CHAPTER ONE

IMPORTANT INFO FOR THE FAMILY

I have ALOT of Old World Secrets to unveil and many Testimonies to share, fully aware not many will want to read or hear them! But life seems to be getting too short, considering God/Allah promises 120 yrs, at least..

GENESIS CH 6 VS 3 AND THE LORD SAID, MY SPIRIT WILL NOT ALWAYS STRIVE WITH MAN, FOR THAT hE ALSO IS FLESH: YET hIS DAYS SHALL BE AN HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS.

...so I have to do what I have to do!

This is my QUICK FIX -vs- my first book, encyclopedia and timeline, because honestly it's taking me forever to type such a massive amount of info while our asses are on the line. It seems our souls have been SOLD but too many are acting oblivious to it. Like it's not that BIG OF A DEAL.

As I say in my first Book, everything started out as observations. I noticed we were getting further away from God/Allah and closer to Satan's plan. Me no likey...then, me no likey now! That is not our Father's purpose for us. He has passed that message down too many times,

through too many people, for us to even be here AGAIN.

SIN is still a set-up. NOTHING HAS CHANGED!! Especially in the place we reside.

Loving God and the Creation HE MADE is definitely an abomination, no matter what we've been told! Wanting it to prosper is frowned upon...HARD!! I dug around, and it seems there is a group, in kahoots with Beelzebub, working day and night to wipe God/Allah's "**Goodness**", off of His Green Earth! They follow behind Pagan, Occult, Satanic Old World Ways. For centuries, this has been their way. At first it was hard to take because I don't play about people playing with Satan against God/Allah OR my family. I don't deal with Satan/Evil in any form! Therefore, I didn't want to believe EVIL was so large and in charge, in our everyday affairs. I DIDN'T want to DIG AROUND!! But it IS true! It's a'lurkin....everywhere you turn! And it's my job to spill the beans. Our existence is at stake. Our Babies' existence is at stake!!

(GENERATIONAL CURSES)

Per our History, If we go against God/Allah...HE WILL MOVE! We will move further away from Him and His Protection. He won't curse us...WE will curse ourselves. Whatever sins we are doing against His set-up...DRUGS,

RAUNCHY SEX OUTTA WEDLOCK, PLAYING IN THE DARK...He will turn away and let us have it! That is a proven FACT. We have lost our connection, at times, but NEVER our way completely. It's time to GO HOME and get back on OUR PATH!!

We ALL have a part to play in God/Allah's "Big Picture", if we're gonna survive Satan's Set-up. It's FOUL! We CANNOT survive without our Father and His Laws, even though we've got Satan and his Allies trying to convince us otherwise. We can't let 'em fool us or even try to school us. God/Allah is WARNING us, as He has in the past, to sit down someplace and get our Family together...before it's too late.

'Cause these MARKED, LEPROUS, GENTILE PAGANS ain't no joke!! This is territory we know "nothing" about! They are well versed in going COMPLETELY against Our Father.

PLEASE SEE POCKETS

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"OUR FAM'S BEGINNINGS"

During 20 plus years of thorough, hardcore research, I found that Biblical and Quranic Scripture line-up PERFECTLY with Secular History (even with the lies) and GOD/ALLAH'S CHILDREN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PROTECTED AND BLESSED, WHEN FOLLOWING HIS LAWS/STATUTES THROUGH THE ORIGINAL PASSING OF **THE WORD...BY MOUTH...ONLY!** That means it wasn't written down, therefore, NOBODY could tamper with it and CHANGE WORD.

Because of this, I feel there have to be Godfearing Children in other parts of the earth, following God's Laws and still being Blessed. However, the Children I'm gonna discuss in this chapter is "**US**", "The Lost Ones". Again I say, before we were enslaved for going against Him, we were Blessed for going with Him. Per my research and Pagan-Leper-Gentile-European History, there were allegedly **5 Tribes of Africans living together on the landmass called Africa**:

1. Negroes
2. Nilo-Saharans
3. Pygmies
4. Bushmen

and a 5th White/Mixed group referred to as Berbers or Hamites or

Egyptians or whatever Euros decide to call them this century.

The Negroes were said to live on the West Coast i.e. Ghana, Mali (Songhai in W. Sudan) and at the mouth of the Congo River. So basically West, Central, most of East and Southeast, including Madagascar.

Other groups mentioned in the tribe, to confuse us even more, were the Fanti of Ghana, Kru of Liberia, Wolof of Senegal, and the Yoruba of Nigeria.

Characteristics mentioned in their Encyclopedias and African History Classes include: skin from LIGHT brown to brown black, BROAD NOSES, of course..THICK LIPS and WOOLY HAIR. However, those on the "Southern Tip" of the Sahara have THINNER LIPS AND NOSES. Go figure! More EURO BLOOD, I'm certain.

Just for "sh*ts and giggles", the Penguin African History Book *points out* that they WERE and STILL ARE...BIG, BLACK-SKINNED WITH BROAD NOSES. As well as, "meddle" them for *still* living in FORESTS AND BUSHES.

There was a 70% population and a worthy mention about Timbuktu in Mali having an Arabic University (once infiltration and race-mixing kicked up.

The next group, **The Nilotes**, are said to have usually lived in Sudan, Uganda, Kenya. Ethiopians are sometimes grouped in the

Nilote bloodline.

Two Groups named are the Dinka and Nuer of Sudan. Some of their characteristics include Slender and usually tall; from about 5'10 - 7ft. the P.A.H put their 2 cents in again, by describing them as BIG, BLACK BUT NOTICEABLY THINNER IN BODY AND FACE.

Population: 10million. You will notice, whenever Euros compile ANY info about us, "they" ALWAYS list us in numbers...almost, ALWAYS.

The Pygmies live in tropical forests of the Upper Congo Basin. They are described as SHORT, NOT GROWING TALLER THAN 4'10. The P.A.B. chimes in with SMALL, 4FT 6INCHES, SKIN IS BROWN TO BLACK, NOSES BROAD AND HAIR SCANTY (WTH?)

Population: 150,000 (that's a lie)

The Bushmen are said to live in and around the Kalahari Desert, once having Eastern and Southern Africa ALL TO THEMSELVES! One group called the Hottentots live in S.W. Africa and are a little taller then the other Bushmen. Their characteristics listed are YELLOWISH BROWN TO YELLOW, KINKY HAIR, FLAT FACES AND HIGH CHEEKBONES. P.A.H. then mocks, that they're BIGGER WITHOUT BEING BIG, YELLOW RATHER THAN BROWN OR BLACK, HAIR GROWS IN TUFTS LIKE PEPPERCORN (Mofos are comedians).

This is the only group that they fully ADMIT were African

(Hottentots) and intersexed with Early European Settlers...quickly adding that more than 40,000 remain fullblooded. They sound like they could be Early Ethiopians and/or the people who I refer to as IndianAsians.

The last group, **The Berbers**, are disguised as many different groups. Euros never really admit that Berbers are MIXED, meaning that they are Euros' VERY OWN OFFSPRING, who also share blood with Africans! However, it's not Rocket Science once you dig around...and I did. Throughout history they've been called Egyptians, Arabs, Caucasians, Bedouins, name it. This is, as always, to keep us confused and in the DARK. Their description given in different educational references, range from light skin to dark skin, fair hair to black, curly hair...most with thin lips and noses. It's said they live chiefly North of the Sahara, though the Nomadic tribes (Bedouins and Tauregs) live in the desert. They are supposedly related to the Semites of Arabia (Euros afoot). Also, migrating to the West, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia..as well as, the East of the Nile, where they're called Egyptians and South of the Sahara on the Red Coast, where they're called "Cushitic".

The Euro authors skip ALL the way from the thousand B.C.'s, to the A.D.'s..the 600/700's to be exact, to use this group as the migrating, INVADING forces in N.W. Africa, establishing the ARABIC LANGUAGE and the ISLAMIC RELIGION. I call B.S., The Islamic Religion Roots come from the "ORIGINAL WORD" passed down to our ancestors, by MOUTH, before Mohammed, or for

that matter, Yeshua/Jesus, even hit the earth. If they're insinuating that the Berbers were practicing Old School Word/Law, it would make sense being they are shown to have lived in the Atlas Mountain Region BEFORE RECORDED HISTORY...isn't that the B.C.'s, **not** the A.D.'s? But PaganEuros can't "JUST SAY THAT". Confusion is a MUST.

God/Allah's Laws, by Word of Mouth, **is** what AFRICANS were being taught in the B.C.'s...Berbers included. Euro Lepers came on the scene, SPREAD PAGANISM/OCCULTISM/SATANISM, PLUS DISEASE, WHILE RAPING AND PILLAGING, procreated with ALL SELLOUT TRIBES, creating CASTE, MIXED TRIBES and then used THEM and THE SELLOUTS AGAINST Us and God/Allah. THAT'S THE REAL INVASION!!

Population: 3 million in S.Africa with millions in chief areas of Tropical Kenya and Rhodesia.

I included this info for a very specific reason; to show that through "THEIR" own research, "THEY'VE" *always* known that there were "Original Tribes", belonging to one MAIN TRIBE, who were ALL BROWN Brothas and Sistas, through God/Allah, living in the Motherland together, THRIVING. This is why "THEY" have beef with us today. We were OBEYING, we were BLESSED and we were BROWN! In the very same Motherland that "THEIR" scientists now agree EVERYONE (even WHITE AS SNOW, PALEFACE, PINK or BEIGE skin) come from. Not forgetting, "THEY" lied for centuries pretending civilization started in Europe, to keep us from

GOD/ALLAH'S TRUTH.

And though I extensively studied "THEIR" info, I connected the TRUE dots through God/Allah and Our Ancestors! It goes back to when the Motherland was called Gondwanaland/Pangea, and later down the line, "Mother Africa". As I said up top, we were all Blessed and "Doing the Right Thing", which only consisted of following the TEN COMMANDMENTS and the STATUTES that God/Allah had sent to us by WORD OF MOUTH...when to our dismay, the poo hit the fan!

There are two stories Our People have left behind as to what happened:

THE FIRST LEGEND

Adam and Eve and their people were living in Paradise/Utopia, being Blessed...when a select group, **Adam and Eve included**, started **dabbling in the Occult**, **playing with the Serpent** and **The Tree of Knowledge**, **conjuring up Deities**. This Tree of Knowledge (Grimoires, Poems, etc..) that Pagans go on and on about, instructed "**Fools**" on how to be their own **Master**, **shift Energy**, **transform matter**, while having **ORGIES** with **gods** (**FECUNDITY**), including **BEASTIALITY/AMALGAMATION**, **SACRIFICING ADULTS and CHILDREN** to their **gods** (**ESPECIALLY VIRGINS**) in order to get a payoff. Of course, this eventually lead to a **LOWER LEVEL** of **DEBAUCHERY**: **DISRESPECTING ELDERS, BLASPHEMING, LIEING, STEALING, COVETING**! Basically, all **SINS** and **ABOMINATIONS**

were covered! Many were **CURSED** with **DEATH**, which was a **DISEASE**, others skin turned "**WHITE AS SNOW**" aka **LEPROSY** (a **DISEASE** and a **CURSE**) and they were **BANISHED/EXILED** to other ends of the earth...mainly **COLD CAVES**! Certain members of the group decided to get back at God/Allah by attempting to destroy His Beautiful Creations and they've been trying every since.

THE SECOND LEGEND

Islamic Word tells us that there was a scientist named Yakub who was digging around in the **DARK ARTS**, majorly going against Allah and he was banished/exiled to caves in the North where he invented the Leprous (white) Race. Yakub would use "his invention" and Allah's Lost Sheep as saboteurs, to invade and destroy, for kicking him to the curb...ENTER **SELLOUTS** (**Africans/Americans**) and **MIXED CHILDREN** (**Asians, Indians, Arabs, Hispanics, Islanders**).

Both stories are plausible and both fit into the testimonies that have been passed down throughout our lifetimes. The TRUTH can be found, through Prayer and research.

In FACT, there IS a WHITE AS SNOW/PALEFACE/PINK/BEIGE group from "FAR" North; inhabiting a seperate mass of land that supposedly encompassed Upper Europe/Greenland, Northern America, including Alaska and Canada, and Antartica, who say that they were under Ice Sheets, in the Ice Ages, millions of years ago,

until it melted, creating Atlantis, while also living with Dinosaurs in Caves. This NEANDERTHAL, BARBARIC group eventually learned how to use fire and then civilized themselves to become the people they are today.

The question is what were they doing in those cold caves? From my studies, both Biblical and Secular, plus both "Legends", I say they were playing in the Dark and planning a takeover using God's Children and any Offspring. AND IT'S WORKING!!!

THE ORDER

PANGEA = THE MOTHERLAND/AFRICA ASIA/INDIA/THE ORIENT B4 SIN it was GONDWANALAND aka UTOPIA

LAURENTIA = EUROPE aka an EXILE 4 LEPERS/EUROPEANS/PAGANS

THE BREAKDOWN

CHILDREN CHILLIN IN GONDWANALAND later known as MOTHER AFRICA

"SIN GETS IN" CAUSING CHAOS AND THE FIRST

DIASPORA (INFO IN THE BIBLE and QURAN)

ALLEGEDLY ONLY TWELVE TRIBES ARE INVOLVED:

ISRAEL (10) and JUDAH/BENJAMIN (2)

THE MIGRATION IS MASSIVE THOUGH!

PROCREATION WITH PAGAN LEPERS SET FORTH A NEGATIVE CHAIN REACTION THROUGHOUT THE VALLEYS OF THE NILE, TIGRIS EUPHRATES, INDUS and HUANG HO.

The children were categorized as follows:

3500-1500 B.C.'S

NILE = ALL ORIGINAL BLACK/BROWN CHILDREN (allegedly) eventully branched out to ALL continents, accept Antartica (but who knows maybe even Antartica) causing some MIXING to

take place and GREAT AMOUNTS of MIXED BLOOD to get through.

TIGRIS EUPHRATES = ALL MIDDLE EASTERNERS (MIXED with ORIGINAL BLOOD and EURO/LEPER BLOOD)

INDUS = ALL INDIANS, ESKIMOS, etc.. (MIXED with O.B. and E/L B,)

HUANG HO = ALL ASIANS (MIXED with O.B. and E/L B.)

Some of the EVENTS alleged to have taken place during the **3500 B.C.'s** forward:

MISCEGENATION REALLY KICKS UP!

TRADING ROUTES THROUGH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST, including INDIA, plus THE ORIENT are opened up to EUROPEANS (Big Time TRADING is

encouraged and it's a Big Time MISTAKE!)

Worshipping of gods and Deities are taking place, all Sins and Abominations are being commited!

Many children are being abused through Pagan Culture and Rituals. Sacrificing is at an all time high and many children are being born with DEFECTS! The first group born are called MONGOLOIDS (a derogatory term used by RACIST LEPERS). They are shunned and disowned by their European and "Sellout" families. Many are put in MENTAL ASYLUMS/INSTITUTIONS, ABUSED or MURDERED (**sacrificed**). I have additional info on the so-called "Mongoloids", in the chapter about "Mixed Children"; i.e., Asian/Indians.

GUPTA DYNASTY, in INDIA, sold out their families to intermarry with alleged ROYAL EUROPEAN BLOODLINES. "Helped" install a

RACIST CASTE SYSTEM, calling the bottom caste, "THE UNTOUCHABLES". It's no coincidence that the DARKEST are treated the WORST.

ARAB SLAVE TRADE spreads throughout MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA/INDIA/ASIA too!

1300-PRESENT AD's

MIGRATION CONTINUED BECAUSE SELLING OUT/PLAYING IN THE OCCULT CONTINUED:

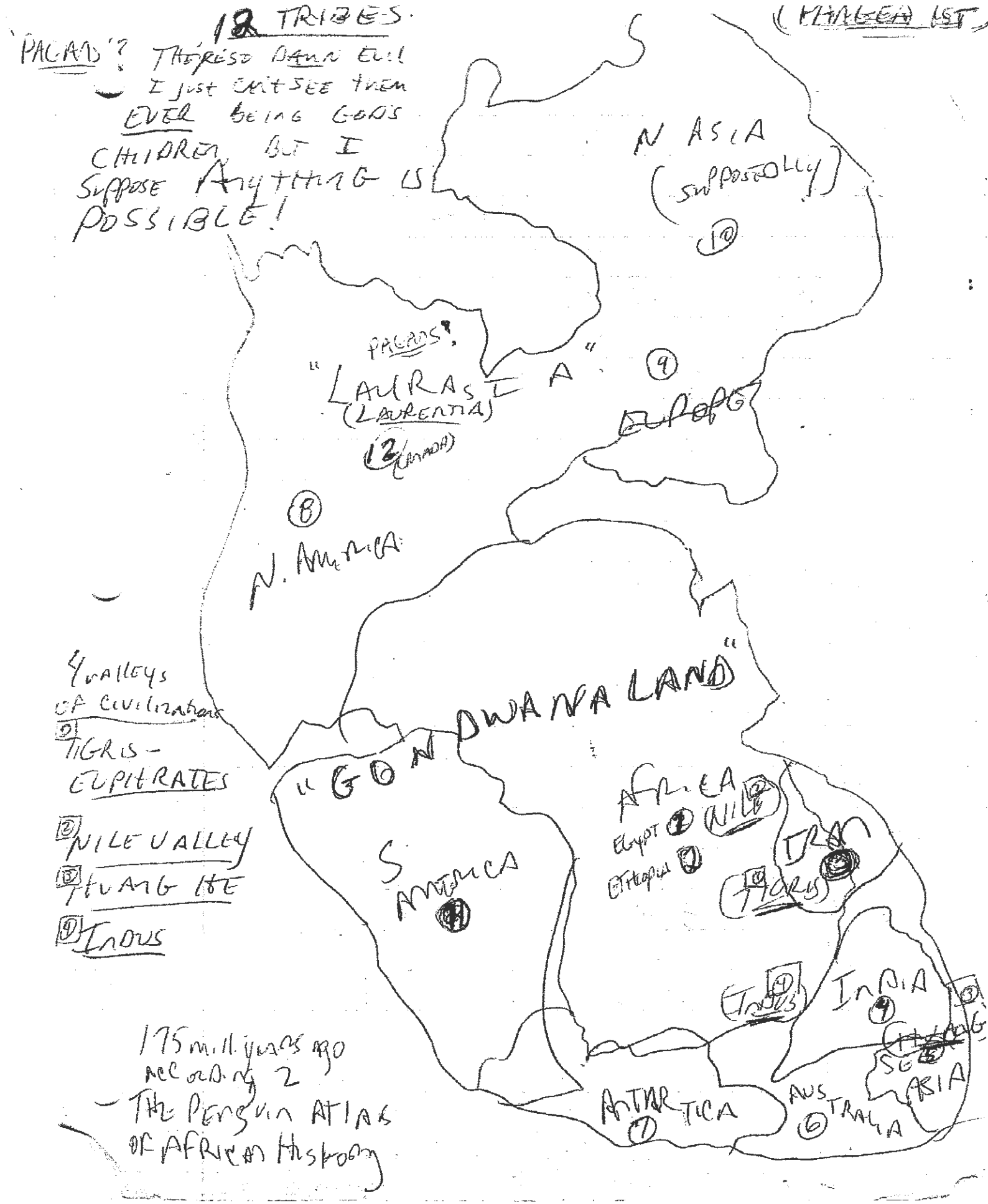
ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE covers the remaining coontinents of AFRICAN SELLOUTS and their MIXED CHILDREN with PAGAN EUROPEANS: BOTH AMERICAS/AUSTRALIA/ and all SURROUNDING ISLANDS!!

Worshiping the Occult is still happening BUT there are MANY CHILDREN who turn **BACK** to GOD/ALLAH's LAWS.

LIKE **WE** NEED 2, today!!!

**Directly behind this page is the Map and information I studied and whatever I copied, so you can pull info, too. Don't talk about me, I will be typing the info up in the finished book.

I *had* to go GHETTO (which **can** be a positive thang if you let it!) in order to get this Quik-Ref out, asap.


12 TRIBES.
PAGANS? THEY'RE SO DAMN EVIL I JUST CAN'T SEE THEM EVER BEING GODS CHILDREN, BUT I SUPPOSE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!
(PANGEA 1ST)
N ASIA (SUPPOSEDLY)
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PAGANS!
"LAURASIA (LAURENTIA)
12 (CANADA)
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"GONDWANA LAND"
4 VALLEYS OF CIVILIZATION
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ANTARCTICA 7
AUSTRALIA 6
175 MILL. YEARS AGO ACCORDING 2 THE PENGUIN ATLAS OF AFRICAN HISTORY

SO IN OTHER WORDS...N. AMERICA, EUROPE (GREENLAND AND ICELAND INCLUDED), PLUS PARTS OF ASIA (ESPECIALLY FAR NORTH), HAD AN ICE SHEETOVER IT FOR AT LEAST 5,000 YEARS, GOING BACK TO 10,000 B.C.-12.000 B.C. THEY SOMEHOW MIGRATED UP, OUT OF THIS ICE AGE.

PER HARCOURT AND BRACE ATLAS, THE MIGRATION TOOK PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

AFRICA - 100,000 YEARS AGO

ASIA (EXCEPT N.E.) - 60,000 YEARS AGO

NORTHEAST ASIA - 30,000 YEARS AGO

EURASIA - 50,000 YEARS AGO

NORTH EUROPE - 60,000 YEARS AGO

SOUTH EUROPE - 35,000 YEARS AGO

AUSTRALIA - 40,000 AGO

NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA - 12,000 AGO

ANTARTICA IS NOT MENTIONED AT ALL. WE REALLY

NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON ON THAT CONTINENT. AIN'T NO TELLING (YEP, I SAID AIN'T!)

INFO TO ADD TO GONDWANALAND:

WIKI IS SHOWING PANGEA TO BE NORTH AMERICA/CANADIANSHIELD/LAURENTIA/EUROPE/ BALTICA AND SIBERIA.

I ALWAYS SHOWED PANGEA AS GONDWANALAND SPLITTING FROM LAURENTIA/EUROPE, BECOMING AFRICA/M.E./INDIA/ASIA/AUSTRALIA/LOWER NORTH AMERICA AND SOUTH AMERICA.

"THEY" SAY THAT WHEN PANGEA BROKE APART, DURING THE JURASSIC YEARS, THE TWO LARGE MASSES, GONDWANALAND AND LAURASIA, WERE FORMED. THIS IS THEIR SLICK SHIT COMING INTO PLAY..."WHEN GONDWANA REFORMED IT WAS PRECISELY THE SAME AS THAT WHICH HAD EXISTED BEFORE PANGEA FORMED" (?).

THEY CONTINUE WITH, "FOR EXAMPLE", "FLORIDA, GEORGIA AND ALABAMA ARE UNDER LAIN BY ROCKS THAT WERE ORIGINALLY PART OF

GONDWANA BUT WERE LEFT TO NORTH AMERICA, WHEN PANGEA BROKE APART".

THEY ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO CAUSE CHAOS SO THAT WE'LL NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH. ANYWAY, I'LL GO AHEAD AND STUDY EUROPE/ LAURASIA/CANADIANSHIELD, AS I STUDIED GONDWANA/PANGEA.

LAURENTIA/LAURASIA, WHICH COMBINES LAURENTIA/EURASIA AND NORTH AMERICA. CRATON, WHICH THEY ADMIT IN THE PAST, IT WAS A SEPERATE CONTINENT INCLUDING GREENLAND, SCOTLAND HEBRIDEAN TERRAINEAND THE CANADIENSHIELD. ALSO CALLED THE LAURENTIAN SHIELD, NEAR THE AIRONDACK MOUNTAINS AND EXTENDS INTO THE U.S. (THEY SAY IT IS NOW IN THE FORM OF NORTH AMERICA, WHICH TELLS ME..IT WAS ONCE WHERE THEY CLAIM EUROPE, CURRENTLY IS). IT'S ALLEGEDLY ONE OF THE RICHEST AREAS IN TERMS OF MINERAL ORES, LIKE NICKEL, GOLD, SILVER, COPPER, ETC; AND THERE'S MANY MINE TOWNS. THEY ALSO CLAIM

KIMBERLITE PIPES ARE FULL OF DIAMONDS, WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DISCOVERED (I BET).

THEY GO ON AND ON ABOUT VOLCANIC ROCK FORMATIONS BUT THERE'S NOWHERE NEAR AS MUCH DETAILED INFO AS THERE WAS ABOUT "GONDWANALAND"!! (THIEVES) KEEPING IN MIND, THEY COMBINE EURASIA AKA EUROPE AND ASIA, IN THIS INVENTED HISTORY, AS THEY STOLE LAND AND STAMPED RUSSIA/EUROPE ALL OVER IT. THEY THROW IN MESOPOTAMIA, AS EURASIA'S "PRIZE", WHICH IS CLEARLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA, AND CLEARLY A PART OF GONDWANA/PANGEA.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, LEPROUS, EURO-PAGAN, GENTILES, PROBABLY "DO" COME OUT OF ONE, SMALL, SPACE OF LAND, FILLED WITH FREEZING CAVES...OR, MAYBE SPACE OR HELL.
I'M NOT BEING A FACETIOUS JERK, I CAN'T CALL IT!!

MORE INFO TO HELP

ONCE A SEPERATE CONTINENT, KAZAKHSTAN AND BALTICA, WAS JOINED TO LAURENTIA, NOW

NORTH AMERICA FORMING EUROMERICA.

MESOPOTAMIA (MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA ALSO KNOWN AS GONDWANA) THE SILK ROAD (CHINA ALSO KNOWN AS GONDWANA)

INDUS VALLEY (INDIA/AFRICA ALSO KNOWN AS GONDWANA) AND A FEW OTHER PLACES THAT NEVER BELONG TO EUROS IS THEIR CLAIM TO FAME WHEN IT COMES TO "EURASIA/LAURENTIA".

(THEY DON'T EVEN TALK ABOUT NORTH AMERICA OUTSIDE OF THE BLURB ABOUT GEORGIA, FLORIDA AND ALABAMA).

BASICALLY THEY HAVE INVADED AND STOLEN LAND, THEN BRAGGED ABOUT IT. A GUY BY THE NAME OF, "JARED DIAMOND (THINK OF THE "THAT'S JARED" JEWELRY COMMERCIAL) MADE AN OSERVATION ABOUT EURASIA IN HIS BOOK "GUNS, GERMS AND STEEL". HE CREDITED EURASIAN'S DOMINANCE IN WORLD HISTORY TO THE UNIQUE EAST-WEST EXTENT OF EURASIA AND THE AVAILABITLITY OF DOMESTICATION. HE INCLUDED

NORTH AFRICA IN HIS DEFINITION, DUE TO IT HAVING SIMILAR CLIMATES AND PEOPLE.

F.Y.I...FOR 2 YEARS SINCE 1996 (PICK UP STICKS) A MEETING OF ASIAN AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ORGANIZE AS THE ASIA-EURO MEETING. WHERE THEY PRECEDE TO KICK IN WITH MYTHOLOGY ABOUT gOD AND gODDESSES IN EUROPA AND SOME PARTS OF ASIA.

SUPPOSEDLY, SIBERIA (ALONG WITH CANADIENSHIELD) USE TO BE "ARCTICA" (ANTARTICA?). ARCTICA WAS ALSO A CONTINENT JOINED WITH RODINIA/ATLANTICA ABOUT ONE BILLION YEARS AGO (NUTS!!). RODINIA/ATLANTICA WAS A SUPER CONTINENT COMPOSED OF "NENA" AND "UR" AND THEY WERE ALL CALLED "COLUMBIA". THEY GO BACK TO SAY WHEN RODINIA DRIFTED, THREE NEW CONTINENTS POPPED UP: LAURASIA/EAST GONDWANA AND WEST GONDWANA, WHICH ATLANTICA BECAME THE NUCLEUS OF "WORD GAMES" (?).

EUROS *WERE* SOMEWHERE ELSE, ONCE..AND AFTER

ABOUT 60 YEARS, THEY'RE FINALLY CLAIMING AFRICA!! BIBLICALLY HISTORY SHOWS THEY WERE BANISHED TO EUROPEAN CAVES, THOUGH, BUT I SUPPOSE THEY COULD HAVE MIGRATED BACK SOUTH. AND ATLANTICA DOES SOUND AWFULLY CLOSE TO "ATLANTIS". WHO KNOWS?
(GOD, SO LET US PRAY AND RESEARCH)

F.Y.I. - CRATON MEANS AN OLD, STABLE PART OF THE CONTINENTAL LITHOSPHERE/ROCKY. I INCLUDED THIS DEFINITION BECAUSE "THEY" WENT ON AND ON ABOUT THESE CRATONS. WHAT GIVES??

Scholarly articles for **PANGEA AND LAURENTIA HISTORY**

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Laurentia - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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Jump to Geological **history** - Around 1.5 Ga, **Laurentia** was an independent continent. Around 1.1 Ga, **Laurentia** was part of the major **supercontinent** ...

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Historical perspective [This Dynamic Earth, USGS]

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Aug 7, 2012 - The diagrams below show the breakup of the **supercontinent** **Pangaea** (meaning "all lands" in Greek), which figured prominently in the theory ...

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Laurentia, Baltica, and Avalonia formed to create a mountainous **supercontinent** of Euramerica or .... The **history** of earlier contributions by wikipedians is accessible to ...

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Pangea History - Odec

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The end of the Ordovician was oneof the coldest times in ever Earth **history**. Ice covered lots of the southern region of Gondwana. **Laurentia** collides with Baltica ...

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Pangaea, Pangæa, or **Pangea** (pronounced /pan-jee-ah/, from Ancient Greek to the continents of **Laurentia**, Baltica, and the southern **supercontinent** of ...

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What is Laurentia?

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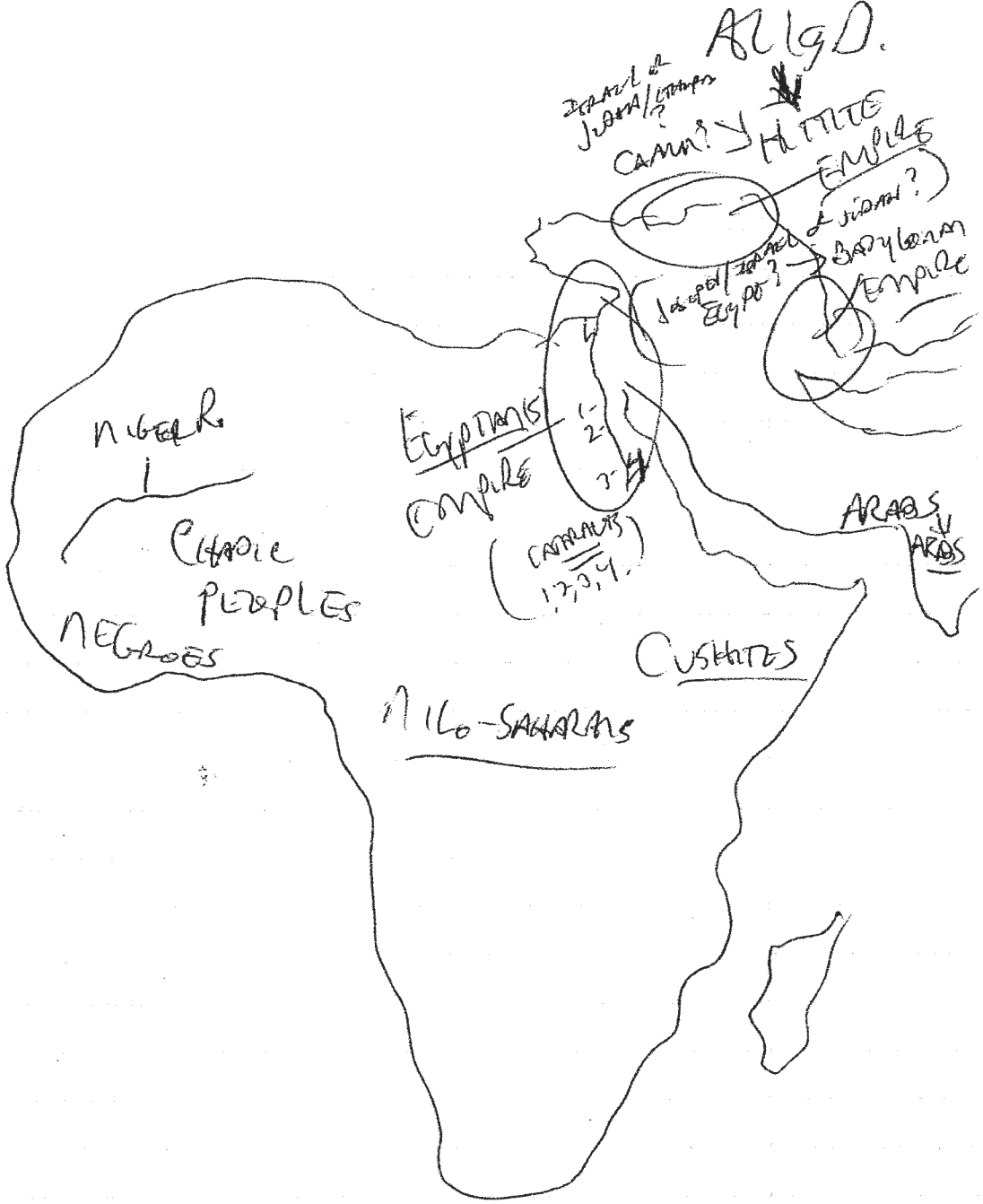
north american craton map	**north american craton moving**



1250 B.C.

THE 5 TRIBES!

Interesting Theories of the DNA World Scene:

A = Bushmen, etc of Africa

B = Pygmies, etc of Africa

C = Australian Aborigines, Maooris, Ainu, etc

D & E developed from C

D = Japanese and Tibetans

E = Negroid Africans, most African Amer. (E3a)
as well as N. African whites, S.E. Europeans
and 20% AshkeNAZIc (European) Jews (E3b)

F = (which C developed from A & B) is found in
small numbers in Indonesia, Middle East
and North America

F = gave rise to G H I J and K which split aside

G = East Europe and "ASIA"

H = India

I = Scandanavians, Germany, Anglo Saxons, Balkans

J = Include about a 3rd of Jews, Turks, Kurds, many Caucasians and some elements in Balkans, etc..

K = gave rise to L M and P which split aside

L and M are Indonesia and much of Southeast Asia with L also present in India and Middle East

P = (Asia and S. America) gave rise to N O Q R

N = Finland, Russia, Serbia

O = Chinese Koreans and those Japanese who are not D

Q = is Asia and North Amerindians

R = Slavs and some "Aryan" Indians (R1a), Celts, and West Europeans (R1b), Cameroon Africans, some Australian Aborigines

The Author points out that he is R1b and considers himself to be Semitic Isrealite only finding his DNA findings to a limited extent.

Some of his other theories regarding this thesis:

1. A B D E = African Peoples, N. African Berbers, more than half the Japanese and Tibetans

2. F G H I J = Caucasian Mountains, Balkans, Middle East Peoples, Indians, Scandanavians

HG3 [haplogroup "I"] is seen more frequently on the eastern side of Europe (9% of the population of Turkey is HG3). But HG3 ["I"] is also common in Scandanavia, anndd is saidby some to be indicative of "Viking Blood" when seen in paternal lines originating in the British Isles

3. K, L, M, P, N, O, Q, R = Indonesia, South-East Asia, Chinese Koreans, Finland, Slavs, Celts, Basques, Amerindians

These groupings however in several cases do not fit in with most information (and common sense) in our possession

R1b is Western Europe

HG2 [R1a] is most common in Southern and Central Europe, but that haplogroup is also often seen in those Anglko-Saxon and Scandanavian descent

A study under the name of YDNA REVERSED WERE R1 AND N THE FOREFATHERS? basically shows that Europeans have reversed the groups in History and instead of the African Bushmen aka "A"... being the first descendent, "N" or "R" **is**.

One last KEY is shown, giving approximations of DNA in certain groups:

ICELAND = I 30 R1a 15 R1b 40 Q10

BRITAIN = I 15 R1a 10 R1b 75

SPAIN and PORTUGAL = I 10 R1b 60

GERMANY = I 20 R1a 20 R1b 40 E3b 5 J5

NORWAY = I 30 R1a 15 R1b 30

FINLAND = I 20 R1a 15 R1b5 N 40

RUSSIA = I 10 R1a 40 R1b5 E3b 5 J 3 N 17

ITALY = I 10 R1b 40 E3b 10 J 15 K 3

PLEASE TAKE CLOSE NOTICE OF THE COUNTRIES, BECAUSE YOU WILL SEE THOSE SAME GROUPS IN KAHOOTS TOGETHER EVERY FRICKIN CENTURY!

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List of utopian literature

Main article: List of utopian literature

- *The Republic* (ca. 380 BC) by Plato - one of the earliest conceptions of a utopia.[24]
- *Sacred History* (4th century BC) by Euhemerus - Describes the rational island paradise of Panchaea[25]
- *Tao Hua Yuan* (*The Peach Blossom Spring*) (421 AD) by Tao Yuanming[citation needed]
- *Utopia* (1516) by Thomas More.[26]
- *New Atlantis* (1627) by Sir Francis Bacon[27]
- *A Modern Utopia* (1905) by H.G. Wells - A planet that is essentially the double of Earth reconciles progress with political stability through the rule of an open, voluntary élite known as the samurai.[28]
- *Walden Two* (1948) by B. F. Skinner - A community in which every aspect of living is put to rigorous scientific testing. A professor and his colleagues question the effectiveness of the community started by an eccentric man named T.E. Frazier. [citation needed]
- *Childhood's End* (1954) by Arthur C. Clarke - Alien beings guide humanity towards a more economically productive and technologically advanced society, allowing humans to broaden their mental capacities.[citation needed]
- *The Giver* (1993) by Lois Lowry - The Giver is a dystopian children's novel by Lois Lowry. It is set in a society which is at first presented as a utopian society and gradually appears more and more dystopian. The novel follows a boy named Jonas through the twelfth year of his life.

PANGEA!

This translates, "A truly golden little book, no less beneficial than entertaining, of a republic's best state and of the new island Utopia".

"Utopia" is derived from the Greek words *eu* (ευ), "good", *ou* (οὐ), "not", and *topos* (τόπος), "place", with the suffix *-iā* (-ία) that is typical of toponyms; hence *Outopía* (Οὐτοπία; Latinized as *Utopia*, with stress on the second syllable), both "no-place-land" as well as "good-place-land". In early modern English, *Utopia* was spelled "Utopie", which is today rendered **Utopy** in some editions.

In English, *Utopia* is pronounced exactly as *Eutopia* (the latter word, in Greek Εὐτοπία [*Eutopiā*], meaning "good place," contains the prefix εὐ- [*eu-*], "good", with which the οὐ of *Utopia* has come to be confused in the French and English pronunciation).[1] This is something that More himself addresses in an addendum to his book *Wherfore not Utopie, but rather rightely my name is Eutopie, a place of felicitie.*[2]

One interpretation holds that this suggests that while Utopia might be some sort of perfected society, it is ultimately unreachable (see below).

Plot

Book 1: Dialogue of Counsel

The work begins with written correspondence between Thomas More and several people he had met on the continent: Peter Gilles, town clerk of Antwerp, and Jerome de Busleyden, counselor to Charles V. More chose these letters, which are communications between actual people, to further the plausibility of his fictional land. In the same spirit, these letters also include a specimen of the Utopian alphabet and its poetry. The letters also explain the lack of widespread travel to Utopia; during the first mention of the land, someone had coughed during announcement of the exact longitude and latitude. The first book tells of the traveller Raphael Hythloday, to whom More is introduced in Antwerp, and it also explores the subject of how best to counsel a prince, a popular topic at the time.

The first discussions with Raphael allow him to discuss some of the modern ills affecting Europe such as the tendency of kings to start wars and the subsequent loss of money on fruitless endeavours. He also criticises the use of execution to punish theft, saying thieves might as well murder whom they rob, to remove witnesses, if the punishment is going to be the same. He lays most of the problems of theft on the practice of enclosure—the enclosing of common land—and the subsequent poverty and starvation of people who are denied access to land because of sheep farming.

More tries to convince Raphael that he could find a good job in a royal court, advising monarchs, but Raphael says that his views are too radical and would not be listened to. Raphael sees himself in the tradition of Plato: he knows that for good governance, kings must act philosophically. However, he points out that:

> Plato doubtless did well foresee, unless kings themselves would apply their minds to the study of philosophy, that else they would never thoroughly allow the council of philosophers, being themselves before, even from their tender age, infected and corrupt with perverse and evil opinions.

More seems to contemplate the duty of philosophers to work around and in real situations and, for the sake of political expediency, work within flawed systems to make them better, rather than hoping to start again from first principles.

> ... for in courts they will not bear with a man's holding his peace or conniving at what others do: a man must barefacedly approve of the worst counsels and consent to the blackest designs, so that he would pass for a spy, or, possibly, for a traitor, that did but coldly approve of such wicked practices

Book 2: Discourse on Utopia

Utopia is placed in the New World and More links Raphael's travels in with Amerigo Vespucci's real life voyages of discovery. He suggests that Raphael is one of the 24 men Vespucci, in his *Four Voyages* of 1507, says he left for six months at Cabo Frio, Brazil. Raphael then travels further and finds the island of Utopia, where he spends five years observing the customs of the natives.

According to More, the island of Utopia is

> ...two hundred miles across in the middle part, where it is widest, and nowhere much narrower than this except towards the two ends, where it gradually tapers. These ends, curved round as if completing a circle five hundred miles in circumference, make the island crescent-shaped, like a new moon.[3]

The island was originally a peninsula but a 15-mile wide channel was dug by the community's founder King Utopos to separate it from the mainland. The island contains 54 cities. Each city is divided into four equal parts. The capital city, Amaurot, is located directly in the middle of the crescent island.

Woodcut by Ambrosius Holbein for a 1518 edition of *Utopia.* The lower left-hand corner shows the traveller Raphael Hythlodaeus describing the island.

Map by Ortelius, ca. 1595.

Each city has 6000 households, consisting of between 10 to 16 adults. Thirty households are grouped together and elect a *Syphograntus* (whom More says is now called a *phylarchus*). Every ten Syphogranti have an elected *Traniborus* (more recently called a *protophylarchus*) ruling over them. The 200 Syphogranti of a city elect a Prince in a secret ballot. The Prince stays for life unless he is deposed or removed for suspicion of tyranny.

People are re-distributed around the households and towns to keep numbers even. If the island suffers from overpopulation, colonies are set up on the mainland. Alternatively, the natives of the mainland are invited to be part of these Utopian colonies, but if they dislike it and no longer wish to stay they may return. In the case of underpopulation the colonists are re-called.

There is no private property on Utopia, with goods being stored in warehouses and people requesting what they need. There are also no locks on the doors of the houses, which are rotated between the citizens every ten years. Agriculture is the most important job on the island. Every person is taught it and must live in the countryside, farming for two years at a time, with women doing the same work as men. Parallel to this, every citizen must learn at least one of the other essential trades: weaving (mainly done by the women), carpentry, metalsmithing and masonry. There is deliberate simplicity about these trades; for instance, all people wear the same types of simple clothes and there are no dressmakers making fine apparel. All able-bodied citizens must work; thus unemployment is eradicated, and the length of the working day can be minimised: the people only have to work six hours a day (although many willingly work for longer). More does allow scholars in his society to become the ruling officials or priests, people picked during their primary education for their ability to learn. All other citizens are however encouraged to apply themselves to learning in their leisure time.

Slavery is a feature of Utopian life and it is reported that every household has two slaves. The slaves are either from other countries or are the Utopian criminals. These criminals are weighed down with chains made out of gold. The gold is part of the community wealth of the country, and fettering criminals with it or using it for shameful things like chamber pots gives the citizens a healthy dislike of it. It also makes it difficult to steal as it is in plain view. The wealth, though, is of little importance and is only good for buying commodities from foreign nations or bribing these nations to fight each other. Slaves are periodically released for good behaviour. Jewels are worn by children, who finally give them up as they mature.

Other significant innovations of Utopia include: a welfare state with free hospitals, euthanasia permissible by the state, priests being allowed to marry, divorce permitted, premarital sex punished by a lifetime of enforced celibacy and adultery being punished by enslavement. Meals are taken in community dining halls and the job of feeding the population is given to a different household in turn. Although all are fed the same, Raphael explains that the old and the administrators are given the best of the food. Travel on the island is only permitted with an internal passport and any people found without a passport are, on a first occasion, returned in disgrace, but after a second offence they are placed in slavery. In addition, there are no lawyers and the law is made deliberately simple, as all should understand it and not leave people in any doubt of what is right and wrong.

There are several religions on the island: moon-worshipers, sun-worshipers, planet-worshipers, ancestor-worshipers and monotheists, but each is tolerant of the others. Only atheists are despised (but allowed) in Utopia, as they are seen as representing a danger to the state: since they do not believe in any punishment or reward after this life, they have no reason to share the communistic life of Utopia, and will break the laws for their own gain. They are not banished, but are encouraged to talk out their

erroneous beliefs with the priests until they are convinced of their error. Raphael says that through his teachings Christianity was beginning to take hold in Utopia. The toleration of all other religious ideas is enshrined in a universal prayer all the Utopians recite.

> ...but, if they are mistaken, and if there is either a better government, or a religion more acceptable to God, they implore His goodness to let them know it.

Wives are subject to their husbands and husbands are subject to their wives although women are restricted to conducting household tasks for the most part. Only few widowed women become priests. While all are trained in military arts, women confess their sins to their husbands once a month. Gambling, hunting, makeup and astrology are all discouraged in Utopia. The role allocated to women in Utopia might, however, have been seen as being more liberal from a contemporary point of view.

Utopians do not like to engage in war. If they feel countries friendly to them have been wronged, they will send military aid. However they try to capture, rather than kill, enemies. They are upset if they achieve victory through bloodshed. The main purpose of war is to achieve that which if they had achieved already they would not have gone to war.

Privacy is not regarded as freedom in Utopia; taverns, ale-houses and places for private gatherings are non-existent for the effect of keeping all men in full view, so that they are obliged to behave well.

The meaning of the work

One of the most troublesome questions about *Utopia* is Thomas More's reason for writing it.

Most scholars see it as some kind of comment or criticism of contemporary European society, for the evils of More's day are laid out in Book I and in many ways apparently solved in Book II.[4] Indeed, Utopia has many of the characteristics of satire, and there are many jokes and satirical asides such as how honest people are in Europe, but these are usually contrasted with the simple, uncomplicated society of the Utopians.

Yet, the puzzle is that some of the practices and institutions of the Utopians, such as the ease of divorce, euthanasia and both married priests and female priests, seem to be polar opposites of More's beliefs and the teachings of the Catholic Church of which he was a devout member. Another often cited apparent contradiction is that of the religious toleration of Utopia contrasted with his persecution of Protestants as Lord Chancellor. Similarly, the criticism of lawyers comes from a writer who, as Lord Chancellor, was arguably the most influential lawyer in England. However, it can be answered that as a pagan society Utopians had the best ethics that could be reached through reason alone, or that More changed from his early life to his later when he was Lord Chancellor.[4]

One highly influential interpretation of Utopia is that of Quentin Skinner.[5] He has argued that More was taking part in the Renaissance humanist debate over true nobility, and that he was writing to prove the perfect commonwealth could not occur with private property. Crucially, his narrator Hythloday embodies the Platonic view that philosophers should not get involved in politics and his character of More has the more pragmatic Ciceronic view; thus the society Hythloday proposes is the ideal More

would want, but without communism, which he saw no possibility of occurring, it was wiser to take a more pragmatic view. Utopia is thus More's ideal, but an unobtainable one, explaining why there are inconsistencies between the ideas in Utopia and More's practice in the real world.

Quentin Skinner's interpretation of Utopia is consistent with the speculation that Stephen Greenblatt made in *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*. There, Greenblatt argued that More was under the Epicurean influence of Lucretius's *On the Nature of Things* and the people that live in Utopia were an example of how pleasure has dictated them as the guiding principle of life.[6] Although Greenblatt acknowledged that More's insistence on the existence of an afterlife and punishment for people holding contrary views were inconsistent with the essentially materialist view of Epicureanism, Greenblatt contended that it was the minimum conditions for what the pious More would have considered as necessary to live a happy life.[6]

Another complication comes from the Greek meaning of the names of people and places in the work. Apart from Utopia, meaning "Noplace," several other lands are mentioned: *Achora* meaning "Nolandia", *Polyleritae* meaning "Muchnonsense", *Macarenses* meaning "Happiland," and the river *Anydrus* meaning "Nowater". Raphael's last name, Hythlodaeus means "dispenser of nonsense" surely implying that the whole of the Utopian text is 'nonsense'. Yet, it is unclear whether More is simply being ironic, an in-joke for those who know Greek, seeing as the place he is talking about does not actually exist or whether there is actually a sense of distancing of Hythlodaeus' views from More's own.

The name Raphael, though, may have been chosen by More to remind his readers of the archangel Raphael who is mentioned in the Book of Tobit.[*citation needed*] In that book the angel guides Tobias and later cures his father of his blindness. While Hythloday may suggest his words are not to be trusted, Raphael meaning "God has healed" suggests that Raphael may be opening the eyes of the reader to what is true. The suggestion that More may have agreed with the views of Raphael is given weight by the way he dressed; with "his cloak... hanging carelessly about him"; a style which Roger Ascham reports that More himself was wont to adopt. Furthermore, more recent criticism has questioned the reliability of both Gile's annotations and the character of "More" in the text itself. Claims that the book only subverts Utopia and Hythloday are possibly oversimplistic.

Reception

Utopia was begun while More was an envoy in Flanders in May 1515. More started by writing the introduction and the description of the society which would become the second half of the work and on his return to England he wrote the "dialogue of counsel", completing the work in 1516. In the same year, it was printed in Leuven under Erasmus's editorship and after revisions by More it was printed in Basel in November 1518. It was not until 1551, sixteen years after More's execution, that it was first published in England as an English translation by Ralph Robinson. Gilbert Burnet's translation of 1684 is probably the most commonly cited version.

The work seems to have been popular, if misunderstood: the introduction of More's *Epigrams* of 1518 mentions a man who did not regard More as a good writer.

The word Utopia overtook More's short work and has been used ever since to describe this kind of imaginary society with many unusual ideas being contemplated. Although he may not have founded the genre of Utopian and dystopian fiction, More certainly popularised it and some of the early works which owe something to *Utopia* include *The City of the Sun* by Tommaso Campanella, *Description of the Republic of Christianopolis* by Johannes Valentinus Andreae, *New Atlantis* by Francis Bacon and *Candide* by Voltaire.

The politics of *Utopia* have been seen as influential to the ideas of Anabaptism and communism. [*citation needed*] While utopian socialism was used to describe the first concepts of socialism, later Marxist theorists tended to see the ideas as too simplistic and not grounded on realistic principles. The religious message in the work and its uncertain, possibly satiric, tone has also alienated some theorists from the work.

An applied example of More's utopia can be seen in Vasco de Quiroga's implemented society in Michoacán, Mexico, which was directly taken and adapted from More's work.

Notes

** Research Thomas More/ Treason (Beheaded)*

A **utopia** /juːˈtoʊpiə/ is a community or society possessing highly desirable or near perfect qualities. The word was coined by Sir Thomas More in Greek for his 1516 book *Utopia*, describing a fictional island society in the Atlantic Ocean. The term has been used to describe both intentional communities that attempt to create an ideal society, and imagined societies portrayed in fiction. It has spawned other concepts, most prominently dystopia.

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Etymology

The word *utopia* was coined in Greek by Sir Thomas More for his 1516 book *Utopia*, describing a fictional island society in the Atlantic Ocean. The word comes from the *Greek: οὐ* ("not") and *τόπος* ("place") and means "no place".[1] The English homophone *eutopia*, derived from the Greek *εὖ* ("good" or "well") and *τόπος* ("place"), means "good place". This, because of the identical pronunciation of "utopia" and "eutopia", gives rise to a double meaning.

Varieties

Chronologically, the first recorded utopian proposal is Plato's *Republic*.[2] Part conversation, part fictional depiction, and part policy proposal, it proposes a categorization of citizens into a rigid class structure of "golden," "silver," "bronze" and "iron" socioeconomic classes. The golden citizens are trained in a rigorous 50-year long educational program to be benign oligarchs, the "philosopher-kings." The wisdom of these rulers will supposedly eliminate poverty and deprivation through fairly distributed resources, though the details on how to do this are unclear. The educational program for the rulers is the central notion of the proposal. It has few laws, no lawyers and rarely sends its citizens to war, but hires mercenaries from among its war-prone neighbors (these mercenaries were deliberately sent into dangerous situations in the hope that the more warlike populations of all surrounding countries will be weeded out, leaving peaceful peoples).

During the 16th century, Thomas More's book *Utopia* proposed an ideal society of the same name. Some readers, including utopian socialists, have chosen to accept this imaginary society as the realistic blueprint for a working nation, while others have postulated that More intended nothing of the sort. Some maintain the position that More's *Utopia* functions only on the level of a satire, a work intended to reveal more about the England of his time than about an idealistic society. This interpretation is bolstered by the title of the book and nation, and its apparent confusion between the Greek for "no place" and "good place": "utopia" is a compound of the syllable ou-, meaning "no", and topos, meaning place. But the homophonic prefix eu-, meaning "good," also resonates in the word, with the implication that the perfectly "good place" is really "no place."

Left panel (The Earthly Paradise – Garden of Eden) from Hieronymus Bosch's *The Garden of Earthly Delights*.

Ecology

Ecological utopian society describes new ways in which society should relate to nature. They react to a perceived widening gap between the modern Western way of living that, allegedly, destroys nature[3] and a more traditional way of living before industrialization, that is regarded by the ecologists to be more in harmony with nature. According to the Dutch philosopher Marius de Geus, ecological utopias could be sources of inspiration for green political movements.[4]

In the novelette *Rumfuddle* (1973), Jack Vance presents a novel twist on the ecological utopia. The hero in the novel invents paratime travel and becomes effectively the ruler of earth by giving everyone their own alternate-earth wilderness worlds as vacation retreats/suburbs without neighbors. However, he requires them to work during the week cleaning up the original Earth and restoring its pristineness. A typical job is driving a bulldozer that shoves the detritus of industrial civilization through a portal into the oceans of a paratime garbage world.

Economics

Particularly in the early 19th century, several utopian ideas arose, often in response to their belief that social disruption was created and caused by the development of commercialism and capitalism. These are often grouped in a greater "utopian socialist" movement, due to their shared characteristics: an egalitarian distribution of goods, frequently with the total abolition of money, and citizens only doing work which they enjoy and which is for the common good, leaving them with ample time for the cultivation of the arts and sciences. One classic example of such a utopia was Edward Bellamy's *Looking Backward*. Another socialist utopia is William Morris' *News from Nowhere*, written partially in response to the top-down (bureaucratic) nature of Bellamy's utopia, which Morris criticized. However, as the socialist movement developed it moved away from utopianism; Marx in particular became a harsh critic of earlier socialism he described as utopian. (For more information see the History of Socialism article.) In an utopian society, the economy, concurrent with the ongoing theme, is perfect; there is no inflation, and perfect social and financial equality. However, in 1905 H.G. Wells published *A Modern Utopia*, which was widely read and admired and provoked much discussion. Also consider Eric Frank Russell's book *The Great Explosion* (1963) whose last section details an economic and social utopia. This forms the first mention of the idea of Local Exchange Trading Systems (LETS).[*citation needed*]

Politics and history

A global utopia of world peace is often seen as one of the possible end results of world history. Within the localized political structures or spheres it presents, "polyculturalism" is the model-based adaptation of possible interactions with different cultures and identities in accordance with the principles of participatory society.[5]

The Soviet writer Ivan Efremov produced, during the "Thaw" period, the science-fiction utopia *Andromeda* (1957) in which a united humanity communicates with a galaxy-wide Great Circle and develops its technology and culture within a social framework characterized by vigorous competition between alternative philosophies.

The English political philosopher James Harrington, author of the utopian work The Commonwealth of Oceana, inspired English country party republicanism and was influential in the design of three American colonies. His theories ultimately contributed to the idealistic principles of the American Founders. The colonies of Carolina (founded in 1670), Pennsylvania (founded in 1681), and Georgia (founded in 1733) were the only three English colonies in America that were planned as utopian societies with an integrated physical, economic, and social design. At the heart of the plan for Georgia was a concept of "agrarian equality" in which land was allocated equally and additional land acquisition through purchase or inheritance was prohibited; the plan was an early step toward the yeoman republic later envisioned by Thomas Jefferson.[6][7][8]

The communes of the 1960s in the United States were often an attempt to greatly improve the way humans live together in communities. The back to the land movements and hippies inspired many to try to live in peace and harmony on farms, remote areas, and to set up new types of governance.

Intentional communities were organized and built all over the world with the hope of making a more perfect way of living together. However, many of these new small communities failed, but some are growing like the Twelve Tribes Communities that started in the United States and have grown to many tribes around the world.

Religious utopias can be intra-religious or inter-religious. The inter-religious utopia borders on a concept like polyculturalism and is not deemed possible in the near future or the near-far future. Fledgling theories are generally canceled as impossible, but the ideology of God and religion used in inter-religious utopia is commonly stated by many people as their view of God. In more extended theories it goes up to the level of different religious leaders setting aside their differences and accepting harmony, peace and understanding to unite all religions within one another, thereby forming a utopian religion or a religion of humans with God any type of force that reigned before the birth of the universe. Religion and God are used as a self-motivating factor for people to believe in and raise themselves out of difficult situations. Intra-religious utopias are based on religious ideals, and are to date those most commonly found in human society. Their members are usually required to follow and believe in the particular religious tradition that established the utopia. Some permit non-believers or non-adherents to take up residence within them; others (such as the community at Qumran) do not.

The Islamic, Jewish, and Christian ideas of the Garden of Eden and Heaven may be interpreted as forms of utopianism, especially in their folk religious forms. Such religious utopias are often described as "gardens of delight", implying an existence free from worry in a state of bliss or enlightenment. They postulate freedom from sin, pain, poverty, and death, and often assume communion with beings such as angels or the houri. In a similar sense, the Hindu concept of moksha and the Buddhist concept of nirvana may be thought of as a kind of utopia. However, in Hinduism or Buddhism, utopia is not a place but a state of mind. a belief that if one is able to practice meditation without continuous stream of thoughts, one is able to reach enlightenment.[*citation needed*] This enlightenment promises exit from the cycle of life and death, relating back to the concept of utopia.

Some Jews believe that, at some point in the future, the prophet Elijah will return with the Messiah and set up a worldwide religious utopia, heralding in a Messianic Age.

In the United States and Europe during the Second Great Awakening of the 19th century and thereafter, many radical religious groups formed utopian societies in which all aspects of people's lives could be governed by their faith. Among the best-known of these utopian societies were the Shakers, which originated in England in the 18th century but moved to America shortly afterward. A number of religious utopian societies from Europe came to the United States from the 18th century throughout the 19th century, including the Society of the Woman in the Wilderness (led by Johannes Kelpius), the Ephrata Cloister, and the Harmony Society, among others. The Harmony Society was a Christian theosophy and pietist group founded in Iptingen, Germany, in 1785. Due to religious persecution by the Lutheran Church and the government in Württemberg,[9] the society moved to the United States on October 7, 1803, settled in Pennsylvania, and on February 15, 1805, they, together with about 400 followers, formally organized the Harmony Society, placing all their goods in common. The group lasted until 1905, making it one of the longest-running financially successful communes in American history. The Oneida Community, founded by John Humphrey Noyes in Oneida, New York, was a utopian religious commune that lasted from 1848 to 1881. Although this utopian experiment is better known today for its manufacture of Oneida silverware, it was one of the longest-running communes in American history. The Amana Colonies were communal settlements in Iowa, started by radical German pietists, which lasted from 1855 to 1932. The Amana Corporation, manufacturer of refrigerators and household appliances, was originally started by the group. Other examples are Fountain Grove, Riker's Holy City and other Californian utopian colonies between 1855 and 1955 (Hine), as well as Sointula[10] in British Columbia, Canada. The Amish and Hutterites can also be considered an attempt towards religious utopia. A wide variety of intentional communities with some type of faith-based ideas have also started across the world.

The Book of Revelation in the Christian Bible depicts a hypothetical time in the future after Satan and evil are defeated. One interpretation of the text is that it depicts Heaven on Earth, or a new Earth without sin. The details of this hypothetical new Earth, where God and Jesus rule, is not made clear, although it is implied to be similar to the mythological Garden of Eden. Some theological philosophers believe that heaven will not be a physical realm, but instead an incorporeal place for souls.[*citation needed*]

Science and technology

Scientific and technological utopias are set in the future, when it is believed that advanced science and technology will allow utopian living standards; for example, the absence of death and suffering; changes in human nature and the human condition. Technology has affected the way humans have lived to such an extent that normal functions, like sleep, eating or even reproduction, have been replaced by artificial means. Other examples include a society where humans have struck a balance with technology and it is merely used to enhance the human living condition (e.g. *Star Trek*). In place of the static perfection of a utopia, libertarian transhumanists envision an "extropia", an open, evolving society allowing individuals and voluntary groupings to form the institutions and social forms they prefer.

Buckminster Fuller presented a theoretical basis for technological utopianism and set out to develop a variety of technologies ranging from maps to designs for cars and houses which might lead to the development of such a utopia.

One notable example of a technological and libertarian socialist utopia is Scottish author Iain Banks' Culture.

Opposing this optimism is the prediction that advanced science and technology will, through deliberate misuse or accident, cause environmental damage or even humanity's extinction. Critics, such as Jacques Ellul and Timothy Mitchell advocate precautions against the premature embrace of new technologies, raising questions on responsibility and freedom brought by division of labour. Authors such as John Zerzan and Derrick Jensen consider that modern technology is progressively depriving humans of their autonomy, and advocate the collapse of the industrial civilization, in favor of small-scale organization, as a necessary path to avoid the threat of technology on human freedom and sustainability.

There are many examples of techno-dystopias portrayed in mainstream culture, such as the classics *Brave New World* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, which have explored some of these topics.

Utopian flying machines, France, 1890-1900 (chromolithograph trading card).

