

From the Inkwell

The theme for Whitsuntide 2002 at Singleton church was VISION. A number of the talks and ideas from that celebration have been included in this magazine. One definition of vision used over the weekend was "something seen other than by ordinary sight - God's revelations to the prophets...".

The articles cover both spiritual vision (a hope for the future) and temporal aspects of the vision we hold - such as paying tithes and one of the consequences of not obeying God's laws - polluted waterways.

To each of us our personal vision is not something we can see or touch, although it is shown to us as something that seems real. We cannot handle or touch it, though deep down inside of us we can feel the presence of it.

May this magazine strengthen the vision you hold and help you to confirm what your vision is. *"We look for the Saviour - who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body..."* Philippians 3:20,21.

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***Where there is no vision, the people perish:
but he that keepeth the law, happy is he"***

Proverbs 29:18.

The Man with a Vision

There is one man in the Bible who's vision is often overlooked. We read of this man many times especially in the Old Testament, and we know that:

this man was a king;

this man was a man of great strength and activity;

this man was a mighty warrior;

this man was an author;

this man was a wealthy and rich man;

this man was a musician;

this man was a good friend to Jonathan;

this man was a shepherd boy

and, yes, you guessed it,

this man was David;

and the verse I'm referring to is in the Psalms - Psalm 27:4 where David writes, "*One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord ALL the days of my life.*"

So for all those things that David was, for all the knowledge that David had, to be all those things that he was, for all the authority and resources he had and for everything that David possessed, he knew there was only one thing to have. He only wanted one thing, and that was his vision - to dwell in the house of the Lord **ALL** the days of his life. We believe "house" in this instance means the "Spirit" of the Lord - **ALL** the days of our life.

Not just on some days; not just on Sundays; not just at Pentecost, but David's vision was to dwell in the Spirit, **ALL** the days of his life.

Like so many of us today, we just love to surround ourselves with "possessions" and "things" that will make our lives easier and more comfortable, but there is a place deep down inside of each of us, that only

God can fill. So often we try to fill that place with all those "things" and wonder why we don't feel satisfied.

This could be referred to as being materialistic. A lot of people think that being materialistic means to have a lot of 'material things' or possessions, but there were many great people in the Bible who had wealth, possessions and abundance - Abraham, Solomon, David, etc., and we wouldn't think of them as being 'materialistic'.

Therefore, being materialistic is not just having a lot of things, but being materialistic is when we use those things to try and satisfy or to fill that place in us that only God can fill.

Like David, our vision, or the one thing that we desire, is to have God fill that place in us **ALL** the days of our life, and for that to happen we need to come regularly into the presence of God, because that is where we are changed.

Jesus was regularly in the presence of God - teaching **DAILY** in the temple; Daniel was regularly in the presence of God - praying on his knees three times **DAILY**;

David was regularly in the presence of God - and spoke about performing his vows **DAILY**.

We need to get into what I love to call that "secret place" **DAILY** - the place where it is just us and God - the place where information and revelation can arrive from God unstained by anything else, so we can live a pure life for His glory.

And to have a pure life we need to have a pure mind, and we can't have a pure mind unless we wash it daily with the Word and Presence of God.

Just as we shower daily to wash our

bodies and keep the outside clean; so we need to come into the presence of God daily to wash our minds to keep them clean. Keeping our minds clean helps us to keep our focus and our vision clear.

There is an adversary out there, who has a vision of his own. The “vision” of the adversary is to use any tool that he can to break our focus and our vision towards God. He knows if he can do that, he will be able to get between us and God and separate and distance us from God, from the love of God and from the fulfilment of the promises and blessings of God in our lives.

John Wroe’s word tells us that Israel will know every trick of Satan, and to combat any evil of the devil’s tricks we need to keep focussed on our vision and apply wisdom.

Proverbs tells us that wisdom is the principle thing. Proverbs also tells us that

wisdom can determine so many things in our temporal lives today. It has been said we never have a problem, we only have a ‘wisdom’ problem.

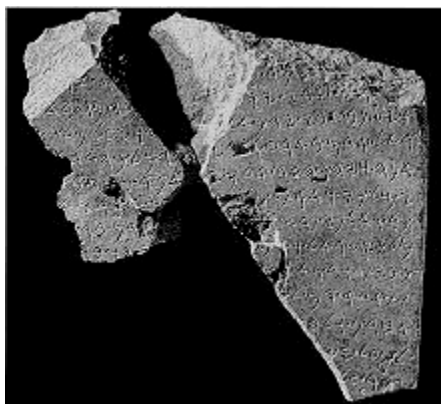
Wisdom is when we APPLY the Law of God or the Word of God appropriately and accurately in our lives. Wisdom is when we apply that knowledge and truth we know. It is only with wisdom that we can consciously choose to keep our focus and our vision God-ward. We need always to remember that the price of our vision is our eternal vigilance to that vision.

Like David, all Christians, when we come together to renew our vision within ourselves and our relationship with God, should seek that we may dwell in His Spirit ALL of the days of our lives – until He dwells fully in us eternally. Our body will then become the house of the Lord, and live in eternity (1 John 2:27, 3:1-2).📖

King David’s Existence Verified

People often attack the historical accuracy of the Bible because many of the people and situations mentioned in the Bible cannot be supported by archaeology or science. Well recent discoveries in archaeology are bringing to light more and more details showing the historical accuracy of the Bible.

The House of David Inscription was found in 1993 next to the main gate of the biblical tribe of Dan. Dan was located in the far north of Israel. The inscription was probably erected by an Aramaic king after defeating the Israelites in battle around the 10th-9th centuries BC. Two words of the inscription astonished the archaeologists who deciphered it: “Bet David”, meaning ‘the House of David’. This is the first time



The rock bearing the David inscription

that support has been found for the Davidic dynasty and thus proving the historicity of the figure of King David.

(“**Archaeological Diggings**”, Vol.9, No. 4, Aug/Sep 2002, page 11.)

The Love of Money - Clouded Vision

Is there any other commodity that affects us more than money? Some people have too much, most not enough. Because of the influence of evil called greed, very few of us are satisfied with what we have, we all want a little more.

Man was ordained to work for a living by the sweat of his brow. We work to earn money.

Many folk try to get rich fast by buying lottery tickets, or gambling. Some succeed, most lose out. Never before in the time span of man has gambling been so prominent. Man is tempted by big amounts – try to win a million is the catchcry of today.

The economy of the world is governed by money. How much we spend. How much we don't spend. What has all this got to do with vision?

Some people believe that God has allowed Satan to have control of the money to test humanity. The Bible says the love of money is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10).

Think about it. Would you have corruption and fraud

if you didn't have money? The acquisition of wealth is the hobby of today. Satan's job is to tempt us to do wrong, to choose his way rather than God's, so we sin and the result is the death of the body.

The Christian Israelite Church teaches us to do right. If you don't sin you will live. The decision to divide between money and God is ever present. To sort out the real value of our faith, God has asked that we pay a tenth of our earnings back to Him. This is commonly referred to as tithe. Tithe can be looked at in a number of ways. Everything that we have is by the grace of God. He gives us 100% and only asks for 10% back. But this to some is a big hurdle. Through the greed of the evil, it becomes hard to hand over this tenth to God.

My message to you is - if you are not paying tithe to God, think about it why? Look at the instructions regarding tithe. God has said He will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing if we do. Many times folk have said how they have been blessed, and how much further their money goes after paying tithe.


Tithe is not a new concept, Jacob vowed, that of all that God would give him, he would give a tenth back to Him (Genesis 28:22).

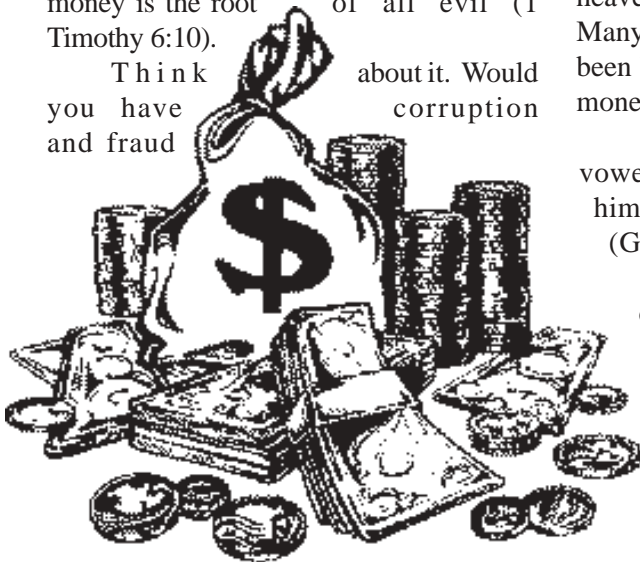
Tithing is something we can all do.

