were without hope and without God in this world and you were without Christ. There is your past, your present and your future. Read those first I3 verses, If you are a child of God there is a time when you were without Christ. Now I've lived a good many years 'in Christ' and now I have gone to be 'with Christ" I've fallen asleep with Christ.

I want to make it plain that I DON'T KNOW AT THIS MOMENT, RIGHT NOW WHEN YOU HEAR THIS, ANY MORE THAN I DID THD DAY I MADE THIS TAPE, I HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP 'IN CHRIST'.

Now I know some of you folks might not like this statement, but it is the truth! The Word of God bears that out, that I have fallen asleep. I have fallen asleep 'in Christ'. Paul says in 1 Thess. 4----"Those that <u>sleep</u> in Christ---" and in 1 Cor. 15, "Behold I show you a mystery---we shall not all <u>sleep</u>, but we shall all be changed". If you are a child of God, if you've been born again, you're going to be changed.

Now notice what it says---"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump, the trump shall sound and the dead in Christ shall be raised, incorruptible, and we shall be changed, we that are alive, for this corruptible must put on incorruptibility and this mortal must put on immortality." Do you realilze that you are born with a mortal soul. You die, but you are going to have an immortal soul. You 've travelled this earth with a corruptible body, but you are going to have an incorruptible body. You read that chapter and you'll see. I must go on.

We're coming down here, now. I'm going to close this tape, I've held you a long time, but I hope when you leave this funeral that you will think about these 3 questions:

1. IF A MAN DIE SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?

2. A MAN DIETH AND WASTETH AWAY, YEA HE GIVETH UP THE GHOST AND WHERE IS HE?

3. SOME MEN SAY, HOW ARE THE DEAD RAISED UP AND WITH WHAT BODY DO THEY COME?

These are good questions! I'd like to take you over to the 9th chapter of John again and ask you this,

"Dost thou believe in the Son of God?"

What was the last question that He asked of that blind man after he had his eyes opened? If he hadn't had his eyes opened to the Son of God, knowing who He was---do you know OF Him, or do you KNOW HIM? Was there a time when you met Him? If you didn't you are still blinded by the God of this world, and the light of the GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD has never shined into your heart. I say this with all the love I've got, realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, that nothing is more certain than death and nothing is unmore certain than life.

I take this tape----not because I can talk better than anyone else, but I've got a story to tell of my life that nobody else can tell. That's why I tell it myself! I want you, when you leave this funeral today, to realize that the Evergreen Cemetery is as far as you can go with me if you have never experienced the quickening of the Spirit of God and know what it is to be 'saved'.

Dig into that Word of God and study these things out. I went to Prairie du Chien and got the smallest Bible I could get and carried it in my barber coat pocket. I knew that was the Word of God and if I were ever to find out anything I would have to get it from there. But I listened to man too much. You're listening to man too much. I'll tell you, whoever you are, I don't care how good the man is, if you meet God with anything but the blood of Christ yo're going to miss His salvation and go down to a lost eternity, and eventualy, as said in Revelations, in the lake of fire and this is the second death.

Everyone born once dies twice, and everybody born twice dies once. The Word of God brings that out---you figure that out for yourself, and with that I'll say,---GOODBYE,

#### CHAPTER I

#### IN THE BEGINNING-----GOD-----

Every man that was ever born into this world came into the world with the knowledge that above him is a power that is supreme. He may not have called this power GOD for GOD is an English word and he may not have spoken English, but the knowledge of a superior power was inherent in him.

If he denied this in later life it was because something happened to change his mind. Perhaps it was because his study of ancient history, prehistoric man, etc., seemed to be in direct conflict with the Bible stories he had learned in Sunday School. Perhaps he couldn't reconcile the thousands, or perhaps even millions, of years that Sunday School teachers told him spanned from Adam to the present time. Maybe the story of Jonah and the Whale became unbelievable as he grew older and was exposed to other views. Many things may have happened to cause him to doubt the existence of this Power.

Skeptics are made----not born. Every primitive society has worshipped some being stronger than themselves. If that power had never spopken, one opinion would be as good as another. IF THATPOWERDID SPEAK, HOWEVER, THEN WE SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT WAS SAID!

The book we call the HOLY BIBLE begins with these words---IN THE BEGINNING GOD -----Perhaps you could paraphrase and say -----IN THE BEGINNING, INTELLIGENCE----- for GOD is Intelligence.

Who can see Intelligence? Intelligence is invisible. It is everywhere at the same time. You can see the work done by Intelligence, but Intelligence itself is invisible.

Maybe you would like to go one step further and call it CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, because, "IN the BEGINNING GOD <u>CREATED</u> THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH-----Or----IN THE BEGINNING INTELLIGENCE <u>CREATED</u>THE PLACE CALLED HEAVEN AND THE PLACE CALLED EARTH"

Creative Intelligence could only create a perfect work, so the place called "Heaven" and place called "Earth" were both perfect places. But something happened to the place called "Earth". We don't know how many years, perhaps millions of years, passed before something happened to the place called "Earth," but we do know that it was overflowed with water and perished. When that happened, the "Earth" became chaos. The Hebrew word used was 'tohu' which means 'chaos'. We are certain that 'Earth' was not created in this condition, that it went from a perfect state to one of chaos, for in Isaiah 45, verse 18 we are told that "God did not create 'tohu'". The Bible doesn't give an accounting of the inhabitants of the original earth, but we do know that there were people on it, for when God <u>recreated</u> the Earth and put people upon it He told them to "be fruitful and multiply and replenish the Earth."

There seems to be no question as to the translation in this case, and the word 'replenish' means to 'fill again'. You can't fill something 'again' unless it had been filled at least once before. We also know that the same kind of trees and plants that we have now were in the first 'Earth' because the 'seeds' were in the ground when God said "Let the dry land appear". When those seeds were instructed to produce vegetation, they responded.

When the place called "Earth" became chaos, or 'without form and void' as the King James Translation puts it, we know that water was involved because God said in 2 Peter 2:5,6, <u>"The world</u> that then was, being overlflowed with water, perished. In Genesis 1, verse 2, it says 'darkness was upon the face of the <u>deep</u>. e have been told by science that if we had no sun we would have extreme cold on the earth, so if the placed called 'Earth' were covered with water and the sun were taken away we would have ice. Science verifies something they call an "Ice Age". The Bible doesn't tell us how long this condition lasted. It could have been a year and it could have been far more---perhaps even billions of years. But we know it lasted until INFINITE INTELLIGENCE--- CREATIVE INTELLIGENCES--(take your pick)---decided to act again in relationship to the place called 'Earth".

The Bible is the record of this re-formed place called 'Earth'. It contains the very words of the LIVING GOD. or INFINITE INTELLIGENCE, that brought everything into being and explains the order in which that was accomplished, what happened to it in pre-recorded times, and what the plans of INFINITE INTELLIGENCE are for its fantastic future.

To deny that this place called 'Earth' has a future is to insult the INTELLIGENCE that brought it into being. To insist that the home of the inhabitants of this place called 'Earth' is to be changed and that they are to inhabit a place called 'Heaven' is to deny the entire record that INFINITE INTELLIGENCE caused to be written concerning the future of the place that GOD so loved that He made plans for its redemption.

Lucifer, the shining angel, rebelled against CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE sometime during the life span of the original 'Earth', and the war between Good and Evil began. This caused the subsequent destruction of the original condition of the place called 'Earth'. We have no record of the activities of CREATIVE INTIELLIGENCE between the creation of the place called 'Earth' and its destruction by water, but we do have a detailed description of the steps taken to reform the 'Earth' that had been destroyed.

Planet 'Earth' was taken from its chaotic condition and

Genesis 1 tells us the order in which that was accomplished. It was done over a period of six days, including the day that human life was formed to inhabit 'Earth'.

The human lman, Adam, was created from the very materials that the 'Earth' was made of----he was made from the dust of the ground. We will go into this as we study, verse by verse, the account, but for now let's be content to say that the <u>purpose of</u> <u>re-froming 'Earth' was to put human life on it again with a</u> <u>definite plan for exposing Lucifer's evil ways and the futility</u> <u>of them, with the ultimate goal of justifyably destroying</u> Lucifer.

A legitimate question arises as to why INFINITE: INTELLIGENCE would even bother re-structuring 'Earth' and putting mankind on it if it were known in advance what would happen, and that mankind would follow Lucifer's directions, If CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE knows everything, then why should such a system be created that would be destined to bring such miseries on the inhabitants of 'Earth'? Wouldn't it just have been much better if mankind had been created perfect and not subjected to Lucifer's will? Or better yet, why bother at all? Why not just leave the situation as it was and prevent all the heartache that has been the result of Lucifer's control over the inhabitants of 'Earth'?

If we can find the answers to these questions we will have the reason for being. I believe the scriptures were written for the express purpose of explaining why **Construct** IGENCE acted again in relationship to the planet 'Earth', and to explain HIS PLAN for 'Earth' as we know it. Be prepare d to read an explanation that is diametrically opposed to the general opinions of all of Christendom, but is, nonetheless, in accord with the record given by the CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD AND THE WORD WAS GOD, THE SAME WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD ----- King James Version of St. John 1: 1.

To understand what is being said in these words it is necessary to start with the knowledge that GOD---CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE---- is <u>Pure Spirit and has no physical form or being</u> To communicate, Pure Spirit must take some form, and in these cases the method of communication was an 'expression', or, as St. John says, a "Word".

Visualize yourself in a room with an invisible force. That force sees everything you do; knows everything you do; but you cannot communicate with it any way. You do not have the intelligence to 'tune in' to Pure Spirit, but the reverse is not true. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE is capable of taking whatever form is necessary to communicate and here it was a voice. If a voice is employed then words must be used. Let me illustrate this in a way understandable to those of us who live in this age of electronics. When you record your voice on a tape recorder and play it back, you can say, "That's me". The tape recorder is not you, nor are you in the tape recorder, and still you can say, 'That's me talkiing'. You have extended your voice from your mouth to a machine that recorded it. You can sit and listen to yourself and what you are hearing is not you, but rather an extension of a part of you.

If you were in front of a television camera you could later see yourself and say "That's me!", when in reality, it was only an expression of you extending yourself by way of the television camera and projecting your form some place else. You exist apart from that extension of you, just as you exist apart from the extension of your voice on the tape recorder. You need an electronic instrument to accomplish this but CREATIVE INTELLIG-ENCE, the maker of the universe, needs no such device. You do not cease to be just because your form has been projected onto a screen with a camera, <u>neither does CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE</u> cease to exist apart from the form chosen to express itself.

# LET THERE BE LIGHT

The first act of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE in relationship to the planet 'Earth' when the task of restructuring it began was to speak LIGHT into existence. All the universe responds and obeys the directions of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.

The King James Version of the Bible tells us "GOD said, 'Let there be light, and there was light!",

The ice that existed before the Light appeared, suddenly disappeared. That may be hard for you to believe, but the CREATOR of all the natural forces is certainly capable of speeding up all of the processes so the ice immediately disappeared. We have the record that this was the FIRST DAY.

You are familiar with recording devices where a tape recording is reproduced in a matter-of seconds. This electronic device is capable of taking the voice impulses recorded on that piece of tape and recording them at speeds byond that which can be understood, and still, when they are played back, they are sharp and clear and understandable. If mankind is capable of doing something so simple as to speed-record a voice, wouldn't it be a bit insulting to say that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE that created all matter in the first place is not capable of speeding up the melting process so that the ice that covered the face of the <u>deep</u> would be gone instantly?

The light was separated from the darkness, making that the FIRST DAY. First came the darkness, and then came the light. There were no separate holders---the sun and the moon---as yet.

They were made on the fourth day, but the light existed and created the climate necessary for the restructuring of the planet to again make it habitable.

When CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE looked upon it, it met with complete approval. The King James Version says, "GOD said that it was good". CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE never makes a mistake and there were no mistakes made in restructuring this planet to suit the purpose for which it was intended.

It is interesting that it was a <u>word</u> from CREATIVE INTELLI-GENCE that gave light. If we are to know anything about CREATIVE intelligence it is essential that the knowledge originate from a word, or an expression from that same source. When GOD, or CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE seeks to communicate with mankind, the job gets done and the WORD we have now is a written record we call the HOLY BIBLE, We must become familiar with its contents.

### THE SECOND DAY

The second day CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE said, "Let there be a firmament [air space) in the midst of the waters, ant let it divide the waters from the waters."

We know that the 'Earth' is a round globe and it may tax the imagination of that globe being surrounded with a canopy of water, but that is what the very WORDS OF THE LIVING GOD says in the record that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE caused to be written. Perhaps centrifugal force kept that canopy of water circling much as it does when you take a pail of water and swing it around and around until it seems to crawl up the sides of the pail. As long as the pail is going in circles, the water remains suspended on the sides and you can see the bottom. Perhaps it can easily be explained why the water could completely surround the planet and create a 'greenhouse effect', that concurs with the record that we have when we read of the 'waters being sepated from the waters'.

We no longer have that canopy of waters for we have the record of the time when this was released and allowed to fall upon the earth.

Verse 7 of Genesis 1 tells us---just in case we missed it the first time---that an air space was made which divided the waters under the firmament from the waters under the firmament. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE called the firmament 'heaven' meaning 'over and above". This is not the same thing that was created IN THE BEGINNING when CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE created a <u>place</u> called HEAVEN, but this is the heaven the firds fly around in. We call it atmosphere.

Light and atmosphere were essential if this planet were ever

again to become a habitable place, so they were the first things in the DIVINE ORDER to be restored to their original condition.

When CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE viewed the work of the SECOND DAY, it was declared to be 'very good'. We must get the picture of complete satisfaction with the work that was being done. Orderliness was the name of the game for the scriptures tell us that GOD, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, is not the author of confusion, and that 'everything shall be done decently and in order".

By the end of the SECOND DAY nothing new had been created. We just have the restoration of the original conditions that existed in the previous 'Earth' when it was inhabited.

#### THE THIRD DAY

On the THIRD DAY, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place and let the dry land appear".

Just the same as before, we have a WORD from CREATIVE INTBLLIGENCB, an expression of Pure Spirit, if you will, giving instructions and all the universe responds accordingly, bringing about the desired results. We still have no new creation----just directions from CREATIVE INTBLLIGENCB that governs all matter, and the things that were made 'in the beginning', begin to respond to the originator of all things.

Even the land is the same land that had been overflowed with water in the original destruction. It was <u>dry land</u> that appeared, not just <u>land</u>, for a wet, soggy mass would have been of no use in the overall PLAN. Specific instructions came through loud and clear that is was to be dry land that was to appear.

The dry land that appeared was ONE LAND MASS for the record states that the dry land was to be gathered together 'into one place'. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE: called the dry land 'earth' and waters were named 'seas", In scientific circles we have the Wagoner Continental Drift Theory which tells us that this planet was not always cut up into continents, but that it was once one land mass. However, Wagoner believed this to have taken place over a long period of time, perhaps millions of years, but in rthe record that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE caused to be written, all of the speculation is put to rest and the approximate time is given when this breaking assunder of the one land mass occurred. We will go into that as we reach that point in our studies.

CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE did not stop at bringing the dry land into existence on that third work day, but went one step further and ordered the seeds that were in existence within the land to reproduce themselves. Each seed was to bring forth 'after its own kind'. The fruit trees brought forth fruit, the grasses brought forth grasses, each having their own seeds within themselves.

At the end of the record stating what CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE accomplished each day, we have the statement that it was declared to be 'very good'. We have no record of any dissatisfaction with the results. That is simply proof that all the universe obeys the commands of that which brought it into being. The laws of the Universe have not been tampered with by Lucifer. That seems to be the exclusive realm of man. Given a choice, only mankind devises plans of his own. Natural laws can be depended upon. We can depend on the sun to rise at a given time each day, set at a given time, the planets to move at the exact same speed as they were designed to do. All the universe follows the laws of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.

# THE FOURTH DAY

### FIRST CREATIVE ACTS

On the FOURTH DAY, according to the record, the first actual creative acts were performed in relationship to the restructuring of the planet 'Earth". It was on the FOURTH DAY, that the lights were gathered together and placed in two light holders ----the sun and the moon. The greater light, the sun, ruled the day and the lesser light, the moon, ruled the night.

This is the day that the record gives for the creation of the solar system, for this is the day that the stars were placed in the heavens. The record here contains what is considered by some to be very poor grammar, even by Elizabethan standards (which was the time period during which the King James Translation was written). There are too many 'ands' for general use.

The King James Translation says:

"Also the stars were placed in the heavens and they were for signs, and for seasons, and for days and for years."

This was no accident, but had a very definite purpose in this strange structure. The Greeks and Romans had many, many figures of speech that governed writings. One of these figures of speech was something called a 'polysyndenton' which means 'many ands'. This means that each of the things spoken of are to be considered, independent of each other, and each one of them equally important.

It must be remembered that the time span from the occurrences of the things recorded in Genesis 1 and the day the events were put on paper, was about 2500 years. During this long period of time *CREATIVE* INTELLIGENCE was going to put the record of His PLAN for the future of the planet 'Earth' in a place where it would be safe and unaltered by man or time. This record was written in the placement of the stars and the naming of them so the message would be safe for all time. The 'signs', 'seasons', 'days', and 'years' recorded here and carefully separated with 'ands' are the record sealed forever in the heavens.

CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE named the stars and we have some of those names listed in Job 9:9, but many of them have been lost. Each main star in each constellation had a name and that name had a meaning. The ENTIRE PLAN OF THE UNIVERSE was proclaimed in the names of the stars. Adam, Seth and Enoch well understood this, but the knowledge became perverted and by the time of Babel it had degenerated to the point where mankind was worshipping the creation instead of the Creator.

But that is getting ahead of the story.

CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE looked upon that day's accomplishments and was satisfied.

# THE FIFTH DAY

The second actual creative act recorded by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE in the work of re-structuring the earth, took place on the FIFTH DAY. This was the day living souls were created. This is a very important point for the first 'souls' were the living creatures in the sea and the fowls in the air. We have been told by religious leaders and teachers that man alone has a 'soul' and that the difference between man and animal life was that man possesses a 'soul' and animals do not. We could accept that if it were in accord with the record that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had caused to be written, but the truth of the matter is that IT IS NOT!!!

In translating from one language to another, as it pertains to the scriptures, we have a 'rule of first occurrence', which is generally accepted by all expositors. If we are to apply that rule, then we must recognize the fact that the first time the word 'nephesh' is used (that is the Hebrew word translated 'soul' in most occurrences), it is used of fish and fowl. The King James Translation of the Bible used the word 'life' as a replacement for 'nephesh: Genesis 1:20.

The first 'souls' were brought into being by simply instructing the waters to bring forth abundantly the 'living creature that hath 'soul' ". Quite obviously the freezing of the waters when the first 'Earth' became submerged did not destroy the eggs that it contained, for all that was necessary was for CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE to speak the word and all nature responded, in this case the dormant life in the sea.

The Hebrew word 'nephesh' occurs 754 times in the Old

Testament. Every time the word 'soul' occurs in the Authorized Version, or the Revised Version, except for Job 30:15 and Isaiah 57:16, it has been translated from the word 'nephesh'. In other words, 472 times out of the 754 times it occurs, 'nephesh' is rendered 'soul'. What happened to the 229 times that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE used the word 'nephesh'?

Wouldn't it be better to just avoid any confusion and use the word 'soul' in every occurrence, or, if that seems ulntenable, then why not just use the word 'nephesh' without any attempt at translation, so the meaning is perfectly clear that every time it occurs it means the same thing. A lot could be said about this, but all that is necessary at this time is to point out that fish, fowl, cattle and creeping things were all called 'soul'. With that fact firmly established, we can now have an open mind to find the real differences between mankind and animal life when we reach that point in the record.

The first creative act was when CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE created large sea creatures and the winged fowl that 'brought forth after his kind". (First creation of 'souls', that is). It is interesting to see that everything brought forth a reproduction of itself, not a mutation or an evolving creature of some sort.

The living creatures that were produced the FIFTH DAY were instructed to be fruitful and multiply and to fill the waters of the sea, and the fowl were to multiply upon the earth. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE looked upon His creation and saw that it was good. A -perfect workman had again created a perfect workmanship and complete satisfaction was the order of the day.

### THE SIXTH DAY

One outstanding thing about the record of the SIXTH DAY of the transformation of the 'Earth" was that the creatures that moved on the face of the earth all reproduced 'after their kind'.

Two of the verses dedicated to the SIXTH working day will give the answer to all evolutionary theories. There are those who would have us to believe that life forms have been constantly changing over the millions of years they assume must have been necessary for things to reach their present status. Strange, however, that no half-forms are roaming the earth at this time, even though the original forms are still here.

Four times in two verses the phrase 'after their own kind' appears, so it must be that there was to be no confusion about this point. Monkeys were created as monkeys and what they produced were more monkeys. Birds laid eggs and those eggs hatched into more birds. Lizards always looked like lizards and the eggs they laid produced more lizards just like the ones that laid them. If a different form had been desired, the CREATOR of all matter could have easily created it from scratch. It would not have been necessary for many years of evolvement before another form could be produced. This would have been in direct opposition to all of the other creative acts, for everything was looked upon as 'good'. No improvements were needed.

(a)---- "IN THE IMAGE OF GOD"

Right here is where we run into difficulties because the first impression is to look at the <u>form</u> of man with a head, torso, arms and legs and say that, <u>because man takes on a certain appearance it must be assumed that GOD, Or CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE has that same appearance, because the record states that man was made in 'the IMAGE OF GOD'.</u>

In Collossians 1:15 we read of JESUS CHRIST being the 'image of the <u>invisible</u> GOD. If GOD, or CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, is invisible, then we must discard the idea of <u>form</u> when we speak of the 'image' of GOD and look a bit deeper to see what is meant. If GOD is INTELLIGENCE then it must follow that to be in the 'image of GOD' must also be Intelligence.

It is generally accepted that mankind differs from animal life in that man can reason and think where animals have only instinct to guide them. Science, in the headlong plunge to explain away the miracle of creation, has conjured up the theory of evolution and can present what, at least to them, is a reasonable argument in defense of their ideas of man evolving from an amoeba.

The one thing they have not been able to find an explanation for is the intelligence of man. Form they can imagine developed in such and such a manner, but there is no way they can account for the creature having reasoning powers not credited to the original form. This would certainly cast doubt upon the vain reasonings of science and makes one wonder why they are so bent on discarding such a reasonable account as the scriptures give in favor of one so filled with chuckholes,

(b)--- THE 'US' OF CREATION

To understand Genesis 1:26 where it reads, "and GOD said, 'Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness..," we must read John 1:1 to find out who "US" is. It was 'in the beginning' that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE created the place called 'Heaven", and the place called "Earth", as we read in the very first page of this record. Creation began long before the record of the recreation of the placed called "Earth", and, if that first creation progressed in the same manner as that recorded in Genesis 1:3, through 26, it was spoken into existence.

In order to create, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, a pure force, had to extend and become an expression of some sort. We do not know

what kind of a voice was used, or even if a voice was used, or what sort of language was employed, but we do know that in some way that force had to make itself known, or express itself. John 1:1 states that 'in the beginning was the EXPRESSION (WORD).

That EXPRESSION of the INVISIBLE GOD was the JEHOVAH GOD of the Old Testament, and the form changed at different times in communicating with man. One time this EXPRESSION came out of a burning bush, one time it came out of the mouth of a donkey, but the EXPRESSION was always the same as the INVISIBLE GOD that it expressed. It was this EXPRESSION, the JEHOVAH GOD, or YAHWEH, that was equatilng itself with the INVISIBLE GOD when the statement was made... "Let US make man in OUR image'.

John 1:1 thru 3 reads as follows: "In the beginning was the WORD (EXPRESSION) and the WORD (EXPRESSION) was with GOD, and the WORD (EXPRESSION) WAS GOD. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1:14 says... 'And the WORD (EXPRESSION) was made flesh and dwelt among ''. " so we know that the same EXPRESSION that created the place called "Heaven": and the place called "Earth"----IN THE BEGINNING---- became the person the record calls the JESUS CHRIST of the New Testament. This form, however, was not a glorified form, but rather a form "a little lower than the angels", one emptied of all its glory, being obedient to death, being in the form of a man in order to redeem the world that HE so loved. More about this later on

### (c)---ADAM----MALE AND FEMALE?

The creation of Adam is generally stated in Genesis 1:37 and 38, but is explained more fully in Genesis 2:17. The general statement sheds a good deal of light on the nature of man when he first appeared on the 'Earth".