Feminism

Utopias have been used to explore the ramifications of gender's being either a societal construct, or a biologically "hard-wired" imperative, or some mix of the two.[11] Socialist and economic utopias have tended to take the "woman question" seriously, and often to offer some form of equality between the sexes as part and parcel of their vision, whether this be by addressing misogyny, reorganizing society along separatist lines, creating a certain kind of androgynous equality that ignores gender, or in some other manner. For example, Edward Bellamy's *Looking Backward* (1887) responded, progressively for his day, to the contemporary women's suffrage and women's rights movements, which he supported, by incorporating the equality of women and men into his utopian world's structure, albeit by consigning women to a separate sphere of light industrial activity (due to women's supposed lesser physical strength), and making various exceptions for them in order to make room (and praise) for motherhood. One of the earlier feminist utopias that imagines complete separatism is Charlotte Perkins Gilman's *Herland* (1915). In science fiction and technological speculation, gender can be challenged on the biological as well as the social level. In Marge Piercy's *Woman on the Edge of Time*, the utopian future offers equality between the genders and complete equality in sexuality (regardless of the gender of the lovers); birth-giving, often felt as the divider that cannot be avoided in discussions of women's rights and roles, has been shifted onto elaborate biological machinery that functions to offer an enriched embryonic experience; when a child is born, it spends most of its time in the children's ward with peers. Three "mothers" per child are the norm, and they are chosen in a gender neutral way (men as well as women may become "mothers") on the basis of their experience and ability. Technological advances also make possible the freeing of women from childbearing in Shulamit Firestone's *The Dialectic of Sex*. The fictional aliens in Mary Gentle's *Golden Witchbreed* start out as gender-neutral children and do not develop into men and women until puberty, and gender has no bearing on social roles. In contrast, Doris Lessing's *The Marriages Between Zones Three, Four and Five* (1980) suggests that men's and women's values are inherent to the sexes and cannot be changed, making a compromise between them essential. In *My Own Utopia* (1961) by Elizabeth Mann Borghese, gender exists but is dependent upon age rather than sex — genderless children mature into women, some of whom eventually become men.[11] "William Marston's Wonder Woman comics of the 1940s featured Paradise Island, a matriarchal all-female community of peace, loving submission, bondage, and giant space kangaroos." [12]

Utopian single-gender worlds or single-sex societies have long been one of the primary ways to explore implications of gender and gender-differences.[13] In speculative fiction, female-only worlds have been imagined to come about by the action of disease that wipes out men, along with the development of technological or mystical method that allow female parthenogenic reproduction. Charlotte Perkins Gilman's 1915 novel approaches this type of separate society. Many feminist utopias pondering separatism were written in the 1970s, as a response to the Lesbian separatist movement;[13][14][15] examples include Joanna Russ's *The Female Man* and Suzy McKee Charnas's *Walk to the End of the World* and *Motherlines*.[15] Utopias imagined by male authors have often included equality between sexes, rather than separation, although as noted Bellamy's strategy includes a certain amount of "separate but equal".[16] The use of female-only worlds allows the exploration of female independence and freedom from patriarchy. The societies may not necessarily be lesbian, or sexual at all — a famous early sexless example being *Herland* (1915) by Charlotte Perkins Gilman.[14] Charlene Ball writes in *Women's Studies Encyclopedia* that use of speculative fiction to explore gender roles in future societies has been more common in the United States compared to Europe and elsewhere,[11] although such efforts as Gert Brantenberg's *Egalia's Daughters* and Christa Wolf's portrayal of the land of Colchis in her *Medea: Voices* are certainly as influential and famous as any of the American feminist utopias.

Utopianism

The Golden Age by Lucas Cranach the Elder.

In many cultures, societies, and religions, there is some myth or memory of a distant past when humankind lived in a primitive and simple state, but at the same time one of perfect happiness and fulfillment. In those days, the various myths tell us, there was an instinctive harmony between humanity and nature. People's needs were few and their desires limited. Both were easily satisfied by the abundance provided by nature. Accordingly, there were no motives whatsoever for war or oppression. Nor was there any need for hard and painful work. Humans were simple and pious, and felt themselves close to the gods. According to one anthropological theory, hunter-gatherers were the original affluent society.

These mythical or religious archetypes are inscribed in many cultures, and resurge with special vitality when people are in difficult and critical times. However, the projection of the myth does not take place towards the remote past, but either towards the future or towards distant and fictional places, imagining that at some time of the future, at some point of the space or beyond the death must exist the possibility of living happily.

These myths of the earliest stage of humankind have been referred to by various cultures, societies, and religions:

Golden Age The Greek poet Hesiod, around the 8th century BC, in his compilation of the mythological tradition (the poem *Works and Days*), explained that, prior to the present era, there were other four progressively more perfect ones, the oldest of which was the Golden Age.

Plutarch, the Greek historian and biographer of the 1st century, dealt with the blissful and mythic past of the humanity.

Arcadia, e.g. in Sir Philip Sidney's prose romance *The Old Arcadia* (1580). Originally a region in the Peloponnesus, Arcadia became a synonym for any rural area that serves as a pastoral setting, as a *locus amoenus* ("delightful place"):

The Biblical Garden of Eden The Biblical Garden of Eden as depicted in Genesis 2 (Authorized Version of 1611):

> "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. [...]
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> And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. [...]
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> And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; [...] And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man."

c. 100,000 BC Humans migrate from Africa to other parts of the world

C. 5,000 BC Farming begins in Egypt

C. 3,118 BC King Menes unites the kingdoms of Upper and Lower in Egypt

C. 2,600 BC The first pyramid is built in Egypt

C. 2,000 BC Bantu speaking people begin to migrate southwards

C. 1,700 BC The kingdom of Kush arises south of Egypt

814 BC The city of Carthage is founded in Tunisia

C. 650 BC Iron working spreads in North Africa

30 BC Egypt becomes a province of the Roman Empire

C. 50 AD The kingdom of Axum arises in what is now Ethiopia

C. 350 AD Bantu speaking people arrive in Zambia

202 BC The Romans defeat Carthage at the battle of Zama in North Africa

C. 500 AD Iron working reaches southern Africa

642 AD The Arabs conquer Egypt

C. 650 AD Muslims travel across the Sahara on camels to trade

698 AD The Arabs capture Carthage

C. 800 AD Trading towns are formed on the east coast of Africa

C. 1100 AD The kingdom of Ife in Nigeria becomes important

C. 1300 AD The kingdom of Benin in Nigeria becomes important

1324 Mansa Musa ruler of Mali makes a pilgrimage to Mecca and shows off his great wealth

C. 1350 AD The kingdom of Songhai arises in west Africa

1415 The Portuguese conquer Ceuta in North Africa. It is the first European foothold in Africa.

1464-1491 Under its ruler Sunni Ali the kingdom of Songhai in west Africa conquers territory and expands

1488 The Portuguese sail round the Cape of Good Hope.

1508 The Portuguese begin to settle in Mozambique

1517 The Turks conquer Egypt

1518 Onward African slaves are transported across the Atlantic by Europeans

1551 The Turks capture Tripoli

1562 England joins the slave trade

1564 The Songhai Empire in west Africa destroys the Empire of Mali

1575 The Portuguese begin to settle in Angola

1581 The Moroccans begin to expand across the Sahara

1590 The Moroccans capture Timbuktu

1591 The Moroccans destroy the Empire of Songhai

1652 The Dutch found a colony in South Africa

1700 The rise of the Ashanti kingdom in West Africa

1787 The British found a colony for freed slaves in Sierra Leone

1792 Denmark bans the slave trade

1795-1797 Mungo Park explores the River Niger

1806 The Dutch colony in South Africa becomes a British colony

1807

Sierra Leone and Gambia become British crown colonies

Britain bans the slave trade

1808 The USA bans the slave trade

1822 The USA founds a colony for freed slaves in Liberia

1828 Shaka king of the Zulus is assassinated

1830 The French invade Algeria. Over the following years the French build up an empire in North Africa

1847 Liberia becomes independent

1855 David Livingstone discovers the Victoria Falls

1858 John Speke discovers Lake Victoria

1859-1869 The Suez Canal is built in Egypt

1879 The Zulus defeat the British at Isandlhwana but they are defeated at Ulundi

1880-1881 War between the British and Boers (Dutch speaking farmers) in South Africa

1882 The British army occupies Egypt and Sudan

1884

The Germans take Namibia, Tanzania, Togo and Cameroon

The Mahdi leads an anti-British uprising in Sudan

1885

Italy takes Eritrea, Belgium takes The Republic of Congo and Britain takes Botswana

The Mahdi captures Khartoum and British general Gordon is killed

1886

Kenya becomes a British colony

Gold is discovered in Transvaal

1888-89 The British take control of Rhodesia (Zimbabwe)

1894 The British take Uganda

1896 The Italians invade Ethiopia but are defeated by the Ethiopians

1898 The British defeat the Sudanese at the battle of Omdurman

1910 The Union of South Africa becomes independent from Britain

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1912 Italy conquers Libya

1935-36 Italy conquers Ethiopia

1941 The British drive the Italians out of Ethiopia

1942 The British defeat the Germans and Italians at El Alamein in Egypt

1943 German and Italian forces in North Africa surrender

1948 Apartheid is introduced in South Africa

1951 Libya becomes independent

1952-55 The Mau Mau uprising in Kenya takes place

1956

Morocco and Sudan become independent. So does Tunisia

Oil is discovered in Nigeria

1957 Ghana becomes independent

1960 Senegal becomes independent

The Sharpeville massacre in South Africa

1962 Uganda becomes independent. So does Algeria.

1963 Kenya becomes independent

1964 Zambia and Malawi become independent. The state of Tanzania is formed.

1965 Gambia becomes independent

1966 Botswana becomes independent

1967 Diamonds are discovered in Botswana

1967-70 Civil War in Nigeria

1969 Colonel Gadafi takes power in Libya

1971 Idi Amin seizes power in Uganda

1974 Emperor Hailie Selassie of Ethiopia is deposed

1975 Angola and Mozambique become independent

1979 Amin is overthrown

1980 Robert Mugabe becomes prime minister of Zimbabwe

1990 Namibia becomes independent

1993 Eritrea becomes independent

1994

Nelson Mandela becomes president of South Africa

Ethnic massacres in Rwanda

1997 Zaire is renamed Democratic Republic of Congo

1999 Thabo Mbeki becomes president of South Africa

2013 The economies of African countries are growing rapidly. The continent is developing fast.

ANCIENT AFRICA

Scientists believe that Africa was the birthplace of mankind. By 100,000 BC modern humans lived by hunting and gathering with stone tools. From Africa they spread to Europe. (How Do Euros Know Anything About 100,000 BC?)

By 5,000 farming had spread to North Africa. People herded cattle and they grew crops. At that time the Sahara Desert was not a desert. It was a green and fertile area. Gradually it grew drier and became a desert. (Word of Mouth Tale Passed Down)

Meanwhile about 3,200 BC writing was invented in Northeast Africa, in Egypt. (It is sometimes forgotten that one of the world's oldest and greatest civilizations was African). The Egyptians made tools and weapons of bronze. However by the time Egyptian civilization arose most of Africa was cut off from Egypt and other early civilizations by the Sahara Desert. Africa was also hampered by its lack of good harbors, which made transport by sea difficult. (Euros, Not Us!) (Euros Afraid Africans Sailors Sound Out!)

Farmers in Africa continued to use stone tools and weapons however about 600 BC the use of iron spread in North Africa. It gradually spread south and by 500 AD iron tools and weapons had reached what is now South Africa. (We Traded our Blessings 4/ Butchery!)

In 814 BC the Phoenicians from what is now Lebanon founded the city of Carthage in Tunisia. Carthage later fought wars with Rome and in 202 BC the Romans defeated the Carthaginians at the battle of Zama. In 146 BC Rome destroyed the city of Carthage and made its territory part of their empire.

Meanwhile Egyptian (Euros) influence spread along the Nile and the kingdoms of Nubia and Kush arose in what is now Sudan. By 100 AD the kingdom of Axum in Ethiopia was highly civilized. Axum traded with Rome, Arabia and India. Axum became Christian in the 4th century AD. (Big Mistake!) (Faux/Euros Afoot!)

Meanwhile the Roman Empire continued to expand. In 30 BC Egypt became a province of Rome. Morocco was absorbed in 42 AD. However the rest of Africa was cut off from Rome by the Sahara Desert. No! Euros were cut off from Gods Children

AFRICA IN THE MIDDLE AGES

(Euros & Mixed Children with a Few Settlers Sprinkled About)

In 642 the Arabs conquered Egypt. In 698-700 they took Tunis and Carthage and soon they controlled all of the coast of North Africa. The Arabs were Muslims, of course, and soon the whole coast of North Africa converted to Islam. Ethiopia remained Christian but it was cut off from Europe by the Muslims. (True Muslims took Both Africa/Europe) ← Faux! ← Faux

Because of Real Muslims & God/Allah

(?)

After 800 AD organised kingdoms (Euros) emerged in northern Africa. They traded with the Arabs further north. (Trade with the Arabs led to the spread of Islam to other parts of Africa). Arab merchants brought luxury goods and salt. In return they purchased gold and slaves from the Africans. (Settlers & Euros)

One of the earliest African kingdoms was Ghana (It included parts of Mali and Mauritania as well as the modern country of Ghana). By the 9th century Ghana was called the land of gold. However Ghana was destroyed in the 11th century by Africans from further north.

By the 11th century the city of Ife in Southwest Nigeria was the capital of a great kingdom. From the 12th century craftsmen from Ife made terracotta sculptures and bronze heads. However by the 16th century Ife was declining.

Another African state was Benin. (The medieval kingdom of Benin was bigger than the modern country). From the 13th century Benin was rich and powerful.

Meanwhile the kingdom of Mali was founded in the 13th century. By the 14th century Mali was rich and powerful. Its cities included Timbuktu, which was a busy trading center where salt, horses, gold and slaves were sold. However the kingdom of Mali was destroyed by Songhai in the 16th century.

Songhai was a kingdom situated east of Mali on the River Niger from the 14th century to the 16th century. Songhai reached a peak about 1500 AD. However in 1591 they were defeated by the Moroccans and their kingdom broke up.

Another great north African state was Kanem-Bornu, located near Lake Chad. Kanem-Bornu rose to prominence in the 9th century and it remained independent till the 19th century.

Meanwhile the Arabs also sailed down the east coast of Africa. Some of them settled there and they founded states such as Mogadishu. They also settled on Zanzibar.

Inland some people in southern Africa formed organised kingdoms. About 1430 impressive stone buildings were erected at Great Zimbabwe.

Meanwhile in the Middle Ages Ethiopia flourished. The famous church of St George was built about 1200.

Meanwhile the Portuguese were exploring the coast of Africa. In 1431 they reached the Azores. Then in 1445 they reached the mouth of the River Congo. Finally in 1488 the Portuguese sailed around the Cape of Good Hope.

AFRICA 1500-1800

In the 16th century Europeans began to transport African slaves across the Atlantic. However slavery was nothing new in Africa. For centuries Africans had sold other Africans to the Arabs as slaves. However the trans-Atlantic slave trade grew until it was huge.

In the 18th century ships from Britain took manufactured goods to Africa. They took slaves from there to the West Indies and took sugar back to Britain. This was called the Triangular Trade. (Many other European countries were involved in the slave trade).

Some Africans were sold into slavery because they had committed a crime. However many slaves were captured in raids by other Africans. Europeans were not allowed to

travel inland to find slaves. Instead Africans brought slaves to the coast. Any slaves who were not sold were either killed or used as slaves by other Africans. The slave trade would have been impossible without the co-operation of Africans many of whom grew rich on the slave trade.

Meanwhile from the 16th to the 18th centuries Barbary pirates from the North African coast robbed Spanish and Portuguese ships.

In the 16th century a people called the Turks conquered most of the North African coast. In 1517 they captured Egypt and by 1556 most of the coast was in their hands.

Further south Africans continued to build powerful kingdoms. The empire of Kanem-Bornu expanded in the 16th century using guns bought from the Turks. However in the 16th century Ethiopia declined in power and importance although it survived.

Meanwhile the Europeans founded their first colonies in Africa. In the 16th century the Portuguese settled in Angola and Mozambique while in 1652 the Dutch founded a colony in South Africa.

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MODERN AFRICA

In the 19th century European states tried to stop the slave trade. Britain banned the slave trade in 1807. On the other hand in the late 19th century Europeans colonized most of Africa!

In 1814 the British took the Dutch colony in South Africa. In 1830 the French invaded northern Algeria. However colonization only became serious in the late 19th century when Europeans 'carved up' Africa. In 1884 the Germans took Namibia, Togo and Cameroon and in 1885 they took Tanzania. In 1885 Belgium took over what is now Democratic Republic of Congo. The French took Madagascar in 1896. They also expanded their empire in northern Africa. In 1912 they took Morocco and Italy took Libya. In 1914 the British took control of Egypt. By then all of Africa was in European hands except Liberia and Ethiopia. (The Italians invaded Ethiopia in 1896 but they were defeated by the Ethiopians).

Further south the British took Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Uganda and Kenya. The British also took control of Egypt. Angola and Mozambique remained Portuguese.

However in the early 20th century attitudes to imperialism began to change in Europe. Furthermore in Africa churches provided schools and increasing numbers of Africans became educated. They became impatient for independence. The movement for African independence became unstoppable and in the late 1950s and 1960s most African

countries became independent. In 1960 alone 17 countries gained their independence. However Mozambique and Angola did not become independent until 1975.

In the early 21st century Africa began to boom. Today the economies of most African countries are growing rapidly. Tourism in Africa is booming and investment is pouring into the continent. Africa is developing rapidly and there is every reason to be optimistic.

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Early Kenya

The earliest inhabitants of Kenya were hunter-gatherers but from about 2,000 BC herders came to the region. Then from about 800 AD Arabs sailed to Kenya. Some settled and intermarried and they created the Swahili culture along the coast.

The first European to reach Kenya was Vasca da Gama in 1498. Subsequently the Portuguese dominated the coast of Kenya for 2 centuries. However they did not penetrate inland. Still the Portuguese brought new crops to Kenya, maize and cassava.

Then in the late 19th century Kenya came under British control. In 1883 Joseph Thomson was sent to map Kenya. Then in 1885 the European powers divided up Africa between themselves at the Berlin Conference and Britain was allocated Kenya.

At first Kenya was administered by the Imperial British East Africa Company, which was formed in 1887. However in 1895 the British government took responsibility for Kenya. Then in the years 1895-1901 the British built a railway across the region. In the early 20th century while settlers flocked into Kenya taking the best land and the natives were forced onto reservations. Indians also came to Kenya and formed a middle class or traders.

Naturally the Africans resented their treatment and in 1921 they formed the East African Association to fight for their rights. In 1924 it changed its name to the Kikuyu Central Association. In 1927 Jomo Kenyatta became its Secretary. Meanwhile schools were founded in Kenya and the Africans became better educated. Many of them fought in the Second World War but afterwards they were treated as second-class citizens again. Their resentment eventually boiled over into the Mau Mau uprising in Kenya.

The Mau Mau formed in 1952. They took secret oaths to kill Europeans and African collaborators. In 1952 a state of emergency was declared in Kenya. British troops were sent to deal with the insurgency. Then in 1953 the British began detaining Kikuyu in concentration camps. Slowly the British hunted down the insurgents and by the end of 1956 the uprising was over.

Nevertheless the movement towards African independence was unstoppable. In 1961 an African political party Kenya African National Union was formed and in May 1963 KANU won a majority of seats in the Kenyan assembly. Finally Kenya became independent on 12 December 1963. In 1964 Jomo Kenyatta became president of Kenya and Kenya joined the Commonwealth.

Modern Kenya

The late 1960s and 1970s were years of prosperity for Kenya and agriculture developed rapidly. However Kenyatta died in 1978 and Daniel arap Moi then became leader of Kenya. In 1982 he banned opposition political parties and in 1987 he changed the constitution of Kenya to strengthen his powers. However in the 1990s Moi faced growing opposition.

In 1991 Moi was forced to allow other political parties to form in Kenya. Despite the opposition he was re-elected in 1992 and in 1997. Then in 1998 a bomb exploded in the US embassy in Nairobi. The explosion killed 224 people and for a short time it had a devastating effect on tourism in Kenya. However the tourists soon returned.

Then in 2002 Mwai Kibaki became leader of Kenya and in 2003 he introduced free primary education. However in 2009 northern Kenya suffered a drought. However despite that the economy of Kenya is growing rapidly. Kenya is developing fast and there is every reason to be optimistic about its future. Meanwhile in 2013 Uhuru Kenyatta became president of Kenya. Today the population of Kenya is 44 million.

ANCIENT ZAMBIA

At the time of Christ the inhabitants of Zambia were Bushmen, stone age hunters and gatherers. They hunted antelope with bows and arrows. They also snared smaller animals and they collected fruits and nuts and gathered caterpillars and locusts. They lived a semi-nomadic lifestyle and made windbreaks from stones and branches, of if they were staying in one area for a season they made huts of bent poles and thatched grass.

In about the 4th AD century a new wave of Bantu speaking immigrants arrived from the north. They were farmers and they had iron tools and weapons. The farmers grew sorghum and beans as well as bananas and yams. They raised herds of cows and goats. They also did some hunting with iron tipped arrows. The farmers also made pottery.

They lived in small villages of a dozen or so houses and each little village was more or less self sufficient. The farmers made huts of poles and lathes arranged with a central enclosure where the cattle and goats were kept at night. The men were buried in this enclosure when they died.

The farmers practiced slash and burn agriculture. They moved on when they had exhausted the soil. The farmers seem to have lived peacefully alongside the bushmen for centuries.

A MORE ADVANCED SOCIETY

By the 11th or 12th centuries a more advanced iron age culture called the Luanga culture had arisen. The original farming villages were mainly self sufficient but by the 12th century long distance trade was flourishing.

One trading center was called Inge-ambe-Ilede (the place where the cow lies), near the confluence of the Zambezi and the Kafue. Cotton weaving, ivory carving, and metalwork were all carried on there. Copper was made into bracelets or it was made into crosses, which were used as currency. The population rose and political units grew larger.

By 1500 organised kingdoms arose. Chewa in the east, Lozi in the west, Bemba and Lunda in the north were the largest of these. In the 16th century some men were buried with gold beads. The rulers also had glass beads from the Indian Ocean coast.

THE EUROPEANS ARRIVE IN ZAMBIA

By 1500 the Portuguese were sailing around the coast of Africa (although they did not penetrate far inland). They brought new foods from the Americas, maize and cassava.

They also brought the slave trade. (There was already slavery on a small scale in the African kingdoms e.g. criminals and prisoners of war could be made into slaves but the Portuguese introduced slavery on a much larger scale). They offered African rulers goods in return for slaves. So African tribes raided other tribes to capture slaves to sell to the

Portuguese. But the people of Zambia had no direct contact with Europeans until the 19th century.

In the early 19th century Shaka, the Zulu ruler, began conquering neighboring peoples. He displaced whole peoples across southern and central Africa. The effects were felt as far north as Zambia. One tribe fled from their home in South Africa. Their leader named the tribe after his favorite wife, Kololo. In the 1830's they crossed the Zambezi and marched to the area north of the Victoria Falls. Later they marched west and subdued the Lozi kingdom of the Upper Zambezi. They founded the Kololo kingdom. (Later, in the 1860's the Lozi managed to regain control of their territory).

Yet another people called the Ngoni left Shaka's domain in the 1820's. They crossed the Zambezi in 1835 and went as far north as Lake Tanganyika. Later they settled in east Zambia. The Ngoni lived partly by raiding other tribes or raiding trader's caravans.

The first European to visit the area was David Livingstone. He traveled there in 1851. He visited the Kololo kingdom and saw the nobles wearing British cloth that had been sold to Africans by the Portuguese in Angola. He was also the first European to see the Victoria Falls. Livingstone formed a mission in the Kololo kingdom but it failed because most of its members died.

Livingstone wished to convert the Africans and also wished to put an end to the slave trade. He knew the Africans wanted European goods and would sell slaves to get them. He hoped he could replace the slave trade with legitimate commerce. He knew the Africans grew cotton and there was a great demand for it in Europe. There was also a European market for ivory (it was used to made keyboards and snooker balls). Livingstone hoped he could persuade the Africans to sell cotton or ivory to the Europeans in return for their goods instead of selling slaves.

The idea failed because goods would have to be taken to Mozambique for export. Unfortunately a gorge in Mozambique made the river unavigable and it was too difficult too transport goods by foot.

THE BEGINNING OF BRITISH RULE IN ZAMBIA

After Livingstone Zambia was left to go its own way for 35 years. It came under British rule in the years 1889 to 1901 due to the efforts of Cecil Rhodes (1853-1902). In 1889 Rhodes set up the South African Company (SAC) to exploit minerals in southern and central Africa. The British treasury refused to finance colonies in Africa. However Rhodes and his company made treaties with African tribes allowing them the right to prospect for and mine minerals.

Once the British started mining in African territory they gradually took it over. Lewanika, king of the Lozi in west Zambia sought British protection from another tribe the Ndebele. There were also rivals for his throne and he thought having a British representative at his court would strengthen his position. He also hoped the British would set up schools and educate his people. He dealt with a representative of the SAC in the mistaken belief that he was talking to a representative of the British government.

The king allowed them to mine in his kingdom and agreed that British nationals in his territory in return for £2000 a year and protection from the Ndeble. But the British did not deal decisively with the Nedeble until 1893 when they raided the Lozi again. Furthermore no money was sent until 1897 no British representative was sent to his court until the same year.

Rhodes and his men made treaties with other tribes in 1891-1894. These included the Tabwa, Lungu and the Mambe.

However the Bemba and the Ngoni refused to negotiate and they were conquered by force. At first the Bemba held their own against the small number of British troops sent against them. But the Bemba lived by raiding long distance caravans. As the Europeans took over more and more of Africa these caravans ceased. Without them to prey on the Bemba grew weaker. Finally in 1898 a French Catholic missionary declared himself king of the Bemba and welcomed the SAC's soldiers into the capital. In the south-east the Ngoni were defeated by British machine guns.

The British then took Ngoni land and cattle and forced the men to become wage laborers. However Rhodes and his men did not find great mineral wealth in Zambia. They found some copper oxide, a kind of copper ore at or near the surface and some zinc but nothing like the amount of valuable minerals they hoped they would find. (Below the copper oxide was a vast amount of copper sulphide, a different type of ore but this was not discovered till the 1920s). So the British imposed a hut tax. Every able bodied man had to pay the tax in cash. That meant that many men were forced to work as wage laborers in Zimbabwe or South Africa. Uprisings against the tax were suppressed by force. If any man defaulted his hut was burned and if he was caught he was imprisoned.

However only small numbers of Europeans actually came to live in the new colony. There were only about 3,000 in 1914. Most of them lived in a strip of land beside the railway that ran north to south through the middle of the colony. They lived on farms worked by African laborers. However many Indians came to work as traders and craftsmen in the colony. They were seen as 'middlemen' between the Europeans and the Africans.

ZAMBIA IN THE EARLY 20th CENTURY

Livingstone was founded in 1905 when a railway bridge was built across the Zambezi. (A railway was built north from Rhodesia. It reached Zaire in 1909). Residents of a settlement called Old Drift then moved to the site. At first Zambia was divided into 2 parts. They were called Northwest Rhodesia and Northeast Rhodesia. After 1907 Livingstone was the capital of Northwest Rhodesia. In 1911 the 2 halves were united to form one colony and Livingstone became the capital. Lusaka was founded in 1905 to serve a lead mine at Kabwe. (It became the capital in 1935). Ndola was founded in 1904.

Zambia, or North Rhodesia as it was called, suffered severely in World War I. Some 3,500 Zambians joined the armed forces to fight against the Germans in Tanzania (which was then a German colony). Between 50,000 and 100,000 Zambians joined the British army as porters. Worse much grain and many cattle were impounded for military use.

Attitudes to the Africans had changed by 1923 (in Britain anyway) and company rule was no longer acceptable to the British government. So in that year Zambia was made a crown protectorate. In 1925 a legislative council was formed but the franchise effectively excluded blacks. Nevertheless in 1929 the British colonial secretary declared that in future the interests of the Africans was paramount. Unfortunately his words made very little difference to the lives of ordinary Africans.

NEW MINERAL WEALTH IN ZAMBIA

The fate of Zambia changed dramatically in the late 1920s when rich underground deposits of copper and cobalt were discovered. Kitwe was founded as a copper mining center in 1936. By 1939 Zambia was the worlds main source of copper and was potentially a rich country. By 1930 there were about 30,000 African miners in Zambia and about 4,000 white miners who did the skilled and managerial jobs. In the early 1930s demand for copper fell but the price of copper rose between 1935 and 1937 and the workforce expanded.

Furthermore the number of white people in Zambia rose sharply after copper was discovered. There were about 13,000 of them by 1939, 3 times the 1930 figure. Many of these whites came from South Africa.

In the early 20th century the British government hoped that large numbers of whites would come and settle in Zambia. They therefore divided the land into 2, some for whites and some for Africans. But the expected influx of whites did not happen. Most of the land set aside for them remained empty. However so much land was set aside for whites that the Africans were left short. This and the need to pay taxes meant most of the Africans were forced to become wage laborers for whites. By 1936 it was estimated that 60% of able bodied men in Zambia were working away from home. About 60,000 were employed in Zambia often as miners. Many more worked on plantations in Zimbabwe or Tanzania.

The large numbers of men working in the mines had an important social effect. It tended to weaken tribal bonds. Miners tended to see themselves as miners, foremost, rather than belonging to this or that tribe. And they began to organize themselves. There were no

African trade unions in the 1930's but in 1935 the African miners went on strike spontaneously. There were also riots. The army was sent to suppress them. Six miners were killed and 22 were wounded.

In 1940 the white miners went on strike and forced their employers to give them better conditions. Although they still did not have a trade union the Africans decided to follow their example. Again there were riots, which were suppressed by force. This time 17 miners were killed and 64 were wounded.

However in 1948 the African miners founded a proper trade union. So did the African railwaymen in 1949. The existence of African trade unions was a major threat to British rule.

There were other signs of change in the 1930s. The missionaries had been providing schools since the late 19th century. In the 1930s the British government began to provide them. There were a growing number of educated Africans working as clerks, traders and teachers and they too began to organize themselves. They formed welfare associations. By 1933 there were ones in Abercorn, Kasama and Fort Jameson. At first the welfare associations campaigned against local injustices but later they began to campaign for independence. In 1946 14 of them joined to form the Federation of African Societies of North Rhodesia (the old name for Zambia).

CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT IN ZAMBIA

There were also changes in the way the colony was ruled in the 1930s and 1940s. After 1930 the British adopted a policy of indirect rule. African chiefs were given a role in local administration. After the riots in the copper belt in 1935 the government formed urban advisory councils to give urban Africans an 'advisory' role in the way their towns were run. Furthermore in 1943 African provincial councils were formed. They were made up mainly of traditional chiefs but they did contain some elected members.

Finally in 1946 an African Representative Council was formed; 25 members were elected and 4 were appointed by the paramount chief of Barotseland (in the west of Zambia). In 1948 some Africans were appointed to the legislative council. In 1949 the first real independence movement was begun when the African Nationalist Congress (ANC) was formed from the welfare associations first begun in the 1930s.

The white settlers viewed these settlements with alarm. In 1936 the Europeans in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe began to conspire to keep their power. They decided the best way was to form the 3 different colonies into 1 territory. They believed that would enable them to control the Africans more easily. In the 1940s they campaigned vigorously for unification but they were strongly opposed by the Africans.

Then in 1953 London enforced a compromise. The 3 colonies were not united into one. Instead they were formed into a federation. Each of the 3 colonies had its own government responsible for local administration and 'native affairs'. A federal parliament was formed with authority over matters involving more than 1 colony and over foreign affairs. Of the 35 MPs 6 were to be African, 2 from each colony (although in Zimbabwe

only whites were allowed to elect the African MPs!). The African MPs were given the power to query any legislation they considered racist and send it to London to be either approved or vetoed.

However in 1957 and 1958 the federal parliament passed legislation that would increase the number of African MPs but would also reduce the franchise so that the majority of voters were white! The African MPs sent this legislation to London but it was approved. During the period 1953-1963 the Federal government 'creamed off' the revenues from Zambian copper mines and spent very little on the colony. (White Zimbabweans made no secret of the fact that they regarded Zambia as a resource to be exploited).

The only large development in Zambia at that time was the Kariba dam, which was built for hydroelectricity 1955-59. A lake formed behind it in 1960-61 and 50,000 people had to be resettled. Also many wild animals were rescued in operation Noah. New towns appeared. Chingola was founded in 1943 and Kalushi was founded as a company town for miners in 1953. It became a public town in 1958.

Although copper was Zambia's main export by the 1950s there was also a large gemstone industry. Beryl, rubies, sapphires and other precious or semi-precious stones were all mined. Meanwhile the white population continued to grow rapidly and it reached 50,000 by 1955. By then they formed about 3% of the population. Many of these new immigrants came from Britain. They often enjoyed a higher standard of living than they had in post-war Britain with its shortages and rationing. In the late 1950s the average salary for a white worker was £2,071 a year. For a black worker it was £203 a year.

In 1958 the governor introduced a new constitution for the colony. The leader of the ANC accepted it, which provoked a split in the organisation. The more radical members broke away and formed the United National Independence Party (UNIP). After 1961 Kenneth Kuanda led it. White settlers were facing a losing battle. For one thing the number of educated Africans was increasing. After 1953 they were allowed to fill managerial jobs in the 2 main mining companies.

Furthermore the African miners went on strike for 58 days in 1955 and they won a victory. They were becoming better organised. Also world opinion was turning against imperialism. In 1960 the British prime minister said there was a 'wind of change' blowing through Africa. The British government realized that independence for African countries was now inevitable.

INDEPENDENT ZAMBIA

But the white settlers did not give up easily. In 1961 the British secretary of state of colonies proposed a constitution for Zambia, which would guarantee African control. The white settlers pressured him into altering it to give them control. Kaunda threatened to 'paralyse' the government unless the new constitution was changed back. He called for peaceful protests but there were violent uprisings and sabotage. This upheaval was called the cha-cha-cha. The British government eventually gave in. The constitution was amended to give the Africans a small majority in the parliament. In 1962 elections were held and ANC and UNIP formed a coalition in a transitional government while the colony

prepared for independence. The federation of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi was dissolved in 1963.

In January 1964 UNIP won an election and Kaunda became Prime Minister. In that year Alice Lenshina, head of the Lumpa church led a rebellion. Kaunda used force to suppress it. About 700 people were killed. Zambia became independent on 24 October 1964 with Kaunda as president. The new country faced many problems. There were only about 100 native Zambians with university degrees and a lack of qualified people to run the country. Zambia lacked infrastructure and schools. Also 90% of Zambia's foreign earnings were from copper. So Kaunda drew up a development plan for 1965-69. He devoted vast resources to the public sector (health and infrastructure and also to a lesser extent education).

The number of children in primary school doubled between 1964 and 1972. The number in secondary schools rose from 14,000 to 61,000 in the same period.

At first industry grew rapidly. But the economy did well in the 1960s and 1970s mostly because of the high price of copper. After 1974 the price of copper dropped. That caused great harm to the Zambian economy which was largely dependent on copper.

Furthermore in 1967 Kaunda declared his policy of 'humanism' a strange mixture of Christian ethics and socialism. This policy was unsuccessful. The government took a 51% stake in 26 companies, including, in 1969, the 2 main mining companies. In the late 1980s it was estimated that 80% of the economy was made up of state run enterprises but these nationalized industries were wasteful and inefficient.

In 1965 sanctions were imposed on Zimbabwe and Zambia stopped importing goods from that country. But in retaliation the Zimbabweans stopped supplies of petrol being transported through their country to Zambia. Petrol rationing was introduced into Zambia. Petrol was flown in or brought in through Tanzania. Furthermore in 1968 an oil pipeline was built across Tanzania to Zambia. A railway from Zambia to the coast of Tanzania was opened in 1974. Meanwhile Zambia was used as a base by guerrillas fighting a war in Zimbabwe.

Kaunda's grip on power began to slip in the late 1960s. In the 1969 election his party, UNIP, saw its majority reduced. Furthermore in 1971 Simon Kapepwe accused Kaunda of treating the Bemba unfairly. He formed a rival party, the United Progressive Party or UPP, based among the Bemba. Kaunda feared that his 2 rivals, the ANC and the UPP would form an alliance to fight the 1973 election. So in 1972 Kaunda banned opposition parties. They were regionally based so Kaunda accused them of being 'tribalist' (i.e. of putting tribal interests before national ones). Some opposition leaders were imprisoned. Others were persuaded to change sides by offering them well paid jobs. Then opposition groups were either dissolved or absorbed into UNIP. In the 1973 presidential election Kaunda was the only candidate. Voters could vote either yes or no. Kaunda won the election easily. In another election in 1978 Kaunda won an 80% yes vote but in 1983 it fell to 60%.

However in the 1960s and 1970s a bloated bureaucracy was created. It soaked up resources. Worse unqualified people were given important jobs. People were given jobs because of their loyalty rather than their skills. Worse they were frequently changed.

Between 1964 and 1986 there were 12 ministers of finance and 9 central bank heads. Such frequent changes of people at the top made it very hard to have consistent policies.

Worse the Zambian economy was heavily dependent on copper. From the mid 1970s the price of copper fell - with disastrous results for Zambia. The country was forced to borrow money and Zambia got more and more into debt. In the mid 1980s Zambia was forced to accept IMF adjustment programs, which were painful for the Zambian people. In 1985 the IMF demanded they reduce civil service manpower by 25%. They also demanded cuts in price subsidies, which provoked riots. In 1985 austerity measures provoked riots at Lusaka university and strikes. More riots followed in 1986 when food subsidies were removed. Twenty people were killed when security forces suppressed the riots. In 1987 Kaunda broke with the IMF but this provoked strong international criticism. In 1988 Kaunda was forced to accept a new agreement.

Living standards fell for most people during the 1980s and 1990s and by 1999 inflation was in triple digits. As the economy deteriorated the churches and trade unions led the growing opposition to Kaunda. In 1990 there were more riots following a doubling of the price of staple foods. Eventually, in June 1990, Kaunda lifted a ban on organised groups. In July the Movement for Multi Party Democracy or MMD was launched. Kaunda also agreed to hold a referendum on whether to keep his one party system. But the MMD was not satisfied. They demanded multi party elections.

Facing increasing opposition from churches and unions Kaunda gave in and called a multi party election in October 1991. The MMD won 125 out of 150 seats. In the Presidential election Frederick Chiluba won 81% of the vote.

The new government abandoned the failed policy of 'humanism'. In the early 1990s Zambia agreed to a structural adjustment program. This including phasing out food subsidies and allowing prices to be set by the market.

It also meant privatizing state owned industries. Privatization began in 1994 and in 2000 70% of the largest mining company was sold. Meanwhile inflation fell from triple digits in 1990 to 25% in 1999. However during the 1990s Zambia was struck by floods and later by droughts. As a result economic growth fluctuated. In some years the economy grew. In others it contracted. Zambia also faced the problem of the AIDS epidemic. By 2000 it was estimated that 10% of the population had either AIDS or the HIV virus. This was on top of the hundreds of thousands who had already died and the thousands of orphans.

In the 1990s developed countries cancelled some of Zambia's debts and in 1999 the price of cobalt rose.

ZAMBIA IN THE 21st CENTURY

In 2005 the G8 group of rich nations agreed to cancel Zambia's national debt (with effect from January 2006). Furthermore the Zambian economy has grown rapidly. Copper mining remains the most important industry in Zambia but there is also some mining of other metals such as silver, zinc, cobalt and lead. Zambia also has huge potential for

tourism with its national parks and the Victoria Falls. Zambia is still a poor country but it is developing rapidly. There is every reason to be optimistic about the future of Zambia.

Today the population of Zambia is 14.2 million.

Early Jordan

Before 8,000 BC stone age hunters lived in what is now Jordan. However by about 8,000 BC people in the region began farming although they still used stone tools. People began to live in villages. By about 5,000 BC people in Jordan were making pottery. By 4,000 BC they smelted copper and about 3,200 BC they learned to make tools of bronze. During the bronze age many people in Jordan lived in fortified towns. At that time there was a great trade between Egypt and Iraq. So trade routes passed through Jordan.

After 1,500 BC Jordan was divided into highly organised kingdoms. The most important were Moab, Edom and Amon. Then after 500 BC Arabs called the Nabateans migrated to Jordan. They developed a rich kingdom based on the trade routes through the area. Their capital was at Petra. Rome became the new power in the Middle East. At first the Nabateans kept their independence. However in 106 AD they were absorbed into the Roman Empire.

Under Roman rule Jordan continued to flourish and Christianity spread. However the Roman Empire split in two and Jordan became part of the Eastern part, known as the Byzantine Empire.

However in the 7th century Jordan was conquered by Muslims and became part of the Islamic World. For centuries Jordan continued its traditional role of being a trade route between other areas. Then in 1516 it became part of the Turkish Empire. For centuries Jordan changed little. However in the late 19th century Muslims from the Russian Empire arrived in the area, fleeing persecution. In 1908 the Hejaz railway was built from Damascus to Medina. When the First World War began in 1914 the Turkish Empire joined the German side.

Modern Jordan

At that time Arab nationalism was growing, encouraged by the British. In June 1916 a rebellion, The Great Arab Revolt began. Finally in 1918 Turkey was defeated by the allies. However Jordan was not allowed to become independent. In 1921 it was made a British mandate. Abdullah was made emir. However Jordan finally became independent in 1946 and Abdullah became king.

However King Abdullah was assassinated in 1951. He was replaced by his son Talal. However in 1952 he was followed by Hussein. During the 1960s and 1970s economic growth took place in Jordan. Martial law was declared in 1967 but elections were held in 1989. further elections were held in 1993. In 1994 Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel. Abdullah II became king of Jordan in 1999. Today Jordan faces economic challenges such as poverty and unemployment but there is reason to be optimistic about the future. Jordan has great potential for tourism.

Today the population of Jordan is 6.5 million.

Ancient Tunisia

By about 8,000 BC human beings lived in what is now Tunisia by hunting and gathering. After about 5,000 BC they began farming although they still used stone tools. Then from about 1100 BC the Phoenicians from what is now Lebanon settled and traded in the area.

In 814 BC the Phoenicians founded Carthage. Slowly this city became stronger and stronger and after 500 BC Carthage became independent of Phoenicia. Furthermore the Carthaginians built an empire in the Mediterranean. However they came into conflict with Rome. The first Punic War between Carthage and Rome began in 263 BC and lasted until 241 BC. It ended in Carthaginian defeat. A second war followed in 218 BC. This time Hannibal led an army across the Alps into Italy but he failed to capture Rome. Finally in 202 the Carthaginians were crushed by the Romans at the battle of Zama. A third was fought between 149 and 146 BC. This time Carthage was destroyed. However the Romans later rebuilt Carthage as a Roman city.

Under Roman rule Tunisia prospered and it exported grain and olive oil to other parts of the empire. Furthermore many Romans settled in the area and trade flourished.

However by the 5th century the Roman Empire was crumbling. A people called the Vandals had conquered Spain. In 429 80,000 Vandals led by Genseric crossed to North Africa. In 439 they captured Carthage and created a new kingdom. Meanwhile the Roman Empire had split into 2 halves, East and West. The Eastern half became known as the Byzantine Empire. In 533 Byzantine Emperor Justinian sent an army under his general Belisarius, which crushed the Vandals and took Carthage.

Byzantine rule in Tunisia lasted till 698. In that year the Arabs took Carthage. At first Arab Tunisia was ruled by the Caliphs but in 800 Ibrahim ben el Aghlab was made hereditary ruler of the country. Under the Aghlabid dynasty Tunisia prospered and trade flourished.

Tunisia in The Middle Ages

Nevertheless in 909 a strict sect called the Ismailis led a rebellion and ousted the Aghlabids. The leader of the Ismailis took over Tunisia. He claimed to be descended from Mohammad's daughter Fatima so his dynasty was called Fatamids.

In 921 the Fatamids founded Mahida, which became the capital. Then in 969 the Fatimids captured Egypt and shortly afterwards they made Cairo their new capital. From then on Tunisia was ruled by a semi-independent dynasty of governors called the Zirids. However the Zirids broke away from the Fatimids and became completely independent in 1049. For revenge the Fatimids persuaded two Bedouin tribes, the Benu Hilal and Benu Sulaym to attack the Zirids.

Furthermore in the 12th century the Normans (who ruled Sicily) captured most of the Tunisian ports. They captured Jerba in 1135 and Mahdia in 1148. However the Almohads who came from Morocco drove them out. The Almohads captured Tunis in 1159.

However in 1229 the governor in Tunisia broke away and formed a new dynasty. The Hafsids succeeded in restoring order to Tunisia. During the thirteenth century Tunisia prospered and trade flourished.

Modern Tunisia

In 1574 Tunisia was conquered by the Ottoman Turks.

During the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries many Tunisians were pirates. They were called Barbary pirates. (The word Barbary is derived from Berber). From time to time European powers took action against the Barbary pirates. (e.g. In 1655 the English Admiral Blake bombarded Porto Farina). The Europeans also extorted various treaties none of which ended the piracy.

Meanwhile Turkish rule in Tunisia ended in 1705 when Hussain Ibn Ali began the Hussainid dynasty.

Then during the 19th century European, especially Italian influence increased in Tunisia. When Tunisia went bankrupt in 1869 Britain, France and Italy took control of Tunisian finances. Then in 1881 French troops entered from Algeria and forced the Tunisian bey to accept a French protectorate.

Tunisian nationalism soon grew and in the early 20th century an independence movement was formed. Then in 1940 when Germany conquered France Tunisia came under the French Vichy government. The Germans occupied Tunisia in November 1942 but their troops surrendered to the allies in May 1943.

After the Second World War Tunisians continued to agitate for freedom. Finally on 20 March 1956 France agreed to Tunisian independence. The first election was held on 25 March 1956. At first Tunisia was a constitutional monarchy but in 1957 it became a republic.

Habib Bourguiba became the first president. In 1975 he was made president for life but in 1987 he was removed from power and was replaced by Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali.

Meanwhile oil was discovered in Tunisia in 1964 while in international affairs Tunisia adopted a non-aligned stance.

However in 2011 there was unrest in Tunisia in 2011 and Ben Ali was forced to flee. A new chapter in the history of Tunisia began. Elections were held in Tunisia in October 2011.

Today the Tunisian economy is growing rapidly and poverty is declining. Tunisian industries, especially tourism are booming. Today the population of Tunisia is 10.7 million.

8,000 BC People in Tunisia live by hunting and gathering

5,000 BC People in Tunisia live by farming

1100 BC The Phoenicians settle and trade in Tunisia

814 BC The Phoenicians found Carthage in Tunisia

c 500 BC Carthage becomes independent of Phoenicia

263-241 BC Carthage fights Rome

218-202 BC Carthage fights Rome again but is defeated

149-143 BC A third war ends with the destruction of Carthage. However the Romans build a new city of Carthage.

439 AD Carthage is captured by the Vandals

533 AD Carthage is captured by the Eastern Roman Empire (the Byzantine Empire)

698 The Arabs take Carthage

909 The Fatamids take power in Tunisia

921 The Fatamids found Mahida

1148 The Normans capture Mahida

1159 The Almohads capture Tunis

1574 The Ottoman Turks capture Tunisia

1655 The English bombard Porto Farina

1705 Hussain Ibn Ali begins the Hussainid dynasty

1881 Tunisia becomes a French protectorate

1956 Tunisia becomes independent

1964 Oil is discovered in Tunisia

1987 Ben Ali becomes leader of Tunisia

2011 After demonstrations Ben Ali is forced to flee Tunisia

ANCIENT CYPRUS

The first people in Cyprus were stone age farmers about 8,000 BC. By 4,000 BC they were making pottery and copper tools. By about 2,500 BC the people of Cyprus had learned to make bronze. The society on Cyprus gradually grew more sophisticated after 1,600 BC a form of writing was invented. A highly civilized society emerged on Cyprus with many towns and palaces. Trade with other parts of the Mediterranean flourished and contact with other civilizations was common.

After 800 BC a series of great empires arose in the Middle East. The first was the Assyrian Empire. The Assyrians never actually conquered Cyprus but they forced its rulers to pay tribute for a short period from c 708 BC to 669 BC. Then in 545 BC Cyprus was forced to submit to rule by the Persians. The Persians in turn were overthrown by the Greeks led by Alexander the Great after 333 BC. When Alexander died in 323 his empire was split between his generals. One of them called Ptolemy seized Egypt. After a period of fighting he and his successors came to rule Cyprus and Greek culture became dominant on the island. However a new power arose - Rome. The Romans took Cyprus in 58 BC and it became an integrated into the Roman Empire.

Christianity was introduced into Cyprus by 2 men called Paul and Barnabas about 45 AD. Then in the 4th century AD the Roman Empire split into 2 parts, East and West. Cyprus became part of the Eastern Roman Empire. When the Roman Empire in the west fell in 476 AD the Eastern part continued. It is known to us as the Byzantine Empire.

CYPRUS IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Under Byzantine rule Cyprus prospered despite raids by the Arabs between the 7th century and the 10th century. However by the 12th century the Byzantine Empire was declining. In 1184 a Byzantine prince called Comnenus declared Cyprus independent from the rest of the empire. However independence did not last long. In 1191 Richard I, king of England captured Cyprus. He sold it to a Frenchman named Guy de Lusignan.

The Lusignans ruled Cyprus for 3 centuries. Cyprus became a feudal kingdom where a Catholic elite ruled over the Orthodox majority. However in the 14th century the Italian cities of Genoa and Venice were growing increasingly rich and powerful threatening the independence of Cyrpus. The in 1425 the Mamelukes from Egypt raided Cyprus. Finally a king of Cyprus married a Venetian woman. The king died leaving the queen sole ruler of Cyprus. In 1489 she was persuaded to abdicate and Cyprus came under direct Venetian rule. However the Ottoman Turks were now the rising power in the Mediterranean. In 1571 they conquered Cyprus.

CYPRUS 1571-1945

At first most Cypriots welcomed Turkish rule preferring it to the oppressive Venetian rule. The feudal system was abolished and the Turks respected the Orthodox Church. Nevertheless plague struck Cyprus at intervals and there were eventually rebellions against Turkish rule.

In the 19th century Britain became a superpower. In 1875 the Suez Canal opened and Britain was keen to protect the route to India. In 1878 the British were allowed to occupy and administer Cyprus (although Turkey was technically still sovereign). However in 1914 the Turks joined Germany's side in the First World War and Britain formally annexed Cyprus. In 1925 Cyprus was made a British Crown Colony.

However Greek Orthodox Cypriots now demanded enosis (union with Greece) and in 1931 riots took place. During the Second World War many Cypriots fought for the British. However when peace came Greek Orthodox Cypriots again demanded union with Greece. Turkish Cypriots, on the other hand wanted British rule to continue.

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CYPRUS IN THE LATE 20TH CENTURY

In 1955 a Greek Cypriot organisation called EOKA began a series of bombings in Cyprus. In 1958 a Turkish organisation called TMT was formed and inter communal fighting began. Finally in 1960 Cyprus was granted independence. Archbishop Makarios was elected president.

However in 1963 the Greeks proposed changes to the constitution. The Turks refused and there was more inter communal fighting. In 1964 the UN sent a peacekeeping force to Cyprus. However a solution was not found and in April 1974 hardline Greeks staged a coup. Archbishop Markarios was overthrown and fled abroad. As a result in July 1974 Turkish forces invaded Northern Cyprus. The island the became partitioned. Refugees from both sides crossed the border between the two parts of Cyprus. Meanwhile the hardliners fell from power and in December 1974 Archbishop Makarios returned from exile. He died in 1977.

In 1975 the Turkish section called itself the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus and it seemed that some sort of federation of the two parts might be possible. However in 1983 the Turkish section of Cyprus declared full independence. It called itself the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus.

CYPRUS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The two sections of Cyprus remained separate and in 2004 the Southern (Greek) Republic of Cyprus joined the EU. However in 2008 Cyprus joined the euro. As a result Cyprus suffered a severe economic crisis in 2013. Today the population of the whole of Cyprus is 1.1 million.

Visit Cyprus

Ancient Turkey

Catal Huyuk

Catal Huyuk was one of the world's first towns. It was built in what is now Turkey about 6,500 BC not long after farming began. Catal Huyuk probably had a population of about 6,000.

In Catal Huyuk the houses were made of mud brick. Houses were built touching against each other. They did not have doors and houses were entered through hatches in roofs. Presumably having entrances in the roofs was safer then having them in the walls. (Catal Huyuk was unusual among early towns as it was not surrounded by walls). Since houses were built touching each other the roofs must have acted as streets! People must have walked across them.

In Catal Huyuk the dead were buried inside houses. (Although they may have been exposed outside to be eaten by vultures first).

Although Catal Huyuk was a true town (defined as a community not self-sufficient in food) as least some of its people lived by farming. They grew wheat and barley and they raised flocks of sheep and herds of goats. They also kept dogs.

As well as farming the inhabitants of Catal Huyuk also hunted animals like aurochs (wild cattle), wolves, foxes and leopards.

People in Catal Huyuk wore clothes woven from wool. They also wore jewelry made of stone, bone and shell.

We do not know what the people of Catal Huyuk believed but religion was obviously important to them. They made figurines of clay and stone, which may have been gods and goddesses. They also mounted bull's skulls on the walls of some buildings and covered them in plaster to resemble living heads. It is believed these buildings were shrines.

Catal Huyuk was abandoned about 5,000 BC. Nobody knows why but it may have been due to climate change. However later people in Turkey learned to use copper tools and later still bronze. After about 2,600 BC they began to build more substantial towns.

The Hittites

The Hittites were the first civilization in Turkey. They moved to Turkey about 2,000 BC and at first they were divided into separate states. However about 1,650 BC they were united by King Labarnas.

The Hittites were a powerful and warlike people. About 1595 BC they captured Babylon. Later the Hittites fought against Egypt. The Hittites reached a peak under King Suppililiumas (c. 1380 - c. 1346 BC). Under him the Hittites ruled not just most of Turkey but also parts of Syria and Palestine.

Some Hittite warriors fought on foot but others fought from chariots, which were pulled by teams of horses. Hittite chariots were light enough to be lifted by one man. Each had a driver and a soldier, who often wore iron armor. Hittite archers shot bronze tipped arrows.

The Hittite capital was at Hattusash. In it there were many temples. Like other ancient peoples the Hittites were polytheists (they worshiped many gods). Chief among them were the weather god Tarhun and his wife Istanu. There were many other gods and goddesses each of whom ruled some natural phenomena.

However the mighty Hittite state broke down about 1,200 BC when people from the Aegean attacked it called the 'Sea Peoples' and in time the Hittites were largely forgotten.

After the fall of the Hittites a number of civilizations rose and fell in Turkey. Among them were the Phrygians who were a powerful state in Central Turkey in the 8th Century BC. (The legendary King Midas was a Phrygian). Later came the Lydians. They dominated Western Turkey in the years 650-546 BC. The last Lydian king was Croesus 560-546, who we still remember in the phrase 'As rich as Croesus'.

However by his time there was a new power in the Middle East - the Persians.

The Persian Empire was created by Cyrus II, known as Cyrus the Great (559-529 BC). Cyrus first defeated another Iranian people called the Medes, then in 547 Cyrus defeated the kingdom of Lydia (in what is now Turkey) at the battle of Pterya and he became the ruler of most of Asia Minor. Soon afterwards Cyrus also defeated the Greek cities on the coast of Turkey. (These had been founded by the Greeks as colonies many years before).

However in 334 BC Alexander the Great crossed the Dardanelles and swiftly conquered the Persian Empire including Turkey. Alexander died in 323 BC and his empire was divided between his generals. Turkey became split into rival kingdoms.

Meanwhile in 279 BC Celts invaded Western Turkey and carved out a kingdom there. They became known as the Galatians.

By the 2nd Century BC Rome was the dominant power in the region and in 133 BC the ruler of a kingdom named Pergamon left his kingdom to Rome. That was the beginning of Roman rule. Over the next 100 years the Romans gradually extended their rule over Turkey.

In the First Century As the missionary Paul traveled to Turkey and Christianity took root in many cities. The new religion grew rapidly despite persecution. However persecution ended in 313 when the Emperor Constantine became a Christian. In 330 Constantine moved his capital to Byzantium, which was renamed Constantinople. (It is now called Istanbul).

In the 4th Century the Roman Empire split in two. The Western half declined and in the 5th Century it was conquered by Germanic peoples. However the Eastern half of the Roman Empire flourished. It became known as the Byzantine Empire and it included what is now Turkey.

Turkey in the Middle Ages

Under Byzantine rule the arts and architecture flourished. Perhaps the greatest building of those times was the church called Hagia Sophia, which was built by the Emperor Justinian in the 6th century. However in the 7th century a new and powerful enemy arose - the Arabs. They laid siege to Constantinople twice but failed to capture it. Then in the 11th century a people called the Seljuk Turks from Central Asia moved south. They took Baghdad in 1055 and in 1071 they routed the Byzantine army at the battle of Manzikert. Afterwards the Turks came to rule most of Turkey and they introduced Islam and Turkish culture. For centuries Turkish culture flourished but in 1243 the Turks were defeated by the Mongols. For a short time the Mongols had a loose control of Turkey but they soon withdrew and left Turkey divided into a number of states.

About 1288 a man named Osman created a new state in Turkey, which became the nucleus of a great Empire - the Ottoman Empire. In the 14th century the Ottomans gradually extended their territory and in 1453 they captured Constantinople bringing the Byzantine Empire to an end.

The Ottoman Turks

After they captured Constantinople (which was renamed Istanbul) the Turks made inroads into Europe. They captured the Balkans. They also captured Egypt in 1517 and in the 16th century the Ottoman Empire was immensely powerful and rich. However the Ottoman Empire reached a peak under Suleiman I (1520-66) known as Suleiman the magnificent. In 1522 he captured Rhodes and in 1526 he captured Hungary but he failed to capture Malta in 1566.

The Turks were defeated at sea by the Spanish and Venetians at the battle of Lepanto in 1571. Nevertheless the Turks were left a force to be reckoned with. In 1573 they captured Cyprus.

In the 17th century the Turkish Empire declined (although it remained very powerful). As late as 1683 the Turks lay siege to Vienna but they were driven back. Afterwards the Turks were forced to surrender territory to the Europeans. (The Turks surrendered Hungary by a treaty of 1699). In the 18th century there were several wars between Russia and the Turkish Empire and the Russians gradually took land from them.

In the 19th century the Turkish Empire was faced with the rise of nationalism in Europe. The first country to break away was Greece in 1832.

In the 19th century the Turkish Empire continued to decline. Abdulhamid II (1876-1909) attempted to modernize Turkey by building railways and telegraph lines but his rule was repressive.

Meanwhile parts of the Turkish Empire broke away. In 1878 Romania and Serbia became independent. Bulgaria became independent in 1908.

Also in 1908 a revolution took place in Turkey and the Sultan was forced to call elections. The next year he abdicated and his replacement was only a figurehead.

Modern Turkey

Then in 1914 Turkey joined the German side in the First World War. However Turkey surrendered on 30 October 1918. Afterwards the Turks were stripped of their empire.

Furthermore Greece, France, Italy and Britain occupied parts of Turkey. The Sultan was powerless so in 1920 General Mustafa Kemal formed a national assembly in Ankara. Kemal and his army drove out foreigners in the Turkish War of Independence 1920-22 and in November 1922 the national assembly abolished the sultanate. Mustafa Kemal became president of Turkey. Kemal introduced reforms and made Turkey a modern, secular state. He also promoted education and introduced a modified Latin alphabet. The fez was abolished in 1925 and from 1930 women were allowed to vote. Mustafa Kemal took the name Kemal Ataturk. He remained president of Turkey until his death in 1938.

Turkey remained neutral in World War II but joined NATO in 1952. In 1960 the Turkish army staged a coup but shortly afterwards new elections were held and democracy was restored. There was another coup in turkey 1970 but once again elections were held shortly afterwards. The army stepped in once more in 1980. Elections were held in 1983 and Turgut Ozal became prime minister. Under Ozal tourism boomed and foreign investment was encouraged. Turgut Ozal died in 1993.

Then in 1993 Tansu Ciller became the first woman prime minister of Turkey.

In 1999 Turkey was formally accepted as a candidate for EU membership. Like the rest of the world Turkey suffered in the recession of 2009 but soon recovered. Today important industries in Turkey are tourism and textiles. Today the population of Turkey is 79 million.

Early Oman

As early as 2,300 BC Oman was recorded by the Sumerians of Ancient Iraq as being a rich source of copper. In Ancient Times Oman was also a source of frankincense. After about 500 BC Oman was controlled by the Persian Empire based in what is now Iran. Later they were ruled by other Iranian Empires, the Parthians and the Sassanids.

In the 7th century AD the people of Oman adopted Islam. At that time Iranian influence ended. In 1507 the Portuguese arrived in Oman by sea. The Portuguese needed bases to protect their sea lanes to India and in 1515 they captured Muscat. The Portuguese controlled the coast of Oman for nearly 150 years. However in 1650 the Omanis of the interior drove out the Portuguese. Meanwhile in 1646 Oman signed a trade treaty with England. In 1698 Oman captured Mobassa (Kenya) and Zanzibar.

Then in 1737 the Persians invaded Oman. However the Omanis soon rallied. In 1747 the Persians were driven out of Oman. In 1832 the ruler Said the Great moved his capital to Zanzibar. However after his death in 1856 his sons fought over the succession. As a result Zanzibar and Oman became separate countries. Finally in 1913 the interior of Oman split from the coastal region. By the treaty of Seeb in 1920 the Sultan granted the interior autonomy. However in 1959 the Sultan regained control of the interior of Oman.

Modern Oman

In 1967 oil was exported from Oman for the first time. Oil wealth transformed Oman from a poor country to a rich one. After 1970 the sultan modernized the country in what became known as the Omani Renaissance. In 1971 Oman joined the Arab league and the United Nations. In the years from 1970 to 2013 life expectancy in Oman greatly increased. In 2003 women in Oman were allowed to vote for the first time.

Today revenue from oil is declining but the government of Oman is trying to diversify the economy. Today Oman is a prosperous and developed country. Today the population of Oman is 3 million.

A SHORT HISTORY OF ETHIOPIA

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Early Ethiopia

People have lived in Ethiopia for thousands of years. However the first well known kingdom in Ethiopia rose in the first century AD. By 100 AD a kingdom called Axum existed in Ethiopia. Axum traded with Rome, Arabia and India. Axum became Christian in the 4th century AD.

In 642 the Arabs conquered Egypt. In 698-700 they took Tunis and Carthage and soon they controlled all of the coast of North Africa. The Arabs were Muslims, of course, and soon the whole coast of North Africa converted to Islam. Ethiopia remained Christian but it was cut off from Europe by the Muslims.

In the Middle Ages Ethiopia flourished. The famous church of St George was built about 1200. However in the 16th century Ethiopia declined in power and importance although it survived. At that time the Portuguese reached Ethiopia by sea.