It sets our heart with the right priorities. It is a test of our faith. Do you want to let God down?.

Money-

Used by Satan to destroy us.

Used by God to test us to live. 



Tithe - should we or shouldn't we?

Matthew 23:23, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: **these ought ye to have done**, and not to leave the other undone”. (KJV)

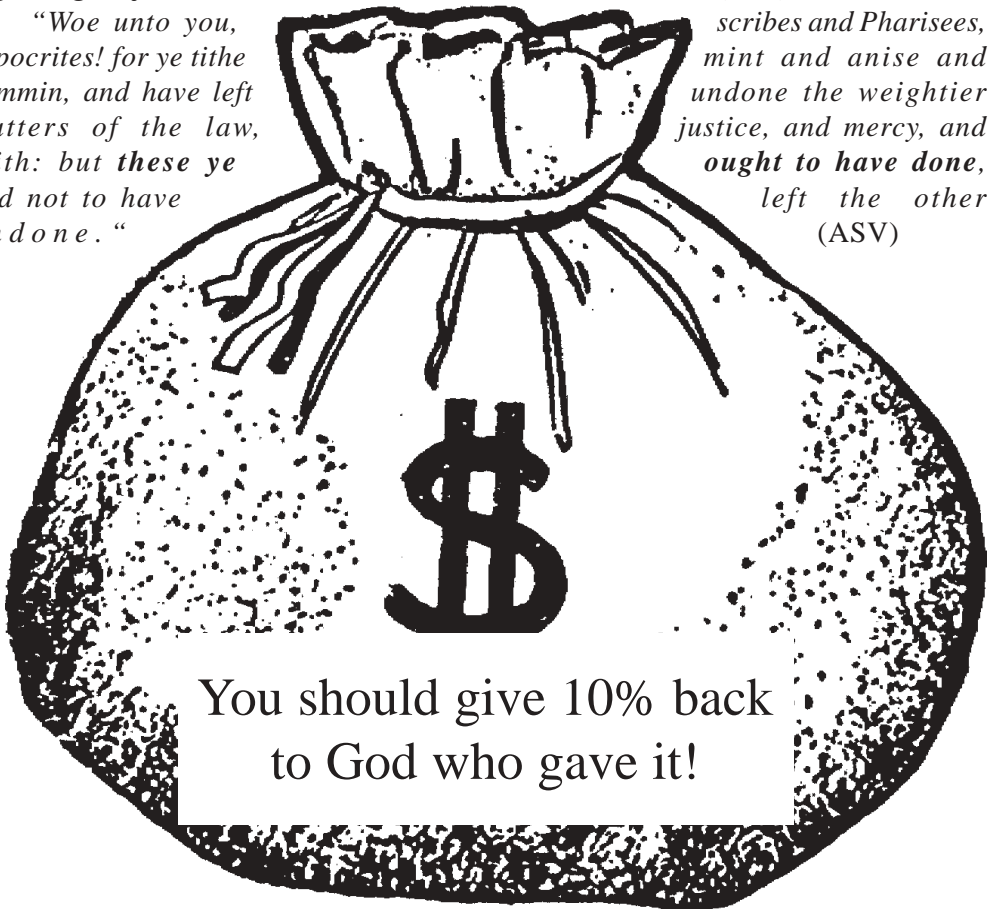
“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; **these you ought to have done**, without neglecting the others.” (RSV)

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. **You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.**”

“Woe unto you, hypocrites! for ye tithe cummin, and have left matters of the law, faith: but **these ye and not to have undone.** “

(NIV)

scribes and Pharisees, mint and anise and undone the weightier justice, and mercy, and **ought to have done**, left the other (ASV)



Many people criticize the payment of tithe using as their argument that they believe the New Testament does not mention anything about paying tithe. If you read Matthew 23:23 and 4 translations are given above, the payment of a tenth of your earnings or produce **ought to have been done**, in other words should be done, but not at the neglect of the other matters of the law, being justice, mercy and faith.📖

Acceptance - Thy Will Be Done

What was your reaction when you heard of the two aeroplanes plunging into the side of the tallest buildings in the World – the World Trade Centre buildings, on September 11th 2001?

Those poor people! How could people be so cruel to others! Well God said evil would get worse, but I don't think we ever thought it would get that bad.

We are over the initial shock of it now, and we have seen how security has increased on all airlines, mail, parcels and packages being transported, and so many other ways. But how about the individual, you and me? How has it affected our personal life, our inner self, our peace of mind?

Please don't dismiss this question without thinking about it. You and me, in our inner self, are we still disturbed at what happened? We can soon dismiss the topic and say, well it happened, and that is it, but is there a greater message in there for us?

Luke 21:10,11,26,28, tells us that, *“Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven...Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth...And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”*

The times in which we are living are the fulfillment of these prophecies. We are living in the time when our redemption, our saving grace through the Two Immortal Spirits (Christ and the Holy Ghost - Jerusalem Above) that come from God, is going to show itself and give “Peace of Mind and Body” to

those who trust in God.

And again, *“...in me ye shall have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world”* John 16:33. What a wonderful promise, you and I are promised peace of mind, even though the World is in turmoil. How do we get this peace of mind? As Christians through trusting in Jesus, and then, as Christian Israelites, developing that trust through the help of the Two Immortal Spirits.

Our greatest danger is that our faith is undermined by things that happen in this world, and more personally, in our own life. Why do accidents happen? Why is so and so sick all the time? Why did so and so die - they were such a good person? Why do little children and babies die? We could go on and on, but you know what I mean, the personal distresses that have happened in your circle of life. James speaks of an interesting point in chapter 1:2,3, think about again now; with us, *“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations”* and why are we to treat temptations joyfully, *“knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience”*. Having your faith tried actually increases your faith and builds upon a more intimate relationship with God.

From this we can deduce that trials are a blessing - but only if we recognise temptation as being due to the evil tempting the good in us. We must try to rise above it, to be strong in our faith, keeping our focus upon God and our vision true on His divine Will for us. You know, and I know, that this World is a trial place between good and evil, so these things have to come to pass to try the faith of people. In this way then, we will be stronger for God because our faith has been tried and tested. How do we succeed?

By being stronger than ever in our acceptance and loyalty to God, that He is in ultimate control. God has allowed Satan to exert enormous powers and influences so that mankind can be tried and proved, demonstrating through their faith their depth of love and acceptance of God.

Within the doctrine of the Christian Israelite Church is the vision of the "Hope of the Life of the Body". This hope is that the 144,000 will be saved, spirit, soul and body (as with Enoch and Elijah) not experiencing physical death, to live with Jesus Christ in the next world. There is a problem though, members of the Christian Israelite Church do show the outward display of physical death and die. Now regarding members in the Church dying, in our Church teachings we are taught about some of the "Mansions in my Fathers House". John Wroe expanded this further in his books known as Divine Communications, where he tells us that the aspiration of the Christian Israelite Church - to become the Immortal Bride of Christ - is the ultimate that anyone could aim for. What a pinnacle that is - a condition almost beyond our realisation; God has prophesied that there will be 144,000 who will attain to this glorious state, at Jesus' return

And what of those who have this ambition, and through distance of time are not there at the time of the change? We are told there is to be an Incorruptible Bride. This group will also be 144,000, and they have to be there to fulfil God's prophecy. These are of those who held the faith of the life of the body, but received that of the soul.

Then besides them, there is to be a group referred to as the Just Men Made Perfect, those who have appeared to die, but have been translated, like Enoch and Elijah.

We are also told that the resurrection of those who have died in this faith is a different Mansion to that of those who have


looked to save the soul.

Very interesting, the knowledge that those who have had this faith, and passed from this life, are working as ministering spirits to those who are alive, and who still have this faith. Those wonderful people, who kept true to their faith and hope, even against all the odds this world can stack against them, are still about us as ministering spirits. They can help those who still believe and pray for their same ambition, to stand for good, and to overcome the evil, and present themselves to be the immortal Bride of Christ and to have evil cast out of their physical bodies. Are we just being jealous, that we want these people to live on, with us, rather than that they should fulfil their special calling with God ?

This same God who delivered Israel out of Egypt against those great odds, has said He will deliver those who have the hope of overcoming the evil, and who present their body as a house for Him to dwell in, to be the Immortal Bride of Christ. God has said and He will do it.

Individually Christian Israelites are not alone. Christian Israel believe that we have the spirits of those who have had the Faith of Immortality before ready to minister to us. We have Christ and Jerusalem Above ready to occupy our mind and heart, but there is one barrier - the evil - and until we elect for God to overcome it and cast it out from within us, Satan will still activate it and try us. It is not easy, but is anything that has a great reward attached easy?