We must understand that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE: didn't waste any unnecessary words in giving the record and so much is said in just a few words that we must read very carefully and not miss any of the important details. Only CREATIVE: INTELLIGENCE could have been so explicit and succinct in the record given. If human intelligence had written it, volumes would have been necessary. That is evident in the thousands of books that have been written just to explain a few words recorded in THE BOOK OF BOOKS. It is also evident in the book you are now reading----so much explanation is employed to get at the basic facts that should have been obvious if we would just believe the record. The ability of man to reduce the facts to a very few words is sadly lacking when one reads the record inspired by the LIVING GOD.

Leaving out the words in italics for these were merely supplied by the translators and did not appear in the original text, we find some rather startling facts presented in just 19 words. 1 Genesis 1:27----" So GOD created man in HIS image, in the image of GOD created He; male and female created He." Just before this, it was stated that man was to have dominion over the creatures on the earth, and in order to do this, man had to have INTELLIGENCE. Therefore it was necessary that man was in the image of INTELLIGENCE. Those few words state that the original creation, Adam (Eve was not a creation, per se, she was taken out of Adam) was both male and female.

What CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE created was both male and female, and was capable of complying with the instructions given in Genesis 1:28 when Adam was blessed and told to "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the 'Earth'". It wasn't until <u>after</u> man had been placed in the garden and all of the animals had been brought to him for names, etc., that Eve was taken out of Adam, so it must logically follow that Adam, while Eve was still within him, was capable of reproducing. The only evidence left of man being once both male and female are the two embryonic breasts on the anatomy of the male of the specie.

(d) ---DIET FOR SOULS

Originally man was vegetarian, for Genesis 1:29 and 30 state: "GOB said, 'Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the 'Earth' and every tree, in the which is the fruit of the tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the field wherein is 'soul' ('life' in the King James Translation) I have given every green herb for meat; and it was so".

This tells us that the same diet was given for mankind as was given for animal life, for all living things with 'soul' required the same substance for food and CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE: supplied everything necessary to sustain life. No 'soul' was *ever* required to give up its 'soul' to sustain another.

It may seem very strange to you to read of 'souls' being animals, or to read of 'souls' dying, but that is in accord with the words that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE chose, so these rather unusual expressions will occur repeatedly in this book. By doing this, perhaps the idea of an 'immortal soul', an idea originating from Plato, will be removed from the reader's consciousness. By using the same words every time the word 'nephesh'; occurs, it is hoped that we reach an understanding of what CREATIVE INTELLI-GENCE meant when that *word* was chosen. We do not wish to rewrite the Bible, only to understand what was written.

# (e)----CREATIVE DAYS

The article 'the' does not appear in the original text concerning the first five days of creation. They are stated as 'day one', 'day two','day three',etc., but when the 6th day is spoken of, the article does appear. This differentiated this day from the others. It is the day that man was created, and therefore the number 6 becomes the number of man. The number 3 appears repeatedly through the scriptures as the number of completion. The number of man, completed, then becomes six three times, or 666. It is only spoken of at this point in this book to give food for thought in examining all the wild imaginations prevalent these days concerning that number.

All of the 6 days of creation, or rather, re-creation, are spoken of as the night, or darkness, and the day, light. For this reason it is reasonable to believe that each day contained a period of light and one of darkness. This follows the making of the light holders with the sun ruling the day and the moon ruling the night, therefore it is logical to assume the 'days' were regular 24 hour periods. Many teologians present the 6 days of creation as being each a long period of time, as much as a thousand years for each 'day". To take this view requires a good deal of stretching of the imagination. I would rather take the record as it is written and give CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE the honor deserved in re-forming this planet we call "Earth" in just 144 hours. It gives glory and honor to CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE to accept the record as it is given.

On the SIXTH day CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE ended His work and on the SEVENTH day He rested. It is not to be construed that after 144 hours of such strenuous activity, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE must indeed be tired and needed rest. This only means that He rested in relationship to His achievement. The SEVENTH DAY was 'sanctified', which means it was set apart for future use. Later on this special use is explained when CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE made a contract with a very special group of people for a very special purpose. That would be getting way ahead of our story, though, so we will settle for just stating that it was set apart for something very special and let it go at that, for that is what the record says.

This portion completes the general record of re-creation, and, even though more details are provided concerning the creation of Adam, for the most part, the story of the first creative work is completed.

#### BACK TO "IN THE BEGINNING"

The scriptures examined in the previous chapter were an outline, so to speak, of the overall plan of restructuring the "Earth". Now the information becomes more detailed, but still is the same recreation that appeared in the previous verses. It would be a mistake to think these were separate and distinct actions.

Genesis 2 4 thru 7 gives us some of the essential characteristics of the 'Earth' before the man, Adam, was placed upon it.

Here the record takes a step backward in time and returns to "in the beginning" when CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE made the place called Heaven and the place called Earth. This tells of how He made the plants of the earth <u>before they grew</u>. This puts CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE at the very beginning of everything, even the plants before they grew in the <u>original earth</u>. We are constantly being reminded of the fact that all of this was at the very beginning of everything and this constant return to the beginning firmly establishes the origin.

We are told that in the re constructed 'Earth' there was no rainfall, but that a mist went up and watered the whole face of the ground. These few words give an accounting of something often overlooked by Sunday School classes about the canopy of water that surrounded the earth, but we had that record in the second day of recreation. This feature produced a greenhouse effect (not the greenhouse effect mentioned today in the ozone theory) and shows the perfection of the first creation. It seems as though these were the conditions that prevailed in the original earth for this is stated in the same breath as the statement about the plants being made before they were in the earth.

CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE then jumps from the subject of the conditions on the 'Earth' to the making of Adam. We know this pertains to Adam and not to life forms that were in the original 'Earth' because the definite article accompanies the Hebrew word used here translated 'man'. Every time this word 'man' occurs pertaining to Adam this article is supplied, distinguishing Adam from mankind in general.

#### IMMORTAL SOUL----FACT OR FANCY?

Genesis 2: 7 provides information which, when taken into careful consideration, belies the teaching that a soul is something that man possesses and that is immortal. We must understand 'soul' if we are to understand any of the record concerning the nature and destiny of man. In any logical reasoning we begin with a premise,. If that premise is faulty, no amount of correct reasoning can give a correct answer. We must examine and re-examine our premise to be sure we have the foundation for a correct answer once we have provided logical reasoning based on that premise.

It is virtually impossible to come to any correct answer concerning the nature and destiny of man until we first understand what CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE meant when He chose the word '<u>nephesh'</u> to describe man when the human writers were inspired to record the account of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE and His PLAN.

The dust of the gound was the source which brought forth Adam and the mineral content that makes up man is the same as that which makes up soil. Adam was made out of the earth and was <u>specifically made for inhabiting the 'Earth'.</u> The opposite is also true---the "Earth" was also made specifically for man.

All of the planets in the solar sysltem exist <u>solely</u> for their relationship to the \*Earth' and for the inhabitants thereof. Each one has its particular reason for being and most of these reasons are known only to CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE for most of their name meanings have been lost. The planets, stars, and constellations exist as part of the record of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE'S PLAN for the Universe and specifically as it relates to human life. What has been lost will be made known in day when GOD, or <u>CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE</u> governs this planet we call Earth.

The man, Adam, was a complete being with all necessary parts, but until CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE breathed the beath of life into that form, he was not 'soul'. When he <u>became</u> 'soul' he did not become a possessor of something that would live apart from his body forever. He became a possessor of LIFE. He had sensory preception, the same as the animals that had <u>life</u>. He could now see, smell, taste, feel and hear. The scriptures speak of 'living souls' and they speak of 'dead souls' but NEVER ONCE DO THEY SPEAK OF IMMORTAL SOULS. We are told that 'the soul that sinneth it shall die!'

THE IDEA OF AN IMMORTAL SOUL CAME STRICTLY FROM PLATO AND HAS NO FOUNDATION WHATSOEVER IN THE SCRIPTURES, and still the 'immorstality of the soul" remains a fundamental doctrine of most Church creeds.

To make both man and animals to be 'soul', as the record shows, does not conclude that they have the same destiny, however. There is a definite difference between mankind and animal life, but that difference does not lie in 'soul'. In that category they are exactly the same. The difference lies in the IMAGE OF GOD in which mankiind was created.

It was a 'living soul' that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE produced

with the breath of life, not a 'soul' that was dying. that 'soul' was mean to live forever. That life, or 'soul', remained in this condition of being 'alive and living' until disobedience brought the process of death into it. From that day on mankind has been 'alive and dying'. It takes longer in some bodies for death to work itself out than it does in others, but, unless there is Divine intervention to stop that death process, we can be certain we will all experience it. The death rate is still one apiece! !!

When death takes over we will cease to be a 'living soul' and we will become a 'dead soul'. That life will be over and done--- but CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE has provided another life to pick up from where this one leaves off, when man will again be 'alive and living' and not 'alive and dying'. That is the basic, vital point of the message of the Book we call the BIBLE, the VERY WORDS OF THE LIVING GOD.

### WHY ARE WE HERE?

So far we have examined the record concerning the creative acts in re-structuring the 'Earth' into a place habitable for mankind and the placing of mankind in the 'IMAGE OF GOD' on that planet, Now that we have seen what was done, we must establish a reason for it all.

There are many theories as why we are here, some of them very beautiful theories. There are equally as many theories as to our destiny, many of them anything but beautiful. All of these theories, or at least most of them, have their ultimate verification in three little words---"the BIBLE says"---for anything seems to accepted as fact if one can find some words somewhere in the Bible to support it. This is strangely true, for it seems a phrase used by everyone, whether they believe the scriptures or not.

It is correct that everything found in the Bible is true, but we must be very careful that we don't change it to make it comply with any pre-conceived ideas we have learned, or to rewrite it to make it support some beautiful theory we may have become obsessed with.

My father used a rather humorous illustration as to how the scriptures can be used to support anything. There is a scripture that says, "And Judas went and hanged himself"--there is another that says, "Go thou and do likewise" and still another that says, "And what thou doest, do quickly". If one picks scriptures out of context we can make them mean anything we wish to make them mean.

To state that this writer has the ultimate in TRUTH and that the statements made in this book are not subject to question, would be arrogance of the highest order. These statements are presented only as logical reasoning based on the knowledge this writer has gleaned concerning the words used in the original manuscripts ---or at least as close to the original manuscripts as is possisble, with the lexicons available. Any reader is encouraged to adopt the same manner of study and see if the conclusions they arrive at in any way coincide with the conclusions reached by this writer. All I ask if that the reader be willing to question the translations and to do the necessary work to find if these things be true. The search will be a very reqarding one, I can assure you. Don't be afraid to discard some views you may have held most of your life if they are found to be opposed to the record given. Weigh the facts and let the scriptures prove themselves.

The very fact that the original earth was destroyed by water in the first place is proof that Lucifer's fall came sometime during the life of that original earth. If this were not true there would have been no need for its destruction. The fact that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE decided to work again in relationship to the place called "Earth' was proof that some PLAN existed. A reason existed before the act was accomplished. That reason was not given in the record of the act itself, so to find that reason we must read on in the record to see what followed the creative acts. Very few words are used to record every basic fact concerning that PLAN so we must be careful not to miss anything. We must take everything apart at the very beginning of the record for here is where we establish our premise and OUR PREMISE MUST BE CORRECT OR ALL THE REST OF' OUR REASONING WILL BE USELESS.

Jumping way ahead, but to give an overall picture of the PLAN as recorded in all 66 books, I will present a chart that explains the conclusions drawn by this writer through the honest effort of attempting to find our WHAT TRULY HAS GOD SAID?

#### LET'S EXAMINE THE CHART

"A picture is worth a thousand words!" It is so much easier to give an overall picture using a chart as a medium than it is to explain without any illustration. But the chart needs much support by way of explanation.

First, let me make this statement in answer to the question of why we are here.

WE ARE HERE FOR ONE PURPOSE AND ONE PURPOSE ONLY

-----THATPURPOSE IS TO PLEASE GOD ------

When the disciples asked of Jesus, as recorded in John 6: 28,29, "What shall we do that we might work the works of GOD?" Jesus answered, "This is THE work of COD, that ye believe on Him who He hath sent', If we are to please GOD, we must do the work stated as being THE work of GOD, and that is to believe the record that COD gave of His own character. In this case the word 'son' is 'huios' which means 'in the character of'. The scripture in the King James Version is rendered thusly: '-believe the record SOD gave of His Son."

To believe the record given of JESUS CHRIST is to believe in the LIVING COD, for JESUS CHRIST WAS GOD EXTENDED INTO HUMAN FORM IN ORDERTOREDEEM, JESUS CHRIST is the One that COD commissioned, or sent, so we must believe the record CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE caused to be written in explanation of His character as seen in the One commissioned to reveal that character.

This was accomplished in the lowly form of a man. This form is explained in Phillipians 2: 5 thru 8, when the King James Version reads:

"Let this same mind be in you which was also in CHRIST JESUS, who, being in the form of GOD, thought it not robbery to be equal with GOD; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Again I want to expel the general myth accepted by most of Christendom that there are three CODS, one the "Father", (an old man with a beard concept), the "Son" (a young, rather effeminate man with a flowing beard as portrayed by many artists) and yet another, the Holy Spirit (something never given a form by artists, but a rather ghostly figure, not quite defineable)

The first two occupy each a throne, or an ornate chair,

somewhere in the place called 'Heaven', sitting in judgment on the inhabitants of the 'Earth', reviewing the acts of men, zapping this one, blessing that one--- (depending upon their activities) ---while the third one embodies mankind, enmass, granting great powers to those embodied by this Spirit Being.

This is the usual impression given of the 'trinity'. If you don't believe me, ask some child that has been in Sunday School classes to explain to you just what GOD is and you will get an explanation that much resembles what I have just said. Children are so honest. They don't reason at an early age, just absorb, and this is what I thought GOD to be when I was a child.

I was raised in Sunday School, almost literally, for I attended Sunday School and 'Morning Meetilng' every Sunday, Sunday evening meeting, Monday through Saturday (sometimes Tuesday through Saturday) evangelistic services at least six months out of every year. Preachers lived in our home about nine months out of every year, so this was discussed at the breakfast, dinner and supper tables every day of every year.

Pymouth Brethern are considered, in fundamentalist circles, to be astute Bible students, so if this was my concept of GOD, being raised in this type of an atmosphere, I can only assume that others have the same concept, or a similar one. If this doen't fit your concept of GOD then perhaps you were more enlightened than I, but the 'Trinity,' or 'three Gods in One person' idea produced a mental image to me as I have just described. They were One in purpose but definintely three different forms in my mind.

Just to interject a bit of information at this point, seeing as how I have been telling of my upbringing, it might be interesting to know that this same Plymouth Brethern atmosphere produced a man in history who has been given the title of the major Satanist of the twentieth century, Aleister Crowley. Rebelling against this strict fundamentalist background in England, Crowley joined the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn at the age of 23 and spent his entire life deeply rooted in secret orders. He seems to be an exception to the rule "As a twig is bent, so shall it grow".

Many say that they see GOD, or CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE in Nature, in the winds, the rains, the sunshine, the rolling hills, the majestic mountains. The Indians worshipped the 'Great Spirit" by revering nature, and, in their own way, communicating with Nature. This is a much more primitive, but a much more accurate concept of GOD than that of modern Christendom, with their great edifices and many images displayed. At least the Indians reverred GOD as a 'Spirit', which indeed He is. The forms chosen to express that Spirit may have varied, the ultimate form or expression of that Spirit being JESUS CHRIST, the carpenter of Galilee, but the Spirit that IS GOD always remained Supreme. Nature, however, does not reveal any PLAN of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE. In Nature you see the work done by this Intelligence, but nature never reveals the character of that Intelligence. If you are ever to know the character of the VERY GOD, you must discover it by believing the record that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE: caused to be written concerning the "Expression", especially the portion when that EXPRESSION 'became flesh' and lived on this earth in the form of a lowly man, even JESUS CHRIST, a carpenter in Galilee.

The JEHOVAH GOD of the Old Testament, was the 'EXPRESSION' of the LIVING GOD and He became flesh and lived on the earth in Palestine for 33 years as a lowly carpenter, giving up His life on Calvary's hill to buy back this 'Earth' from His arch enemy, Lucifer, to whom Adam had relinquished it when he disobeyed that very JEHOVAH GOD,

The creation of everything that is, was done by ALL OF GOD The redemption of this earth was done by ALL OF GOD. To deal with one aspect of GOD is to deal with ALL OF GOD. You cannot separate the "Intelligence" from the <u>form</u> that it took. It remains one and the same, both in creation and in redemption. This is possible because GOD IS NOT A MAN, No man can be two things at the same time, for he is a man, but GOD, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, is not hampered by these restrictions. GOD IS CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, THEREFORE IS CAPABLE OF EVERYTHING THAT MAN IS INCAPABLE OF.

Now, let us examine the chart and see what the overall PLAN for the universe is as recorded in the record that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE caused to be written.

The line that extends from the original earth to the chaotic earth is labelled 'THE WORLD THAT THEN WAS'.

The Scripture reference of 2 Peter 3: 5 and 6, tells us that the world 'being overflowed with water, perished'. This was not the flood of Noah's day for that earth never 'perished'. It was merely disrupted and covered up for a period of 150 days, or thereabouts.

We have no record of the conditions that existed in that original 'Earth' but there are many clues one can follow through by taking the record that is given and carrying it out to its logical conclusions as I have tried to do in the previous pages. We can logically assume, however, based on the record of the character of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, that it was perfect in its original state because we are told that "GOD did not create 'tohu'" and that "GOD is not the author of confusion".

The scriptures record the fall of Lucifer from the place called 'Heaven" and again logical reasoning tells us that this
must have taken place sometime during the life span of the original 'Earth', by reason of the fact that the first "Earth" did actually perish. If there had been no evil influence at work, that original world would still be in existence. The very fact that it became chaos is evidence conclusive that Lucifer's fall was the cause of its destruction. Lucifer was the very source, or head, of Evil. The fall of Lucifer, therefore, you will see as a dotted line emanating from the latter part of the circle depicting the original 'Earth', and it now takes its rightful place on the chart.

We have no record as to the length of time between the creation of the original 'Earth' 'in the beginning', and the destruction of it by water. It could have been millions of years. No one can determine this by any part of the record given by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE for it simply is not there. Nor can anyone determine the length of time it remained in a chaotic condition. These two circles have a question mark beneath them in the place where length of time is recorded.

The entire reason for everything that follows, however, originated in the 'mind' of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE between the line depicting the end of the 'WORLD THAT THEN WAS' and the long line starting with the present 'Earth' circle, labelled 'THE HEAVENS AND EARTH WHICH ARE NOW' and validated by 2 Peter 3: 5,6, and 7.

#### REMEMBER, WE ARE PROVING SCRIPTURE WITH SCRIPTURE FOR THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO OTHER AUTHORITY IN EXISTENCE.

If we err in our reasoning at this point, or if we differ in our conclusions, then we start travelling down two different roads. "East is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet"

Our conclusions, then, must not be wishful thinking. They must have foundation based on other parts of the record, and the conclusions cannot be influenced by previous teachings if those teachings conflict with the record. We must be truly honest and truly search our WHAT HAS GOD SAID?

I have been willing to lay down everything I have been taught in my early life, everything I hold dear and precious, everything that seemed right in my own mind, and to take it up again only after it has been tested by the scriptures and has proven to be in accord with that record. I do not say I have found all the answers, I only say I am searching. Are you willing to do the same?. If you are, then join me and see if you reach the same conclusions when you have followed the same course of study. Maybe you can help me to come to a better understanding of this great and perfect record and maybe I can be of help to you as well.

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The long line labelled 'THE HEAVENS AND EARTH WHICH ARE NOW." extends all the way from the creation record as given in Genesis 1 to the end of the record of Revelation 21: where it reads: "And I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth; for the first Heaven and the first Earth were passed away and there was no more sea'.

The entire Book we call the BIBLE, the record given by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE is the record concerning the PLAN for the 'Heavens and 'Earth' which are now'. The record tells us that 'In the beginning GOD created the Heavens and the Earth'; and goes on to tell us of the fate of that first 'Earth'. Then it gives a detailed account of the re-construction of that "Earth" into the EARTH THAT IS NOW. The record then goes on to explain that the 'Earth that is now" as well as 'the 'Heavens that are Now' both have a limited life span for <u>both</u> of the places that were created 'in the beginning' are going to pass away and there is going to be entirely new creation after the present purpose for the present heavens and earth has been fulfilled.

The big question is:

# WHATISTHEPLANANDPURPOSE OFTHEEARTHWHICHISNOWANDWHEREDOWE,WHOARELIVINGRIGHTNOW,FITINTOTHATPLAN?

What is the present PLAN and what is the future PLAN?

What does the record tell us of the part this is already history?

All of the answers to these questions are given, but they are neither asked nor answered the the exact way I have asked them. To find both the questions and the answers, we must read, examine, and thoroughly study the record to find its meaning. The record must be its own proof, for there is no authority to which we can go for proof that the statements made in THE RECORD OF CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE are true.

### THE SCRIPTURES ALONE, VALIDATE THEMSELVES.

#### HOW THE SCRIPTURES WERE PROTECTED

The record was many, many years in the writing, written in two entirely different languages, neither one of them having been in use in centuries. Old Testament Hebrew is a very difficult language and not readily understood by anyone now living. The language in which the New Testament was written ceased to be a spoken language about 150 A.D. which was only a very few years after those scriptures had been completed. When a language is no longer used it become a 'dead' language and the words are fixed, no longer subject to change because of useage.

The fixing of the words just a few years after they were committed to paper, sealed the message of the New Testament.

#### JESUS CHRIST himself said:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away", and in another place:

"Till heaven and earth pass, one jot nor one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled".

The manner in which this was accomplished, as concerning the New Testament, was to fix the original words in a language that was not subject to change, The New Testament was written in the Greek spoken in that day because it was written by unlearned men who wrote it in their native language. This particular form of Greek ceased to be a speaking language by 150 A.D.

The Old Testament words were protected by the MASSORAH. The word 'masar' is the root word of Massorah, which means "to deliver something into the hands of another", or "to commit it to his trust". Before the scriptures were given into the hands of the Massorah for safe keeping, the text was fixed by the Sopherim. The word 'saphar' is the root word of Sopherim and means "to count" or to "number".

The Sopherim were men who were commissioned by Ezra and Nehemiah to set the text in order after the return from Babylon. This work was about 110 years in the doing, starting with Nehemiah and being completed under Simon the First. The dates were from about 410 B.C. to 300 B.C.

The Massorah used the work done by the Sopherim in the preserving of these scriptures. The Hebrew scrolls had numerous markings placed in the spaces between the columns that provided the counting information done by the Sopherim. It would list the number of letters in a line, the starting words, the middle words, the ending words, the number of times expressions were used, the combinations of words, etc., thus locking in all of the words and the letters.

Copies of these scriptures had to be done in the exact same manner as the originals. The very lives of the scribes who did the copying were on the line. Nothing could be omitted and nothing could be added. <u>No allowance was made for altering any</u> <u>part of the one being copied.</u> Today we would demand a certified true copy from a copy machine.

No one copy contained all the work of the Sopherim, some copies contained some of the information, some others contained different numberings, but Dr. Ginsburg searched all of the different copies and collated all of it, copying from every available manuscript. This was published in three large portfolios but only a few copies were printed.

When the Hebrew text was printed, the small type written into the columns containing the work of the Sopherim was ignored. Only the large print was regarded. The translators of the Hebrew text, therefore, were at the disadvantage of not having the valuable information that had been so faithfully copied and preserved by the MASSORAH.

The fact that great scholars like Dr.. Ginsburg underook such a Herculean task as that of gathering together all of the otherwise lost information is something for which we should be everlastingly grateful. Just another example of "What GOD has promised He is also able to perform".

With so many skeptics using mistranslations, lost manuscripts etc., as an argument against the validity of our written scriptures, the information as to how these words were preserved is vital, indeed.

Granting that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE was able to perform that which was promised, as quoted from Matthew, it is now necessary to allow the scriptures to speak for themselves. This does not mean, however, that we accept the King James Translation, or any other translation in general use, as being Divinely inspired.

The MASSORAH exists. The SOPHERIM has been preserved by the MASSORAH. The work done by them is still in existence. Able scholars have taken the time and trouble to count the times words appeared in the original texts and have listed them in concordances and lexicons. All that is needed to determine what was said is a willingness to search out those words, and, by comparing scripture with scripture, find the message that was designed to be conveyed through the use of those words.

It is not an easy job, and is very time consuming. I do not expect any reader to undertake the task of going to the original words individually and search out all of this for there would not be enough time in several lifetimes to accomplish this. Many men have devoted lifetimes to just such efforts, and now for the first time, printing having developed to the stage where it now is, this is available to anyone willing to purchase the lexicons and personally check out words that the translators have clouded. The clouding of certain issues are sometimes accidental and sometimes intentional and we must be willing to seek out the solutions for ourselves.