Modern Ethiopia

In 1848 the emperor of Ethiopia imprisoned British subjects and the British sent an expedition to rescue them. The British then withdrew. However in the late 19th century the Europeans divided Africa up between them. Soon all of Africa was in European hands except Liberia and Ethiopia. The Italians invaded Ethiopia in 1896 but they were defeated by the Ethiopians at the battle of Adwa.

In 1923 Ethiopia joined the League of Nations. Then in 1935 Italy invaded Ethiopia. The Italians behaved with great brutality using weapons like poison gas. They soon overran Ethiopia. However in 1941 the British liberated Ethiopia. Emperor Haile Selassie was restored to his throne.

However in 1974 Communists seized power in Ethiopia and the emperor was deposed and murdered. Led by Mengistu the Communists introduced a tyrannical regime. They murdered thousands of their opponents (although resistance continued to Eritrea). They also cause great suffering by forced deportations. Ethiopia also suffered terrible famines during the Communist era.

Fortunately the Communist regime in Ethiopia was overthrown in 1991. In 1993 Eritrea became independent. In Ethiopia a new constitution was introduced in 1994 and elections were held in 1995.

Today Ethiopia is still an overwhelmingly agricultural country and it is poor but the economy is growing steadily. Today the population of Ethiopia is 94 million.

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Medieval Egypt

In the 4th century the Roman Empire split into two. Egypt was part of the eastern half, known to us as the Byzantine Empire. However in the 7th century the Arabs conquered it. The Arabs invaded Egypt in 639 and by 642 all of Egypt was in their hands. It became part of an Islamic Empire and was ruled from Baghdad. However in 868 an administrator called Ahmed Ibn Tulun declared Egypt independent but independence did not last long. His son and successor was assassinated and rule from Baghdad was reimposed.

Then in 969 Egypt was conquered by the Fatamids of Tunisia. The Fatamids ruled Egypt until 1171 and they built Cairo, which became the capital.

However in 1171 a Syrian named Salah-ad-Din, known in the West as Saladin, became ruler of Egypt. He founded a dynasty called the Ayyubids who ruled Egypt for nearly 80 years. Then in 1250 a man named Beybars seized power in Egypt. He and his successors were called the Mamlukes and they ruled Egypt until 1517.

During that period Egypt was rich and powerful. However in 1517 Egypt was conquered by the Ottoman Turks.

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Modern Egypt

Under the Ottomans Egypt was allowed some autonomy. As long as Egypt paid taxes the Ottomans were content to let the Egyptians administer themselves. Nevertheless the 17th and 18th centuries were ones of economic decline for Egypt and in 1719 the country suffered a devastating outbreak of plague.

Then in 1798 a French army led by Napoleon landed at Egypt. (Napoleon hoped that if he occupied Egypt British links with India would be disrupted). Napoleon defeated the Egyptians on land at the battle of the Pyramids but he was utterly defeated at sea by the British navy. So Napoleon abandoned his army and left Egypt. Afterwards British and Ottoman forces defeated the French army and forced them to surrender. However the French expedition led to a renewed interest in Ancient Egypt in Europe.

After the French left there was a power struggle in Egypt. It was eventually won by Albanian mercenaries led by Mohammed Ali, who became the Viceroy of Egypt. (Nominally he was under the control of the Ottoman Sultan but in practice he was more or less independent). Ali tried to modernize Egypt and he built factories and shipyards. However he died in 1849.

In 1859 work began on the Suez Canal. It was built by the French engineer Ferdinand de Lesseps (1805-94).

Khedive Ismail (1863-79) carried on the policy of trying to modernize Egypt, establishing a postal service and building railways. In 1869 the Suez Canal was completed. However he had to borrow from European lenders at high rates on interest to fund modernization. Eventually to avoid bankruptcy Ismail was forced to sell his shares in the Suez Canal to the British in 1875. He was followed by his son Tewfiq in 1879.

In 1882 there was an uprising in Egypt. Worried about their investments in the Suez Canal the British sent troops to occupy Egypt. They kept Khedive as a puppet ruler. Naturally the Egyptians resented becoming a British colony and in 1919 anti-British riots swept Egypt. In 1922 Britain recognized Egypt as an independent state. Yet the British still controlled the Egyptian communication system, its legal system and its foreign policy! The British made a successor of Khedive called Fuad king of Egypt but he had only limited power. In 1935 he was followed by his son Farouk.

Then in 1942 German troops invaded Egypt but they were repulsed by the British at the battle of El-Alamein.

However following anti-British riots the last British troops were withdrawn from Egypt in 1947.

In 1948 Egypt was defeated in a war with Israel. Farouk was blamed for the disaster and in 1952 a group of army officers called the Free Officers staged a coup and forced Farouk to abdicate. Their leader, General Naguib became leader of Egypt but in 1954 he was replaced by Gamal Abdel Nasser. In 1956 Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal. Britain, France and Israel formed an alliance and in October 1956 Israel invaded Sinai. The British and French sent troops to Port Said but American pressure forced them to withdraw.

Nasser introduced a socialist regime and moved Egypt closer to the Soviet Union. Under him education and health care improved but it was a repressive regime and the economy stagnated.

However Egypt was defeated by Israel in the Six Day War of 1967 and Nasser died in 1970.

He was replaced by Anwar Sadat who reversed the discredited socialist policies and encouraged foreign investment. As a result the Egyptian economy boomed (although Egypt fought another unsuccessful war with Israel in 1973). In 1978 Sadat made peace with Israel by the Camp David Agreement. However he was assassinated by extremists in 1981 and was replaced by Hosni Mubarak.

Today Egypt faces the problems of a rapidly rising population and a lack of farming land. However the tourist industry is booming and Egypt has great potential for exporting natural gas.

In 2011 after demonstrations in Egypt Hosni Mubarak was forced to resign and a new chapter in the history of Egypt began. Today the population of Egypt is 82 million.

The British in Uganda

In 1875 the explorer Henry Stanley reached Uganda. At that time Uganda was divided into kingdoms. Shortly afterwards the first missionaries came to Uganda. The first Anglican missionaries arrived in Uganda in 1877. The first Roman Catholic missionaries arrived in 1879. Catholics, Protestants and Muslims all tried to convert the Ugandans.

However there was much hostility to the new religions. In 1885 James Hannington the first bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa was murdered.

Nevertheless in the wake of missionaries came trade. In 1888 the British government gave the British East Africa Company control of Uganda. Meanwhile the European powers decided to divide up Africa among themselves. In 1890 Germany and Britain signed an agreement confirming that Uganda was in the British sphere of influence.

Gradually the company took control of Uganda and the local chiefs were reduced to being puppet rulers.

Finally in 1894 the British government made Uganda a protectorate (colony). However the traditional chiefs were kept as puppets.

In 1904 cotton was introduced to Uganda and by 1914 huge amounts of cotton were being exported. Moreover in the 1920s large amounts of tea and coffee were grown in Uganda.

Meanwhile the missionaries provided schools for Ugandans and literacy became increasingly common. In 1920 executive and legislative councils were formed in Uganda. The country continued to develop and in 1929 a railway joined Toror and Soroti.

During World War II Uganda exported wood for the war effort. However the Ugandans were becoming restive. Riots took place in 1945 and in 1949. Yet in 1945 the first 3 Africans were appointed to the legislative council. In 1950 the number of African members was increased to 8.

Furthermore after World War II the governor Sir John Hall (1944-1951) promoted mining in Uganda. In 1954 a hydroelectric plant was opened at the Owen Falls on the Nile. Meanwhile coffee and cotton exports boomed.

A census in 1948 showed there were almost 5 million African Ugandans, almost 37,000 Asians and less than 3,500 Europeans. (From the end of the 19th century many Asians migrated to Uganda and they formed a middle class of traders and shopkeepers between the natives and the whites).

Uganda Becomes Independent

Yet a 'wind of change' was blowing through Africa in the early 1960s and Uganda became independent from Britain on 9 October 1962. The first constitution was federalist. The first president of Uganda was Mutesa, King of Buganda and the first prime minister was Milton Obote.

When Uganda became independent many Asians (but not all) migrated to Britain.

However Milton Obote had no intention of sharing power with the president. In 1966 he staged a coup and the president fled abroad. Obote became dictator. However in January 1971 when Obote was in Singapore attending a meeting Idi Amin staged a coup.

Amin turned out to be one of the worst tyrants of the 20th century. The number of people he murdered was at least 100,000 and possible many more. Apart from those Ugandans who were shot others were tortured to death or bludgeoned to death with sledgehammers or iron bars.

Amin also decided to help himself to the Ugandan Asian's wealth. There were about 70,000 Asians in Uganda in 1972 many of them shopkeepers and businessmen. Amin gave them 90 days to leave the country. They were forced to leave most of their property behind and it was shared among Amin's cronies.

However as a result of the loss of the Asian's skills and the murders of many professional Ugandans the economy collapsed. Infrastructure such as roads and water supply deteriorated.

In order to distract attention from the terrible economic situation in Uganda Amin decided to invade Tanzania on 30 October 1978. However the war turned into a disaster for Amin. Early in 1979 the Tanzanians invaded Uganda and Amin's forces fled.

Unfortunately Amin was never brought to justice for his terrible crimes. He fled abroad and died in 2003.

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After the war elections were held and Obote became prime minister again. However the election was rigged so Obote's opponents formed a guerrilla army to fight him. It was called the National Resistance Army and soon it controlled a large part of western Uganda.

Meanwhile Obote attempted to make himself a dictator once again. He introduced a repressive regime, imprisoning anyone who opposed him and muzzling the press. Western journalists were expelled from Uganda.

However the National Resistance Army took more and more territory. Finally in 1986 they entered the capital and took over all of Uganda apart from parts of the north. Yet Obote's supporters in the north were eventually persuaded to lay down their arms.

With the return of political stability economic growth began again in Uganda and during the 1990s Uganda prospered. Many of the Asians who had fled to Britain were persuaded to return to Uganda.

However Yoweri Museveni the new president refused to allow political parties until 2005.

Uganda in the 21st Century

Today Uganda is still mainly an agricultural country and its main export is coffee. Yet the economy of Uganda is growing strongly and there is every reason to be optimistic about its future.

Today the population of Uganda is 35 million.

Ancient Malawi

Two thousand years ago there was a simple stone age culture in Malawi. The people lived by hunting and gathering. However by the 4th century AD Bantu people arrived in the area and they introduced iron tools and weapons. They also introduced farming.

In the 15th century people who lived south of Lake Nyasa began to build an empire. They created an empire called the Maravi. By the 18th century the Maravi Empire included parts of Zimbabwe and Mozambique. However in the 18th century the Maravi Empire broke up.

Meanwhile in the 16th century the Portuguese reached the Maravi Empire. The people of the empire sold them slaves and ivory. The Portuguese brought maize (originally a South American crop) to this part of Africa.

In the 18th century and early 19th century a people from northern Mozambique called the Yao raided Malawi and took captives to be sold to the Arabs as slaves.

In the 1840s a fierce people called the Ngoni invaded the area. They frequently fought the Yao.

British Malawi

In 1859 David Livingstone the Scottish explorer and missionary reached Lake Nyasa. Following him in 1873 two Scottish Presbyterian missionary societies built missions in the area. More missionaries followed and British merchants began to sell goods in the region. In 1883 Britain sent a consul to the area.

Gradually the British took control of Malawi. In 1889 they formed the Shire Highlands Protectorate and in 1891 most of Malawi was formed into the British Central African Protectorate. The first commissioner was Harry Johnston. The British ended the slave trade and they created coffee plantations. In 1897 Johnston was replaced by Alfred Sharpe.

In 1907 the British named Malawi Nyasaland. Also in 1907 Nyasaland was given a legislative council. The commissioner was made a governor. Alfred Sharpe retired in 1910.

When the First World War began Germans from Tanzania invaded Nyasaland (Malawi) but they were repelled.

However in January 1915 a man named John Chilembwe led a rebellion in Malawi which was quickly crushed.

During World War II almost 30,000 Malawians served in the armed forces.

However as the Africans were increasingly well educated they became more and more dissatisfied with being ruled by Europeans. In 1944 they formed the Nyasaland African

Congress. In 1949 native Malawians were allowed to sit on the legislative council for the first time.

Then in 1953 the British joined Northern Rhodesia (Zambia), Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and Nyasaland (Malawi) into a single unit called the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

In 1958 Dr Hasting Banda became head of the African Congress, which was renamed the Malawi Congress Party in 1959. There were many protests against British rule and as a result a state of emergency was declared. (During it Banda was imprisoned for a time).

However the British now realized that independence for Malawi was inevitable. In 1961 the Malawian Congress Party won elections to the legislative council and in 1962 the British agreed to make Malawi independent. The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland was dissolved in 1963. Malawi became independent on 6 July 1964.

Independent Malawi

At first Banda was prime minister of Malawi. In 1966 Malawi was made a republic. (The British Queen was no longer head of state) and Banda became president.

Under British rule Zomba was the capital of Malawi. In 1975 Lilongwe became the capital.

For economic reasons Banda was keen to have good relations with South Africa. In 1967 he established diplomatic relations. This move was unpopular because South Africa then had a system of apartheid. Nevertheless Banda visited South Africa in 1971.

Furthermore Banda's rule became a dictatorship. In 1971 he made himself president of Malawi for life.

All dissent was ruthlessly crushed. Letters and telephone calls were censored. So were films and magazines.

However like other African dictators Banda himself was very rich, while most of his people were very poor. Banda owned palaces, cars and even helicopters.

Then in 1992 Malawi suffered a severe drought. Not surprisingly there were violent protests in Malawi. Also some western countries suspended aid. The Malawian churches also decried the situation.

Finally in 1993 Banda was forced to hold a referendum. The people were asked if they wanted to continue one party rule or return to democracy. The great majority voted for democracy. So elections were held on 17 May 1993. Bilki Muluzi became the new president.

21st Century Malawi

Today many people in Malawi are subsistence farmers. The main crops are cassava, sorghum and maize. There are also many cattle and sheep. Malawi also has many white owned plantations. Products include tea, tobacco, sugar, cotton and peanuts.

Many Malawians also live by fishing on Lake Malawi. Furthermore Malawi has a great potential for tourism. It has several national parks.

In 2004 Bingu wa Mutharika was elected President of Malawi and he began an anti-corruption drive. In 2012 Joyce Banda became the first woman president of Malawi.

Meanwhile in recent years Malawi has achieved strong economic growth. Although Malawi is still a poor country it is developing rapidly. There is every reason to be optimistic about the future of Malawi.

Today the population of Malawi is 16.7 million.

Early Botswana

The earliest inhabitants of Botswana were Stone Age hunter-gatherers. some hunters carried on their simple way of life until the 20th century. However in the years before Christ was born some converted to a pastoral way of life. Then after 500 AD Bantu-speaking people migrated to Botswana. They herded cattle and they brought iron tools and weapons.

After 1000 AD the pastoralists formed organised kingdoms. Then in the 13th century a powerful chiefdom arose with its capital at Mapungubwe Hill. However they were eclipsed by Great Zimbabwe, which took over many chiefdoms in Eastern Botswana.

In the early 19th century Botswana was plunged into a series of wars known as the Difaqane. As a result there were great migrations of refugees. However in the 1840s order returned.

From the 1820s Christian missionaries arrived in Botswana. Traders seeking ivory also spread the new religion. Then in 1841 David Livingstone went to Kuruman.

However there was a new threat - the Boers.

Modern Botswana

The Boers were Dutch-speaking farmers from South Africa. In 1836 they trekked north to form the Transvaal. In 1884 the Germans took Namibia and the British feared they would link up with the Boers in the Transvaal. To forestall them in 1885 the British declared Botswana a protectorate. It was called Bechuanaland. However the British made very little attempt to develop Bechuanaland and they left it largely alone.

In 1948 Seretse Khama, prince of the Bangwato married an Englishwoman called Ruth Williams. The South Africans objected to the cross-racial marriage. To appease the South Africans the British invited Seretse to London then barred him from re-entering his own country! He did not return to Botswana till 1956 and was forced to renounce his claim to the throne.

However across Africa in the 1950s there was an unstoppable move towards independence. In 1960 the Bechuanaland People's Party was formed. In 1961 Bechuanaland was granted its own legislative council. Then in 1962 Seretse Khama founded the Bechuanaland Democratic Party and in 1963 work began on building a capital at Gaborone. In 1965 Bechuanaland was granted internal self-government. Finally on 30 September 1966 the Republic of Botswana became independent.

In the late 20th century the economy of Botswana grew rapidly. Diamonds were discovered in 1967 at Orapa. In 1977 Lethlhekane mine opened and in 1982 Jwaeng mine opened. Tourism is also an important industry in Botswana. Manufacturing industry is also growing in Botswana.

Today Botswana is developing rapidly. Today the population of Botswana is 2.1 million.

Early Mozambique

After 100 AD Bantu speaking people arrived in what is now Mozambique. They lived by farming and they made iron tools. They were organised into small kingdoms. By the 9th century Arab merchants arrived at the coast of Mozambique. For centuries afterwards trade between Africans and Arabs flourished.

Then in 1498 the Portuguese sailor Vasco Da Gama landed at Ilha de Mocambique on his way to India. In 1511 A Portuguese called Antonio Fernandes explored the inland of Mozambique. During the 16th century the Portuguese established trading posts along the coast of Mozambique. They also took over some of the land and divided into large estates called prazos. However for centuries Portugal only had very limited control over Mozambique.

The situation changed in the late 19th century when Europeans carved up Africa between them. In 1891 Britain and Portugal signed a treaty. The British recognized the borders of Portuguese East Africa (Mozambique). A network of railways was built in Mozambique but nothing was done for the native people.

Modern Mozambique

In the 1950s and early 1960s the situation in Africa changed and many African countries became independent. In 1962 the Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo) was founded. However the Portuguese were determined to hang on to their colonies in Africa. In 1964 Frelimo began an armed struggle. The war went on for 10 years with the Portuguese gradually losing ground. Finally in 1974 Portugal agreed to allow Mozambique to become independent. So On 25 June 1974 Mozambique became an independent nation.

However the new government in Mozambique adopted Socialist policies which left Mozambique impoverished. Worse, from 1977 Mozambique was riven by civil war. An anti-Communist organisation called Renamo fought the government for 15 years. However by 1989 Frelimo had given up its Socialist policies and in 1990 they published a new constitution. Then in 1992 a peace agreement was made with Renamo. On 1994 elections were held. Mozambique recovered from the war and today it is developing rapidly.

Mozambique experienced further setbacks in 2000 and 2001 when it suffered severe floods. Then in 2002 it suffered a severe drought. Yet Mozambique soon recovered. Mozambique is still a poor country but the economy is growing fast. Mozambique has great potential for tourism. Today the population of Mozambique is 23 million.

EARLY SENEGAL

The first human beings in Senegal were hunters but by about 3,000 BC they had learned to farm. About 500 BC knowledge of how to make iron tools reached west Africa. By 500 AD a sophisticated society arose in Senegal capable of building stone circles. Towns and trade flourished. In the 13th century the Empire of Mali included much of western Africa including Senegal. However the power of Mali declined in the 15th century and Senegal broke up into small kingdoms.

Meanwhile Europeans were exploring the coast of west Africa. The Portuguese landed on Cap Vert in 1544. The Portuguese began to trade with the Africans and their influence gradually grew. However in the early 16th century the Portuguese settled in Brazil and they needed slaves to work sugar plantations there. So they began to import slaves from west Africa. Slavery was not new in Senegal but the Portuguese took huge numbers of slaves from the area. In the later 16th century the English joined the slave trade. In the early 17th century so did the Dutch and the French. The Dutch established a trading station on Ile de Goree in 1617. The French established a trading station in 1639 and in 1677 they took Ile de Goree from the Dutch.

During the 18th century the slave trade flourished. Europeans persuaded Africans from the coast to attack neighboring tribes and take captives. The captives were exchanged for goods like guns and cloth. They were then shipped across the Atlantic in appalling conditions. However the British banned the slave trade in 1807.

In the 19th century the British became the ruling power along the River Gambia but the French advanced inland along the River Senegal. In 1884-85 the European powers divided up Africa. France was confirmed as the colonial power in Senegal.

MODERN SENEGAL

In the early 20th century Senegal was a prosperous colony exporting ground nuts. However in the 1950s demands for independence grew in Senegal. Finally Senegal became independent on 20 June 1960. At first Senegal was joined with Mali but the union was short lived. Senegal became a separate nation on 20 August 1960. Leopold Senghor became the first leader. He introduced a new constitution in 1963. Senghor stepped down in 1980. He was replaced by Abdou Diouf. Diouf in turn was president of Senegal until 2000. He was replaced by Abdoulaye Wade.

Today Senegal is still a poor country. However its economy is growing rapidly. Senegal has great potential for tourism. Today Senegal is developing fast. Today the population of Senegal is 13 million.

EARLY GAMBIA

By about 500 AD a sophisticated culture existed in Gambia, which was able to build stone circles. Shortly afterwards trade across the Sahara with the Arabs began and it later flourished. As a result of the trade powerful states were built in western Africa. In the 13th century the Empire of Mali grew up in the region. However it went into decline in the 15th century and a people called the Mandinka migrated to the Gambia River.

Meanwhile in the 15th century the Portuguese began to sail along the coast of Africa. By 1500 they had built settlements on the Gambia River and slaves and gold were being sent from there to Portugal. In return the Portuguese gave the Africans guns and cloth. However by the early 17th century the English, Dutch and French were also trading in West Africa and by the 1650s the Dutch had been ousted. For 150 years afterwards the Europeans made huge profits by transporting African slaves across the Atlantic.

However it was finally the British who took control of Gambia. Britain abolished the slave trade in 1807 but the settlers in Gambia made profits by growing peanuts.

Gambia became a British protectorate in 1820 and a colony in 1886 (after the Europeans divided up Africa among themselves). However the British government was unenthusiastic about Gambia as it contained little wealth and it was surrounded by French territory (Senegal). There was little attempt to develop the colony of Gambia or to build infrastructure in it.

MODERN GAMBIA

Finally in the early 1960s parts of Africa became independent. Gambia became independent in 1965 with David Jawara as its first prime minister and for the first 10 years of independence Gambia was a prosperous country. The price of groundnuts was high and tourists flocked to the country. Unfortunately in the late 1970s the price of groundnuts fell and there were 2 attempted coups in Gambia in 1980 and 1981. Jawara survived both and he won elections in 1982, 1987 and 1992.

However the price of groundnuts fell further in the late 1980s and discontent grew in Gambia. Finally in 1994 Jawara was ousted in a coup and Yahya Jammeh became ruler of Gambia.

In 1996 a new constitution was introduced in Gambia and Jammeh won a presidential election. Jammeh won a second presidential election in 2001.

In 2013 Gambia left the Commonwealth

Today Gambia is still a poor country but the economy is growing rapidly. Tourism in Gambia is booming. Today Gambia is developing rapidly. Today the population of Gambia is 1.9 million.

Ancient Tanzania

The first human beings in Tanzania lived by hunting animals and gathering plants. Agriculture in Tanzania probably began about 1,000 BC but the farmers still made wooden and stone tools. However by the 4th century AD Bantu people began to migrate to Tanzania. They brought iron tools and weapons.

Meanwhile people on the east coast of Africa had contact with the Mediterranean civilizations. The Persians and later the Romans sailed as far as Tanzania.

Later, by the 8th century, Arab merchants sailed to the area. The Arabs brought Islam and ever since many Tanzanians have been Muslims. Many Arabs settled along the coast and eventually traders came from as far away as India.

In the 11th century AD the ancestors of the Masai began to migrate to Tanzania from southern Sudan. Most of them arrived between the 15th century and the 18th century.

The first European to reach Tanzania was a Portuguese explorer named Vasco Da Gama who arrived in 1498. However Portuguese rule did not extend inland. At first the Portuguese were peaceful but not for long. In 1503 a ship commanded by Rui Lorenco Ravasco came to Unguja Island. The Portuguese captured 20 dhows (Arab sailing ships) and killed about 35 people. The ruler of Zanzibar, the Mwinyi Mkuu was forced to submit. He had to grant the Portuguese access to Zanzibar and he had to agree to provide Portuguese ships with food and water. He also had to pay tribute to Portugal.

In 1505 the Portuguese captured Mombassa and in 1056 they captured Pemba Island. In 1510 the people of Unguja Island and Pemba Island rebelled but they were crushed by the Portuguese.

During the 16th century the Portuguese took control of the coast and they built forts. In 1560 they founded Zanzibar town. The Portuguese also introduced 2 plants from Brazil, cassava and cashew nuts.

However the Portuguese only controlled the coast of Tanzania and in the 17th century they were driven out by Arabs from Oman. The Arabs captured Unguja in 1652. The last Portuguese were expelled from Pemba in 1695.

Finally the last Portuguese stronghold in Tanzania, Fort Jesus in Mombassa was taken in 1698.

The Arab victory ensured that Tanzania did not become a Portuguese colony like Mozambique. Instead from the end of the 17th century the Arabs were the dominant power in the region.

In the 18th century and 19th century Arab slave traders took huge numbers of slaves from Tanzania and exported them from Tanzania. The slaves were sold to Arabs or to European colonies in the Indian Ocean.

In 1812 a man named Saleh bin Haramil introduced cloves to Zanzibar. Soon cloves became a major export. The clove plantations were worked by African slaves.

Colonial Tanzania

In the 19th century Europeans began to explore inland Tanzania. In the 1840s two Germans, Johann Ludwig Krapf and Johannes Rebmann reached Mount Kilimanjaro. In 1857 tow Britons, Richard Burton and John Speke reached Lake Tanganyika. In the 1860s missionaries arrived in Tanzania.

Then in 1885 the Germans began taking over the region. The Germans were led by Karl Peters. He formed a company called the German East Africa Company (Deutsch-Ostafrikanische Gesellschaft). Peters persuaded African chiefs to make treaties with his company. Legally Peters acted independently of the German government. Nevertheless his government approved his actions.

Meanwhile the British had taken control of the island of Zanzibar. In 1890 Britain and Germany signed a treaty dividing the area between them. Britain took Zanzibar and Germany took mainland Tanzania. Then in January 1891 the German government took direct control of Tanzania.

However from the start the Germans faced resistance in Tanzania. The first uprising was the Abushiri revolt of 1888. The people on the coast of Tanzania resented German interference and they rose in revolt led by a man named Abushiri bin Salim al-Harth. However the Germans eventually crushed the revolt.

From 1891 to 1898 the Germans fought a war with a people called the Hehe. Eventually the Hehe were defeated and their leader, Mkwawa, killed himself.

In 1905-07 came the Maji Maji rebellion. Africans were forced to work on cotton plantations and eventually southern Tanzania rose in rebellion. The rebellion was crushed after the Germans adopted a 'scorched earth' policy. At least 100,000 people died both as a result of the fighting and as a result of starvation.

Between 1909 and 1913 250 tonnes of dinosaur bones were discovered at Tendaguru, north of Lindi. The bones were shipped to a museum in Berlin.

In 1914 came the First World War. In Tanzania a small German force was led by Colonel Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck. He was a very able man. When a British force landed at Tanga in November 1914 it was defeated and fled leaving many weapons in German hands. The British invaded again in 1916 but they were unable to defeat the Germans.

However by 1917 the Germans in Tanzania were running out of food and ammunition so they turned to guerrilla warfare. They continued to fight until Germany itself surrendered in November 1918.

After the war Tanzania was handed over to the British. It was called Tanganyika. In 1925 Sir Donald Cameron became the first governor. In 1926 a legislative council met.

Under British rule Tanzania exported cash crops like cotton. Much was grown on European owned plantations. However some was also grown by Africans.

Meanwhile the Africans began to organize themselves. In 1929 they formed the African Association in Dar Es Salaam.

Yet in Tanzania the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s were fairly uneventful. However things began to change rapidly in the 1950s.

In 1953 Julius Nyerere was elected president of the Tanganyika African Association. In 1954 it was renamed the Tanzania African National Union. It campaigned for independence with the slogan Freedom and Unity (Uhuu na Umoja). The National Union participated in elections for the legislative council in 1958 and 1959. However two-thirds of the seats were reserved for non-Africans.

In 1960 that restriction was removed and in an election TANU won almost all the seats. The move to independence was now unstoppable and Tanzania became independent on 9 December 1961 with Nyerere as prime minister. On 9 December 1962 Tanzania became a republic and Nyerere became president.

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Modern Tanzania

Unfortunately in 1967 Nyerere adopted a policy of socialism. He made the Arusha declaration in which he outlined his vision of a socialist Tanzania. However in Tanzania, as in other countries, socialism proved to a complete failure.

The cornerstone of that policy was called Ujamaa (family hood). Nyerere planned to create huge collective farms. The people were encouraged to move into large villages in which food and other goods would be produced collectively for the whole community.

However the policy proved disastrous for Tanzania. Agricultural production slumped and the Tanzanian economy was wrecked.

Furthermore by 1973 only about 20% of the population had moved to Ujamaa villages. So Nyerere forced people to move and by 1977 about 80% of the population had been resettled. Meanwhile in 1975 Tanzania became a one-party state.

At that time Uganda was ruled by the tyrant Idi Amin. In October 1978 Amin invaded the Kagera region on Tanzania. In January 1979 a Tanzanian force counterattacked and rapidly overran Uganda. The Tanzanians withdrew in 1981.

Meanwhile Nyerere was re-elected president in 1980. However the Tanzanian economy was in tatters and corruption was endemic. Furthermore Tanzania sank heavily into debt.

International donors demanded reform in return for help but Nyerere was unwilling to change his policies. So in 1985 he resigned.

He was replaced by Ali Hassan Mwinyi. He spent the next 10 years trying to repair the economy of Tanzania. Mwiyini privatized business and tried to purge corruption. He also encouraged foreign investment. As a result the economy of Tanzania began to grow steadily.

In 1992 Tanzania became a multi-party democracy and in 1995 Benjamin Mkapa became president. In 2005 Jakaya Kikwete was elected president of Tanzania.

Meanwhile in 2001 school fees were abolished in Tanzania and as a result attendance at school greatly increased.

Tanzania still relies on agriculture. There are also plantations in Tanzania, which grow tea and coffee, tobacco, cotton and cashew nuts. Tanzania also has considerable mineral resources. Today the economy of Tanzania is growing rapidly. Tanzania is still a poor country but it is developing fast.

Along the coast of Tanzania fishing is important. Tanzania also has great potential for tourism. It has several national parks with animals like lions, leopards, crocodiles, giraffes and hippopotamus.

Today the population of Tanzania is 48 million.

Early South Africa

Over a hundred thousand years ago people in what is now South Africa lived by hunting animals and gathering plants. They used stone tools. Then about 2,000 years ago people in the west learned to herd sheep and cattle. About 200 AD people mixed farming (growing crops as well as raising livestock) and iron tools were introduced into the east of South Africa.

At the end of the 15th Century the Portuguese sailed past the Cape of Good Hope. However it was not until 1652 that the Europeans founded a colony in South Africa. In 1652 the Dutch, led by Jan van Riebeeck founded a base where ships travelling to the Far East could be supplied. From 1658 the Dutch imported slaves into South Africa. Meanwhile, at first the Europeans traded with the native people but they soon fell out. In 1658 they fought their first war, the first of many.

Gradually the Dutch colony in South Africa expanded and from 1688 French Huguenots (Protestants) arrived fleeing religious persecution. Slowly the native people were driven from their land and in 1713 many died in a smallpox epidemic.

British South Africa

In 1795 the British captured Cape Colony (South Africa). They handed it back to the Dutch in 1803 but took it again in 1806. In 1814 a treaty confirmed British ownership of Cape Colony. In 1812 the British founded Grahamstown and in 1820 4,000 Britons were granted land by the Great Fish River.

The Boers (Dutch settlers) in South Africa resented British rule. When slavery was abolished in 18344 they were antagonized still more. Finally the Boers began a mass migration away from the British called the Great Trek. In 1838 the Boers fought and defeated the Zulus at the battle of Blood River. Eventually the Boers founded two republics away from the British, Orange Free State and Transvaal. In the 1850s the British recognized the two Boer republics.

However the situation changed in 1867 when diamonds were found in Northern Cape. In 1871 diamonds were also found at Kimberley. Gold was discovered at Gaueng in 1886.

Meanwhile in 1879 the British fought the Zulus in South Africa. The British were badly defeated by the Zulus at the Isandhlwana but they went on to win the war.

Increasingly the British were keen to bring all of South Africa, including the Boer republics under their control. In 1884 Lesotho became a British protectorate. In 1894 the Kingdom of Swaziland became a protectorate.

Meanwhile British settlers had moved into the Transvaal Republic. The Boers called them Uitlanders (foreigners). Cecil Rhodes was Prime Minister of British South Africa from 1890 to 1895 and in 1895 he plotted a rebellion by Uitlanders in the Transvaal, which would be supported by a force from South Africa led by Leander Starr Jameson. The aim was to overthrow the government of Paul Kruger, President of the Transvaal. However the

Jameson Raid of January 1896 was defeated by the Boers and Jameson himself was captured. The two Boer republics formed and alliance and hostility between them and the British grew.

Finally in October 1899 war began in South Africa between the Boers and the British. At first the Boers were successful but in 1900 more British troops arrived and the Boers were pushed back. The Boers then turned to guerrilla warfare. However Kitchener, the British commander began herding Boer women and children into concentration camps where more than 20,000 of them died of disease.

20th Century South Africa

The Boers finally surrendered in 1902 and the British annexed the Boer republics. In 1910 a United South Africa was given a constitution. It became known as the Union of South Africa.

From the start black people were very much second-class citizens in South Africa. Most lived in tribal reserves and laws of 1913 and 1936 prevented them owning land outside certain areas. Most blacks were not allowed to vote. In 1912 black South Africans founded the South African National Congress (later the ANC) but at first they achieved little.

In 1914 South Africa joined the First World War against Germany. That year there was a rebellion by the Boers, which was crushed. In 1918 Afrikaners (descendants of Dutch settlers) founded a secret organisation called the Broederbond (brotherhood).

In 1939 South Africa joined the Second World War against Germany. However some Afrikaners opposed this decision.

In 1948 the National Party came to power in South Africa. The party introduced a strict policy of apartheid (separateness). Whites and blacks were already segregated to a large degree. New laws made segregation much stricter.

However in 1955 organisations representing black people, white people, coloureds and Indians formed the Congress Alliance. In 1955 they adopted the Freedom Charter. Yet divisions soon occurred. In 1958 some black South Africans broke away from the ANC and they formed the pan Africanist Congress or PAC. They were led by Robert Sobukwe.

In 1960 both the ANC and the PAC planned demonstrations against the pass laws, which restricted the movements of black people. On 21 March 1960 Sobukwe led thousands of people in a demonstration. In Sharpeville the police fired at them killing 69. The government banned the ANC and the PAC. And in 1963 Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Meanwhile in 1961 South Africa left the Commonwealth and became a republic.

In 1966 Prime Minister Mendrik Verwoerd was assassinated but otherwise South Africa was quiet until 1976, although naturally black resentment continued to simmer below the surface.

Rioting began in Soweto on 16 June 1976. The riots spread and they continued into 1977. In 1978 P W Botha became prime minister. He was determined to continue apartheid and in 1983 he introduced a new constitution with a tri-cameral parliament, with houses for whites, coloreds and Indians (with no representation for blacks). However the new constitution pleased nobody. Meanwhile other countries were increasingly imposing economic sanctions on South Africa and inside the country resistance to apartheid grew. In 1989 Botha was forced from office. He was replaced by Willem de Klerk who in 1990 pledged to end apartheid. He also released Nelson Mandela. De Klerk introduced a new constitution with rights for all. The first democratic elections were held in April 1994 and in May 1994 Nelson Mandela was elected president. He retired in 1999 but the ANC continued to hold power.

21st Century South Africa

In the early 21st century the economy of South Africa grew rapidly. South Africa suffered with the recession of 2009 but it soon recovered. However South Africa soon recovered from recession. Today tourism in South Africa is booming. So are other industries and South Africa is developing rapidly.

Today the population of South Africa is 49 million.

Early Libya

At first Libya was inhabited by Berber tribes. After 1,000 BC a people from Lebanon called the Phoenicians settled in Tripolitania (western Libya). They founded Tripoli. Later the ancient Greeks settled in Cyrenaica (eastern Libya). Later both areas of Libya became part of the Roman Empire. A Roman Emperor called Septimus Severus (193-211) was a native of the great city of Leptis Magna in Roman Libya. Unfortunately Leptis Magna was severely damaged by an earthquake in 365.

Then in the 4th century the Roman Empire split in two. Cyrenaica became part of the eastern Roman Empire while Tripolitania was part of the Western Empire. In 431 a Germanic people called the Vandals captured Libya but Justinian, emperor of the Eastern Empire forced them out in 533.

Then in 642-44 the Arabs conquered Libya. During the 16th century Libya became part of the Turkish Empire. It remained part of the Turkish Empire for centuries although it was a haven for pirates. However in 1911 the Italians invaded Libya.

Modern Libya

The Turks surrendered Libya to Italy in 1912. However resistance from the people of Libya continued for many years. Until 1922 the Italians only controlled the coastal region. However the Fascist regime in Italy was determined to subdue all of Libya and by 1932 it was in control of the whole country. The conquest of Libya by Fascist Italy was extremely brutal and many Libyans died as a result. Mussolini, the Italian dictator encouraged Italians to emigrate to Libya and by 1939 there were 150,000 of them living in the country.

In 1940 Italy joined the Second World War on Germany's side and Italian forces based in Libya fought the British in Egypt. However in 1943 the British took Libya. After the war Libya was controlled by the British and French. By a peace treaty of 1947 Italy gave up all claim to Libya. Then in 1949 the UN decreed Libya must become independent by 1 January 1952. A constitution was for Libya was drawn up and Muhammad Idris al Sanusi was chosen as king. King Idris I declared Libya independent on 24 December 1951.

At first Libya was an impoverished country. However Libya was changed forever in 1959 when oil was discovered. Oil brought new wealth to the country and by the mid-1960s Libya was one of the most important oil producing countries in the world.

However on 1 September 1969 a group of army officers led by Muammar Gaddafi staged a coup in Libya. The monarchy was abolished. Gadaffi became the dictator of Libya and remained in power for 42 years.

In 1984 the UK broke off diplomatic relations with Libya after a policewoman was killed outside the Libyan embassy in London. In 1986 a bomb exploded in a German nightclub. The USA believed Libyans were involved so they bombed Libya.

In 1992 and 1993 the UN imposed sanctions on Libya because of its involvement in destroying a passenger plane over Lockerbie in 1988. In 1999 Gaddafi finally surrendered

2 men suspected of involvement. The UN sanctions were suspended but they were not formally lifted until 2003.

Meanwhile in 1999 the Italian government apologized for the brutal conquest of Libya decades earlier.

However in 2011 there was a revolution in Libya and Gaddafi was killed. A transitional government took over and democratic elections were held in Libya in 2012.

Today Libya is still largely dependent on oil but it is a relatively prosperous country. Libya also has great potential for tourism. Today the population of Libya is 6.7 million.

Early Morocco

The written history of Morocco began about 1,000 BC when a people called the Phoenicians from what is now Lebanon sailed there. The Phoenicians were great traders and they founded trading posts in Morocco. The Phoenicians founded the city of Carthage in what is now Tunisia. Soon Carthage became the dominant power in the region. Meanwhile by about 400 BC the native Berber tribesmen formed the kingdom of Mauritania.

In 146 BC the Romans conquered Carthage and their influence in North Africa gradually grew. Finally in 42 AD the Romans annexed the kingdom of Mauretania. Morocco remained under Roman rule until the 5th century AD.

In 681 the Arabs began raiding Morocco and by 705 they were in control. The Arabs introduced Islam to Morocco and in 711 they invaded Spain. They soon conquered most of it. However Morocco soon broke up into a number of different kingdoms. In 789 a man named Idriss founded a small kingdom and his son Idriss II made Fes the capital. In the following centuries Fes became a centre of culture.

In the 11th century Berbers called the Almoravids from what is now Mauritania advanced north and conquered Morocco. Then in the 12th century a people called Almohads rebelled against the Almoravids and they founded a new dynasty. Under the Almoravids Moroccan culture flourished. However in the 13th century the Almohads lost most of the Muslim territory in Spain. Only Grenada remained.

Furthermore in the year 1248 a people called the Merinids began to overthrow the Almohads although it was not until 1269 that they captured Marrakech and brought the old dynasty to an end. Then the same cycle followed. The Merinid dynasty eventually declined and was overthrown. The next Berber dynasty was called the Wattasids. They began to seize power in 1240 and they ruled all of Morocco by 1469.

The next Moroccan dynasty was of Arab origin. The Saadians captured Marrakech in 1525 and Fes in 1548. The Saadian dynasty reached a peak during the years 1578-1603 in the time of Ahmed el-Mansour, known as the Golden One. However after his death the dynasty declined.

Mouley Rachid 1664-1672 founded a new dynasty, the Alaouites. Under Moulay Ismail 1672-1727 Morocco was a strong, centralized state and dealt with European powers like England and France as equals. However in the 19th century Morocco grew weaker as European powers industrialized. Nevertheless during the 19th century Morocco remained an independent country.

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Modern Morocco

However in 1912 Morocco was forced to become a French protectorate. Naturally the Moroccans resented their loss of independence and the whole country was not subdued until 1934. However in 1942, during World War II the allies landed in Morocco and Roosevelt was sympathetic to the Moroccans. In 1944 a Manifesto of Independence was published and in 1947 the Sultan declared he was in favor of independence.

In 1953 the French deposed the Sultan but he returned in 1956. Morocco became independent in 1956.

Hassan II became king of Morocco in 1961 and he reigned until 1991. During the 1960s and 1970s Morocco suffered from political instability. A constitution was drawn up in 1962 followed by another in 1970. However the king survived 2 coup attempts in 1971 and in 1972. Then in 1981 there were riots in Casablanca.

In 1996 Morocco was given a new constitution and in 1999 Mohammed VI became king. Today Morocco is a fast developing country. The main industries are tourism and textiles.

In July 2011 voters in Morocco approved a new constitution for the country. Today the population of Morocco is 32 million.

Eminent domain (United States, the Philippines), **compulsory purchase** (United Kingdom, New Zealand, Ireland), **resumption** (Hong Kong), **resumption/compulsory acquisition** (Australia), or **expropriation** (South Africa, Canada) is the power to take private property for public use, by a state or a national government. However, it can be legislatively delegated by the state to municipalities, government subdivisions, or even private persons or corporations, when they are authorized to exercise the functions of public character.[1]

The property may be taken either for government use or by delegation to third parties, who will devote it to public or civic use or, in some cases, to economic development. The most common uses of property taken by eminent domain are for government buildings and other facilities, public utilities, highways, and railroads. However, it may also be taken for reasons of public safety, as in the case of Centralia, Pennsylvania. Some jurisdictions require that the condemnor offer to purchase the property, before resorting to the use of eminent domain.

Meaning

The term "eminent domain" was taken from the legal treatise *De Jure Belli et Pacis*, written by the Dutch jurist Hugo Grotius in 1625,[2] which used the term *dominium eminens* (Latin for *supreme lordship*) and described the power as follows:

> "... The property of subjects is under the eminent domain of the state, so that the state or he who acts for it may use and even alienate and destroy such property, not only in the case of extreme necessity, in which even private persons have a right over the property of others, but for ends of public utility, to which ends those who founded civil society must be supposed to have intended that private ends should give way. But it is to be added that when this is done the state is bound to make good the loss to those who lose their property."

Some U.S. states use the term *appropriation* (New York) or "expropriation" (Louisiana) as synonyms for the exercising of eminent domain powers.

Condemnation

The term "condemnation" is used to describe the formal act of the exercise of the power of eminent domain to transfer title to the property from its private owner to the government. This use of the word should not be confused with its sense of a declaration that property is uninhabitable due to defects. Condemnation via eminent domain indicates the government is taking ownership of the property or some lesser interest in it, such as an easement. After the condemnation action is filed the amount of just compensation is determined in trial. However, in some cases, the property owner challenges the right to take because the proposed taking is not for "public use", or the condemnor is not legislatively authorized to take the subject property, or has not followed the proper substantive or procedural steps as required by law.

Other property

The exercise of eminent domain is not limited to real property. Governments may also condemn personal property. Governments can even condemn intangible property such as contract rights, patents, trade secrets, and copyrights. Even the taking of professional sports team's franchise has been held by the California Supreme Court to be within the purview of the "public use" constitutional limitation, although eventually, that taking was not permitted because it was deemed to violate the interstate commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution.[3]

North America

United States

Constitution

The practice of condemnation was transplanted into the American colonies with the common law. In the early years, unimproved land could be taken without compensation; this practice was accepted because land was so abundant that it could be cheaply replaced. When it came time to draft the United States Constitution, differing views on eminent domain were voiced. Thomas Jefferson favored eliminating all remnants of feudalism, and pushed for allodial ownership.[4] James Madison, who wrote the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution, had a more moderate view, and struck a compromise that sought to at least protect property rights somewhat by explicitly mandating compensation and using the term "public use" rather than "public purpose," "public interest", or "public benefit".[5]

The Fifth Amendment imposes limitations on the exercise of eminent domain: the taking must be for public use and just compensation must be paid. Some historians have suggested that these limitations on the taking power were inspired by the need to permit the army to secure mounts, fodder and provisions from local ranchers and the perceived need to assure them compensation for such takings. Similarly, soldiers forcibly sought housing in whatever homes were near their military assignments. To address the latter problem, the Third Amendment was enacted in 1791 as part of the US Constitution's Bill of Rights. It provided that the quartering of soldiers on private property could not take place in peacetime without the landowner's consent. It also required that, in wartime, established law had to be followed in housing troops on private property. Presumably, this would mandate "just compensation," a requirement for the exercise of eminent domain in general per the Fifth Amendment.[6] All U.S. states have legislation specifying eminent domain procedures within their respective territories.[7]

The power of governments to take private real or personal property has always existed in the United States, as it was once claimed to be an inherent attribute of sovereignty. This power reposes in the legislative branch of the government and may not be exercised unless the legislature has authorized its use by statutes that specify who may use it and for what purposes. The legislature may take private property by passing an Act transferring title to the government. The property owner may then seek compensation by suing in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. The legislature may also delegate the power to private entities like public utilities or railroads, and even to individuals for the purpose of acquiring access to their landlocked land. Its use was limited by the Takings Clause in the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1791, which reads, "... nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." The Fifth Amendment did not create the national government's right to use the eminent domain power, it simply limited it to public use.[8]

The U.S. Supreme Court has consistently deferred to the right of states to make their own determinations of public use. In 1832 the Supreme Court ruled that eminent domain could be used to allow a mill owner to expand his dam and operations by flooding an upstream neighbor. The court opinion stated that a public use does not have to mean public occupation of the land; it can mean a public benefit.[9] In *Clark vs. Nash* (1905), the Supreme Court acknowledged that different parts of the country have unique circumstances and the definition of public use thus varied with the facts of the case. It ruled a farmer could expand his irrigation ditch across another farmer's land (with compensation), because that farmer was entitled to "the flow of the waters of the said Fort Canyon Creek ... and the uses of the said waters ... [is] a public use." Here, in recognizing the arid climate and geography of Utah, the Court indicated the farmer not adjacent to the river had as much right as the farmer who was, to access the waters.[10] However, until the 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868, the limitations on eminent domain specified in the Fifth Amendment applied only to the federal government and not to the states. That view ended in 1896 when in the *Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad v. Chicago* case the court held that the eminent domain provisions of the Fifth Amendment were incorporated in the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and thus were now binding on the states, or in other words, when the states take private property they are required to devote it to a public use and compensate the property owner for his loss.[11] This was the beginning of what is now known as the "selective incorporation" doctrine.

An expansive interpretation of eminent domain was reaffirmed in *Berman v. Parker* (1954), in which the U.S. Supreme Court reviewed an effort by the District of Columbia to take and raze blighted structures, in order to eliminate slums in the Southwest Washington area. After the taking, held the court, the taken and razed land could be transferred to private redevelopers who would construct condominiums, private office buildings and a shopping center. The Supreme Court ruled against the owners of a non-blighted property within the area on the grounds that the project should be judged on its plans as a whole, not on a parcel by parcel basis. In *Hawaii Housing Authority v. Midkiff* (1984), the Supreme Court approved the use of eminent domain to transfer a land lessor's title to its tenants who owned and occupied homes built on the leased land. The court's justification was to break up a housing oligopoly, and thereby lower or stabilize home prices, although in reality, following the *Midkiff* decision, home prices on Oahu escalated dramatically, more than doubling within a few years.

The Supreme Court's decision in *Kelo v. City of New London*, 545 U.S. 469 (2005) affirmed the authority of New London, Connecticut, to take non-blighted private property by eminent domain, and then transfer it for a dollar a year to a private developer solely for the purpose of increasing municipal revenues. This 5-4 decision received heavy press coverage and inspired a public outcry criticizing eminent domain powers as too broad. In reaction to *Kelo*, several states enacted or are considering state legislation that would further define and restrict the power of eminent domain. The Supreme Courts of Illinois, Michigan (*County of Wayne v. Hathcock* [2004]), Ohio (*Norwood, Ohio v. Horney* [2006]), Oklahoma, and South Carolina have recently ruled to disallow such takings under their state constitutions.

The redevelopment in New London, the subject of the *Kelo* decision, proved to be a failure and as of 2012 (seven years after the court's decision) nothing has been built on the taken land in spite of the expenditure of over $80 million in public funds. The Pfizer corporation, which owned a $300 million research facility in the area, and would have been the primary beneficiary of the additional development,

announced in 2009 that it would close its facility, and did so shortly before the expiration of its 10-year tax abatement agreement with the city.[12] The facility was subsequently purchased in 2010 for just $55 million by General Dynamics Electric Boat.[13]

Compensation

American courts have held that the preferred measure of "just compensation" is "fair market value," i.e., the price that a willing but unpressured buyer would pay a willing but unpressured seller in a voluntary transaction, with both parties fully informed of the property's good and bad features.[14] Also, this approach takes into account the property's highest and best use (i.e., its most profitable use) which is not necessarily its current use or the use mandated by current zoning if there is a reasonable probability of zone change.

This measure of compensation has been severely criticized because it omits from consideration a variety of incidental economic losses that a taking of land inflicts on its owners when they are evicted from their homes and businesses. The most egregious example of such uncompensated losses is provided by the American law that denies any compensation to owners of businesses that are destroyed when land on which they are located is taken, and the business cannot relocate. A small minority of states have provided by statute that at least some business losses are compensable.

Also, attorneys' and appraisers' fees are not recoverable (except in Florida) so the owners of the taken property never recover the full value of the taken land, even if they prevail in the valuation trial, because a part of their recovery must be used to pay their lawyers and appraisers. Some states do provide for limited recovery of such litigation expenses, typically when the owners' recovery substantially exceeds the amount of the condemnor's pretrial offer or the evidence presented by the condemnor at trial by a specified percentage. Also, when a condemnation action is abandoned, the owners are typically entitled (by statute) to be paid reasonable attorneys' and appraisers' fee they had to incur in defending the condemnation action while it was pending.

When payment of compensation is delayed, the owner of the taken land is entitled to receive interest on the award of compensation, that accrues from the time of taking to the time of payment. The interest must be reasonable, so that when prevailing market rates of interest exceed the statutory rate (as in inflationary times), the former have to be used.

The U.S. Supreme Court takes the position that unlike the determination of what is a "public use," the determination of compensation is a judicial, not legislative, function, but legislatures are free to provide for more liberal awards of compensation than the constitutional minimum determined by courts.

In cases of partial takings of land, the owners are entitled to compensation for the taken part, plus severance damages (the diminution of value of what remains of their property after the taking). If the partial taking creates special benefits (i.e., it causes an increase in the value of the remaining land) their value is offset against compensation, with the majority of states allowing such offsets only against severance damages, so in those states, the owner always gets paid for the taken land. When a partial taking causes impairment of access to the remainder land, that gives rise to a contentious issue because courts take the position that diminution in value caused by impaired access is compensable only when the impairment is substantial. Traffic regulations that affect access (one-way streets, median dividers, etc.) are deemed exercises of the police power and are not compensable.

In addition to fee simple titles, all interests in property (easements, leaseholds, etc.) are compensable. The measure of value of a leasehold is the amount by which prevailing comparable rentals in the area exceed the actual contracted-for rent. This amount is known as "bonus value" of a lease. It is calculated over the remaining life of the lease and then reduced to its present value. The measure of compensation for an easement is the difference in the value of the subject land as unencumbered and as encumbered by the easement.

In determining value, zoning and other land-use regulations are considered, but if it appears that there is a reasonable probability of zone change to a higher use, that may be shown and in that case the owner is entitled to an additional increment of value (the extra amount over and above the value under current zoning, that the market would pay now because of the probability of future rezoning).

The appraisal profession recognizes several different methods of calculating value, but courts are largely stuck in the convention of using three valuation approaches: (a) market data analysis or comparable sales value, (b) the capitalization of rentals, and (c) the reproduction-less-depreciation approach under which the cost of reproducing the improvements on the property is estimated and then depreciated to allow for wear and tear and functional or economic obsolescence. The value of the land is then added to the value of the reproduced, depreciated improvements. Some states allow compensation as the cost of reproduction without depreciation, but only in cases where the subject property, though privately owned, performs an important public or charitable function.

The U.S. Supreme Court has indicated (*U.S. v. Cors*) that it is not its intention to make a "fetish" out of market value as the measure of compensation, and that other approaches may be used when conventional methods do not work, or if applied, would create an injustice (*Pewee Coal v. United States*). But this appears to be a hortatory, rather than doctrinal statement. These situations, however, are extremely rare.

Studies in several parts of the country (California, Georgia, Minnesota, New York and Utah) have demonstrated that condemning agencies frequently undercompensate property owners, and that those owners who reject the pre-litigation offers and go to court tend to recover substantially higher awards, whether by judges or juries.

Tax implications

When private property is destroyed, stolen, condemned, or disposed of, the owner may receive a payment in property or money in the form of insurance or a condemnation award.[15] If property is compulsorily or involuntarily converted into money (as in eminent domain) the proceeds can be reinvested without payment of capital gains tax provided it is reinvested in property similar or related in service or use to the property so converted, no capital gain shall be recognized.[16]

Bush executive order

On June 23, 2006, the first anniversary of the *Kelo* decision (see above), President George W. Bush issued Executive Order 13406 which stated in Section I that the federal government must limit its use of taking private property for "public use" with "just compensation," which is also stated in the constitution, for the "purpose of benefiting the general public." The order limits this use by stating that it

may not be used "for the purpose of advancing the economic interest of private parties to be given ownership or use of the property taken."[17] However, eminent domain is more often exercised by local and state governments, albeit often with funds obtained from the federal government.

Canada

In Canada, expropriation is governed by federal or provincial statutes. Under these statutory regimes, public authorities have the right to acquire private property for public purposes, so long as the acquisition is approved by the appropriate government body. Once property is taken, an owner is entitled to "be made whole" by compensation for: the market value of the expropriated property, injurious affection to the remainder of the property (if any), disturbance damages, business loss, and special difficulty relocating. Owners can advance claims for compensation above that initially provided by the expropriating authority by bringing a claim before the court or an administrative body appointed by the governing legislation.

Europe

In many European nations, the European Convention on Human Rights provides protection from appropriation of private property by the state. Article 8 of the Convention provides that "Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home, and his correspondence" and prohibits interference with this right by the state, unless the interference is in accordance with law and necessary in the interests of national security, public safety, economic well-being of the country, prevention of disorder or crime, protection of health or morals, or protection of the rights and freedoms of others. This right is expanded by Article 1 of the First Protocol to the Convention, which states that "Every natural person or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions.". Again, this is subject to exceptions where state deprivation of private possessions is in the general or public interest, is in accordance with law, and, in particular, to secure payment of taxes. Settled case-law of ECHR provides that just compensation has to be paid in cases of expropriation.[18]

France

In France, the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen similarly mandates just and preliminary compensation before expropriation; and a Déclaration d'utilité publique is commonly required, to demonstrate a public benefit.

Notably, in 1945, by decree of General Charles de Gaulle based on the untried[19] accusations of collaboration, the Renault company was expropriated from Louis Renault posthumously and nationalised as *Régie Nationale des Usines Renault*[19] — without compensation.[20]

United Kingdom

After his victory in 1066, William the Conqueror seized virtually all land in England. Although he maintained absolute power over the land, he granted fiefs to landholders who served as stewards, paying fees and providing military services. During the Hundred Years War in the 14th century, Edward III used the Crown's right of purveyance for massive expropriations. Chapter 28 of Magna Carta required

that immediate cash payment be made for expropriations. As the king's power was broken down in the ensuing centuries, tenants were regarded as holding ownership rights rather than merely possessory rights over their land. In 1427, a statute was passed granting commissioners of sewers in Lincolnshire the power to take land without compensation. After the early 16th century, however, Parliamentary takings of land for roads, bridges, etc. generally did require compensation. The common practice was to pay 10% more than the assessed value. However, as the voting franchise was expanded to include more non-landowners, the bonus was eliminated. In spite of contrary statements found in some American law, in the United Kingdom, compulsory purchase valuation cases were tried to juries well into the 19th century. DeKeyser's Royal Hotel v. The King (1919).

In England and Wales, and other jurisdictions that follow the principles of English law, the related term **compulsory purchase** is used. The landowner is compensated with a price agreed or stipulated by an appropriate person. Where agreement on price cannot be achieved, the value of the taken land is determined by the Lands Tribunal, a court consisting of one barrister and two chartered surveyors. The operative law is a patchwork of statutes and case law. The principal Acts are the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, the Land Compensation Act 1961, the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, the Land Compensation Act 1973, the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, part IX of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning and Compensation Act 1991, and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Germany

The Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany states in its Article 14 (3) that "an expropriation is only allowed for the public good"[21] and just compensation must be made. It also provides for the right to have the amount of the compensation checked by a court.

Italy

Esproprio, or more formally *espropriazione per pubblica utilità* (literally "expropriation for public utility") in Italy takes place within the frame of civil law. The law regulating expropriation is the D.P.R. n.327 of 2001,[22] amended by D.Lgs. n.302 of 2002;[23] it supersedes the old expropriation law, the Royal Decree n.2359 of 1865. Also other national and regional laws may apply. The general provisions for the expropriation stem from article 42 of the Italian Constitution and article 834 of the *Codice Civile*. Expropriation can be total (the whole property is expropriated) or partial; permanent or temporary.

Nazionalizzazione ("nationalization"), instead, is provided for by article 43 of the Constitution; it transfers to governmental authority and property a whole industrial sector, if it is deemed to be a natural or de facto monopoly, and an essential service of public utility. The most famous nationalization in Italy was the 1962 nationalization of the electrical power sector.

Australia

In Australia, section 51(xxxi) of the Australian Constitution permits the Commonwealth Parliament to make laws with respect to "the acquisition of property on just terms from any State or person for any purpose in respect of which the Parliament has power to make laws."[24] This has been construed as

meaning that just compensation may not always include monetary or proprietary recompense, rather it is for the court to determine what is just. It may be necessary to imply a need for compensation in the interests of justice, lest the law be invalidated.[25]

Property subject to resumption is not restricted to real estate as authority from the Federal Court has extended the states' power to resume property to any form of physical property. For the purposes of section 51(xxxi), money is not property which may be compulsorily acquired. A statutory right to sue has been considered "property" under this section.[26]

The Commonwealth must also derive some benefit from the property acquired, that is, the Commonwealth can "only legislate for the acquisition of Property for particular purposes".[27] Accordingly, the power does not extend to allow legislation designed merely to seek to extinguish the previous owner's title.[28] The states and territories' powers of resumption on the other hand are not so limited. The section 43(1) of the Lands Acquisition Act 1998 (NT) grants the Minister the power to acquire land 'for any purpose whatever'.[29] The High Court of Australia interpreted this provision literally, relieving the Territory government of any public purpose limitation on the power.[30] This finding permitted the Territory government to acquire land subject to Native Title, effectively extinguishing the Native Title interest in the land. As noted by Kirby J in dissent and a number of commentators, this represents a missed opportunity to comment on the exceptional nature of powers of resumption exercised in the absence of a public purpose limitation.[31]

The term *resumption* is a reflection of the fact that, as a matter of Australian law, all land was originally owned by the Crown before it was sold, leased or granted[32] and that, through the act of compulsory acquisition, the Crown is "resuming" possession.

South America

Chile

Art. 19, No. 24, of the Chilean Constitution says in part, "anyone deprived of his property, of the assets affected or any of the essential faculties or powers of ownership, except by virtue of a general or a special law which authorizes expropriation for the public benefit or the national interest, duly qualified by the legislator. The expropriated party may protest the legality of the expropriation action before the ordinary courts of justice and shall, at all times, have the right to indemnification for patrimonial harm actually caused, to be fixed by mutual agreement or by a sentence pronounced by said courts in accordance with the law."[33]

The vast majority of expropriated owners accept the amount of the indemnification, which usually is in line with real estate market values.

Asia

India

The Constitution originally provided for the right to property under Articles 19 and 31. Article 19 guaranteed to all citizens the right to 'acquire, hold and dispose of property'. Article 31 provided that "No person shall be deprived of his property save by authority of law." It also provided that compensation would be paid to a person whose property had been 'taken possession of or acquired' for public purposes. In addition, both the state government as well as the union (federal) government were empowered to enact laws for the "acquisition or requisition of property" (Schedule VII, Entry 42, List III). It is this provision that has been interpreted as being the source of the state's 'eminent domain' powers.[34]

The provisions relating to the right to property were changed a number of times. The 44th amendment act of 1978 deleted the right to property from the list of Fundamental Rights.[35] A new article, Article 300-A, was added to the constitution which provided that "no person shall be deprived of his property save by authority of law". Thus, if a legislature makes a law depriving a person of his property, it will not be unconstitutional. The aggrieved person shall have no right to move the court under Article 32. Thus, the right to property is no longer a fundamental right, though it is still a constitutional right. If the government appears to have acted unfairly, the action can be challenged in a court of law by citizens.[36]

Land acquisition in India is currently governed by The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, which came into force from 1 January 2014.[37] Till 2013, land acquisition in India was governed by Land Acquisition Act of 1894.

The liberalisation of the economy and the Government's initiative to set up special economic zones have led to many protests by farmers and have opened up a debate on the reinstatement of the fundamental right to private property.[38]

Pakistan

Under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, the government has the power to compulsorily acquire private land at the prevailing market rate for public purposes such as roads, highways, railways, dams, airports, etc.