What a vision Christian Israel can have - something to strive for, and even if we do not get the pinnacle of this vision, we will achieve a reward for our effort.

Acceptance of things that happen - do we object and doubt when we have difficulties and problems, or do we accept that events happen with the 'permission of God', knowing it is working ultimately for our good. 

Keep Your Focus Godward

One of the greatest ways of keeping you internal eye 'true' is to actively and prayerfully pursue the 'Fruits of the Spirit' (Galatians 5:22). Attitude affects your vision and this very subject was dealt with with maximum effect in this short story by G.W. Target entitled "The Window". The story tells of two men, both seriously ill, who occupied the same small hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the outside world.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake, the man said. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Lovers walked arm in arm amid flowers of every colour of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Unexpectedly, an alien thought entered his head: *Why should he have all the pleasure of seeing everything while I never get to see anything?* It didn't seem fair.

As the thought fermented the man felt ashamed at first. But as the days passed and he missed seeing more sights, his envy eroded into resentment and soon turned him sour. He began to brood and he found himself unable to sleep. *He* should be by that window - that thought now controlled his life.

Late one night as he lay staring at the ceiling, the man by the window began to cough. He was choking on the fluid in his lungs. The other man watched in the dimly lit room as the struggling man by the window groped for the button to call for help. Listening from across the room, he never moved, never pushed his own button which would have brought the nurse running. In less than five minutes the coughing and choking stopped, along with the sound of breathing. Now there was only silence - deathly silence.

The following morning the day-nurse arrived to bring water for their baths. When she found the lifeless body of the man by the window, she was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take it away - no words, no fuss. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it all himself. He strained to look out the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall.

Our circumstances don't make us joyful, our attitude does, and if you can inject joy into your attitude your vision remains clearer.

Our Vision

In the time we have, I can tell only of a few major conditions that are going to take place, hoping that through it, we will get a better insight into the Vision of the Faith of the Christian Israelite.

Be encouraged by the words of Revelation 7:3. The four angels ready to cause destruction were instructed, "*Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads*". Are you sealed to God?

Malachi 4:1 tells us the earth will burn as an oven and that the wicked will be as stubble, a cleansing for the New Creation. Revelation 16:16 speaks of the last great battle at the site of Armageddon, when armies from the north will come down to fight against Israel and God will intervene for them, destroying the wicked who have risen up against them.

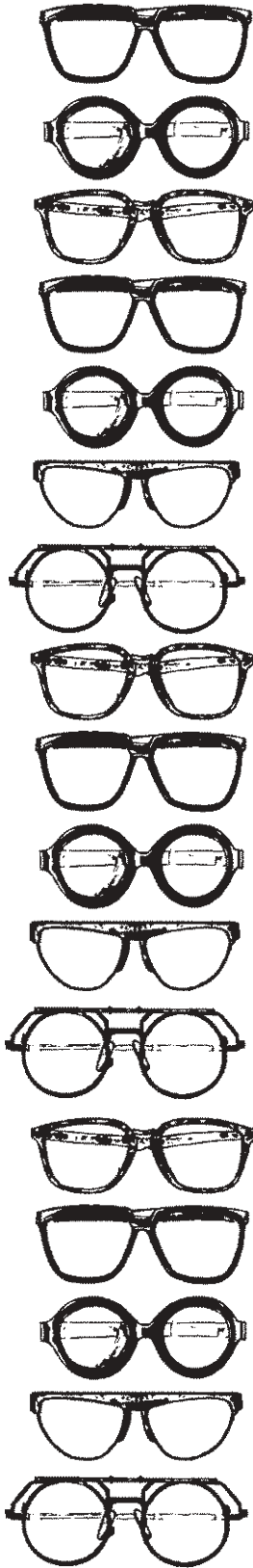
The Southcottian Movement ask people to become sealed by the signing of a pledge for the overthrow of Satan and the removal of evil. The

Christian Israelite Church believes this sealing is by making an agreement with God that they may do His Will completely if He will impart His two Immortal Spirits (Christ and Jerusalem Above or the Male and Female Spirits) to guide them; they enter into a Marriage Contract or Covenant with God for this spiritual strength.

One of the truths that are spoken about both in the Bible and in John Wroe's Journal known as Divine Communications, is the physical change that is to come upon the earth by a great earthquake. Revelation says, "*...thunders and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great...and every island fled away and the mountains were not found*" Revelation 16:18,20.

Now, Isaiah in one of his prophetic utterances said that the earthquake would destroy the tongue of the Red Sea, and there would be a highway for Israel to go to Jerusalem (Isaiah 11:15,16), but these two quotes leave us not knowing what is to happen until we read in John Wroe's Divine Communications Volume 3 that:

"The shocks and earthquakes that have been are only as a drop before the shower. Do you suppose you will have to cross the ocean to Jerusalem? I tell you nay: for as man's body is convulsed by fits, so this planet will be convulsed in the same way till all the islands of the sea become one, and Jerusalem be in the centre of it: so that the planet will be a fixed body, then it will be all one season, as it will be with the natural immortal body; the planet then shall no more turn upon its axis, nor the moon withdraw its shining,



nor the sun set any more: for the whole planet shall be watered upwards with dews and springs of waters, which will be seen on the highest mountains”

(dated 25th September 1843).

In Divine Communications Volume 1 this idea is dealt with again:

“There shall be an earthquake, the greatest that ever was before, neither shall there be any like it...at that day your lands shall be watered with mists from these rivers; there shall be no more boisterous winds; there shall be no more corruption” (dated 25th August, 1825).

And now, why is all this done?

“Now I will tell thee what I will do: I have given the whole earth for a possession to the twelve tribes: I will divide this ball into two parts. And I will cause the sea to go to one place, and it shall be called a lake, and I will cause rivers to go round my ball, and the lake shall feed them, and feed the veins to give waters to the springs, and I will water the planet by a mist: for I will divide the planet into twenty four counties, and Jerusalem is my house which I will dwell in...”

(D.C. Vol.1, dated 28th May, 1824).

What an earthquake! But we have no need to fear because it is done for the descendants of Israel. All the land will come together, the earth not turning on its axis, is hard to try to analyse, but it is interesting to ponder on...but the most important point is that it is done to reshape the earth to make it better for Israel. Possibly it is the reverse of what the Flood did, bringing the earth back to the conditions of the Garden of Eden.

Our understanding of the order of things and how they will take place is limited by our inability to visualise them. We try to fit everything we read about into mind pictures, but really many things we read about

are beyond the knowledge and description of what we know now. When we think of Jesus returning, we conjure up a picture something like a person coming down from heaven without needing stairs; perhaps some have seen pictures painted like this. I feel this is inadequate. The Gospel of Matthew tells us, “*For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works*” Matthew 16:27. Daniel says, “*And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people...and many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt...and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book*” Daniel 12:1,2.

The apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 tells us when Jesus comes He will be met by those who are alive. In the Divine Communications Volume 2 it explains,

“Those who are alive and remain in full faith of the redemption of their bodies, when their spirit, which their soul and body dwell in, shall enter in with the Spirit (the Comforter) which has been hid with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3), into their natural bodies, making them of Him, then they shall be caught up in the air to meet their Lord, their Husband, that Spirit making their bodies lighter than the natural air, so that their breath is their wings...these bodies being mortal changed to immortal, the Spirit with their spirits being put within their temples, caught up in the clouds, meeting the Lord at His coming. So will they ever be with Him, He dwelling in them, they dwelling upon this planet...”.

Revelation speaks of this group of people being as a Bride adorned for her

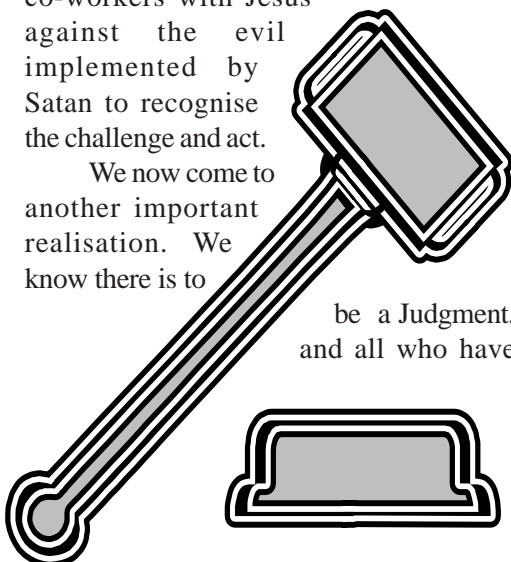
Husband; and herein is another marvellous revelation, a full study in itself. Again, as a City, where the length and breadth and height of it are equal. There are listed off twelve pure and precious stones, in an endeavour to show its incomparable price and beauty compared to earthly things.