That is the reason for the title of this book...HAS GOD SAID?. ..for I want to be found believing what GOD has said, and not what someone tells me He has said. I must do this for myself. I know my own motives, I cannot be sure anyone else's.

With these statements as a 'reason for my reasoning', let us get on with the explanation of the chart.

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Although the actual re-structuring of the present "Earth" took a mere six days, the time from the end of those 6 days to

the next dotted line designated as 'THE FALL OF MAN' is undetermined. No one knows how long Adam remained in the original condition of being 'alive and living' before he became 'alive and dying', but the record of the disobedience of man and the first promise made to Lucifer is the key to the entire PLAN and purpose of the "WORLD THAT IS NOW'.

When Lucifer rebelled against GOD, causing his fall from heaven, eventually bringing about the destruction of the original 'Earth', the war between Good and Evil began. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE re-constructed the earth with a PLAN OF PROVING LUCIFER TO BE WRONG--- and to prove that Lucifer's designs could only bring ultimate destruction.

When mankind was placed on the newly re-formed 'Earth', it was with the full knowledge of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE that man would not be equal to Evil and that he would succumb to the wiles of Lucifer. It was the PLAN of INFINITE INTELLIGENCE that this would be allowed to happen and Lucifer would be given a free hand to control the place called 'Earth' but with the end in view that the destruction of Lucifer would be totally justified, when Evil had been allowed to run its course, unhampered <u>HAVING PROVEN THE</u> <u>FUTILITY OF LUCIFER'S WAYS!!!</u>

This was destined to cover a long period of time, already about 6000 years with more to come. Evil would be allowed to flow, largely unrestricted, until it culminated in absolute failure, at which time GOD will intervene and redeem the 'Earth' from utter destruction. There were very important things that took place as this flow of Evil ran its course and developed into the situation we have today. These are recorded in the report given by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE and each one of these strategic events appear on the chart shown.

Let us begin with the disobedience of Adam which cause JEHOVAH GOD, CREATIVE INTELLIGECE, to make the first promise recorded. Genesis 3:15 says,

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between they seed and her SEED, it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise His heel."

Because of the language of Shakespeare's day (the language in which the King James Version was written), we find it a bit hard to understand what was meant by this strange statement, but if we carefully examine the words we will get the idea of the overthrow (bruise) of Evil at the very source (head). Lucifer, as the very source of all evil, was thus doomed from the time these words were spoken. His doom was to come through the SEED of the woman, meaning that the One who was to bring about the conditions that would cause his destruction would be born of a woman.

#### LUCIFER'S ATTEMPT TO THWART THE PROMISE OF HIS DESTRUCTION

In order to eliminate the possibility of the Redeemer being born of a woman, Lucifer made his first attempt to 'save his own hide' by attemting to eliminate the birth process. By the accomplishment of this he would be able to go on forever in control of the earth. This was the reason for the situation that is recorded in Genesis 6.

"The 'sons of God', (more correctly translated 'angels of God'), looked down upon the daughters of men that they were fair and took wives of whom they chose."

The offspring of this fallen angel/human woman cohabitation were called 'nephilim' Jude 6 gives us a record of these fallen ones where it reads,

'And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the Great Day".

They are also spoken of as having 'gone after strange flesh' and that their sin was likened unto that of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The progeny of this illegal union was a hybrid and the main characteristic of a hybrid is that it cannot reproduce. By the same token they were not subject to Adamic death. The death process passed upon all men because of Adam, but these 'nephilim' were not children of Adam and therefore were not subject to death. They were spoken of as being 'extremely wicked' and Lucifer came dangerously close to succeeding in eliiminating the birth process entirely.

This "fallen angel seed" permeated the 'Earth', until the only four males left that were not polluted were Noah and his three sons. We know that Noah was a 'herald of righteousness' but we have no record of his sons possessing this quality. They were, however, capable of reproduction, therefore capable of insuring that the birth process would continue.

Genesis 6:9 tells us that Noah 'was a just man and perfect in his generations' This perfection was such as was spoken of concerning sacrificial lambs, meaning physically perfect. There is no reference to morality in this statement, just that he was not infiltrated with this 'fallen angel seed', therefore still 'perfect in his generations'. It was to protect those still capable of bringing about the fulfillment of the promise that the **SEED** of the woman would produce the Redeemer, that the flood came.

No one but Noah and his three sons and their families were offered the opportunity to 'ride out' the flood. Noah was not a preacher trying to get others to join him in escaping the deluge. He was only a 'herald of righteousness' in a time when the entire world was full of extremely wicked, polluted, fallen angel seed.

Approximately 1650 years passed from Adam to the flood of Noah's day. During this time we have the genealogical report of the key people. The was by no means the entire population of the 'Earth', however, for there were many people on the earth at the time that Cain killed Abel and these are not recorded.

Those 'others' were who Cain feared would kill him because of the curse put on him for the murder of his brother, Abel. Part of Cain's offspring are named, but not nearly all of them. Seth's offspring were listed, but many, many of them also were not even accounted for, except to say that sons and daughters were produced.

Many, many people lived on the earth that there is absolutely no record of. These were the 'daughters of men' that co-habited with angelic creatures producing a thing called the 'nephilim'. Of these 'nephilim' it is said in Isaiah 26:14 that 'they have no resurrection',

The human beings, being children of Adam, gradually died off, leaving only the 'nephilim' who would never die. Also they could not reproduce, so the entire population was adult at the time it was destroyed by water. Satan's plan was working remarkably well. When it got right down to the wire, however, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE intervened and destroyed what could never have suffered a natural death, by overflowing the entire 'Earth' with water, saving only the ones capable of producing more human beings. Chalk up one for CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE!!!!

Lucifer had been foiled but that was just the first round with many more to come.

#### ADAM AND ENOCH AS CONTEMPORARIES

Adam lived for 930 years of that original 1630 plus years before the flood. Enoch lived for 363 years, 308 of which overlapped with Adam's 930 years.

For 308 years Adam and Enoch were contemporaries. It was said of Enoch that he 'walked with GOD'. Adam is reported as having become corrupted with the fallen angel seed, but was given 120 years of grace as stated in Genesis 6:3. Jude 14 tells us that Enoch was the 7th from Adam and that he prophesied of coming judgment.

Enoch also know of the coming flood for he was the father of Methusaleh. The name 'Methusaleh" means 'deluge: when he is gone it will come'. This was part of the information Enoch received in his 'walk with GOD'. Certainly Adam knew of the prophecies because Adam didn't die until 53 years before Enoch was taken out of the world without dying. It was the year of Methusaleh's death that the flood came.

Metheusaleh, being the son of Enoch, was also perfect in his generations, but was dead at the time of the flood because he died the same year that the flood came. He must have been the last, or one of the last, humans to die off, leaving only Noah to carry on the human race along with his three sons.

Man was allowed to choose the way he would go and many of those living before the flood followed what they knew to be wrong. Even Cain was told by GOD that if he did well he would be accepted and if he did not do well then a sin offering, a lamb as a sacrifice, was waiting to be offered up. Men were allowed to follow their conscience and, with Adam and Enoch both alive, they had those to learn from. An offering for wrong doing was provided so that had no excuse for sin.

Lucifer, the great deceiver, was allowed to work his wiles upon mankind, and was extremely successful. GOD didn't intevene to alter Lucifer' course until it reached the point where it was necessary to bring about the conditions that had been promised in Genesis 3:15. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE'S PLAN from the beginning was to fulfill what He set out to do and Lucifer's devices were to stop just short of success. This happens again and again in the record of the Israelite nations as recorded in the Old Testament. That is really what the record is all about.

#### THE DAY OF MAN

After the flood, government was given into the hands of men. we then had the record that from that time on 'if you shed men's blood, of men shall your blood be shed', Man was now given the opportunity to govern himself, and, as could be expected, there were those who did what they knew to be right and refrained from what they knew to be wrong and there were those who refused to follow the dictates of their consciences. Lucifer was constantly at work deceiving mankind, making black to be white and white to be black. We are witnessing the ultimate in that now as a desperate flurry of activity is engaged in by Lucifer as the end draws near.

The chart shows the THE DAY OF MAN to begin at the flood and carry on until the end of this administration of Grace. Man enjoys his greatest freedom (if 'enjoy' can possibly be the word), during this time period. It would be more correctly stated that Lucifer enjoys his greatest freedom during the time period in which we now live, to carry on, unhampered by any intervention from above, his administration of Evil. This produces the conditions rampant on every hand today.

Although GOD had set his time table in the heavens in the placement of the stars and the naming of them, Lucifer had polluted the message's interpretation. the true Biblical record in the heavens was known to Adam, Seth and Enoch, but by the time recorded in Genesis 11:4 (the time of the confusing of the speech at Babel) men had pulluted that, also. Men were now worshiping the creation rather than the Creator. Men were now worshiping the 'heavens', or the 'zodiac'. It was at this point that they decided to build a tower whose top, or steeple, was the heavens, or the sign of the heavens, which was the zodiac. This signified their worship of the creation rather than the Creator and for this reason GOD confused their speech, making it impossible for them to communicate and carry on idolatrous worship.

This confusion of languages would naturally have caused people to segregate themselves into groups who understood each other. It is my personal belief, based on logical reasoning, that no written language was necessary before the time of the confusion of languages. I believe some advanced sort of communication was employed and total recall was common, therefore eliminating the need for written communication. I believe the need for a written language was a logical sequence of the confusion of speech. This coincides with the generally accepted time that a written language can be traced back by historians.

When people migrated because of languages, then groups of people understanding each other must have appeared. Not very many years after this we have the record of the birth of Peleg. Here again much is said in just a few words.

"FOR IN THE DAYS OF PELEG WAS THE EARTH DIVIDED".

"Peleg' means to 'cleave asunder"!!!

I believe GOD to have been the original segregationalist, for first the speech was confused, then the "Earth" was split asunder, putting oceans between different peoples. I believe the Continental Drift Theory to have much validity in its basic concept, but totally disagree in the time element involved. I believe CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE stated in just 10 words how the 'Earth" went from one land mass to seven major continents and gives the general time period in which this happened. Why must we reason this record away? It is so much easier just to believe it.

#### NARROWING THE FIELD

In the original promise to ultimately destroy Lucifer, it was specifically stated that the Redeemer would be born of a woman. No specific woman was recorded, however. After over 2000 years of Lucifer holding dominion over the 'Earth", CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE began to narrow down the field. Now He determined that this SEED would come from the seed of Abram. He was to be made a blessing to all of the inhabitants of the 'Earth", in that it was through his lineage that the Redeemer would be born and it was the seed of Abram that would be used as officials through whom CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE would govern this 'Earth". it was through his lineage that the Redeemer would be born and it was the seed of Abram that would be used as officials through whom CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE would govern this 'Earth".

The promise that one day the 'Earth' would be taken out of the hands of Lucifer and would be governed by CREATIVE ILNTELLIGENCE is the hope of the 'Earth" and has been ever since the fall of Adam. That promise will be fulfilled to the letter, but it will not happen before Evil has run its course and has proven itself totally unworkable. Men will then learn 'that the ways of GOD are good!!!

#### THE CONTRACT WITH ABRAHAM

The special contract made with Abram in Genesis 17 was that GOD would make of Abram a great nation and would give him and his seed forever the land of Cainaan for an everlasting possession and that He would be their GOD and they would be His people. Abram's part in the contract was that every male child should be circumcised the eighth day as a token of the contract between Abram and JEHOVAH GOD. A divine religion was given to Israel (the seed of Abram through Jacob) because CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had a special reason for choosing this particular people to carry out a large part of the PLAN for the 'EARTH THAT IS NOW'.

The 10 Commandments given to Moses, written on tablets of stone did not make murder, stealing, lying, adultery, etc., to be wrong. These things had always been wrong, but, with this set of written laws, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE was in effect saying, "If you do thus and so" -- (the things always expected of men attempting to please GOD)--"I'll do thus and so." This compliance with the wishes of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE now carried a promise.

The position of the seed of Abram in the PLAN of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE was prophesied throughout the scriptures. These scriptures were words dictated by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE and human writers wrote them with their hands. Many writers had no idea of what they were writing but the position of the 'seed of Abram' was specifically spelled out. It was only that 'seed of Abram' that was privileged to be given the scriptures. They were not made available to the other inhabitants of the 'Earth", None of the people of the "Earth" were given a direct communication line with INTELLIGENCE as was Israel. We have the scripture's assurance for this when Paul wrote,

"What advantage then has the Jew? Much every way, for unto the Jews were given the oracles of GOD".

The theme of the Hebrew scriptures was the COMING KINGDOM OF GOD, of which they were to be an integral part. They believed, and with good reason, that their hope was the coming of the Messiah to set up His Kingdom and in that Kingdom they would be made a blessing to the entire 'Earth". This is what their Hebrew scriptures told them repeatedly.

The entire Old Testament is the record of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE'S dealings with Israel during the entire period from Abraham to Malachi. We read of the rebellion of Israel and the longsuffering of GOD in dealing with them. We read of the promises of the glories that are to be theirs when that KINGDOM is a reality upon the earth. The dotted line before the line depicting the birth of Jesus Christ, is entitled '400 YEARS OF SILENCE'. This period of silence existed from the end of the book of Malachi until the record of the birth of Christ. There were no prophets during that time period and all that the Israelites had to remind them of the wonders of their position were the written scriptures that were read daily in the synagogues. But for the protection of these words by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, all would have been lost. Much is learned of the long suffering of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE in the record of His dealings with this stubborn, rebellious people during a time period that spanned almost 2000 years.

#### THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

The long awaited Messiah was born in a manger in Bethlehem and the original prophesy of the Redeemer to come from the SEED OF THE WOMAN had now been fulfilled. We have skipped Lucifer's attempt to thwart the fulfillment of this promise in the land of Cainaan and all of the times during the history of Israel when such attempts were made, because we will pick up all of these detailed accounts as we go through chapter by chapter. But now we will mention this attempt to prevent the fulfillment by causing the kind, Herod, to have all the 2 year old boys killed. Let me explain more fully.

At the time of the birth of JESUS in Bethlehem of Judea, only the shepherds knew that a very special and wonderful thing had occurred. This was revealed to them by the angels, but the general people, even the people of Israel, knew nothing about ths birth being the event that would bring about the Messianic Kingdom they had been anticipating for so long. It went by very quietly until the wise men arrived two years later looking for this child that had been born about two years before. According to the message written in the stars they knew this long-awaited Messiah had been born and they came to worship Him. When Herod heard of this, he questioned the men of Israel as to what their scriptures said about this MESSIAH that was to be born. He found that their scriptures said He was to be born in Bethlehem of Lucifer then put the wheels in gear that caused the Judea. murder of all 2 year old boys from that area in the hopes that this Redeemer, now a child of 2 years of age, according to the wise men, would be eliminated.

As we know, this plan also failed, as had all of the others before it, for what CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE has promised He is able to perform.

The early life of JESUS passed with no momentous happening, only a glimpse of His activities at the age of 12, and we have no record of anything occurring that would give even the slightest inkling that there was anything unusual about this young man working as a carpenter's son. It wasn't until He was 30 years of age that He began His teaching. The customs of the Israelites of that day did not recognize manhood until the age of 30. The legal age in the United States is 21, although some rights have been lowered to 18. An Israelite of that day, however, could not be taken seriously until he reached maturity which was considered to be 30 years of age. Anything JESUS would have said before that time would have carried little significance and He was living as a man, subject to everything any other man was subject to and the laws and customs of the day were strictly adhered to.

John the Baptist was the one to proclaim to the people of Israel that this Kingdom they had waiting for was 'at hand', or that it was just around the corner. He proclaimed that this MESSIAH was here and would be revealed to them. His message was "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!"

We know that our English word 'repent' means to be sorry enough for something to make a change. This scripture has always been interpreted to mean that John the Baptist was admonishing the people to be sorry for their sins and to make an about face, for the Kingdom of Heaven was eminent. Again, I could accept this if that is the idea set forth by the original words, but Dr. Robinson, a recognized Greek scholar, himself, said that 'repent' was the worst translation in the entire New Testament. If this word is considered by authorities to be a very bad translation, and if the issues presented are being clouded by its use, then it becomes important to check that word out.

The Greek word here was 'metanoyia', which, literally translated, means 'after mindedness'. This is a clumsy word, a word not used by anyone I have known, so we must break it down to see what it is putting forth. Without getting into too detailed an explanation at this time, I will say what I believe is a correct rendition of this scripture.

I know what the word 'mind' means, so I must find out what a 'after mind' is. After what? If I make up my mind to do a thing, I can say, 'My mind is made up'. However, something may happen to make me change my mind. If I change my mind, the mind I have after that something happened to me make me change it is not the same mind I had before that thing took place. In that case I cannot say that I have an 'after mind'. But if I say, "My mind is made up and NOTHING IS GOING TO CHANGE IT!", and if I stick to that statement, then it can be considered that I have an 'after mind'. That is what John the Baptist was proclaiming to these Israelites who were waiting for this Messianic Kingdom they had been promised. He was telling them that this Messiah was already here and that this Kingdom was coming. He was enlisting subjects of the Kingdom, but proclaiming that they should make up their minds if they would be true subjects of that Kingdom. They must do this <u>before</u> they knew what this Kingdom would demand of them,

They were living in an occupied country with Rome dictating the laws. To become a subject of Heaven's Government would mean defying Rome and proclaiming citizenship in this new government. They had already been promised the blessings of the Kingdom and their position in it, but it was to grow and develop and the first stages could be drastic, indeed.

They were told to make up their minds, minds that would not change after they knew what this would cost them. They were to identify themselves with this submissive group in Israel by an identification ritual known as 'John's beptism'.

This word 'repent' had nothing to do with sorrow for their sins. However, it surely meant that the decision to be subject to the KINGDOM-OF GOD would mean a willingness to live in a manner acceptable to that Kingdom. That might bring some very sorrowful attitudes about some of the things they were doing that they knew to be wrong. The KINGDOM OF GOD will <u>demand</u> right living. However, the word translated 'repent' had nothing to do with their sins, it concerned their 'aftermindedness'.

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST----A HOWLING SUCCESS!!!

JESUS CHRIST began His ministry of proclaiming the coming KINGGDOM OF GOD at 30 years of age. The Israelites knew that before that government could be a reality, the MESSIAH would have to be born of a woman and their scriptures told them He would be born in Bethlehem of Judea, They still knew nothing of the event that had occurred some 30 years before as their scriptures had foretold.

Jesus did not come with a great announcement that He was the MESSIAH. He merely began to prove to those waiting for His arrival, that, indeed, here was not an ordinary man. Even to those who followed Him He did not make the statement that He was the MESSIAH. They were to come to that conclusion by themselves by comparing the deeds He did with the record given in the Hebrew scriptures. For three years He proved He was no ordinary man, proclaiming the wonders of the KINGDOM OF GOD and quoting scripture after scripture as to what they could expect in this KINGDOM that was about to burst upon them.

Contrary to popular belief, His was a very successful ministry. He held sway great multitudes, taught large gatherings, fed great crowds by miraculous design. No one before or since has ever commanded the attention that this lowly carpenter received. When you consider the population statistics of that day and the method of travel, you can see that He drew the attention of <u>everyone</u>. Even Rome could not ignore Him for this was taking the country by storm.

The leaders of the Jews, the Scribes and Pharisees, had reason to fear this KINGDOM OF GOD for they had enjoyed a status up far above that of the rank and file Isrealite. They held the purse strings of their communities. They called all the shots in the synagogue. The synagogue of that day was a way of life for those in Israel, for they were living in an occupied country. Rome controlled Palestine and their synagogues were their cultural centers, their everything. They were not just a religious gathering place. To be thown out of the synagogue would make living almost impossible for an Israelite of that day. These synagogues were ruled by the Scribes and Pharisees and they controlled the life-style of the people by controlling all of the money. (Does that sound a bit familiar today?)

If this KINGDOM OF GOD were to become a reality, their position would suddenly change. JESUS said that it would be "easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN". He told the rich young ruler to sell what he had and give to the poor and follow Him.

If the KINGDOM were to suddenly burst upon the scene, the Scribes and Pharisees would no longer enjoy their present position in life. That was the main reason for the persecution that JESUS suffered.. This KINGDOM was not to be, if they could prevent it. They did everything possible to eliminate this threat, eventually demanding the death of the 'imposter who <u>says</u> He is the King of the Jews'. However, Pilate said, 'What I have written, I have written!' and no changes were made.

#### THE CRUCIFIXION---THE END---OR THE BEGINNING?

The Israelites who were waiting for this Messianic Kingdom had every reason to believe that, once it was proclaimed, it would soom become a reality. They knew that this KINGDOM OF GOD would grow and develop into something that would cover the entire earth and that the conditions proclaimed by Isaiah of the 'lion laying down with the lamb', 'the corn growing like the forest', 'men beating swords and spears into plowshares and pruning hooks' would be a reality.

Those who saw the great miracles that were done by this lowly carpenter gladly followed Him. They did not know their own scriptures. These scriptures were read to them from the synagogues and therefore the passages read were subject to selection by the Scribes and Pharisees. It can be imagined that these selections fitted the occasion chosen by those reading them therefore the rank and file Israelite knew nothing of the fact that the scriptures proclaimed that although the MESSIAH was to be born in a manger, He would be put to death.

When the leaders of Israel clamored for His death, it must have been terrible confusing for those who did not know the details of the message of Isaiah. The death of JESUS on the cross seemed to bring an end to all the wonderful hopes they had for the realization of the wonders of HEAVEN'S GOVERNMENT.

The leaders of Israel did everything in their power to convince the people that this man was just an imposter. They even sealed the tomb so His followers could not steal the body. They knew the record was that this MESSIAH would be put to death, but that He would rise again the third day.

They told Roman officials they needed a watch set at the tomb so His disciples could not come and steal the body away and then tell everyone He had risen from the dead, making <u>'the last</u> <u>error</u> to be worse than the first'. Evidently in their own hearts they admitted to the 'first error'.

Joseph of Arimathea, the one who took the body of JESUS and placed it in his own new tomb, was one who believed and was also waiting for this **KINGDOM OF** GOD to become a reality. This statement verifies that, although JESUS proclaimed the eminent arrival of that KINGDOM, it still was not a reality at the time of His death. You can imagine the concern of these multitudes of Israelites that had seen the miracles done by JESUS and heard the messages given concerning the **KINGDOM** OF GOD that they wanted so deperately to arrive, witnessing His death on the cross and, being unaware that this was part of the **PLAN**, to see their hopes dashed to ruins before their eyes.

That KINGDOM OF GOD, however, could not become a reality until JESUS had given up His life as a supreme, perfect sacrifice. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, in the form of a lowly man, had to live as a man, suffer as a man, be tempted as a man, give up His life (men couldn't kill JESUS, understand, He gave up His life willingly) as a sinless sacrifice, thus buying back the dominion of the 'Earth' from Lucifer who had received it from Adam when Adam disobeyed GOD in the garden of Eden. ONCE THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED THEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD COULD BECOME A REALITY.

#### THE KINGDOM OF GOD A REALITY IN IT'S 'BLADE STAGE'

We have the record of the statements made by JESUS as He hung on Golgoth's hill and the magnificent statement------IT IS FINISHED!!! rang out for a witness to all the world that the MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED!!! THE WORK WAS DONE!!! THE SACRIFICE BAD BEEN MADE' !! JESUS then bowed His head and gave up His Spirit.

There is some confusion as to where that **CREATIVE** INTELLIGENCE went for the 3 days when JESUS was in the grave. I'm not at all sure I have any of these answers, but I am still looking. I know some of the theories proclaimed but at this writing I have reached no decision that I would care to put in print. This is still a matter of study. Perhaps by the time I reach that portion in this book, I may have more information that would shed more light on that subject.

THE STATEMENT, "IT IS FINISHED' USHERED IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, If the work was done, then, with the mission accomplished, the KINGDOM OF GOD could now become a reality.

One of the parables JESUS told His disciples was that the **KINGDOM OF** GOD would be likened unto the planting of a grain **field.** The sower planted, watered and waited. The grain came up, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear, the ripened grain, and then the harvest. Thus the **KINGDOM OF** GOB was to be a growing, developing thing.

I know enough about gardening to know that my garden doesn't begin the day I see the first blade coming through the ground. I, therefore, do not believe that the KINGDOM OF GOD began on the day of Pentecost just because that was the first day the blade was seen. My garden begins when I plant the seed. Before I can plant I must prepare the ground for the seeds. I believe the lifetime of JESUS compares to that preparation period. The <u>germination</u> period was the time that lapsed between His death on the cross and the appearance of that first blade as seen on the day of Pentecost. <u>I believe the actual KINGDOM OF GOD began the</u> moment JESUS uttered those momentous words, 'IT IS FINISHED!'