Other countries

Many countries recognize eminent domain to a much lesser extent than the English-speaking world or do not recognize it at all. Japan, for instance, has very weak eminent domain powers, as evidenced by the high-profile opposition to the expansion of Narita International Airport, and the disproportionately large amounts of financial inducement given to residents on sites slated for redevelopment in return for their agreement to leave, one well-known recent case being that of Roppongi Hills.

There are other countries such as the People's Republic of China that practice eminent domain whenever it is convenient to make space for new communities and government structures. Singapore practices eminent domain under the Land Acquisitions Act which allows it to carry out its Selective En bloc Redevelopment Scheme for urban renewal. The Amendments to the Land Titles Act allowed property to be purchased for purposes of urban renewal against an owner sharing a collective title if the majority of the other owners wish to sell and the minority did not. Thus, eminent domain often invokes concerns of majoritarianism.

Since the 1990s, the Zimbabwean government under Robert Mugabe has seized a great deal of land and homes of mainly white farmers in the course of the land reform movement in Zimbabwe. The government argued that such land reform was necessary to redistribute the land to Zimbabweans dispossessed of their lands during colonialism - these farmers were never compensated for this seizure. [39]

In popular culture

As a controversial issue, compulsory acquisition has been a feature of movies and other pieces of fiction for many years.

Instances of compulsory acquisition in literature and films include *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, where first Arthur Dent's home is acquired for the building of a bypass road and then the Earth is acquired (demolished) to make way for a hyperspace bypass; and *The Castle*, an Australian film, where the Kerrigans' home is sought to be acquired to allow for an airport extension.

In Stephen King's novel *Roadwork*, published in 1981, the protagonist's house is purchased to make way for a road extension.

Throughout the *Tremors* film franchise, the retreatist Burt Gummer warns his companions about abuse of government power with specific focus on eminent domain.

Ian Anderson's song "Farm on the Freeway", recorded by Jethro Tull on their album *Crest of a Knave* (1987), is about the seizure of a farm by eminent domain. There is also an amusing British song, popularly rendered by the Clancy Brothers, entitled "They're Movin' Father's Grave to Build a Sewer."

In the song "Here Come the People in Grey" from the album Muswell Hillbillies by The Kinks, the lyrics include the line, "the borough's surveyor has used compulsory purchase to acquire my domain".

The 2009 American documentary *Begging for Billionaires* alleges abuses of eminent domain law in the United States.

In the Video Game L.A. Noire, the main villains in this game uses it to burn houses so the government will buy the properties out of them to build a freeway

See also

- Land bonds
- Legal plunder
- Navigable servitude
- Public use
- Water law

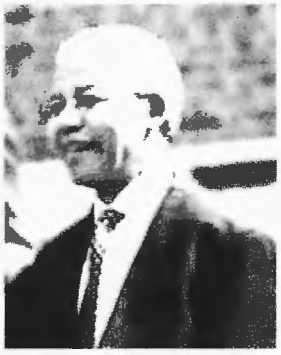
The term **black people** is an everyday English-language phrase, often used in socially-based systems of racial classification or of ethnicity to describe persons who are defined as belonging to a "black" ethnicity in their particular country, typically having a degree of Sub-Saharan African ancestry, or who are perceived to be dark-skinned relative to other "racial groups".

Different societies, such as Australia, Brazil, the United Kingdom, the United States and South Africa apply differing criteria regarding who is classified as "black", and these criteria have also varied over time. In some countries, social variables affect classification as much as skin-color, and the social criteria for "blackness" vary. For example, in North America the term *black people* is not necessarily an indicator of skin color or ethnic origin but is more of a socially-based racial classification related to being African American, with a family history related to institutionalized slavery. In South Africa, mixed-race people are not considered to be "black", and in other regions, such as Australia and Melanesia, the term "black" has been applied to, and used by, populations with a very different history. In Russia, the term "black" is often applied to people who are from ethnic groups originating in the Caucasus. This is not to be confused with Afro Turks or Abkhazians of African descent.

Africa

South Africa

In South Africa during the apartheid era, beginning in the first half of the twentieth century, the population was classified into four main racial groups: *Black*, *White*, *Asian* (mostly Indian), and *Coloured*. The Coloured group included people of mixed Bantu, Khoisan, and European descent (with some Malay ancestry, especially in the Western Cape). The Coloured definition occupied an intermediary political position between the Black and White definitions in South Africa.



Nelson Mandela led the ANC in the battle against South African Apartheid.

The apartheid bureaucracy devised complex (and often arbitrary) criteria in the Population Registration Act of 1945 to determine who belonged in which group. Minor officials administered tests to enforce the classifications. When it was unclear from a person's physical appearance whether a person was to be considered Coloured or Black, the "pencil test" was employed. This involved inserting a pencil in a person's hair to determine if the hair was kinky enough for the pencil to get stuck. If so, the person was classified as Black.[1] Sandra Laing is a South African woman who was classified as Coloured by authorities during the apartheid era, due to her skin colour and hair texture, although she was the child of at least three generations of European ancestors. At age 10, she was expelled from her all-white school, and the authorities' decisions based on her anomalous appearance disrupted her family and adult life. She was the subject of the 2008 biographical dramatic film *Skin*, which won numerous awards.

During the apartheid era, those classed as "Coloured" were oppressed and discriminated against. But, they had limited rights and overall had slightly better socioeconomic conditions than those classed as "Black".

In the post-apartheid era, the Constitution of South Africa has declared the country to be a 'Non-racial democracy". However, the ANC government has introduced laws in support of their affirmative action policies that define "Black" people to include "Africans", "Coloureds" and "Asians". Their affirmative action policies have also favored "Africans" over "Coloureds". Some South Africans categorized as "African Black" openly state that "Coloureds" did not suffer as much as they did during apartheid. The popular saying by "Coloured" South Africans to illustrate their dilemma is:

> We were not white enough under apartheid, and we are not black enough under the ANC (African National Congress)

In 2008, the High Court in South Africa ruled that Chinese South Africans who were residents during the

apartheid era (and their descendents) are to be reclassified as "Black people" solely for the purposes of accessing affirmative action benefits, because they were also "disadvantaged" by racial discrimination. Chinese people who arrived in the country after the end of apartheid do not qualify.[2]

Other than by appearance, "Coloureds" can usually be distinguished from "Blacks" by language. Most speak Afrikaans or English as a first language, as opposed to Bantu languages such as Zulu or Xhosa. They also tend to have more European-sounding names than Bantu names.[3]

North Africa

There are a number of black communities in North Africa, some dating from prehistoric communities, others as descendants from the historical Trans-Saharan trade and after the Arab invasions of North Africa in the 7th century, descendants of slaves from the Arab Slave Trade in North Africa.[4][5]

Algerian footballer Yacine Brahimi

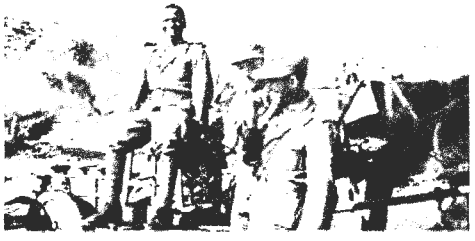
Moroccan Gnawa musician Hassan Hakmoun

In the 18th century, the Moroccan Sultan Moulay Ismail "the Bloodthirsty" (1672–1727) raised a corps of 150,000 black slaves, called his Black Guard, who coerced the country into submission.[6][7]

According to Dr. Carlos Moore, resident scholar at Brazil's University of the State of Bahia, Afro-multiracials in the Arab world, including Arabs in North Africa, self-identify in ways that resemble Latin America. He claims that black-looking Arabs, much like black-looking Latin Americans, consider themselves white because they have some distant white ancestry.[8]

Sadat's mother was a dark-skinned Nubian Sudanese woman and his father was a light-skinned Egyptian. In response to an advertisement for an acting position, he said, "I am not white but I am not exactly black either. My blackness is tending to reddish".[9]

Fathia Nkrumah was another Egyptian with ties to West Africa. She was the late wife of Ghanaian revolutionary Kwame Nkrumah, whose marriage was seen as helping plant the seeds of cooperation between Egypt and other African countries as they struggled for independence from European colonization. This helped advance the formation of the African Union.[10]



Soldiers of the Free Arabian Legion in Greece, September 1943

Because of the patriarchal nature of Arab society, Arab men, including during the slave trade in North Africa, enslaved more black women than men, and used more black female slaves than males. The men interpreted the Qur'an to permit sexual relations between a male master and his female slave outside of marriage (see Ma malakat aymanukum and sex),[11][12] leading to many mixed-race children. When an enslaved woman became pregnant with her Arab master's child, she became *umm walad* or "mother of a child", a status that granted her privileged rights. As the child was given rights of inheritance, mixed-race children could share in any wealth of the father.[13] Because the society was patrilineal, the children took their fathers' social status at birth and were born free. Some succeeded their fathers as rulers, as was the case with Sultan Ahmad al-Mansur, who ruled Morocco from 1578 to 1608, though technically not mixed-race. His mother was a Fulani concubine of his father. Such tolerance for black persons, even when technically "free", was not so common in Morocco.[14] The term *abd* (Arabic: عبد,) (meaning "slave"), is still used as a common term for black people in the Arabic-speaking world.[15]

Asia

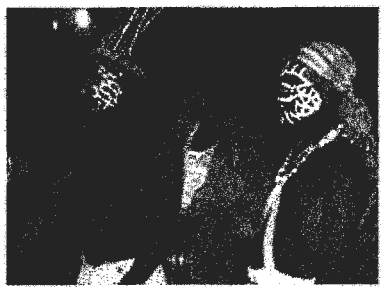
China

In August 2008, *The Migration Information Source* article noted that "A Nigerian Embassy spokesman estimated that Nigerians possibly make up the largest group of Black Africans in China, with about 2,000 to

3,000 Nigerians in Guangdong in 2006. Most businessmen only stay temporarily."[16][17]

India and Pakistan

The Siddi are an ethnic group inhabiting India and Pakistan whose members are descended from Bantu peoples from Southeast Africa that were brought to the Indian subcontinent as slaves by Arab and Portuguese merchants.[18] Although it is commonly believed locally that "Siddi" derives from a word meaning "black",[19] the term is actually derived from "Sayyid", the title borne by the captains of the Arab vessels that first brought Siddi settlers to the area.[20] In the Makran strip of the Sindh and Balochistan provinces in southwestern Pakistan, these Bantu descendants are known as the Makrani.[21] There was a brief "Black Power" movement in Sindh in the 1960s and many Siddi are proud of and celebrate their Black African ancestry.[19][22]



Siddi folk dancers performing at Devaliya Naka, Sasan Gir, Gujarat

Southeast Asia

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The Negritos are believed to be the first inhabitants of Southeast Asia, remnants of the earliest settlers from the Out of Africa migration. Negrito means "little black people" in Spanish (negrito is the Spanish diminutive of negro, i.e., "little black person"); it is what the Spaniards called the short-statured, hunter-gatherer autochthones that they encountered in the Philippines.[23]

Australia

Ati woman, Philippines – the Negritos are the indigenous people of Southeast Asia.

Indigenous Australians have been referred to as "black people" in Australia since the early days of European settlement.[24] While originally related to skin colour, the term is used to today to indicate Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ancestry in general and can refer to people of any skin pigmentation.[25]

Being identified as either "black" or "white" in Australia during the 19th and early 20th centuries was critical in one's employment and social prospects. Various state-based Aboriginal Protection Boards were established which had virtually complete control over the lives of Indigenous Australians – where they lived, their employment, marriage, education and included the power to separate children from their parents.[26][27][28] Aborigines were not allowed to vote and were often confined to reserves and forced into low paid or effectively slave labour.[29][30] The social position of mixed-race or "half-caste" individuals varied over time. A 1913 report by Sir Baldwin Spencer states that:

Unknown Aboriginal woman in 1911

> the half-castes belong neither to the aboriginal nor to the whites, yet, on the whole, they have more leaning towards the former; ... One thing is certain and that is that the white population as a whole will never mix with half-castes... the best and kindest thing is to place them on reserves along with the natives, train them in the same schools and encourage them to marry amongst themselves.[31]

After the First World War, however, it became apparent that the number of mixed-race people was growing at a faster rate than the white population, and by 1930 fear of the "half-caste menace" undermining the White Australia ideal from within was being taken as a serious concern.[32] Dr. Cecil Cook, the Northern Territory Protector of Natives, noted that:

> generally by the fifth and invariably by the sixth generation, all native characteristics of the Australian Aborigine are eradicated. The problem of our half-castes will quickly be eliminated by the complete disappearance of the black race, and the swift submergence of their progeny in the white.[33]

The official policy became one of biological and cultural assimilation: "Eliminate the full-blood and permit the white admixture to half-castes and eventually the race will become white".[34] This led to different treatment for "black" and "half-caste" individuals, with lighter-skinned individuals targeted for removal from their families to be raised as "white" people, restricted from speaking their native language and practising traditional customs, a process now known as the Stolen Generation.[35]

The second half of the 20th century to the present has seen a gradual shift towards improved human rights for

for Aboriginal people. Aborigines were given the right to vote in 1962, and in the 1967 referendum over 90% of the Australian population voted to end constitutional discrimination and to include Aborigines in the national census.[36] During this period many Aboriginal activists began to embrace the term "black" and use their ancestry as a source of pride. Activist Bob Maza said:

> I only hope that when I die I can say I'm black and it's beautiful to be black. It is this sense of pride which we are trying to give back to the aborigine [*sic*] today.[37]

Aboriginal activist Sam Watson addressing Invasion Day Rally 2007 in a "White Australia has a Black History" T-shirt

In 1978 Aboriginal writer Kevin Gilbert received the National Book Council award for his book *Living Black: Blacks Talk to Kevin Gilbert*, a collection of Aboriginal people's stories, and in 1998 was awarded (but refused to accept) the Human Rights Award for Literature for *Inside Black Australia*, a poetry anthology and exhibition of Aboriginal photography.[38] In contrast to previous definitions based solely on the degree of Aboriginal ancestry, in 1990 the Government changed the legal definition of Aboriginal to include any:

> person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he [or she] lives[39]

This nationwide acceptance and recognition of Aboriginal people led to a significant increase in the number of people self-identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.[40][41] The reappropriation of the term "black" with a positive and more inclusive meaning has resulted in its widespread use in mainstream Australian culture, including public media outlets,[42] government agencies,[43] and private companies.[44] In 2012, a number of high-profile cases highlighted the legal and community attitude that identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is not dependent on skin colour, with a well-known boxer Anthony Mundine being widely criticised for questioning the "blackness" of another boxer[45] and journalist Andrew Bolt being successfully sued for publishing discriminatory comments about Aboriginals with light skin.[46]

Nigerian attendants at the 2012 National Multicultural Festival in Canberra

African Australians

John Caesar, nicknamed "Black Caesar", convict and bushranger of unknown African parentage, was one of the first people of recent Black African ancestry to arrive in Australia.[47]

At the 2006 Census, 248,605 residents declared that they were born in Africa. This figure includes white Africans.

Europe

Balkans

Due to the Ottoman slave trade that had flourished in the Balkans, the coastal town of Ulcinj in Montenegro had its own black community.[48] As a consequence of the slave trade and privateer activity, it is told how until 1878 in Ulcinj 100 black people lived.[49] The Ottoman Army also deployed an estimated 30,000 Black African troops and cavalrymen to its expedition in Hungary during the Austro-Turkish War of 1716–18.[50]

Eastern Europe

As African states became independent in the 1960s, the Soviet Union offered many of their citizens the chance to study in Russia. Over a period of 40 years, about

Portrait of a black woman, Katherine, in

studies, including many Black Africans.[51][52] This extended beyond the Soviet Union to many countries of the Eastern bloc.

France

While census collection of ethnic background is illegal in France, it is estimated that there are about 2.5 – 5 million black people residing there.[53][54]

Turkey

Beginning several centuries ago, a number of Black Africans were brought by slave traders during the Ottoman Empire to plantations between Antalya and Istanbul in modern-day Turkey.[55] Some of their descendants remain, and many migrated to larger cities. Other slaves were transported to Crete, from where they later arrived in the İzmir area through the population exchange between Greece and Turkey in 1923, or indirectly from Ayvalık in pursuit of work.[56][57]

A Bashi-bazouk of the Ottoman Empire, painting by Jean-Léon Gérôme, 1869

United Kingdom

According to the Office for National Statistics, at the 2001 census there were over a million black people in the United Kingdom; 1% of the total population described themselves as "Black Caribbean", 0.8% as "Black African", and 0.2% as "Black other".[58] Britain encouraged the immigration of workers from the Caribbean after World War II; the first symbolic movement was those who came on the ship the *Empire Windrush*. The preferred official umbrella term is "black and minority ethnic" (BME), but sometimes the term "black" is used on its own, to express unified opposition to racism, as in the Southall Black Sisters, which started with a mainly British Asian constituency, and the National Black Police Association, which has a membership of "African, African-Caribbean and Asian origin".[59]

Middle East

Arabian Peninsula

Historians estimate that between the advent of Islam in 650 and the abolition of slavery in the Arabian Peninsula in the mid-20th century,[60] 10 to 18 million Black Africans were enslaved by Arab slave traders and taken to the Arabian Peninsula and neighboring countries.[61][62][63] Due to the sex-biased flow of female slaves to serve as concubines in harems in the Arabian Peninsula and neighboring countries, the castration of male slaves to serve as harem guards, the death toll of Black African slaves from forced labor, and the assimilation of the children of female slaves and Arab owners into the Arab owners' families, there are very few remaining distinctive black communities in the Arabian Peninsula and neighboring countries today.[64][65]

Saudi Arabian footballer Majed Abdullah, nicknamed the "Saudi Arabian Pelé"

Genetic studies have found significant African female-mediated gene flow in Arab communities in the Arabian Peninsula and neighboring countries, with an average of 38% of African maternal lineages in Yemen,[66][67] 16% in Oman-Qatar,[67] and 10% in Saudi Arabia-United Arab Emirates.[67] Although distinctive and self-identified black communities have been reported in countries such as Iraq with a reported 1.2 million black people,[68] in the Arabian Peninsula and neighboring countries, most of those of identifiable African descent are classified and identify as Arab, not black.[69]

Israel

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An African Hebrew Israelite of Jerusalem child in Dimona

Additionally, there are around 60,000 non-Jewish African immigrants in Israel. Most of the migrants are from communities in Sudan and Eritrea, particularly the Niger-Congo-speaking Nuba groups of the southern Nuba Mountains.[72][73]

South America and the Caribbean

Approximately 12 million Africans were shipped to the Americas during the Atlantic slave trade from 1492 to 1888, with 11.5 million of those shipped to South America and the Caribbean.[74] Brazil was the largest importer in the Americas, with 5.5 million African slaves imported, followed by the British Caribbean with 2.76 million, the Spanish Caribbean and Spanish Mainland with 1.59 million Africans, and the French Caribbean with 1.32 million.[75] Today their descendants number approximately 150 million in South America and the Caribbean.[76] In addition to skin color, other physical characteristics such as facial features and hair texture are often variously used in classifying peoples as black in South America and the Caribbean.[77][78] In South America and the Caribbean, classification as black is also closely tied to social status and socioeconomic variables, especially in light of social conceptions of "blanqueamiento" (racial whitening) and related concepts.[78][79]

Brazil

The topic of race in Brazil is complex. A Brazilian child was never automatically identified with the racial type of one or both parents, nor were there only two categories to choose from. Between a pure black and a very light mulatto, more than a dozen racial categories were acknowledged, based on combinations of hair color, hair texture, eye color, and skin color. These types grade into each other like the colors of the spectrum, and no one category stands significantly isolated from the rest. That is, race has referred to appearance, not heredity.[80]

Jongo, a Brazilian dance of African origin, c. 1822

Scholars disagree over the effects of social status on racial classifications in Brazil. It is generally believed that upward mobility and education results in reclassification of individuals into lighter-skinned categories. The popular claim is that in Brazil, poor whites are considered black and wealthy blacks are considered white. Some scholars disagree, arguing that whitening of one's social status may be open to people of mixed race, but a typically black person will consistently be identified as black regardless of wealth or social status.[81][82]

Statistics

Brazilian Population, by Race, from 1872 to 1991 (Census Data)[83]

Ethnic group	White	Black	Brown	Yellow (Asian)	Undeclared	Total
1872	3,787,289	1,954,452	4,188,737	–	–	9,930,478
1940	26,171,778	6,035,869	8,744,365	242,320	41,983	41,236,315
1991	75,704,927	7,335,136	62,316,064	630,656	534,878	146,521,661

Demographics of Brazil

Year	White	Pardo	Black
1835	24.4%	18.2%	51.4%
2000	53.7%	38.5%	6.2%
2010	48.4%	42.4%	6.7%

From the year 1500 to 1850, an estimated 3.5 million Africans were forcibly shipped to Brazil.[81] It is estimated that more than half of the Brazilian population is at least in part descendants of these Africans. Brazil has the largest population of Afro-descendants outside of Africa. In contrast to the US, there were no segregation or anti-miscegenation laws in Brazil. Intermarriage has been popular for centuries. Much of the white/Asian population also has either African or Amerindian blood. According to the last census of the twentieth century, 54% identified themselves as white, 6.2% identified themselves as black, and 39.5% identified themselves as Pardo (brown) — a broad multi-racial category.[84]

A philosophy of racial whitening emerged in Brazil in the nineteenth century. Until recently the government did not keep data on race. However, statisticians estimate that in 1835 half the population was black, one fifth was Pardo (brown) and one fourth white. By 2000, the black population had fallen to 6.2%, the Pardo had increased to 40%, and white to 55%. Essentially most of the black population was absorbed into the multi-racial category

had some recent (since the colonial period) African ancestry.[85]

Race relations in Brazil

Because of the ideology of miscegenation, Brazil has avoided the

polarization of society into black and white. The bitter and sometimes violent racial tensions that divide the US are notably absent in Brazil. According to the 2010 census, 6.7% of Brazilians said they were black, compared with 6.2% in 2000, and 43.1% said they were mixed race, up from 38.5%. In 2010, Elio Ferreira de Araujo, Brazil's minister for racial equality, attributed the change to growing pride among his country's black and indigenous communities

Brazilian Candomblé ceremony

The philosophy of the racial democracy in Brazil has drawn criticism from some quarters. Brazil has one of the largest gaps in income distribution in the world. The richest 10% of the population earn 28 times the average income of the bottom 40%. The richest 10 percent is almost exclusively white. One-third of the population lives under the poverty line, with blacks and other non-whites accounting for 70 percent of the poor.[87]

Brazilian Candomblé ceremony

Fruit sellers in Rio de Janeiro c. 1820

In the US, black people earn 75% of what white people earn.[88] In Brazil, non-whites earn less than 50% of what whites earn. Some have posited that Brazil practices the one-drop rule when analysts consider the facts of social and economic divisions. The gap in income between blacks and other non-whites is relatively small compared to the large gap between whites and non-whites. Other factors, such as illiteracy and education levels, show the same patterns.[89] Unlike in the US, where African Americans were united in the civil-rights struggle, in Brazil the philosophy of whitening has helped divide blacks from other non-whites and prevented a more active civil rights movement.

Though Brazilians of African heritage make up a large percentage[88] of the population there are very few black politicians. The city of Salvador, Bahia, for instance, is 80% Afro-Brazilian but has never had a black mayor. Critics indicate that US cities that have a black majority, such as Detroit and New Orleans, have never had white mayors since first electing black mayors in the 1970s.[86][90]

Black people in Brazil c. 1821

Non-white people also have limited media visibility. The Latin American media, in particular the Brazilian media, has been accused of hiding its Black, Indigenous, Multiracial and East Asian population. For example the telenovelas or soaps are said to be a hotbed of largely blond and light-eyed white (they resemble Scandinavians and other northern Europeans more than they look like white Brazilians of typical Southern European features) and light-skinned mulatto and mestizo (often deemed as white persons in Brazil if achieving the middle class or higher social status) actors. Most rare empowered persons of color represented in Latin American media possess typically Caucasian features due to a mix of racist standards of beauty, colourism and lookism. Nevertheless, in the last years, the number of empowered afrodescendants (either economically or by other ways) increased in Brazilian media coverage. Despite Brazil also possessing criminal black man stereotypes, it is considered a huge prejudice and mostly not used in a disordered way by the media, in spite of sometimes common "humouristic" sexist jokes and LGBT stereotyping [91] and as such lack of politically correctness in native race issues is not a major problem (there are more stereotypes of Asian people, Europeans or U.S. Americans, for example).

These patterns of discrimination against non-whites have led some to advocate for the use of the Portuguese term 'negro' to encompass non-whites so as to renew a black consciousness and identity, in effect an African descent rule.[92] It generates criticism since Pardo, or Brown people, is intended to include caboclos (mestizos), assimilated Amerindians and tri-racials, not only afrodescendants — thus Brazilian of some or no recent African descent, as most White Brazilians, become 60–70% of the population, breaking the argument of possible Brazilian one-drop rule since real noticeable mulattoes, cafuzos (zambos) and black persons are a minority and the Brazilian poor represents larger percents in Brazil. As one would expect from an underdeveloped country, there are pockets of poverty in White-majority and Japanese Brazilian-majority areas, rarer in urban developments but common in rural areas. They are even more common among Mestizo-majority areas, and

In the first 200 years that black people were in the United States, they commonly referred to themselves as Africans. In Africa, people primarily identified themselves by ethnic group (closely allied to language) and not by skin color. Individuals identified themselves, for example, as Ashanti, Igbo, Bakongo, or Wolof, and others. But when Africans were brought to the Americas, they were often combined with other groups from Africa, and individual ethnic affiliations were not generally acknowledged by English colonists. In areas of the Upper South, different ethnic groups were brought together. This is significant as Africans came from a vast geographic region: the West African coastline stretching from Senegal to Angola and in some cases from the south-east coast such as Mozambique. A new identity and culture was born that incorporated elements of the

various ethnic groups and of European cultural heritage, resulting in fusions such as the Black church and Black English. This new identity was based on African ancestry and slave status rather than membership in any one ethnic group.[93] By contrast, slave records from Louisiana show that the French and Spanish colonists recorded more complete identities of Africans, including ethnicities and given tribal names.[94]

The US racial or ethnic classification "black" refers to people with all possible kinds of skin pigmentation, from the darkest through to the very lightest skin colors, including albinos, if they are believed by others to have African ancestry (in any discernible percentage), or to exhibit cultural traits associated with being "African American". As a result, in the United States the term "black people" is not an indicator of skin color but of socially based racial classification.[95] Relatively dark-skinned people can be classified as white if they fulfill other social criteria of "whiteness", and relatively light-skinned people can be classified as black if they fulfill the social criteria for "blackness" in a particular setting.[96]

Harriet Tubman, an African-American fugitive slave, abolitionist, and conductor of the Underground Railroad

In March 1807, Great Britain, which largely controlled the Atlantic, declared the transatlantic slave trade illegal; as did the United States. (The latter prohibition took effect 1 January 1808, the earliest date on which Congress had the power to do so after protecting the slave trade under Article I, Section 9 of the United States Constitution.)

By that time, the majority of black people in the United States were native-born, so the use of the term "African" became problematic. Though initially a source of pride, many blacks feared the use of African as an identity would be a hindrance to their fight for full citizenship in the US. They also felt that it would give ammunition to those who were advocating repatriating black people back to Africa. In 1835, black leaders called upon black Americans to remove the title of "African" from their institutions and replace it with "Negro" or "Colored American". A few institutions chose to keep their historic names, such as the African Methodist Episcopal Church. African Americans popularly used the terms "Negro" or "colored" for themselves until the late 1960s.[97]

The term *black* was used throughout but not frequently since it carried a certain stigma. In his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech,[98] Martin Luther King, Jr. uses the terms *negro* fifteen times and *black* four times. Each time he uses *black* it is in parallel construction with *white*, for example, "black men and white men".[99]

With the successes of the civil rights movement, a new term was needed to break from the past and help shed the reminders of legalized discrimination. In place of *Negro*, activists promoted the use of *black* as standing for racial pride, militancy, and power. Some of the turning points included the use of the term "Black Power" by Kwame Toure (Stokely Carmichael) and the popular singer James Brown's song "Say It Loud - I'm Black and I'm Proud".

In 1988, the civil rights leader Jesse Jackson urged Americans to use the term "African American" because it had a historical cultural base and was a construction similar to terms used by European descendants, such as German American, Italian American, etc. Since then, African American and black have had essentially coequal status. Controversy continues over which term is more appropriate. Maulana Karenga and Owen Alik Shahadah argue African-American is more appropriate because it accurately articulates geographical and historical origin.[93] Others have argued that "black" is a better term because "African"

since the earliest colonial years.[100] Still others believe the term black is inaccurate because African Americans have a variety of skin tones.[101][102] Surveys show that the majority of black Americans have no preference for "African American" or "Black",[103] although they have a slight preference for "black" in personal settings and "African American" in more formal settings.[104]

Increases in the number of black immigrants to the United States from Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America since the late twentieth century have raised questions about who uses the term African American. The more recent African immigrants may sometimes view themselves, and be viewed, as culturally distinct from native-born Americans who descend from African slaves.[105]

The U.S. census race definitions says a "black" is a person having origins in any of the black (sub-Saharan) racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as "Black, African Am., or Negro" or who provide written entries such as African American, Afro-American, Kenyan, Nigerian, or Haitian. The Census Bureau notes that these classifications are socio-political constructs and should not be interpreted as scientific or anthropological.[106]

A considerable portion of the U.S. population identified as *black* also has European ancestry in varying amounts; a lesser proportion have some Native American ancestry. For instance, genetic studies of African-American people show an ancestry that is on average 17–18% European.[107]

A black GI and a Chinese soldier place the flag of their ally on the front of their jeep, truck convoy on the Stilwell Road, Burma, 1945

One-drop rule

Since the late nineteenth century, the South used a colloquial term, the *one-drop rule*, to classify as black a person of any known African ancestry. This practice of hypodescent was not put into law until the early twentieth century.[108] Legally the definition varied from state to state. Racial definition was more flexible in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries before the American Civil War. For instance, President Thomas Jefferson held persons who were legally white (less than 25% black) according to Virginia law at the time, but, because they were born to slave mothers, they were born into slavery, according to the principle of *partus sequitur ventrem*, which Virginia adopted into law in 1662.

Outside of the US, some other countries have adopted the one-drop rule, but the definition of who is black and the extent to which the one-drop "rule" applies varies greatly from country to country.

The one-drop rule may have originated as a means of increasing the number of black slaves[109] and was maintained as an attempt to keep the white race pure.[110] One of the results of the one-drop rule was the uniting of the African-American community.[108] Some of the most prominent abolitionists and civil-rights activists of the nineteenth century were multiracial, such as Frederick Douglass, Robert Purvis, and James Mercer Langston. They advocated equality for all.

Blackness

The concept of blackness in the United States has been described as the degree to which one associates themselves with mainstream African American culture, politics,[114][115] and values. To a certain extent, this concept is not so much about race but more about political orientation,[114][115] culture and behavior. Blackness can be contrasted with "acting white", where black Americans are said to behave with assumed characteristics of stereotypical white Americans with regard to fashion, dialect, taste in music,[116] and possibly, from the perspective of a significant number of black youth, academic achievement.[117]

Barack Obama, the first

Due to the often political[114][115] and cultural contours of blackness in the United States, the notion of blackness can also be extended to non-black people. Toni Morrison once described Bill Clinton as the first black President of the United States,[118] because of his warm relations with African Americans and his poor

upbringing. Christopher Hitchens was offended by the notion of Clinton as the first black president, noting, "Mr Clinton, according to Toni Morrison, the Nobel Prize-winning novelist, is our first black President, the first to come from the broken home, the alcoholic mother, the under-the-bridge shadows of our ranking systems. Thus, we may have lost the mystical power to divine diabolism, but we can still divine blackness by the following symptoms: broken homes, alcoholic mothers, under-the-bridge habits and (presumable from the rest of [Arthur] Miller's senescent musings) the tendency to sexual predation and to shameless perjury about same."[119] Some black activists were also offended, claiming Clinton used his knowledge of black culture to exploit black people for political gain as no other president had before, while not serving black interests.[120] They note his lack of action

action during the Rwanda genocide[121] and his welfare reform, which Larry Roberts said had led to the worst child poverty since the 1960s.[122] Others noted that the number of black people in jail increased during his administration.[123]

The question of blackness also arose in the Democrat Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign. Commentators have questioned whether Obama, who was elected the first President with black ancestry, is "black enough", contending that his background is not typical because his mother was white American, and his father was a black Kenyan immigrant.[111][113] Obama chose to identify as black and African-American.[124][125]

In July 2012, Ancestry.com reported on historic and DNA research by its staff that discovered that Obama is likely a descendant through his mother of John Punch, considered by some historians to be the first African slave in the Virginia colony. An indentured servant, he was "bound for life" in 1640 after trying to escape. The story of him and his descendants is that of multi-racial America since it appeared he and his sons married or had unions with white women, likely indentured servants and working class like them. Their multi-racial children were free because they were born to free English women. Over time, Obama's line of the Bunch family (as they became known) were property owners and continued to "marry white"; they became part of white society, likely by the early to mid-eighteenth century.

Too Much Black

We Only Just Begun

Africans As First Asians by No Black Pete

(http://toomuchblack.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/king-memnon.jpg)THE GLOBAL MIGRATIONS OF AFRICAN PEOPLE

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INTRODUCTION

It has been said that "history is a light that illuminates the past and a key that unlocks the door to the future."

This paper is designed to help reconnect and refocus the history and present conditions of the Global African Community from the periphery of our imaginations to the center of our attention, and is devoted to the review of what has been referred to as "That Other African." This is not the stereotypical African savage, but the African that first peopled the earth, and gave birth to or significantly influenced the world's oldest and most magnificent civilizations.

This is the African that first entered Asia, Europe, Australia, the South Pacific, and the early Americas not as slave, but as master. We now know, based on recent scientific studies of DNA, that modern humanity originated in Africa, that Black people are the world's original people, and that all modern humans can ultimately trace their ancestral roots back to Africa. If not for the primordial migrations of early African people, humanity would have remained physically Africoid, and the rest of the world outside of the African continent absent of human life.

Our concern is not only with Africa as the cradle of human culture, but as the birthplace and the cradle of humanity itself. For a long time the cradle of humanity was "placed" in Asia. This was apparently done for at least two basic reasons: the ancient presence in Asia of all three major human ethnic types (Black, White, and Yellow); and the discovery of Homo erectus in Asia at a time when Africa had not yet become a significant target for palaeontological excavations.

Homo erectus, whose origins have been traced back to about 1.6 million years before present, was the first hominid to leave Africa. More than 500,000 years ago, having domesticated fire and possessing rudimentary methods of transporting food and water, Homo erectus, with physical

characteristics distinctly marked by dark complexion and tightly curled hair, was ready to embark upon his Asia trek. Both the well known "Peking Man" and "Java Man" fossils are only regional variations of early, Africoid Homo erectus populations. The arrival of Homo erectus from Africa into Europe has been estimated at about 400,000 years ago.

In addition to Homo erectus, the Great Lakes region of East-Central Africa also produced the first modern human populations (Homo sapiens sapiens). New researches and discoveries in the relevant scientific fields confirm this. In 1986, for example, after a meticulous analysis of mitochondrial DNA, an elite group of scientists led by Oxford University's James S. Wainscoat, recorded the following statement: "The earliest fossils of anatomically modern man (Homo sapiens sapiens) have been found in Africa at Omo in Ethiopia, Border Cave [Ingwavuma] in South Africa and at Klasies River Mouth in South Africa.

The data from the last site suggests that Homo sapiens sapiens was present in South Africa more than 100,000 years ago, and an adult mandible from Border Cave has been dated to about 90,000 years before present. Hence, it has been argued that the evolution of modern man took place in Africa. Our data are consistent with such a scheme, in which a founder population migrated from Africa and subsequently gave rise to all non-African populations."
In 1987, less than a year after the initial publication of their findings, Wainscoat was even more convinced of their validity. In a more specific report, Wainscoat noted that, "It seems likely that modern man emerged in Africa and...that subsequently a founder population left Africa and spread throughout Europe, Asia and the Americas."

Douglas Wallace, another scientist actively engaged in DNA research, adds that, "The scientist's Eve–subject of one of the most provocative theories in a decade–was more likely a dark-haired, black-skinned woman, roaming a hot savanna in search of food." According to Diop: "The man born in Africa was necessarily dark-skinned due to the considerable force of ultraviolet radiation in the equatorial belt. As he moved toward the more temperate climates, this man gradually lost his pigmentation by process of selection and adaptation."

Throughout the 1990s DNA research has continued and has given added weight to the African origins of humanity. As the direct result of migrations then, African people came to populate the rest of the world. There were different routes with varying degrees of difficulty that the migrants could have taken as they left the Great Lakes region. These routes include the Nile Valley, the Suez Isthmus into Asia, and the Straits of Gibraltar into Europe. It is in the light of these routes that the presence of modern humans in Asia, Europe, and, ultimately the Americas, can be traced.

When we speak of the African presence globally we are referring to all of the Black populations that have peopled the planet within both the prehistoric and historic periods. We are using the words African and Black interchangeably, as synonyms. This includes Africans as the first modern humans, the subsequent migrations and movements of African people, and the later involuntary arrival of African people around the world as the result of enslavement.

THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN ASIA

The First Asians

The earliest modern human (Homo sapiens sapiens) populations of Asia were also of African birth. Here we are speaking of the Diminutive Africoids–the extremely important and much romanticized family of Black people phenotypically characterized by: unusually short statures; skin-complexions that range from yellowish to dark brown; tightly curled hair; and, in frequent cases (like many other Blacks), steatopygia. They are probably more familiar to us by such pejorative terms as pygmies," "negritos" and "negrillos." Similar peoples who live today in Southern Africa have been titled Bushmen." More accurate names for these latter people are San (translated as "original inhabitants").

Moving slowly and sporadically from their African birthplace, beginning perhaps 100,000 years ago and continuing through the millennia, untold numbers of Diminutive Africoids began to people Asia. Although they currently exist in limited numbers, and are generally found in heavily forested, barren, isolated or similarly forbidding terrains, the Diminutive Africoids were at one time the supreme lords of the earth. It is indeed unfortunate that the histories of the Diminutive Africoids, including distinct and fundamental contributions to monumental civilizations characterized by agricultural science, metallurgy, advanced scripts and urbanization, are so little understood.

Next, in the sequence of the Black presence in Asia, were the Afro-Australoids. These are the Blacks who spread into Asia, and ultimately Australia itself, at least 50,000 years ago. What the forces and factors were that gave rise to their migratory movements we do not know. Like the Diminutive Africoids, no comprehensive histories of the Afro-Australoids have been written, and all we really have are the tattered and tantalizing fragments of what this archaic period must have been like.

The Afro-Australoids constituted a significant factor in the initial peopling of South Arabia; with their skeletal remains also having been exhumed from sites in Iraq. In South Asia they proliferated, and are six million strong today in eastern and central India, where they are known as Mundas and Kolarians. A Munda sub-group, the Gonds, form the root word of the semi-mythical, submerged continent of Gondwanaland, reputed to have formed an extensive land-bridge joining East Africa to South Asia. The Veddas–an Afro-Australoid population in Sri Lanka, represent the oldest known occupants of that island-nation.

It was perhaps waves of Afro-Australoids, who, characterized by straight to wavy hair textures, and dark to near black complexions, after having ventured into the northeastern stretches of Asia, through a process that is only vaguely understood, diverged from the original parent stock into the Mongoloid or "yellow" ethnic types of modern times.

Eastern Asia

Certainly, traces of Blacks have been found in both the prehistoric and historic periods throughout the latitudes of northeastern Asia. A recent Associated Press report, for example, stated that, "The oldest Stone Age hut in Japan has been unearthed near Osaka.... Archeologists date the hut to about 22,000 years ago and say it resembles the dugouts of African bushmen." A Japanese proverb states that "Half the blood in one's veins must be black to make a good Samurai." We also have knowledge, in Japan, of Sakanouye Tamura Maro (ca. 800 C.E.), the Black general who led the Japanese armies into battle against the Ainu. Tamura Maro's successful generalship ultimately won him the Japanese shogunate.

In China an Africoid presence is visible from remote antiquity through the major historical periods. The **Shang,** for example, China's first dynasty, apparently had a Black background, so much so that the conquering Chou described them as having "black and oily skin." The famous Chinese sage, Lao-Tze (ca. 600 B.C.E.), was "black in complexion." Lao-Tze was described as "marvelous and beautiful as jasper." Magnificent and ornate temples were erected for him, inside of which he was worshipped like a god.

Funan is the name given by Chinese historians to the earliest kingdom of Southeast Asia. Its builders were a Black people known as Khmers, a name that loudly recalls ancient Kmt (Egypt). In remote antiquity the Khmers seem to have established themselves throughout a vast area that encompassed Myanmar, Kampuchea, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. Emerging during the third century, the kingdom of Funan spread over southern Kampuchea and Vietnam. A Chinese observer described the Funanese men as small and black, and noted the Khmer's impressive libraries and high regard for scholars.

The story of Southeast Asia's Black kingdoms is essentially the story of the African people in early Asia itself: the creators and innovators of nation-states and powerful civilizations, only to be overwhelmed in the end. The Black presence in Asia, however, has been deeply etched, and the Asian nations of today, whether conscious of it or not, have merely raised themselves under a guiding African tutelage.

Western Asia

Sumer (the Biblical land of **Shinar)** was the formative civilizing influence in early West Asia. Flourishing during the third millennium B.C.E., Sumer set the tone and established the guidelines for the kingdoms and empires which succeeded her. Frequently designated as, or linked with, Chaldea and Babylonia, Sumer embraced the Tigris/Euphrates river valley from the base of the Persian Gulf north to Akkad, a distance of about 300 miles.

While Sumer's many cultural and technical achievements are much celebrated, the important question of her ethnic composition is frequently either glossed over or left out of the discussion altogether. Independent and objective study of the available data however, reveals the very real question of whether the so-called "problem of Sumerian origins" is actual or artificial. The Sumerians did, after all, refer to themselves as "the Blackheaded people," and their most powerful and pious leaders, such as Gudea, consistently chose very dark (and preferably black) stone for their statuary representations.

There is also no doubt that the oldest and most exalted deity of the Sumerians was Anu, a name that loudly recalls the thriving and widely-spread Black civilizers found at history's dawn in Africa, Asia and even Europe. Eye-witness accounts, religious similarities, linguistic affinities, skeletal evidence, Biblical references, architectural patterns, and oral traditions all point to an early African origin for the Sumerians of Iraq.

Elam was the first civilization of Iran (formerly called Persia), and shared Sumer's eastern border. Diop points to the Africoid presence in early Elam, focusing especially on the region's artistic and sculptural remains identified by Marcel Dieulafoy from his late nineteenth century excavations at Susa. The district of Susa was generally thought by the ancients to be the residence and capital city

of **Memnon**–the illustrious Black warrior-king. The heroic story of Memnon–his courage and prowess at the siege of Troy–was one of the most widely circulated and celebrated of antiquity. Memnon is mentioned repeatedly in the works of such writers as Aeschylus, Apollonius of Tyana, Athenaeus, Catullus, Dio Chrysostom, Hesiod, Ovid, Pausanias, Philostratus, Pindar, Quintus of Smyrna, Seneca, Diodorus Siculus, Strabo and Virgil. Arctinus of Miletus composed an epic poem entitled Ethiopia in which Memnon was the leading figure.

Quintus of Smyrna credits Memnon with "bringing the countless tribes of his people who live in Ethiopia, land of the black man," to Priam's Troy in support of his war for survival against the hostile coalition of Greek city-states. "Memnon came to help them. Memnon was lord over the dark Ethiopians, and the host be brought seemed infinite. The Trojans were delighted to see him in their city."

Herodotus (ca. 450 B.C.E.) regarded Colchis, a land located along the western slope of the Caucasus mountains near the Black Sea and considered the home of the Golden Fleece in Greek mythology, as an actual **Kemetic** colony. He not only pointed to the Colchians' black skin and woolly hair, but also to their oral traditions, language, methods of weaving, and practice of circumcision. He notes that:

> *"It is undoubtedly a fact that the Colchians are of Egyptian descent. I noticed this myself before I heard anyone else mention it, and when it occurred to me I asked some questions both in Colchis and in Egypt, and found that the Colchians remembered the Egyptians more distinctly than the Egyptians remembered them. The Egyptians did, however, say that they thought the original Colchians were men from Sesostris' army. My own idea on the subject was based first on the fact that they have black skins and woolly hair (not that that amounts to much, as other nations have the same), and secondly, and more especially, on the fact that the Colchians, the Egyptians, and the Ethiopians are the only races which from ancient times have practised circumcision.... There is a further point of resemblance between the Colchians and the Egyptians: they share a method of weaving linen different from that of any other people."*

Saint Jerome, writing during the fourth century, called Colchis the "Second Ethiopia." Two hundred years later, Sophronius, patriarch of Jerusalem, described an "Ethiopian" presence in the same region. Even today, in the same district about which Herodotus wrote, exists a minute black-skinned and woolly-haired community.

Phoenicia was the name given by Greeks in the first millennium B.C.E. to the coastal provinces of modern Lebanon and northern Palestine, although occasionally the term seems to have been applied to the entire Mediterranean seaboard from Syria to Palestine. Phoenicia was not considered a nation, in the strict sense of the word, but rather as a chain of coastal cities, of which the most important were Sidon, Byblos, Tyre and Ras Shamra. To the Greeks, the term Phoenician, from the root "Phoenix," had connotations of "red," and it is likely that the name was derived from the physical appearance of the people themselves.

The Phoenicians were a coastal branch of the Canaanites, who, according to Biblical traditions, were the brothers of Kush (Ethiopia) and Mizraim (Egypt): members of the Hamite, or Kamite, ethnic family. The Bible says that the Canaanites, Ethiopians and Egyptians were all Black and of Nile Valley origin. Diop claims that "Phoenician history is therefore incomprehensible only if we

ignore the Biblical data according to which the Phoenicians, in other words, the Canaanites, were originally Negroes, already civilized, with whom nomadic, uncultured white tribes [as represented by Abraham] later mixed."

From this period, towards the middle of the second millennium B.C.E., the term Leuco (White) Syrians came to be applied to the newly arrived populations. Ultimately, says Diop, the people of Abraham and the already settled Canaanites *fused* to become the historical Hebrews. It was among the Canaanite peoples that one of the most momentous inventions in human history is attested–the alphabet.

While acknowledging the Biblical data, the economic relations shared by the Kamites and the Phoenicians should not be minimized in explaining the strong sense of solidarity which generally existed between them. There was frequently a Kemetic presence: military, diplomatic, religious or commercial, both in the Canaanite hinterland and the Phoenician city-states themselves, and Diop goes on to state that, "Even throughout the most troubled periods of great misfortune, Egypt could count on the Phoenicians as one can count more or less on a brother."

Spurred on by increasing population pressures, the Phoenicians, who were becoming increasingly mixed racially, had, by the middle of the second millennium B.C.E. developed a prowess on the seas, and were in the process of establishing a network of colonies and trading posts that not only brought them fame and prosperity, but introduced in some cases, and reinforced in others, vital elements of the cultural attributes of the Southern world. Phoenician inscriptions have been found as far north as central Turkey and at least as far west as Tunisia, where the famous ancient city of Carthage was founded.

The Arabian Peninsula, first inhabited more than 8,000 years ago, was early populated by Blacks. Once dominant over the entire peninsula, the African presence in early Arabia is most clearly traceable through the Sabeans. The Sabeans were the first Arabians to step firmly within the realm of civilization. The southwestern corner of the peninsula was their early home. This area, which was known to the Romans as **Arabia Felix**, embraces the country that is today called Yemen. In antiquity this region gave rise to a high degree of civilization because of the fertility of the soil, the growth of frankincense and myrrh, and the close proximity to the sea and consequently its importance in the trade routes. The Sabeans have even been called "the Phoenicians of the southern seas."

One of the earliest known Sabean construction project was probably the Marib Dam (possibly South Arabia's most enduring technical achievement). Serving the South Arabians for more than a thousand years, the Marib Dam is traditionally believed to have been conceived by Lokman, the sage and multi-genius of pre-Islamic South Arabia. In effect, the Dam was an earthen ridge stretching slightly more than 1700 feet across a prominent wadi. Both sides sloped sharply upward, with the Dam's upstream side fortified by small pebbles established in mortar. The Marib Dam was rebuilt several times by piling more earth and stone onto the existing structure. The last recorded height of the Marib Dam was slightly more than forty-five feet.

Before the advent of Islam southern Arabia already possessed the sacred Kaaba sanctuary, with its black stone, at Makkah. Diop claimed that "The Kaaba was reputed to have been constructed by Ishmael, son of Abraham and Hagar the Egyptian (a Negro woman), historical ancestor of

Mohammed, according to all Arab historians." "In Egypt he [Abraham] had married a Negro woman, Hagar, mother of Ishmael, the Biblical ancestor of the second Semitic branch, the **Arabs.** Ishmael was said to be the historical ancestor of Mohammed."

The city of Makkah was considered a holy place and the destination of pilgrims long before the prophet Muhammad. Muhammad himself, who was to unite the whole of Arabia, appears to have had a prominent African lineage. According to al-Jahiz, the guardian of the sacred Kaaba–Abd al-Muttalib, "fathered ten Lords, Black as the night and magnificent." One of these men was Abdallah, the father of Muhammad. According to tradition, the first Muslim killed in battle was Mihdja–a Black man. Another Black man, **Bilal,** was such a pivotal figure in the development of Islam that he has been referred to as "a third of the faith." Many of the earliest Muslim converts were Africans, and a number of the Muslim faithful sought refuge in Ethiopia because of Arabian hostility to Muhammad's teachings.

Southern Asia

The ancient riverine civilization of the Indus Valley (named after one of its largest and most studied sites–**Harappa)** actually had extensions reaching from the river Oxus in Afghanistan in the north to the Gulf of Gambay in India in the south. The Harappan civilization flourished from about 2200 B.C.E. to approximately 1700 B.C.E. At its height, the Harappans engaged in regular commercial relations with Iraq and Iran. This much we know with certainty.

We are equally certain that the founders of the Harappan civilization were Black. This is verifiable through the available physical evidence–skeletal remains, eye-witness accounts preserved in the **Rig Veda**, artistic and sculptural remains, the regional survival of **Dravidian languages** (including Brahui, Kurukh, and Malto) and the essential role of these languages which are now being used in the decipherment of the Harappan script. We should also take into account the prominence accorded the mother goddess in the Harappan cities and the sedentary nature of the Harappan people themselves. Walter Fairservis claims that the "Harappans cultivated cotton and perhaps rice, domesticated the chicken and may have invented the game of chess and one of the two of the great early sources of nonmuscle power: the windmill."

Exceptionally valuable writings expressing intimate connections between early India, Egypt and Ethiopia have existed for more than two thousand years. In the first century B.C.E., for example, the famous Greek historian Diodorus Siculus penned that, "From Ethiopia he (Osiris) passed through Arabia, bordering upon the Red Sea as far as to India....He built many cities in India, one of which he called Nysa, willing to have remembrance of that (Nysa) in Egypt where he was brought up." Apollonius of Tyana, who is said to have visited India near the end of the first century C.E., was convinced that "The Ethiopians are colonists sent from India, who follow their forefathers in matters of wisdom." The Itinerarium Alexandri, a Latin work written about 345 C.E. for the Roman emperor Constantius, says that, "India, taken as a whole, beginning from the north and embracing what of it is subject to Persia, is a continuation of Egypt and the Ethiopians."

The epic story of the African presence in Asia is one of the most exciting and, yet, least known aspects of the Black experience. It spans a period of more than 100,000 years and encompasses the largest single land mass on earth. Although many are startled by the notion, it is absolutely undeniable, that: as the first hominids and modern humans; as simple hunter-gatherers and

primitive agriculturists; as heroic warriors and premier civilizers; as sages and priests, poets and prophets, kings and queens; as deities and demons of misty legends and shadowy myths; and yes, even as servants and slaves, the Black race has known Asia intimately from the very beginning.

Even today, after an entire series of holocausts and calamities, the numbers of Blacks in Asia approach two-hundred million. The Black populations of Asia, what they have done and are now doing, are questions that beg and demand serious answers. These answers, which we must diligently seek to supply, cannot be sought merely to satisfy the intellectual curiosity of an elite group, but to further the vision of Pan-Africanism and reunite a family that has been separated far too long.

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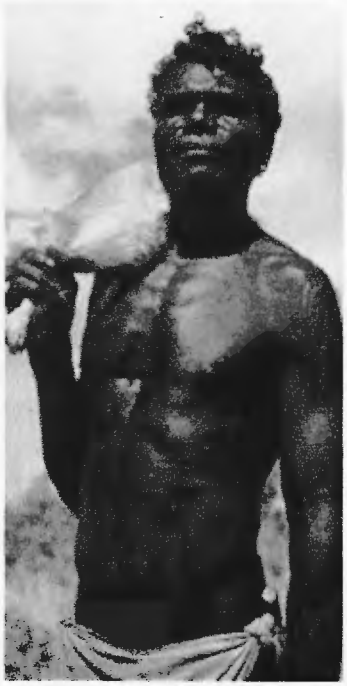

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THE BLACK PRESENCE IN AUSTRALIA AND OCEANICA

The Black Presence in Australia: Fighting for Survival

Australia was settled at least 50,000 years ago by people who call themselves Blackfellas, and who are usually referred to as the Australian Aborigines. Physically, the Blackfellas are distinguished by straight to wavy hair textures, and dark to near black complexions. In January 1788, when Britain began using Australia as a prison colony, an estimated 300,000 indigenous people were spread across the continent in about six-hundred small-scale societies. Each of these communities maintained social, religious, and trade connections with its neighbors.

The dumping of British convicts into Australia proved catastrophic for the Blacks. Victims of deliberate poisonings, calculated and systematic slaughters; decimated by tuberculosis and syphilis; swept away by infectious epidemics; their community structures and moral fibers shredded, by the 1930's the Blackfellas had been reduced to a pathetic remnant of about 30,000 people, and perhaps twice that number of mixed descent.

When the continent was invaded by Europeans in the nineteenth century, the white historians who wrote about Australia invariably included a section on the Blacks, and acknowledged that the original inhabitants of the continent had had an historical role. After 1850, however, few writers referred to the Blacks at all. The Black were thought of as a "dying race." By 1950 general histories

of the continent by European-Australians almost never referenced the indigenous people. During this period–the indigenous people–whether part or full blood, were **excluded** from all major European-Australian institutions, including schools, hospitals and labor unions. They could not vote. Their movements were restricted. They were outcasts in white Australia.

Today, the Blacks of Australia are terribly oppressed, and they remain in a desperate struggle for survival. Recent demographic surveys, for example, show that the Black infant mortality rate is the highest in Australia. Aborigines have the shoddiest housing and the poorest schools. Their life expectancy is twenty years less than Europeans. Their unemployment rate is six times higher than the national average. Aborigines did not obtain the right to vote in federal elections until 1961, nor the right to consume alcoholic beverages until 1964. They were not officially counted as Australian citizens until after a constitutional amendment in 1967. Today, the indigenous people constitute less than two per cent of the total Australian population.

Perhaps the Blackfellas should consider themselves fortunate. The Black aborigines of **Tasmania** were completely destroyed. Tasmania, an island only slightly larger than West Virginia, lies two-hundred miles off Australia's southeast coast. In 1802, following mainland Australia, Tasmania was established as a British prison colony. The colonial government itself was not even inclined to consider the Tasmanians as full human beings.

To the Europeans of the island, the Tasmanians were a people fit only to be exploited in the cruelest of manners. European convicts regularly hunted Tasmanians for sport, casually shooting, spearing or clubbing the men to death, torturing and raping the women. Europeans murdered Tasmanians for use as dog food. Tasmanian infants were burned alive. Tasmanian women were kidnapped and chained, and exploited as sexual slaves. Between 1802 and 1830 the Tasmanians were reduced from an estimated five-thousand people to less than seventy-five.

In May, 1876 **Truganinni,** the last Tasmanian, died at seventy-three years of age. Her mother had been stabbed to death by a European. Her sisters were kidnapped by Europeans. Her intended husband was drowned by two Europeans in her presence, while his murderers raped her. It might be accurately said that Truganinni's numerous personal sufferings typify the tragedy of the Tasmanian people as a whole. After her burial, Truganinni's body was exhumed, and her skeleton, strung upon wires and placed upright in a box, became for many years the most popular exhibit in the Tasmanian Museum, and remained on display until 1947. Finally, in 1976–the centenary year of Truganinni's death–despite the museum's objections, her skeleton was cremated and her ashes scattered at sea. Truganinni's life spanned to the year the beginning of the "association" between Europeans and Tasmanians. During this period the Tasmanians were humiliated, degraded, and largely exterminated.

Melanesia: The Struggle Continues

In the 1970s Ben Tanggahma, Foreign Minister of Papua New Guinea, pointed out that "Africa is our motherland. All of the Black populations which settled in Asia over the hundreds of thousands of years, came undoubtedly from the African continent. In fact, the entire world was populated from Africa. Hence, we the Blacks in Asia and the Pacific today descend from proto-African peoples. We were linked to Africa in the past. We are linked to Africa in the present. We will be linked to Africa in the future."

C. Madang has described Melanesia (the Black Islands of the South Pacific) as the eastern flank of the black world, and the expression of ages past when an uninterrupted belt of Black populations stretched across Africa, Eurasia, Australia, Oceanica, and ancient America. To the contrary, the present Mongoloid inhabitants of Indonesia entered the region during relatively recent times; a period which some scientists have dated to as late as the first millennium C.E.

As was the case in Japan, the Philippines, China, Taiwan and Southeast Asia, the Mongoloid invaders found the land already occupied by long-settled Black populations. These new peoples, to a very basic extent, eventually absorbed, vanquished or drove the Blacks into generally inaccessible areas, including the deep forests, high mountains, and remote islands where they remain to this day.

By the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the Muslim Indonesian sultanate of Tidore was raiding the coasts of New Guinea in search of chattels for the markets of Turkey, Iraq and the Chinese empire. It is even said that the Malay term **"Papuan"** (literally "kinky-haired"), which was applied to the Melanesians of New Guinea, was born out of scorn and contempt, and eventual became synonymous with "slave."

New Guinea itself is the biggest and most populous of the islands of Melanesia. Indeed, it is the largest island in the world after Greenland. It is tremendously wealthy in mineral resources, including: uranium, copper, cobalt, silver, gold, manganese, iron and oil. Now split into two by colonial design, New Guinea has until lately contained a racially homogeneous population of five to six million Africoid people. The eastern half of the island became independent in 1975 under the name of Papua New Guinea, with Michael Somare as its Prime Minister. The western half of New Guinea, however, along with a significant portion of the island's total population (estimated at three to four million people), has been seized by Indonesia as its twenty-sixth "province."

For the people of West New Guinea, Indonesia has been and continues to be a brutal and aggressive occupying power. Under Indonesian rule since 1963, the Melanesians have been prone to both physical and cultural genocide. Indonesians generally have a condescending view of Melanesians, who they consider their racial inferiors–except, of course, those who turn away from their own culture and choose to identify with Indonesian cultural values, behavior modes and language. Additionally, members of the Indonesian military and other high government officials possess considerable wealth in West New Guinea, and are firmly resolved not to share it with the Melanesians.

Melanesians living in the forest communities of West New Guinea have been subjected to forced labor schemes, while in urban areas Melanesians face overt racial discrimination. A major part of the Indonesian regime's genocidal policy, in fact, is the physical replacement of Melanesians with Indonesian nationals. This poses the distinct possibility that the Melanesians of West New Guinea, like those of Fiji, could become a minority in their own country.

Indonesia's naked offensive in New Guinea has not been met with passivity. In 1963, for example, when the **Dutch** occupation of West New Guinea ended and control passed to Indonesia, the struggle for national independence accelerated. In that year the Free Papua Movement (OPM) was

formed. Interesting enough, the Republic of Senegal early on provided its territory as a base for the international activities of the self-proclaimed Revolutionary Provisional Government of West Papua New Guinea.

Indonesian territorial aggression in Melanesia has not been confined to New Guinea. In 1975, for example, East Timor, a former Portuguese colony, was formally annexed as Indonesia's twenty-seventh "province." A Timorese national liberation movement, the Revolutionary Front of Independent East Timor (FRETILIN)was formed in September 1974, and was inspired by the revolutionary nationalism of African resistance leaders from other former Portuguese colonies–Dr. Eduardo Mondlane of Mozambique, Dr. Agostinho Neto of Angola, and Amilcar Cabral of Guinea-Bissau.

During the course of East Timor's national independence struggle, Indonesia has coordinated an unrelenting extermination campaign against the indigenous people. The Timorese have been bombed, shot, tortured and starved by the invading Indonesian army, with more than fifteen per cent of the total East Timorese population murdered. Despite adverse official reactions by some Western governments, none of these countries has imposed economic sanctions or adopted forceful policies against Indonesia to coerce its withdrawal.

New Caledonia, another mineral wealthy South Pacific island, lies hundreds of miles to the southeast of Indonesia and is currently a French colony. To New Caledonia's Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS), the grouping of political parties representing the majority of New Caledonia's 64,000 Melanesians, the principle of national self-determination is crystal clear. Although the Blacks are now said to constitute less than fifty per cent of the total New Caledonian population, they were in fact native to the land 4,000 years before the 1853 French invasion. The Melanesians of New Caledonia, known as Kanaks, want their island to become an independent country run by and for Melanesians.

CONCLUSION

There is an African proverb that says "Until the lion has his historian, the hunter will always be a hero." I would contend that not nearly enough energy is expended by us on the history of African people, whether in antiquity or modern times. Not nearly enough. All strong peoples emphasize their history all the time; weak peoples do not. Not only must intellectuals do their work, they must give the information to the masses. I believe that as Africans, if we are to be a strong people again, we must continually clarify who we are and where we are, and constantly emphasize the things that made us great in the past. Some peoples have gone as far as to essentially make their history sacred.

No one questions the right of a people to engage in this process. Europeans, Chinese, etc., do it all the time as a matter of course. Even Malcolm X said, "Of all our studies, it is history that is most qualified to reward our research." And this is not just ancient history that Malcolm X was talking about, but history ancient and modern. Our greatest leaders and intellectuals, including David Walker, Martin Robison Delany, Edward Wilmot Blyden, Marcus Garvey, J.A. Rogers, Drusilla Dunjee Houston, Carter G. Woodson (http://toomuchblack.wordpress.com/2013/08/06/carter-godwin-woodson/), W.E.B. DuBois, Kwame Nkrumah (http://toomuchblack.wordpress.com/2013/11/08/kwame-nkrumah/), Kwame Ture, Cheikh

Anta Diop, Chancellor Williams, John Henrik Clarke (http://toomuchblack.wordpress.com/2013/06/03/dr-john-henrik-clarke/), and many, many more were clear on this.