I am mortal, I find it hard to put these similes together, except to say that it is very beautiful, that there is a special order of events and that only those who are striving to have their mortal bodies changed to be immortal (1 Corinthians 15:51) will be of those caught up and transformed (1 Thessalonians 4:17). It appears that after Israel has proved God's work is right and true by them being made eligible to receive the Partial Redemption, and then follow on to Full Redemption after the Millennium, that at the return of Jesus Christ those who have died will rise from their graves and will be spiritual beings of soul and spirit as the angels, and will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven (Revelation 22:12; John 14:1-3).

Revelation 22:12 tells us, "*And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be*". Now it is up to us as co-workers with Jesus against the evil implemented by Satan to recognise the challenge and act.

We now come to another important realisation. We know there is to

be a Judgment, and all who have



ever lived on this earth will be brought forward to give an account of how they spent their time on earth. Mankind will fall into two major groups.

1. Those who are alive, having lived through the Partial Redemption.
2. Those who have died. All, who have not sought for original sin to be removed will be consumed "*..with the spirit of his mouth, and shall be destroyed with the brightness of his coming...*" 2 Thessalonians 2:8. "*And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be*" Revelation 22:2. Daniel says that all shall be called forth, "*...many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever*" (12:2,3).

Revelation and study have shown the extent of these groups, and to complete Our Vision we will list them:

1. Those who are alive and enter into the Kingdom of God:
 - a. Those who realise the promise of God, and have made a personal commitment from their heart, and earnestly sought to God making a covenant with Him for Him to guide and help them (Romans 4:4). They will make their will God's Will; and God's Will their will. They will have entered into Partial Redemption when things on earth become hard and evil abounds, and they fear nothing knowing they are living in the Spirit of God.
 - b. Those who had this faith, and knew what should be done but hesitated. In many cases they will have made a covenant but through lack

of faith will not take the promises as a personal challenge and hence when Jesus comes they will hide in the clefts and holes of the earth. This group is referred to as “the Nations of them which are saved”.

c. The third group dwell in the Kingdom of God but do not possess it, they only possess the Kingdom of Heaven. It is those who had the faith of Immortality but have been called away by death through the distance of time (Revelation 6:10,11). They will form the Incorruptible Bride.

2. Those who have lived and accepted Jesus while living, but who have gone to the grave and lost their bodies. They will receive a spiritual glory - with soul and spirit.
3. Those who lived and did not accept Jesus while living, are returned to the grave, suffering the second death for the Millennium day and at the end of this time they have recognised the error of their ways and will be accepted as the least in the Kingdom of Heaven (1 Timothy 4:10; Romans 11:32; Revelation 20:4-6, 12,13).

To some this may seem to be an over simplification but let me remind you that within each group some will be as a bright star while others will just glimmer, each according as they have lived and believed in this life.

Now to our personal involvement. Divine Communications Volume 3 (dated 8th July 1849) has an interesting passage to analyse. It speaks of the group who have sought by prayer to have the evil taken from them, and not to be forgiven only. They prayed in secret that they may be born again. Recollect that there are two births, the salvation of the soul through repentance and forgiveness and the redemption of the body, the evil being physically taken away and the cleansed

body then putting on immortality.

This is the group who are alive. They will have stopped to think to realise that we could never have a perfect life in this world and so they seek by prayer, secret prayer from the heart to their Creator that the sin and evil will be taken from them. It isn't a prayer from the lips to be seen or heard of others but it is a prayer that creates an inner bond between their spirit and the spiritual help from God so that they will desire to do those things that are God's Will above those things that are the will of fellow man.

This ambition requires two births:

1. The salvation of the soul through forgiveness where individually we ask for our sins to be forgiven through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. This foundation of Christian faith is necessary and the humility in asking for forgiveness prepares us to seek for the second birth.
2. The redemption of the body, the evil being taken away, it putting on immortality. Have you ever been looking at scenery through dark sun glasses and then removed them and wondered at the difference in colour that there is without them. Paul says that our view of God's vision is like this and “...now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known” 1 Corinthians 13:12. This then is our position. We have great difficulty in realising and recognising the wonderful time God has promised. We have greater difficulty in doing something about it, because Satan with the evil is blinding our vision, putting more darkness on our glasses, so we need to make a stand; we need to make a personal commitment to God that we sincerely desire to follow in His ways,

and ask Him that if we try He will give us spiritual strength to help us. This bond we enter into is a covenant, a personal oath between God and ourselves, and how we progress from here is dependent on how we try and how close His Spirit draws to us. It is the people who have made this personal dedication who will be changed from mortal to immortal because they, through the step of the Partial Redemption, will be completely ready for Jesus Christ when He returns.

What a logical and realistic God we have. He doesn't expect something that is impossible, but rather, just as an earthly employer advances those who dedicate themselves to their work and job, so God

advances those who dedicate themselves and sincerely co-operate with His Two Immortal Spirits, giving them a reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt (Romans 4:4).

Adam and Eve hid in the Garden of Eden after they had sinned. In reverse, those doing God's Will when Jesus returns will come forward and be claimed by Him as conscientious workers who have entered into a covenant of dedication and who have sought through the bond of the covenant to have their evil removed and all sin overcome.

Those of Israel who have accepted the challenge to have their evil removed by their faith and by works of obedience wrought by God in them will receive the substance of this promise.

Are you prepared to present yourself? What vision do you hold?📖

Hymn No. 121

(1 Corinthians 15:51,52; Romans 11:34-36)

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace:
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

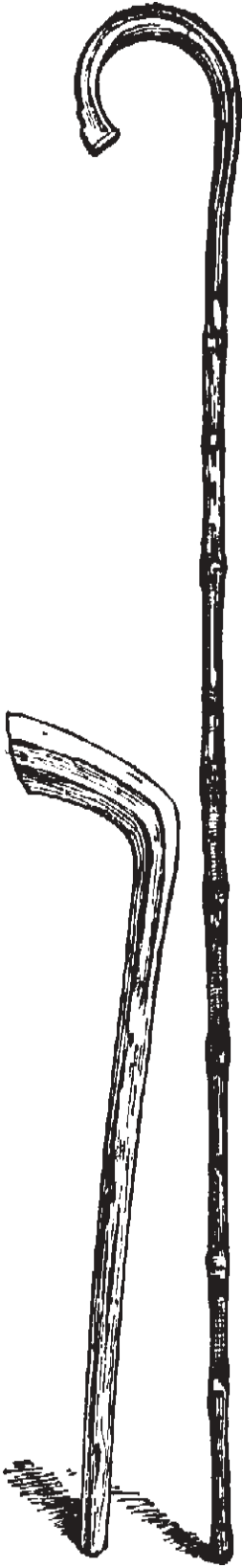
Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain:
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

The Lambs

Jesus said, "*Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom*" Luke 12:32. What does this mean? Sometimes after reading our Bible, we think "I don't understand that!" The Bible tells us that we should study so that we can understand it correctly and so not be ashamed but be workmen who have done a good job and pleased God. We want to try to do this, so let us get started now!

Think about this verse, it says, "*little flock*" - what does this mean? Jesus was often referred to as a "Shepherd" - shepherds mind sheep don't they - Jesus spoke of people as sheep - a number of sheep is a flock. So, Jesus, we find, is speaking of people like you and I. Then He said, "*Your Father*". God is our Father in Heaven - His Kingdom is that place of which we pray when we say "*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth*". We ask for His Kingdom to come on earth - when Jesus comes again His Will will be done on earth.

Think of the verse again - "*Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom*". Now, can we word it so that it is easier to understand? How about, 'Don't be frightened my people by all the trouble today, God will be happy to set up His Kingdom on earth for you'. Oh, but it says, "*little flock*", did you notice that? Why, there are millions of people on earth! So we must find out who this "*little flock*" is, that will fully know God's Kingdom on earth. We read in Revelation 7:3-8 of 144,000 people - a small number compared to all the people in the world isn't it?



of God's Flock

Remember though, God is God of all people, and will give everyone a place in His Kingdom, but He is looking for a special people who will please Him above all others. We have talked about these people before, haven't we? They are those who sign that they are Christians, and also Israelites, for they keep God's Laws - they will be the Christian Israelites who have really practised their faith and pleased God - these are the "*little flock*" who will be alive to take part in God's Kingdom on earth.