At the day of Pentecost a great and wonderful thing took place. The HOLY SPIRIT, as a restrainer of Evil, was given. This means that HOLY INTELLIGENCE became an active, working force in the 'Earth' and the purpose of this INTELLIGENCE indwelling people was to allow this message of the KINGDOM OF GOD to reach the 'lost sheep of the house of Israel".

JESUS promised He would send a "Paraclete", or an 'advocate' meaning "someone, or something, along side of", to give instructions. This is the great event that happened in that upper room with 120 faithful followers who were waiting for something great to happen.

It was there that HOLY INTELLIGENCE was poured out on those people. It was to endow them with knowledge they did not have before. The language barrier was broken and they were given the gift of languages. The reason for this was that it was necessary in order for them to fulfill the mission they were to embark upon.

This message of the arrival of that KINGDOM, that this carpenter, JESUS was truly the MESSIAH, and that now the KINGDOM OF GOD was here, and was to be proclaimed to every living Israelite on the 'Earth' at that time. They were expressly told to 'GO ONLY TO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL". This was not a message to be proclaimed to all of the nations. It was a very restricted message, but Israel was to know that this JESUS they had walked with and talked with, and that their leaders had put to death, was, indeed, the MESSIAH they had been waiting for for so many years, and that the KINGDOM OF GOD WAS NOW A REALITY. This message was to carry much indusputable proof, greater miracles than those done by JESUS were to be accomplished and that actually did take place,

#### THE TIMETABLE IN THE HEAVENS

As stated in Genesis 1, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE set His timetable in the heavens thousands of years ago. I see something in those stars that I believe reveals the record of what would happen on the day of Pentecost.

I see a constellation called the "Little Dipper" and not far from it I see one called the "Big Dipper". As I lay under the stars on the roof of our house in Southern Nevada, with GOD'S great display of stars as my blanket, I ponder on the wisdom that placed all this expanse above me and try to imagine the PLAN that placed all of this beyond the reach of man, I believe that the outpouring of His Spirit on the day of Pentecost is portrayed by that 'little dipper' and that the outpouring spoken of in the Book of Joel is portrayed by the 'big dipper',

On the day of Pentecost, this HOLY SPIRIT was poured out upon 120 faithful followers and I believe this was only a minor outpouring, when CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE poured out of His Spirit, and even that changed the world at that time. It truly 'turned the world upside down'.

Then I see in the 'Big Dipper' the sign of a time to come when CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE will pour out upon <u>all flesh</u> that Spirit, or Intelligence, and that <u>it will be without measure</u>. <u>All flesh will see it together</u>, and you will no longer ask "Do you know the Lord?', for they will all know Him, from the least of them to the greatest" <u>THAT WILL BE THE MANIFEST KINGDOM OF</u> GOD.

#### WHEN DARKNESS COVERS THE EARTH

I realize that what I about to state does not bear the stamp of approval of any church heirarchy, not is it proclaimed by any Bible teachers I have ever heard of or known. I will not only make these statements, but I will give the reasons for those conclusions, fully aware that I stand totally alone in this matter.

The Book of Acts contains a "preview of coming attractions", as I choose to describe it. It is the accounting of a time in history unparalelled by anything before or since, but a time period containing events that will be commonplace during the time when HEAVEN'S **COMPARENT**'s a reality on this 'Earth'. This KINGDOM OF GOD, or KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, had its beginning on the cross when JESUS issued the statement, 'IT IS FINISHED!. Immediately after that statement, a darkness covered the 'Earth' for a period of three hours. This was a physical darkness, for a spiritual darkness could not have been limited to a three hour period. What followed from that moment on until Acts 28:28, was a preview of what could be expected when HEAVEN'S **COMPARENT** becomes a reality on the 'Earth' in its totality.

The KINGDOM purposes were suspended at Acts 28:28, to be continued when Satan has been allowed to go polluting the 'Earth' and mankind has been allowed to follow without any intervention from above, to the point of total destruction. At that time CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE will intervene and impose His will upon the entire "Earth" in a great display of DIVINE GOVERNMENT.

That time of intervention will be the fulfillment of Isaiah 60, verse 1, when the thing we had been given a glimpse of when darkness covered the 'Earth' for the 3 hours at the time Jesus said 'IT IS FINISHED!', becomes fulfilled in its entirety.

I believe the darkness of Isaiah 60:1 is a darkness to last for three days and three nights, during which time CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE will deal with mankind and pour out His SPIRIT on 'all flesh and all flesh will see it together...'Isaiah 40:5.

We have other examples of darkness that lasted for three days and for three nights and I believe they are all significant. All of the persons involved in these dark periods were communicating with CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE during a time in their lives where there were no outside influences to interrupt the learning process.

Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the 'great fish' that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had prepared for him. Jonah's life was totally engulfed in darkness while CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE dealt with him. When he was vomited up on the shore and the lights came back on, nothing was ever the same again for Jonah. He followed in the direction he was pointed and went to Ninevah and gave the message that caused mass repentance.

Paul was on the road to Damascus when he was struck blind by a great light, being led about by the hand for three days while it is recorded that 'he prayed'. When the lights came back on for Paul, after he had conversed with CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, nothing was ever the same again for him.

Allthough the period of darkness told of in Exodus when the plague of darkness was visited upon the Egyptian people, did not result in any change of heart, ---or at least none that is recorded---it did involve a period of darkness so dark it could be felt, and that darkness lasted for three days and three nights The scriptures tell us that the Son of Man was three days and three nights in the 'heart of the earth'. When that time period ended, a new life had been bought for every man with His resurrection on that morning of the first day of the week.

I believe all of these are very significant and that the time period that ushers in the KINGDOM OF GOD will be one of darkness that will last for three days and three nights while CREATIVE INTBLLIGENCE deals with all of the inhabitants of 'Earth". No outside influences will be there to cause disruption for everything will be stopped and Evil will have been cut short.

We will all 'see it together', not with our eyes, but with our minds, as CRBATIVE INTELLIGENCE communicates with mankind in such a manner that when the lights come back on nothing will ever be the same again. It will be the great event that causes everyone to date time from that period rather than from the birth of JESUS CHRIST in a manger in Bethlehem. During that period of darkness we will have the fulfillment of 2 Timothy 3 where CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE tells us 'their folly shall be made known'.

Ever since mankind became so engrossed in the heavenly bodies that they began to worship the creation rather than the CREATOR, we have had people who have given their entire lives to gathering their knowledge from the stars. Realizing that there was a true message given in the placement of those stars, and realizing that Satan is the 'great deceiver', it is not hard for me to see how truth and perversion have become so entwined that all must be discarded and we must rely solely on the written record that CREATIVE INTBLLIGENCB caused to be written, to establish TRUTH.

At the same time, however, I find it interesting to see how men who have studied the stars have stumbled on some very basic truths. Nostradamus, a noted astrologer of several centuries ago, is quoted as an authority in this field by modern day astrologers. During his lifetime, certainly Bibles were not common possessions of the masses as they are today. It is logical to assume that Nostradamus probably had very little knowledge as to what CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had said in the record He caused to be written. Still his claim was that the time period we now live in would not end with the 'Second Comning of the Lord',---a view held by many, many churches today----,but rather with the 'Second Coming of Elijah'.

I wonder if he could have known the last verse of the Old Testament where it states that GOD 'will send Elijah, the prophet, before that great and notable 'day of the Lord', and he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers and the hearts of the fathers to the children, lest He come and smite the earth with a curse.' It could be concluded that most, if not all, of Nostradamus's knowledge came from his study of the placement of the stars and a glimpse of the true record may have came through; at least in this one case.

It has been claimed by at least one group of aspiring astrologists that I know of, that there is evidence in the stars of a period of darkness to come that will last for three days and three nights, during which time nothing will work. I have no idea how they came to this conclusion but I do know that they do not claim to have any answer as to the origin of this darkness. They theorize that it could be a tipping of the 'Earth' on its axis, perhaps from the removal of fluids from the heart of the 'Earth' in the form of oil, etc, or from a nuclear disaster that would upset the entire applecart, so to speak. They do not claim any true knowledge of the origin of this darkness except to exercise their imaginations.

I know only one thing for sure, I do know that **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** placed the timetable in the heavens, and, although the true knowledge of what it says has been lost to mankind, being replaced by a written record, the timetable still exists, It is quite possible that bits and pieces of it may have been stumbled upon by mankind. I do not take my reasoning from the stars, however. I am content to settle for a written record and appeal to **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** to give me an understanding of this record.

#### THE ACTS PERIOD

The people who lived during the 33 plus years that followed the crucifixion of JESUS, lived in the most unique time the world has ever known. To say that anything seen today even remotely resembles conditions that existed at that time, is to minimize the importance of the events of that time period and to elevate and exaggerate the present day happenings in the hope they can be brought close enough together to pass them off as one and the same.

Satan is the greatest deceiver of all time and also the greatest counterfeiter, but in his counterfiet works of today he has failed miserably. Nothing of today even comes close to the miracles of those 33 years after CHRIST arose from the dead.

The Book of Acts is a record of those great events. The fact that there were 'myriads' of Jews that believed,----more correctly state, <u>tens of thousands</u>---is proof that THE JEWS DID NOT REJECT CHRIST. They were merely confused at the time of the crucifixion due to their ignorance of their own scriptures. All it took to settle that confusion was for the message of the KINGDOM OF COD to be proclaimed in the Acts period with all of the identifying proofs that accompanied it, The proclaimers of this message, the commissioned ones, truly did <u>turn the world</u> upside down.

#### THE BLADE STAGE OF THE KINGDOM

During the Acts period we had the KINGDOM OF GOD in its very earliest stages, the stage comparable to that of growing grain in its very first appearance. It never did reach the point where it 'covered the 'Earth' as the waters cover the sea' as was foretold, but we did get a preview of coming attractions. This message, as has been said before, was sent 'ONLY to the lost sheep of the house of Israel', Even Peter, before he would go to Cornelius, (who was not an Israelite), had to have a vision repeated three times showing him that this mission was not an 'unclean' one, but one authorized by CRETIVE INTELLIGENCE. Not until the Apostle Paul was commissioned to take this message of the KINGDOM to the nations could anyone ----except for that one mission of Peter to the household of Cornelius---offer this message to a non-Israelite. Even Paul had to take the message to the Jew first and the overflow could then go to the interested ones of the nations who gathered there to hear the Hebrew scriptures read,

#### WBAT HAPPENED AT ACTS 28:28?

All of this changed at Acts 28:28, Until this time, men were commissioned to <u>carry a message</u> given to them directly by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, For this message to reach its recipients it had to be carried there by men commissioned for this purpose and they were to carry indisputable proof. At Acts 28:28 Paul makes a momentous statement and with that statement the Book of Acts closed. That statement; faithfully paraphrased, is this:

"NOW HEAR TBIS!!! THIS SALVATION-BRINGING MESSAGE IS NOW BADE FREELY AVAILABLE TO THE NATIONS---JEW AND NON-JEW ALIKE---WITH THE GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL GET THROUGH TO THEMMIN"

The message was no longer going to be carried by commissioned men taking an individual message to an individual person or group of persons. It was going to carry its <u>own commission</u>. No one is going to have to depend upon Divine Inspiration to deliver a message given specifically to them by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, with the end in view of filling the particular need of a particular situation. The <u>message itself was now to be</u> <u>commissioned by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE</u>. We are told that whatever CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE HAS PROMISED BE IS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH, and a method was devised by which this salvation-bringing message is going to get out to the nations.

#### PAUL'S COMMISSION EXPIRES

Paul's commission expired at Acts 28:28. From that day on he never went on another missionary journey. From that day on he considered himself a 'prisoner of JESUS CHRIST', although he was not actually imprisoned for at least 2 years after that day. If he were to go on any more missionary journeys he would be exceeding his authority. He was no longer commissioned 'from abov as he had been before. For example: as a commissioned Justice of the Peace, I could perform marriage ceremonies, authorized by the law to do so. If I continued to marry people after my commission as Justice of the Peace expired, I would be doing so illegally and the people I married after my commission expired would not be legally married. So it would have been with Paul if he had continued on after that commission had expired. From Acts 28:28 on, Paul remained in his own rented house, teaching everyone that came to him, of the KINGDOM OF GOD,

With all of the commissions to carry a specifically designed message expiring, with it went all the special gifts needed in order to accomplish that fact. Now CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE commissioned a man called John to write a book. That book became the <u>commissioned message</u> that was to get through to all men, and, as soon as that book was completed, copies of it could be made. These were made and spread throughout the world. Thus the Book of the Gospel According to John.

THE PURPOSE OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

The purpose of the Gospel according to John---as the King James Version names it----is spelled out very specifically in John 20: 30, 31. May I quote them in their entirety as written written in the King James Version:

'MANY OTHER SIGNS TRULY DID JESUS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BELIEVING YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME."

CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE says that 'His Word will not return unto Him void, but will accomplish that which it was sent forth to do'. That message has been going out now for almost 2000 years and it truly has 'gotten through to them'.

'GRACE" UNPROPHESIED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

This is the part of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE'S PLAN that was never prophesied in the Old Testament. Everyone to whom the message of the KINGDOM OF SOD was given, knew the characteristics of that Kingdom. They expected that, once it had begun, it would continue until it had reached the 'full grain in the ear' and 'then the harvest', They had no foreknowledge of any break in the program and what happened at Acts 28: 28 was not expected, nor had it been prophesied in their Hebrew scriptures.

In Ephesians 3:1 through 12 we have the record of this. Because I know many readers will not open their Bibles at this point and read for themselves this account, I will quote it in its entirety for this is a very important point and one that is not commonly taught in any church that I know of. There are many who realize that something happened here that made a very definite change, but it is not commonly held by religionists that something totally unforeseen was introduced.

"If you have heard of the ADMINISTRATION OF GRACE which is given me to you --- how that by revelation HE made known to me the secret (as I wrote before in a few words, whereby, when ye read ye may understand my knowledge in the secret of Christ), which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. That the Gentiles (nations) should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, partakers of His promise in CHRIST by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the GRACE OF GOD given unto me by the effectual working of His power, Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the nations the unsearchable riches of CHRIST, and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the secret, which FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD HATH BEEN HID IN GOD who created all things by JESUS CHRIST: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the ecclesia by manifold wisdom of GOD, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.'----Ephesian 3: 1-9 **K'L**A

It was the 'secret' that had been 'hid with CHRIST in GOD' that Paul was given by revelation, but once it was given to Paul it was no longer a secret. It was Paul's work at that time to make this known to all men. No longer was it to the Jew first, but now to all men. He could no longer say 'It is written' and quote from the Old Testament to validate his statements. Now he said, "I tell you the truth, I lie not"

The 'secret' that had been 'hid in CHRIST IN GOD' was the fact that this KINGDOM OF GOD that had finally broken upon the scene, was to be interrupted. That interruption was to allow for a record to be written of the gracious side of the character of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE. This was to cover a long period of time, and it was something never revealed to the Old Testament prophets. It was revealed to Paul, only, This interruption was very important to the overall PLAN and PURPOSE and this is the time period in which we now live, This began at Acts 28:28, which was about A.D.64, so you can see how long that record has already been in the process of being written.

#### THE KINGDOM SUSPENDED

Failure to understand this period in with we now live and the significant part that it plays in the overall PLAN OF CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE has caused much confusion in religious circles, The wonderful prophesies concerning the nature of the KINGDOM OF GOD never were fulfilled during the Book of Acts. We saw a preview of them, as one would see the promises of a crop when the first blades of grain come through the ground. But we never reached the point of the 'full grain in the ear', Before it had developed to that stage it was suspended. This is further stated in Phillipians 1: 6. I am going to quote this scripture in its entirety as well, but will change one word that was mistakenly supplied by the translators of the King James Version.

"Being confident of this very thing, that He which had begun a good work in you will <u>suspend</u> it until the day of Jesus Christ."---Phillipians 1:6 KJV

'WHOA!!!!!' you say.' You can't change the meaning entirely by that one word!!!! For this word 'suspend' is rendered 'perform' in the King James Version. To change the word <u>perform</u> to "<u>suspend</u>' is making the statement to mean the <u>exact opposite</u> of what the King James Version makes it to mean!!!.

When such a dramatic change is suggested, there must be a valid reason. No one has the authority to re-write the scriptures. The words must have some valid meaning and license is never given to alter the scriptures in any way.

If the reader believes the King James Version to be divinely inspired, then the agrument I am making will fall on deaf ears. But if you are an honest reader, you will 'let GOD be true and every man a liar', and that includes those translators who translated 'epitileo' to mean 'perfrom'. The comments in Dr. E. IW.. Bullinger's Companion Bible defines 'epitileo' as meaning 'complete'. If we would translate it in that manner we would have this expression:

"----complete it until the day of JESUS CHRIST".

It is impossible to 'complete' a thing 'until'. That makes no sense at all. But if we bring into the word 'epitileo' the idea of to come to an end, which is what is most definitely the meaning in this case, then we have the statement:

"----will suspend, (or bring to an end) until the day of JESUS CHRIST"

That accords with the rest of the Book of Phillipians where Paul is admonishing the people of Phillipi:

" let the same mind be in you that was in CHRIST JESUS, He made Himself a little lower than the angels and took upon Himself the form of a man and made Himself obedient to death, even the death of the cross."

All of this JESUS did. He gave up the glory that was His and made this sacrifice. They were only being asked to give up a few special gifts that they thought belonged to them permanently, but in reality had only been loaned to them in order to fulfill a work that they were commissioned to do.

The Book of Phillipians was written to explain the cessation of the good works, gifts, and blessings that they had enjoyed for the past 33 years. Now these good works were going to be suspended until the DAY OF JESUS CHRIST when the great 'unveiling', or the day of making CHRIST known to all the world, occurs. This is called the DAY OF JESUS CHRIST, and is so labelled on the chart. This covers the entire period labelled "THE MANIFEST KINGDOM OF GOD".

#### **GOD'SPRESENTPURPOSE**

The period in which we now live began with Paul's announcement in Acts 28: 28 and continues to the present day. But exactly what has been happening in this long period of time? What is CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE doing now and why did the KINGDOM OF GOD stop so abruptly to allow for a long period of time, already now almost 2000 years in length, that had never been made known to the prophets of the Old Testament.

We live in this time period and it is very important to us to know just what is going on and why.

There are only a few Books in the New Testament that were written during the time period in which we now live---TBE DISPENSATION OF THE GRACE OF GOD. These Books are as follows:

Ephesians	1 Timothy	Philemon	Luke
Colossians	2 Timothy	Matthew	John
Phillipians	Titus	Mark	

This is not the commonly held order in which the gospels were written, but I believe the record proves that JOHN was written first, and then Matthew, Mark and Luke followed to give background information.

We know that Paul's so-called 'prison epistles' were written during this time period because he calls himself a 'prisoner of JESUS CHRIST' and that did not necessarily mean that he was physically imprisoned in a Roman cell Some of the time he was, but we know that this is not true of his physical condition during the writing of all of these books. The 'prisoner of JESUS CHRIST' meant that he was no longer free to make the journeys and to travel about as a commissioned man of GOD as he had been before.

The Book of John leaves no question as to why it was written. The commissioning of the <u>message itself</u> caused CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE to make a special selection of events to record, events that would verify the diety of JESUS CHRIST and these were recorded to make believers of men. The three other books, Matthew, Mark and Luke, in that they give more detailed accounts of the same selection of events, leads me to believe that they followed by Divine Inspiration in order to assure that the message truly would 'get through' to the nations.

Just when the Book of Revelations was written, is something I would not care to comment on. I do know however, that the Book of Revelations covers, in its entirety, a time period yet to come. The Book of Revelations concerns that time called the DAY OF THE LORD' and appears as such on the chart.

We are now living in a time period characterized by the SILENCE OF GOD. If CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE were silent for 400 years before JESUS CHRIST was born, is it unthinkable that Be could be silent for 2000 years? No Divinely Inspired words have been given for almost 2000 years. Acts 28: 28 was written about A.D. 64, as I said before, so we can see how long this has already been, but we have no record of how much longer this administration will continue.

The only scripture we can go to in hopes of discovering when this time period will come to an end is that of 2 Timothy 3, verses 1 through 10. Bear in mind that Timothy was the last Book to be written by Paul before his death, so, with the exception of the Book of Revelations, that completes the Bible. This scripture gives a picture of the conditions that will prevail as a syndrome of the 'last days', which are more correctly called the 'resultant days'.

The days spoken of in this passage do not mean that there will be no more days following this, but rather that these are the conditions that can be seen in the 'resultant days', the result of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE allowing mankind to go in Lucifer's ways for a long period of time unrestrained. The machinations of Lucifer will bring about these conditions and this is the final result of man being ruled by Lucifer and directed in his ways.

These verses give 21 characteristics of man under the control of Lucifer and the final outcome is also recorded. We are told:

---but they shall proceed no further, for their folly shall be made known---".

The wickedness of the wicked will come to an end and that is the reason for these last 2000 years of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE acting graciously and in secret.

GOD IS NOW WRITING A RECORD OF THE GRACIOUS SIDE OF HIS CHARACTER

CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE is now showing that inherent in His character is a gracious, longsuffering aspect that can offer love and favor to the <u>undeserving</u> in a degree unimaginable. Lucifer can be allowed full sway because the final end of this system will come from the following of Lucifer. No adverse judgment will ever come from hand of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.

All of the sufferings the inhabitants of this world are, or ever have been, experiencing in all the years of their existence, is because of the fact that Lucifer became the God of this world when Adam handed that authority over to him in the Garden of Eden. But this is going to bring about its own destruction.

Meanwhile, what is CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE doing now? He is acting totally in <u>GRACE</u>, refusing to act at all if that act cannot be a gracious one. That <u>grace</u> must be just as freely offered to the rebellious, sinful ones as to the ones who are trying to please Him. Destruction and misery are most certainly the ways of man in this present time, but that destruction and misery is in no way related to CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE These are the direct result of follwing Satan, the God of this world.

All of the wonderful works of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE will be made known in the MANIFEST KINGDOM OF GOD, when we who are found as believers in this dispensation of the GRACE OF GOD, will have the favorable position of helping to trace out and proclaim the <u>untraceable riches of CHRIST</u>. We will have no official part in the 'Theocracy', or "government by GOD', but we will be a very definite part of the "theophany'. "Theophany" means to make CHRIST known.

In the day when JESUS CHRIST is being glorified, all the works done secretly during this past 2000 years will be held up for all the world to see. In that day, ----the DAY OF THE GREAT <u>UNVEILING</u> OF JESUS CHRIST----the inhabitants of all the world will truly "SEE HIM AS HE IS!!!"

Although Lucifer is the 'prince of the powers of the air' and was given dominion of the 'Earth' when Adam disobeyed CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE there have been times when there have road blocks set up in his path. These are recorded all through the Old Testament in the record of the lives and times of the Israelites.

In the time period in which we now live, Satan has not been restricted in any way whatsoever. He is allowed full sway and his ways have been allowed to totally dominate the earth. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE has practiced a 'hands off' policy. If CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE cannot act in grace, He does not act all. Thlis grace is just as freely offered to the wicked as to the righteous.

Because this activity is gracious and secret it gives rise to the statement---"GOD IS DEAD!!!" If anyone is expecting CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE to act now as He did during the Old Testament times or as He did in the Acts period they are in for a rude awakening. Men are not receiving the due reward of their deeds in the time period in which we now live. Many times I have heard the statement "A just God could never allow such evil to continue in this world!". My response to that would be a resounding---"You are so right!"----A JUST GOD <u>could not</u> allow this to continue, but a GRACIOUS GOD <u>must</u>. When CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE is acting in <u>justice</u> these things will not be allowed to go on, but while he is acting in <u>grace</u> He MUST allow these things to go on if He is going to act in grace at all.

This evil age, this time of the SILENCE OF CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE and the record of His grace is not going to go on forever. We are told in Psalms:

"Though goodness and mercy has been shown to the inhabitants of the earth, they will not learn righteousness, but when His judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the earth will learn righteousness."

This 'goodness and mercy' has been shown now for a long time. Satan has been allowed full control and his ways have permeated the 'Earth' for so long that it seems as though it will never end. The RECORD is now almost complete. The wickedness of the wicked will come to an end!!!