Nkrumah, however, took it a step further and clarified the matter unmistakably when he said that "Thought without practice is empty, and action without thought is blind." I believe that we must use our history, not just for intellectual purposes, but to galvanize our people into action to solve our current problems. In other words, we must use our history as a springboard for struggle.

I do not pretend to speak for everyone on this matter, but I do feel quite strongly about it. Nobody in their right mind would argue that we can simply return to the past. But certainly we must look at the past in another light. I say that history is a light that illuminates the past and key that unlocks the door to the future. We need that light and we need that key. Not only must we emphasize our historical greatness as a people, as well as analyze the mistakes that we have made, we must inject it into the minds of the masses of our people and build upon it. This is a fundamental step in our liberation process.

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THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN EARLY EUROPE

Minoan Crete

The first civilization of Europe was established on the island of Crete. It is called the Minoan Culture, after King Minos, an early legendary ruler of the island. It has been argued that the ancestors of the Cretans were natives of Africa, a branch of Western Ethiopians.

Minoan Crete, the forerunner of Greek civilization, is the earliest known European high-culture. Although modest in size (170 miles east to west, thirty-five miles north to south), Crete exercised immeasurable influence on the Aegean archipelago, Western Asia, and the Greek mainland. Throughout Crete the vestiges of complex palaces, paved highways, aqueducts, terracotta pipes for drainage, and irrigation canals provide

plentiful proof of Minoan ingenuity in the areas of scientific and technical innovation. The Minoans possessed registered trademarks, uniform weights and measures, calendrical systems based on precise astronomical observations, and advanced scripts. Interestingly enough, there were few fortifications on the island.

While the cultural and technical prowess of ancient Crete appears relatively well known, the ethnic make-up of the early population and the direction from which sprang its impetus for civilization is much more hotly debated. John G. Jackson advocates the view that Minoan civilization is African-rooted. He believes that the ancestors of the Minoans "dwelt in the grasslands of North Africa before that area dried up and became a great desert. As the Saharan sands encroached on their homeland, they took to the sea, and in Crete and neighboring islands set up a maritime culture."

Arthur Evans (1851-1941), who conducted extensive excavations on the island, was convinced of African migrations to Neolithic Crete. He noted that: "The multiplicity of these connections with the old indigenous race of the opposite African coast, and with which we undoubtedly have to deal with in the predynastic population of the Nile Valley, can in fact be hardly explained on any other hypothesis than that of an actual settlement in Southern Crete."

Moorish Civilizers of Europe

It would not be inaccurate to say that the Moors helped reintroduce Europe to civilization. But just who were the Moors of antiquity anyway? Chancellor Williams has written that "The **original Moors,** like the original Egyptians, were Black Africans." Much of the apparent confusion about Moorish ethnicity may be related to the fact that the same people called Moors in Europe, were known in Arab literature as **Berbers.** Indeed, in Arabic texts the word Moor was fairly non-existent and the term Berber was applied to practically all the inhabitants of ancient northwest Africa.

Early in the eighth century, after a grim and extended resistance to the Arab invasions of North Africa, the Moors, or Berbers, joined the triumphant surge of Islam. Following this, numbers of them crossed over to the Iberian Peninsula, where their swift victories and remarkable feats became the substance of legends.

The man chosen to lead the eighth century probe into Iberia was Tarif, son of Zar`a ibn Abi Mudrik. Tarif was one of the young generation of Islamized Berbers imbued with the military philosophy of Hassan ibn al-Nu`man and Musa ibn Nusayr–the two men who had just commanded the Arab conquest of northwest Africa. In July 710, Tarif, with four-hundred foot soldiers and one-hundred horse, all Berbers, successfully carried out a reconnaissance mission in southern Iberia. Tarifa, a small port in southern Spain, is named after him.

It is clear, however, that the actual conquest of Spain was undertaken upon the initiative of Tarik ibn Ziyad. Tarik ibn Ziyad ibn `Abd Allah ibn Walghu was a member of the Warfadjuma branch of the Nafza Berbers. Musa ibn Nusayr had previously appointed him governor of the far western Maghrib (Islamic North Africa west of Egypt), which covered what is today the southern part of the kingdom of Morocco. Tarik was in command of an army of at least 10,000 men, mainly Sanhadja Berbers.

In 711, with a Berber expeditionary force and a small number of Arab translators and propagandists (some say three-hundred), Tarik crossed the straits and disembarked near a rocky promontory which from that day since has borne his name: Djabal Tarik ('Tarik's mountain'), or, Gibraltar. In August 711, he won a paramount

victory over the Visigoth army. It was during this conflict that Roderick (the last Visigoth king) was killed. On the eve of the battle, Tarik is alleged to have roused his troops with the following words: "My brethren, the enemy is before you, the sea is behind; whither would ye fly? Follow your general: I am resolved either to lose my life or to trample on the prostate king of the Romans."

Wasting no time to relish his victory, Tarik pushed on with his seemingly tireless Berber cavalry to Toledo and seized the Visigoth capital. Within a month's time, Tarik ibn Ziyad had effectively terminated Visigothic dominance of the Iberian Peninsula.

Musa ibn Nusayr joined Tarik in Spain and helped complete the conquest of Iberia with an army of 18,000 Arab and Berber troops. The two commanders met at Talavera, where Tarik and his Berbers were given the task of subduing the northwest of Spain. With vigor and speed they set about their mission, and within three months they had swept the entire territory north of the Ebro River as far as the Pyrenees, and annexed the turbulent Basque country. There they left a small detachment of men under Munusa, a Berber lieutenant who was later to play a decisive role in the Muslim campaigns in southern France.

In the aftermath of these brilliant struggles, Berbers by the thousand flooded into the Iberian peninsula. So eager were they to come that some are said to have floated over on tree-trunks. Tarik himself, at the conclusion of his illustrious military career, retired to the distant East, we are informed, to spread the teachings of Islam.

St. Maurice: Knight of the Holy Lance

The name Maurice is derived from Latin and means "like a Moor." The Black **St. Maurice** (the Knight of the Holy Lance) was patron saint of the Holy Roman Empire. The earliest version of the Maurice story and the account upon which all later versions are based, is found in the writings of Eucherius, Bishop of Lyons (ca. 450). According to Eucherius, Maurice was a high official in the The baid region of Egypt–an early center of Christianity.

Specifically, Maurice was the commander of a Roman legion of Christian soldiers stationed in Africa. By the decree of Roman emperor Maximian, his contingent of 6,600 men was dispatched to Gaul and ordered to suppress a Christian uprising there. Maurice disobeyed the order. Subsequently, he and almost all of his troops were martyred when they chose to die rather than persecute Christians, renounce their faith, and sacrifice to the gods of the Romans. The execution of the Thebans occurred in Switzerland near Agaunum (which later became Saint Maurice-en-Valais) on September 22, either in the year 280 or 300.

In the second half of the fourth century the worship of St. Maurice spread over a broad area in Switzerland, northern Italy, Burgundy, and along the Rhine. Tours, Angers, Lyons, Chalon-sur-Saone, and Dijon had churches dedicated to St. Maurice. By the epoch of Islamic Spain, the stature of St. Maurice had reached immense proportions.

Charlemagne (768-814), grandson of Charles Martel and the most distinguished representative of the Carolingian Dynasty, attributed to St. Maurice the virtues of the perfect Christian warrior. In token of victory, Charlemagne had the Lance of St. Maurice (a replica of the holy lance reputed to have pierced the side of Christ) carried before the Frankish army. Like the general populace, which strongly relied on St. Maurice for intercession, the Carolingian Dynasty prayed to this military saint for the strength to resist and overcome attacks by enemy forces.

A center of extreme devotion to St. Maurice was developed in the Baltic states, where merchants in Tallin and Riga adopted his iconography. The House of the Black Heads of Riga, for instance, possessed a polychromed wooden statuette of St. Maurice. Their seal bore the distinct image of a Moor's head. The existence of nearly three-hundred major images of the Black St. Maurice have been catalogued, and even today the veneration of St. Maurice remains alive in numerous cathedrals in eastern Germany.

Sir Morien: Black Knight of the European Middle Ages

Few documents portray the ethnicity of the Moors in medieval Europe with more passion, boldness and clarity than **Morien.** Morien is a metrical romance rendered into English prose from the medieval Dutch version of the Lancelot. In the Lancelot, it occupies more than five thousand lines and forms the ending of the first extant volume of that compilation. Neither the date of the original poem or the name of the author is known. The Dutch manuscript is dated to the beginning of the fourteenth century. The whole work is a translation, and apparently a very faithful translation, of a French original. It is quite clear that the Dutch compiler understood his text well, and though possibly somewhat fettered by the requirement of turning prose into verse, he renders it with uncommon fidelity.

Morien is the adventure of a splendidly heroic Moorish knight (possibly a Christian convert), supposed to have lived during the days of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Morien is described as follows: "He was all black, even as I tell ye: his head, his body, and his hands were all black, saving only his teeth. His shield and his armour were even those of a Moor, and black as a raven."

It is noted that Morien was as "black as pitch; that was the fashion of his land–Moors are black as burnt brands." Ultimately, and ironically, Morien came to personify all of the finest virtues of the knights of medieval Europe. According to Gerald Massey (1829-1907), "Morion is said to have been the architect of Stonehenge.... Now, as a Negro is still known as a Morien in English, may not this indicate that Morien belonged to the black race, the Kushite builders?" It should be noted that for a very long period the Dutch language used Moor and **Moriaan** for Black Africans. Among the Lorma community in modern Liberia, the name Moryan is still prominent.

The Expulsion and Dispersal of the Moors

In Iberia, Christian pressures on the Moors grew irresistible. Finally, in 1492, Granada, the last important Muslim stronghold in al-Andalus, was taken by the soldiers of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, and the Moors were expelled from Spain. In 1496, to appease Isabella, King Manuel of Portugal announced a royal decree banishing the Moors from that portion of the peninsula. The Spanish king Philip III expelled the remaining Moors by a special decree issued in 1609. Fully 3,500,000 Moors, or Moriscos, as their descendants were called, left Spain between 1492 and 1610. Over a million Moors settled in France. Others moved into Holland. A very curious story in the Netherlands is that of **Zwarte Piet (Black Peter).** By some accounts Zwarte Piet, the companion to Sinterklaas (Santa Claus), was a Moorish orphan boy whom Sinterklaas adopted and trained as his assistant!

Britons and Vikings

David MacRitchie (1851-1925), author of Ancient and Modern Britons, was convinced that the Moors were Black people who played an important role in the early settlement of Britain:
"For although it may not be easy to trace their route hither, and the date of their arrival, a branch of this

family did inhabit Britain, and are not only known as Mauri and Moors, but also as Moravienses, Morienses, Murray-men, and people of Moray or Moravia.

The `Moors' are still largely represented throughout the British Islands; although of course the crossing and re-crossing of thirty generations, while increasing the number of descendants, has lessened the intensity of the resemblance to the ancestral stock. But the swarthy hue asserts itself still, though in a modified degree. Last century, when Martin described the Western Islands of Scotland, he remarked that the complexion of the natives of Skye was `for the most part black,' of the natives of Jura he said that they were generally black of complexion,' and of Arran that they were `generally brown, and some of black complexion.'

The legends and the history of the Scottish Highlands are both witnesses to the existence of purely black people. The Welsh traditions bear a similar testimony. The hero Peredur, Son of Evrawc, discovers a company of `bald, swarthy youths,' sitting at the hall- door of a black giant, playing at chess. This giant is styled the Black Oppressor, and seems to have been of the same genial nature as the `black knight' of Ashton-under-Lyne. He very frankly informs Peredur that `for this reason I am called the Black Oppressor, that there is not a single man around me whom I have not oppressed; and justice have I done unto none.'"

A prominent Viking of the eleventh century was **Thorhall,** who was aboard the ship that carried the Vikings to the shores of North America. Thorhall was "the huntsman in summer, and in winter the steward of Eric the Red. He was, it is said, `a large man, and strong, black, and like a giant, silent, and foul-mouthed in his speech, and always egged on Eric to the worst; he was a bad Christian.'" We also have knowledge of the "African sea-rovers, the **Fomorians,** who had a main stronghold on Tory Island, off the Northwest Coast," and who came to be regarded as the "sinister forces in Irish mythology."

Alexander Sergeievich Pushkin: Great Black Russian

Of all the Blacks in Russian history, few have achieved greater fame than Alexander Sergeievich Pushkin. Born in Moscow on May 26, 1799 of well-to-do parents–members of the Russian aristocracy, Pushkin was proudly descended, on his mother's side, from Major-General Ibrahim Petrovich Hannibal–an Ethiopian prince who became a favorite of Tsar Peter I (1682-1725).

Pushkin has been positively identified as the very father of Russian literature. He composed in the Russian language at a time when most, if not all, Russian intellectuals were writing in French. Pushkin died prematurely, defending his honor in a duel, in January 1837. Today, Pushkin's name is loftily borne by twenty museums. Of Pushkin, Feodor Dostoevsky (1821-1881) wrote:
"No Russian writer was ever so intimately at one with the Russian people as Pushkin... Without him (Pushkin) we should have lost, not literature alone, but much of our irresistible force, our faith in our national individuality, our belief in the people's power, and most of all our belief in our destiny."

Maxim Gorky (1868-1936) wrote that, "Pushkin is the greatest master in the world. Pushkin, in our country, is the beginning of all beginnings. He most beautifully expressed the spirit of our people." Allison Blakley writes that, "Pushkin was truly the Russian counterpart to Shakespeare."

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Africans As First Americans

THE GLOBAL MIGRATIONS OF AFRICAN PEOPLE

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THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN EARLY AMERICA

The First Americans

Most modern scientists believe that the earliest immigrants to reach the Western Hemisphere were Asian Mongoloids. It would appear, however, that this general view ignores evidence that strongly suggests that the first people to arrive and settle in the Western Hemisphere were Black people of very ancient African ancestry.

European-American archaeologist Harold Sterling Gladwin (1883-1983) advanced that the first actual migrants to America were Afro-Australoids. The Afro-Australoid migrations to America probably began about 40,000 years ago and lasted for several millennia. These migrants are called "Australoids" because of their close physical and cultural relationships to the people who more than 50,000 years ago colonized much of Asia and Australia.

One of the most well-documented single pieces of evidence for the presence of Afro-Australoids in the prehistoric Americas during the period of Gladwin's writing was the **Punin Skull**: a female crania found in 1923, embedded in a stratum of volcanic ash near the small village of Punin in the Andean region of

Ecuador. In addition to the skull itself, the stratum yielded the remains of a number of long extinct mammals; including an Andean horse–an animal known to have been extinct for more than 10,000 years.

The Punin Skull's recovery by the American Museum of Natural History of New York created a sensation. It was, first of all, hailed as the earliest evidence of humans in the Americas, and, secondly, it was clearly of an Afro-Australoid type. On these two issues "the leading experts" agreed. According to British anatomist Arthur Keith (1886-1955):

"When the expedition returned to New York from Ecuador, the skull was transferred to the Anthropological side of the Museum, where it was examined and described by Drs. Louis R. Sullivan and Milo Hellman. Both anthropologists were struck by its resemblance to the skulls of the native women of Australia. I agree with them; the points of resemblance are too numerous to permit us to suppose that the skull could be of a sort produced by an American Indian parentage. We cannot suppose that an Australian native woman had been spirited across the Pacific in some migratory movement and that afterwards her skull was buried in a fossiliferous bed in the high plateau of Ecuador…The discovery at Punin does compel us to look into the possibility of a Pleistocene invasion of America by an Australoid people."

Harvard anthropologist Earnest Houghton echoed Keith, although in somewhat less detail:

"The Punin skull, found in 1923 in a fossiliferous bed in the Andean highlands of Ecuador…is a skull that any competent craniologist would identify as Australian in type. It is easier to find Australoid-looking dolichocephals in the more ancient burials in the New World than anything in the way of a skull that resembles a Mongoloid."

The second migration to the Americas, Asiatic-Africoids, began about 15,000 years ago. These migrants' physical appearance seems to have resembled the Melanesians–the proud Black Islanders of the South Pacific. After having first penetrated their way northward up the coasts of Asia, they began to gradually enter North America, where they ultimately developed the revolutionary and highly pivotal Clovis and **Folsom** fluted-point tool industries.

Clovis and Folsom were the respective locations (both of them in New Mexico, U.S.A.) that provided the first evidences of the earliest projectile points associated with the Big Game Hunting Traditions of North America. Clovis points have been reliably dated to between 11,000 and 11,500 years before present. Folsom points, which are usually smaller, more refined and sophisticated than their Clovis antecedents, were actually identified before the Clovis points, and have been dated to about 10,000 B.C.E. Both Clovis and Folsom spearheads were several inches long and were characterized by smoothly fluted or grooved channels extending lengthwise along both faces. Their precision and firepower were revolutionary and awesome; and their rapidly widespread usage, with the increasingly greater food supplies that resulted, laid the basis for steadily larger American populations.

It is of further interest that the first known modern discovery and revelation of the existence of these tool industries was made by an African-American; a tantalizingly and frustratingly obscure, self-taught naturalist and archaeologist named **George McJunkin**. The son of slaves, McJunkin, whose name may be searched for unsuccessfully in most history books, made the find in 1908 while riding out to check fence posts at a flooded creek. In 1925, three years after McJunkin's death, a dig at the Folsom site revealed a 10,000 year old spear point piercing the ribs of an extinct species of bison. It was McJunkin though, the obscure African-American, who had first documented Folsom points, which were then regarded (this was before the discovery of Ecuador's Punin Skull) "as the first unequivocal evidence of late Ice Age humans ever

unearthed in the Americas."

The Clovis-Folsom Point Blacks seem to have come to North America in relatively small numbers. Later migrations of essentially the same physical type populated most of the rest of North America south of Canada. Their movements into the New World were then slowed, and later halted altogether, by the Australoid populations that were already well established in the North American Southwest. The later period Basket Makers of Arizona (the prehistoric culture bearers who eventually evolved into North America's Pueblo peoples) were probably the result of a fusion of Clovis-Folsom Point Blacks with the numerically larger Afro-Australoid populations.

Fossil remains of these early Black folk have been found in Baja, California, northeastern Mexico, Central America and in various parts of South America. Ancient Mongoloids it now appears followed the early Black immigrants and, after several thousand years, became the dominant people in the New World. Gladwin himself stated that, "The arrival of the Eskimo along the Arctic Coasts marked a fundamental transition in the anthropological history of North America. It was the last of a series of long-headed migrations, and the broad faces and slant eyes of the Eskimo marked the initial stage of a long period of Mongoloid domination in lands where Mongoloid people had therefore been unknown."

Mongoloid peoples, in fact, were soon coming to the Americas in such massive numbers, crossing the Bering Strait in boats rather than across the Beringia land bridge, that they eventually almost totally absorbed the New World's earlier arrivals .The resulting fusion of peoples constituted the Native American populations at the time of the catastrophic European intrusions during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. The earlier arrived Blacks (the very first Americans) tended to fade away with increasing rapidity into the shadowy realms of fairy tales, myths and legends. Some native legends of the Americas abound with exploits of early Black people. An Inuit legend, for example, explains that:

"A man and his wife and their only daughter lived in a remote place. Their daughter was outside, working when she saw a big black speck moving along the ground, coming towards her. When it got closer, she realized it was a man with a sledge. The man and the sledge were all black. He came towards the house, stopped, and said to the girl, 'I have come to take you with me.' He was black all over, even his face. The girl replied, 'Very well. I'll go and tell my parents.' She entered the igloo and the man followed her. He stood outside the door and told the father, 'I have come to take your daughter away with me.' The father replied, 'I won't have my daughter going away with a black man like you.' The stranger became angry and made a step forward with his right foot. The whole house shook. Then the father said to his daughter, 'My daughter, you'll have to go away with this man. This will go badly with us if you don't.' She got ready and left the house, with the stranger behind her. Before leaving, he put his left foot down hard on the floor and the house shook again. He went out, put the girl on the sledge and shoved the sledge because it had no huskies. After a while they saw a house–the man's house. They stopped and entered. Everything inside was black, and his parents also were completely black."

For the Greenlander, the color black symbolizes strength and wisdom–traditionally he was not allowed to wear black boots until he had become a skilled hunter and reached a respectable age–but black is also associated with spirits and occult forces. In the Southwest Indian story of the Emergence, a story that is as important in the region as the Book of Genesis is to Christians, the First World is called the Black World.

The First Civilization of the Americas: The Olmecs

The Olmec (2000 B.C.E. to 300 C.E.) were an early people of Meso-America, who settled the Mexican Gulf

Coast. This ancient American culture been labeled the first civilization of the western hemisphere, as they surpassed their neighbors in an attempt to settle certain problems of living together--of government, defense, religion, family, property, science and art. In this endeavor, the Olmecs laid the foundations of American civilization. No one knows whence the Olmecs came or whether they were direct derivatives of the indigenous population; but that much of their sculpture, especially the colossal heads, evidences an ancient Africoid presence in the Americas is beyond sane rebuttal. In fact, some scientists have concluded that the Olmecs may have originally have been an African settler-colony which conquered the indigenous population of southern Mexico. Others are convinced that the Black presence among the Olmecs merely consisted of a small but elite and highly-influential community.

Sculptural and skeletal remains found in ancient Olmec sites provide the most conclusive evidence yet discovered concerning the presence of African people in America before Columbus. The most pronounced and widely acknowledged Africoid sculptural representations to appear in the ancient "New World" were produced by the Olmecs. At least fifteen colossal stone heads, weighing ten to forty tons, have been unearthed in Olmec sites along the Mexican Gulf Coast. One of the first European-American scientists to comment on the "Olmec heads," archaeologist Matthew Stirling, described their facial features as "amazingly Negroid."

In 1974, Polish craniologist Andrzej Wiercinski informed the Congress of Americanists that skulls from Olmec and other pre-Christian sites in Mexico (Tlatilco, Cerro de las Mesas and Monte Alban) "show a clear prevalence of the total Negroid pattern."

Other scientists have found a host of cultural parallels between ancient Africans and native Americans, including architectural patterns and religious practices. As for the latter, some native American communities worshipped black gods of great antiquity, such as Ekchuah, Quetzalcoatl, Yalahau, Nahualpilli and Ixtilitic, long before the first African slave arrived in the New World.

Harun Kofi Wangara (1928-1989) wrote that:

"Black seamen, who can be specifically identified as Mandinga, brought the West African gold trade to the Americas. This is established through African designations for gold, the West African method of alloying gold, its ceremonial as well as trade value and, more important, the identity of the Blacks who trafficked in it."

During his third voyage, Columbus recorded that when he reached Haiti the resident population informed him that Black men from the south and southeast had preceded him to the island. In 1513, Balboa found a colony of Black men on his arrival in Darien, Central American.

All of these facts, buttressed by skeletons and sculptures, make it clear that African people have had a profound presence and influence in pre-Columbian America. Some scholars, such as Carlos C. Marquez, have even concluded that "the youthful America was also a Negro continent.

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Exposing the Greatest Cover- ups in

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Like Christ, ALL founders of world religions on ALL continents were BLACK and "woolly" haired, including the earliest gods.

Buddha was Black, that's why his woolly hair is always shown in small tight curls, peppercorn style or cornrows. Early sculptures of him clearly reveal his Aficoid features ...wide nose and full lips. So was Zaha of Japan, Fu-Hsi of China, Tyr of Scandinavia, Quetzalcoatl of Mexico, Sommonacom of Siam and Isis of Egypt and Rome. Krishna of India was "blue-black," in fact his means black, or the Black One! (See dictionary). He is always portrayed with blue or blue-black skin.

Mohammed, founder of Islam was also 'bluish' in color with 'frizzy' hair. His grandfather was "black as the night."

Moses was Black according to Mohammedan tradition and early portraits. His hand would turn white, then back to his "other flesh" when God wished to give him a sign. (Ex. 4:6,7).

Lao Tse of Taoism was "a divine incarnation ...born of a virgin black in complexion and as beautiful as jasper." (Thorton: History of China Vol. 1) The chief title of Osiris, the greatest of Egyptian gods means "Lord of the Perfect Black." He was also called "The Great Black," similar to Krishna. The chief title of Zeus, greatest of the Greek gods was "Ethiops" which means, "burnt faced." Early statues of gods in India have Africoid features and woolly or locked hair. The name of the Mexican

god Ixtliton means "blacked faced." In fact, many ancient Mexican gods are portrayed jet black with Africoid features.

Once banned, The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviors, by Kersey Graves reveals remarkable knowledge on this subject, along with Anacalypis by Godfrey Higgins and African Origins of the Major World Religions by Amon Saakana, (Editors).

Nappy hair is 'divine' - the choice of God!

Like Christ, "His son" and all the founders of world religions, God Himself has kinky, nappy hair -according tot he Bible, where God or the "Ancient of Days" is described as having "hair like the pure wool." (Dan. 7:9) The Power that causes galaxies to spiral, and planets & atoms to spin; that causes the double helix spiral of the DNA molecules -this same spiraling power causes spiraling hair... otherwise known as NAPPY, kinky, curly, frizzy, wavy, WOOLLY hair!

The words, SPIN, SPIRAL, and SPIRITUAL have common roots! The Supreme Power spins; spirals; it is spiritual. It moves or spirals the universe! The entire universe dances in spirals and rotations; everything in it reflects the "SPIRaling, SPIRitual" essence out of which it is made! The "SPIRal," especially the Golden Spiral, is simultaneously the most profound motion and design in the universe -built into all life forms, from seashelss to man, to spiraling nappy hair! Your blood spirals through your veins! Plants spiral up from the soil! And nappy hair spirals out from the hair roots! Ball your hand into a fist and slowly extend each finger.

Did Jesus have dreadlocks?

Jesus was a Nazarite: a vow of Nazarites was to never cut his hair but "let the locks of the hair of his head grow." (Nm. 6:2,5, Lev. 19:27; 21:5) The word Nazarite is from nazar, meaning unshorn. Woolly nappy hair, if simply washed & dried but never combed or brushed, will naturally entwine into long locks as it grows. Samson, the most famous example of locked hair, had seven locks. (Jg. 13:5, 16:17,19)

Hair is a really antenna that can receive and transmit energy! A Rastafarian explains that dreadlocks are a quality of Black people; they "are high-tension wires," which transmits divine energy and inspiration from Jah [God], the creator, to Rasta, the mirror." (Nicholas/Sparrow: Rastafarian -A Way of Life) As Blacks awaken to true self-knowledge and self-acceptance this brings, the negative racist conditioning with respect to their

natural spiraling, nappy hair as "bad" and straighter hair as "good" will cease!

Ancient Egypt was a Black African Civilization. The word itself means Black!

The ancient Egyptians called themselves Kam or Kam-Au (Black people/ Black God-people), and their country Kamit (or Khemit), both meaning land of the Blacks and the Black Land. The word Egypt is derived from the Greek word Aigyptos (or Aiguptos) that means Black! Europe's first historian, Herodotus said, "the Egyptians, Colchians, and Ethiopians have thick lips, and broad nose, woolly hair and they are of burnt skin." Egyptian civilization evolved from the Ethiopians. The Bible equates Ham (Africans) with Egypt. (Ps. 78:51; 105:23, 27; 106:21, 22)

The Black identity of Egyptian mummies is proven by their high melanin content. Also, Egyptians made wigs from sheep wool to match their woolly hair! A superb summary of the first Egyptians, their culture, & achievements is documented in Legrand Clegg's video Egypt During the Golden Age. Other great works include Gerald Massey's scholarly Egypt, Light of the World, and James Brunson's Predynastic Egypt. Ra Un Nefer Amen presents a powerful synthesis of the esoteric sciences of ancient Egypt, India & Canaan, in Metu Neter.

Whites blew off the Africoid nose of the Sphinx! And destroyed much ancient Africoid art.

Carved from a single rock, the Sphinx was a portrait of the Black Pharaoh Khafre (Cephren). The blatant, undeniable evidence of Black African achievement blew off the Africoid nose and part of the lips with cannon fire! Reporting on the "riddle" of the racial identity of the ancient Egyptians, Count C. Volney, a distinguished French scholar who visited Egypt in the late 1700's, wrote with astonishment "...when I visited the Sphinx, its appearance gave me the key to the riddle. Beholding that head typically Negro in all its features..." He later added "...the Egyptians were true Negroes of the same type as all native-born Africans." The Sphinx's broad nose and full lips are evident in an early drawing of the Sphinx as it was found in the 19th century.

The willful and systematic destruction of Africoid art has also occurred in the Americas, Asia and India: Inscriptions and hieroglyphics are defaced or bleached, noses are shot off or chiseled down, confusing nomenclatures are pasted over the evidence, photos are taken from misleading angles or filters, and

some evidence is outright destroyed. Europeans replaced the African inscriptions with new ones that credited themselves for the achievement.

Western (white) civilization was founded on a Black African civilization.

You may recall being taught in school that Western (white) civilization is founded upon the ancient Greek civilization that seemed to suddenly appear. What European historians are trying to hide or deny is that the Greek civilization was primarily the offspring of the advanced Black African civilization of ancient Egypt that preceded it by thousands of years. Greek legends relate that Egyptian & Phoenician conquerors ruled all or parts of Greece until the 14th or 15th century B.C.

Books about Western civilization's African origins include Cheikh Anta Diop: The African Origin of Civilization - Myth or Reality and Martin Bernal: Black Athena Vol. 1, 2.

The earliest Greek & Roman gods were all Black, including the Trojan heroes!

(STILL AGAINST GOD/ ALLAH!)

The early Greek-Roman gods & goddesses such as Apollo, Zeus, Hercules, Athena, Venus, were all Black, being renditions of the Black Egyptian gods. The historian Herodotus himself wrote "the names of nearly all the gods came to Greece from Egypt." The Aeneid, like the Iliad, Odyssey and all the other great epics of the world, is a poetic story dealing with Black people! Aeneas, the Trojan hero of Virgil's Aeneid, was in direct descent from Dardanus, the African founder of Troy.

Africans gave us Math, Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry! -Including the Arabic Numbers! Africans also originated the world's first known universities.

The falsely credited Pythagoras and Euclid learned their knowledge from Egypt's "Sacred Mystery Schools," which were the first universities known to man (with branches in other parts of the world, including China!) Estimated by computer analysis to have approached a mile in length, the temple-university of Luxor housed an elite faculty of priest-professors and catered to some 80,000 students at all grade levels! Temples were at the center of religion, politics and education.

The Ethiopians and Egyptians originated Mathematics and Trigonometry. The African Moors originated Algebra and developed Trigonometry into a science. The word Algebra is derived from "Al-Jabr wa'l Muqabala," the title of the first textbook on the subject. From the name of the Black author, "Al-Khowarizmi." We get the word algorithm (a math procedure). The Arabic numbers we use today came from he ancient Arab people who were originally Black Africans! And many of them still are!

Chemistry & the word itself is from Black Egypt. And where would the world be without PAPER and ALPHABET?

Africans gave us both! The words Chemistry/ Alchemy are from the word Kam or Khem, the name that the ancient Egyptians called themselves that means BLACK. Africans invented paper and papermaking. Paper was made from papyrus, hence the name. Before this, writing was done on stone tablets. The alphabet used by Western civilization originates from the Black Phoenicians who copied the principles from the Africans of the Nile Valley.

The real 'Father of Medicine' was the African multi-genius Imhotep of ancient Egypt, not Hippocrates who lived 2000 years later. Imhotep brought the knowledge of medicine to Greece and Rome. He was a world famous physician, architect, high priest, diplomat, economist, poet, philosopher, sage, magician, astronomer, engineer, and designer of the Step Pyramid of Sakkara. He was so revered that he was deified while still living and worshipped as the Great God of Medicine. The Greeks renamed him Aesclepios, the God of Healing. The phrase "drink and be merry..." is traced to him.

The symbol of the medical profession, the caduceus (a winged staff entwined by two serpents), was the insignia found on his temples. Imhotep temples in fact were the first hospitals known to man! Stlen from Africa, his many volumes are at Karl Marx University in Leipzig, Germany "From Egypt comes the earliest medical books, the first observatory for anatomy - human and comparative - the first experiments in surgery and pharmacy, the first use of splints and bandages, compresses and other appliances, and the first anatomical and medical vocabulary, and an extensive one at that."

(S. Glanvile: The Legacy of Egypt p196) European medicine is founded on the works of Imhotep and Black Muslims, Avicenna and Rhazes. For rich details, see Llaila O. Afrika: African Holistic Health.

This race of black men... is the very race to which we owe our arts, our sciences, and even the use of speech!"

Wrote the amazed, distinguished French scholar, Count C. Volney in 1787. Later he wrote Ruins of Empires, a book which so delighted scholars of the day that it was translated into English with a 'special edition' for the racist Americans, in which the following quotation was left out: "There are a people, now forgotten who discovered while others were yet barbarians, the elements of the arts and sciences. The Black man is rejected now for their black skin and woolly hair founded, on the study of the laws of Nature, those civil and religious systems which still govern the universe."

- The name by which whites are known -Caucasian- originated from Africans -and is from Caucasus, which is derived from the Ethiopian words "Caer Cush Aur." (Bryant's Ancient Mythology Vol. III, p158 [1807]). Ancient African civilizations were flourished while Europeans were living as barbarians in the caves of the Caucasus mountains.

- Whites stole the word "Aryan" from the Sanskrit language of India's Blacks where it meant noble cultivator or the holy.
- Europe is named after the Black Phoenician princess, Europe! (See dictionary) -who was kidnapped by Black Zeus.
- "Slave" is from "Slav." So many Slavic people of Europe were enslaved that the word "Slav" came to mean, "slave."
- Paris is named after the Egyptian goddess, Isis!-- From an early temple of Isis (Pari Isidos). At the site of this temple is the Cathedral of Notre Dame; the Grande Dame referred to Isis herself!

The heroes & people of the Bible were primarily Black African people. Moses was an Egyptian priest whose hand turned white under special circumstances. (Ex. 4:6,7) Black Samson had dreadlocks. Solomon declares, "I am black" as does Job; "My skin is black..." (Sol. 1:6, Job 30:30) Simon was a Canaanite. (Mt. 10:4) Paul is mistaken for an "Egyptian." (Acts 21:37-39)

The early church fathers, persecuted Christians and martyred saints were also Black, such as St. Barbara - a female saint after which Santa Barbara city is named, St. Augustine, St. Maurice, Clement of Alexandria and five popes, including St. Peter! (Rogers: Nature Knows No Color Line) For details McCray: The Black Presence in the Bible. Dunston: The Black Man in

the Old Testament & its World; and Barashango: God, The Bible & The Black Man's Destiny.

Seeking to further discredit African legacy, white historians try to displace Egypt from Africa by classifying it as part of Asia, but the ancient people of West Asia were also Black! The original people of West Asia were the Sumerians, who called themselves the "Black-Heads." They founded the rich Black cultures of Mesopotamia that included the ancient Babylonians, Chaldeans, Canaanites, Phoenicians and Elamites (original Persians).

Cush or Nubia means Ethiopia. The Biblical table of nations (Gen. 10) tells us that Cush and Canaan were brothers (sons of Ham), and that Sumer (Shina) is descended from Cush. Old Testament compilers assign Ham (father of Africans) to Egypt, Canaan, Cush and Phut (Libya). The Bible refers to Egypt as Ham. (Ps. 78:51; 105:23, 27; 106; 21,22)

The original Biblical Jews were a Black African people.

The original Jews in Africa 2000 years ago were a Black African people as an ethnic group. (Massey: Egypt Light of the Word p501) Many of them still are Black, in northern Africa such as the Falasha Jews of Ethiopia. A New York Times editorial (3/2/84) described them as "a lost tribe that has kept it identity for more than 2,000 years in a remote corner of Africa."

Abraham, ancestor of the Hebrews, was from Chaldea; the ancient Chaldeans were Black. In fact, Africa takes it name from Ophren, a son of Abraham by his wife, Keturah (Whiston: The Life and Works of Flavius Josephus p50) Like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the lineage of Ethiopian Emperor, Haile Selassie also goes back to Judah -through Solomon/Queen of Sheba and King David. Roman historian Tacitus wrote that many of his time believed that the Jews "were a race of Ethiopian origin."

The Bible classifies the Ethiopians & Jews together, "Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, “O children of Israel? Saith the Lord." (Amos 9:7) Black Paul is mistaken for an "Egyptian" and declares he himself to be a "Jew." (Acts 21:37-39, 22: 2,3)

The Jews got their language, religion & culture from the Canaanites & Sumerians through Babylon is well documented by historians. The original ancient Hebrew alphabet was

identical to that of the Phoenicians. "Semitic languages" are really dialectical variants of African languages.

The word Semite is from semi that means half. Half what? Half BLACK! (Mulatto!) Semite refers to the descendants of Shem, one of Noah's sons. The word originates from the Latin prefix semi that means half. "Half Black and half white... therefore Black (since Black is genetically dominant)" points out Dr. Cress Welsing.

Historian Cheikh Anta Diop also points out that the "Semitic" arises in the 4th millennia B.C. from crossbreeding between Black inhabitants of the holy land and white northern invaders. While many Semites (such as Jews & gypsies) have mixed so much with whites that they've forgotten or deny their African roots, racism (white supremacy) will never let them forget this no matter how light-skinned they become, as proved by Hitler, who mandated their destruction because they were classified by whites as "non-white" people originating in Africa. The very word gypsy means "out of Egypt."

African Americans are largely descendants of the original Black Jews! The original Biblical Jews were Black African people who were ruthlessly persecuted by the white man (Romans). The prophet Jesus was a Black Jew who was born during this time. The Roman-Jewish War in A.D. 66 marked the peak of this persecution and the end of the original Black Jews (Hebrew-Israelites) as a nation. As predicted by Jesus, in this war Jerusalem was overthrown, the Temple was destroyed and the Black Hebrews were scattered. (Mat. 24:15-21, Luke 21: 5,6, 20-24)

The loss of life was appalling. So many Hebrews were slain that the whole lake of Galilee was red with blood and covered with corpses. The noted historian, Osephus estimated that one million one hundred thousand perished in the siege of Jerusalem alone, reports Hugh Schonfield in his book The Passover Plot p192-195, which describes this massive genocide.

- Seeking to escape destruction, millions of original Black Biblical Jews fled into AFRICA!
- Centuries later, their descendants were captured and sold into slavery in the Americas!

Ella Hughley's remarkable booklet The Truth About Black Biblical Hebrew-Israelites exposes and summarizes important details of this suppressed subject. She writes "Many of the Israelites... who managed to escape their persecutors during the Roman-Jewish War subsequently migrated to West Africa, and

16000 years later their descendants were captured and brought to America in chains by cruel slave-traders."

She quotes the noted Jewish historian, Josephus from his book The Great Roman-Jewish War: 66-70, where he writes about this Jewish dispersion and captivity. "General Vaspasian and his son Caesar Titus fought against the Jews. Millions of Jews fled into Africa, among other places, fleeing from Roman persecution and starvation during the siege." In African Origins of Major Western Religions p75, Dr. Yusef ben-Jochannan writes: "There were many Hebrew (Jewish) tribes that were of indigenous African origin. These African Jews were caught in a rebellion in Cyrene...during 115 C.E. This rebellion also marked the beginning of a mass Jewish migration southward into Sudan of West Africa." Arab historian, Ibn Battuta writes of finding Jews scattered across North and West Africa during his travels. The Hebrewisms of numerous tribes, especially in West Africa is well documented.

Khazar Jews & Original Jews

If the original Jews were Black, where did white Jews come from? There are two main types of white Jews the Edomites and the Khazars. Edomites are the descendants of Esau, who was born ruddy (red) and hairy according to the Bible. (Gen. 25:25) This describes the "white" man; he is red (all shades) and hairy. Esau was the albino, fraternal twin brother of Jacob, the father of the original Black Israelites. The white Edomites and Black Israelites were constantly in strife against one another. In fact, the Edomites fought the Black Jews in the Roman-Jewish War. At a later period in history, the Edomites (Idumeans) were conquered and forced to become "Jews." The European Khazars became "Jews" in 740 A.D. (see below) Neither groups are descended from the house of Israel!

Khazars make up over 90% of the so-called "Jews!" (Hatonn) The world's best kept secret? Hugley writes "These groups... [Khazars esp., plus Edomites & other ethnic groups] make up modern Jewry today. Although the black Hebrew-Israelites are the real descendants of ancient Israel, this truth is not known by many and it is 'the world's best kept secret.'

Because of slavery and scattering, the Hebrew-Israelites are not known to the world as true Israel... Some scholars, teachers and ministers teach that God has completely cast them away, but God said, 'I have chosen thee, and have not cast thee away.' (Isa. 41:9, last part.) [& Rm. Ch. 11]

Although the children of Israel went into captivity, a remnant has returned as was predicted. The prophecy of Ezekiel 37th chapter tells of the spiritual resurrection of the people of Israel, who will be perpetually betrothed to their God in truth and in righteousness." There are numerous Black-Hebrew congregations in America. "Temple Bethel" is the largest& oldest (in Belleville, VA). "Jews" were a heavy part of the African slave trade in the America! Compiled from Jewish documents, The Secret Relationship Between Blacks & Jews by the Nation of Islam reveals the vast Jewish involvement in the Atlantic slave trade. "Jews" were also major slave sellers during the Middle Ages. (Van Sertima: African Presence in Early Europe, p161)

These "Jewish" slave-sellers were probably not "real Jews" at all but Khazars. (See below) Counterfeit Jews: the hated, white "Khazars" who have usurped the real Jews! Historians are now recognizing that the majority of eastern so-called "Jews" are actually "Khazars" and have NO Semitic roots whatsoever! The Khazars are impostors: well-suppressed knowledge is emerging about this war-like tribe of whites that rose to power in Eastern Europe and were hated by the other whites they conquered due to there severe, exploitative treatment of them.

The Khazars all converted to Judaism as a political ploy during the Middle Ages. It appears that they learned all they could from he real Hebrews before usurping them, selling them into slavery (or killing them) and taking over in their place, using the corrupted form of Judaism to hide behind while continuing their treachery right into modern times. Much of Europe's historical hate for "Jews" is hate for the ruthless Khazars who continued to be hated in spite of becoming "Jews."

In fact, the word "Jew" originated during the 1700s to label them! (Hatonn: p3, 17) Counterfeit Blessings - The Anti-Christ by Any Name: Khazars by G.C. Hatonn, exposes that the Khazars are the real "anti-Semites" who have labeled themselves as Zionists and "Jews" to deceive the world in furthering their own plans for global & political conquest. (See pages 22-24 in this document) In the 13th Tribe. Arthur Koesler traces the history of the Khazars and their rise to power.

The African Moors sparked the European Renaissance! Ruling Spain, southern France, much of Scotland & North Africa during the middle ages for 700 years, the Black African Moors gave Europe one of its finest civilizations. The word Moor is from the Greek word mauros, meaning scorched. In the introduction of The Story of the Moors in Spain by Stanley Lane-Poole, John Jackson writes: "Eurocentric historians argue

that Europe gave civilization to Africa, which is a complete inversion of the truth. The first civilized Europeans were the Greeks, who were chiefly civilized by the Africans of the Nile Valley.

The Greeks transmitted this culture to the Romans, who finally lost it, bringing on a dark age of five hundred years. Civilization was restored to Europe when another group of Africans, the Moors, brought this Dark Age to an end... During the Golden Age of Islam, the Moorish Empire... was the most advanced state in the world... Cordova was the most wonderful city of the tenth century; the streets were well paved, with raised sidewalks for pedestrians... Public baths numbered in the hundreds... at a time when cleanliness in Christian Europe was regarded a sin... Moorish monarchs dwelt in splendid palaces, while the crowned heads of England, France, and Germany lived in big barns, lacking both windows and chimneys, with only a hole in the roof for the emission of smoke."

The Moors had an insatiable lust for knowledge, and acquired it from East and West, translating into Arabic all they could find, even ransacking monasteries for rare books. One king had a private library of 600,000 books! In Moorish Spain education was available to the most humble, while in Christian Europe 99% of the populace were illiterate, including kings.

The incredible city of Cordova had 800 public schools! The Moors made great advances in mathematics, physics, astronomy, medicine, botany, and chemistry. The Moors also introduced the first shooting mechanisms or rifles known as fire sticks! -Which revolutionized European military science, ultimately causing their downfall when their enemies used gunpowder to drive them back into Africa.

Their contributions to European civilization are vast - with no credit given to them. For more details, Ivan Van Sertima, Ed: The Golden Age of the Moors, and Samuel Scott: The History of the Moorish Empire in Europe. The white Founding Fathers built America on Black Egypt's knowledge.

As revealed in Anthony Browder's fascinating From the Browder File, the Founding Fathers sought to recreate in America the same energies which guided the Africans of the Nile Valley by using African science, architecture and symbols (with no credit to them) as shown:

- The Founding Fathers and all the U.S.
- presidents were Masons (except Lincoln and Kennedy).

(PAGAN OCCULT!)

- Masons and other secret orders such as the Rosicrucian's 7 Illuminati are patterned after the Sacred Mystery Schools (universities) of ancient Egypt.
- The word 'Mason' means 'child of the sun' and is derived from the African terms Sons 7 Daughters of Light (or Children of the Sun).
- The sun symbolizes enlightenment; hence these metaphors mean 'enlightened people.' The Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution are Masonic documents, written in the Masonic code and have different meaning to members of the Masonic order.
- Look on the back of the dollar bill and see for yourself how the Founding Fathers composed the Great Seal of America with African symbols: The Eye of Horus/God, pyramid, six-pointed star (made up of 13 stars), and the eagle -their imitation of Egypt's sacred sun Falcon, a symbol for Horus. Stan Deyo's provocative Cosmic Conspiracy provides more insights.
- The Washington monument, a symbol of America, is an African obelisk! The obelisk was the symbol of the very Black Egyptian god, Osiris who represented the regenerative powers of God and was worshiped as the impregnating force of the universe. The obelisk later became part of the worship of the Egyptian Sun God, "Ra," from which we get the words "ra, radiation." The obelisk is also found at the Vatican in St. Peter's square and in every major city in the world. It is the origin of church steeples!
- Egyptian Design: The Lincoln Memorial is patterned after an Egyptian temple honoring the pharaoh, Ramsese II. Meridian Hill Park (AKA Malcolm X Park) was designed to align Washington D.C. to the same meridian (pathway to the sun) which passes through Egypt. So-called European architecture (like the Capitol, Parthenon, cathedrals) is copied from African architecture! (Mosques, obelisks, temples)
- A Black scientist designed the city. The layout and design of Washington D.C. was accomplished by America's first Black man of science, Benjamin Banneker - astronomer and mathematician.

Albinos: Why do whites seek to hide their origins?

Are whites the albino offspring of Black Africans? White skin is a form of albinism. It appears that whites have "come into being" through a number of ways: In The Isis Papers p123, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing states "whites are undoubtedly a genetic mutant albino population... from the original Black (hue-man) beings." The story of 'Snowflake' dramatically illustrates how

it is possible for whites to come into being from blacks: Born of coal black parents, this albino gorilla named "Snowflake" has platinum blond hair, white (pink) skin, and blue eyes! (National Geographic: Mar. 67, Oct. 70). Similarly in Panama, particularly among the San Blas Indians are albino natives that also have blond hair and blue eyes!

They are often indistinguishable from blond Northen Europeans! In the Bible, Edomites are whites that descended from an albino named Esau who was born ruddy (red) & hairy. (Gen. 25:25) The Bible refers to white skin as leprosy (Num. 12:10-12, Lev. 13) and reports that a race of people (Gahazites) was born white due to being cursed! (II Kings 5:27) Bible scholars credit Japheth (a son of Noah) as fathering a (Black) people who settled in the north, ultimately becoming the Caucasian Race.

Similarly, other scholars theorize that Africans who migrated to Europe and were caught in the Ice Age, gradually lightened until their genes mutated to adapt to the scant sunlight, thus producing a race of whites.

Interestingly, the ancient Egyptians recorded the Tamahu, which means created white people. Egyptian writings also refer to whites as Typhonians or People of Seth, both meaning "the devils." After these "white devils" were first released into the Black community of the Near East 6000 years ago, they caused sever strife, thus the Africans rounded them up, stripped them of everything and exiled them to the caves and hills of the Caucasus Mountains. This explains the sudden appearance of white people in this region. To prevent their escaping Africans installed a series of guarded walls blocking all exits along that area from one sea to the other!

Thus "roping" them off (hence the word Europe). These walls have been witnessed and recorded by many European writers, including Pliny. Thus, totally cut off from civilization, the whites degenerated into uncivilized, nomadic savages. They remained this way for 2000 years until 'Allah mercifully sent an Egyptian priest named Musa or Moses to civilize them.'

This explains the otherwise unknown reason why suddenly about 2000 B.C., vast hordes of these white barbarians left the Caucasus region and stormed all the (Black) centers of civilizations throughout Mesopotamia, the Near East, Africa and India, destroying and usurping them. Thus, the Whiteman's arrival signaled destruction for all these civilizations and the beginning of the Whiteman's rise to power.

Whites proclaim their origin is Greek. Whites can avoid confronting the true meaning of skin whiteness as a mutation and genetic deficiency state from the Black norm - the 'hue-man' norm'... Deep within the unconscious psyche of the white collective is an awareness; of their origin amongst Blacks, that Blacks were their parents and that they (whites) were the offspring of Blacks who suffered from the skin condition of Albinism."

I AGREE WITH ALOT of THE CONCLUSIONS in this ARTICLE... WHAT I DON'T AGREE WITH IS "US" PLAYING in PAGAN OCCULT!

It is/WAS AGAINST God/ALLAH AND NOTHINGS CHANGED!

THIS IS A SMALL TIMELINE SHOWING HOW AND WHY ORIGINAL CHILDREN WERE CURSED ONCE THEY/WE MESHED IN WITH PAGANS IN THE B.C.'s. SOME INFO WILL BE REPEATED. I'M AWARE, BY THIS POINT, I MAY SOUND LIKE A MILITANT, BITTER, HATER. PLEASE KNOW, THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS. I SWEAR.

5000-3500 B.C.-- per the Bible and the Quran, (AND TORAH) Original Tribes (allegedly repping for Ethiopia/Egypt) and Leprous Pagans were commiting Sodomy and many other Sins and Abominations in **SODOM and GOMMORAH**. This is the alleged place that Abraham's nephew, Lot, was told to GET OUT and take his family with him! It was an OCCULT RIDDEN HELLHOLE, making way for the BABYLONIAN DAYS. Many areas are identical to areas in

Babylonia, but the Modern- Day name that kept popping up was **PERSIA/IRAN.**

3500 B.C.-- **BABYLONIA/BABEL** (repping 4 Egypt) this is a big area in Africa/Middle East, but as far as Modern-Day goes, **IRAQ** popped up the most!

This was Pagan's Crown and Glory! A HELLHOLE where ANYTHING was accepted! They were PERFORMING SATANIC RITUALS LIKE SACRIFICING TO THEIR gODS, TORTURING, MURDERING, HAVING MANDATORY SEX ORGIES, MENAGETROIS, PRACTICING HOMOSEXUALITY, RAPE, INCEST!! All in the name of Going against God/Allah!

I have so much info on this TIMEFRAME with overlapping **NAMES**, **DATES**, and **RELIGIONS/RITUALS**. Simply so we'll stay

CONFUSED and LOST. Here's a few to help:

NAMES for SODOMITES:

Ethiopians/Phoenicians/Philistines/Elamites/Mannaenites/Kittims/Persians/Medes/Moabites/

NAMES for BABYLONIANS:

Egyptians/Caananites/Isrealites/Hittites/Kassites/Sumerians/Assyrians/Hurrians/Akkadians/Mesopotamians and many, many more!

{Ancient and Modern-Day Names for **BOTH**:
MOORS/ARABS/TURKS/MAMLUKS/MONGOLS, etc....}

HOWEVER, the one name that ONLY applied to the "WHITE" SODOMITES or BABYLONIANS was

"**GENTILES**"...Pagan, "**GENTILES**".

Never forget that, it's VERY IMPORTANT!

1 Corinthians 10:20 But I say that the things which the GENTILES sacrifice, they sacrifice to DEVILS and not to GOD (which we shouldn't be sacrificing to God either): and I would NOT that ye should fellowship with DEVILS.

ORIGINAL CHILDREN/AFRICA

(**ASIA INDIA AUS** and eventually **N.** and **S. AMERICA**)

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PAGAN LEPERS/EUROPE

= **MIXED CHILDREN** aka **BI** or **MULTIRACIAL** aka HALFBREED/MULATTO/HALFCASTES/PASSING MISHLINGS, etc...

BREAKDOWN BY "RACE"

ABORIGINE/INDIGENOUS = BERBER/BURGHAR
MOORS/ARAB/BASTAARD/MAORI/FIJIAN
POLYNESIAN/PORTUGUESE/MALANESIAN/
TURKMEN/REDHEAD STEPCHILD/IRISH/GYPSY
COLOURED/GRIQUA

ASIAN = MONGOLOID/MONGOL/EURASIAN
CHINESE/JAPANESE/KOREAN
FILIPINO/BLASIAN/AFRO-ASIAN
AINOKO/ESKIMO/INUIT/GUINEA
HAWAIAAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER/YELLOW

INDIAN = INDOCHINA/CHINDIAN/TAMIL
MAYAN/MAROON/OCTOROON
QUADROON/MESTIZO/MELUNGEON

REDBONE//BRASS ANKLES
MAYLES/CAFRES/DOUGLA/ZAMBO/RED

HISPANIC = SAMBO/SPANIARD/MEXICAN
CUBAN/PUERTORICAN/CASTIZO
CASTA/CHOLO/CABOCLO/PARDO
MORENO/MESTIZO/METIS/BROWN

MISCELLANEOUS NAMES = MISCEGENATION/ETHNIC AMALGAMATION/PLACAGE/ONE DROP RULE

TO BE CLEAR, I DID NOT LIST EVERY "MIXED" NAME OR EPITHET PLACED ON PEOPLE AND RACES, OVER CENTURIES. I INCLUDED THE ONES THAT I FOUND TO BE USED OFTEN, THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY WE'RE TAUGHT. I'M NOT TRYING TO BE OFFENSIVE OR RUDE. I LOVE MY "MIXED" BROTHAS AND SISTAS, AS I LOVE ALL OF MY BROTHAS AND SISTAS. I WILL ALWAYS COMPILE AS MUCH INFO AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT LEADS TO THE SAME CONCLUSIONS...FOR EXAMPLE, "DARK BROWN PEOPLE AND PINK PAGAN PEOPLE MADE ALL OF THESE "MIXED" RACES WE'RE NOW SEEING". ANY AUTHENTIC, FAMILY TREE WILL PROVE THAT; FROM THE B.C.'s to the A.D.'s. MANY PAGANS ARE WELL AWARE OF THIS, AND PURPOSELY HIDE THE TRUTH, AS GOD/ALLAH WARNED HIS CHILDREN, THEY WOULD.

1 TIMOTHY CH 6 VS 5--PERVERSE DISPUTINGS OF MEN OF CORRUPT MINDS, AND DESTITUTE OF THE TRUTH, SUPPOSING THAT GAIN IS GODLINESS: FROM SUCH WITHDRAW THYSELF.

The REWRITTEN and somewhat, HIDDEN info regarding the "Twelve" Tribes, who were more than likely, procreated from the very same Africans and Lepers I studied...shows that Black/Brown Americans, Asians, Indians, Arabs, Hispanics, Islanders, etc...are all part of the same Bloodline and God/Allah's Bigger Picture.

Even though Our History is buried in LIES and FAUX TRANSLATION, the TRUTH **is** in there too. It's MANDATORY, to find the TRUTH, in order to know who PAGAN GENTILES are and why "THEY" were sent here TO MAKE OUR LIVES A LIVING HELL. "THEY'VE" studied, then dissected and rewrote our Past, to purposely make it seem in the Present, as if ALL African Tribes have no true beginning, nor affiliation to God/Allah's Lineage. It's as if ALL of our people were seperated from the Motherland, carried into captivity, and then migrated through Upper Egypt and a small part of the Middle East, eventually selling out on all continents, except Antartica, as they changed hues. PaganEuros make sure to make it look as if those "many" Tribes were/are "FAR" from home, too. When the truth is, both of those land masses (Egypt and the Middle East) are still a part of-what is called, "Africa"; just as Australia, India, lower parts of Asia, Europe and Southern America were once a part of GONDWANALAND/PANGEA/AFRICA...per their History...and God/Allah's Word aka "Our History".

"THEY" have further kept up confusion by changing the names of the people and those locations every century or so. The 10 tribes of Israel that we've been taught were exiled out of Egypt in 721 b.c. are said to have gone North to "**ISRAEL**", which is now part of a landmass attached to Modern-day Iraq, per my studies. And at

any given time, "THEY" have referred to these people and places as...Babylonia/ans, Caanan/nites, Assyria/ans, Palestine/ians, Mesopotamia/ans, IRAN/IANS, Turkey, Syria/ians, Sumeria/Samaria/ians, Ur/ians, Nippur/ians/, Kish/ites, Umma, Lagash and many more!!! Each day, year or era they mix it up and seperate us a lil bit more by throwing in a bunch of faux names, along with faux history, to keep us from God/Allah's TRUTH!

Now, the other 2 tribes..**Judah** and Benjamin..alledgedly split from the majority of **Israel** and somehow, migrated *back* South to Ethiopia aka Kush aka Sudan, depending on "Euro's" timeframes. The Tribe of Judah was allegedly captured 135 yrs later (and if they were, it was for going against God/Allah AGAIN!) then allegedly taken back to Babylon/Babel, which throughout my research, was listed as **both** IRAN and IRAQ.

CONFUSED MUCH??? Well that's exactly what "THEY" were hoping and now you know how I felt!!!! But GOD/ALLAH IS GOOD (not to mention, GREAT) so pretty please, hang in as much as possible because if you can connect the dots, you will see it all falls into place, regardless of their nonsense!

I've given you the aliases for Iraq/**Israel**/Babylon etc...well here's a few for Iran: Persia/ians, Elam/ites, Jerusalem/ites, **Judah/aeans**, Jordan/ians, Jericho, Amon/ites, Edom/ites, Gilead, Moab/ites, Bethlehem/ites (where Jesus/Yeshua was born)...and just like Iraq/**Israel** was and STILL IS split into all of these different tribes, clans, cities, states and countries, so is Iran/**Judah**. These are the alleged 12 Tribes that Pagan, Gentile, Europeans have tried to

miseducate us about through "THEIR THEOLOGY" (which is SCIENCE mixed with "The Word" and is against God/Allah).

Meanwhile, Our "SENT" History **does** show a few (NOT ALL) African Tribes getting exiled, out of the "South" (Paradise/Gondwanaland/Africa) into the "North" (modern day Middle East/Orient and European Cold Caves), for Committing ABOMINATIONS, Selling their Souls, Warring!

In other words: "**GOING AGAINST OUR FATHER**".

Research per Biblical and Secular History:

THE NORTH/Upper Tribes

I show Upper Tribes (10 TRIBES OF ISRAEL) eventually by the A.D.'s, migrating to Upper N. America, Canada, Alaska, Lower Europe (really Upper Africa but renamed Europe) with Lower Europe encompassing: Portugal, Spain, France, Greece, etc. And last but not least, Upper Asia aka The Orient (Orientals) and (now Russia) Mongolia (Mongols and Mongoloids per Gentiles) , plus some surrounding countries like, Pakistan, Kazykstan, etc.

THE SOUTH/ Lower Tribes (JUDAH {and Benjamin}) would remain in Egypt, Ethiopia, Arabia, India, Pakistan, Lower Asian Countries, like, Vietnam, etc...plus, Australia and surrounding Islands.

And somehow, I pulled in parts of North and South America too,

once the Atlantic Slave Trade kicked in .

ALL OF THE TRIBES WERE MIXING WITH PAGANS AND OCCULT, PER BIBLICAL AND SECULAR HISTORY (not always in the Quran, though..please see info).

Once the Lost Tribes/Sheep began procreating with Pagan, Leprous, Gentiles, who were their Masters and Leaders (let them tell it) they were punished/cursed even moreso; "ENSLAVED" (Arab and Atlantic Slave Trade) and made to migrate to different North, East, West locations, during what's called, "The Diaspora".

"Diaspora" is literally:

THE SCATTERING OF SEEDS and/or ANY PEOPLE OR ETHNIC POPULATION FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR TRADITIONAL ETHNIC HOMELANDS or "CONQUERED" LAND; FORCED MIGRATION WITH THE PURPOSE OF **COLONIZATION** TO ASSIMILATE THE TERRITORY INTO AN EMPIRE.

sidebar...PaganEuros are BRAGGING in BLACK AND WHITE, about bulldozing, plundering, slaughtering and forcing our Ancestors into (semi) Slavery. After all, that's EXACTLY what CONQUERING AND COLONIZATION means! Whatever the ERA, EMPIRE or DYNASTY: Egyptian, Greek, Roman, American!! Per their written, admitted, **QUESTIONABLE HISTORY**, they are describing Brown people as being, CONQUERED AND ENSLAVED, once they **turned from** God/Allah, **siding with** Pagans.

the war torn history of Israel

In the near future, the country of Israel is going to take a more prominent role in world affairs, so let's take a brief look at their historical development to see why tensions have continued to increase in the Middle East.

The northern kingdom of Israel was conquered by the Assyrians around 722 BC, and the threat of captivity and slaughter forced them to flee. Those people became known as the "ten lost tribes." The other two tribes, Benjamin and Judah (where the word "Jew" came from), remained in the south. Through the years, Jerusalem and Palestine became one of the most overrun areas in the world:

- Babylonian (587 BC-536 BC)
- Medo-Persian (536 BC-533 BC)
- Greek (331 BC-301 BC)
- Egyptian (301 BC-198 BC)
- Syrian (198 BC-63 BC)
- Roman (63 BC-395 AD)

Most of the Jews had fled from the land, and only a small group remained in Jerusalem until 70 AD, when the Romans burned the city. By 135, all of the Jews had been driven out. Still the area continued to be the subject of contention as it was conquered by the Byzantine (396-638), Mohammedan (639-1099), Crusader (1100-1291), Moslem (1292), Egyptian-Mamaluke (1292-1917), and Turks (1917).