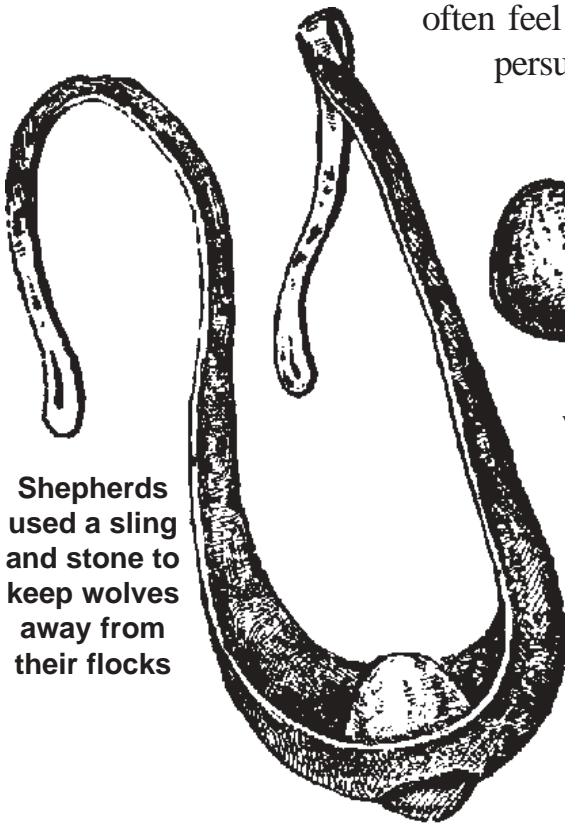
How often does it happen that you are the only one in your circle of friends who doesn't want to do something because you feel Mum or Dad wouldn't like it, or maybe you think God wouldn't like it? Yes, we might

often feel like this but we let our friends persuade us that it is alright and we go along and do whatever it was,

despite the fact that we know it to be wrong. How sorry we can be when it is too late - we have already done it! It is times like this

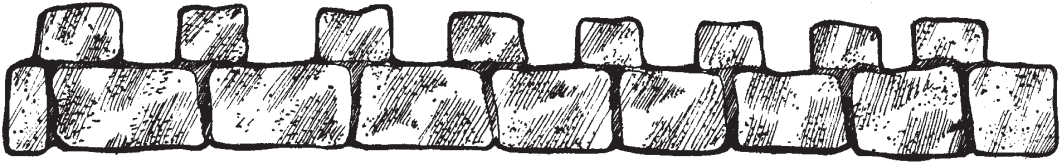
we must decide quickly who we are going to please?

Remember that the "*little flock*", those few people, will receive the greatest reward. 📖



Shepherds used a sling and stone to keep wolves away from their flocks

Puzzle Page



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A WALL OF LETTERS

To unscramble the message in this wall of letters, use only the letters in the odd-numbered columns the first time through. On the second try, use only the letters in the even-numbered squares. Write the message on the lines below the wall.

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Statement of Belief

The Christian Israelite Church beliefs can be fully supported by the Scriptures. Here is an outline:

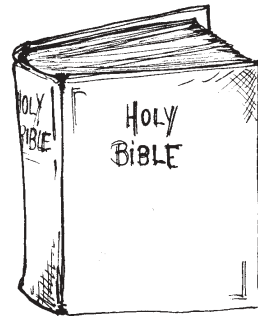
We Believe

- * In God Almighty creator of all things (Genesis 1:1).
- * In the existence of Satan, the Devil, in whom God allowed iniquity to be placed (James 2:19; Ezekiel 28:14,15).
- * That God created a spirit-existence in which the devil manifested evil and caused some of the spirits to rebel against God (Isaiah 14:12-14; Jude 6).
- * That God created our physical world, to which each person comes with a body and a soul made alive by a spirit from the spiritual creation (Luke 9:55; Genesis 2:7).
- * That God gave His people instructions on the way they should live, which instructions were *"for their good always"* (Deuteronomy 6:24).
- * That all have sinned and come *"short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:19).
- * That God has reconciled the (whole) world to Himself through the sacrifice of Jesus (John 3:16,17).
- * That through belief in the sacrifice of Jesus believers are counted as righteous before God, and can be assured of the resurrection of their souls (a Spiritual body) at Jesus' return (1 Timothy 4:10; 1 Corinthians 15:44).
- * That there will be a small number who will fully prove their faith by a work of true obedience to God's instructions and will thereby receive the prize of the highest calling of God, the redemption of spirit and soul and body - this living mortal Body made Immortal without seeing death (1 Thessalonians 5:23; Revelation 14:1-5; Hebrews 11:39,40).
- * That Jesus Christ will return to this earth again, subdue the power of Satan and reign forever and ever (Revelation chapters 19 and 20).
- * That the return of Jesus Christ is near and we are living in the period described in Scripture as the latter days (Matthew chapter 24; Mark chapter 13 and Luke chapter 21).
- * That there are promises in the Scriptures especially to Israel - God's chosen people (1 Peter 2:9).
- * That although Israel of old did not accept the challenge of spiritually being God's peculiar people, a remnant of their descendants will come forward in the latter days to fulfill the obligations and receive the promises (Revelation 7:1-8).
- * That the Mission of the Christian Israelite Church is to awaken the lost ten tribes of Israel to this special inheritance to be the physical Immortal "Bride of the Lamb" and to be the vehicle for the task of bringing them all together at God's appointed time (Matthew 10:5,6; Revelation chapter 19).

We believe that God is the absolute Judge and Arbiter and that we as His servants have an obligation to respond to what He puts in each heart, and that whilst we seek to proclaim and discuss our beliefs, we have no right to contend with other people about them.

Debug Your Bible:

Water, water everywhere,
And not a drop worth drinking...



How many times do you hear in your discussions with Christians and non-believers that God's law is not for believers today, or that Jesus Christ fulfilled all of the 'old law' so it is not required of Christians today. Well on closer reading of the Scriptures, the Law is still intact, still gives life to those who follow it and for Israel especially, is the key to their whole religion and worship of God – not just in the past but forever.

We find on examining the giving of the Law that the Law was for Israel's good forever, "*Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest **prolong thy days** upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, **for ever***" Deuteronomy 4:40. Again, "*And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul. To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?*" Deuteronomy 10:12,13 and most significant of all is Deuteronomy 30:15, 16, "*See, **I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes***

and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it". We have set before us a choice as stated above between life and good (which as we saw earlier is for our 'good') or to choose death by doing what is wrong in God's sight and disobeying his holy ordinance. The New Testament did not negate the importance of the Law for repeatedly Jesus reinforces the importance of the law – "*If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love*" John 15:10. The point was made again in Matthew 19:17 by Jesus when he answered the question of "*What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?*" Jesus' answer was clear and to the point, "*Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou **wilt enter into life, keep the commandments***".

God's law has some surprising examples of advanced medical and hygiene knowledge, far beyond what was currently understood and practiced in the days when the revelation was given to Moses. Moses himself would have been more accustomed to the Egyptian practices which he had been raised with. When we examine some of these laws we find that mankind in general has made a terrible mess of some of our natural resources.

Of particular interest for this article is the most valuable natural resource we have – **water**.

In Leviticus 15:13 we read, “*And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean*”. God’s law recognizes the fact that ‘running water’ is the best thing for cleansing – not washing in a bowl of still water, but running water. Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis, a brilliant Hungarian doctor of the 19th century was the first to recognize the presence of

germs. In 1845 as a junior doctor he was appalled at the rising death rates in hospitals – 15-30% of delivering mothers that went to a

hospital died of puerperal or childbed fever. Dr. Semmelweis noticed that the young interns examining the patients were not washing their hands, let alone washing them between different patients. He instituted amongst his staff the strict regiment of hand-washing in running water and the washing of hands between patients. The death rate amongst delivering mothers in Dr. Semmelweis’ hospital went down to 2%.

God’s law even covers personal sanitation. This is the area that this article will look at in more depth. In the book of Deuteronomy we have a command given by God which unfortunately has become widely ignored. “*Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad: and thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt*

ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee: for the Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee” Deuteronomy 23:12. Clearly we are told by God, to bury our effluent, not leave it to pollute the waterways, let alone feed it into the waterways. Human waste is notorious for the carrying of deadly disease – anytime major flooding occurs in an area disease is one of the first factors people have to protect

against. Even today waste is thrown into gutters and streets, effluent drained into rivers, with no thought for the ecology of

Did you know that a total of 213 out of the 613 biblical commandments found in the Torah were detailed medical regulations that insured the good health of the children of Israel if they would obediently follow the laws of God.