However, it will not be hampered until Evil has run its course. Allowing men to go on in their own way, following the leadership of Satan, has produced the present world conditions and we are now in the position where mankind is able to destroy the very planet on which he lives. It seems as though this path to destruction is irreversible. The scripture in Romans 3 10 through 18 gives a good picture of the nature of man as he follows Lucifer's domination. Because it is so indicative of world conditions right now I must again quote it in its entirety.:

'As it is written:

There is none righteous, 'no not one: There is none that understandeth, There is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, The are together become unprofitable; There is none that doeth good, no not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; With their tongues they have used deceit; The poison of asps is under their lips; Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; Their feet are swift to shed blood; Destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace have they not known; There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Also 2 Timothy 3: 1 through 8 says:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof, from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses. so do these also resist the truth, men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. BUT THEY SHALL PROCEED NO FURTHER, FOR THEIR FOLLY SHALL BE MANIFEST UNTO ALL MEN, as theirs also was."

My views, and the reasons for them, concerning the conditions that will bring this present time period to an end, have been explained. However it ends, it will be such a drastic thing that time will then be reckoned from that event rather than from the birth of JESUS CHRIST as we now calculate it. I believe Lucifer is not going to be restricted in any way until conditions are brought about by man himself that will doom the entire Planet. At that time CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE will intervene and redeem it, bringing in the MANIFEST KINGDOM OF GOD At that time we will have the greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit that I spoke of before. GOD will pour out His intelligence on all flesh and all flesh will see it together. This leads me to believe that this great event will be seen by everyone at the same time and THINGS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN,

#### THE SECOND COMING OF the HOLY SPIRIT

When Lucifer's ways have brought on the catastrophic conditions that cause CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE to intervene, we will then have a whole new ball game. The Holy Spirit, or Holy Intelligence, will be on the 'Earth' as a restrainer of Evil, which is certainly not the case now. During that time, if you were to veer to the right or to the left, there would be a voice behind you saying 'This is the way, walk ye in it".

All of the wonderful prophecies of the Old Testament concerning the time when GOD governs the 'Earth' will then be a reallity. The earth will be populated with resurrections during that time period and men will learn righteousness. We will still have Stan trying to promote his way, but the Holy Spirit, as a restrainer of Evil will keep that in check. There will be Divine restrictions. To go on in one's own way, after it has been made known that it is wrong, will bring on sickness. Persisting in wrong doing will ultimately bring death. This will be a time of Divine Instructions, for we will be going to GOD'S SCHOOL. His judgments will be in the 'Earth' and the inhabitants of the 'Earth' will be learning righteousness. The culminsatin of what began when JESUS CHRIST said "IT IS FINISHED' on the cross, results in men learning that 'THE WAYS OF GOD ARE GOOD'.

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This time period on the chart begins with the dotted line labelled "SECOND COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT" It ends with the dotted line labelled 'DIVINE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED'. This ushers in the

#### TESTING PERIOD

2 Thessalonians 2: 7 tells us that:

"He that **hindereth** will hinder until He be taken out of the way."

This is speaking of the time when iniquity begins to work secretly again and then the One who was the restrainer of Evil will be taken out of the way to see what men have learned. The restrictions that carry penalty of death during the time that men are learning righteousness, will be lifted and men will be tested to see what they have learned.

The Holy Spirit as a restrainer of Evil will be removed and Lucifer will again be allowed to work his deceit upon the 'Earth'. This is a time of testing, commonly called the 'Great Tribulation'. The place it holds on the chart is labelled THE REVOLT AGAINST THE KINGDOM . When the Holy Spirit has been taken out of the way and men are again allowed to go on in their own way there will be a minority rebellion. This is a seven year period, 3 1/2 of it secretly and 3 1/2 of it openly.

During this time the Anti-Christ sits in the temple of GOD in Jerusalem, saying that he is Christ. "Anti" here does not mean 'against' but rather 'in place of'. This can be a reality at this time because by that time the KINGDOM will have run its course and the Holy Spirit will have been taken out of the way, The temple will have been rebuilt in Jerusalem and implements of war will have been beaten into plowshares and prunng hooks and men will have forgotten war.

The rebellion, therefore, will again be a primitive one with primitive weapons, not employing instruments of warfare that are known to us today. This warfare is foretold in Matthew 24. This revolt will not be allowed to culminate for ARMAGEDDON HAS BEEN CANCELLED', They gather together to <u>to do battle</u> but at that time the LORD comes back in the clouds to put down that rebellion, so Armageddon never gets fully underway.

#### THE "RAPTURE"

The dotted line labelled "SECOND COMING OF THE LORD" is a

time period known in fundamentalist circles as the 'rapture'. It is at this time that 2 Thessalonians 4 is fulfilled and the 'dead in CHRIST are caught up to meet the LORD in the air'

The LORD is on His way to be personally present upon this earth for 1000 years, and if we are 'ever to be with the LORD' then we must be where He is. This 'catching up' is to remove all faithful followers from the face of the 'Earth' to be held in suspension in the air while the 'Earth' is being purged.

Although the language barrier will have been destroyed during the MANIFEST KINGDOM OF GOD , the restoration of the 'Earth' to its original form of one one land mass will happen at the time of the SECOND COMING OF THE LORD.. The mountains will be shaken, etc, bringing in different conditions of things and a perfect earth for the LORD to come back to.

#### THE 'PAROUSIA" OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The next time period is the 1000 year, or "parousia" of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. This is a time period where Lucifer is tied and nothing enters into this earth that will cause offense.

The tying of Lucifer for 1000 years eliminated the very presence of Evil for that entire period of time. During this time, those who lived through the KINGDOM OF GOD (that includes those resurrected from the dead to enjoy the blessing of the KINGDOM), and have remained faithful to the end, are caught up with the LORD at the end of the testing period at the time of the purging of the 'Earth', are to be the subjects of that EARTH.

This great work is not something that can be done at a distance, as was possible in the KINGDOM OF GOD, but demands the <u>very personal presence</u> of the 'Professor'. This work demands the <u>glorified presence</u>, not of the lowly man of Galilee, but of the GLORIFIED GOD THAT HE IS.

This time, however, also must come to an end. The dotted line that signifies the end of this time period is labelled "LUCIFERLOOSED". After mankind has gone through GOD'S two great 'schools', the MANIFEST KINGDOM OF GOD, (GOD'S kindergarden) and the PAROUSIA OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, (GOD'S college), Lucifer is again loosed to see if there are any he can still deceive. He is allowed to go to and fro for a

#### LITTLE SEASON

I do not know the length of this time period but it has been given the duration of 75 days by some Bible scholars. I have no knowledge to verify or deny this assumption, but I do know that it is not a very long period of time for the record specifically calls it a 'little season\*. I must believe the record and say ilt is to be a very short period of time.

Even after all of this training and personal experience of living under the direct governorship of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE Himself, Lucifer will still be able to deceive some. After these have all been ferreted out, the faithful are set apart. Then comes the end of the HEAVENS AND EARTH WHICH ARE NOW.

#### THE GREAT WHITE: THRONE JUDGEMENT

The GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT then takes place, bringing all the people that have lived into accountability and determine their final destiny. Then CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE will say

## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Satan's ways will once and for all be revealed for what they are and Lucifer will then be

JUSTIFIABLY DESTROYED!!!

EVIL WILL NEVER REIGN AGAIN!!!

An entirely NEW HEAVENS and a NEW EARTH will be brought into being in which dwell righteousness with no need for government and

## CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE WILL HAVE PREPARED A PEOPLE HE CAN LIVE AMONG.

After CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had made Adam, He planted a special garden for him to occupy. The garden, Eden, is mentioned fourteen times in the Old Testament, every time setting it apart from the rest of the 'Earth' as a place of Paradise, so we can see that this creation of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE was a very special creation and the very best was provided. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, the perfect workman, had provided everything that could possibly be desired for the pleasure and sustainance of that which He had created. It was as though CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE was giving that creation every reason to obey His directives by providing the very best of conditions. He made it possible for this creation to live forever, in this place of Paradise. All that was needed for this to go on forever was for Adam to obey the directives of the One that brought him into being.

This may seem to be a very simple thing to do and those of us who are now living in a world so filled with Evil and violence might very well resent the actions of Adam that brought this condition upon us, We might think that certainly we would never have done as Adam did. We look upon this war-torn, violencefilled, Satan-dominated world and try to envision the sort of conditions that must have existed in that original garden, and our resentment grows against Adam. We are prone to thing that if we were allowed all the blessings that Adam enjoyed, we surely would have done differently

BUT WOULD WE? Let's examine the record of what happened to cause Adam to disobey CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.

In the middle of the garden, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE planted two trees, the TREE OF LIFE and the TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. These were watered by a river that parted into four tributaries. Many historians have gone to great lengths to try to determine the exact location of the place called EDEN by examining the names of these four rivers and try to relate them to the general area knows s Mesopotamia.

They consider this to be the place where EDEN was originally located. It is useless, however, to try to pinpoint the exact location of EDEN for the world has changed its form since then. This was explained on the chart and recorded in the genealogy report of Genesis 10. This does give a general area of the beginnings of our culture as explained by historians, however, which places the beginning of recorded history as being in Mesopotamia.

After the garden was planted, Adam was put into it to dress it and to keep it. Perhaps this is why man is most contented following the destiny for which he was intended. It has spawned such beautiful poetry as: "The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth, But one's nearer GOD'S heart in a garden Than anywhere else on earth."

Men will work all of their lives in a teaming city, waiting for the day when they can retire to a little place in the country. This is the dream of many people and I believe this is because man was made from the dust of the ground and the closer man is to his origin the happier he is.

#### RULES SET DOWN BY CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE

Although the animals had mates, Adam had no one to communicate with that was like himself. Although he was capable of reproducing and filling the earth, or 'replenishing it', it was considered by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE 'not good for man to be alone'. There was no help fit for him, so a deep sleep was brought upon Adam while a rib was taken from his side and Eve was taken out of him.

Eve was 'formed' but Adam was 'created'. The female portion of Adam was embodied in the form made from Adam's rib and Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called WOMAN, for she was taken out of man'.

Pair bonding was the intent of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE when Eve was taken out of Adam to give him someone to communicate with and hold fast to. This is truly a marriage when the two became as one for it was stated by 'holy men of GOD speaking as they were moved by Holy Intelligence': 'therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh',

Now we read one very short verse that gives rise to much speculation. It reads:

"And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed,"

The question arises, "How were they clothed and why does nakedness bring shame?" Because so much emphasis is placed on nudity in these times in which we live, people go to great lengths to justify total body exposure. I would like to introduce a <u>theory</u> and will leave it up to the reader to search the scriptures to see if there can be found any basis for it.

#### CLOTHED IN LIGHT?

Dr. Carey Reams, an expert on the Theory of Ionization, now deceased, presented an idea that is fascinating, to say the least. His theory embraces the study of anionic and cationic bodies, stating that an anionic body has a much higher temperature than a cationic one. He gives that temperature as being in excess of 900 degrees Centigrade, with the energy going off in heat, producing a light such as that credited to CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE as recorded in the Old Testament when GOD is spoken of as being a <u>'shining light</u>. ---witness the burning bush in the wilderness, the Shakinah glory in the tabernacle, the cloud of smoke by day and the pillar of fire by night that guided the Israelites through the wilderness, etc.

He believes that the body Eve had before the disobedient act of eating of the forbidden fruit, was an anionic one, not limited by time or space. It was also clothed in the light that emanated from the heat produced within. When Eve was deceived by Satan, who also was a 'shining light' oxygen entered her body and her body changed from an anionic one to a cationic one as we now have.

We know for certain how destructive oxygen is to a jar of canned food, and the theory has in it that same principal that changed that perfect, anionic body to one with oxygen, bringing the death process into it. Hence, 'dying thou shalt die'. If this theory can be proven it would go a long way in explaining the deliberate act of Adam in following Eve in her disobedience.

The theory goes on to the logical conclusion that when Eve was deceived by Satan and ate of the TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, her body went from an anionic one to a cationic one with the presence of oxygen, causing her body temperature to drop. This automatically caused the light to go out, leaving her obviously naked.

Adam, however, still remained in his anionic state with a body temperature so much hotter than that of his wige that all physical contact became impossible. He had a choice. He could remain in this state and go on to live forever, allowing his wife to exist totally apart from him with no intimate contact, until the death process that had begun in her had run its course and brought death, or he could participate in her disobedience and become as her and live out whatever years were allowed to him, in the same form as Eve, That would mean that he would have to deliberately, and with 'malice aforethought', do as she had done and partake of the the TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. When he chose to do this , he willingly gave over the dominion of the 'Earth' to CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE'S ARCH ENEMY, LUCIFER, AND DEATH THEN PASSED UPON THE ENTIRE HUMANRACE,

If this theory has validity, can you say that you would not have done the very same thing as Adam if the choice were up to you?

It was not sin that passed upon all men because of Adam's disobedience, it was death that was passed on to all the sons of Adam. Sin is a personal thing, and all have sinned, for man is not equal to Evil when Evil has been exposed to him. In a

perfect 'Earth' with no Evil, man could be sinless, but with Lucifer as the one who has dominion over the 'earth', Evil is a fact of life and Adam was not equal it. No living creature is equal to Evil.

Only CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, in human form, could live a sinless life and redeem this 'Earth' through his sinless life and His own willing sacrifice to pay the debt that sin carried, the penalty of death, to buy this 'Earth' back from Lucifer. This task could never be delegated to an angel, for no angel is equal to Lucifer, the prince of angels. Only CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE Himself could accomplish that task.

"NACHASH"----'SERPENT'----'SNAKE?"

Genesis 3, verse 1 is translated in such a manner as to produce a very erroneous mental picture. We immediately think of a snake when we read the word 'serpent', for that is what it means in the English language. We get the mental image of a snake, and artists produce an image of a very large reptile wrapped around the branches of a beautiful apple tree, speaking to a naked woman on the ground. Nothing could be further from the message given by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE to the Old Testament writers of the scriptures. To find what message was given, we must again take a few words apart.

The word translated 'serpent' is a Hebrew word <u>"Nachash'</u>. This word literally means to 'hiss, mutter, whisper as enchanters do". The word is sometimes used to express the work of diviners, and the word 'seraph' means to be elevated, or to burn. Seraphims are spoken of as 'shining angels'. Lucifer is called a 'shining light'.

This 'enchanting' is what Lucifer did when he deceived Eve. In Genesis 3: 1, we read that Lucifer was more 'subtil' than any beast of the field. The word translated 'beast of the field' is 'chay,' which means 'living creature'. The picture we get when we take these words apart and then re-arrange them in a fashion that accords with the message given, is one of a shining light being wiser than any other creature, enchanting another creation of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE and causing the woman to be dominated by his divining.

Isn't this a bit different than the mental picture we spoke of before as portrayed by artists in many Bible story books?

#### 'YEA, <u>GOD SAID?</u>"

It is from this statement that the name of this book was taken.

It is the first utterance recorded from the mouth of Lucifer. Lucifer has been using this same expression ever since, both in word and in deed. Doubt is constantly being placed in the
minds of men concerning the message recorded by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE We hear it all the time in such statements as :

Perverting the very character of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE is the most successful ploy that Lucifer has ever used and it all began when he cast his wiles upon Eve and caused her to disobey CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.

When this question was first voiced, it was not one that demanded an answer, but rather one that was used solely to cast doubt. The literary form is called an 'erotisis'. In this case Lucifer wished to put a question in Eve's mind as to what CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, ELOHIM actually meant. It was if he had said "Can it be that the Creator would say that you cannot eat of <u>every</u> tree that He has made?" It implied that certainly CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE would not make something they shouldn't have. It is a tactic that has been used very successfully ever since.

Eve's answer was a mis-quotation when she said:

'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, GOD has said 'Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die".

This implied somehing not quite certain---'lest' ye die--when in actuality CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had something very implicit in mind when He said:

"IN THE DAY THAT THOU EATEST OF IT, DYING THOU SHALT DIE!"

Satan's first lie was to tell Eve that she 'would not surely die ' and to this day mankind has believed Satan's lie concerning death. We are told that man does 'not surely die', that only his 'body' dies, but that his 'soul' lives forever.

GOD TELLS US THAT THE 'WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH' AND THAT DEATHE IS THE REVERSAL OF LIFE, A RETURN TO THE DUST OF THE BODY AND A RETURN TO CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE OF THAT INTELLIGENCE THAT WAS GIVEN TO MAKE HIM A LIVING SOUL.

The second lie was that they would be as gods or that they would be God-like, knowing Good and Evil. We still have with us the misconception that GOD is in all of us, we need only to bring out that aspect of ourselves. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE knew that if man were exposed to Evil he would not be equal to it and Lucifer was now using the desire to be 'as gods' to bring about man's downfall.

The very intelligence that was given to man in the 'image of GOD', was the thing that allowed mankind to choose for himself what he would do. A robot with no free will to choose to obey CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE would be of no use in the overall PLAN of producing a people that would be willingly submissive to the will of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE This would have served no purpose whatsoever. It was absolutely necessary that man be given the freedom to follow Lucifer so that the difference between the ways of Lucifer and the ways of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE could be made manifest. This was to cover a long period of time and would necessitate a display of the works of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE so they could be compared with the works of Lucifer.

The display of the works and ways of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE varied at different times during the course of history, each serving its own purpose. Sometimes these ways were displayed openly and sometimes only to select individuals. All through the Old Testament the ways and works of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE were shown to a very special people He chose for a very special purpose and to them He made Himself known. Through them those near them could also observe the ways and works of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE: but there were times when no visual evidence was seen.

There has been a long period of time now where CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE is making Himself known to the people of the 'Earth' individually in the hearts of men through a Book that gives the record of His dealings with men. We can learn the difference between the ways of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE and the ways of LUCIFER by comparing the works recorded in that Book with the things we see all around us. There is yet a time to come when a world-wide display of the ways and works of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE will be made known to all men everywhere upon this 'Earth' and we will learn that 'the ways of GOD are good'.

That is the theme of the Bible and the hope held out to all men everywhere.

#### LICIFER'S DOOM SEALED

Although Lucifer fell from the place called 'Heaven' during the lifespan of the original Earth, no definite plan had been devised by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE to destroy him until he tampered with the new creation He had placed on the newly re-formed Earth.

It was the act of deceiving Eve that sealed his doom and the first prophetic promise recorded in the Book of God was that of Lucifer's ultimate destruction, for without this there would have

#### been no purpose whatsoever in the act of re-creation.

This prophecy is so misunderstood and so poorly translated in the KJV that the real meaning is totally overlooked by the majority of the readers of the Holy Scriptures. An actual quotation from the KJV is as follows:

> "because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go; and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman and betwen thy seed and her SEED . IT shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel"

Much of this passge is figurative speech and if we are to understand the message given, we must thoroughly examine it. It was this act of deceiving Eve that caused it all. This is emphatically stated in the first five words of this quotation ---'because thou hast done this" --- Even though the dominion of the 'Earth' was actually given over to Lucifer at this time, it was not to be a glorified dominion. It was to be one of enmity between Lucifer as ruler, and the people he ruled over. He was to be cursed above any other creature, meaning that he was to be considered lower than even the animals. The degradation goes on to place him at the level of the crawling animals, such as snakes who crawl on their bellies. This did not mean that he was to be given the form of a snake and go around on the ground. It is figurative speech placing him as low as it was possible to place "Eating dust' is an expression that we use today. him. Many times we speak of someone going down in utter defeat as 'biting the dust'. We certainly don't mean that they actually get down on their hands and knees and take a bite out of the very ground.

CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE goes on to say that there would be enmity between Lucifer and mankind. Here this is speaking of 'mankind' as 'the woman'. There was to be no harmony between Lucifer as ruler of the universe and those over whom he rules. Constant warfare would be his lot, for he was the very source of Evil. The word "SEED" with capital letters is singular, masculine and denoted the Redeemer, or CHRIST. The word 'it' is in italics, indicating that it does not appear in the original text but is supplied by the translators to, supposedly, make the passage more understandable. Leaving 'it' out, we would read----"The SEED of the woman (or CHRIST), shall 'bruise thy head...."

The word 'bruise' is from the Hebrew word 'shooph' which occurs in two other places. In Job 9:17 it is translated 'breaketh me': and in Psalms 139: 11 it is translated 'shall cover me'. The passage in Job is 'breaketh me with a tempest' and the one in Psalms is 'darkness shall cover me'. We must get the idea here of being 'overwhelmed' rather than the idea of a physical bruise. To faithfully paraphrase this statement we should say: "Christ shall destroy evil at its very source, (head), and that is you, Lucifer. and the worst you will be able to do is to crucify Hint which is no more than bruising His heel."

This is the idea set forth in this very confusing statement, bit it did not go over Lucifer's head. He knew exactly what had been said, and from that day onward the prime objective of Lucifer was to prevent that from being fulfilled.

#### BACK TO EVE AGAIN

I have jumped ahead of the story in order to bring out the ultimate result of the act of Lucifer in deceiving Eve, but now we will go back and read the record of just exactly what happened after Lucifer 'reared his ugly head', or more correctly stated, his beautiful head.

This beautiful creature, this most beautiful of all the angelic beings, instilled doubt in Eve's mind as to what CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE actually said when the instructions were given to leave the tree alone and not to eat of the fruit-thereof. It was such a lovely tree and the fruit looked so delicious. Certain a thing so lovely could not bring death and this beautiful creature said it would make as gods, knowing both Good and Evil. This delicious looiking fruit was very tempting once Lucifer had instilled doubt in her mind as to what CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had actually said, so she took it and she ate.

#### ADAM'S DISOBEDIENCE WAS DELIBERATE

Adam was not deceived by Lucifer as was Eve, because he deliberately took the fruit from her and ate. The next verse tells us that the 'eyes' of them both opened and they knew that they were naked. This leads me to believe that the nakedness did not exist to the eye until after the act of disobedience took place. They were not blind before they ate of the fruit, or, eve could not have seen that the fruit was 'pleasant to the eyes . They saw something after the act of disobedience that was not visible before. That leads me to believe that whatever they wwere clothed with before, disappeared. The idea of being clothed in light fits very well in that light is of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE and darkness is of Lucifer, the prince of darkness. If the act of disobedience caused the light to go out, then they most certainly would have seen that they were naked.

Let me dispel the idea of the sex act being the 'original sin'. The ability to procreate did not come about with the act of disobedience, for the instructions were for them to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the 'Earth' from the very beginning. The fact that this had not occurred before the fall leads me to believe that the Edenic conditions were of a very short duration. If they had remained in their original state for very long and NOT produced any offspring, they would have been disobedient to their Creator. The fact that no offspring had been produced is evident in the fact that only Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden.

It did not take Lucifer long to get 'into the act' when mankind again appeared upon the scene and this fact was certainly known to CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE and was part of the PLAN,

#### NUDITY----RIGHT OR WRONG?

The fact that they were naked and felt the need to cover themselves is enough to disparage nudity in my mind. Even CREATIVE INTRLLIGENCE had provided a covering in the form of light if the previous theory should be proven to be true. In the original paradise, the temperatures were constant and had no extreme fluctuation. With a body temperature of 98 degrees, a covering would be necessary at night without the warmth of the sun. A body 'clothed in light' with an extremely high temperature would have no need for a covering of any kind.

The covering they provided for themselves was that of fig leaves 'sewn together' according to the KJV. They would have to have been 'woven together' for certainly there was no needle or thread available. The intelligence to provide a covering from what was at hand was more assuredly theirs, for man has not 'evolved' to the intelligence he now possesses, but rather has 'devolved' from a much superior one that was given him 'in the beginning'.

#### DOES DEATH USHER MANKIND INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD?

"They heard the sound of the LORD GOD walking in the garaden and they hid themselves from the presence of the LORD GOD". KJV This tells me that in their original, sinless form, they were fit for the presence of CREATIVE INTRLLIGENCE, but the communication with Him ceased to remain the same after the act of disobedience. Mankind has never been fit for the presence of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE since that act took place and it will take a long period of time before he will ever be ready for that presence again.

The process of death does NOT fit one for the presence of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE Death is an enemy that came into existence because of the sin of disobedience and therefore cannot achieve the very opposite of what it was designed to do.

If CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE cannot look upon sin, then it follows that man, in his sinful form, is not fit for His presence. If believing the record that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE gave of His character does not, IN ITSELF, make one ready for the presence of GOD while we are still living, if follows that man, in his sinful form, is not ready for that presence just because he has ceased to be a 'living soul' and has become a 'dead soul'.

Man must learn that the ways of GOD are good and live a long time under Divine instruction before he can ever again be ready for the presence of GOD.

**CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** called to Adam:

"Where art thou?"

And Adam said he was afraid because he was naked and he hid himself. The question then was:

"Who told thee thou wast naked?. Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldn't not eat?" KJV,

Do you suppose this came as a surprise to **CREATIVE INTELLI-GENCE** who knows everything? Or was it to cause Adam to admit his error? We must admit to our need before GOD provides a covering!.