In 1895, Theodor Herzl, an Austrian Jew, wrote a book called *The Jewish State* (*Der Judenstadt*) that began the movement towards the establishment of an independent Jewish state. In 1897, he arranged the first World Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland. Now known as 'Zionists' (for Mount Zion in Palestine), a fund was started to raise money to buy land, and a blue and white flag was chosen, the colors of the tallith prayer shawl. Herzl traveled around the world, especially in Europe, to lobby for his group. In 1903, a year before he died, England offered the Jews the African country of Uganda, which they rejected, because they knew that Palestine was their country. According to the Bible (Gen. 15:18), Israel's promised land stretches from the Nile River in Egypt to the Euphrates in Syria, and includes the countries of Syria and Lebanon.

In 1904, Dr. Chaim Weizmann (who would become Israel's first President), was made Assistant Professor of Biological Chemistry at the University of Manchester in England. The Polish-born Jew had studied Chemistry in Germany, and taught in Switzerland and England. During World War I, Germany was producing 250,000 shells a day, while England was only producing 2,500, due to a shortage of acetone because of the lack of wood alcohol. Weizmann isolated an organism capable of transforming the starch of cereals, most notably that of maize, and later chestnuts, into acetone butyl alcohol. Because of these advanced experimentations and the contribution of explosives (TNT) to the allied cause, Weizmann was credited with saving the British Army. The only thanks he wanted, was for Palestine to be established as a national homeland for the Jews.

The Sykes-Picat Agreement was a secret wartime agreement between England and France to divide between them the lands of the Ottoman Empire once World War 1 ended. Among the terms was the establishment of an Arab state in 'southern Palestine.' However, the Arabs became upset that Britain decided to instead engineer its own rule over all Palestine through the League of Nations. England essentially ruled Palestine as a colony until 1948.

On November 2, 1917, the British Foreign Secretary Lord Arthur James Balfour sent this declaration to Lord Lionel Walter Rothschild:

> "His Majesty's Government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home land for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which

> may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

On December 9, 1917, Gen. Edmund Allenby marched into Jerusalem, and when the Turks heard that he was on his way, they interpreted 'Allenby' to mean 'Allah Nebi' ('Prophet of God'), and took it as a sign that God was against them. They were also worried about the accompanying airplanes (from the 14th Bomber Squadron of the Royal Flying Corp), which they had never seen before. They were thinking about the promise in Isaiah 31:5: "As birds flying, so will the Lord of Hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it." The Turks left the city.

An interesting fact to add to this narrative can be found in Daniel 12:12. Some believe that the 1335 'days' may refer to the actual date that Palestine was delivered from Moslem rule. Since the land in Daniel's day was under Moslem rule, the date given would most likely be in Moslem terms, not in Jewish or Gregorian. A coin minted in Turkey showed the Gregorian date of 1917 on one side, and the Moslem date of 1335 on the other side. Is this a fulfillment of prophecy?

After the War, the 1919 Paris Peace Conference at Versailles established the League of Nations, who approved the Balfour Declaration and granted a mandate for Great Britain to govern the Palestine area. Within a couple of years, a Select Committee on Estimates, of the British House of Commons, reported that "large numbers of Jews, almost amounting to a second Exodus, have been migrating from Eastern Europe to the American zones of Germany and Austria with the intention in the majority of cases of finally making their way to Palestine.

It is clear that it is a highly organized movement, with ample funds and great influence behind it, but the Subcommittee was unable to obtain any real evidence who are the real instigators." A U.S. Senate War Investigating Committee report said that a "heavy migration of Jews from Eastern Europe into the American Zone of Germany is part of a carefully organized plan financed by special groups in the United States." Even though nobody was to leave the Soviet Union without government permission, many Jews were allowed to leave, so they could return to their homeland.

In 1937, a Royal Commission was established by England which divided the country of Palestine into three sections: Jewish, Arab and English. With the increased tension, the UN Security Council later went soft, and the Truman Administration reversed their earlier support, urging that the partition proposal be suspended, in lieu of a 'trusteeship.' Jewish terrorist groups, such as the Stern gang, and the Irgun Zvai Leumi (led by Menachem Begin), worried that a Jewish State would not materialize, began attacking Arabs. *Time* magazine reported that they "stormed the village of Deir Yasin and butchered everyone in sight. The corpses of 250 Arabs, mostly women and small children, were tossed into wells." Rather than risking the possibility of further massacres, the Arab settlers fled the country to live in neighboring countries.

On April 29, 1947, the UN took on the responsibility of settling the Palestinian situation. Facing a Jewish refugee crisis because of mass emigration into Palestine that they could no longer control, England acceded to Resolution 181 of the newly-founded United Nations which called for a partition of the British-ruled area into separate Jewish and Arab states, with Jerusalem as a separate entity administered by the UN. Palestinian Jews approved the plan, but Palestinian Arabs and neighboring Arab countries rejected it.

On May 14, 1948, the British Union Jack in Jerusalem was lowered, and at 4 p.m., David Ben-Gurion (the first Prime Minister) read the Declaration of Independence over the airwaves in a radio broadcast from the Tel Aviv Museum. At 6:10 p.m. President Truman made an official statement of recognition, making the United States one of the first countries to extend diplomatic recognition to the new independent state of Israel.

In a speech to the UN General Assembly, Andrei Gromyko, the Russian Ambassador, announced his support for an independent Jewish State in Palestine, and urged the Arabs to accommodate them. The entire Communist bloc voted to support Israel. They followed their show of support with a strong program which included financial support and military equipment. The Soviet Union was hoping that Israel would become another communist satellite. When it became apparent that Israel

would not go communist, Russia discontinued diplomatic relations with them on February 23, 1953, and the Cominform denounced Zionism as an "agency of American imperialism."

Another variation of one of the numerical theories given earlier purports to indicate the foretelling of the establishment of Israel as an independent Jewish State, and the end of the dispersal of the Jewish people throughout the world. The calculation goes like this: 2,520 biblical years X 360 biblical days = 907,200 days, divided by our calendar year of 365.25 days = 2,483.8 calendar years, which added to the end of the Babylonian captivity in 536 BC, leads us to the year of 1948.

When British troops left the area, they said it would be a matter of weeks before the Arabs would take over the new country. On May 15th, the official date of statehood, when Ben-Gurion was broadcasting Israel's appreciation to the U.S. for their recognition, an explosion sounded, after which he said: "A bomb has just fallen on this city from an enemy aircraft flying overhead." An Arab alliance of Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen, Lebanon, and Jordan had attacked Israel. Even though the newly formed nation was poorly armed, they survived, and actually increased their territory by 600 miles. The 1949 Armistice gave them 21% more land than they had originally been given by the United Nations.

Prior to 1948, the Jewish people were known as 'Palestinians.' There was a *Palestinian Post* newspaper, a Palestinian Brigade of Jewish volunteers in the British Army during World War II, and an all-Jewish Palestinian Symphony Orchestra. Arab inhabitants living in the new country of Israel wanted to differentiate themselves from the Jews, and began called themselves Palestinians. However, the underlying purpose for this was to generate the misconception that it was a distinct nationality, and that 'Palestine' was their ancestral homeland, when in fact, they are actually similar in language and customs to the Arabs of Syria and Jordan, where their ancestors probably came from.

On July 26, 1956, Gamal Abdel Nassar, President of Egypt, seized control of the Suez Canal, and announced that the profits would go towards building the Aswan Dam. Egypt moved into a close alliance with Russia as billions of dollars worth of military equipment, along with Soviet advisors, poured into the country. On October 29th, Israeli forces overran the Gaza Strip, and had it not been for the UN Resolution that ordered a cease fire, Egypt would have fallen to Israel.

Many years ago I came across this unsubstantiated report. On November 7, 1957, the *Jerusalem Post* reported that at 6:03 a.m., Moshe Dayan radioed to twenty of his soldiers stationed in the Sinai Desert, that three Egyptian divisions, 18,000 men, were on their way. They men bowed down, and prayed to the 'God of their Fathers' to have the strength to die, rather than face being captured. When they got up, they saw the Egyptian strike force engaged in retreat. Behind these lines was a car, which the Israelis captured. Inside the car was one of Nassar's commanding generals, who said that they were retreating because they had been surrounded by an army dressed in white. Israel had no such army there.

The 18,000 soldiers were never heard from again. A six-week search in Israel, the Sinai Desert, and Egypt failed to turn up any clues. Since it was already established that Israel did not have the resources to capture such a large number of men, what could have happened? *National Geographic* reported that on November 7, 1957, at 6:33 a.m. there was an earthquake of substantial proportions on the Sinai peninsula, which lead to the speculation that the army could have been swallowed up by the earth. If this report was true, it most certainly was a sign that the Jews were indeed God's chosen people.

The Soviet Union began sending equipment to Iraq and Syria, while they continued to interfere in the internal affairs of other Arab nations through military coups and political assassinations. Only U.S. and British intervention prevented Communist takeovers in the Middle East, as in July 1958, when the Marines landed in Lebanon; and British forces, supporting King Hussein, landed in Jordan.

On March 16, 1965, Nassar promised the Arabs an all-out offensive effort against Israel, if they would unite under him, as he hoped to become the President of the United States of Africa. He said: "We must arm 5,000,000 men and overwhelm the Israelis by sheer military might."

In 1967, Russia sent exaggerated reports to Egypt and Syria that Israel was preparing for war against Syria. This was a move by Syria to unify the Arab bloc countries. In a book written by Nassar, he revealed that his chief goal was to eliminate Israel as a nation, and to push them into the sea. On May 26th he said: "The Arab people want to fight. We have been waiting for the right time when we will be completely ready." On May 28th he said: "We will not accept any co-existence with Israel."

On June 4th he said, concerning Israel: "We are facing you in battle and are burning with desire for it to start to obtain revenge." The source of Nassar's hatred for Israel can be traced back to a statement he made in December, 1962: "We feel the soil of Palestine is the soil of Egypt, and the whole Arab world. Why do we mobilize? Because we feel that the land of Palestine is part of our land, and we are ready to sacrifice ourselves for it."

Nassar ordered the UN to remove their troops, which they did; and he closed the crucial port of Eliat, on the Gulf of Aquaba, and blockaded the Tiran Straits. He then taunted Israel's Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin by saying: "Let him come, I'm waiting." The armies of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon surrounded Israel on all sides. Joining them were Iraq, Algeria, Kuwait, Sudan, and other Arab nations, which represented 25 times more manpower than Israel could field. On the evening of June 4, 1967, Nassar moved his Russian-made tanks and artillery into position. He knew that with America caught up in the Vietnam War, there would be no help for Israel.

As daylight broke on June 5th, Israeli jets flew low from the north and began bombing the Egyptian Air Force. Israeli ships traded fire with Egypt's naval power, and Israeli tanks rolled into the Sinai. As the events unfolded, Russia warned the major countries of the world to back-off, so the world sat back and waited, expecting a swift Arab victory. The victory never came.

By the second day, Arab leaders watched their military being ground to bits. After six days, the Arab alliance was in retreat as Israeli soldiers captured the Sinai peninsula up to the Suez Canal, the Golan Heights including Mount Hermon (which would then become the "eyes and ears of Israel," the entire West Bank of the River Jordan, and reclaimed the city of Jerusalem. Schlomo Goren, Ashkenazic (of Eastern European origin) Chief Rabbi of Israel, carried the Scrolls of the Law, and sounded the ram's horn of repentance. In Hebrew, 'shofar' (ram's horn) is the word that 'jubilee' is derived from.

In Leviticus 25:8-9, a 'jubilee' is represented as 49 years. There was a 49 year difference between 1917, when Gen. Allenby entered Jerusalem, and 1967, when the Jews took complete control. Gen. Moshe Dayan said: "We have returned to our holiest of holy places, never to be parted from it again ... No power on earth will remove us from this spot again."

Seeing that their plan was failing, Russia called for a ceasefire. In those six short days, the Arabs lost three billion dollars of military equipment, and the Israelis captured $700 million in new Soviet military hardware. Over 15,000 Arab lives were lost, but only 776 Israelis. Israel increased their territory from 8,000 to 34,000 square miles. Moshe Dayan, Israel's Minister of Defense, said afterwards: "Our next war will be with Russia."

After the Israeli victory over the Arabs in 1948, Jordan maintained possession of Judea, Samaria, and the eastern part of Jerusalem, and expelled all the Jews and destroyed their synagogues. They renamed the area the 'West Bank.' Their purpose was to convince the world that these territories were the ancestral lands of the Jordanian Kingdom, when in fact it is well documented that the land belonged to the Jews. Even after the Arabs were driven out of this area during the 1967 war, they still referred to this territory as the West Bank in an effort to continue swaying public opinion.

In the years that followed, Russia continued to arm Egypt, Syria, and other Arab countries. However, by 1972, Enwar Sadat, the President of Egypt, felt that Russia was trying to control the Middle East, and he ended his country's alliance with them. Egypt and Saudi Arabia joined forces so they wouldn't have to rely on Russia. Syria then became the main recipient of Soviet arms.

In 1973, Egypt's War Minister announced that the headquarters for all Arab fronts would be established in Cairo. On October 6, 1973, which was Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, Egypt, Syria, Jordan and eight other Arab nations joined together in a surprise attack against Israel. Much of the Israeli air force was destroyed by Soviet SAM ground-to-air missiles, and only 100 of 265 Israeli tanks survived the first wave, giving the Arabs a 5 to 1 edge in armor superiority.

Nixon was very adamant about the U.S. position when he said: "If Russia disturbs the balance of power in the Middle East, the United States will move to assure Israel's security." With reports that the Soviets were airlifting supplies to Egypt, and Iraqi troops were on their way to support Syria, Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir began considering the nuclear option, and made an urgent plea to the U.S.

Israel no longer had the military hardware to wage an effective war. They needed missiles, ammunition, tanks, and planes. An amazing story that came out of this war had to do with Tzvika Greengold, who was the leader of a group of three Israeli tanks on the Golan Heights, where they were to hold off oncoming Syrian tanks. Somehow he got separated from the other two, so he drove up a hill and destroyed three enemy tanks. He repositioned himself only to see a column of thirty Syrian tanks heading his way. He shot the first, changed positions, and kept shooting. By the time he was done, he had destroyed ten of the tanks, and the Syrians began to retreat because they thought they were being attacked by a larger Israeli force.

Nixon responded to Meir's appeal by saying: "Send everything that can fly." In a commitment to stand by them in their darkest hour, he also sent in two carrier battle groups to the eastern Mediterranean Sea, and when the Soviets threatened to intervene by dropping paratroopers into the Sinai, our military alert level was raised to DEFCON 3. In a 31-day airlift, a $2.2 billion emergency aid shipment code-named Operation Nickel Grass, the U.S. sent in shipments of ammunition, fighter-bombers, and tanks. Meir would later say: "For generations to come, all will be told of the miracle of the immense planes from the United States bringing in the material that meant life to our people."

In a swift, often reckless counterattack, Israel pushed their way to the west bank of the Suez, and came within 100 miles of Cairo, the Egyptian capital; and witin artillery range of the airfields of Damascus, the Syrian capital. With the tide turned, Israel again prevailed, taking even more territory. Again Russia urged the UN to order a ceasefire. Sadat's terms for a ceasefire was for Israel to withdraw from all territory it took during the 1967 war. American and Soviet pressure turned this Israeli victory into a negotiated compromise. The Arabs punished the world for their support of Israel by initiating an oil embargo against all the nations, such us the United States, who were partial to Israel. This move created worldwide economic chaos.

In 1977, Israeli Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur said publicly that Egypt was again preparing for war, basing his assumption on an unprecedented military buildup that was part of a two-year $6 billion arms modernization plan. Jimmy Carter, said in a 1978 meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin: "I can say, without reservation, as President of the United States of America, that we will continue to do so (remain committed to Israel's security), not just for thirty years, but forever." However, in 1978, President Carter was able to get Prime Minister Menachem Begin (Israel) and Enwar Sadat (Egypt) together to sign the Camp David Peace Accord, which led to the return of the Sinai to Egypt, and full recognition of Israel by Egypt, including the establishment of embassies and trade relations.

On November 5, 1978, the 21-nation Arab League met in Baghdad and established a $3.5 billion war fund "to continue the armed confrontation with the Jewish State"; and in 1980, a 37-nation Islamic Summit called for a 'Holy War' to liberate all Arab land, including Jerusalem, to establish an independent Palestinian state, with an Arab Jerusalem as its capital. The proposal was rejected by Egypt because of their commitment to the Peace Accord.

During 1980-81, Israel passed two key laws that changed the nature of the Middle East conflict: they named Jerusalem, including East Jerusalem and the Old City (captured from Jordan in 1967) as Israel's Eternal Capital (although most of the world still maintains embassies in Tel Aviv); and annexed the Golan Heights (captured from Syria in 1967).

In June, 1982, while responding to a PLO attack from a terrorist base in southern Lebanon, Israeli Intelligence discovered that Russia had enough arms and foodstuffs in huge caves under the town of Sidon to supply a million-man army, including uniforms, assault rifles, ammunition, shells, missiles, and tanks. They found two huge digging machines that were used to dig the underground fortress. The smaller one of the two was able to dig a hole 30 feet wide, 24 feet high, and 60 feet deep, in eight hours. They were part of a six-machine shipment to Austria by a U.S. manufacturer. The whereabouts of the other four were not known. The shocking implication of that discovery, was that the shelf life of the K-rations (meal packets) were only six months, which led many to believe the Israel thwarted a Russian invasion of Israel that was planned for the fall of 1982.

After an eight-year long war with Iran, in 1988, Saddam Hussein, in a bid to become the preeminent leader of the Arab world, offered to put his military at the disposal of the Palestinian effort. Iraq had been a partner in most of Arab attacks on Israel, and during the Persian Gulf War, Hussein threatened to "burn half of Israel." However, in 1989, Yasser Arafat showed his willingness to seek a solution to the Mid-East situation by acknowledging Israel's right to exist, and expressing a desire to begin negotiations to establish a Palestinian political authority that could coexist with Israel.

Salah Khalaf Abu lyad, Yasir Arafat's chief deputy, said on January 1, 1991: "Now we accept the formation of the Palestinian state in part of Palestine, in the Gaza Strip and West Bank. We will start from that part and we will liberate Palestine, inch by inch."

In August 20, 1993, in the Norwegian capital of Oslo, Yitzhak Rabin (Israel) and Yasser Arafat (head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization) reached an agreement, known as the Declaration of Principles (or Oslo Accords), in an attempt to end its armed struggle in exchange for gradual Palestinian autonomy (through the creation of the Palestinian Authority) over parts of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, which was later extended to Nablus, Jenin, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Qalqilya, Tulkarm, and Hebron in 1995. The two leaders also signed Letters of Mutual Recognition, in which the Israeli government recognized the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people; and the PLO recognized Israel's right to exist, and also renounced terrorism, violence, and their desire for the destruction of the State of Israel.

In a September 9, 1993 letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Arafat renounced his terrorist activities and said: "The PLO recognizes the right of the state of Israel to exist in peace and security."

The Oslo Accords were signed by both leaders in Washington, D.C. on September 13th, yet, on September 19th, P.L.O. Chairman Arafat said before a group of 19 Arab ministers meeting in Cairo: "Our first goal is the liberation of all occupied territories ... and the establishment of a Palestinian state whose capital is Jerusalem. The agreement we arrived at is not a complete solution ... it is only the basis for an interim solution and the forerunner of a final settlement, which must be based on a complete withdrawal from all occupied Palestinian lands, especially holy Jerusalem."

On September 14, 1993, Jordan signed an agenda for peace with Israel, which culminated with Peace Treaty that was signed in October, 1994. Also in October, 1994, Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department and their foreign minister, said in a speech: "There is a state which was established through historical force and it must be destroyed. This is the Palestinian way." Arafat later told Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, that his comment did not reflect the view of the PLO.

On November 4, 1995, Rabin, like Sadat before him, paid for peace with his life.

An October, 1998 summit at Wye Mills, MD, became the first serious peace negotiations in two years, as Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Arafat met to settle various important issues that had been negotiated during the 1993 Oslo Accords. It ended with Israel surrendering 13% of their land to the Palestinians as part of a land for peace agreement brokered by the U.S.

Pope John Paul II met with Yasser Arafat at the Vatican on February 15, 2000, where they agreed that Jerusalem must be made into an international city. The agreement they signed was in the form

of a covenant. The Pope called for an end to the violence and said that the Palestinian State should be created out of the land of Israel. The Vatican said that Israel's annexation of east Jerusalem was illegal, and they didn't recognize Israeli sovereignty there.

In March of the same year, the Pope traveled to the Middle East where he visited Jordan, Israel, and the Palestine territories. *Time* magazine (4/30/00 pg. 36) quoted Yasser Arafat's wife Suha, who had been a devout Catholic before her marriage, as saying that the Holy Father's very presence there was "a clear message for an independent Palestinian state."

Billed as Camp David II, in July, 2000, hoping for a final settlement before he left office, President Bill Clinton hosted a meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Arafat. For the first time, Israel offered part of East Jerusalem as the Palestinian capital, and most of the West Bank. The talks failed because of Arafat's demand for the 'right of return' for Palestinian refugees living abroad.

On August 2, 2001, Arafat and Pope John Paul met for a private meeting at the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, where the Pope again called for an end to violence, and said he supported the rights of the Palestinians.

In June, 2003 current Prime Minister Ariel Sharon did a complete about-face (he had promised to use his military experience to end terrorism once and for all) by agreeing with President Bush and Palestinian Prime Minister Abbas that a Palestinian State is the common goal of the U.S., Israel and the Palestinians, and even described Israel's control of their own land as an "occupation."

In July, 2003, Israeli opposition leader, former Prime Minister of Israel, Shimon Peres, publicly proposed that Jerusalem become the 'World Capital' of the world government that is developing. His press release said that the claims on the city being made by Moslems, Christians, and Jews could be placated by the presence of an overriding governing body that had jurisdiction over the city. Peres suggested that the Secretary-General of the UN, Kofi Annan, be the mayor of the city.

In November, 2003, in an attempt to get more support from the U.S. for more Israeli concessions towards the Palestinians, Arafat said in a speech that Israel has a right to live in peace. However groups like Hizballah ('Party of God'), Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Fatah continued their terrorist attacks, possibly believing that Arafat has become 'soft' in his diplomatic approach to the Middle East situation.

Today, the Israeli military force is probably the most respected in the world, despite its small size. They have a fighting spirit that can not be denied. Their military officers are sworn in with a ceremony at the ancient fortress of Masada, where in 70 AD, unable to hold off the Roman attack any longer, 950 men, women, and children committed suicide, rather than be captured. Part of their oath says: "Masada shall never fall again." This commitment has nurtured that incredible fighting spirit, making them the most elite fighting force in the world– literally unbeatable. They are God's chosen people, and because of that, Israel will never fall, but that won't stop someone from trying. The region will continue to be a powder keg waiting to explode. It seems likely that the Pope (the yet to come False Prophet) will be asked to be the mediator of the Middle East situation, and be the one who facilitates it becoming a Universal City for all religions.

Focusing on Israel

A map drawn by monks during the Crusades, still hangs in the Herford Cathedral, and identifies Jerusalem as the geographic center of the world, which is so marked on the floor of the Holy Sepulcher. The attention of the world will become more focused on this area of the world as this nation continues to prosper. What is it about this country, besides the religious significance, which has made it the most fought over pieces of land in history.

The Dead Sea, located between Israel and Jordan, which is 1,296 feet below sea level, is the lowest spot on the surface of the Earth. It is fifty miles long and eleven miles wide (about 500 square

miles), and has a depth of 1,200 feet at its deepest point. Known as the 'Sea of Salt,' because it is ten times saltier than ocean water, it is fed by the Jordan River, and has no outlet. Its waters have evaporated for hundreds of years in the extreme heat, at a rate of 280 million cubic feet per day, leaving behind a variety of minerals. With a concentration of 32% of dissolved ingredients, in a "unique composition" of mostly sodium chloride (salt), while regular ocean water has only 3.5% to 4%; it is the richest mineral source in the world.

The water contains potassium chloride, or potash, which is used as a fertilizer and for making explosives. It is of high quality becomes it doesn't come from rock. It is believed that this ingredient will become a very valuable commodity.

The water also contains magnesium bromide (used to make plastics and rubber), magnesium chloride (used in magnesium metal production and in the manufacturing of a cement used for heavy duty flooring), and hydrogen sulfide (used in chemical laboratories as an analytical re-agent). Because of its sulfuric content, the water is said to have therapeutic properties.

Solar ponds have been built on the Sea. The sun heats the shallow salt water, and the heat is trapped in the dense salt layer on the bottom, and becomes hot enough to turn a turbine, thus producing electricity.

Scientists have also discovered an algae, known as Dunaliella, which can survive in, and has adapted to, the extremely salty conditions. It is being grown in algae farms where they double their numbers every two days. The algae is used to produce a green paste, which, when dried, makes an excellent animal feed because of its high protein content, and it is easy to digest because the algae have no cell walls. It also yields beta carotene (a pigment which gives carrots its color), which is used for food coloring; and also glycerol, which is used for eye shadow and other cosmetics, paints, resins, and toothpaste. When the algae decomposes, it forms the raw material that nature uses to form oil.

The value of the mineral deposits in the Dead Sea has been estimated at over a trillion dollars. However, the Dead Sea has been shrinking in size as the sea level has fallen. The Mediterranean Dead Sea Co. initiated a $1.4 billion project to funnel water to the Dead Sea from the Mediterranean, which is about 70 miles away.

Geological surveys have indicated that there is plenty of steam under Israel to provide power through the harnessing of geo-thermal energy, which is a very economical source of energy. Oil and natural gas deposits have also been discovered. Cutting diamonds is a major industry, as is the exporting citrus fruit to Europe and Japan.

It seems there are plenty of resources in this small country that could be garnished for the benefit of an attacking nation.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

The purpose of building the Temple was to house the Ark of the Covenant, so the discovery of the most sacred item in Jewish history may be all that is needed to initiate the rebuilding of the Temple. However, Jeremiah 27:22 seems to indicate a connection between the Temple treasures, and the existence of the Temple. According to Ezra, after the first Temple was destroyed, the Temple vessels had to be returned or refabricated before the Temple could be rebuilt. Thus, only the existence of the Temple vessels may be all that is needed to rebuild the Temple, since it is believed that the Ark was not in the second Temple.

The Ark was a rectangular box four feet long, and two feet high, made of acacia wood (distinguished as a type of wood that does not decay), and covered with gold; with two cherubs (a rank of angels) looking down and facing each other on its lid with outstretched wings, which was known as the mercy seat. It was constructed at Mount Sinai by Bezalel, according to the instructions Moses received from God. Inside was placed the rod of Aaron, a pot of manna (which had been sent

by God to feed the Israelites during their time of wandering in the wilderness), and the two tablets of the Law given to Moses (known as the Ten Commandments).

Some sources also claim that it contains the original Books of Moses. It represented the divine presence of God, and was the point where the literal manifestation of God on this Earth took place. Just looking at it was known to cause death. The Bible tells us of the power it possessed. It caused the Jordan River to part (Joshua 3:8 - 4:11), aided in the destruction of Jericho (Joshua 6:4-21), and brought about numerous military victories when it was present. Needless to say, it developed quite a mystique.

Inside the Temple, the Ark was placed in a dark, windowless room known as the Holy of Holies. A vale was placed around the Ark, and only once a year, on the Day of Atonement, the high priest was allowed to enter. Even then, he was to carry a container of burning incense, which filled the room with smoke, thus obscuring his view of the Ark. He would sprinkle the blood of a bullock on the ground in front of the Ark, and on the mercy seat, as atonement for the sins of the priests; and then the blood of a goat, as a symbolic atonement for the sins of the people. A rope would be tied around his waist, so if for some reason he accidentally touched the Ark and was killed, he could be pulled out without risk by the other priests.

In the Bible, there are 200 references to the Ark of the Covenant up to the time of Jeremiah, but nothing afterward. It has since disappeared, and nobody is really sure where it's at. The common belief is that the Temple will not be rebuilt unless the Ark is found.

The Ark had not been removed from the Temple during or after the reign of King Josiah, which had begun in 640 BC, and it was in place in the Holy of Holies in 701 BC, which leaves 61 years in which it could have disappeared. It is unlikely that Hezekiah (716-687 BC) would have allowed the Ark to be taken away. Between the time of his death, and Josiah's reign, there were two other rulers, Manasseh (687-642 BC) and Amon (642-640 BC).

Amon discovered that Manasseh had been involved in a form of Baal worship, and had erected an image of Astarte (Asherah) in the Temple (2 Kings 21:4-7, 2 Chronicles 33:7), and it is believed that he would have ordered the Levites to remove the Ark. The Ark reappeared in 622 BC (2 Kings 22:1-7, 2 Chronicles 34:8-33, 2 Chronicles 35:3), during the reign of Manasseh's grandson, King Josiah, who vanquished idolatry, repaired and purified the Temple.

However, idolatry took root again, and the actions of Rehoboam, Solomon's son, caused the kingdom to be divided, with Judah (Judea) in the south, and Israel to the north. Judgment came upon the Northern Kingdom in 721 BC when the Assyrians attacked them; and the Southern Kingdom paid the price for they idolatry when the armies of Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king, swept through the land in 606 BC, and then again in 597 BC. During the second invasion, 2 Kings 24:13 says that "all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasure of the king's house" were taken, and "all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the Lord" had been cut in pieces.

The original Temple was destroyed in 586 BC by the Babylonian commander, Nebuzaradan (2 Kings 25:8-9), and the rest of the treasures were plundered and taken to a Babylonian temple at Shinar (Daniel 1:2), which has led some to theorize that what was taken previously came from the Temple treasury, since Nubuchadnezzar's initial action against Judah was in response to them not paying tribute to him.

Through all of this, the Ark was not mentioned. Lists of Temple items (2 Kings 25:13-17, Jeremiah 52:17-23) do not refer to any Temple treasures from the Holy of Holies, and it is this silence that could indicate that it wasn't captured, since there is a Biblical record of the time when the Philistines captured the Ark. In addition, Ezra 1:7-11 states that all the captured items were later returned by the Persians, but the Ark was not discussed. So, either the Ark was destroyed along with the Temple (possibly indicated by the destruction of the "goodly vessels" in 2 Chronicles 36:19), or the Ark was hidden before it could be found.

When Rome invaded Judea in 63 BC, and the Roman General Pompey swept through Jerusalem, entering the Temple, and the Holy of Holies, it was empty. Jewish history records the high priest making his offering upon the foundation stone of the Holy of Holies, and not the Ark. After Titus returned to Rome with some of the Temple treasure, the Arch of Triumph (or Arch of Titus) was built in 81 AD at the entrance to the Forum, in the Palatine section of Rome, to commemorate his victory.

It depicted the seven-branched candelabra known as the menorah (with an octagonal base, rather than a three-legged stand, which it actually has; which could indicate that it was a duplicate kept in the Treasury), the golden table of the showbread, and the seven trumpets of the Jubilee. The Ark is not pictured, thus adding to the evidence that the Ark was not in the second Temple, and has been hidden.

According to the Mishnah (Sotah 9a), after the Temple was built, the Tabernacle was stored under the "crypts of the Temple." It is believed that King Solomon constructed a secret chamber in the recesses of the Temple Mount to hide the Ark, which is where it was placed during the reign of Manasseh. Jewish tradition has held that the Ark and the Altar of Incense were hidden in a secret location under a woodshed on the western side of the Temple, near the Holy of Holies.

This is not such a far-fetched idea when you realize that under the city of Jerusalem there is an underground city consisting of a number of tunnels, chambers, and cisterns; which were created to establish a water storage system, as quarters for guards, chambers to hold sacrificial animals, rooms containing ritual bathing areas, prison cells, and storage areas for Temple treasures.

The best known of these subterranean areas is Hezekiah's Tunnel, which was constructed to make sure Jerusalem would have fresh water in case the city was attacked. It started at Gihon Spring, and ran for a third of a mile, through solid rock, spilling into the Pool of Siloam. An escape tunnel used by King Zedekiah which ran from the Tower of Antonia, to a point near the Eastern Gate, emerging outside the walls of the city, covering a distance of over 8,000 feet.

The nine original members of the Knights Templar were received by King Baldwin I (Baudouin) in Jerusalem in 1119, and they established their headquarters in a wing of the al-Aqsa Mosque, which had been converted to a palace. They were given complete access to the palace and various outbuildings which were on the site where Solomon's Temple originally stood, which was adjacent to the Dome of the Rock. Although their goal was "to keep the road from the coast to Jerusalem free from bandits," for nine years they rarely left the palace grounds.

It was an unrealistic pledge, because it would have been difficult for the nine to patrol this fifty mile road; besides, a military order known as the Knights of Saint John were already performing that task before the Templars showed up. It is now known that they had some knowledge about the Temple treasures, because there is evidence which indicates that they were engaged in a massive excavation project.

Vast arched subterranean rooms were used by Knights during the Crusades to keep horses, and were known as "Solomon's Stables." The Templars were aware of these hidden areas underneath the Temple grounds, and believed that the Ark would be found there. They mounted an operation to plunder whatever treasurers they could find. Although it is questionable that they found the Ark, it is believed that they discovered treasure, relics and ancient manuscripts dating back to the time of Moses. Israeli archaeologists, engaged in excavations on the southern side of the Mount, found the exit point of a tunnel which had been dug by the Templars. It lead inward about 30 yards, where it was blocked by stone and debris.

There has been many stories concerning the location of the Ark of the Covenant. Some believe it is still buried in a secret chamber on the Temple Mount. Jewish historian Eupolemus wrote that many of the Temple treasures had been plundered by Babylon, "except for the Ark and the tablets in it. This Jeremiah preserved."

According to the apocryphal Second Book of Maccabees 2:4-8, which has been dated to 163 BC, the prophet Jeremiah had concealed the Ark (as well as the Tabernacle, and the Altar of Incense) in a cave on "the mountain where Moses went up and beheld the heritage of God." Some researchers believe that this could refer to either Mount Sinai or Mount Nebo, which is located in what is now the country of Jordan, and is the traditional burial place of Moses. The contention was made, that since these articles were made under the leadership of Moses, they may have been deposited at the site of his burial. Various archaeological expeditions had failed to turn up anything there.

During the 1920's, American explorer, Antonio Frederick Futterer, searched various locations in Jordan for the Ark, based on the clues in 2 Maccabees, and believed the location to be on Mount Pisgah, the highest peak on the Mount Nebo range. He claimed to have found an inscription on the sealed entrance of a tunnel which said: "Herein lies the golden Ark of the Covenant." In 1981, while following Futterer's map of Mount Pisgah, a gully was discovered by Tom Crotser, an American explorer, which led to a 4' X 7' tunnel that plunged 600 feet into the ground, ending at a wall, which when broken down, revealed a 10' X 12' crypt which held a rectangular chest 62" long, 37" high and 37" wide, wrapped in a blue cloth, which he believed to be the Ark. Beside it was another bundle, which he thought contained the carrying poles, the cherubim which had been mounted on the top, and the legs.

The cave is located near the Church of the Franciscan Fathers of Terra Santa, and is under a building which contains the remains of an old Byzantine church. He didn't disturb the find, thus he doesn't know for sure what he saw. He reported it to the media, and he claimed that God told him to send the photographs he took to London banker David Rothschild, who some people have claimed is a direct descendant of Jesus, and has been chosen to build the third Temple. Rothschild refused to accept the pictures, and they were returned to Crotser. Noted archaeologist Siegfried Horn visited his home in Winfield, Kansas to see the pictures. Only two had any images at all one is fuzzy, but does show a chamber with a yellow box in the center. His opinion was that it was "not an ancient artifact but of modern fabrication"

In January, 1979, archaeologist Ronald Wyatt, while sightseeing near the Damascus Gate, felt that the location of Jeremiah's Grotto was near an ancient stone quarry on the northern extension of Mt. Moriah, that is sometimes referred to as the 'Calvary Escarpment' (because it contains the skull face configuration that has been connected to the Golgotha). He believed that during the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem from 587-586 BC, when the city was surrounded, it would have been impossible to remove the Ark, so it had to be there. With the permission of the landowner, and a permit from Israeli officials, he excavated the area.

On January 6, 1982, he entered a chamber that contained the Ark, and other artifacts from the first Temple, which had been hidden there by Jeremiah. The 22-foot long cave is actually located directly beneath the area where Christ was crucified. According to Wyatt's research, when Jesus was crucified, his blood flowed down to the ground, through a split in the rock, and onto the Ark.

Most serious researchers doubt his claim, saying that, as far back as the first Temple, the area of Mt. Calvary was used as burial grounds, so it is highly unlikely that the Ark would have been placed on defiled ground. Scholars have questioned his lack of archaeological training, and his techniques; yet Wyatt's work gained more acceptance because of other discoveries, such as the true Mt. Sinai, the location on the Red Sea crossing, Noah's Ark, the 12 altars erected by Moses, Sodom and Gomorrah, and Abraham's family tomb in Hebron. Plus, his work has produced the most information on the Ark, all of which seems to be compatible with Scripture.

Dr. Gary Collett believes that Maccabees actually refers to Qumran, and says that the layout of Cave IV is similar to the Temple, and that its lower level may have been the containment room used by Jeremiah to temporarily protect the Ark. In 1992, two scientists from the Department of Geophysics and Planetary Science at Tel-Aviv University used a ground-breaking radar known as a molecular frequency analyzer and a seismic-reflection device near two caves at the Wadi la-Chippah ('the dome of the bridge') which indicated the presence of a room containing the same sort of pottery known to contain scrolls. Preliminary trenches dug in 1993 failed to turn up anything substantial.

Once Christianity became the official religion of Rome, the treasures plundered by its legions fell into the possession of the Catholic Church. Nelson Canode, of Amarillo, Texas, a former Benedictine monk at a monastery at Subiaco, Italy, about 30 miles from Rome, said that he was taken to a cave, four levels below the monastery, where ancient artifacts were being shuttled from there to the underground vaults of the Vatican, and included the Ark and the disassembled Tabernacle. There are many who believe that once Jerusalem becomes an international city, the Vatican will return any Temple items in their possession.

Because of the research done by Graham Hancock for his book *The Sign and the Seal*, some people think the Ark may be in Ethiopia. Menelik I, the royal son of King Solomon, returned to Ethiopia, after his mother, the Queen of Sheba, died. When he was twenty years old, he returned to Israel, and Solomon treated him with so much favor, that the elders were jealous and wanted him to return home. Solomon agreed to send him home, on the condition that the first born sons of all the elders would go with him. Solomon wanted to give him a replica of the Ark to take with him. However, Azarius, the son of Zadok, the High Priest, worried about the idol worship which was flourishing, switched the Arks, and took the real one.

The Ark was taken to Egypt, on the island of Elephantine in the middle of the Nile, near Aswan, where a temple was built to protect it. It remained there for 200 years, until the temple was destroyed. The Ark was carried along the Nile, and the Takazze tributary into Ethiopia. They arrived at Lake Tana, which was considered a holy place.

The Ark stayed on the island of Tana Kirkos for 800 years, where it was taken to the Church of St. Mary of Zion, which had been built in 372 to hold the Ark. During the 1530's, when the Muslims attacked, it was moved to safety, but returned a hundred years later to a rebuilt St. Mary's, which had been constructed on the ruins of the first. It remained there until 1965, when Emperor Haile Selassie (who called himself the "Conquering Lion of Judah" and claimed to be a direct descendent of King Solomon) moved it to the Church of Zion near the center of Aksum (Axum), in northern Ethiopia.

Though the communists overthrew the monarchy in 1974, killed Selassie, and imprisoned much of the Royal family, the Ark remained safe because of its reputation for possessing an awesome amount of power, which has generated enough superstition to prevent people from trying to get to it. During all these years, the Ark has been guarded by Menelik's descendents, and the descendents of those who accompanied him, who became known as 'Falasha' (exile) Jews, or the 'Black Jews' This area became part of the independent nation of Eritrea in 1993.

It was alleged, that when Israel became a nation, an appeal was made to Emperor Salassie to return the Ark. He said: "In principle, I agree that the Ark should be returned to the Temple, but the correct time has not yet come." Many researchers believe that the Ark is at the chapel at Aksum, although it has never been seen.

Is Israel waiting for the discovery of the Ark, so they can rebuild the Temple; or are they waiting for the time when they can freely rebuild their Temple, so they can retrieve the Ark and place it in the Holy of Holies? There are some who share the suspicion, that Israel already knows where the Ark is, but also know that the political climate of their homeland is too volatile to take a chance on revealing its location until the right time.

Unlike the Temple, the Ark is not mentioned in Biblical prophecy. As we have discovered, the Ark was not in the second Temple, so the existence of the Ark is not necessary for the Temple to be rebuilt. However, if you turn on the 6 o'clock news, and you see that Israel is announcing the discovery of the Ark of the Covenant, this certainly will have a bearing on the prophetic timetable.

REBUILDING THE JEWISH TEMPLE

There is a school of thought that believes that only the Messiah can rebuild the Temple, because He would be the only one who knows the actual location of its foundation. This sentiment is the official

position of the Israeli government. However, there is some evidence that seems to indicate that the Temple will be rebuilt prior to the return of Jesus.

The Antichrist will sign a seven-year protectionary treaty with Israel (and perhaps other nations), but will break it halfway through when he causes the sacrifices to be discontinued (Dan. 9:27, Dan. 12:11), so that he will be able to take "his seat in the Temple of God, displaying himself as being God (2 Thessalonians *2*:4, see also Rev. 11:1)." Matthew 24:15 refers to this area as the 'holy place.' This seems to indicate that the Temple will already be in existence by this time.

Moses prophesied that Israel would be punished twice. The first was 430 years of captivity in Egypt, and the second was 70 years of slavery under the Babylonians. After that, three things were foretold: the Jewish nation would be reborn in Palestine, they would repossess old Jerusalem, and they would rebuild their ancient Temple on its original site. In 1948, the nation of Israel was established; in 1967, they took complete control of the city of Jerusalem; which leaves only one prophecy unfulfilled, and that is the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple. Amos 9:11 says: "In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old..."

Prior to the construction of the Temple, God made His divine presence known in a miqdash ('holy place'), which was a temporary structure known as the Tabernacle, that was erected in various locations around Israel, such as Shiloh, Bethel, Dan, Gilgal, Mizpah, and Hebron. This continued until the Israelites became united, both politically and spiritually, which took place when David conquered Jerusalem, thus creating a central location for their civil government and religious worship. When David realized the big difference between his own house, and the fact that the Ark was protected only by a tent (2 Sam. 7:12), he knew that he had to build a house of God, which according to the Davidic Covenant (2 Sam. 7:4-17), seems to indicate that the site chosen would be a permanent location.

In the 24th chapter of 2 Samuel, it is recorded how David counted his men to see if his army was going to be of sufficient military strength. Because he didn't trust God for his victory, so the Lord sent a destroying angel that brought a plague against the people of Jerusalem. David built an altar and made peace offerings to the Lord. This area on Mount Moriah (Mount Zion), was the site where God tested Abraham's faith by commanding him to sacrifice his son Isaac, and was known as the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. David purchased the land in 990 BC, and in 960 BC, King Solomon began construction of the sacred Temple, which was to provide a shelter for the Ark of the Covenant, the most sacred object in Israel. It took a workforce of 200,000 men seven years to complete this magnificent edifice, with funds gathered by David in a royal treasury. It was destroyed in 586 BC by Babylonian invaders.

The Persians conquered the Babylonians, and Cyrus, the Persian king, allowed 50,000 Jews to return to Jerusalem in 538 BC. In 537 BC, under the direction of King Cyrus, Zerubabbel (a descendant of King David), supervised a contingent of Phoenician workers who laid the foundation stones for the second Temple. All the Temple vessels had been returned, the altar built, and the sacrifices resumed. Opposition by the Samaritans (descendants of Israelite and Assyrian intermarriage) in the north, who had a temple at Mount Gerizim, caused construction to be discontinued until 520 BC, when Darius, the Persian king, instituted taxes to pay for its construction. The Temple was dedicated sometime between 516-514 BC. Another Persian king, Artaxerxes, appointed a Jew named Nehemiah as governor of Jerusalem, and he repaired the walls to protect the Temple, and began rebuilding the city.

Judea soon came under the control of the Greeks (Alexander the Great); and the Egyptian Greeks (or Ptolemies), who allowed governorship by the high priests. A third ruler, a Syrian Greek (Seleucid) known as Antiochus IV (Epiphanes), who sided with the Jewish faction known as the Hellenists, appointed a high priest who initiated pagan worship in opposition to the Orthodox faction. An attack in 170 BC killed many Jews, and again Temple treasures were taken. Antiochus desecrated the Temple by sacrificing a pig on the altar, placing a pagan idol in the Holy of Holies, and burning copies of the Torah. An Orthodox priest named Mattathias Maccabee ("the hammerer") began a revolt, which ended in 164 BC when his third son, Judas took control of Jerusalem, purified the

Temple, and resumed the daily offerings. However, their control ended in 63 BC when Rome invaded.

Over the years, the condition of the building declined, and around 20-19 BC, Herod the Great undertook the restoration of the Temple in order to win the favor of the Jews. Most of the construction was completed within ten years, although minor restoration work continued until 64 AD. The rebuilt Temple, known as the Temple of Herod, was twice as high, and much wider. During this period of Roman rule, an imperial sacrifice had to be offered to the emperor, in addition to the traditional Jewish sacrifice.

This came to an end in 66 AD, when Eleazar, the son of a captain of the Temple, initiated an uprising of Jewish zealots, which brought the Tenth Legion from Rome. They failed to defeat the Jewish freedom fighters and a massive revolt ensued, which resulted in Judea being returned to the control of the Jews. Emperor Nero then sent Vespasian, Rome's best military leader, and his army, to end the rebellion. By 69 AD, Rome regained control of all Judea, except for Jerusalem.

Vespasian, who became the new emperor, gave his son Titus the task of securing Jerusalem. A military operation was launched which ended in 70 AD, when the Temple was set on fire by the Roman Tenth Legion (consisting of 80,000 men) under Titus, who pried the Temple apart stone by stone, and threw them into the valley southeast of Jerusalem. A portion of the Western Wall (Kotel Maarabi), known as the Wailing Wall, was left standing by the Romans as a symbol of how powerful they were. Titus later returned to Rome with some of the Temple treasure.

When Constantine died in 361, his nephew, Flavius Claudius Julianus, the last emperor of Rome (361-363), ruled for 19 months, and attempted to reinstate paganism, and emperor worship. Although he had grown up under the teachings of Eusebius, Bishop of Cesarea, he turned away from those teachings, and pushed for religious tolerance. His hatred of Christianity drove him to return Jerusalem back to the Jews, to restore Jewish law, and to advocate the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple. He freed them from taxes, and gave his support for the reestablishment of animal sacrifices, but he was told that the Jews no longer practiced the ritual because they had no Temple. Julian appointed Alypius of Antioch to oversee its building, while the governors of Syria and Palestine were instructed to assist.

Workmen cleared the debris, and work was begun in 363. When they tried to dig into the foundation, an earthquake occurred, which ignited pockets of natural gas underground, causing fires and explosions, destroying all the stones, wood and metal which were being stored on the site. A number of workers were killed. This was taken as a divine sign that the Temple was not to be rebuilt at that time, and construction was halted after Julian died in the battle against the Persians. After the return to power by the Christian Roman Emperors, the idea was forgotten.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built on higher ground in 326 by Byzantine Christians during Constantine's rule, on the traditional site (according to Catholics) of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Across from the Temple Mount, it was actually intended to symbolically replace the Temple, which is why its layout is reminiscent of the Temple. As a way of offending Jews, the condition of the Temple area was allowed to deteriorate and was even used as a repository for human waste and other refuse.

In 614, the Persians broke through Byzantine defenses, and with the help of the Jews, defeated Heraclius. Chosroes II, the Persian King, placed a Jew named, ironically, Nehemiah, as the governor of the city, and gave them permission to rebuild the Temple. Although it is believed that the sacrifices were resumed, no construction was initiated. About fifteen years later, Heraclius returned to take over the city, building an octagonal church on the site. After the death of Muhammed (570-632), his follower Omar (Umar Abu Ibn el-Khattab, or Umar I) became Caliph, taking over Jerusalem in 638, with the help of his Islamic army. In 643-44 he built a wooden mosque on the Temple site, which stood for 44 years. In 687, Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan, the 10th Caliph, began work on the Qubbat as-Sakhra or the Dome of the Rock (also known as the Mosque of Omar), which was completed in 691.

The Mosque was built to rival the Church of the Holy Sepulcher showing its religious claim on the city by symbolizing the ideology of their new faith, and to be a protection for the rock believed to be the threshing floor purchased by David. No Islamic tradition was connected to the site. Even the Quran (Surah V, v. 21), the Islamic holy scripture, states that the Jews have a historic claim on the land. However, the event known as the 'Night Journey of Muhammad' (or 'hijrah'), when he fled from Mecca to Medina, was connected to Jerusalem, because it mentioned al-Aqsa, which is the name of the Mosque south of the Dome of the Rock.

Linguistically, 'al-aqsa,' when it is translated, means 'far corner,' and could very well refer to Mecca. Therefore, the Temple Mount is said to be the rock where Muhammed received his instructions from God, and ascended into Heaven. Some historians believe that the story was concocted during the rule of Umayyad prince, al-Walid I (705-715) to raise the funds necessary to build the al-Aqsa Mosque into an edifice comparable to the Dome of the Rock.

From 1099-1187, the Crusaders occupied Jerusalem, and the Dome of the Rock became a Christian church, while the al-Aqsa Mosque became the headquarters of the Knights Templar. When Jerusalem was overthrown by the Muslim leader Saladin (Salanad-Din), the Temple Mount complex, containing both the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque, which is referred to as the Haram ash-Sharif, became the third holiest site in the Islamic faith (after Mecca and Medina), even though all prayers are directed toward Mecca.

Today, the obstacle for rebuilding the Temple, is the Islamic holy site, the Dome of the Rock. It is maintained that the Arabs have had a claim on it for 5,000 years, and that there was never a Jewish temple on that area. The Israeli Antiquities Authority, and most Israeli archaeologists agree that this traditional location was the site of the Temple. In 1967, even though Israel captured East Jerusalem during the Six-Day War, a month later, as a gesture of peace and cooperation, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan returned control of the Temple Mount back to the Wakf (Islamic authority). It was later reported that he had an underlying fear that the ground would be razed to make way for the rebuilding of the Temple.

Only the tip of the huge rock, on the summit of Mt. Moriah, juts up into the center of the Dome of the Rock. It is unclear whether the rock was the sacrificial altar, or the Holy of Holies where the Ark was placed, but the presence of drain holes bored into the surface, which leads to a cave below the Mosque, may indicate that it was the area of the Temple used for sacrifices. The purpose of the holes was for the blood from animal sacrifices to runoff into a canal which carried the fluids out of the complex. This would place the Holy of Holies in an area which slopes downward, and creates a conflict with archaeological evidence and historical tradition.

There is some support for the idea that the rock was the foundation stone for the Holy of Holies. The argument for this is based on the assumption that one of the Temple gates, known as Warren's Gate (which was beneath the Gate Babel-Mat'hara, and up to 1967 was the location of an Arab latrine), opened directly in front of the Holy of Holies. In 1867, Charles Warren found an ancient gate to the Temple Mount, and since then, the entire Western Wall, and a tunnel running along it, called the Rabbinic Tunnel, was discovered and excavated by 1986; along with four other entrances, by Israel's Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Western Wall Heritage Foundation. The Western Wall of the Temple, left standing by Rome as a symbol of their authority, was part of the retaining wall which was erected to support the immense platform which held the Temple.

In March, 1979, where excavations were being done at the Western Wall, an unsubstantiated report was circulated, that a workman, digging with his fingers, 80 feet below the existing floor, discovered the Arch of King Solomon from the original Temple, which led to the Holy of Holies. The archway of stone was constructed with a special mortar containing broken glass, as per God's instructions. Tests taken of the glistening mortar indicated that it was produced during that period. They would not break through the Wall, because according to the Law, only a Jew from the tribe of Levi, and the family of Aaron, can enter the Holy of Holies.

In July, 1981, Rabbi Meir Yehuda Getz, chief rabbi of the Western Wall, while building a new synagogue behind the Western Wall, investigated water emanating from the Wall, and discovered a great hall (26' wide X 98' high x 82' long) behind a former cistern which contained an arch,

believed to be one of the entrances to the Temple. It turned out to be the gate discovered by Warren, which led to the Temple court, and was the closest gate to the Holy of Holies. A group of ten men, some from the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva, began clearing the hall, working their way toward the Holy of Holies. If the Rock was the foundation stone of the Holy of Holies, then tradition holds that beneath this stone there is a chamber created by Solomon which was later used to hide the Ark.

Getz believes that this secret chamber contains the Ark, the table, and the menorah. After breaking down another wall, the Muslim authorities were made aware of what was going on, and the Arabs instigated a riot which led to the excavation site being shut down. A wall was placed over the entrance to the tunnel, and was later reinforced with another wall of steel and plaster, which in 1992 was redone to give it an appearance of natural rock. Rabbi Schlomo Goren believes that they came within 300 feet of this room, and rumors have circulated that Getz saw the Ark, which he denied, saying that the area is under water. Getz said: "The treasures of the First Temple are under the Mount, and we know exactly where they are..."

There was an unsubstantiated report that there is a lower cave, blocked by a slab, which was discovered in 1911. It had been alleged that the Crown of David, the Sword of Solomon, the Ark of the Covenant, the Tables of the Law, and a large amount of gold was discovered there, having been hidden by the priests when the Temple was destroyed. It is believed that these articles were removed, and their whereabouts are unknown.

The Israelis have been kept from rebuilding, or even doing much archaeological excavation because of their strained relationship with the Arabs, and because the Moslems fear that such excavations would weaken the structure of the Mosque. Others would argue that it's because any significant archaeological discoveries on the site would prove Israel's ancient claim to the Mount. Because of the lack of any substantial information, there is even a lot of doubt as to where on the Temple Mount the sanctuary was actually located.

Father Bellarmino Begatti, A Franciscan researcher, published a report in 1979, that, based on measurements and information in ancient documents, the Temple was located on the southern end of the Mount between the Dome of the Rock, and the al-Aqsa Mosque, and seems to be supported by the existence of underground reservoirs and tunnels. The Holy of Holies is believed to be located over the Al Kas Foundation.

Dr. Ze'ev Yeiven, and Dr. Asher Kaufman believe that Arab construction on the northern end exposed an ancient wall near the Dome of the Rock, which is believed to be the eastern wall of the Temple's Court of Women. Of particular interest is an exposed area of rock in an open area of the Mount, about 330 feet north of the Dome of the Rock, which is covered by a small building (cupola), known as the Qubbat el-Arwah (Dome of the Spirits), which is on an east-west alignment with the Eastern Gate and the Mount of Olives. It is also called the Qubbat el-Alouah (Dome of the Tablets), because it is believed that this was the location of the Holy of Holies in the original Temple, where the Ark of the Covenant was placed.

If this is true, that means that the Temple can be rebuilt without disturbing the Arab site, because the Mosque, which takes up an area of 34 acres, would actually be separated from most of the Temple foundation by many feet of rubble. Proponents of this theory claim they have identified the area on the Mount of Olives which was used for the sacrifice of the Red Heifer, which further indicates that the Temple was not on the site of the Dome of the Rock.

Ernest Martin, a scholar, and author of many books, said that the Temple was built over the Gihon Spring.

Some Orthodox Jews believe that before the Temple can be rebuilt, both the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque would have to be removed, because their presence defiles the sacred ground.

Before the Six-Day War, a quarter-page ad appeared in the *Washington Post*, seeking aid for the rebuilding of the Temple. They have been selling bonds to finance its building since 1948. The document known as the 'Temple Scroll,' which was part of the Dead Sea Scrolls found at Qumran, give distinct instructions concerning the construction of the Temple, and a group known as the

Ne'emanei Har Habayit (Faithful of the Temple Mount) commissioned a model of the Temple to be built. It has been reported that the cornerstones are already cut and ready. Harvey A. Smith, a Jewish Assemblies of God minister, wrote in his book, that they have the biggest and heaviest stones cut, and secretly placed under the Temple Mount behind Warren Gate. The Temple music has even been deciphered.

After the Six-Day War, Israel Eldad, a noted historian who was interviewed by *Time* magazine, said: "We are at the stage where David was when he liberated Jerusalem. From that time until the construction of the Temple by Solomon, only one generation passed. So it will be with us."

In December, 1970, a special school called "Yeshiva Avodas Hakodesh" founded by Rabbi Hirsh Ha-Cohen (Cohens have been identified as the descendants of the priests in the original Jewish temple), was established to train students from the tribe of Levi in the ancient ritual of animal sacrifice. It was dedicated during the Feast of Dedication (Chanuka). Only students who can trace their lineage back to Aaron can be admitted. Motti Dan (Ha-Cohen), who is said to be a descendent of the priestly line, studied all the rules in regard to the Temple service, and established the "Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva" in the 1970's as a religious school to educate and train others, of similar descent, for the priesthood.

In 1978, Hebrew University began offering a two-year course in the restoration of animal sacrifice, including all methods and Old Testament requirements. The first class graduated on June 1, 1980, and among their graduation exercises, was to perform the ancient rite of animal sacrifice. An episode of "60 Minutes" in March, 1985, in a segment called "One Step in Heaven," indicated that rabbinical students in Jerusalem were studying the Jewish rites of animal sacrifice under Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the former Chief Rabbi of the Israeli Defense Forces, who had said in a November, 1981 *Newsweek* interview that the secret of the location of the Ark would be revealed just prior to the third Temple being built. The animal sacrifices will resume when the Temple is rebuilt.

The Institute for Talmudic Commentaries, run by Rabbi Nahman Kahane (a descendent of the priestly line), which is located in the Young Israel Synagogue, is involved in the study of the Temple rituals and ceremonies, and have been involved in research to catalog all known cohanim (priests) in Israel. The Atara L'yoshna ("restoring the crown to its original form"), a branch of Kahane's group, has established a Study and Tourist Center near the Western Wall, where they have models of the Tabernacle, the two original Temples, the new Temple, the Ark of the Covenant, a menorah, as well as other Temple implements.

A group called the Temple Mount Faithful (or the Temple Mount and Eretz Yisrael Faithful Movement), started by Gershon Salomon, a professor of Oriental Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, sought to take sole control of the Temple Mount to rebuild the Temple. It was a reactionary movement to protest the move by Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Defense Minister, who allowed the Muslims to maintain control of the Temple Mount area in 1967. He went to court in 1987 with claims by physicist Dr. Asher Kaufman, and archaeologist Dan Bahat, that the Arabs were destroying valuable archaeological evidence from the first and second Temples. The group has also made attempts to lay a special 4-ton cornerstone on the Mount.

The Temple Institute was esablished in Israel, in 1988, by Rabbi Israel Ariel, who in 1967, was the first paratrooper to reach the Western Wall. *Time* magazine printed a two-page article on the group in October, 1989, and ABC-TV's news show "20/20" televised a segment on them. On October 18, 1989, the first bi-annual Conference on Temple Research was held. This joint venture between the Temple Institute and the Ministry of Religious Affairs brought together rabbis, scientists, archaeologists in an attempt to better coordinate their efforts in making the Temple a reality.

Outside the Temple Institute, a sign in Hebrew reads: "Exhibition of Temple Vessels" (while a sign in English says "Treasures of the Temple"). Based on years of research, historical tradition and the Scriptures, the Temple Institute has produced the actual items which will be used in the Temple when it is rebuilt. Many of the 103 items which were used in the original Temple have been produced, or are in various stages of fabrication, including the gold crown of the high priest, the Temple garments, a copper washbasin to be used for purification purposes, incense utensils, and silver trumpets to beckon worshippers to the Temple. In the planning stages was the breastplate of

the high priest, which will contain twelve gemstones; and the gold electroplated menorah which will contain 94.6 pounds of gold, giving it an estimated value of $10 million.

In January, 2003, the President of Israel, Moshe Katzav, asked the Prime Minister of the Vatican, Cardinal Angelo Sudano about what Temple treasures were in the possession of the Vatican, and to prepare a list of them.

Before Temple services can be legally reinstated according to Biblical Law, a ritual cleansing must be performed which involves the sacrifice of the Red Heifer (Numbers 19:1-22). The ceremony has only been performed seven times. The priest would sacrifice an unblemished, unbroken Red Heifer, after which the remaining ashes were collected and added to the ashes of the next sacrifice. It took place on the western slope of the Mount of Olives, within sight of the Holy of Holies. The ashes were then sprinkled upon the waters of a large cistern under the Temple to prepare them to be used as the water of purification to cleanse sin and defilement. The last sacrifice occurred in 70 AD, prior to the destruction of the Temple, after which the ashes were secretly buried. This ritual cleansing would have to be performed on the Temple Mount in order to reinstate Temple worship as commanded by the Laws of God.

Originally kept in a containment building near the Eastern Gate, archaeological excavations have been initiated to find the ashes, which according to the 'Copper Scroll' found at Qumran, were buried in a container made of clay, and dung from the Red Heifer. If they can not be located, the Temple Institute, on the belief that the tradition of the "ashes of continuity" is a mistranslation, maintains that the original ashes are not necessary. In October, 1989, the Chief Rabbi of Israel dispatched a team of scientists to Sweden to purchase the frozen embryos of a particular breed of red heifers in order to impregnate a heifer in Israel and breed an animal that would fulfill the scriptural requirements. However, the latest report is that a herd of red Angus cattle have been discovered in Mississippi, and a group of these have been sent to Israel for later use.

Vendyl Jones, a former Baptist minister turned archaeologist in 1977, said to be the inspiration for the creation of the fictional movie character Indiana Jones (though producers Steven Spielberg and George Lucas deny it), while searching in Jericho area caves for the Ark of the Covenant, found a clay jar containing a unique incense oil which dated back to the time of the second Jewish Temple, and contained the five ingredients the Bible identified as being part of the oil used to anoint kings. One of these ingredients was an oil called afars'mon, which was taken from the sap of the rare balsam tree that grew near Jericho at a wadi known as Ein Gedi, near the area of Qumran. The oil was very rare, and when Rome invaded the Qumran community before 70 AD, the Essenes burned the only known grove of these balsam trees, which are now considered extinct.

This special anointing oil is listed in the Copper Scroll, and in 1988, using the clues given there, a worker, Benny Ayers, who was with a group of Christian archaeologists and volunteers (including Dr. Gary Collett and Dr. Nathan Meyers), under the direction of Dr. Joseph Patrich from the Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology, found an ancient clay container wrapped in palm leaves, in a hole three feet deep, on the floor of a cave adjacent to the one where Vendyl Jones would later discover some incense.