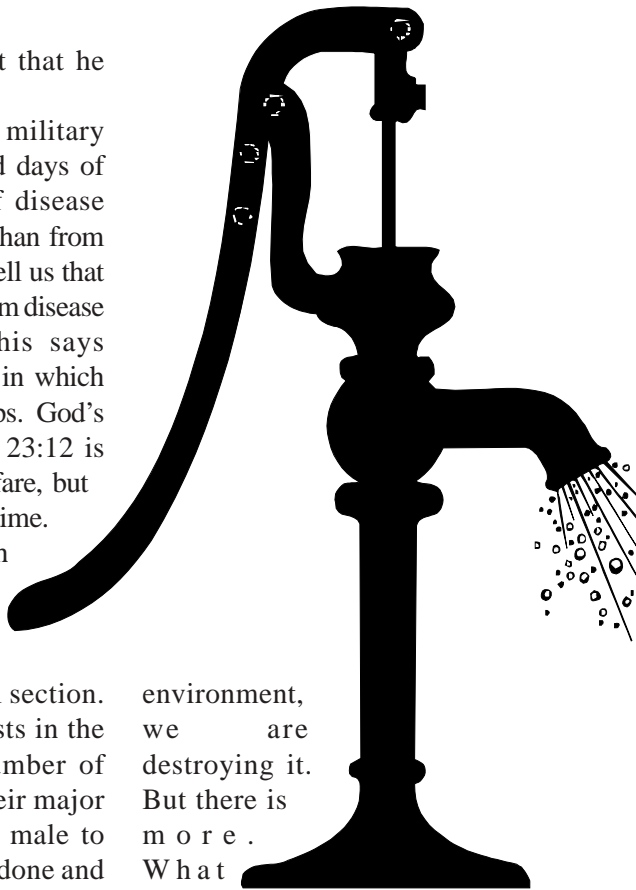
the area or our water quality.

This is not a new phenomena. Mankind has abused his environment for hundreds and thousands of years. The River Thames in London was so polluted during Shakespeare’s time that the English parliament hung burlap sacks soaked with chloride of lime to try to kill the odour. Untreated sewage, dead bodies, rubbish from the houses, all had their toll on the Thames, no fish could survive in it. People actually gleaned a living by dredging the river of the dead bodies and scavenging what they could to sell from the carcasses. England was not isolated in its ignorance, either. The problem was, and is universal, from the streets of Calcutta to the caravan park in the United States, mankind is not taking responsibility for his waste and is

polluting the very environment that he wants to sustain him.

Any person interested in military history will know that in the old days of warfare, more soldiers died of disease contracted from their own camp than from enemy fire. The actual statistics tell us that five times as many soldiers died from disease rather than war wounds. This says extraordinary things for the way in which waste was dealt with in these camps. God's commandment in Deuteronomy 23:12 is stated in relation to times of warfare, but the same principle applies in peacetime.

So what is happening with the earth's waterways. On 27th March, 2002, the Daily Telegraph in Australia had a small article in the international section. It reported that environmentalists in the UK were concerned at the number of male fish in the shallows of their major rivers, who were turning from male to female. Tests of the water were done and it was found to contain high levels of synthetic oestrogen. Further research showed that these oestrogen levels were due to the large numbers of women in the UK on the pill who were urinating in their toilets, and consequently draining into the waterways and major rivers. As a result it was altering the eco-system of the rivers and the whole ecology of the rivers. The string of studies in the UK that ensued showed that 50% of fish in the UK showed sexual changes. This was interesting enough in itself. Many women who don't want to take synthetics are being forced to through their drinking water. Apparently Mosquito fish in South Creek near St. Mary's in Sydney have been found to have abnormal sex organs – directly attributed to the water quality. What more proof do we need to show that we are not preserving our



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else

gets into our waterways, through urine, that we don't want to ingest?

One week later the Daily Telegraph, dated 2nd April, 2002 followed up with a report on Australian waterways and this was even more revealing. In an attempt to clean up our waterways, it was requested that people stop flushing their leftover prescription drugs down the toilet as these drugs are getting into our rivers and eventually into our drinking water. So, again, those of us who have taken a stand against the abuse of antibiotics (for example) are ingesting these very same antibiotics in our drinking water. We mentioned above about the Mosquito fish at St. Mary's – well on investigation the cause was found to be a group of substances known as **endocrine disruptors** – in this case,

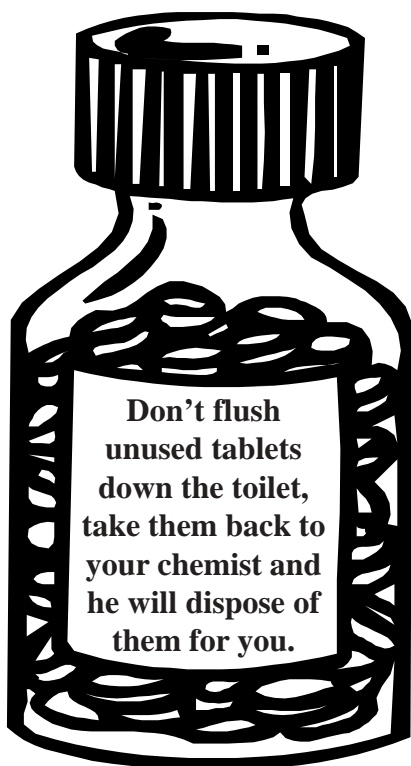
as in the UK, the cause was found to be synthetic oestrogen hormones in birth control pills and hormone replacement drugs, flushed into the rivers through sewerage. Zebra finches in the US have begun singing like males. Only male zebra finches sing, but some female nightingales and zebra finches in the US are singing songs – their brains had been found to be affected by oestrogen.

What are endocrine disruptors? They are chemicals which interfere with function of the endocrine system, which is found in nearly all animals, including mammals, non-mammalian vertebrates (like fish, amphibians, reptiles, and birds), and invertebrates (like snails, lobsters and insects). The endocrine system consists of glands. The hormones they produce guide the growth, reproduction and behaviour of humans and animals. An endocrine disruptor is a synthetic chemical that when absorbed into the body either mimics or blocks hormones and disrupts the body's normal functions. Chemicals suspected of acting as endocrine disruptors are found in insecticides, herbicides, fumigants and fungicides that are used in agriculture. Pharmaceutical chemicals include birth control pills, antibiotics and hormone replacement therapy drugs. The chemicals come into contact with animals after they are released into waterways from sewerage and run-off from agriculture.

What substances are causing this damage? Collectively they are known as pharmaceutical and personal care pollutants. They range from antibiotics, chemotherapy drugs and hormones to sunscreens and painkillers. More surprisingly, worldwide, there is no means of testing for these substances in the drinking water of cities. The Environment Protection Authority and University of Technology Sydney are applying to the

Australian Research Council for funding to conduct a major study into endocrine disruptors, but until this is done, the damage is still happening, and people are still drinking the water. In the US an EPA study revealed even tiny amounts could result in cumulative exposure risks which could lead to irreversible impacts on the ecology, "The possibility for continual but undetectable effects on aquatic organisms is particularly worrisome because effects can accumulate so slowly that major change goes undetected until the cumulative level of these effects finally cascades to irreversible change".

There is direct evidence showing that humans are susceptible to endocrine disruption as shown in the 1950's and 1960's in the United States when pregnant women were prescribed diethylstilbestrol (DES) or synthetic oestrogen to prevent miscarriages. "Not only did DES fail to prevent miscarriage, but it also caused health problems for many of these women's children. In 1971, doctors began reporting high rates of unusual vaginal cancers in teenage girls. Investigations of the girls' environmental exposures traced the problem to their mothers' use of DES. The girls also suffered birth defects of the uterus and ovaries, and immune system suppression" (Natural Resources Defence Council). The sons born to mothers given DES have an increased frequency of undescended testes, congenital birth defects, hypospadias and decreased adult sperm count. The example cited above would be attributed to endocrine disruptors that 'mimic' the normal hormones of the body. Endocrine disruptors that are known as hormone 'blockers' would be where the disruptors interfere with how naturally occurring hormones function. Blockers bind to the same protein receptors as the real hormone, but do not stimulate any



action – they just sit in the way of the natural hormone and prevent it from sending its message. An example of a ‘blocker’ is how DDE (a metabolic breakdown product of DDT) blocked action of testosterone in male alligators in Lake Apopka, Florida, which led to undersized penises – this meant the alligators could no longer reproduce. The third category of endocrine disruptors are called ‘triggers’ which include chemicals that interfere by attaching to protein receptors but then trigger an abnormal response in the cell. These triggers cause growth at the wrong time, an alteration of metabolism or synthesis of a different product. The best known triggers are dioxin and dioxin-like chemicals.