Adam admitted his sin but at the same time the admission implied that it was **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE'S** fault. We would all like to blame GOD for everything, saying that if He hadn't given mankind free will things would be so much better, that He should just have created everything perfect at the beginning and be done with it.

Adam's reply was:

"The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat."

This was implying that if he had never been given this woman he would never have been forced to follow her in her actions. Left to himself, he was sure this would never have occurred. Therefore, it was the fault of GOD for giving her to him in the beginning. This is not stated, but it is implied.

If the theory of Dr. Reams of body temperatures and anionic versus cationic bodies, were true, then Adam would seemingly have had some justification in this statement. If **CREATIVE INTELLI-GENCE** had not given him this woman and allowed him to love her and want her, then he would have never been tempted to disobey. It was the fact that this woman that GOD gave him disobeyed, that made it almost necessary for him to disobey also. If--if--I can imagine GOD answering---"BUT THIS IS MY PLAN!!"

The attention was then diverted to Eve and she was called upon to give an accounting for her actions. Her statement was simple enough

"The shining light beguiled me and I did eat".

It was a statement of fact. The angel of light, Lucifer himself, (called in the KJV 'serpent') had simply worked his enchantments on her and she did what she was bidden not to do.

The pronouncement made then by **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** sealed the doom of Lucifer forever. It did not say how long this was to be in the making but the ultimate destruction of the very source of Evil was predicted.

# THIS IS THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE HAD UNDERTAKEN THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE PLACE CALLED 'EARTH'.

Much misery was to come upon the inhabitants of the 'Earth', but that misery would be the result of Lucifer's efforts, not those of **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.** This misery and heartache was absolutely necessary if the ways of Lucifer were to be exposed and if a perople were to be produced that would **choose** to follow the ways of **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.** 

#### THE FIRST PROMISE

This is the first promise in all of the scripture, and, as the first, becomes the most important of all. Everything that follows is just simply the record of what has taken place in the overall PLAN, what is now taking place in the overall PLAN, and what is yet to take place in the overall PLAN, before this can be fulfilled.

Evil will be destroyed. The ways of GOD will be make known to all mankind. The destruction of Lucifer will be totally justified!

After this pronouncement had been made to Lucifer, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE turned to Eve and said:

"I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee."

This did not mean that the pain that is experienced in childbirth was at that time delegated to be the lot of Eve and all women to follow her, but rather that mankind's lot would, from that day on, be full of sorrow. Eve's **personal** punishment was that her conceptions were to be <u>greaty multiplied</u>. This multiplicity of births was a part of the curse placed upon the human race because of the fall, but that will be removed during the time when GOD governs the 'Earth'.

Then to Adam it was said:

'Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee,

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saying 'Thou shalt not eat of it', cursed is the ground for by sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the day of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of they face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken; for dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."

#### "ALIVE AND DYING"

The sorrow that was prophesied in the statement to Eve was repeated in the statement to Adam, for sorrow and sadness would be the lot of mankind from that day on. Now the death process had begun to work in them and it would ultimately culminate in the return to dust, bringing much sorrow to the entire world.

DEATH IS AN ENEMY!!! No one can ever make it a friend, no matter how much they seek to beautify it and invent all sorts of fanciful stories to explain it away. It had already begun, and there was no alternative but to wait for it to work itself out and then the final return to the dust when whence he came.

These bodies that they now had with death working in them, needed exercise to survive. The easy living that was their lot in the time when they were 'alive and living', now was changed to a life of toil for it was this exercise that would enable that dying body to survive for many years. Thorns and thistles now grew, and, to maintain beauty and order, Adam would have to till the land and remove the weeds so that his food supply would flourish.

It was after the disobedience that Adam named Eve, the 'mother of all living'. If there any doubts in the reader's mind as to the number of human beings on the earth at this that should be sufficient evidence to put these doubts to rest. Eve was the mother of ALL LIVING, but at that time there were no progeny as yet. multiplication of her conception, however, was to begin to produce many inhabitants of this place called 'Earth'. This naming of her 'Eve' was a matter of Adam taking CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE at His word and acting accordingly, for the 'word' that Adam had from CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE was that He would 'greatly multiply her conceptions'. Adam believed this, and, although she had not produced any offspring as yet, he still called her 'Eve' because she was 'TO BE' the 'mother of all living'.

COVERING OF SKIN---BLOOD MUST BE SHED TO COVER MAN'S SIN

**CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** made coverings for Adam and Eve to protect them and to cover their nakedness. the KJV says 'coats of skin'. There seems to be some evidence that this did not appear as 'skin' in the original manuscripts, but the insertion of this word does seem to accord with the idea of redemption demanding the shedding of blood. Until sin entered into the world there was no death process, but with the entrance of sin came the need for a covering for the ones who had sinned. The coverings made by the ones who had need for them, (at first fig leaves), were only temporary ones and would constantly have to be replaced, but CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE provided permanent coverings, those of skins of animals. In order for those coverings to be provided, some animal had to die. This became a symbol of the PLAN OF REDEMPTION because the animal whose skin proved the covering had done no wrong but its sacrifice was necessary to provide the covering for the sin. The REDEEMER of mankind also was to be sinless, but would have to give up His life to provide a permanent covering for man's sin. The shedding of blood is necessary for the remission of sin.

#### THE GARDEN WAS NOW 'OFF LIMITS'

When the coverings had been provided, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE put Adam and Eve out of the garden. The pictures often drawn by artists in story books explaining the Bible usually show two people dressed in Tarzan-like costumes, being driven by an angel with great wings, out of a place of Paradise into a wasteland with the wind blowing, weeds abounding in a jungleland atmosphere and all in all going into a very inhospitable location. This is far from a true picture of what actually happened.

The place called "Earth' was a beautiful place, one that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE looked upon and said 'it is good'. A special part of that place called 'Earth' contained two trees that were placed there specially for a definite purpose. These were the TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, the one they were forbidden to eat of but disobeyed and did eat of its fruit, and the TREE OF LIFE. When Adam disobeyed and ate of the the TREE OF THE KLNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, and death entered the scene, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE removed him from that portion of the place called 'Earth' so he would not eat of the TREE OF LIFE and live forever in his sinful state.

Adam and his wife, Eve, then went out of that portion of the garden into an equally beautiful place, but a place that now would **produce** thorns and thistles in addition to its bountiful beauty, and would now require husbandry to care for it in order to fully enjoy its benefits. This was still as beautiful a place as could be imagined, not an inhospitable one. This still had a greenhouse effect and the conditions were not unbearable at all They were simply removed from the presence of the TREE OF LIFE

From then on their lives were to be carried on under conditions where death was a reality, and would remain a painful part of living until it had worked itself out and culminated in the return to the dust from which man had originated.

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#### LUCIFER A SNAKE?????

The next verse is written rather strangely in the KJV. It begins with quotation marks, indicating a statement being made by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE. The first word is "BEHOLD!" Remembering that CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE provided the words originally written, and realizing that these words were not English words, but were Hebrew words, we must search deeply to get the exact meaning. We don't want to leave any stone unturned in this most important part of the record for it provides the basic premise from which we must operate in order to understand the purpose and PLAN of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE in relationship to mankind as we know him.

Many figures of speech are used. We understand figures of speech in general useage, but often discard them when we read the scriptures, in favor of very literal translations. Ignorance of figures of speech have led to many errors in understanding what was written by making something that is literal to be figurative and things that are figurative to be literal. The early Greeks and Romans named many figures of speech and we must remember that the King James Translation was made from the Septuagint version of the Bible. For those who do not know what I am talking about when I say the "Septuagint" version, I will explain.

The original manuscripts have long since disappeared and copies of them are all we have left. The original manuscripts were protected by the Massorah, as I explained earlier in this book. The Old Testament scriptures were in a very ancient language, ancient Hebrew. This was translated into Greek before Christ was on this 'Earth'. This was done by a group of men, seventy in number, and was called the "Septuagint " version, for 'seventy'.

It was from these manuscripts that JESUS CHRIST quoted when He spoke to His disciples. These were what were read in the Hebrew synagogues. Because these were Greek, we must go to the literature of the Greeks and Romans to understand why they were written as they are. For this reason we must know something of the use of the figures of speech as employed by them. They had three classes of figures of speech, (1) those of ommission, (2) those of addition and (3) those of alteration or change. They had 181 different figures of speech. For example, in Genesis 3 we have some very figurative language and you have already read the explanation of many of these in the accounting of Lucifer's deceiving of Eve. A classic example is 'belly', 'dust, and 'heel'. All of these concern the pronouncement made by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE when He made the first prophetic statement. "On they belly shalt thou go and dust shalt thou eat... " The truth is literal but the words employed are figurative

The word "Behold" that begins the statement we are now considering, is the figure of speech known as an 'asterismos'. From this comes our little figures often placed above a word called an 'asterick'. This calls attention to some particular point and we would be faithful to the original idea if we were to say in this case, "Now hear this!!"

"Behold' is a very good word for it puts emphasis on what follows. Then the verse goes on to say:

'---the man is become as one of Us to know Good and Evil, and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the TREE OF LIFE, and eat and live forever----"

There the statement ends!! There is no completion of the idea which would leave us hanging out in mid-air if figures of speech wwere not taken into consideration. The figure in this case is known as an 'aposiopesis', which is 'sudden silence' It is as if the results would be so drastic as to make them unspeakable.

Because this could not be allowed to happen, (for it would prevent the fulfillment of what CREATIVE INTELLLGENCE had in mind when He restructured the planet "Earth"), Adam and Eve were removed from the presence of that TREE OF LIFE. To prevent their return to that spot, cherubims were placed there and a flaming sword to keep anyone away from that TREE OF LIFE. It is not clear whether the Chrubim was an angelic creature that held a sword or if it was a superhuman force that kept watch over an obstacle of fire that protected the TREE OF LIFE. Whatever it was, it was very effective for it was an act of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE and that means that accomplishment was complete.

#### REPRODUCTION BEGINS

After Adam and Eve left the garden, we begin to have the record of births. None of this occurred in the garden, which is probably what leads many to assume that the sin that brought death was the sex act. It is as though the awareness of their bodies came about as a result of sin. Because **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** had instructed Adam to 'multiply and replenish the earth' from the very beginning, I am sure that this was just as possible before sin and death entered the world as it was afterwards. The awareness of nakedness, however, may have altered the concept of the reproductive act, for shame seems to have accompanied that awareness.

When the King James Version speaks of 'knowing' in this sense, it is connected with sexual relations, and of course this was necessary before a birth could take place, at least as it relates to bodies as we now know them. If this changed through the act of disobedience or not is something I cannot answer. Suffice it to say that this act has brought out the very basest in mankind and the awareness of that nakedness did not appear until after death had begun to work in the human race. If the theory of Adam and Eve being clothed in light before they disobeyed could be proven, it would go a long way toward explaining this.

# CAIN, ABEL, ADAM AND SOLE INHABITANTS OF EARTH ?????

This conception brought into the place called 'Earth' the first human to come about by the birth process. He was named Cain, which means 'acquisition', for she had gotten him with the help of JEHOVAH. Then we have the simple statement that she again bore Abel. Because of this simple record it is assumed by many that these are all the children that Eve had at that time and that there were only four people on the 'Earth'. If this were true, then her conceptions could not have been 'greatly multiplied', as was promised when Eve disobeyed.

By strict mathematical possibility, with single births only, she could have had 28 children by the time that Cain reached 20 years of age. No one knows how many years Cain was a tiller of the ground or how many years Abel was a keeper of the sheep. It is logical to assume, however that many years had passed since the birth of Cain and many people had already appeared on the 'Earth' as a result of the multiplicity of Eve's conceptions and the grandchildren would already be many, not to mention the great-grandchildren.

## SACRIFICIAL ANIMALS PROVIDED

The chain reaction had begun, and all of these people were subject to death and obsessed with wrong doing. This is evident in the fact that Abel was a keeper of the sheep. Sheep were the sacrifical animals, and were as an offering for sin and it would have been necessary to keep flocks of sheep to provide the offerings for the many sin of the many people.

Animal lovers will object very strenuously to these statements, but the need for the shedding of blood iln order to cover sin is a definite part of the record of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE'S dealings with mankind, past, present and future. It was necessasry in order to cover Adam's nakedness caused by the entrance of sin into the world, and it was necessary in order to redeem. The scriptures say 'without the shedding of blood is no remission for sin".

Whether or not these sheep filled a two-fold purpose of both providing the sacrifice required to cover sin and providing wool, or even providing the skins that may have been used for clothing, I cannot say for sure. I do know, however, that sheep are unique in their reaction to death. Most animals will fight to extricate themselves from an entanglement of any sort, but sheep will get caught in bushes, wire, etc., and will just stay there until they die. The self-preservation instinct just does not seem to exist in sheep. I believe this is because sheep were designed as sacrificial animals. JESUS CHRIST was called the 'Lamb of GOD" and of Him it is said 'He was led as as lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before his shearers is dumb, so He

#### opened not His mouth'.

Again we come to the position of proving scripture with scripture and we go to Hebrews 11, commonly called the 'faith chapter' and we read in verse 4:

> 'By faith Abel offered unto GOD a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous. GOD testifying of his gifts, and by it, he, being dead, yet speaketh."

If Abel offered his sacrifice unto GOD as an act of faith we must assume that he had been instructed as to what was expected as a sacrifice by GOD himself.

# "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the WORD of GOD"

In order to believe something (which is what 'faith' means) we must have something to believe and that had to come to us through a word and in this case we are being told of Abel's reaction to the word from GOD as to what was required as a sacrifice. He was merely taking GOD at His word and acting accordingly. That was not what Cain did, however.

#### CAIN'S "BETTER IDEA"

Cain, as a tiller of the soil, offered the fruit of his own hands, the fruit of the ground. This was a bloodless sacrifice and was not what CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had required. If Abel had this word from CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE to what he was expected to offer as a covering for sin, then Cain had the same word, for CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE is not a respector of persons.

Instructions would not have been given to Abel alone. What Abel was told, you can be assured that Cain was also told. It was just that Abel obeyed and offered the required sacrifice and Cain had a 'better idea'. He gave of the fruit of his own labours, the work of his hands. This 'better idea' was not acceptable to CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE for it did not require the shedding of blood.

This made Cain very angry. Knowing everything, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE was aware of this anger and of the very expression on the face of Cain, for He said:

"Why art thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen?"

Then He goes on to say:

'if thou does well, shalt thou not be accepted?

And if thou does not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him."

This is hard to understand because of the King James English in which it is written. Removing the 'thous', let us take the verse apart to get the real meaning.

**CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** was saying to Cain:

"If you do as I have requested, then all is well, and you will be accepted. If you don't then a sin offering is 'lying at the door'

The word 'offering' is actually supplied in many other instances where sacrifices are spoken of, but in this case the translators saw fit to leave it out. The next part of the passage concerns that sin offering, the lamb that was required.

The words 'unto thee" are in italics, therefore they are supplied by the translators and do not appear in the original, so they can again be omitted, or replaced by the word 'is' to make it easier to understand. Then it would read like this-----'unto thee is his desire', which means that the lamb's desire, or purpose, is to the one sacrificing it, and --'thou shalt rule over him'---means that the lamb is perfectly submissive and will not flee from the one sacrificing it.

What **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** was putting across was that if Cain did not do well and his sacrifice was not accepted, that could be easily remedied. The lamb was there and would willingly allow itself to be sacrificed, so all he had to do was to get what was required and offer it up.

Cain did not listen and, rather than do what he was instructed to do, he went after the one who was doing rightly. This brought about the first murder, for Cain killed his brother Abel. The older manuscripts actually say what Cain said to Abel:

"let us go into the field"

But the King James Version merely says that Cain talked to his brother. It was in the field that Cain rose up against his brother and killed him.

When Cain was asked where his brother was, Cain's response was"

'I know not! Am I my brother's keeper?"

**CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** then said, :

'What hast thou done? The voice of brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground".

Again we have figurative speech, for blood cannot talk. But **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** went on to say:

"and now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened up her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand. When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth."

Cain was a tiller of the soil so that was his entire life's work. He must have been very proud of what he had been able to produce for he thought it sufficiently attractive to offer it as a sacrifice in place of a lamb. Because of the fact that he had spilt his brother's blood upon the gound, **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** was now going to curse the ground in relationship to Cain and from that day on he was no longer being allowed to ply his trade. The ground was not going to yield its increase to him, and he was going to be forced to wander around, taking as his food whatever grew naturally, living a nomadic life. From one who perhaps loved the ground and the plants and things it produced, this must have been quite a pronouncement, for Cain said it was greater than he could bear.

#### WHERE DID CAIN GET HIS WIFE?

Cain said that now everyone that 'findeth me shall slay me', which is more evidence that Cain, Abel, Adam and Eve were not the only people on the earth. Abel was dead. His father and mother would certainly not kill him, so it is evident that by this time many people were alive upon the earth. This should eliminate the question as to where Cain got his wife, He married a relative, of course. IN-breeding was the only way people could have populated the earth. The accepted theory of in-breeding producing deficient offspring, either mentally or physically was not in force at that time. It is the inheritance of diseases that cause this principle of in-breeding to be so shunned. These people still had near-perfect bodies, so in-breeding would do no harm. Cain either married a sister, a niece or a great-niece.

The record of the genealogy of Adam is very revealing, not boring as so many people think. So much is said in just the record of the key people. The line of Cain is separated from the line of Seth who was born when Adam was 130 years old. All of the sons and daughters that were born in between are not recorded, for the lineage is given in order to trace CHRIST'S lineage to David and from there on down to Adam. It also give a calendar from which to date the scriptures, and , even though there are some discrepancies because of the change in calendars, all in all, the work done by Usher in chronololgy is quite correct.

The first son of Cain was Enoch. This is not the same Enoch that was the father of Methusaleh, the one that is said 'walked with GOD", and was translated out of the world without dying; but rather was the first Enoch, the son of Cain. It is stated in just 11 words:

"Cain builded a city and named that 'Enoch' after his son"

Firsts are so important in the scriptures and the first city was the product of Cain, the first murderer. To logically carry this through, all one need to do is to re-read the curse put upon Cain when CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE told him he would be a vagabond and a wanderer. Obviously Cain had a 'better idea". He could not live with the curse. He now built a city. Everyone until this time had gotten their living from working the soil, but Cain and his offspring came up with a lot of firsts. The city that Cain built was contrary to what been instructed, but it better fit Cain's purposes than a life of wandering would have done. Cain instituted 'free enterprise' and eased the curse by building a city, and with this came all of the attendant evils of city living.

The lineage of Cain look like this: CAIN-----FIRST MURDERER ENOCH IRAD MEHUJAEL METHUSEAL LAMECH-----first polygamist Wife---Zillah JABAL----first cattleman JUBAL----first musician

TUBAL-CAIN---first worker in brass and iron

# LAMECH---DOUBLE TROUBLE

The expression concerning Lamech and his two wives is very interesting, and I believe Divine humor is displayed here. Lamech was the first polygamist and made a pronouncement to his two wives, Adah and Zillah:

> "Ye wives of Lamech, harken unto my speech; For I have slain a man to my wounding and a young man to my hurt. If Cain shall be avenged seven fold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold."

The words "I have" are continuous present, which makes the following statement to be one of possibility, not one of past tense. He was saying that **he could** kill a man for wounding him and a young man for hurting him. Cain had only one wife, but he had two and was in twice the danger from his wives as was Cain. It seems he suspected revenge from his wives so he gave them all fair warning in advance, that if Cain were to be avenged sevenfold he would be avenged seventy and seven fold, if he should commit murder.

Very little is recorded concerning Cain except to list his progeny that produced 'firsts' and to give a short comment concerning Lamech. None of the details as to their ages when they begat children, their age at their death, etc., are given. It was as though nothing is important concerning Cain except to introduce a variety of different occupations and the fact that he introduced city life.

#### IMPORTANCE OF NAMES

It is an entirely different matter when the lineage of SETH is recorded. This is a detailed account, giving both the ages at the time of the birth of the key sons and the ages of them when they died. It is also very interesting to learn that the names of these progeny were divinely given and each of the names carry a message within themselves.

Before the record begins concerning the details of Adam's family tree, a statement is made that is very important but is usually overlooked. Eve conceived again (which she had done many times before) and bare a son named SETH. The name''SETH' means substituted', and Eve said that GOD had appointed her another seed instead of Abel whom Cain slew.

SETH then, begat ENOS. The name 'ENOS' means 'frail, incurable' and this name is very significant in connection with the statement that follows:

#### 'Then began men to call upon the name of the LORD"

This would seem to be that it was at this time that true worship began, that no one before ENOS worshipped CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE. This cannot be true because CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had dealings with all men before this, at least to the extent of instructing them in the kinds of sacrifices that were required for sin. Abel obeyed CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE so certainly worhsip began long before ENOS. If this is the case we must look into this statement to find what message is being set forth.

What really began with ENOS, as his name implies, was idolatrous worship and many ancient commentaries say 'their gods,' rather than 'GOD'. Ancient Jewish commentators agre that it was in the lifetime of ENOS that the practice of idolatry began.

The article is supplied in the record concerning the

genealogy of the man Adam, thus eliminating the possibility of thie being anyone except the one of whom the record is given in the first two chapters of Genesis. It also makes the man, Adam, to have been both male and femals as was stated previously.

We are told that Adam was created in the likeness of GOD but the rest of the people wwere **begotten** in the likeness of Adam. It differentiates between the creation and the progeny. Adam got his body full blown from CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE, but all of the rest got their bodies as a combination of the genes of their mother and the genes of their father.

The ages at the time of the birth of each recorded son and at the time of their death is given and will be shown on the following chart:

Begat at Age	Name	Name Meaning	Age at Death
130	Adam		930
105	Seth	Substitution	912
90	Enos	Frail and sickly	905
70	Canaan	A possession	910
65	Mahaleel	Praise of GOD	895
162	Jared	Descent	962
65	Enoch	Teaching	
187	Methusaleh	Deluge	969
182	Lamech	Powerful	777
500	Noah	Rest and Comfort	950

#### BIBLICAL DATING----IS IT CORRECT?

The record tells exactly how many years of age each was at the time of the birth of the recorded son. Then it goes on to say that each of them lived after they begat that son and begat sons and daughters. It gives the number of total years of their lives. The oldest one recorded was Methusaleh, but Jared lived almost as long--962 in all--, so it is quite evident that living conditions were quite different then than they are now. It is assumed by may that these were not full 365 day years. Some expositors have gone so far as to suggest that a 'year' was only in reality about 30 days. This cannot be true, for if that were the case, Enoch would have fathered Methusaleh at 5 years of age.

The record of Enoch is also denied by many for no date of death is given. The statement about Enoch is that he walked with God for 300 years after the birth of Methusaleh. In this walk, CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE revealed many things to Enoch, among them the facts of the coming flood. The very name 'Methusaleh' means 'deluge'. It goes a step farther, though, and means, 'when he is gone it will come'. The flood came the year that Methusaleh died. This dated the flood year as being 2348 BC, or the year 1656 from the fall of Adam.

Enoch was seventh from Adam. Here again we get the

significance of the number seven, which is spiritual perfection. It is stated that "ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD AND WAS NOT FOR GOD TOOK HIM" This means that Enoch did not die, but rather was taken bodily out of the earth to the place called Heaven, (or so it is assumed that there is where he was taken).

This is scoffed at by atheists who give the Bible no credence whatsoever. In that it is impossible to prove this short of the scriptures we will have to accept it by faith, believing the record **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** caused to be written.

#### ENOCH----GOD'S HISTORIAN

It is my personal belief, and the belief of some Bible teachers, that Enoch's purpose in the Divine PLAN is to serve as GOD'S historian during the time when Heaven governs. Elijah, the only other person never to experience death, has his work already cut out for him, and this is specifically stated in other parts of the scriptures. The work of Enoch remains only a matter of conjecture. Elijah, however, lived much later than did Enoch and could only have been aware of what went before through Divine inspiration. Enoch, consequently would have the personal experiences to refer to as well as to the knowledge given him from above. He lived on this "Earth' for 308 years as a contemporary of Adam and must have been very knowledgeable as to what had occurrerd during the 622 years that preceeded him. In that I believe total recall to have been common, it is reasonable to suppose that Enoch's mind stored all this knowledge of the years before him and would continue to record all the happenings that have occurred on this "Earth" in all of the years since. He has been in the position to view it from a vantage point not available to anyone else.

In the years before computers it would be hard for one to image all this knowledge stored in one brain, but computers have made this to seem most logical. Computers are only inventions of <u>human</u> intelligence. Image what **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** is capable of.

## AGE OF CONSCIENCE

Each time period on the chart presented in this book is unique within itself. The time period from Adam to the flood was especially unique in many respects. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE'S dealings with mankind differed then, in that government was not given into the hands of men. Man was not authorized to govern himself until after the flood when the word was given :

'If you shed men's blood, of men shall your blood be shed".