Professor Ze'ev Aisenshtat and Dorit Aschengrau at the laboratory of Hebrew Univeristy's Casali Institute of Applied Chemistry, used Carbon-14 dating and said that the oil was put in the container during the first century, and is believed to be the anointing oil that was used in the Temple. The oil's chemical composition was such, that one drop placed in water, turned it a milky white, just as ancient documents indicated. The substance was given to the Chief Rabbi of Israel, and it will be used to anoint the Messiah when he returns.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog believes that the dye used to achieve the blue-colored thread on the Temple garments (Numbers 15:37-40), comes from the Segulit snail, which because of its scarcity, is very expensive. According to the Talmud (Menahot 44a), Israel is inundated every 70 years with these snails. In October, 1990, they were found in large numbers on the Mediterranean beaches of Israel.

In April, 1992, Jones announced that on the floor of a cave, north of Qumran, at the Wadi Jafet Zaben, he discovered about 900 pounds of a reddish-colored material which was tested by the Weizmann Institute of Science, and found to be the remnants of a special mixture of incense believed to be used in the Temple service. Jones felt that this was one of the items listed in the Copper Scroll. However, the Temple Institute believes that since the incense was not found in a container, it had been improperly prepared and disposed of, and thus is not acceptable for use.

Little by little, all the elements seem to be coming together in preparation for the day when the Temple will be rebuilt. The closer we come to that reality, the opposition to it increases within certain religious circles. The destruction of the second Temple in 70 AD, according to some Christian leaders, indicated that the Jews were being punished for rejecting Jesus as the Messiah, and that Judaism was being usurped by Christianity, which had become the new temple of God.

They feel that because He spiritually dwells within all who believe and follow His teachings, the rebuilding of the Temple would be a denial of Jesus' atonement for our sins on the cross, which eliminated the necessity of Temple sacrifice. This sort of theological debate is pointless, because the Bible plainly eludes to the existence of the Temple in the last days, regardless of how right or wrong it is.

Now bear in mind, I have been told by Pastor Milt Maiman, (formerly of the Messianic Hebrew Christian Fellowship in Harrisburg, PA) that to fulfill the prophecy, the Temple doesn't have to be rebuilt. Just as the Tent of the Tabernacle was originally used to house the Ark, it could again be erected on the Temple grounds, and used for Temple observances.

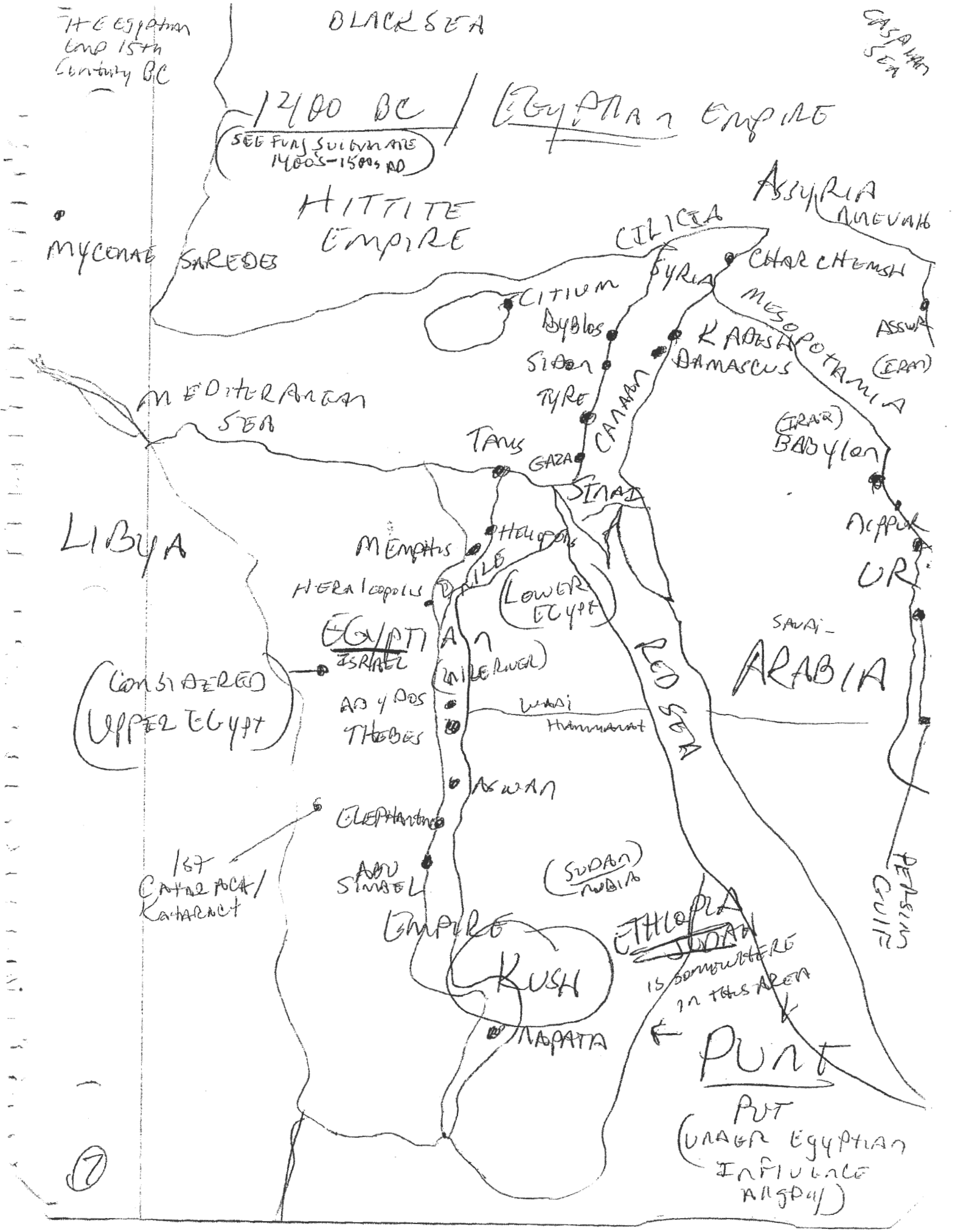
So, when you turn on the 6 o'clock news, and you see that Israel has put up the Tent, or that construction on the Temple has begun, know that this is one of the major events in the prophetic timetable, and that the end is near.

MAPS SHOWING AFRICA/MIDDLEAST/THE ORIENT

AND THE ROUTES OF ALL TRIBES

INCLUDING "THE TWELVE"

~~X~~ RHODESIA is now ZIMBABWE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IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS AREA
NAPATA
PUNT
PUT
(UNDER EGYPTIAN INFLUENCE AROUND)
7

(AROUND) 2200 BC

PUT IS ALSO CALLED PUNT AND "EUROS" HAVE MIXED HISTORY UP SO MUCH THEY LIST NORTHERN SOMALIA, DJIBOUTI, ERITREA, NORTH ETHIOPIA AND THE RED SEA COAST OF SUDAN... IT'S RIDICULOUS!! THEY ALSO THROW IN ARABIAN PENINSULA, HORN OF AFRICA AND SOUTH ARABIA FOR GOOD MEASURE.
FROM MY RESEARCH I SHOW THE AREA BEING ETHIOPIA.

ISRAEL & JUDAH

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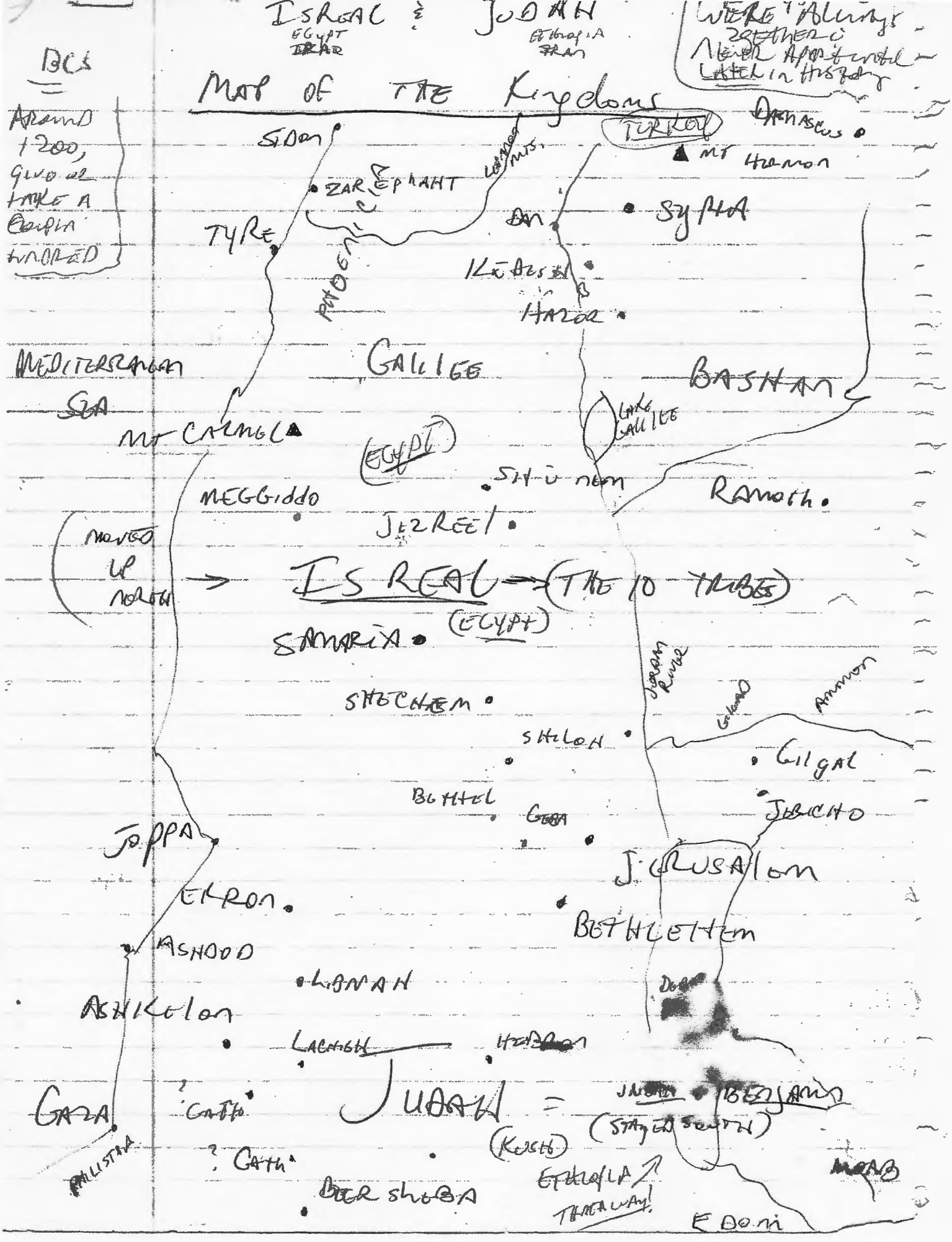
MAP OF THE KINGDOMS



WERE ALWAYS ENEMIES
NEVER APPROVED
LATER IN HISTORY

(JUST A JOT)

POLITICAL AND ECONOMICAL TROUBLE CAUSED BY REHOBOAM, DAVID'S GRANDSON AND SOLOMAN'S SON, WAS THE REASON TEN TRIBES MADE JEROBOAM THEIR KING IN THE NORTH.

THEY CALLED THEMSELVES "THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL".

THE TWO REMAINING TRIBES, "BENJAMIN AND JUDAH", FORMED THE KINGDOM IN THE SOUTH.

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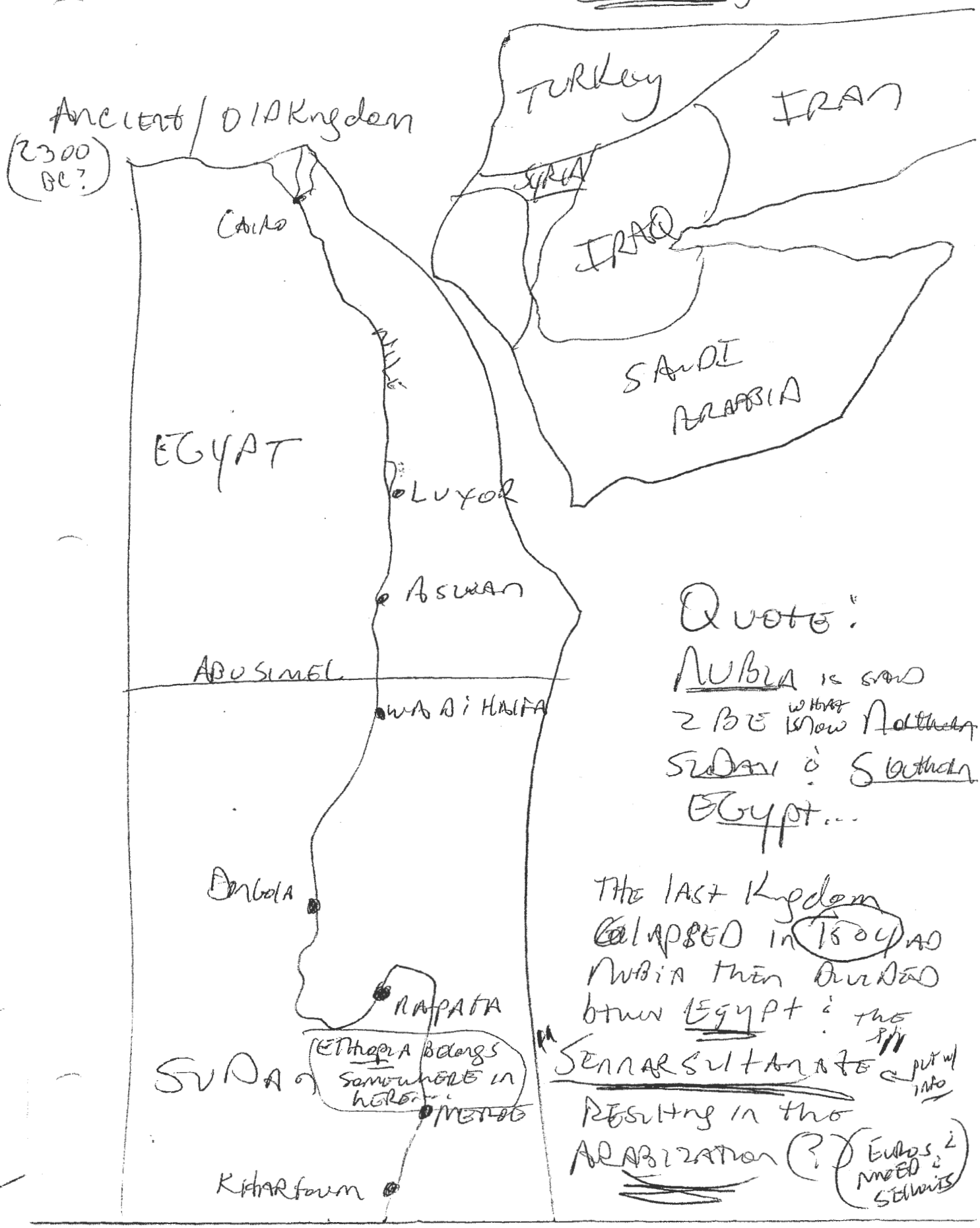
"MODERN DAY"

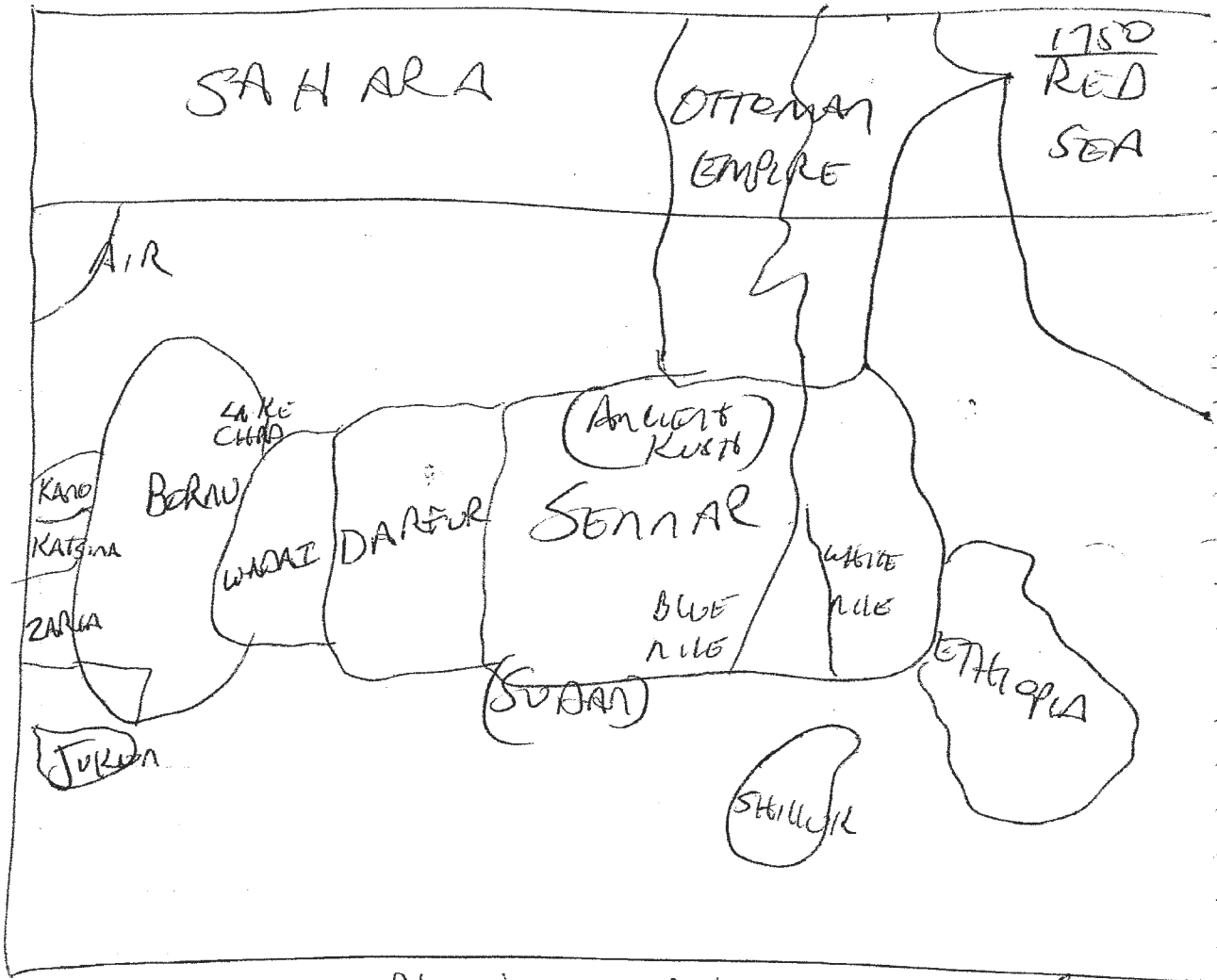


QUOTE:
NUBIA IS GOING TO BE WHAT IS NOW NORTHERN SUDAN & SOUTHERN EGYPT...

THE LAST KINGDOM COLLAPSED IN 1504 AD NUBIA THEN DIVIDED BTWN EGYPT & THE FUNJ SENNAR SULTANATE put w/ info

RESULTING IN THE ARABIZATION (?) (EUROPS, 2 MOGED SETWITS)

Fuj Sultanate of SENNAR / north of SUDAN
BLUE SULTANATE
(1504 - 1821 AD)



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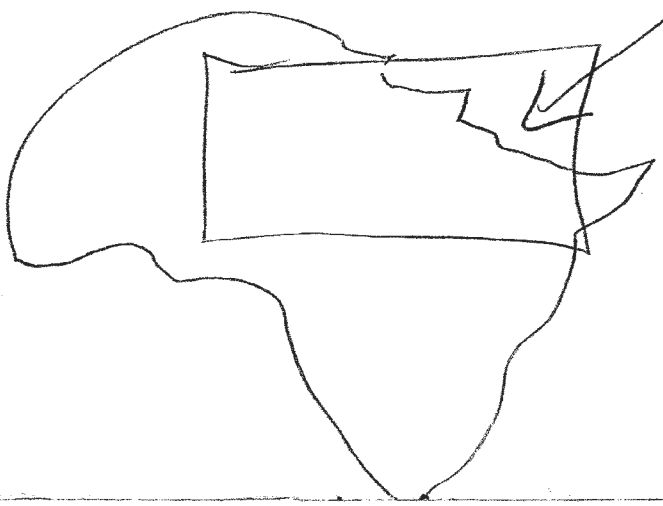
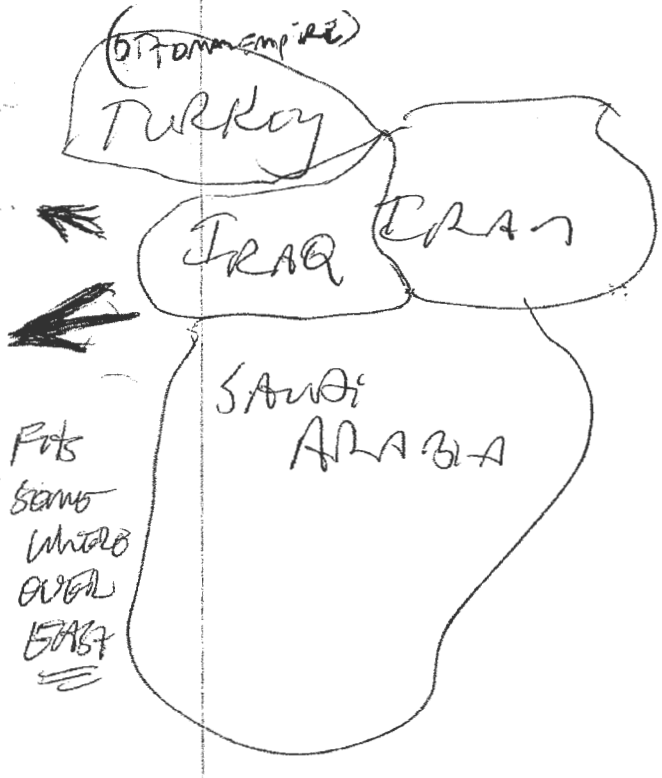


THIS IS WHERE SENNAR/ OTTOMAN EMPIRE IS on the AFRICAN MAP

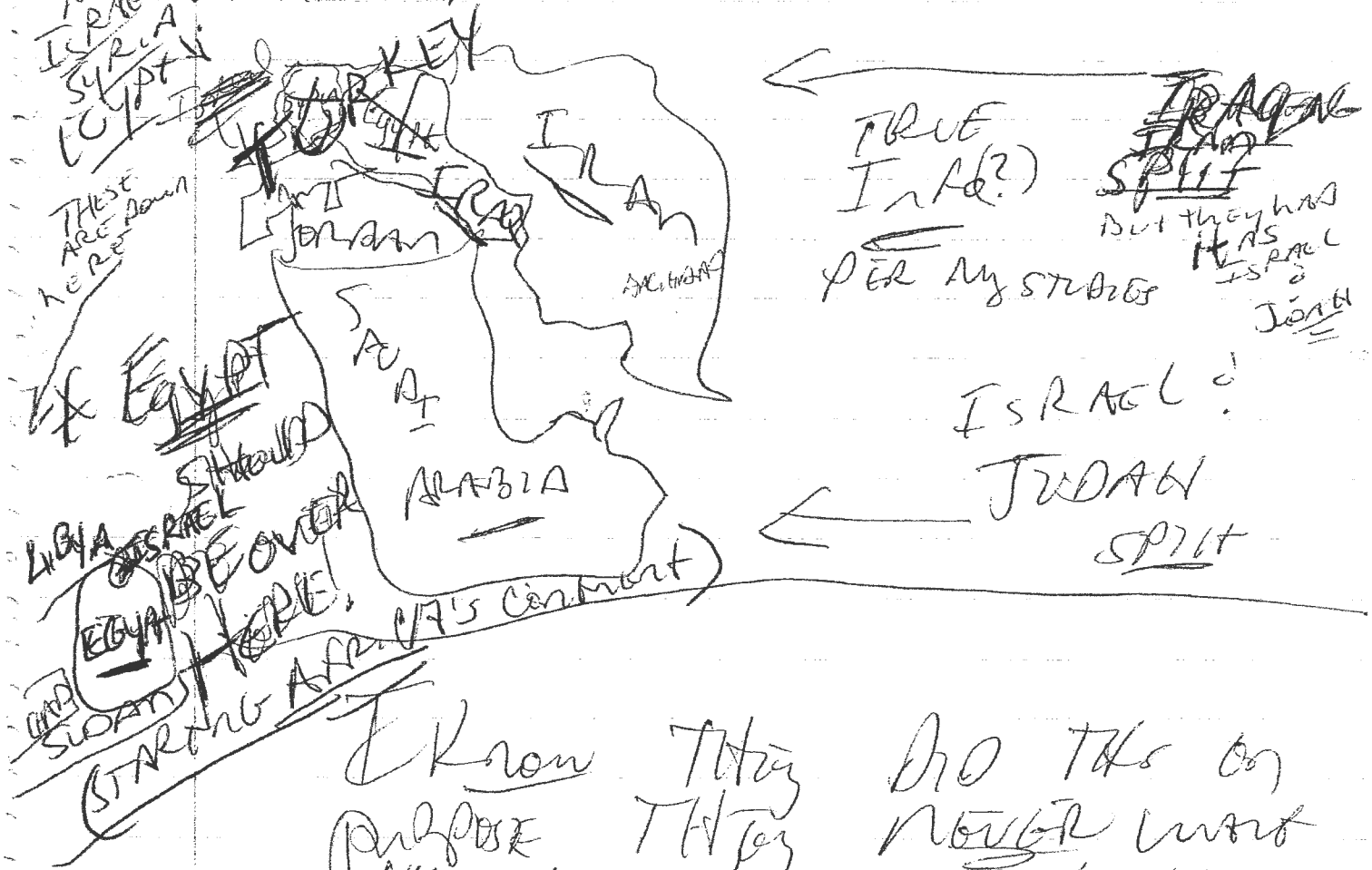
In Ancient Times.. "They" say it doesn't CORRELATE 2 BIBLICAL CUSH/KUSH
I'll BE the judge of that!



2013 or so
I'm thinking these 4 countries are closer to Egypt/Kush, etc... than we know! But EGYPS have FALSIFIED MAPS & RECORDS & WORD of MOUTH!

5-20-2015
I've found this 2 BE TRUE!
I'm putting the MAPS & TIMELINES 2GETHER AGAIN!

FOX NEWS showed a possible FAKE MAP w/ Egypt as IRAQ (COULD IT BE?)



I Know They Do This On Purpose They Never Want Us To Know That The Place God Refers To When He Talks About Africa/Middle East Is Made Up Of Middle East Iran & Iraq Which Was Still A Part Of Africa/Pangea.

(YES It Is ! - ME !!)

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Experts Agree: IRAN is Not IRAQ

by Arash Norouzi

Have you heard the news? "**Iran is not Iraq.**"

On the surface, the two neighboring countries seem analogous. Iran and Iraq hold the world's 2nd and 3rd largest oil reserves respectively, have Shi'ite majorities, share a long border, and fought a pointless, bloody 8 year war costing over a million lives. Prior to the illegal invasion of Iraq, both countries were bitter enemies of the United States, which selected them for the elite "Axis of Evil" club in 2002. Everyone knows Iran was 'next'.

In recent years, U.S. denouncements against Iran have been uncannily similar to the Iraq war propaganda—weapons of mass destruction, "grave threat to world peace", human rights violations, defying the "international community", etc. One of the latest arguments conjured up for continuing the war in Iraq is that retreating would "embolden" Iran; and, with constant accusations that Iran is arming Shiia and Sunni militias that are killing Americans, the line between the Iraq war theater and a possible Iran theater becomes increasingly blurry. It all appears to be the makings of an unwelcome, big budget, poorly scripted sequel to a movie that bombed to begin with.

There are distinctions, of course. Iraq is a mostly Arab country, and Iran has a largely Persian population. Geographically, Iran is about 3.75 times the size of Iraq with a more diverse, mountainous terrain, and Iran has nearly 2.5 times the population of Iraq. Tragically, Iraq is now a nation with a broken political and civil infrastructure, weakened by years of war, cruel sanctions, and rampant sectarian violence. Iran, while struggling with unemployment, fuel shortages, increasing international isolation, and other domestic problems; has a stable government, a formidable military, and a very strong influence in the region.

So why the confusion between Iran and Iraq? Much of it can simply be attributed to their nearly identical, frequently mispronounced names. And no one, from Joe Sixpack to the world's biggest leaders, is immune from getting them mixed up.

While speaking at a Fredericksburg, VA Holiday Inn on December 17, 2007, a local man told President Bush he was "concerned about the nations like Iraq, who now have nuclear weapons." "Iran", Bush corrected. "Iran, and Iraq both", replied the questioner. "Not Iraq", reminded Bush, as the room erupted in laughter.

The question typifies the image many Americans have developed of the two nations. The names Iraq and Iran are spoken of so frequently, so

interchangeably, that a perception of parity becomes almost involuntary...it's as though they were twins. Misunderstanding, therefore, is inevitable.

The mix-ups are not necessarily unintentional. Saddam's one-time enabler and a chief architect of the Iraq war, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, is reported to have written internal memos to his staff with directives such as, "link Iraq to Iran."

During his first press conference of the year [2/14/07], President Bush got confused while discussing Iran with reporters:

> *"Now, let me step back on Iran, itself. We have a comprehensive strategy to deal with Iraq [sic]. There's a variety of issues that we have with Iraq [sic]. One, of course, is influence inside of Iraq. Another is whether or not they end up with a nuclear weapon. And I believe an Iran with a nuclear weapon would be very dangerous for world peace..."*

When talking about Iran at the 2007 Democratic debates, **Joe Biden** has said, "If he [Bush] takes the country to war in Iraq [sic] without a vote of Congress. . .then he should be impeached", and John Edwards proclaimed, "We need to make it absolutely clear that we have no intention of letting Bush, Cheney or this administration invade Iraq [sic] because they have been rattling the saber over and over and over."

Former White House Press Secretary Tony Snow earned a triple score during a June 2006 press briefing:

> "...the position of this government is to look for a way. . . for the Iraqis [sic] to suspend the nuclear activities and make it possible for the rest of the world to begin working on reintegrating Iraq [sic] into the international community and dealing with other issues, such as human rights and terrorism with that government of Iraq [sic]."

Though politicians, pundits, and the public hold converging concepts of Iraq and Iran, they constantly repeat the phrase, "**Iran is not Iraq**". The fact that this phrase exists in the first place clearly shows that there is a widespread, preconceived notion of relative equivalence between the two. It points to a common perspective, particularly derivative of the antiquated Anglo-colonial mindset, in which the outside world is viewed so broadly as to render similar cultures largely indistinguishable. While prejudice is a factor, the bigger culprit, however, may be ordinary indifference—not only to the history and geography of other cultures, but to one's own as well.

At the 2007 Miss Teen USA pageant, Miss Teen South Carolina, Lauren Caitlin Upton, was asked, "Recent polls have shown 1/5 of Americans can't locate America on a world map. Why do you think this is?" Her awkward, rambling response, with its random mentions of South Africa and Iraq, became wildly popular in the media and internet for its unintentional hilarity. But the ridicule directed at the teenager is unfair when compared with the astonishing gaps in knowledge exhibited by significant government officials, whose understanding of history and current events is critical to their decision making, and consequently, peace and stability in the world.

Recently, White House Press Secretary Dana Perino confessed to not knowing what the Cuban Missile Crisis was (in which the US and USSR nearly waged nuclear war), but "It had to do with Cuba and missiles, I'm pretty sure."

President Bush, who is well known for his own verbal gaffes, historical ignorance, and self-admitted tendency to "mangle the English language", has such moments on a regular basis. Bush has referred to the continent of Africa as a "nation", announced that "Mandela's dead", asked the President of Brazil, "Do you have blacks, too?", and, while in Tokyo in 2002, proclaimed that America and Japan have been "great and enduring" allies for the past 150 years. During the 2000 election campaign, Bush was asked by a reporter to name the leaders of India, Pakistan, Chechnya and Taiwan. He only managed to guess one-barely.

In his 2006 interview with the Congressional Quarterly, Congressman and Intelligence Committee Chairman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) was unable to say if Al-Qaeda—America's #1 enemy—was Sunni or Shiia, and also failed to describe who Hezbollah was.

When Bush's gossipy, expletive-laden private conversation with British Prime Minister Tony Blair was picked up by an open mike at a G8 Summit luncheon in 2006, it was a raw glimpse into Bush's primitive thinking process. "Russia's a big country and you're a big country", he observed, chomping on his food with his mouth open. "Russia's big and so's China". As they chatted, innocent people, including children and babies, were being killed in the war between Israel and Lebanon, a war they fully aided and endorsed in the foolish belief that it would permanently destroy Hezbollah.

No Iran War shirts- click here As the allegations of Iraqi WMD and Iran's active pursuit of nuclear weapons (now contradicted by the new NIE report) has shown, reliable intelligence is hard to come by. And in the contentious, reality-bending world of politics, it's often difficult to find common ground. It's time for the US and Iran to commence a comprehensive, rational dialogue without preconditions. The diplomacy process has to start somewhere, so why not begin with something that all parties can agree on: the seemingly inane mantra, "**Iran is not Iraq**."

Q: You often say **Iran is not Iraq**.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I do say that.

-President Bush, White House Rose Garden, April 28, 2006

BIBLICAL WARNINGS

DEUTERONOMY CH 28 VS 25 THOU SHALT BE A DIASPORA/DISPERSION IN ALL KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH.

EZEKIAL CH 30 VS 4-5 AND THE SWORD SHALL COME UPON EGYPT AND GREAT PAIN SHALL BE IN ETHIOPIA, WHEN THE SLAIN SHALL FALL IN EGYPT, AND THEY SHALL TAKE AWAY HER MULTITUDE, AND HER FOUNDATIONS SHALL BE BROKEN DOWN. ETHIOPIA AND LIBYA AND LYDIA AND ALL THE MINGLED PEOPLE, AND CHUB, AND THE MEN OF THE LAND THAT IS IN "LEAGUE, SHALL FALL WITH THEM BY THE SWORD.

THUS SAITH THE LORD; THEY ALSO THAT UPHOLD EGYPT SHALL FALL; AND THE PRIDE OF HER POWER SHALL COME DOWN: FROM THE TOWER OF SYENE SHALL THEY FALL IN IT BY THE SWORD, SAITH THE LORD GOD.

AND THEY SHALL BE DESOLATE IN THE MIDST OF THE COUNTRIES THAT ARE DESOLATE, AND HER CITIES SHALL BE IN THE MIDST OF THE CITIES THAT SHALL BE WASTED. (think, the Crisis in Ethopia in the 80's and the Wastelands and see info in the folder**)**

AND THEY SHALL KNOW THAT "I AM" THE LORD, WHEN I HAVE SET A FIRE IN EGYPT AND ALL HER HELPERS SHALL BE DESTROYED.

JAMES CH 1 VS 1-5 JAMES A SERVANT OF GOD AND OF THE

LORD JESUS CHRIST, TO THE TWELVE TRIBES WHICH ARE SCATTERED ABROAD, GREETING.

MY BRETHREN, COUNT IT ALL JOY WHEN YE FALL INTO DIVERS TEMPTATIONS;

KNOWING THIS, THAT THE TRYING OF YOUR FAITH WORKETH PATIENCE.

BUT LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK, THAT YE MAY BE PERFECT AND ENTIRE, WANTING NOTHING.

IF ANY OF YOU LACK WISDOM, LET hIM ASK OF GOD, THAT GIVETH TO ALL MEN LIBERALLY, AND UPBRAIDETH NOT; AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN.

This is the 1st Book in the 2nd Testament that speaks directly to the "Lost Twelve Tribes", after Jesus/Yeshua's Testimony and Departure. It doesn't include Sprinkling of Christ's Blood, nor Encouragement of Walking amongst the Gentiles **(Acts, 1Peter, etc**...which needs to be DISCUSSED**)** so I included it, no need for discussion.

Any info we can PRAY about and put together, should be connected quickly! We **are** a part of the "alleged" LOST TWELVE TRIBES per my research. Every Shade of Brown is derived from the very first group of Sellouts and we need to stop SINNING AND COMMITING ABOMINATIONS, and get BACK TO FOLLOWING GOD/ALLAH'S WAY; hopefully finding the rest of our

Bretheren/Sisteren who NEVER TURNED THEIR BACKS ON HIM! They're still in the Heart of the Motherland, obeying and chillin', I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS. We've been bamboozled, hoodwinked and run amuck so we'll never come together and figure out **OUR TRUTH**. But it's here. "They" know it. "They've" reinvented Our History to include "themselves" but we must sort it out so we will know **WHO** and **WHAT** God/Allah is **WARNING** us of:

PROVERBS CH11 VS 1 A FALSE BALANCE IS ABOMINATION TO THE LORD: BUT A JUST WEIGHT IS HIS DELIGHT ("His" is not capitlized in my KJV version**).**

FALSE BALANCE- ARTIFICIAL ACTIONS BETWEEN OPPOSING FORCES. (example: God's Word vs Satan's**)**

JUST WEIGHT- HONORABLE AND FAIR IN ONES DEALINGS AND ACTIONS; CONSISTENT WITH WHAT IS MORALLY RIGHT, IN MEASURE.

ADDED STRICTLY TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION WHEN STUDYING THE TRIBES:

I HAVE A FEW COMPILED LISTS (ARTICLES) BY SOME OF OUR BROTHAS AND SISTAS (I'M ONE OF THE SISTAS) WHO'VE COME TO A RESEARCHED OPINION ABOUT WHO THE 12 TRIBES ARE. MINE HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADDED EARLIER. HOWEVER, THE OTHERS, I WILL INCLUDE HERE. BLACK/BROWN CHILDREN ARE ALL NEAR...ARE SOMEWHERE AROUND, WHERE GOD'S CHILDREN ORIGINATED, THIS INCLUDES AREAS OF WHERE WE "THINK" GOD/ALLAH'S CHILDREN ARE FROM, AND PROBABLY NEED TO GO BACK TO. MANY DON'T WANT TO GO BACK! "O.K.", BUT WE SHOULD AT LEAST KNOW OUR **REAL** HISTORY SO WE (ESPECIALLY OUR INNOCENT BABIES) DON'T REPEAT THE SAME EXACT MISTAKES. YOU KNOW....GOD'S POINT, PER HIS WORD.

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INTRODUCTION

I have argued for many years now that the worst crime that we can commit is to teach our children that our history began with slavery. And yet, this is what many of us do in the Black communities of the Western Hemisphere. When Black History Month rolls around, we tend to celebrate the great heroes and sheroes who emerged after we were taken from Africa to the Americas. In the United States, we love Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass and Langston Hughes and Rosa Parks, and rightfully so. We might even talk Toussaint L'Ouverture and Jean-Jacques Dessalines of Haiti, and perhaps even Zumbi dos Palmares in Brazil.

But so many of us seem to overlook that Africans had a history before enslavement. Indeed, Africa has an ancient diaspora that has no roots in slavery. This brief article is devoted to an overview of this ancient diaspora and provides a global dimension to Black history that is seldom emphasized and is devoted to the review of what has been referred to as "That Other African." This is not the stereotypical African savage, but the African that first peopled the earth and gave birth to or significantly influenced the world's oldest and most magnificent civilizations. This is the African who first entered Asia, Europe, Australia, the Pacific and the early Americas not as slave, but as master.

We now know, based on recent scientific studies of DNA, that modern humanity originated in Africa, that Black people are the world's original people and that all modern humans can ultimately trace their ancestral roots back to Africa. If not for the primordial migrations of early African people, humanity would have remained physically Africoid, and the rest of the world outside of the African continent absent of human life.

The early African presence in Europe is somewhat well known, particularly the story of the Moors, but the early presence of Black people in Asia, before enslavement, has scarcely been written about. Even today, the presence of Black people in Asia, particularly in India, is often ignored. The Black presence in Australia and the Pacific Islands is largely downplayed from the perspective of being a significant component of the Global African Community, even though there were branches of Marcus Garvey's UNIA-ACL there, as well as a Black power movement. As for the African presence in the Americas before slavery, in spite of the magnificent works of Ivan Van Sertima and more recent works by such scholars as Michael Imhotep, the idea that people of African heritage were the first visitors to the Americas and that African people contributed mightily to pre-Columbian America has not yet penetrated the popular imagination.

THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN ASIA

The First Asians

The earliest modern human (Homo sapiens sapiens) populations of Asia were also of African birth. Here we are speaking of the Diminutive Africoids — the extremely important and much romanticized family of Black people phenotypically characterized by: unusually short statures; skin complexions that range from yellowish to dark brown; tightly curled hair; and, in frequent cases (like many other Blacks), steatopygia. They are probably more familiar to us by such pejorative terms as "pygmies," "negritos" and "negrillos." Similar peoples who live today in southern Africa have been titled Bushmen." More accurate names for these latter people are San (translated as "original inhabitants").

Moving slowly and sporadically from their African birthplace, beginning perhaps 100,000 years ago and continuing through the millennia, untold numbers of Diminutive Africoids began to people Asia. Although they currently exist in limited numbers, and are generally found in heavily forested, barren, isolated or similarly forbidding terrains, the Diminutive Africoids were at one time the supreme lords of the earth. It is indeed unfortunate that the histories of the Diminutive Africoids, including distinct and fundamental

contributions to monumental civilizations characterized by agricultural science, metallurgy, advanced scripts and urbanization, are so little understood.

Western Asia

Sumer (the Biblical land of Shinar) was the formative civilizing influence in early West Asia. Flourishing during the third millennium B.C.E., Sumer set the tone and established the guidelines for the kingdoms and empires that succeeded her. Frequently designated as, or linked with, Chaldea and Babylonia, Sumer embraced the Tigris/Euphrates river valley from the base of the Persian Gulf north to Akkad, a distance of about 300 miles.

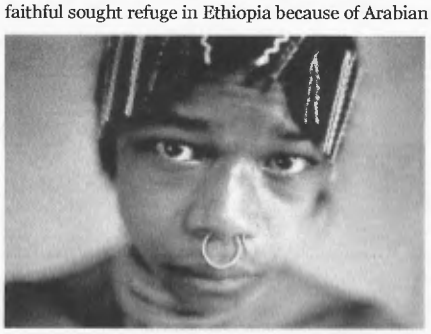
While Sumer's many cultural and technical achievements are much celebrated, the important question of her ethnic composition is frequently either glossed over or left out of the discussion altogether. Independent and objective study of the available data, however, reveals the very real question of whether the so-called "problem of Sumerian origins" is actual or artificial. The Sumerians did, after all, refer to themselves as "the Blackheaded people," and their most powerful and pious leaders, such as Gudea, consistently chose very dark (and preferably black) stone for their statuary representations. There is also no doubt that the oldest and most exalted deity of the Sumerians was Anu, a name that loudly recalls the thriving and widely spread Black civilizers found at history's dawn in Africa, Asia and even Europe. Eyewitness accounts, religious similarities, linguistic affinities, skeletal evidence, Biblical references, architectural patterns and oral traditions all point to an early African origin for the Sumerians of Iraq.

Elam was the first civilization of Iran (formerly called Persia), and shared Sumer's eastern border. Diop points to the Africoid presence in early Elam, focusing especially on the region's artistic and sculptural remains ideutified by Marcel Dieulafoy from his late 19th century excavations at Susa. The district of Susa was generally thought by the ancients to be the residence and capital city of Memnon — the illustrious Black warrior-king. The heroic story of Memnon — his courage and prowess at the siege of Troy — was one of the most widely circulated and celebrated of antiquity. Memnon is mentioned repeatedly in the works of such writers as Aeschylus, Apollonius of Tyana, Athenaeus, Catullus, Dio Chrysostom, Hesiod, Ovid, Pausanias, Philostratus, Pindar, Quintus of Smyrna, Seneca, Diodorus Siculus, Strabo and Virgil. Arctinus of Miletus composed an epic poem titled Ethiopia in which Memnon was the leading figure.

Phoenicia was the name given by Greeks in the first millennium B.C.E. to the coastal provinces of modern Lebanon and northern Palestine, although occasionally the term seems to have been applied to the entire Mediterranean seaboard from Syria to Palestine. Phoenicia was not considered a nation, in the strict sense of the word, but rather as a chain of coastal cities, of which the most important were Sidon, Byblos, Tyre and Ras Shamra. To the Greeks, the term Phoenician, from the root "Phoenix," had connotations of "red," and it is likely that the name was derived from the physical appearance of the people themselves.

The Phoenicians were a coastal branch of the Canaanites, who, according to Biblical traditions, were the brothers of Kush (Ethiopia) and Mizraim (Egypt): members of the Hamite, or Kamite, ethnic family. The Bible says that the Canaanites, Ethiopians and Egyptians were all Black and of Nile Valley origin.

The Arabian Peninsula, first inhabited more than 8,000 years ago, was early populated by Blacks. Before the advent of Islam, southern Arabia already possessed the sacred Kaaba sanctuary, with its black stone, at Makkah. The city of Makkah was considered a holy place and the destination of pilgrims long before the prophet Muhammad. Muhammad himself, who was to unite the whole of Arabia, appears to have had a prominent African lineage. According to al-Jahiz, the guardian of the sacred Kaaba, Abd al-Muttalib, "fathered ten Lords, Black as the night and magnificent." One of these men was Abdallah, the father of Muhammad. According to tradition, the first Muslim killed in battle was Mihdja — a Black man. Another Black man, Bilal, was such a pivotal figure in the development of Islam that he has been referred to as "a third of the faith." Many of the earliest Muslim converts were Africans, and a number of the Muslim faithful sought refuge in Ethiopia because of Arabian hostility to Muhammad's teachings.



Southern Asia

The ancient riverine civilization of the Indus Valley (named after one of its largest and most studied sites — Harappa) actually had extensions reaching from the river Oxus in Afghanistan in the north to the Gulf of Gambay in India in the south. The Harappan civilization flourished from about 2200 B.C.E. to approximately 1700 B.C.E. At its height, the Harappans engaged in regular commercial

relations with Iraq and Iran. This much we know with certainty. We are equally certain that the founders of the Harappan civilization were Black. This is verifiable through the available physical evidence -- skeletal remains, eyewitness accounts preserved in the Rig Veda, artistic and sculptural remains, the regional survival of Dravidian languages (including Brahui, Kurukh and Malto) and the essential role of these languages, which are now being used in the decipherment of the Harappan script. We should also take into account the prominence accorded the mother goddess in the Harappan cities and the sedentary nature of the Harappan people themselves. Walter Fairservis claims that the "Harappans cultivated cotton and perhaps rice, domesticated the chicken and may have invented the game of chess and one of the two of the great early sources of nonmuscle power: the windmill."

Today, India has the greatest assemblage of Black people in any one country in Asia. I have even argued that India has the greatest concentration of Black people in any single nation in the world. Blacks were the original people of India and today can be seen in the people called Adivasis. They are the ancient people. And the overwhelming proportion of the people today known as Dalits or Untouchables would be sure to be racially profiled if they lived in the United States! Indeed, perhaps the most celebrated Dalit organization in India today is the Dalit Panthers named after the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense formed in the United States in the mid-1960s.

Eastern and Southeastern Asia

Certainly, traces of Blacks have been found in both the prehistoric and historic periods throughout the latitudes of northeastern Asia. A Japanese proverb states that "Half the blood in one's veins must be black to make a good Samurai." We also have knowledge, in Japan, of Sakanouye Tamura Maro (ca. 800 C.E.), the Black general who led the Japanese armies into battle against the Ainu. Tamura Maro's successful generalship ultimately made him the first shogun of Japan.

In China, an Africoid presence is visible from remote antiquity through the major historical periods. The Shang, for example, China's first dynasty, apparently had a Black background, so much so that the conquering Zhou described them as having "black and oily skin." The famous Chinese sage, Lao-Tze (ca. 600 B.C.E.), was "black in complexion." Lao-Tze was described as "marvelous and beautiful as jasper." Magnificent and ornate temples were erected for him, inside of which he was worshipped like a god.

Funan is the name given by Chinese historians to the earliest kingdom of Southeast Asia. Its builders were a Black people known as Khmers, a name that loudly recalls ancient Kmt (Egypt). In remote antiquity, the Khmers seem to have established themselves throughout a vast area that encompassed Myanmar, Kampuchea, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. Emerging during the third century, the kingdom of Funan spread over southern Kampuchea and Vietnam. A Chinese observer described the Funanese men as small and black, and noted the Khmer's impressive libraries and high regard for scholars.

Following the early kingdom of Funan emerged the far more powerful Black nation states of Angkor in Cambodia and Champa in Vietnam.

The epic story of the African presence in Asia is one of the most exciting and, yet, least known aspects of the Black experience. It spans a period of more than 100,000 years and encompasses the largest single land mass on earth. Although many are startled by the notion, it is absolutely undeniable, that: as the first hominids and modern humans; as simple hunter-gatherers and primitive agriculturists; as heroic warriors and premier civilizers; as sages and priests, poets and prophets, kings and queens; as deities and demons of misty legends and shadowy myths; and yes, even as servants and slaves, Black people have known Asia intimately from the very beginning. Even today, after an entire series of holocausts and calamities, the numbers of Blacks in Asia approach 200 million. The Black populations of Asia, what they have done and are now doing, are questions that beg and demand serious answers. These answers, which we must diligently seek to supply, cannot be sought merely to satisfy the intellectual curiosity of an elite group, but to further the vision of Pan-Africanism and reunite a family that has been separated far too long.

THE BLACK PRESENCE IN AUSTRALIA AND MELANESIA

The Black Presence in Australia: Fighting for Survival

Australia was settled at least 50,000 years ago by people who call themselves Blackfellas, and who are usually referred to as the Australian Aborigines. Physically, the Blackfellas are distinguished by straight to wavy hair textures, and dark to near-black complexions. In January 1788, when Britain began using Australia as a prison colony, an estimated 300,000 indigenous

WEST PAPUAN LEADER-CHIEF BENNY WENDA

people were spread across the continent in about 600 small-scale societies. Each of these communities maintained social, religious and trade connections with its neighbors.

The dumping of British convicts into Australia proved catastrophic for the Blacks. Victims of deliberate poisonings, calculated and systematic slaughters; decimated by tuberculosis and syphilis; swept away by infectious epidemics; their community structures and moral fibers shredded, by the 1930s the Blackfellas had been reduced to a pathetic remnant of about 30,000 people, and perhaps twice that number of mixed descent.

When the continent was invaded by Europeans in the 19th century, the white historians who wrote about Australia invariably included a section on the Blacks, and acknowledged that the original inhabitants of the continent had had a historical role. After 1850, however, few writers referred to the Blacks at all. The Blacks were thought of as a "dying race." By 1950, general histories of the continent by European-Australians almost never referenced the indigenous people. During this period, the indigenous people, whether part or full blood, were excluded from all major European-Australian institutions, including schools, hospitals and labor unions. They could not vote. Their movements were restricted. They were outcasts in white Australia.

Today, the Blacks of Australia are terribly oppressed, and they remain in a desperate struggle for survival. Recent demographic surveys, for example, show that the Black infant mortality rate is the highest in Australia. The original people have the shoddiest housing and the poorest schools. Their life expectancy is 20 years less than Europeans. Their unemployment rate is six times higher than the national average. Aborigines did not obtain the right to vote in federal elections until 1961, nor the right to consume alcoholic beverages until 1964. They were not officially counted as Australian citizens until after a constitutional amendment in 1967. Today, the indigenous people constitute less than 2 percent of the total Australian population.

West Papua in Melanesia: The Struggle Continues

New Guinea is the biggest and most populous of the islands of Melanesia. Indeed, it is the largest island in the world after Greenland. It is tremendously wealthy in mineral resources, including: uranium, copper, cobalt, silver, gold, manganese, iron and oil. Now split into two by colonial design, New Guinea has until lately contained a racially homogeneous population of 5 to 6 million Africoid people. The eastern half of the island became independent in 1975 under the name of Papua New Guinea. The western half of New Guinea, however, along with a significant portion of the islands' total population (estimated at 3 to 4 million people), has been seized by Indonesia as its 26th "province."

For the people of West Papua, (the western part of New Guinea), Indonesia has been and continues to be a brutal and aggressive occupying power. Under Indonesian rule since 1963, the Melanesians have been prone to both physical and cultural genocide. Indonesians generally have a condescending view of Melanesians, who they consider their racial inferiors — except, of course, those who turn away from their own culture and choose to identify with Indonesian cultural values, behavior modes and language. Additionally, members of the Indonesian military and other high government officials possess considerable wealth in West Papua, and are firmly resolved not to share it with the Melanesians.

Melanesians living in the forest communities of West Papua have been subjected to forced labor schemes, while in urban areas Melanesians face overt racial discrimination. A major part of the Indonesian regime's genocidal policy, in fact, is the physical replacement of Melanesians with Indonesian nationals. This poses the distinct possibility that the Melanesians of West Papua could become a minority in their own country. The struggle of the people of West Papua today is deserving of far more of the world's attention, particularly the Black world.

AN AFRICAN PRESENCE IN EARLY AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS AND BEFORE SLAVERY

The Olmec were an early people of Meso-America, who settled the Mexican Gulf Coast. This ancient American culture been labeled the first civilization of the western hemisphere, as they surpassed their neighbors in an attempt to settle certain problems of living together — of government, defense, religion, family, property, science and art. In this endeavor, the Olmec laid the foundations of American civilization. No one knows whence the Olmec came or whether they were direct derivatives of the indigenous population; but that much of their sculpture, especially the colossal heads, evidences an ancient Africoid presence in the Americas is beyond sane rebuttal. In fact, some scientists have concluded that the Olmec may have originally have been an African settler-colony that conquered the indigenous population of southern Mexico. Others are convinced that the Black presence among the Olmec merely consisted of a small but elite and highly influential community.

Sculptural and skeletal remains found in ancient Olmec sites provide the most conclusive evidence yet discovered concerning the presence of African people in America before Columbus. The most pronounced and widely acknowledged Africoid sculptural representations to appear in the ancient "New World" were produced by the Olmec. Nearly 20 colossal stone heads, weighing 10 to 40 tons, have been unearthed in Olmec sites along the Mexican Gulf Coast. One of the first European-American scientists to comment on the Olmec heads, archaeologist Matthew Stirling, described their facial features as "amazingly Negroid."

In 1974, Polish craniologist Andrzej Wiercinski informed the Congress of Americanists that skulls from Olmec and other pre-Christian sites in Mexico (Tlatilco, Cerro de las Mesas and Monte Alban) "show a clear prevalence of the total Negroid pattern."

Other scientists have fouud a host of cultural parallels between ancient Africans and Native Americans, including architectural patterns and religious practices. As for the latter, some Native American communities worshipped black gods of great antiquity, such as Ekchuah, Quetzalcoatl, Yalahau, Nahualpilli and Ixtliltic, long before the first African slave arrived in the New World.

During his third voyage, Columbus recorded that when he reached Haiti the resident population informed him that Black men from the south and southeast had preceded him to the island. In 1513, Balboa found a colony of Black men on his arrival in Darien, Central American.

All of these facts, buttressed by skeletons and sculptures, make it clear that African people have had a profound presence and influence in the America, before Columbus and before enslavement.

CONCLUSION

I would argue that if you teach a child that their history started with enslavement you cripple that child, perhaps for life. Indeed, you foster a new form of enslavement, an enslavemcnt of the mind.

Let us not limit our history to the ugliest and most brutal and traumatic part of it. Let us start at the beginning. And that beginning does not begin with slavery. It begins with Black women and men as the masters of their fate and the arbiters of their destiny!

And for those who question the relevance of it all, I leave you with the profound words and wisdom of Nana KwaDavid Whitaker, who says: "What you do for yourself depends on what you think of yourself. And what you think of yourself depends on what you know of yourself. And what you know of yourself depends on what you have been told." Well stated, Nana Whitaker. It is a clarion call and a profound philosophy of history, and I can think of no better words to end our overview here of Africa's ancient diaspora, the African diaspora before slavery.

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THE LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL

THE LUCIFERIAN BLOODLINE

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Satan as drawn by Gustave Dore in Milton's *Paradise Lost*

The plot for a series of World Wars in the twentieth century, culminating in a third against the Muslim world, was devised in the eighteenth century, by American Civil War general, Albert Pike, then Grand Master of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, a primary adjunct of the Illuminati. However, though the final stages of this plot have been largely reserved for our time, the conspiracy is affiliated with a lore of occult knowledge that dates back to at least the sixth century BC. This lore begins with a heresy, known as Kabbalah, which disguises itself as Jewish, but is a pact to seek world domination, and the eradication of religion in favour of the worship of Lucifer.

The goal devised by these Kabbalists has since been the installation of their "messiah" as world leader, who, according to their interpre4ation of the Bible, is to be of line of King David. Since that time, to preserve this purported lineage, until the advent of their expected leader, these Luciferians have been carefully intermarrying amongst each other, and have included among them many of the leading figures of history. They begin with a Persian Royal family, who intermarried with that of Alexander the Great. By combining with that of Herod the Great, these families were responsible for the creation and dissemination of the leading mystery school of the Roman Empire, the Mysteries of Mithras, which eventually succeeded in co-opting the emerging Christian movement, by producing Catholic Christianity.

Nevertheless, a secret, or Gnostic, version of Christianity, also derived from Mithraism, survived to compete with Catholicism, in the form of several secret societies, like the Templars, Rosicrucians and Freemasons, practicing occult arts, or what is known as "witchcraft". This tradition, was perpetuated by the most popularized branch of the Luciferian bloodline, the Merovingians. Symbolized by the Holy Grail, the Merovingians, after intermarrying into the family of a Jewish Exilarch, or claimant to the Jewish throne, culminated in all the leading families of the Crusades.

It was at this time that this European branch of the family recombined with others from Eastern Europe and Armenia. These Eastern aristocracies derived from the enigmatic Khazars, who had populated southern Russia and the Basin of the Don River, and who, in the eighth century AD, had converted to Judaism. Legend has it, however, that the Khazars were remnants of the Lost Tribes. Armenia, just across the Caucasus, was another locale of these supposed Lost Tribes. It was the intermarriage and perpetuation of these aristocratic bloodlines that were being referred to in the heraldic symbols of the lily, the rose, the double-headed eagle, and the skull and crossbones.

Also during the Crusades, this network connected with an important occult center hiding within the Islamic world, in Cairo Egypt, who followed the heretical version of Islam known as Ismailism. According to Masonic legend, a number of these "Eastern Brethren" were rescued and brought to Scotland, where they provided the basis of Sottish Rite Freemasonry, which only emerged in the eighteenth century. However, at the same time, this legend also provided the basis for the establishment of Freemasonry in Egypt, which then became the second center of Illuminati activism. It was from these secret networks of impostors by which the Western powers created Islamic terrorism, used to foment of a Clash of Civilizations, through the fabrication of the terrorist threat. *SEE INFO

THE FALLEN ANGELS

The Illuminati claim to be descended of Fallen Angels, who taught them the "Ancient Wisdom", also known as the Kabbalah, which they have been preserving throughout the centuries. These Fallen Angels are referred to in the Bible, Book of Genesis, as the Nephilim, or "Sons of God", and were said to have descended to earth and intermarried with human beings. Christian interpretations struggle with the passage, choosing to translate the term into "mighty men". However, apocryphal Jewish texts explain that they were the devil and his legions, who were cast out of Heaven, and took wives from the female descendants of Cain. They produced a race known as the Anakim.

According to the Illuminati, it is they who first introduced humanity to the occult arts, including astrology, magic and alchemy. This period in history is believed by occultists to accord with the lost continent of Atlantis. The race produced by the intermixing of the Fallen Angels and humans is thought to be the Aryans. Supposedly, their corruption caused great corruption in the earth, to such an extent that, according to these same Apocryphal works, God decided to destroy them through the Flood. Here it is important to understand the Bible account, from which their legends are interpreted. According to the Bible, wickedness soon returned to the earth, however, when Noah's son Ham committed a sin. Ham moved southwest into Africa and parts of the near Middle East, and was the forefather of the nations there. From Ham's son, Mizraim, came the Egyptians, from Phut, the Lybians, and from Kush, came the Kushites, who established Ethiopia. Cush was also the father of Nimrod, the legendary founder of the ancient city of Babylon, who was responsible for instigating the building of the Tower of Babel.

Supposedly, Shem, Ham's brother, and Cush's great uncle, became appalled by his nephew's evil deeds, and killed Nimrod. Before his death, however, Nimrod had married and impregnated his own mother, named Semiramis. After Nimrod was slain, Semiramis instituted the worship of herself and her son among the people of Babylon, who came to regard Nimrod was a sun-god, and she was a goddess, or Queen of Heaven.

Nimrod, or Bel, as he was later worshipped by the Babylonians, was also identified with the constellation of Orion, the shepherd of the stars, and therefore referred to mystically in the Bible as "a mighty hunter before the Lord". Semiramis, later revered as Ishtar, was identified with the planet Venus, as were all the goddesses modeled after her.

Nimrod was confronted in his blasphemy by Abraham, the founder of the Jewish nation, who left his own nation of star-worshippers, in Harran, to found a new religion. Abraham's grandson Jacob, later Israel, had twelve sons, from whom were

descended the Twelve Tribes of Israel. And, through the influence of the Kabbalah, these tribes acquired mystical symbolism, which would later become prominent features of European heraldry.

Like the astrological zodiac, these twelve tribes were divided into four camps of three, in accordance with the four seasons of the Zodiac, divided according to the Four Elements. Thus, Reuben, who is compared to running water, with Simeon and Gad, are Aquarius. Judah, the lion, with Issachar and Zebulon, are Leo. Benjamin, Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Jacob compares to the ox, are Taurus. Naphtali, Asher and Dan, whose device is the scorpion, synonymous astrologically with the eagle, are Scorpio.

The brothers tried to kill their sibling Joseph, by dropping him into a well, but he was later rescued, and eventually became a governor in Egypt. And, when the Israelites were stricken with famine, they were forced to seek the assistance of Joseph in Egypt, who finally revealed himself to his treacherous brothers.

Adoration of the Golden Calf
by Nicholas Poussin

After four hundred years in Egypt, the increasing number of Israelites in the country began to concern Pharaoh, who oppressed them. Moses was sent by God to revive the monotheistic religion of Abraham among the Israelites, and lead them to the land promised to their forefather, in what is known as the Covenant. For according to the Bible, God had chosen the Jewish people above other nations, to follow His commandments, especially to do unto others, as they would others do unto them, and to stand out as examples of righteousness for mankind.