Dr. Theo Colborn is currently doing research on the dangers of endocrine disruption and in an interview gave the following example, which should alert all of us, “Dr. Colborn found out that chemicals were able to get to babies inside their mothers’

wombs. In other words, the chemicals could cross the placenta, which usually acts as a barrier to protect the foetus from harmful substances. The chemicals could also reach birds and fish as they developed inside their eggs. Dr. Colborn says, This meant that all aspects of development were probably affected, including intelligence. Of course, we couldn’t test the intelligence of the animals, but we could test the people. We found that the babies of mothers who had eaten fish from the Great Lakes had lower intelligence than the babies of mothers who had not eaten fish. The babies of the mothers who ate the fish also weighted less when they were born, and had many other problems. And the mothers did not have to eat very much fish for the chemicals to affect their babies – just two or three meals of fish per month” (Dr. T. Colborn interview).

For now, Australia does nothing. Perhaps it is time you looked at your drinking water and asked yourself what is in it. A recent US study found at least 31 different types of antibiotics in waterways and 11 compounds linked to birth control and hormone replacement therapy drugs. And not only is it of concern to us personally, but just imagine how these endocrine disruptors are effecting the fauna and flora. As stated earlier, small changes are not noticed until the changes are irreversible. Perhaps mankind should take this wake-up call and think about where our sewage goes. Are we abiding by God’s law doing as we are doing?

One answer, of course, is to have your own rainwater tank for drinking water – you just have to watch that bird life isn’t attracted to depositing their effluent on the roof you gain your drinking water from. Governments, starting at the people level, need to look at how they are dealing with the sewerage problem, and as cities get bigger and bigger this problem will only get bigger

So what can we do??

To prevent risk of exposure to endocrine disruptors, there are a few things people can do:

1. Education about the endocrine disruptors and education of families.
2. Buy organic food whenever possible.
3. Avoid using pesticides in the home or yard.
4. Avoid fatty foods such as cheese and meat whenever possible.
5. If you eat fish from lakes, rivers, or bays, check with local fisheries to see if they are contaminated.
6. Avoid heating food in plastic containers, or storing fatty foods in plastic containers or plastic food wrap.
7. Don't give young children soft plastic teethingers or toys, since these leach potential endocrine disrupting chemicals.

etc. Perhaps now that our disregard for our waste is affecting ourselves personally, Governments may take the call and do something about it. As individuals, though, we each bear the responsibility for keeping our waterways clean, depositing our unused prescription drugs in the provided bins and pharmacies and a concerted effort to think twice before dumping it.

The most interesting observation, though, is that if we had kept on following what God's law stated with regard to personal hygiene, we wouldn't have this problem in the first place. God's law is there to protect us and also keep us healthy.📖

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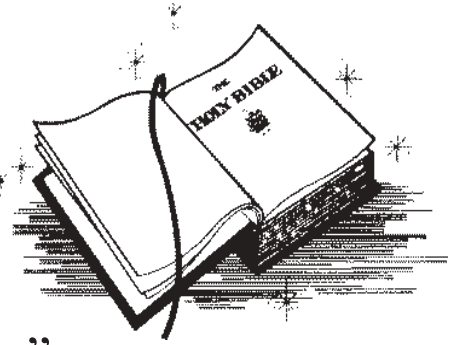
and bigger. Solutions have been given but we are told that the costs are too high, etc.

Psalm 100: “Serve the Lord with Gladness”

A Psalm of praise

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise:
Be thankful unto him and bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
His mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth to all generations.

Expand Your Bible:



John Flynn -

His Vision: "...a mantle of safety"

In Australia this year, 2002, has been designated as "The Year of the Outback".

As well as encouraging people to visit the outback and see what this great section of our country is like we have been made more aware of the early settlers and the hardships and isolation they faced.

Many of the early settlers had a vision – a vision of owning great areas of land and breeding sheep and cattle to earn a living equal to the best. But alas this was a personal vision or one which would create a struggling colony to grow and consolidate – or was it a blend of both?

In the early 1900's, as more settlers braved the outback areas and the hardships and isolation, various church organizations became aware of their problems and set out to provide for some of their spiritual and physical needs.

Distance was the main problem and like an enemy this had to be overcome...but how? Hostels were set up in some outback areas for the sick and injured folk but the trip to get to them was long and arduous, as well as being most uncomfortable for the patient.

Clifford Peel was a young flying enthusiast in 1917, aeroplanes were still in their infancy. He suggested to the Reverend John Flynn, who was at that time the superintendent of the Australian Inland Mission of the Presbyterian Church, that planes, used as an aerial ambulance, could solve the problem of time and distance in

transporting the sick and injured to hospital for treatment.

Unfortunately, Peel was killed in France during the 1st World War, but his idea took root and grew, encouraged by Flynn.

Flynn had a dream....a vision – his vision being to provide a 'mantle of safety' for outback dwellers by providing a means of communication and access to medical help.

What was needed was a type of radio transmitter that had to be small, portable, tough, easy to operate and with its own power supply. It had to be so simple to operate that the operator needed no technical knowledge at all. It had also to be able to transmit over at least 300 miles (480 kms).

What an 'act' this was!

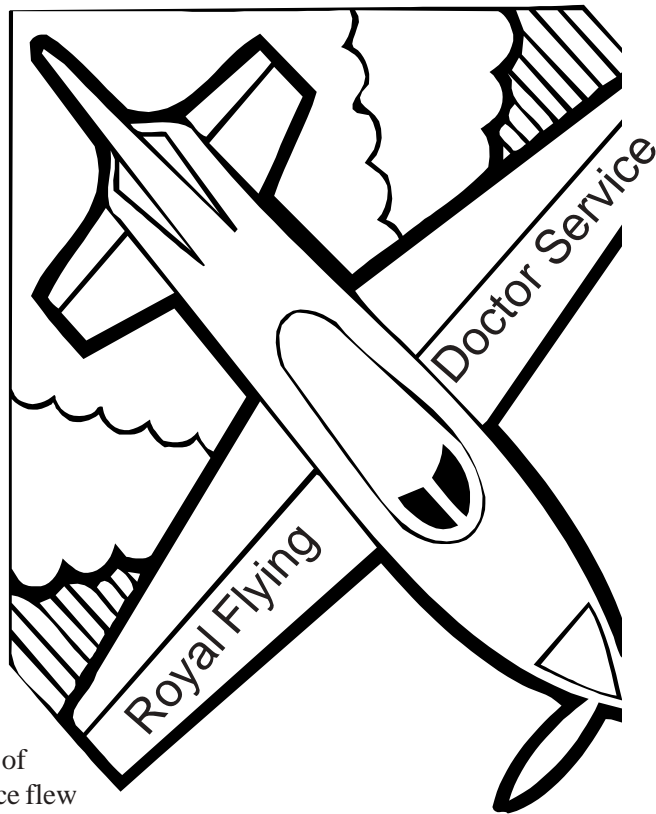
Between 1924-26 attempts were made to develop such a transmitter. The problem was eventually solved by a brilliant electrical engineer, Alfred Traegar, when he perfected the pedal wireless. All the operator had to do was to sit down and pedal to provide the power – the transmitter was crystal controlled and maintained a steady wave length independent of whether the generator was driven evenly or not. There was one problem remained, however, and that was that people had to know Morse Code, so Traegar kept experimenting until he produced a Morse typewriter that would transmit Morse letters at a governed speed.

Gradually pedal wirelesses were distributed to isolated stations solving the outback communication problem in general, as outback remote towers and stations were connected.

In 1928 the first flying doctor base was established at Cloncurry in north western Queensland as the town already had a hospital and an airstrip. The first appointed flying doctor, Dr. K. St. Vincent Welsh, in the first year of existence of the Flying Doctor Service flew 20,000 miles (32,000 kms) in 50 flights and attended 255 patients!!

It is interesting to note that the flying doctor service of Australia has no counterpart anywhere in the world. It operates in all states except Victoria and Tasmania, but these states still support it.

Of course many changes have taken place and much more sophisticated methods of communication are in use today. As well, more varied services are supplied by the Flying Doctor Service, but it was due to the vision of Reverend John Flynn that the many problems connected with its setting up were addressed and overcome.



He did indeed pursue his vision of providing a 'mantle of safety' for the people of the outback. The pedal wireless and Flying Doctor Service have brought life to many,

It has been suggested that if you look up at a light aircraft flying overhead, you will see that its body and wings make the shape of the cross in the sky, reminding us that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross provides us with the knowledge that we also can live under God's 'mantle of safety and receive life through Jesus Christ. 📖

*“The light of the body is the eye:
if therefore thine eye be single,
thy whole body shall be full of light”*

Matthew 6:22.