Until the flood, **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** was the avenger, but all of that changed after the flood. Most dispensational charting describes the period before the flood (commonly called the anti-diluvian period) as being the 'age of conscience'. This is apparently true because we have no record of any announcement by **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** of His **PLAN** for the universe, except for the pronouncement given to Lucifer in Genesis 3:15.

People did what they knew to be right or did not do what they knew to be right, according to the leading of their conscience. No record is given of any specific people to whom was given the program for the future. We do know that Enoch 'walked with GOD", therefore he communicated with CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE. We have the record of 'righteous SETH", and we have the complete genealogical report of the key people in the line of SETH, but none of the details in the lineage of Cain. We know that no one was allowed to avenge Abel's murder because he was protected from anyone who would have retaliated. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE placed a curse upon Cain for his sin and it was obviously a very effective one and led to a different lifestyle through Cain's building of the first city.

### LIFE JUST BEFORE THE FLOOD

All of these things were part of the system of things before the flood. We have another condition, however, that has never occurred in any world wide scale since then, and that was the condition stated in Genesis 6. This is a very interesting chapter and is so important that we must search to find exactly what is being said. So much is said in such a few words again, that this is a vital section in order to understand the conditions that existed in the 'world that then was', during the 1650 years before the flood.

The first few words of Genesis 6, verse 1 are as follows:

"and it came to pass when men began to multiply upon the face of the earth...."

The record of the lineage gives the first son of each generation. The statement that follows the birth of that son says that he went on and 'begat sons and daughters', after the birth of the recorded one, and then died. There were 11 generations listed from Adam to Noah's three sons and these people all lived very long lives. 777 years was the shortest life span recorded except for Enoch, who did not die. The total number of years from Adam to the flood was 1656 years and population increased dramaticallly during that time period.

The population increase did not restrict itself to children of Adam, for we have a very dramatic statement following those first few words:

"and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of GOD' saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."

Much controversy accompanies these words, but again we must

let the scriptures speak for themselves.

Although the word translated 'sons' here is the same word used in speaking of sons of men, such as "Noah" and his three 'sons', etc., this does not mean that these were the sons of Adam. These are specifically stated as being 'sons of GOD'. One can be called a 'son of GOD by a specific act of creation and Adam was definitely a 'son of GOD for he was created by Him. The New Testament speaks of men being a 'new cration in Christ". Therefore are they are called 'sons of GOD'. Angels are called 'sons of GOD in every other place where the expression is used in the Old Testament. Adam and the angels were the only ones who could rightly be called 'sons of GOD at that time. Angels are called 'spirits' in Psalms 104:4, and in Hebrews 1: 7, 14, for spirits are created by GOD.

Jude 6 gives us an accounting of the fact that angels did actually fall and these fallen angels 'left their own habitation' and 'went after strange flesh', hence they are 'reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of that 'great day'"

#### NEPHILIM

This accounting in Genesis 6 is the record of these fallen angels leaving their place of habitation and coming down to the earth. They looked on the daughters of men and saw that they were fair and took wives and cohabited with them, producing offspring knows as 'nephilim'.

> "There were giants in the 'earth' in those days; and also after that, when the sons of GOD came in unto the daughters of men and they bare children to them the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown-----".

The sin of these fallen angels and the women with whom they cohabited is likened to that of Sodom and Gomorrah which was a 'going after strange flesh'. The word used to explain their fall was 'oiketerion' which occurs 2 other times in the Bible. Both of the other times---1 Cor. 5: 2 and Jude 16 both concern the type of body, a 'resurrection body'. In other words, they left their own bodies, their 'own habitation' and 'went after strange flesh'. We don't know just when this fall took place. It could have been long before this, perhaps when the first 'Earth' was destroyed. It may have been part of the reason for the destruction of that first 'earth' by water, but it definitely was the reason for the conditions that existed in the time period before the flood and was the reason for the flood itself.

Those offspring, Nephilim (translated 'giants) were monsters of iniquity, superhuman in size and extremely wicked. They were not subject to death, for angels cannot die. They can be destroyed by their Creator, but the death process does not work in them, therefore the offspring of these fallen angels were not subject to Adamic death. They would live forever, carrying on their wicked acts unless **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** destroyed them. It was to prevent people to live forever in their wicked state, that Adam and Eve were turned out of the Garden of Eden. Now that same possibility existed in the offspring of these Nephilim.

GOD looked upon the wickedness of man and saw that all of the thoughts of man were only evil continually and He almost destroyed them all again for the same reasons, perhaps, as He did the first time. But CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had made a promise to destroy Evil at the very head of Evil, Luicfer, and this had to be fulfilled.

As has been stated previously, the prime characteristic of a hybrid---which is what the Nephilim were----is that they cannot reproduce. This was the crux of Lucifer's plan in corrupting the human race by having the fallen angels cohabit with women and destroy the birth process. Eventually all of the ones capable of producing children would have died, in that the death process was in effect in all of the children of Adam. Those living were fallen angel progeny and not subject to death as was everyone else. In the course of time these 'nephilim' populated the entire earth with the exception of Noah and his three sons.

#### ADAM --- WHAT WAS HIS 'GOING STRAY'?

Sandwiched in between the statement of the fallen angels taking wives of the daughters of men and the verse stating that the progeny produced were 'giants' is a verse that, at first glance, seems entirely out of place. It doesn't seem to have any connection with what is being said, yet it was put there by Divine inspiration. Theologians have tried to explain this in various ways but none of them have been very successful in clearing up the confusion. Dr. Bullinger has done a very good of explanation in Appendix 23 of his Companion Bible. Let me tell you what he said.

First let me quote the scripture as it appears in the KJV:

'---and the LORD said 'my spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh; yet his days will be an hundred and twenty years".

In reality, the first section of this chapter is going backward into history and giving a record of what happened many years before the flood; for all of these conditions were many years in the making. This business of fallen angels producing an entire population of Nephilim could have only occurred over a long period of time.

The word translated 'men', in this case, contains the definite article that distinguises Adam from the rest of mankind. The scripture clearly refers to Adam and not to mankind in general. AltIhough Adam had begun to die 810 years before this statement was made, it was specifically stated that he had only 120 more years to live. The spirit of GOD that had breathed into Adam's nostrils the 'breath of life' was not to always remain in him. It was stated that 'he also is flesh', or that Adam also had corrupted his ways just like the rest of them. In one of the Codexes, the Codex Hilleli, it is pointed out that the word used here, 'beshaggam' means 'because that in their going astray, Adam also is flesh'.

This makes one wonder what Adam did that was specifically stated as 'going astray'. The subject of this portion is that of 'going after strange flesh'. It concerns the fallen angels cohabiting with women, and how could Adam fit into this, being a male? Could it be that Adam became the first homosexual?

In bringing this up in this portion that concerns the illegal activity of the angels, does it not seem logical to assume that the same theme concerned Adam at this point? It was stated that Adam 'begat sons and daughters' after the birth of Seth, but it does not specifically state that this carried on through until he died. It may have, but it does leave a matter of conjecture. If Adam became corrupted the same as the others had, then is it not logical to assume that it concerned sexual relations with the fallen angels in his case as well as with the women? We do know, however, from this, that the corruption took place many, many years before the flood, in the lifetime of Adam. It had to take place at least by the year 810.

#### NOAH---PERFECT IN HIS GENERATIONS

We read of Noah who found 'grace' in the eyes of the LORD. This is better understood when we use the word "esteem" instead of 'grace'. He was still perfect in his generations. He had not become corrupted with this fallen angel seed and was still capable of producing children. The record states that, at 500 years of age Noah produced Shem, Hanm and Japheth. One wonders if these were triplets, for it does not tell exactly.

Noah was a 'just man' and 'perfect in his generations, and was stated as 'walking with GOD'. GOD upon the corruption of the face of the earth and said to Noah---'the end of all flesh is come before me---". Noah was truly the 'end of all flesh', along with his three sons. No other human beings remained on the face of the earth. All of the rest of the inhabitants of the earth were 'NEPHILIM, and, except for Noah and his three sons, the birth process had been destroyed.

The original fallen angels could still co-habit with women and produce more Nephilim, but the Nephilim could not mate with another nephilim and produce anything. 'Nephilim" means "the fallen ones" from 'naphal' which means "to fall". We have no record of any but adults on the earth at that time. Lucifer had almost totally succeeded in eliminating the possibility of the Redeemer being born of a woman. Almost, that is----but not quite!!

Noah and his three sons still remained clear of any pollution in this respect. In the course of time this would have been eliminated, if GOD had not intervened. It is logical to assume that Noah's three sons were just as capable of becoming polluted as anyone else. Noah is the only one who is spoken of as being "just" and "walking habitually with GOD". The record later on does not lead one to believe that his three sons were any more impervious to this corruption than was Adam.

### THE ARK----ONLY FOR NOAH AND HIS CHILDREN

GOD then instructed Noah in the building of an ark that would allow him and his three sons and their wives to 'ride out the flood' that was to come. I'm certain this flood was no surprise to Noah, for Methusaleh must have known of it and Enoch must have told others of what he had learned in his 'walk with GOD". this offer to survive the great destruction was not held out to anyone except Noahk, however. It is wrong to suppose that Noah was a preacher who constantly tried to convince others of the coming destruction and offer them a place in the ark. That would have defeated the PLAN for saving the human race.

Noah was a 'preacher'---or"herald"----of righteousness which fits his personality. He was a 'just man' and therefore would have proclaimed right living, even if he was totally outnumbered by evil men. This went on for a long period of time. I presume that these instructions came to him to build an ark at the time his three sons were babies. These three sons were born between the years 1556 and 1558, unless they were triplets and then they were born in 1558, for Noah was 600 years old at the time of the flood. This can be reckoned by the death of Methusaleh which occurred the year the flood came.

#### THE SIZE OF THE ARK

The instructions to build the ark included the length it should be and the width it should be and how it should be It was to be of gopher wood and was to be lined constructed. inside and outside with resin. "Pitch " is the word used, but the Hebrew word 'kopher' means 'resin", not "pitch" which would have been 'zepheth'. It was to be 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. There is some confusion about just what a 'cubit' is. The approximation of the "profane cubit" is 17.5 inches, but the "sacred cubit" is estimated at 25 inches. That meant that the ark was either 437.5 foot long if it were figured in 'profane' measure, or 625 feet long if figured in 'sacred' measure. It would have been 73 foot wide or 104 foot, and either 44 foot long or 62.5 foot high. So it was no small structure.

This compares to modern cargo vessels in size. The C-1 type

cargo vessel is 417 foot long and 60 foot wide and tankers are about 515 foot long and 68 foot wide. If the 'sacred cubit' is considered the ark would have been quite a bit larger than a modern day tanker. It was to be a three story vessel, with "rooms" or more correctly stated "nests".

#### THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE FLOOD

The idea that the flood was not universal is emphatically denied in the statement that the flood was to:

# "destroy all wherein is the breath of life; from under the heaven, and everything that is in the earth shall die."

To save that which **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** had created "in the beginning" Noah was to bring two of everything of all flesh into the ark; along with his wife, his three sons and their wives, and they were to ride out this deluge that was to come.

Food for everything was to be taken into the ark to feed everything upon it, and all that GOD commanded Noah to do was done. Again there is a lot of opposition of agnostics and skeptics as to the possibility of every type of animal being on the ark at the same time without destroying each other. The matter of body excretions, etc., and the condition of the air when the ark had only one window are used as arguments against the possibility of the truth of the record given of the ark.

All of these oppositions deal with animals as we know them The fact that there was no enmity between animals and today. mankind before the flood, is totally disregarded. The power of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE that created all of these life forms in the beginning is certainly capable of putting these into a somnambulistic state much like the state of hibernation that we are familiar with. Especially large animals, like bears, go into hibernation in the wintertime when food is scarce and extreme cold, make moving about very difficult. Their body processes go on, but at a greatly reduced rate and the need for food or for excretion is all but eliminated for a long period of time. Is it so hard to believe that this condition existed in the ark? In the case of smaller animals, such as crawling things, birds, etc., a similar state could most certainly be produced by the ORIGINATOR OF ALL THINGS to allow them to live comfortably for the 365 days that they were to be cooped up on the ark.

I am a believer in the record GOD caused to be written and, with believing my profession, I find it very easy to believe that there were no insurmountalbe difficulties in coping with the conditions imposed upon all of the living creatures during their stay upon the floating shelter that **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** had provided.

The animals were, for the most part, taken in pairs of twos,

one male and one female. This was the case in 'unclean' animals, or animals not needed for sacrifice. "Clean" animals, however, were to be taken in by sevens, for they were the sacrifical animals. Fowls of the air were also brought in sevens to keep seed alive upon the earth.

All of these life forms were called into the ark, but it was seven days before the flood waters came. As soon as they were in the ark, GOD shut them in. From that moment on, the doom of every other living thing was irrevocably sealed. All that was to be saved was aboard and all the other life forms were swallowed up in the flood waters.

#### EARTH POPULATED WITH ADULTS ONLY BEFORE THE FLOOD

The usual picture portrayed in Bible story books about the flood show mothers holding up their babies in their arms to protect them from the swirling waters that surround them. These are erronious, however, for the population of the earth at the time of the flood was entirely adult. No children existed, even Noah's three sons had no children, although they were 100 years of age at that time.

The Bible is very specific in dating the time of the flood, it was in the 600th year of Noah's life, in the second month and the seventeenth day. That was the day that the ":fountains of the deep, were broken upo and the "windows of heaven were opened. This is to say that the canopy of waters that surrounded the earth from the "beginning" was now released to dump its contents upon the earth. At the same time all of the underground waters were released, through volcanic type eruptions and earthquakes. The waters then prevailed for forty days and forty nights. The ark floated on the face of the waters for all of the high hills were covered to the extent of 15 cubits, which is 23 to 31 feet, depending upon which measure is used. Even the tallest giraffe standing on the tallest mountain top would have been submerged. Every living thing that had the breath of life in its nostrils, died.

The waters prevailed on the earth for 150 days and, in that time, every standing thing was blotted out. All of the leaves on the trees would have been gone after being submerged for that long a time. All you have to do to imagine the complete devastation is to witness the aftermath of a flood of major proportions in these days in which we live. Fire is devastating. Wind is devastating. Nothing compares to the devastation left by a flood. Silt covers everything, leaving nothing green in its wake. And these are floods are of only a few days duration. Imagine what it would be like after 150 days of **everything** covered by water!. It staggers the imagination.

#### DRYING UP OF THE EARTH

When the 'fountains of the deep' were closed up and the

windows of the heavens closed, then **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** sent a 'great wind' to dry up the waters. Gradually the waters receded until the ark rested on the 17th day of the seventh month, just five months since the rains began. It rested on the top of Mount Aararat, but no one could look outisde to see if any dry land had appeared. They remained inside, not attempting to see what was going on around them, until almost a year had passed from the time they went into the ark.

Just to make the picture more realistic, let us assume that we are using the same calendar that we now use. We know that this was not the case, for our calendar has been changed, but we are familiar with our months, so let's use them to get a picture of the lengths of time involved.

The tenth day of the second month would be equal to our February 10th when GOD shut them in. On February 17th the rains began and continued for forty days and forty nights. The rain was not just 'rain' as we know it, for there had never been any The watering of the earth was done by a rain until that time. mist that came up and covered the ground, caused by the canopy of waters that surrounded the earth. Weather conditions were moderate and greenhouse,-like , no extremes of heat or cold and no winds. These adverse conditions all came about when the canopy of water was released and fell upon the earth. There was no water supply large enough to completely cover the earth without this canopy, for this is the very water that was separated from the water in the first chapter of Genesis. It covered the earth at that time before the waters were separated, so it is logical to assume that plenty remained to cover the earth again.

The fact that the 'fountains of the deep' were broken up leads one to believe that the surface of the earth changed drastically after the flood from the conditions that existed before the flood. The rains stopped, say on March 29, and the winds began to blow and the water began to evaporate.

It took from March 29 to July 17 for the water to go down the amount that the ark extended below the surface of the water, because it was that long before the ark 'rested. It took until October 1 for the tops of the mountains to be seen. We have no record that Noah saw those mountains, but this is the record given. On November 10th Noah sent out both a raven and a dove to see how far the waters had gone down. This is proof that Noah was not able to look out of the window and observe what was happening.

The raven is a scavenger and therefore could survive on any dead bodies of any kind. Also the raven can soar for long periods of time without alighting, so the raven did not return. The dove, however, could not remain aloft for any extended period of time and had to come back to the ark for there was no place for him to rest other than the ark. One week later, November 17th, Noah sent the dove out again and this time she returned with an olive leaf in her mouth, so Noah knew the waters had gone from the earth. Olive leaves do not drop by themselves, but are pushed off by new leaves, so, even though they had been covered for a long period of time, the leaves would still cling to the branches.

One more week passed and on November 24, Noah sent the dove out again and this time she did not return. This was proof enough to Noah that the earth was dry enough for fowl to survive on their own. That didn't mean that the other animals that were heavier could move about without sinking into the mud. By January 1 of the next year, the ground was dy on the top and on the 27th of Febuary the earth was dry and **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** told Noah to go out of the ark and take everything out with him. This was one year after he had been shut up inside of the ark.

The same instructions were given to Noah after the flood that were given to Adam when he was created in the beginning of Genesis 1 and those instructions were to 'be fruitful and multipy and replenish the earth'. The animals were instructed to breed abundantly to fill the earth again.

A very good book has been written that contains some very scholarly work about the flood and would be highly recommended as additional reading to fill in all the details of the flood. It is called THE GENESIS FLOOD. Skeptics would do well to examine the contents of that book and I'm sure they would find it very thought provoking.

#### THE RAINBOW GIVEN AS AS PROMISE

Noah then builded an altar and offered up one of every ' clean beast' and one of every "clean fowl". Here again we have figurative speech, for it says:

"The LORD smelled a sweet savour and the LORD said in His heart, "I will not again curse the ground---".

This gives the false impression of GOD being man because it speaks of smelling, implying that GOD has a nose and also that He has a physical organ called a 'heart'. This is figurative language that is saying that the offering was a delight to GOD. This does not mean that GOD loved the smell of the flesh of animals cooking on the fire, but that man was being obedient, taking GOD at His work and acting accordingly which is always a delight to CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.

Then the statement goes on to say:

"I will not again curse the earth any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done." This was the second time that GOD had destroyed every living thing for the sins of the creations and now it was being stated that it would never happen again. The first time was obviously becuase of sin and evil when Lucifer fell fell and perhaps polluted that first earth, and this time **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** had acted again in relationship to the planet called 'Earth' with the end in view of ultimately destroying Lucifer, the very source of evil. The flood was necessary to destroy Lucifer's product, the Nephilim, and to allow for the fulfillment of the promise of the Redeemer coming from the 'seed of the woman'.

This type of destruction was never to occur again. The promise was sealed by a bow being placed in the heavens. CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE was recognizing the fact that mankind was not equal to evil, that the imaginations of his heart were evil from his youth, and now evil was going to be allowed to run its course until it had destroyed itself, at which time CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE would intervene and make His ways known unto the inhabitants of the 'Earth'.

The four sets of opposites stated in verse 22 is, in reality, introducing some more new conditions.

# "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

The changing of the earth's surface and the removal of the canopy of waters would bring some extremes that had not been experienced before. Weather conditions would not be the same, for, without the canopy of waters surrounding the earth, the heat would be hotter, the cold would be colder, seed time and harvest would be more defined, and these conditons would prevail as long as this present earth exists. The NEW HEAVENS and the NEW EARTH, yet to come will be a different system, but this present system would go on until CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE acts again in relationship to it and creates a different set of circumstances.

#### MAN'S DIET CHANGES

The animals that were peacefully herded into the ark and remained there for a year were to change their attitudes toward man and from the flood on they would be in fear and dread of man.

The flesh of animals was now given for food, which may be the reason they were provided with this 'fear' as a matter of self-preservation. With the earth completely devastated by the flood, there would have been very little available in the way of growing things. Animals survived the flood and now could reproduce and provide food, and perhaps this is part of the reason why meat was added to the diet of man following the flood.

Although Noah was allowed to eat the flesh of certain

animals, he was prohibited from the use of the blood as food.

#### "MAN'S DAY" BEGINS

This was the time when man was given the right to govern himself and verse 6 of the 9th chapter of Genesis says:

# "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of GOD made he man"

Because man was made in the 'image of GOD' that is to say, he is an intelligent creation, able to think and to reason, he was now being given the opportunity to govern himself. This was the beginning of "Man's Day", as depicted on the chart. This government has had varying degrees of freedom since then, having experienced the greatest freedom in these last 1900 plus years of GOD'S administration of GRACE. Given the opportunity to govern himself, and given unrestreio8cted freedom to follow in his own way, (which are inevitably Lucifer's ways because mankind is not equal to Evil), mankind has produce the conditions that prevail on the earth today. To quote from Romans 3:10 through 18 (which is a group of quotations taken from the Old Testament):

> "there is none that seeketh after GOD,' they are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no not one, their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they used deceit the poison of asps is under their lips, whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; the ways of peace have they not known; there is no fear of GOD before their eyes."

2 Timothy 3 also gives another indictment against mankind as a result of having been allowed to go on in his own way, totally unrestricted, producing a set of circmstances that coincides with conditions of today. May I quote:

"This know that in the last--(resultant)---days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusesrs, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those who are good, traitors, heady, high-minded lovers of pleasure more than lovers of GOD, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof; from such turn away---ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." Man's day began when government was given into the hands of men after the flood, and having gone on now for thousands of years, is rapidly reaching the end, having just about run its course. The next thing in **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE'S** great **PLAN** is the **DAY OF JESUS CHRIST** when the ways of GOD are made known.

The covenant that GOD made with Noah after the flood was that He would never again, as long as the world stands: destroy the earth with water. This contract, testament, covenant--whichever name you prefer---was sealed in the heavens just as the PLAN OF THE UNIVERSE was sealed in the heavens when CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE set the stars in place, but this time the sign was a rainbow.

This rainbow always appears when moisture in the air comes between the sun and the beholder, reminding them that **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** promised never to destroy the earth with water again. The word used in the KJV is :

> "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between Me and thee and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud and I will look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between GOD and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth".

Perhaps it would be well to note here that both times the word 'creature' is used, the original word was 'nephesh', so we could substitute the word 'soul' and find living creatures, other than man, as having been disignated as being 'soul'.

#### WEATHER CONDITION HOW CHANGED

After Noah left the ark he became a man of the ground giving himself totally to the restoration of the earth. Certainly following the flood the job would have been enormous. The weather conditions were now different, and, although the earth was still one land mass, the surface had changed a good deal. The runoff from the flood had created canyons, the valleys were lowered and the mountains made higher to provide for that runoff.

A good deal of reference material and scholarly explanation is provided in the book called 'THE GENESIS FLOOD'. What you are now reading is only touching on the high points of each of these great events, and it would be very well for the reader to avail themselves of that book to get the background material necessary. The GRAND CANYON in our own United States of America is witness to the conditions occurring in the time of the flood

I live right near the great HOOVER DAM where the Colorado River has been harnessed and dammed up to produce electric power for several states. On the tours though this great engineering miracle the guides invariably point out the little trickle of water that emerges on the south end of the dam. They go on at great lengths to explain how this trickle of water has, over the millions of years of human history, cut its way down through the pillars of rock on each side, making the deep canyon that we see.

#### I MUST BEG TO DISAGREE WITH SUCH AN ASSUMPTION.

Surely the river is there because the canyon is there, the canyon is not there because the river is there. The GRAND CANYON is proof that the flood was universal and that what happened to produce that marvel of nature was a direct result of the wrath of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE. If something so beautiful and awe-inspiring could be the result of the anger of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE , how much more beautiful will this earth be when that same CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE again restores it to its original condition and waters it, feeds it and tends it!!!

#### THE SIN OF HAM

After the flood, Noah found he had to be a tiller of the soil in earnest in order to overcome the adverse conditions that now existed. He planted a vineyard and the next few verses of the record confuse me. I do not have any explanation for them. I believe much truth is here that I have not been able to decipher and will make no attempt to do so. I do know many of the theories that are built on these scriptures, but do not have the insight to concur with those theories nor to deny them.

I believe a lot more is here than meets the eye and the 'nakedness' that is mentioned must have nvolved a good deal more than the physical uncovering of a body., For those who do not remember the story and will not go their Bibles to read it, let me explain what I am talking about.

Noah planted a vineyard and drank of the wine produced. In a state of intoxication, he lay uncovered in his tent. The record does not give any of the details as to what, if anything, accompanied that position, but it does tell that Ham, one of his two sons (the father of Canaan) saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers, Shem and Japheth. The other brothers, then put a blanket over their shoulders and walked into the tent backwards and covered their father. When Noah sobered up and found out that his son, Ham , had 'done this thing', he cursed him, saying:

# "Cursed be Canaan, a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethern"

He went on to bless Shem and to say that Canaan should be his servant. He said that GOD would enlarge Japheth and that Canaan should be his servant. Because of the 'servant' curse, and because of the fact that the descendants of Ham settled in Ethiopia, many have gone so far as to say that GOD turned Ham black and made him to be a servant of the white man forever. This cannot be true for at least one good reason. The curse placed on Ham was not a curse from GOD. It was done at the hands of Noah and he would have had no authority to do anything so drastic as to change the color of a man's skin and pass that on though all of his generations. That could have only been done by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE and we have no record of any such action coming from that source.

The action of Ham must have been a conscious act in order to have brought a curse from his father. Certainly just the viewing of his father's naked body would not have been cause enough for this, so something else must have accompanied that condition. Ham must have spread some kind of a story or told more than he should have told, to have had Noah curse him because of what he had done. It is hardly reasonable to suppose that Ham just inadvertently walked into a tent and unexpectedly came upon his father lying unclothed, under the influence of the wine from his vineyard, and for this purely inoocent act, have a curse placed upon him and have that curse passed on to his son Cainaan. It would seem to me that, if simple nakedness were the issue, that would have been greatly exceeded by the sin of his father's drunkenness.

We will have to wait until heaven governs and then we can ask Noah just what it was that happened to cause this action and just exactly what was the curse that he placed upon Ham and upon Cainaan. I can find nothing in the scriptures that sheds any more light on this incident, and I believe GOD is a just GOD, so I cannot accept the wild imaginations that accompany this scripture. I will have to wait to find out more about this, even if I must wait until the MANIFEST KINGDOM OF GOD is a reality on the earth and then these things will be made known.

With only Noah and his three sons surviving the flood, everything started over and with that new beginning came an accounting of the genealogy of these three men, Shem, Ham and Japheth. Obviously Noah did not produce any more children after the flood, although he lived 350 more years. No record is given of any more progeny of Noah. His total lifespan was 950 years.

#### THE SONS OF NOAH

The genealogical report of both Japheth and Ham are much the same as that of Cain. The sons of each of them are listed and some of their offspring, but the ages of the fathers at the time of the birth of the sons, or their ages at their deaths, are not stated, just as it was with Cain. It is as though nothing of importance was noted except to give the part of the land in which each of them settled and the names of the cities that made up their kingdom. The report concerning the genealogy of Shem is different. This is a detailed accounting that takes the reader from Shem all the way to Abram. It is this portion of the ancestry that the Old Testament records. The 'chosen line' came from the children of Abram, and from the household of Shem.

During all of the years from Adam to the descendants of Noah, the earth consisted of one land mass and everyone spoke the same language. This is stated in Genesis 11, verse 1. It does not specifically state that the land was one mass, but that had already been stated in Genesis 1 and nothing had happened to make any changes. This verse in Genesis 11 tells us that everyone spoke the same language.

Nimrod was the son of Cush, who was the son of Ham, and was known as the 'great hunter' as it is stated in the KJV. The name Nimrod is from the Hebrew 'marad'' which means ''we will rebel', or 'come now, let us rebel' It is first person plural so he was a leader of the rebellious ones. The works of Josephus and ancient Targums give information concerning the personality of Nimrod. Let me quote some of them:

- Josephus: 'Nimrod persuaded mankind not to ascribe their happiness go GOD, but to think that his own excellency was the source of it. 'And he soon changed things into a tyrany thinking there was no other way to wean men from the fear of GOD than by making them rely upon his own power." Targum of Jonathan: 'From the foundation of the world
- Targum of Jonathan: 'From the foundation of the world none was ever found like Nimrod, powerful in hunting, and in rebellions against the LORD.
- Jerusalem Targum: "He was powerful in hunting and in wickedness before the LORD, for he was a hunter of the sons of men, and he said to them, "Depart from the judgment of the LORD, and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod!" Therefore it is said, 'As Nimrod (is) the strong one, strong in hunting, and in wickedness before the LORD.'

1 Chronicles 1:10 says:

"Cush began Nimrod, who began to prevail in wickedness, for he shed innocent blood, and rebelled against JEHOVAH.

Nimrod was the founder of Babylon. Verse 10 of Genesis 10 tells us that Nimrod's kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Caineh and the great citiles of these countries were Ninevah, Calah, and Resin. The wickedness of these cities is a large part of the record of the Old Testament.

#### THE WORSHIPPING OF THE HEAVENS

It was these rebellious people from this offspring of Cush that journeyed eastwoard and found a plain in the land of Shinar and dwelt there. These were rebellious people declaring their independence from JEHOVAH just as their leader, Nimrod. had done before. They made brick and 'burned it thoroughly', which was a departure from the orthodox way of sun-drying. They used bitumen for mortar which holds so well that it can almost never be separated. It was an advanced procedure which is what could be expected from this people. The purpose of this brick was to build a tower whose top was the heavens.

The words 'to reach' do not appear in the original text, so they can be omitted. By making the top of this tower the heavens, or the figures of the heavens---which are the signs of the Zodiac---it would proclaim that they were independent from **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** and suggest that they all worship the creation, rather than the Creator.

The usual pictures of the TOWER OF BABEL are very misleading. No one of even average intelligence could have thought it possible to build a spiraling type of tower that would reach all the way to the 'heavens' as it is suggested in the artist's conception. This assumes that these peopole had less intelligence than the people of our present day. This is emphatically NOT the truth.

These were still a superior people, having been not too far removed from the "Nephilim" which were a super-human, superintelligent group of beings. Tradition alone would have carried much of their knowledge down that many generations for Shem, Ham and Japheth lived 100 years as co-inhabitants of the earth with those creatures. Ham was Nimrod's grandfather, and, judging from the length of the lives of Shem and His descendants, it is logical to assume that Ham was living during a large portion of Nimrod's life.

# EVOLUTION---OR WAS IT DE-VOLUTION?

The theory of man evolving from a lower life form to that form that we now possess and with an evolving intelligence to accompany that evolving body is exactly the opposite of the record that **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** caused to be written. The scriptures show exactly the opposite, that man has actually devolved from a superior life intelligence to that which we now possess. Although knowledge has certainly increased at an alarming rate in this day of technological advances, it does not compare with the intelligence of those at the time of the flood. Everyone spoke the same language so communication with all of the inhabitants of the earth was not restricted because of a language barrier and there were no aceans to keep people apart, as there are today. Even though the scriptures do not specifically state many of the things I am suggesting, these suggestions come from conclusions drawn from logical reasoning of the facts that are given. By taking each key statement and carrying it out to its logical conclusion much can be deducted regarding the actual conditions that existed during the earliest years of mankind's inhabitance of this planet, Earth.

By comparing scripture with scripture with what we see remaining of the earth from previous cultures, we can logically assume conclusions that concur with the Biblical record. This is a departure from the conclusions based on the vain reasonings of man with total disregard to the record **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** caused to be written.

### PYRAMIDS---LEVITATION---?????

The Old Testament record of the works and the ways of the people chosen to be the blood line that would produce the Redeemer, (the Israelites) tells of Lucifer's many attempts to eliminate that possibility. As we have seen, the Nephilim were the first attempt and they also were the second attempt, for they re-appeared in the land of Cainaan. GOD ordered them 'utterly destroyed', by the armies of Israel, but, as usual, Israel did not obey GOD and some of them escaped into the surrounding countries, namely Egypt. The great knowledge of these superior, superhuman creatures could logically have become the builders of the pyramids. If this is true, the method of transporting the huge stones that made up the pyramids would have been an example of the principle of levitation which may very well have been the method of travel in that time period. If no language barrier existed, if total recall was inherent in everyone, and there were no oceans to traverse, then communication was most certain-ly far advanced from what we know today.

I say these things to provoke thought along different lines than that of modern evolutionary theories, I do not dogmatically declare these to be true, I am merely exercising logical reasoning and asking you to do the same.

It is not mere reasoning that determines that the Nephilim re-appeared upon the scene, however, for Genesis 6 tells us that there were 'giants on the earth in those days AND ALSO AFTER THAT (emphasis mine) The giants in the land of Cainaan when the Israelites first arrived there, were the Nephilim that appeared 'after that', for by that time CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE had narrowed the field down to the lineage of Abram through which the Redeemer was to come. Now all that was necessary was to pollute the lineage of Abram to avoid the Redeemer being 'born of a woman'.

#### THE LANGUAGE BARRIER INTRODUCED

The children of Nimrod were intent on making a name for themselves so they would be known throughout the entire earth. The verse that tells of of the LORD coming down to see the city is again another figure of speech. This time the form used is called an 'anthropoopatheia' which means 'to ascribe to GOD what belongs to human beings." This is done in many, many cases when God is made to 'smell', "say in his heart", etc.

It was not necessary for CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE to leave His place in the Heavens and make a trip to the Earth in order to view what was going on, but this is what is implied in the translation. The 'going down" is a matter of actions being taken in judgment against mankind's activities. The 'action' went down from above, not physical man going down from above in order to perform some physical act. The action was that of confusing the speech so that the workers of evil would not understand each other and this lack of communication would cause all activity to cease. Can you imagine a construction project being carried on in an orderly fashion between people who suddenly could not understand any of the orders given?

The fact that the scriptures state that the "LORD did scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth,1" explains how we have different nationalities and different countries. Although the speech confusion did not separate the people itself, the result of that confusion would have caused those who understood each other to voluntarily migrate together, producing different nations and different languages. This would make GOD to have been the original segregationalist. It is true that no language has ever been invented. Whenever any country has been discovered and time has been taken to learn the language, it invariably uncovers a language with seven parts of speech so it is evident that this was not an accident.

#### THE "DAYS OF PELEG"

Now we come to a very important part but one which is almost totally ignored by the writers of any Bible story books, by Sunday School teachers, by theologians and by expositors. I have deliberately skipped over those 8 words, saving this until I reached the pooint in the record where this event occurred. We have now reached that point.

Those words are---and let me quote the entire verse, capitalizing the words of which I speak---:

# "and unto Eber were born two sons; the name of one was Pelag, FOR IN HIS DAYS WAS THE EARTH DIVIDED, and his brother' name was Joktan"

Names, as I mentioned before, words had meanings in the Old Testament. Just as "Methusaleh" meant 'deluge, when he is gone it will come' and his name prophesied the coming flood, so does "Peleg" mean 'to cleave asunder". prophesying a great event in history. The word 'palag'means 'to cleave'. This is a different word than is used to express ordinary divisions. Those words are 'palad' which means to 'break off' and 'nahal" which means 'to divide for an inheritance'. 'Pelag' means 'to cleave asunder' and it was specifically stated that it was during the days of the lifetime of Peleg that the earth was "split asunder."

The CONTINENTAL DRIFT THEORY proclaims that the world was one land mass and that it was broken up and drifted apart until, after millions of years, it reached the condition we now know. This is true---EXCEPT FOR THE TIMING-----!!! This DID NOT happen millions of years ago, nor was it gradual. IT HAPPENED DURING THE LILFETIME OF PELEG.

We cannot pinpoint the exact year that this 'cleaving asunder' took place but the lineage report given of Shem gives you the time span in which it had to take place if it were to be during the lifetime of Peleg. Peleg lived the shortest recorded time of the patriarachs that lived up until his day. He was the first of the patriarchs to die after the flood.

I will present a simple chart showing the statistics presented in the genealogical reports from Shem to Nahor or to Terah, Abram's father. This will reveal some interesting information when compared with the previous charts.

Patriarch's	name year	born year d	lied age at death	נ
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ADAM		930	930	
SETH	130	1042	2. <b>912</b>	
ENOS	235	1140	905	
CAINAAN	325	1235	<b>910</b>	
MAHALALEEL	395	1290	) 895	
JARED	460	1422	962	
ENOCH	622			
METHUSALEH	687	1656	5	
LAMECH	874	1651	. 777	
NOAH	1056	2016	5 950	
SHEM	1556	5 2158	602	
ARPHAXAD	1658	2096	5	
SALAH	1693	8 2126	5	
EBER	1723	2187	464	
PELEG	1757	/ 1996	5 239	
REU	1787	2026	5 239	
SERUG	1819	2049	230	
NAHOR	1849	1988	139	

In this chart you will see that the life span was shortened consideraby after the days of Peleg. This would lead me to believe that the conditions of the earth were altered, first by the flood and then by the splitting of the earth asunder.

Before the flood, the shortest life span of the patriarchs was 777 years but most of them lived upwards of 900 years. After the flood, the life span dropped to about half of what it was before the flood, with the three listed being 438 years, of age at death, 433 years and 464 years of age. Then after the earth was split asunder, they were cut in half again to 239 years, 239, 230 and 139 years of age.

This would explain the great differences of longevity by crediting it to the change in the atmospheric conditions and the physical changes on the earth's surface. Before mankind was long removed from the Edenic conditions of the original earth life spans were much longer. Although death was working in bodies it took many years to work itself out. The earth's surface was altered at the time of the flood and weather conditions changed drastically, causing death to occur in about half the time it took before. Then, with the further changes imposed at the time it was divided into continents, the life span was again cut in half.

This splitting up into continents was not a gradual thing, but rather something that happened very suddenly. There are reports of large mammoths being found quick frozen in a standing position in the arctic with green vegetation still in their stomach. This would indicate that something very drastic happened to change the condition of the earth, for certainly no vegatation could be found where the mammoth's bodies were found.

Because this account is only given in two places and in such a few words, it is overlooked and considered to be inconsequential. Becasue **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** saw fit to record this it cannot be inconsequential, neither can we minimize its importance because of the very few words that were used. It was a monumental happening and choosing to interpret it as merely the division that would normally take place when people no longer understood each other's speech, would not account for the change in longevity. I would like to give **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** the credit and honor deserved and place this occurrence in its rightful place in the historical record so that logical conclusions can be drawn.

When a thing is carried out to its logical conclusion; many theories are proven to be in error and one very blatant error in modern theology is very evident when this is carefully considered.

The Mormon church teaches a theory of the populating of America that has, as its basic premise, the idea of a faithful follower of the HEAVENLY FATHER appealing to Him not to be included in the confusion of the speech at the time of Babel. Because of the faithfulness of this person, HEAVENLY FATHER agreed to allow his entire family to keep the same language and instructed him to build a ship and guided that family from the area of Mesopatamia to a land far across the water, namely America.

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In logical reasoning we must be absolutely certailn that our premise is accurate. This premise simply cannot be true for the simple reason that, at the time of the confusion of speech at the time of Babel, the Earth was still one land nass and THERE WERE NO OCEANS TO TRAVERSE.

#### LET GOD BE TRUE AND EVERY MAN A LIAR!!

Much more could be said, and probably very important things have been ommitted that should have been said, but this is not designed to be a complete treatise on any one subject. Rather, it is designed to provoke thought and to build a skeleton that demands that the reader go to the BOOK OF BOOKS and construct the muscle and sinew to make this a living, breathing BOOK to him. It is something that must be done personally, not something any writer or any preacher can do for you.

BECOMING A BELIEVER IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST DEMANDS THAT SOMETHING BE BELIEVED. TO FIND SOMETHING TO BELIEVE ONE MUST GO TO THE BOOK OF BOOKS, HONESTLY LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO BELIEVE.,

The purpose of this writing is to cause the reader to question traditional theories and to search the Scriptures to find out truly----WHAT HAS GOD SAID?

#### CONCLUSION

This writing covers the first 2000 years of human history as it existed from Adam to the present time, as it was recorded by **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.** Many readers may find it completely foreign to what they have been taught in Sunday School and it may seemingly be a threat to the religious organization they were indoctrinated into. It is not meant to tear apart the faith of the reader, but rather to strengthen it and to honor and glorify the **GREAT GOD OF THE UNIVERSE** by giving purpose to things that heretofore have been very vague.

Many times we have been asked by religious leaders to simply take what is being said 'by faith and not to question, but to believe what our teachers have said. I cannot accept something that demands that I put my faith in man. GOD HAS SPOKEN. A BOOK has been written. No one has a direct pipeline to GOD and can truly claim to have been given a message directly from GOD. We are shut up to a BOOK and the purpose and plans of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE are in that BOOK.

I cannot hide behind the excuse that I was never taught this for I am an intelligent being, (or I'd like to believe I am), and my background in the scriptures gives me a responsibility to be faithful to what I have learned for myself in the study of that BOOK. If the reader has also studied this BOOK and different conclusions have been reached, that is not proof of the correctness of either conclusion, for the search for truth is an ongoing thing. What I believe today, based on research and study, may change as further research and study proves conclusions to be in error.

The primary concern is to GLORIFY GOD, and, to do that , one must study the record given by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE to discover the PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSE and our position in it. So many theologies glorify men and so few give glory to the AUTHOR OF THE UNIVERSE. So many theologies give GOD a character that would be abhorent if we should encounter that character in a human being.

A prime example is the theory of <u>eternal conscious torment</u>. When just the death process and the agonies it produced caused JESUS to weep (John 11: 34) how can a logical, reasoning person believe that that same JESUS could witness the horrors described in such books as those written by Jonathan Edwards concerning hell-fire and damnation, or the picture of Dante's Inferno, and not stop such horrors? If that is what the BOOK stated, then I would have to believe it, but these ideas are <u>NOT</u> written in the BOOK OF BOOKS and only a thorough study of the words used by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE will separate truth from error.

Many of the so-called 'healing services' so prevalent today, are GOD DISHONORING. They make GOD to be a respector of persons. Many people attend those services searching for relief from their miseries and go there with the utmost faith that they will receive a 'healing' only to see others, even skeptics who do not believe in what is happening around them, throw away crutches, glasses, etc., while they go on hurting. They are told that their faith is not great enough, or that GOD is not ready to heal them or that there is sin in their lives, and many other reasons, all of which make GOD to be very unfair, indeed.

These glorify the man, but do nothing to glorify GOD. Oh, GOD is given lip service, but it is superficial. So many times I have heard the statement:

"I saw it with my own eyes and that sure made a believer out of me."

The 'belief' they attest to was a result of something they saw, or thought they saw, they felt, or thought they felt, but their faith was not generated from above, therefore it was not the sort of faith that **JESUS** spoke of when He told Thomas:

# "Because you have seen me you have believed, blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

We attend funeral services where it is claimed that GOD 'took' the one the eulogy is spoken over, and that this person is now in the presence of GOD where all is bliss. That would make death to be very desirable, especially under the many adverse conditions experienced by the living. That would make the wages of sin to be something to look forward to where one would be forever happy, separated from the heartaches and miseries that are a part of living. <u>Death</u>, according to the record of **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE**, is a <u>separation</u>, not a joining, therefore is an enemy and can never be transformed into a friend. The enemy, death, is going to be <u>destroyed</u>, and its <u>destruction</u> should be the hope of the inhabitants of the earth, not death itself.

We are told of the 'end of the world' and all the miseries that are to take place just prior to that event. That would mean that GOD failed in his PLAN to redeem the earth. The restructuring of the earth was all for nothing, for in the end is to be destroyed, anyway. This I cannot accept, and I do not believe these ideas are found in the pages of the BOOK. I believe they have been read and written into it to facilitate the control held over people by religious organizations. I believe a carefull, unbiased study of the BOOK will reveal a PLAN so superior to that expounded by most of Christendom that the theories of many thologians will pale by comparison with that of the recrod given in the BOOK OF BOOKS.

**Evil is a fact of life.** It will remain a fact of life as long as Lucifer is allowed to promote his ways, that that is not going to go on forever. It may seem like it will be forever, for we are now living in a time when Evil has been rampant for over 6000 years, but it has about ran its course. It cannot be stopped yet, however, if the PLAN is going to succeed, and if I am certain of nothing else, I am certain that what He has promised He is able also to perform.

Evil must totally run its course and prove indisputably that the ways of Lucifer can never work. They will ultimately bring about the destruction of the very planet on which we live. To stop short of indisputable proof would negate the entire PLAN of CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE. The destruction will be immediately cut short, for GOD has plans to redeem this earth. I believe that destruction is going to culminate in a period when darkness will cover the earth, complete, total, physical darkness, a period to last three days and three nights, at which time GOD will intervene, deal with mankind by pouring out His Intelligence on all flesh at the same time and when the lights come back on, nothing will ever be the same again. It will be a period of time so definite and so grand that time will no longer be reckoned by the birth of CHRIST, but rather by the time when HOLY INTELLIGENCE , (Holy Spirit) is poured out and all flesh will see it together, changing the government from that of Lucifer to that of JESUS CHRIST.

The KINGDOM OF GOD is what JESUS taught his disciples to pray for. It is the hope of mankind. It has always been the hope of mankind since the first prophecy was made in Genesis 3: 15. It is what is prayed for in churches when the congregation repeats the Lord's Prayer enmass on Sunday mornings. It is generally confused with the 1000 year reign of JESUS CHRIST, commonly called 'the Millenium", therefore it loses its signif-Sometimes it is made to be the 'church age', and icance. therefore something that is in force right now. Others say it is merely peace, joy, and harmony and they seek to verify this with the scripture "the kingdom of heaven is within you'. To understand the KINGDOM OF GOD is to understand the PLAN for the universe, for it is an integral part of that PLAN.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS THE THEME OF THE SCRIPTURES.

For those who believe that many lives are experienced by each one of us for the purpose of developing and learning, with some vague future, not quite defined, to follow, when one has reached the state of development that allows for a different arrangement, living has no real purpose. When one cannot remember a previous life, how can one learn from the experiences undergone? When have we learned enough? And who is our teacher? Is it only experience itself? These are all questions I have never been able to get answers to from those who embrace this theology.

The hope held out to inhabitants of this earth, of an opportunity to live upon this planet under the rulership of heaven, with the curse lifted that was placed upon it when Adam fell, increased when Cain killed Abel, increased again when the earth was split asunder, is a hope never expounded from the pulpits of any religious organization that I know anything of. '"EONIAN LIFE'---life under Heaven's government--- is offered to those who are willing to submit to Divine Leadership. Believing the record CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE gave of Himself guarantees the believer a life under that government. "Eonian' has been erroniously translate 'everlasting' life and is generally credited to everyone, believer and unbeliever alike. The only difference is that the believer is credited with the guarantee of everlasting life in bliss while the unbeliever is credited with everlasting life in agony. This theory does not glorify GOD but rather makes him a sadist, and I want no part of that kind of a God.

First and foremost, The BIBLE is the <u>one and ONLY book</u> <u>about GOD</u>, His ways and His purposes, authored by GOD, himself, using human hands and physical tools, but dictated by CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.

It is not just a book of moral instructions, although it contains moral instructions.

It is not just a book of history, although it is a compete historical record of the planet upon which we live. It covers a complete record of this planet, past, present, and future, from its reconstruction to the time when it will pass away and be replaced by a new earth.

It is not a Book to be read one morning of each week from the pulpit of an edifice known as the 'house of GOD'.

It is a BOOK to be given the most honored position on earth, for it is through this record that we know GOD.

We owe it to ourselves and to the One who gave us life to study the character of the GREAT GOD OF THE UNIVERSE, and learn of His PLAN and purposes for this planet we live upon and its inhabitants and to discover what our position will be in the future. Our position will depend upon our believing the record CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE has given of Himself, and our willingness to submit to Divine Authority once that Authority has made Himself known.

For those submissive ones who remain faithful throughout the KINGDOM OF GOD and the testing period, and live on through the 'millenium' --- the 1000 year period of the personal presence of JESUS CHRIST---- and are not deceived by Lucifer during the 'little season' when he is again allowed to deceive men, there is a promise held out that:

"EYE HATH NOT SEEN NOR EAR HEARD, NEITHER HAS IT ENTERED INTO THE HEARTS (imaginations) OF MEN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HATH PREPARED FOR THEM THAT LOVE HIM."

# WHAT A MARVELOUS PLAN!!!!!

# WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR!!

# WHAT A FABULOUS BOOK!!!!!!

I pray that this entirely human effort (no Divine inspiration is claimed) will cause the reader to go to the BOOK OF BOOKS and fine out FOR HIMSELF----TRULY WHAT HAS GOD SAID.

If this book has opened new vistas to the reader, then join me as we go on, in future writings, verse by verse, chapter by chapter, seeking out the true message given to mankind in the ONE AND ONLY BOOK AUTHORED BY CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE.

This is being written by a very fallible human being, entreating **CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE** for direction and guidance, but does not claim to be the last word in Bible exposition. It is an honest attempt at discovery by refusing to accept any established theology verbatim and search out the original meanings that have been often clouded by translations conforming to established creed.

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