Tychicus and Trophimus

These two followers of Jesus Christ are mentioned in Acts 20:4 where we are also told that they were from Asia. These two men waited for Paul at Troas and then accompanied Paul on his trip from Macedonia into Jerusalem. The Asia mentioned here is not the Asia we know today, but rather an area known as Asia Minor.

Tychicus (the name means ‘fortunate’) was a constant companion of Paul and more specifically accompanied Paul to Jerusalem. He is referred to as a native of the Roman province of Asia so he was probably born at Ephesus or Thessalonica. When he left Greece, and was sent by him firstly to Ephesus (“*And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus*” 2 Timothy 4:12) and then to Colosse. Paul describes Tychicus in very affectionate terms as “...*a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord*” Ephesians 6:21. He entrusted Tychicus with mission work in Ephesus, showing the confidence which Paul had in him. He reiterates this message to the Colossians (4:7) where he tells them, “*All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord...*”.

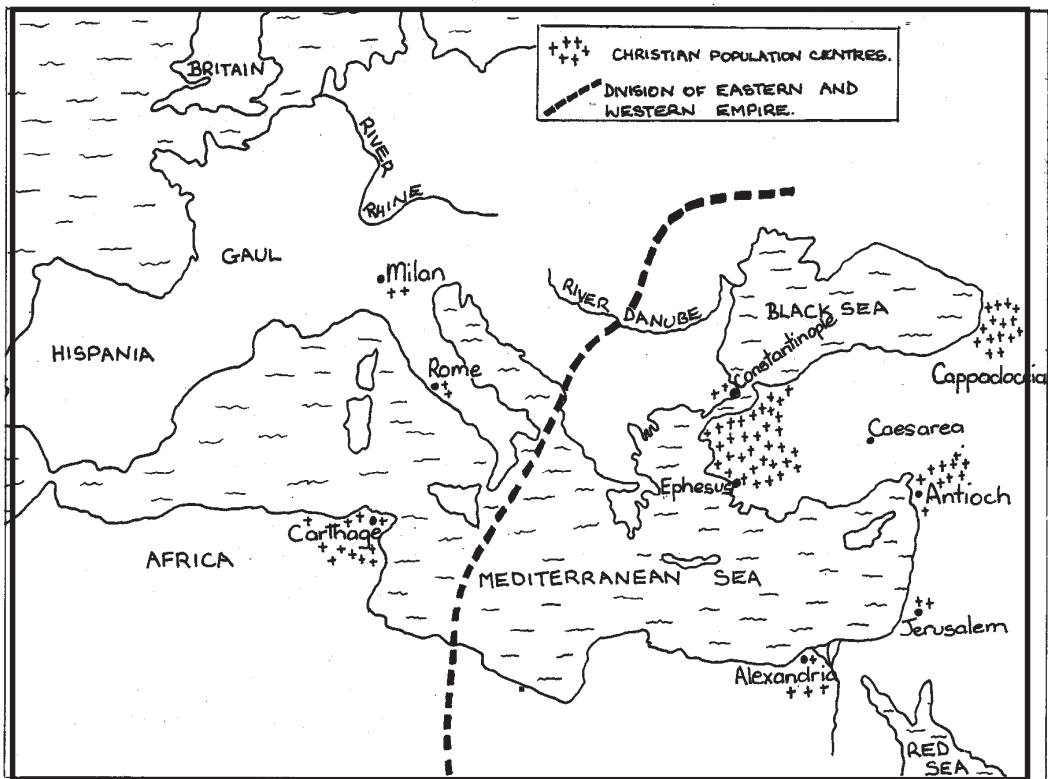
These descriptions given by Paul speak volumes on the character of Tychicus. We can see that Paul was an affectionate man who was extremely fond of those who he called his co-workers in the faith. The fact that he describes Tychicus as ‘beloved’ shows the affection and confidence which Paul had in him. We are also told that Tychicus was a ‘faithful minister’ – Paul could recognise the values of a good disciple when he saw it and knew that Tychicus would be a humble but effective worker for Christ.

Tychicus also spent time in prison with Paul during Paul’s first Roman captivity and

was the bearer of letters from Paul to the Colossians and Ephesians. It is not recorded when or how Tychicus died, but many cities claim him as their Bishop. Tradition states that he was appointed Bishop of Chalcedon by St. Andrew the Apostle. His feast day is traditionally held on 29th April. And he is supposed to have ended his days as Bishop of Paphos in Cyprus.

Trophimus (the name means ‘nourishing’) was also a faithful servant and friend of Paul. In 2 Timothy 4:20 we are told that Paul left Trophimus at Miletum because he was sick. In Acts 21:29 we are told that Trophimus was an Ephesian, but that he was the man incorrectly accused by the Jews of polluting the temple in Jerusalem. Tradition tells us that Joseph of Arimathea, after the resurrection, sent Trophimus to Gaul to do mission work there under the direction of the Apostle Philip. Trophimus was consecrated the first Bishop of Arles and performed an outstanding service there. It is stated that he was energetic, practical and an intelligent organizer. His Christianising endeavours embraced a large area which formed the district of Narbonne. He became the first Metropolitan of the Narbonne, with Arles as his Bishopric. Maurus Rabanus, Archbishop of Mayence (AD 776-856) in his manuscript, *Life of Mary Magdalene*, tells us regarding Joseph of Arimathea, his trip to Britain with his entourage, and the later trip of some of this entourage from Britain to Gaul,

“Therefore the chief, St. Maximus, the blessed Parmenas, the arch deacon Trophimus and Eutropius, bishops, and the rest of the leaders of his Christian warfare, together with the God-renowned Mary Magdalene and her sister, the most blessed Martha,




The Roman Empire during the time of Paul

departed by way of the sea...They came near to the city of Marseilles, in the Vienoise province of the Gauls, where the river Rhone is received by the sea. There, having called upon God, the great King of all the world, they parted, each company going to the province where the Holy Spirit had directed them, presently preaching everywhere, 'the Lord with them', and Eutropius was the first Bishop of Aquitaine".

Where Trophimus died is not recorded. Historians confuse him constantly with 2 other men known as Trophimus who were martyred in AD 277 and 280 but the years in which they were

martyred precludes them even possibly being the Trophimus who was a co-worker with Paul.

Paul chose his co-workers in the faith wisely and knew that with these two men the message of Jesus Christ's redemptive work would be continued in the true spirit – in other words they shared Paul's vision. These men were not puffed up with pride, but humble, aware of their duty and heedful of keeping to the spirit of what Jesus Christ had preached. These two men were partly responsible for the spread of the Gospel throughout Europe and what was then known as Asia Minor, and as such their position is important both historically and biblically. 

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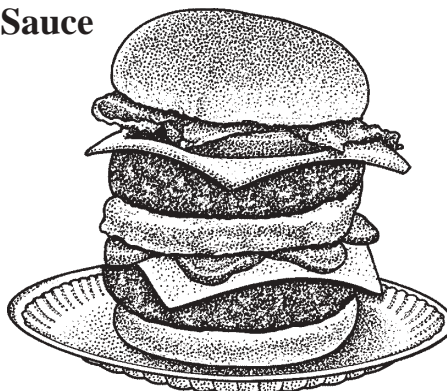
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Vegetarian Recipes

Peanut Rissoles with Barbecue Sauce

Makes 8 rissoles

- 1 ¼ cups (155g) unsalted roasted peanuts
- 1 ½ cups cooked brown rice
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 eggs
- 2 tblspns smooth peanut butter
- 2 tblspns fruit chutney
- 1 ½ tspns curry powder
- 2 tblspns oil



Blend or process peanuts and rice until finely chopped, add onion, eggs, peanut butter, chutney and curry powder; process until combined. Refrigerate mixture for at least 30 minutes.

Using lightly floured hands, shape mixture into 8 patties. Heat oil in large frying pan, add patties, cook for about 5 minutes or until browned on both sides; drain on absorbent paper. Serve with Barbecue Sauce.

Barbecue Sauce

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| 2 tspns cornflour | 2 tspns Worcestershire sauce |
| ½ cup water | 1 tblspn brown sugar |
| ½ cup tomato sauce | ½ tspn Tabasco sauce |

Blend cornflour with water in small saucepan, add remaining ingredients, stir over high heat (or microwave on HIGH for about 3 minutes) until mixture boils and thickens.

Lavinia's Fruit Slice

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| 2 cups mixed fruit | Essence, almond and vanilla |
| ½ cup chopped dates | 2 eggs |
| 2 cups brown sugar | ½ lb butter |
| 2 cups plain flour | |

Mix fruit and dry ingredients together. Add the 2 beaten eggs and the melted butter. Mix well. Press into slice tin. Cook in medium oven for 30 minutes. There is no need to grease the tin.