After confronting Pharaoh, Moses successfully acquired permission to lead his people out of the land. However, a short time after the Israelites had cross the Red Sea, and while Moses was away on Mount Sinai receiving the tablets of the Ten Commandments, they blasphemed by constructing a statue of a Golden Calf from their melted Jewelry. Scholars acknowledge that this cow-god was borrowed from the Apis Bull of the Egyptians, who was equated with Osiris. More accurately, Osiris and Isis were merely the Egyptian versions of the same couple worshipped in Babylon originally as Nimrod and Semiramis.

Moses ordered the Seventy Elders to slay the idolaters, and the tribe continued its journey to the Promised Land, where they were ordered to conquer the inhabitants. Palestine was then inhabited by the descendants of Ham's fourth son, Canaan. According to the Bible, although it was Ham who had sinned, it was upon Canaan that the curse would fall upon. According to occult interpretation, however, the Canaanites represented survivors of the Anakim. In Deuteronomy 9:1-2, we read: "Hear, O Israel! You are crossing over the Jordan today to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, great cities fortified to heaven, a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim whom you know and of whom you have heard it said, "Who can stand before the sons of Anak?"

The Israelites eventually succeed in taking hold of the land of Palestine, but soon falter into the worship of pagan gods. According to the Bible, the Jews are told repeatedly not to intermarry with the Canaanites, nor to worship their idols. Despite these warnings, not only do the early Israelites intermarry extensively with their subjects, but adopt their pagan ways, by worshipping Baal and Astarte, the Canaanite versions of Nimrod and Semiramis.

Though known by different names to different peoples, this dying-god and goddess shared common characteristics. They were consistently identified with the Sun, who in winter journeyed "beneath" the earth, into the Underworld. They were therefore believed to "die", and to resurrect in spring, corresponding to the Christian Easter. Because Baal and his sister Astarte, were regarded as twins, as well married to each other, they were identified as a single androgynous god, symbolized by Venus, whose original Latin name was Lucifer.

Basically, the ancient pagans' belief was dualistic. They believed there to be two powers in Heaven, a good God and evil one. Because he was believed to journey there in winter, the dying-god was regarded as the god of the Underworld, reigning over the souls of the dead, and therefore identified with evil. This led to the practice of black magic. To protect oneself from him, or to summon his powers to command spirits against one's enemies, it was believed necessary to perform heinous sacrifices. Most common was the sacrifice of children, rites which were performed in drunkenness, attended with loud music, to drown out the screams of the suffering child, and followed by sexual orgies. These were the basis of the rites later known as "Mysteries".[1]

THE MEDES

According to Kabbalistic interpretation, the entire line of Jewish kings were descended from Isaac's son Judah, and Tamar, his daughter-in-law, a Canaanite woman who had disguised herself as a prostitute in order to seduce him. Their son Perez was David's ancestor. Solomon, to whom much of Kabbalistic tradition is attributed, was the son of David from Bathsheba, a Hittite woman. Therefore, according to Kabbalistic interpretation, though the Messiah is to be a descendant of the royal line of David, being the "Son of David", he is also descended from the Satanic lineage of the Fallen Angels, through the Canaanites.

Assyrians carry Israelites into captivity

Therefore, through intermarriage with the Canaanites, the later Kabbalists could claim descent from the Anakim, and the Fallen Angels, or Lucifer and his legions. These Anakim, supposedly, were the original inhabitants of Atlantis, or Aryans. The Aryans are considered by the Illuminati to be the original core bloodline, a hybrid of humans and "divine" beings, responsible for the preservation of occult knowledge. According to modern historians, influenced by Kabbalistic legend, these Aryans, also known as Indo-Europeans, survived the Flood, or sinking of Atlantis, and found refuge in the mountains of Asia. From there they emerged the conquer the known peoples, spreading their customs and language to Central Asia, Iran, or Persia, and into Europe.

Interestingly, these various peoples have also historically been identified with the so-called Lost Tribes of Israel. An important branch of these is the Medes of Iran, among whom the original Lost Tribes had been scattered, before moving on into Armenia and Southern Russia.

After the death of King Solomon, in 928 BC, his realm was divided into the Kingdom of Israel in the north and the Kingdom of Judea. The Kingdom of Israel covered most of the central and northern land of Israel and was inhabited by descendants of ten of the original twelve tribes that conquered the land of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua: Asher, Dan, Ephraim, Gad, Issachar, Manasseh, Naphtali, Reuben, Simeon, and Zebulon. The Kingdom of Judea centered on Jerusalem and the Judean highlands, and comprised the remaining two tribes of Judah and Benjamin.

A 125 years before the same fate would afflict the nation of Judah, the Kingdom of Israel was conquered by the Assyrians in 721 BCE, and in line with the general policy of the Assyrians, its inhabitants were deported to other regions of their empire. According to the Assyrian king Tiglath-Pileser, 13,750 of the wisest and most skilled of the Israelites were deported by 733 BC, while 27,290 more Israelite sages, musicians and artisans were brought to Babylonia by Sargon II in 727 BC . According to II Kings 17:16-20, this disaster came upon the nation of Israel because:

> They defied all the commands of the Lord their God and made two calves from metal. They set up an Asherah pole and worshipped Baal and all the forces of heaven. They even sacrificed their own sons and daughters in the fire. They consulted fortune-tellers and used sorcery and sold themselves to evil, arousing the Lord's anger. And because the Lord was angry, he swept them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah remained in the land. But even the people of Judah refused to obey the commands of the Lord their God. They walked down the same evil paths that Israel had established. So the Lord rejected all the descendants of Israel. He punished them by handing them over to their attackers until they were destroyed.

According to the Books of Kings, the exiled tribes were transported to the region of the Medes, known as Medea, where they assimilated themselves into the population. Medea corresponds with today's northern Iraq, or Northwest Iran, called Kurdistan.

According to Herodotus, a Greek historian of the fifth century BC, "These Medes were called anciently by all people Arian [Aryan]; but when Medea, the Colchian, came to them from Athens, they changed their name. Such is the account which they themselves give."[2] This Medea Herodotus is reffering to is the Colchian Thracian witch of the story of Jason and the Argonauts of Greek myth. According to the legend, she later married Aegeas of Athens, after whom the Aegean Sea is named. The Medes were descended from their son Medus of Colchis.

According to Herodotus' description, the Colchians, who dwelt in a land located along the western slope of the Caucasus Mountains near the Black Sea, were black and probably Jewish. Like the Jews of Palestine, which he referred to as "Phoenicians", Herodotus also regard the people of Colchis, as deriving from an "Egyptian colony". He not only pointed to the Colchians' "black skin and woolly hair" as evidence, but also to their oral traditions, language, methods of weaving, and practice of circumcision. In addition, Saint Jerome, writing during the fourth century AD, called Colchis the "Second Ethiopia." Similarly, two hundred years later, Sophronius, patriarch of Jerusalem, described an "Ethiopian" presence in the same region. Diodorus of Sicily, a historian of the first century B.C, in his Universal History, stated:

> They say also that those who set forth with Danaus [Dan, or Tribe of Dan], likewise from Egypt, settled what is practically the oldest city of Greece, Argos, and that the nations of the Colchi in Pontus and that of the Jews, which lies between Arabia and Syria, were founded as colonies by certain emigrants from their country [i.e., Egypt]; and this is the reason why it is a long-established institution among these peoples to circumcise their male children . . . the custom having been brought over from Egypt Even the Athenians, they say, are colonists from Sais in [the Nile Delta of] Egypt.[3]

By the sixth century BC, the Medes were able to establish an empire that stretched from Azerbaijan to north and Central Asia and Afghanistan. The Medes also mixed with other Iranians, especially Persians. Thus many modern Iranians are descendants of Medes. However, Mede heritage today is claimed particularly by groups in the western part of the Iranian Plateau, such as the Kurds, Lurs, Isfahan and the Turkic languages-speaking Azeri.

THE SCYTHIANS

Although, the ten tribes, excepting Judah and Benjamin, have popularly been considered "lost" ever since, in ancient Jewish sources, their existence was well-known. According to Josephus, "...the Ten Tribes who are beyond the Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude, whose numbers cannot be estimated."[4] Similarly, the Apocrypha presume to also know their location. In the Fourth Book of Ezra, the Ten Tribes were said to have been carried by Hosea, a prophet in Israel in the eighth century BC, to the Euphrates, at the narrow passages of the river, from which they went on for a journey of a year and a half to a place called "Arzareth".[5]

This would have taken them to the land of the Scythians, whom Josephus and others have identified them as the ancestors of Gog and Magog, among whom they would have been absorbed. According to Herodotus, the Scythians emerged from beyond the Euphrates across the Armenian river, Araxes, a river that borders Armenia, Iran and Azerbaijan.[6] The Scythians were an Iranian-speaking people, who had come from the northern shore of the Black Sea and invaded Armenia and Asia Minor. The Scythians first appear in Assyrian annals as *Ishkuzai*, related to the modern term "Ashkenazi", from Ashkenaz, who was the son of Magog"s brother Gomer.

The most significant Scythian tribes mentioned in the Greek sources resided in the basin of the Don river, just north of the Crimea, from where they invaded Armenia and Cappadocia, to become allies of the early Mede rulers.[7] In the time of Herodotus, the Cappadocians occupied the whole region from the Black Sea to the Taurus mountains, in eastern Turkey, from which the Euphrates River descends into Syria.

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> The Esavites, who are the Scythians, descended from Esau, son of Isaac. They are black, wild, and strange looking. From them descend the Boramichk' and Lekzik', who dwell in holes and traps and perpetrate many crimes. And it is said that the Edomites who are the Franks also are descended from him. These three peoples, descendants of Hagar, Ketura and Esau, mingled together and gave birth to another people, strange looking and wicked, called Tatar [Mongols], which means sharp and light.[8]

Along with the Edomites, the nation of the Scythians is also closely related to that of the Tribe of Simeon. Apparently, there were only nine tribes in the northern kingdom of Israel, after the Levites joined Judah. Simeon too was still settled in the portion of the tribe of Judah although part of Simeon had immigrated to various other locations outside the Holy Land. 2Chron. 4:43-44 describes some men of Simeon who immigrated from Judah to Edom: "And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day." Thus the kingdom of Judah, after the fall of Samaria and before the Babylonian captivity, consisted of four tribes: Judah, Benjamin, Simeon, and Levi.[9]

A CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS

MILITANT ISLAM

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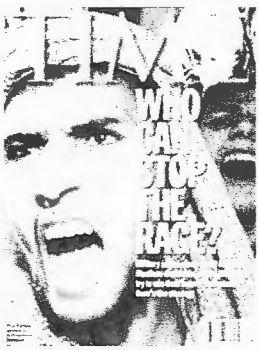


Islam does not pose a threat to West. It is the contrary that is correct. Islamic terrorist organizations are hotbeds of impostors in service of the West. It is well known that there are various dubious relationships that exist between Islamic radicals and Western powers. The truth is far more sinister. Islamic terrorists are connected with Western power through an intricate network of secret societies. While outwardly claiming to adhere to disparate religions, the Islamic terrorists follow a heretical version of the faith, ultimately rooted, like their counterparts in the West, in the same occult doctrine, the worship of Lucifer, and the belief in the use of religion as a disguise to deceive the masses.

Collectively, this web is headed by a nefarious cabal commonly identified as the "Illuminati". The Illuminati was the name of a secret society, founded by Adam Weishaupt, in Germany, in 1776, with the goal of seeking world domination through subversive means. It's existence is one of the few instances in history in which historians are willing to recognize the existence of the diabolical conspiracy, because the evidence is undeniable. However, in 1784, the order was exposed, and forced to disband. Scholars, therefore, have used the fact of the suppression of the order as justification to suppose that no conspiracy continues to exist into our time. Nevertheless, Weishaupt himself boasted, "I have considered every thing, and so prepared it, that if the Order should this day go to ruin, I shall in a year re-establish it more brilliant that ever."

The "Illuminati", really, is merely a convenient term to refer to those individuals and secret organizations who continue to pursue the same goals in our time. In actuality, the order's existence began long before the eighteenth century. The truth is it began in Babylon, in the sixth century BC, with the advent of the Jewish heresy of the Kabbalah. According to their own accounts though, the Illuminati represent the descendants of the Fallen Angels who inhabited the lost continent of Atlantis. These Fallen Angels interbred with humans, to whom they taught the Ancient Wisdom. Therefore, throughout the centuries, the Illuminati have been carefully intermarrying with each other, to preserve their "sacred" bloodline, handing on their esoteric knowledge from generation to generation. For this reason, they also refer to themselves as "the Family".

Today, fronted by the powerful banking dynasties of the world, the Illuminati exercise supremacy over the world's governments, as well as their economies, and even their cultures. Ultimately, the Illuminati are an international network, existing in a parallel world, straddled between fronts of legitimacy, and activities on the black market and in the underground.

Their method of conquest is to wholly demoralize the societies of the world, wrecking their very fabric, by promoting every vice, including sexual depravity, greed and war. By enslaving the nations of the world through colossal debt, they ensure subservience, and guarantee the slow transfer of their sovereignty to global government. By encouraging stock market speculation they siphon off the wealth of the ignorant masses. In the end, by creating a global economic cataclysm of untold magnitude, they intend to demonstrate to humanity their own ineptitude, and offer their reign as salvation, by implementing a global fascist state, to be governed by their expected messiah.

Deprived of any moral restraint, they fund their covert activities by dominating the world of illegal arms dealing, narcotics trafficking, and prostitution. Their activities are intertwined with those of the world's leading intelligence services, including the CIA, Mossad, and Britain's M16, as well as international crime syndicates, like the Mafia and the Asian Triads, and the Yakuza of Japan.[1] Adopting any disguise to suit their collective objectives, they work hand in hand with the Freemasons and numerous other secret societies, and are responsible for the emergence of numerous radical cults, from the Hare Krishna's to the Moonies, of Christian and and most importantly, Muslim Fundamentalism.

By wielding inordinate financial and political power, the plan of the Illuminati is to foment a global war, or World War III, from which will emerge, out of the ashes of the expired civilizations of our time, like a phoenix from the fire, a New World Order. The coming confrontation is being presented as a *Clash of Civilizations*, between the *Liberal Democratic West* and *Islamic fundamentalism*.

Despite all the fear mongering, however, the Muslims do not pose a threat. The Muslim world has been sufficiently weakened due to their own internal corruption, in addition to the subversive activities the Western powers that, by WWI, the Allied powers were able to brush aside the forces of the Ottoman Empire, which by that time had crumbled to near dust. Since, the Muslim world has been in disarray, incapable of uniting to even represent Islam, let alone defend its cause.

This fact was acknowledged by Zbigniew Brzezinski himself, the primary architect of the fabricated threat. As to whether or not such a phenomenon is a menace to the world today, he responded:

Therefore, so as to rile the masses of the Western world against Islam, it has been necessary to artificially foment militancy in the Muslim world, by creating terrorist groups, to create the illusion of Islam's competition with the "democratic" West.

WESTERN DEMOCRACY

What is meant by democracy, however, is secularism. Because, the goal of the Illuminati had been to separate religion from the state, to replace it with a rule of their own. Through the widespread propaganda of the eighteenth century, they discredited Christianity as conflicting with the findings of science, and defined the Christian Church as an organization rife with corruption and greed. While it is certainly true that the Church was fraught with abuse, the citizens of the West were told to throw the proverbial baby out with the bathwater, for it was not its moral teachings or the common worshipper that were inherently corrupt, but the upper echelons of its politically minded hierarchy.

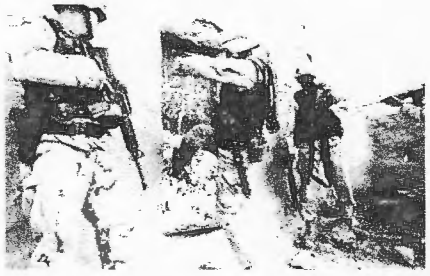
Illuminati: The Hiden Agenda for Worl Government

An interview with Norman Dods
on the role of the tax-exempt foundations
to gain control of the educational system.

Paradoxically, the secularism of the Illuminati is based not on atheism, but on ancient occult teachings. To the upper levels of the Illuminati, it was Lucifer who "liberated" man, showing him the truth that there is no truth. Rather, all morality is mere convention, invented by the dull masses. To them, there is only will, and therefore, man triumphs by overcoming all apprehension, otherwise regarded as morality, that prevents him from achieving what he desires. Or, the "ends justify the means". The program of the Illuminati, beginning in the eighteenth century, has been to disparage all religion as superstition, and the enemy of "Liberty", that is, the freedom do whatever they will.

To inculcate the veneration of such a principle in the minds of the gullible masses of the West, history has been rewritten to present modern secular states as the culmination of centuries of progress towards "Liberty", defined as the fundamental characteristic defining the Western superiority over the East, where "despotism" supposedly perpetually reigns. Throughout "Western" history, we are taught, from Greece, to the Roman Empire, the Renaissance, and finally the Enlightenment, European thinkers have been progressively distancing themselves from "superstition", or religion. The culmination of this supposed progress were the French and American Revolutions, and the implementation of secular rule, seen as the triumph of "Liberty".

In reality, these revolutions were coup d'etats effected through the machinations of the Illuminati. And, the first priority of the Illuminati, following the revolutions, as propounded by its prominent members, like the Marquis de Condorcet in France, Johann Fichte in Germany, and Thomas Jefferson in America, was the establishment of compulsory education. The first to articulate the need to interpret history as the progress of "Liberty" was Georg Hegel, German professor and member of the Illuminati.[4] Based on Kabbalah, Hegel proposed that history was the unfolding of an idea, as God coming to know himself. To Hegel, it is man who becomes God, as Western civilization overcomes superstition, by progressively advancing towards the implementation of "Liberty."



However, it was not until World War I that Hegel's mythology of Western civilization was fully established, when America, to justify its entry into the War, presented itself and the Allied Powers as, not disparate nation-states, but members of a single "Western" civilization. Known as General Education, or the Western Civ. Course, the Hegelian interpretation of history was imposed on the American university system, through the influence of two Illuminati front organizations, boards of trustees, the General Board of Education (GEB) chartered by the John D. Rockefeller, and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (CFAT).

As revealed by William H. McIlhany, in The Tax-Exempt Foundations, from mintues of their meetings, these foundations asked themselves the following: "is there any means known to man more effective than war, assuming you wish to alter the life of an entire people?" They could not find one, and so helped to precipitate WWI. Following the Great War, however, recognizing the need to maintain the control ofthe "diplomatic machinery" of the United States they had achieved, the foundations knew "they must control education". Together, as William McIlhany described,

Samuel Huntington

the Rockefeller and Carnegie foundations "decided the key to it is the teaching of American history and they must change that. So they then approached the most prominent of what we might call American historians at that time with the idea of getting them to alter the manner in which they presented the subject."[5]

Through their influence, the entire American educational system was coordinated to serve a centralized commandControl of this system would be two pronged, dividing study into pure and social sciences. The pure or applied sciences were to serve the emerging Military-Industrial-Complex, while the social sciences, like psychology, sociology, and anthropology, were designed to study the behaviour of human beings, towards achieving means of controlling or modifying that behaviour. Lastly, the remaining fields, like history of political science, were to inculcate a proper "interpretation" of history.

Because, according to their directives, "history, properly studied or taught, is constantly reminding the individual of the larger life of the community... This common life and the ideals which guide it have been built up through the sacrifice of individuals in the past, and it is only by such sacrifices in the present that this generation can do its part in the continuing life of the local community, the State, and the Nation." In Universities and the Capitalist State, Clyde Barrow commented that:

The first recommendations to educators, during WWI, were careful to warn them that using outright lies or false information was a "mistaken view of patriotic duty", that was likely to be counterproductive in the long run. These recommendations went on to provide detailed suggestions on what to teach, and how to teach history "properly". They urged teachers to stress the difference between Germany on the one hand, and France, Britain, and the United Sates on the other, as a conflict originating in the struggle between despotism and democracy. This was a continuation of the same revolutionary struggle for Liberty, which America had initiated in the American Revolution. If it had been America's destiny to perfect democracy, it was now America's responsibility to defend democracy wherever it was threatened and bring it to the rest of the world.

Francis Fukuyama

This myth of America's role in the preservation of "democracy" and its struggle against "despotism", is again being resorted to, towards the build up to World War III, or the so-called War on Terror. Ultimately, according to Francis Fukuyama, in deliberate reference to Hegel, we are at the "End of History". That is, we have achieved the pinnacle of human intellectual progress. We cannot advance further, and Western style "liberal democracy" is the final product. However, one bastion of medievalism is preventing our final step forward: "militant" Islam. Therefore, according to Samuel Huntington, as first published in Foreign Affairs of the Council on Foreign Relations, a front group of the secretive and elusive Illuminati, the West is headed for an inevitable confrontation with Islam, or a Clash of Civilizations.

SEE SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES (ATHEISM)

Shalom, and Welcome!

Mission To The Twelve Tribes is a blog which was created by the Qodesh Nation for the purpose of awakening the true children of Israel. We believe that the true children of Israel today, in the Americas, are primarily the so-called "black" people whose ancestors were brought here via the trans-Atlantic slave trade, and have subsequently suffered the biblical curses of Deuteronomy chapter 28 throughout their generations.

We understand that this belief is the source of much controversy and debate among people today, and that is why we created this blog. There are many questions that people have about our beliefs which we address in this blog. We encourage you, the reader, to judge nothing before it is time, and to prove all things and hold fast that which is good.

(The following underlined titles are hyper-linked. Click for immediate access to the corresponding blog posts)

When reading a blog of this nature, it is common for people to ask, "What Difference Does It Make?", or "Isn't Being In The Messiah All That Matters?", or even, "Isn't This A Racist Teaching?"

Also, if the so-called "blacks" are the children of Israel, then, "What About The 'Jews'?" If the "Jews" are not the true children of Israel, then, "What Do The Rabbis Have To Say About Your Claims?"

If one is familiar with the "white" European claims to Israelite heritage (Brit/Am, British Israelism, etc.), one may ask, "Are The Celto-Saxon People The True Israelites?".

Furthermore, because you will never see the children of Israel in the world census, "Where Is It Written That The Children Of Israel Would Lose Their Identity?"

The scriptures hold many clues which can lead us to the answers to these and many other questions. Did you know that the scriptures say concerning the children of Judah/Yahudah, "Our Skin Was Black Like An Oven"? Did you also know that the scriptures foretell that the true children of Israel would encounter "Captivity, Oppression, Affliction, Scattering, and Enmity"? And, that the children of Israel were referred to in the scriptures as the "Children Of The Captivity"? This is why we put such an emphasis on SLAVERY

Is all of this confusing, or overwhelming to you? Perhaps you should start with the basics and consider these five questions.

We hope that you appreciate the challenge that this blog will present to your current thinking. Although we stand firm in what we believe, please know that we do not promote any doctrines of "racial" supremacy, but we do promote the truth according to the scriptures.

We believe that in every nation, those who fear the Most High and work righteousness are accepted with him. All nationalities of people are welcome to come into covenant with the Most High and to become a citizen of our nation.

Your Servant In The Messiah,

Brother Hiram

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Our goal with this blog is to answer as many sincere questions as we can about the true children of Israel today, and to provide a forum of discussion that is both edifying and educational. Please read our RULES OF ENGAGEMENT before commenting on our blog. Also, please feel free to share any questions which you believe would be helpful for us to address in our future posts.

The 12 Tribes of Ishmael

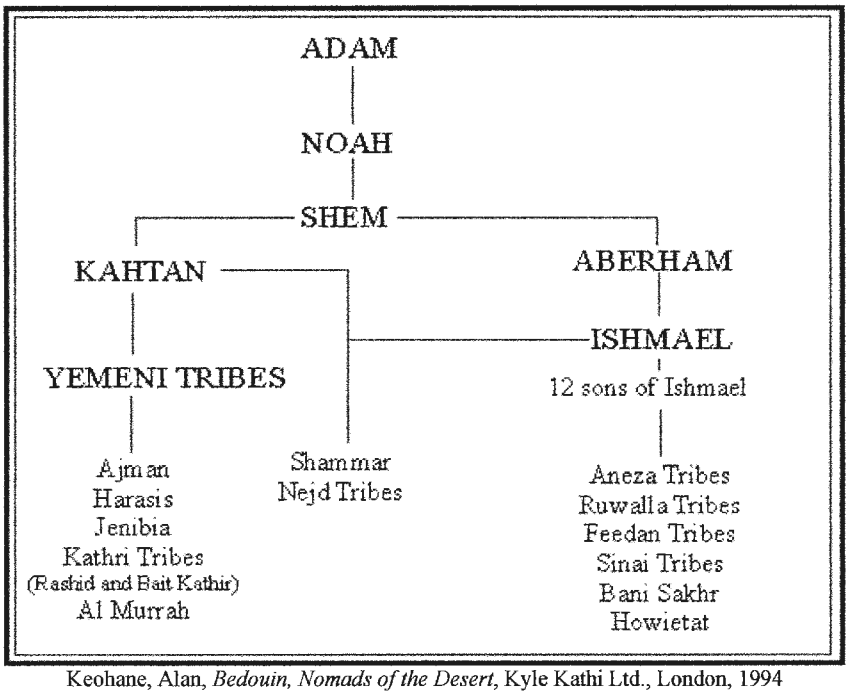
Most of us are familiar with the ancient story of Abraham and his desire to have a son. In the Biblical account of his story, Abraham first has a son through his 'handmaiden' Hagar. This son is named Ishmael and is Abraham's first born son. When Abraham's second son is born, this son named Isaac, is declared the 'son of promise.' The Jews today claim decent from Abraham through this second son, Isaac. Few people today, however, know what happened to the descendants of Ishmael. It is often assumed that they simply became the Arabs of the Middle East, but to most of us, our knowledge of them stops there. The Bible gives us the following record:

"*But as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: behold I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.*" Genesis 17:20

"*Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore unto Abraham: And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth, and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, and Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedmah. These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns and by their encampments; twelve princes according to their nations.*" Genesis 25:12-16

In 1932 my father, David J. Gibson set out to map the chronologies of the Bible, and in doing so he came across the puzzle of what happened to the sons of Ishmael. In order to complete his chronology mapping he began a life-long search for answers to this question. Ten years after his death, I took up the challenge and flew to the Middle East to continue the search. That search has now lasted over twenty years and has led me to many of the remote parts of Arabia. I have lived in the Empty Quarter of Arabia, climbed the mountains of Yemen, lived among the Howietat of southern Jordan, and crossed the burning deserts of Saudi. I have also spoken to many of the great archaeologists who work in the Middle East, and have examined countless books and thesis in pursuing answers to this question. Below is a brief summary of what my father started and what I have continued.

The Muslim understanding of how the Bedouin tribes originated is outlined in the chart below. (Some Bible scholars identify the Muslim Kahtan as the Biblical Joktan. See The Founding of the Nations Chart.)



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The Biblical record of Ishmael gives us the names of the 12 sons, but no clue as to how they might be connected to the modern Bedouin Tribes. This list is given to us in Genesis 25 and is later repeated in I Chronicles 1:29-33.

"*And these are their generations: the first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth, then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.*"

These sons eventually took wives, had children, and through these children, tribes were formed. These tribes made up the nations that dwelt from Havilah to Shur, and from Egypt to Assyria. The descendants of Ishmael, however, were not the sole tribes in the Arabian Desert. Other tribes emerged from other sources. Some of these became the people of South Arabia and others also wandered and settled in Arabia. For a chronology, see The Founding of the Nations Chart.

In the menu below we will examine the twelve sons of Ishmael, and try and determine what might have happened to them.

Nabajoth	**Kedar**	**Adbeel**
Mibsam	**Mishma**	**Dumah**
Massa	**Hadad**	**Tema**
Jetur	**Naphish**	**Kedemah**

Groups which claim descent from lost tribes

Bene Israel

Main article: Bene Israel

After learning about normative Judaism in the 19th century, the Bene Israel often migrated from villages in Konkan[28] to nearby cities, which included Mumbai,[29] Pune, Ahmedabad, and Karachi, in today's Pakistan.[30] Based on Bene Israel tradition, after centuries of traveling through western Asia from Israel, their ancestors migrated to India and slowly assimilated to their surrounding community, while maintaining particular Jewish traditions.[31] David Rahabi, an Indian Jew, found the Bene Israel in the 18th century and took note of their Jewish customs.[32] Some historians note that the ancestors of the Bene Israel belonged to the one of the Lost Tribes of Israel;[33] however, Jewish authorities have not officially recognized the Bene Israel as one of the Lost Tribes.[34] According to the Jerusalem Post, in 2002, a DNA study linked the descendants of Bene Israel to the Cohanim (Tribe of Levi).[35]

Bnei Menashe

Main article: Bnei Menashe

Since the late 20th century, some tribes in the Indian North-Eastern states of Mizoram and Manipur claim they are Lost Israelites and have been studying Hebrew and Judaism.[36][37]

Beta Israel of Ethiopia

Main article: Beta Israel

The Beta Israel ("House of Israel") are Ethiopian Jews, who were also called "Falashas" in the past.[38] Some members of the Beta Israel, as well as several Jewish scholars, believe that they are descended from the lost Tribe of Dan, as opposed to the traditional story of their descent from the Queen of Sheba.[39] They have a tradition of connection to Jerusalem.[40] Early DNA studies showed they were descended from Ethiopians, but in the 21st century, new studies have shown possible connection to a few Jews of the 4th to 5th century, possibly living in Sudan.[41][42][43][44][45] The Beta Israel made contacts with other Jewish communities in the later 20th century. After Halakhic and constitutional discussions, Israeli officials decided on March 14, 1977 that the Israeli Law of Return applied to the Beta Israel.[46]

Igbo Jews

Main article: Igbo Jews

The Igbo Jews of Nigeria claim descent variously from the tribes of Ephraim, Naphtali, Menasseh, Levi, Zebulun and Gad. The theory, however, does not hold up to historical scrutiny. Historians have examined the historical literature on West Africa from the colonial era and elucidated diverse functions which such theories served for the writers who proposed them.[47][48]

Pakhtun/Pashtun of the Afghanistan & Pakistan region

Main article: Theory of Pashtun descent from Israelites

The Pashtuns are a predominantly Muslim people, native to Afghanistan and Pakistan, who adhere to a pre-Islamic indigenous religious code of honor and culture, Pashtunwali. The myth about Pashtuns being from the lost tribes of Israel has never been substantiated through concrete historical evidence. Genetics studies also

refute the myth.[49][50] Many members of the Taliban, hail from the Pashtun tribes and do not necessarily refute their 'Israelite' descent.[51][52]

The tribal name 'Yusef Zai' in Pashto has been claimed to translate as the 'sons of Joseph', as described in *Makhzan-i-Afghani,* a historical work from the 17th century by Nehamtullah, an official in the royal court of Mughal Emperor Jehangir. A similar story is told by Iranian historian Ferishta.[53]

A number of genetics studies refute the possibility of a connection, whereas others maintain a link.[54][55]

In 2010, the Guardian reported that Israel was to fund a genetic study to test the veracity of a genetic link to the lost tribes of Israel. The article stated "Historical and anecdotal evidence strongly suggests a connection, but definitive scientific proof has never been found. Some leading Israeli anthropologists believe that, of all the many groups in the world who claim a connection to the 10 lost tribes, the Pashtuns, or Pathans, have the most compelling case."[56]

Speculation regarding other ethnic groups

Scythian/Cimmerian theories

A depiction of either King Jehu, or Jehu's ambassador, kneeling at the feet of Shalmaneser III on the Black Obelisk.

Several theories claim that the Scythians and/or Cimmerians were in whole or in part the Lost Tribes of Israel. These are generally based on the belief that the Northern Kingdom of Israel, which had been deported by the Assyrians, became known in history as the Scythians and/or Cimmerians. Various points of view exist as to their modern descendants.

The Behistun Inscription is often cited as a link between the deported Israelites, the Cimmerians and the Scythians (Saka).

The 19th-century British scholar George Rawlinson wrote:

We have reasonable grounds for regarding the Gimirri, or Cimmerians, who first appeared on the confines of Assyria and Media in the seventh century B.C., and the Sacae of the Behistun Rock, nearly two centuries later, as identical with the Beth-Khumree of Samaria, or the Ten Tribes of the House of Israel.[57]

Adherents point out that the Behistun Inscription connects the people known in Old Persian and Elamite as Saka, Sacae or Scythian with the people known in Babylonian as Gimirri or Cimmerian.

It should be made clear from the start that the terms 'Cimmerian' and 'Scythian' were interchangeable: in Akkadian the name Iskuzai (Asguzai) occurs only exceptionally. Gimirrai (Gamir) was the normal designation for 'Cimmerians' as well as 'Scythians' in Akkadian.[58]

E. Raymond Capt, a British Israelite, claimed similarities between King Jehu's pointed headdress and that of the captive Saka king seen to the far right on the Behistun Inscription.[59] He also posited that the Assyrian word for the House of Israel, *Khumri,* which was named after Israel's King Omri of the 8th century BC, is connected phonetically to *Gimirri* (Cimmerian).[59]

Critics of the Israel/Scythian theory argue that the customs of the Scythians and Cimmerians differ from those of the Ancient Israelites.[60][61] In addition, the greater body of research on the history of ancient populations does not provide support for the purported links between these ancient populations.[62]

Native Americans

In 1650, a British divine named Thomas Thorowgood, who was a preacher in Norfolk, published a book entitled *Jewes in America or Probabilities that the Americans are of that Race*,[63] which he had prepared for the New England missionary society. Tudor Parfitt writes:

The society was active in trying to convert the Indians but suspected that they might be Jews and realized they better be prepared for an arduous task. Thorowgood's tract argued that the native population of North America were descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes.[64]

In 1652 Sir Hamon L'Estrange, an English author writing on topics such as history and theology published an exegetical tract called *Americans no Jews, or improbabilities that the Americans are of that Race* in response to the tract by Thorowgood. In response to L'Estrange, Thorowgood published a second edition of his book in 1660 with a revised title and included a foreword written by John Eliot, a Puritan missionary to the Indians who had translated the Bible into an Indian language.[65]

Japanese

Main article: Japanese-Jewish Common Ancestor Theory

Some writers have speculated that the Japanese people may be direct descendants of part of the Ten Lost Tribes. Tudor Parfitt writes that "the spread of the fantasy of Israelite origin... forms a consistent feature of the Western colonial enterprise":

It is in fact in Japan that we can trace the most remarkable evolution in the Pacific of an imagined Judaic past. As elsewhere in the world, the theory that aspects of the country were to be explained via an Israelite model was introduced by Western agents.[66]

In 1878, Scottish immigrant to Japan Nicholas McLeod published *Epitome of the Ancient History of Japan*.[67] McLeod drew correlations between his observations of Japan and the fulfillment of biblical prophecy:

The civilized race of the Aa. Inus, the Tokugawa and the Machi No Hito of the large towns, by dwelling in the tent or tabernacle shaped houses first erected by Jin Mu Tenno, have fulfilled Noah's prophecy regarding Japhet, "He shall dwell in the tents of Shem."(McLeod, 1878. p. 7)

Several other authors have followed McLeod in speculating about parallels between Japanese and Israelite rituals, culture and language in an attempt to support the hypothesis.[68] Arimasa Kubo, an ordained Christian minister, has translated McLeod's book into Japanese, and has published a number of works on the topic.[69] In his article, "Mystery of the Ten Lost Tribes: Japan," he asserts that many traditional customs and ceremonies in Japan are very similar to those of ancient Israel.[70] He postulates that perhaps these rituals came from the Jews through members of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, who might have come to ancient Japan.

Jon Entine emphasizes that DNA evidence shows there are no genetic links between Japanese and Israelite peoples.[71]

Lemba

Main article: Lemba people

The Lemba people (Vhalemba) from Southern Africa claim to be descendants of several Jewish men who traveled from what is now Yemen to Africa in search of gold, where they took wives and established new communities.[72][73][74] Recent research published in the South African Medical Journal studied Y-chromosomes variations in two groups of Lemba, one South African and the other Zimbabwean (the Remba). It concluded that "While it was not possible to trace unequivocally the origins of the non-African Y chromosomes in the Lemba and Remba, this study does not support the earlier claims of their Jewish genetic

heritage." The researcher suggested "a stronger link with Middle Eastern populations, probably the result of trade activity in the Indian Ocean."[75] They have specific religious practices similar to those in Judaism and a tradition of being a migrant people, with clues pointing to an origin in West Asia or North Africa. According to the oral history of the Lemba, their ancestors were Jews who came from a place called Sena several hundred years ago and settled in East Africa. Sena is an abandoned ancient town in Yemen, located in the eastern Hadramaut valley, which history indicates Jews inhabited in past centuries. Some research suggests that "Sena" may refer to Wadi Masilah (near Sayhut) in Yemen, often called Sena, or alternatively to the city of Sana'a, also located in Yemen.[76][77]

Tribe of Shabazz

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Part of a series on:
Nation of Islam

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Mosque Maryam, Chicago, Illinois, United States

Leaders

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According to the Nation of Islam the **Tribe of Shabazz** was an ancient Black nation that migrated into central Africa, led by a scientist named Shabazz. The concept is found primarily in the writings of Wallace Fard Muhammad and Elijah Muhammad. According to the *Autobiography of Malcolm X*, all the races except the white race were by-products of the Tribe of Shabazz.

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Story[edit]

According to the Nation of Islam, the Tribe of Shabazz was the only survivor of thirteen tribes that lived on earth 66 trillion years ago. After a rogue scientist blew up the planet, splitting off the moon, the other tribes perished. The Tribe of Shabazz relocated to the rich Nile valley of Egypt and the present seat of the Holy City, Mecca, Arabia.[1]

It was a technologically advanced society, but one faction was led by Shabazz himself into previously unoccupied areas of central Africa because he wanted them to be hardened. There they evolved Negroid features. Malcolm X in a 1962 speech stated that,

> He wanted the people to undergo a form of life that would make them

> tough and hard, and the other scientists wouldn't agree with him. So this scientist named Shabazz took his family and wandered down into the jungles of Africa. Prior to that time no one lived in the jungles. Our people were soft; they were black but they were soft and delicate, fine. They had straight hair. Right here on this Earth you find some of them look like that today. They are black as night, but their hair is like silk, and originally all our people had that kind of hair. But this scientist took his family down into the jungles of Africa, and living in the open, living a jungle life, eating all kinds of food had an effect on the appearance of our people. Actually living in the rough climate, our hair became stiff, like it is now.[2]

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A scientist named Yakub was a member of the Meccan branch of the tribe and, according to Fard, was the creator of the white race. The Tribe of Shabazz is said to have reached its peak in the year 4084 BC.

Name[edit]

Further information: Shabazz (name)

The name may be related to the Arabic words شعب *sha'b* 'a people', and عز *'azz* 'to be mighty or glorious'.

There is a similar Persian name , Shahbāz (شهباز) meaning 'royal falcon' or 'eagle' (a contraction of *shāh*, "king" and *bāz* "hawk, falcon") popular among Bosnian, Turkish, Indian, and Pakistani Muslims. The name's etymology, however, is Indo-European. *Shāh* is from Old Persian *xšāyaθiya* "king", itself derived from Proto-Indo-Iranian **ksayati* "he controls", ultimately from Proto-Indo-European *tkeh1-* "to rule, to control land" (c.f. Greek κταομαι *ktaómai* "to procure, to annex", Sanskrit क्षत्र *kṣatra* "dominion"). *Bāz* in turn derives from Middle Persian *vāǰ*.

Malcolm X used the surname Shabazz from 1949 because he believed himself to be a descendant of the tribe.[1] Members of his family have also used the name, which has also been adopted by other persons.

According to Karl Evanzz, author of the books *The Judas Factor: The Plot to Kill Malcolm X* (1992) and *The Messenger: The Rise and Fall of Elijah Muhammad* (1999), Wallace Fard introduced the name Shabazz into Nation of Islam dogma as he was born in Afghanistan in the town of Shinkay in

Zabul Province, according to information contained on his World War I draft card. "Fard" is a common name in this region. Qalat is the capital of Zabul Province. Shahbaz and Fard christened Elijah Muhammad's brother "Kallat Muhammad" when he became a minister in the NOI. Qalandar, a temple named after the Sufi saint Hazrat Lal Shahbaz Qalandar, is located near Fard's birthplace.[3]

The Shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar, the place where he is buried, is a mosque in Sehwan, Pakistan. Shahbazz is a common name in Pakistan. In *The Messenger*, Evanzz had originally speculated that Fard was the son of Zared Fard, a Maori whose family had lived in Pakistan. Fard's mother, according to Evanzz, was a Caucasian, the New Zealander Beatrice Dodd.[4]

THE DIVINE ORIGIN OF THE ASIATIC NATIONS

1. The fallen sons and daughters of the Asiatic Nation of North America need to learn to love instead of hate; and to know their higher self and lower self. This is the uniting of the Holy Koran of Mecca, for teaching and instructing all Moorish Americans, etc.

2. The key of civilization was and is in the hands of the Asiatic nations. The Moorish, who were ancient Moabites, and the founders of the Holy City of Mecca.

3. The Egyptians who were the Hamitites, and of a direct descendant of Mizraim, the Arabians, the seed of Hagar, Japanese and Chinese.

4. The Hindoos of India, the descendants of the ancient Canaanites, Hittites, and Moabites of the land of Canaan.

5. The Asiatic nations of North, South, and Central America: the Moorish Americans and Mexicans of North America, Brazilians, Argentinians and Chilians in South America.

6. Columbians, Nicaraguans, and the natives of San Salvador in Central America, etc. All of these are Moslems.

7. The Turks are the true descendants of Hagar, who are the chief protectors of the Islamic Creed of Mecca; beginning from Mohammed the First, the founding of the uniting of Islam, by the command of the great universal God–Allah.

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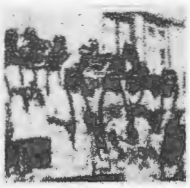

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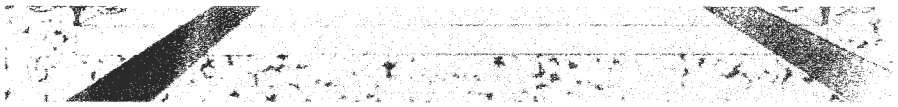

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IF I INCLUDE "PROS", I MUST INCLUDE "CONS"... AND BOY ARE "**THEY**" CONS. HERE IS A SMALL COMPILATION OF EURO PAGANS ATTACKING "ORIGINAL TRIBES", BY PRETENDING TO BE "ORIGINAL TRIBES". OF COURSE THEY'RE USING OUR "MIXED" CHILDREN AND A FEW THOUSAND SELLOUTS (ARABS/INDIANS SPANIARDS/HISPANICS, ASIANS, etc..) TO GET IN. "SAME OL' SAME".

Surprise: Ashkenazi Jews Are Genetically European

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Surprise: Ashkenazi Jews Are Genetically European
An Orthodox Jewish man with the traditional peyos, or long sidelocks.
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The origin of the Ashkenazi Jews, who come most recently from Europe, has largely been shrouded in mystery. But a new study suggests that at least their maternal lineage may derive largely from Europe.

Though the finding may seem intuitive, it contradicts the notion that European Jews mostly descend from people who left Israel and the Middle East around 2,000 years ago. Instead, a substantial proportion of the population originates from local Europeans who converted to Judaism, said study co-author Martin Richards, an archaeogeneticist at the University of Huddersfield in England.

Tangled legacy

Little is known about the history of Ashkenazi Jews before they were expelled from the Mediterranean and settled in what is now Poland around the 12th century. On average, all Ashkenazi Jews are genetically as closely related to each other as fourth or fifth cousins, said Dr. Harry Ostrer, a pathology, pediatrics and genetics professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and the author of "Legacy: A Genetic History of the Jewish People" (Oxford University Press, 2012).

But depending on whether the lineage gets traced through maternal or paternal DNA or through the rest of the genome, researchers got very different answers for whether Ashkenazi originally came from Europe or the Near East.

Past research found that 50 percent to 80 percent of DNA from the Ashkenazi Y chromosome, which is used to trace the male lineage, originated in the Near East, Richards said. That supported a story wherein Jews came from Israel and largely eschewed intermarriage when they settled in Europe. [The Holy Land: 7 Amazing Archaeological Finds]

But historical documents tell a slightly different tale. Based on accounts such as those of Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, by the time of the destruction of the Second Temple in A.D. 70, as many as 6 million Jews were living in the Roman Empire, but outside Israel, mainly in Italy and Southern Europe. In contrast, only about 500,000 lived in Judea, said Ostrer, who was not involved in the new study.

"The major Jewish communities were outside Judea," Ostrer told LiveScience.

Maternal DNA

Richards and his colleagues analyzed mitochondrial DNA, which is contained in the cytoplasm of the egg and passed down only from the mother, from more than 3,500 people throughout the Near East, the Caucusus and Europe, including Ashkenazi Jews.

The team found that four founders were responsible for 40 percent of Ashkenazi mitochondrial DNA, and that all of these founders originated in Europe. The majority of the remaining people could be traced to other European lineages.

All told, more than 80 percent of the maternal lineages of Ashkenazi Jews could be traced to Europe, with only a few lineages originating in the Near East.

Virtually none came from the North Caucasus, located along the border between Europe and Asia between the Black and Caspian seas.

The finding should thoroughly debunk one of the most questionable, but still tenacious, hypotheses: that most Ashkenazi Jews can trace their roots to the mysterious Khazar Kingdom that flourished during the ninth century in the region between the Byzantine Empire and the Persian Empire, Richards and Ostrer said.

The genetics suggest many of the founding Ashkenazi women were actually converts from local European populations.

"The simplest explanation was that it was mainly women who converted and they married with men who'd come from the Near East," Richards told LiveScience.

Another possibility is that Jews actively converted both men and women among local populations at this time, although researchers would need more detailed study of paternal lineages to test that hypothesis, Richards said.

Ashkenaz and Sfard ar modern divisions based on where those groups lived during the time of the galus. They have nothing to do with the original division into the twelve tribe. Consider that after the revolt against rechav'am (son of Shlomo Hamelech) many members of the twelve tribes resettled in Yehudah because they maintained loyalty to Hashem. After the dispersion of the ten tribes, more of them fled to Yehudah. After the destruction of the two temples moany lost the identity of their original tribes.

The term Sephardi means "Spanish" and results from the expulsion from Spain in 1492. That is why others (such as the Yemenite Jews) are called Eidot Hamizrach (the Eastern Communities).

Ashkenaz means Germany and after the expulsions they basically settled in Eastern Europe.

Other communities became mixed with these two main groups.Since the Shulchan Aruch and the Ramah's gloss became the main halachic standard, they are the two groups that are most known.

British Israelism

Main article: British Israelism

British Israelism (also known as 'Anglo-Israelism') espouses a theory that people of Western European descent, especially Britain and the United States, are descended from the lost tribes of Israel.

Tudor Parfitt, author of *The Lost Tribes: The History of a Myth*, states that the proof cited by adherents of British Israelism is "of a feeble composition even by the low standards of the genre." (Parfitt, 2003. p. 61.)[77]

Other critics cite similar problems:

When reading Anglo-Israelite literature, one notices that it generally depends on folklore, legends, quasi-historical genealogies and dubious etymologies. None of these sources prove an Israelite origin for the peoples of northwestern Europe. Rarely, if ever, are the disciplines of archeology, sociology, anthropology, linguistics or historiography applied to Anglo-Israelism. Anglo-Israelism operates outside the sciences. Even the principles of sound biblical exegesis are seldom used, for...whole passages of Scripture that undermine the entire system are generally ignored...Why this unscientific approach? This approach must be taken because to do otherwise is to destroy Anglo-Israelism's foundation. (Orr, 1995)[78]

Adherents argue that the deported Israelites became Scythians/Cimmerians who are ancestors of the Celts/Anglo-Saxons of Western Europe.[79] The theory arose in England, whence it spread to the United States.[80] During the 20th century, British Israelism was promoted by Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of the Worldwide Church of God.[81] Armstrong argued that this theory provided a 'key' to understanding biblical prophecy; he felt called to proclaim these prophecies to the 'lost tribes' of Israel before the coming of the 'end-times'.[82] The Worldwide Church of God no longer teaches the theory,[83] but some offshoot churches such as the Philadelphia Church of God, the United Church of God, and the Living Church of God continue to teach it. One notable adherent to British Israelism was Alberta premier "Bible Bill" Aberhart.

Brit-Am

Brit-Am, sometimes confused with British Israelism, is an organization centered in Jerusalem, and composed of Jews and non-Jews. Brit-Am, like British Israel, identifies the Lost Ten Tribes with peoples of West European descent, but does so from a Jewish perspective, quoting both biblical and Rabbinical sources. It uses Rabbinical Commentary supplemented by secular theories that posit the Lost Tribes/Scythian/Cimmerian connection, which are believed to have been ancestors of current Western European cultures and nations.[84] An example of Brit-Am scholarship may be seen from its treatment of Obadiah 1:20[85] in Hebrew Obadiah mentions "Galut HaHail HaZeh" i.e. "this First Exile" being in "Tsarafath", where the original Hebrew was understood by Rabbinical commentators such as Rashi and Don Isaac Abrabanel as referring to the Lost Ten Tribes in France and England.[86] Brit-Am also believes that "Other Israelite Tribes gave rise to elements within Finland, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Wales, France, Holland, and Belgium" and that "The Tribe of Dan is to be found amongst part of the Danish, Irish, and Welsh." Brit-Am also believes that the Khazars were descended from the Ten Tribes and quotes Jewish and non-Jewish sources that were contemporaneous with them.[87]

European Jews are not "Semites", by Rehmat

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Dr Eran Elhaik, controversial Israeli geneticist, says that most Jews are not "Semitic".

The result of a new genetic study published in the British journal Genome Biology and Evolution claims that European Jews (Ashkenazim) don't belong to the 12 (Semitic) tribes of Israel. They're a mix of genetic ancestries. Far more than previously thought, they appear to originate in tribes from the Caucasus region that sits between Eastern Europe and Asia Minor—the land between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea.

Ashkenazi ancestry comes from Slav, Bulgar, Iranian and Turkic tribes which established the Khazar empire in that region – which at its peak stretched from Kiev in the West to the Aral Sea in the Southeast.

Khazaria, country of the Khazars, where the ancestors of the Ashkenazi Jews came from

The study we are referring to is called "The Missing Link of Jewish European Ancestry: Contrasting the Rhineland and the Khazarian Hypotheses." This was authored by Dr Eran Elhaik, a geneticist at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland.

Elhaik compared the genomes of 1,287 unrelated individuals who hail from eight Jewish and 74 non-Jewish populations. Among the European Jews, Elhaik found ancestral signatures that pointed clearly to the Caucasus. And also, but to a much smaller degree, to the Middle East, where the Israelite or Hebrew tribes had originated.

It is a significant but generally little known fact that over 90% of the world's 12.7 million Jewish population is Ashkenazi.

The so-called "Rhineland hypothesis" is based on the Zionist misconception—or lie, if you prefer—that Jews migrated to Europe when Arab Muslims captured the city of Jerusalem in 638 CE.

This false concept has been debunked by British academic, Dr Karen Armstrong, renowned author, historian and a religious authority on Judeo-Christianity who was once a Roman Catholic nun.

In an article published by the Jewish-owned Time Magazine (April 16, 2001), this is what Dr Karen Armstrong says:

When Caliph Umar, one of Muhammad's successors, conquered the Jerusalem of the Christian Byzantines in 638, he insisted that the three faiths of Abraham coexist. He refused to pray in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher when he was escorted around the city by the Greek Orthodox Patriarch. Had he done so, he explained, the Muslims would have wanted to build a mosque there to commemorate the first Islamic prayer in Jerusalem.

The Jews found their new Muslim rulers far more congenial than the Byzantines. The Christians had never allowed the Jews to reside permanently in the city, whereas Umar invited 70 Jewish families back. The Byzantines had left the Jewish Temple in ruins and had even begun to use the Temple Mount as a garbage dump. Umar, according to a variety of accounts, was horrified to see this desecration. He helped clear it with his own hands, reconsecrated the platform and built a simple wooden mosque on the southern end, site of al-Aqsa Mosque today.

Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock, built by Caliph Abd al-Malik in 691, was the first great building to be constructed in the Islamic world. It symbolizes the ascent that all Muslims must make to God, whose perfection and eternity are represented by the circle of the great golden dome. Other Islamic shrines on the Temple Mount, which Muslims call al-Haram al-Sharif, the Most Noble Sanctuary, were devoted to David, Solomon and Jesus.

When the Muslim-Arab army invaded Christian Spain in 711 CE, the local Jewish community which was treated as serfs (or slaves) welcomed Muslims as their liberators. American journalist and author, Rose Wilder Lane, wrote that within fifty years of Muslim rule, the former Jewish slaves became part of the middle and upper classes. Some of them even joined the royal court and rose to become commanders in the army.

According to Rose Lane: "When Granada fell, the Saracen (Muslim) troops retreated to Africa, and on their heels came Isabella's and Ferdinand's troops, driving out hundreds of thousands of Jews. There would be no more religious freedom in Spain."

According to some Arab and European historians, between 3-5 million Muslims were slaughtered by the Crusaders between 1492 and 1550.

The conversion of the Khazars to the Jewish religion began in the 8th century. It was led by the empire's wealthy merchants. Some Jews from Mesopotamia and the dying Christian Byzantium empire also emigrated to the Khazar region.

"We conclude," Dr Elhaik states, "that the genome of European Jews is a tapestry of ancient populations including Judaised Khazars, Greco-Roman Jews, Mesopotamian Jews and Judeans. Their population structure was formed in the Caucasus and the banks of the Volga, with roots stretching to Canaan and the banks of the Jordan."

In other words, 90 percent of the world's Jewish population, comprising Ashkenazi Jews, did not originate in the Holy Land. Their ancestors did not come from Palestine. As such, they can have no possible Biblical claim to the Palestinian territories.

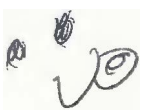
The state of Israel is built on stolen Arab land.

FUNNY GOD NEVER MENTIONED THIS AND 'IF' IT'S TRUE THEN ALL THE REST BEFORE IT (THE BIBLE) IS 2 NON BELIEVING ATHEISM

"THE CONCLUSION OF THE HUNT FOR THE LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL!"

PART TWO SATAN

Is there other EXCITING corroborating forensic evidence that proves that Baal was worshipped by both lost Israel and the Celts? Yes, historians know that Baal, was extensively worshipped by the Celts in Britain, Ireland and all of Europe!



The Irish, and all of Europe have for centuries wondered why large mysterious monoliths and megaliths dotted their hillsides. Forty thousand of them, to be exact. Historians are baffled as to their purpose. Yet, if we examine the ancient upright **stones** found in Israel, and compare them to those found all over Europe, we find they are identical! **Co-incidence??? I think not.** The lost Israelites carried this custom with them when they migrated into Europe.

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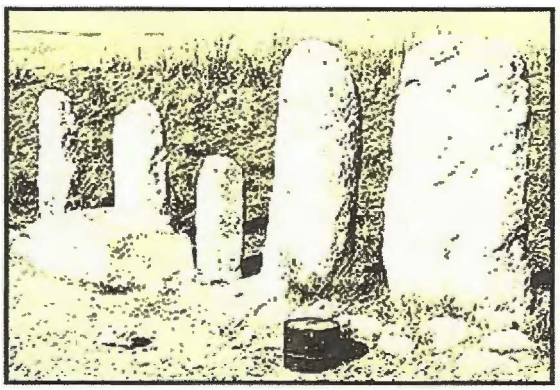

Megaliths to Baal in Israel

40,000 megaliths in Europe

These **Baal** worshipping Israelites carried their upright **stones** with them from Israel to Europe. Those that oppose the Celts being Israelites say that "Israel worshipped God" and "the Celts worshipped **Baal**," ***when in fact, they both worshipped Baal.*** The pictures don't lie. And we've already read the biblical proof of **Baal worship** by the Ten Tribes, so, let's get down to business and examine the historical proof that the Celts also worshipped **Baal**...the same false sun-god that Israel was cast out for!

In an article called Boaldyn by J.M. Jeffcot, he tells us that "the sun was anciently worshipped by the Celts, under the name **Baal**." As already pointed out, the word **Baal** or Baalim is used 80 times in the Bible to describe the sun god that Israel constantly lusted after. They abandoned the true God for this pagan sun god...and they still follow the **worship** of **Baal** to this day, which involved evergreen trees and **worship** of stone images. (Look in any Catholic church!)

Where in the Bible does it ever say to bring an evergreen tree into your house around the time of the winter solstice??? Nowhere, my friends. It was part of **Baal worship**...and the Lost Tribes of Israel retain it faithfully to this day. Some will ignorantly claim that sun worshippers most likely didn't **worship** on Sunday at all, but the Bible clearly teaches that **Baal** worshippers forsook the commands of the Lord, and the fourth COMMAND was to observe the Saturday Sabbath. If they abandoned the command to keep the Sabbath, then "SUN-day" was obviously the day of the week that the sun worshippers observed, *else why would it be called **Sun**-day!*

THEY LOST THE IDENTIFYING SIGN

This very point of the rejection of the Sabbath and the adoption of Sunday explains why the ten tribes lost their identity in the first place and the Jews did not. **The Saturday Sabbath was the identifying sign of the Israelite and his relationship with the true God.** Ezekiel 20:12 says, "Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, *to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctifies them."*

The Jews recognize the Sabbath and they know who they are. They know that they are Israelites...but the ten tribes abandoned the Sabbath and lost their identifying sign and their identity! Even though these wayward Israelites abandoned the

Sabbath for Sunday, and sun **worship**, they did retain one thing, they still continued to observe some of their pagan holidays from sundown to sundown which came from the Israelitish teaching that says..."**from even unto even shall you celebrate your Sabbath.**"

Christmas "EVE" is based on this concept. Hallow-een is based on this concept. "Holy Saturday" service, observed by all Catholics is held the eve before Easter! These all demonstrate the concept of starting a Holiday on the evening before and are a carryover from their Israelitish heritage.

This is a major clue since historically the Celts were known to keep their days from sundown to sundown. (As every Israelite was commanded to do!) Even if they wanted to, these wayward Israelites could not fully abandon every link to their former true religion, could they? The article called Beltane: Celebration of May Day, says, **"the Celts always figured their days from sundown to sundown."** Read from Man, Myth and Magic, Vol. 1, p. 67 "**The Celtic day started at sunset, and ran to the following sunset,**" even the Celtic term "holiday" is derived from the Israelitish term Holy-Day! Only the nation of Israel had been commanded by God to keep their days from sundown to sundown. How did the Celts come to adopt this??? It was no accident. It was tradition.

Baal worshipping Israelites and **Baal** worshipping Celts both used the exact same religious symbols. Examine the stone below. It has a cross with a circle around it. This was found on an alter to **Baal** in Hatzor, northern Israel, then compare it to **the Celtic SUN CROSS right next to it! The Celtic religious symbol was a cross with a circle around it. The cross represents the intersection of the solstices and equinoxes and the circle represents sun worship.**

Were there other connections between these lost Israelites and the Celts? Yes. If Israel was divided into "tribes," so were the Celts. An archaeological article about the Celts called Iron Warlords says, "The Celtic tribes...did have control of Europe for many hundreds of years. **The Celts usually split up into tribes."**

The Encyclopedia Britannica states that Celtic language was derived from the Hebrew language! (11th edition, vol. 5) Hebrew and early Celtic language were almost identical. So much so that the article called "CELT" in the encyclopedia says,

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If Celtic language was **"regarded as descended from Hebrew," CAN YOU SEE WHAT THAT MEANS???** The Celts are the peoples who inhabited all of Europe, England and by transplantation, America! This means that much of Europe and America are Israelites.

LANGUAGE CONNECTIONS

1. Even the early form of the English language called "Welsh" was almost identical to Hebrew. Eliezer Williams (b.1754) an expert on the Celts made the following comments,

Yair Davidy quotes that "In 1675 Charles Edwards published A number of Welsh Hebraisms in which he shows that whole phrases in Welsh can be closely paralleled by whole phrases in Hebrew." The words are spelled slightly differently, but the sounds of the words are almost identical! Co-incidence??? I think not.

2. In fact, the dictionary called "The Word" has over 20,000 English words that are derived from the Hebrew. The following are examples I've run across myself. An easy sample is the Hebrew word for man. It is 'iysh, pronounced "ish." The English language uses this suffix all the time! Span-ish, Irish, English, Swedish, Danish, Polish, Scottish, Finnish and even Yiddish. Even the French, Welch and Dutch all have the ish sound at the end. Since all of these nations have the Hebrew "ish" at the end, these nations may well be the European descendants of the tribes of Israel.

3. There are other English words that actually sound nothing like Hebrew but have the exact same meaning. In Hebrew, the word qar is usually translated to mean "excellent." "Qar" in Hebrew literally means "cool." How many times have we seen something we liked and said, "That's cool." Another example is the word fool which in Hebrew literally means "fat." The English word "fatuous" means stupid or foolish. A fathead, in Hebrew or English is a fool or stupid person.

4. Certain people have linguistic idiosyncrasies. The British do not pronounce the H. In the book of Judges, 42,000 of the tribe of Ephraim died at the passages of Jordan. Why? Because their enemies made them take a test before they would let them pass. They had to say a word that contained an H. When man by man, they couldn't pronounce the H properly, they were identified as Ephraimites and killed on the spot! Judges 12:5 and 6 tell the story. It is well known all over the world that the British people are the only ones who do this. The British people are believed to be of the tribe of Ephraim, whose mascot incredibly enough, was also the bull. W. H. Bennett says in *"Our Celto-Saxon Heritage"* that Ephraim's tribal banner was a bull. This bull calf goes all the way back to the **Baal** (bull) calf of Jeroboam the Ephraimite. In fact, the Hebrew word for calf is "Aegel."

Aegel-ish means "calf man" and it eventually evolved into the familiar word Engl-ish...calf man.

There are those who find the existence of the modern day House of Israel "hard to accept" because they say there is no substantiation for it, when in truth, there is a tremendous

amount of physical corroboration. In fact, there is far more evidence for the identity of Israel than there is for the virgin birth or the resurrection!

The truth is that people don't want to give up the religion they grew up with. **Mankind rejected God early on. The choosing of Satan and his kind of worship has been around since the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve made a key decision to reject God. From that day until now, most of their children have been under the sway and rulership of Satan.** How else could Satan have offered Christ all the kingdoms of this world if He would bow down and **worship** him? **The nations belonged to Satan, they were his to give.** Adam and Eve, Israel and the whole world slid away to sun **worship** which is in reality Satan **worship**. When will this be changed? At the restoration that Jesus Christ spoke of.

When you see the full 12 tribes of Israel restored to their full identity, know that the return of Christ is not far off. Christ told his disciples that Elijah would truly come and restore all things (back to God's right way) At the coming "renewal" of all things, Jesus Christ will finally replace Satan as the ruler of this earth. Something to watch for that will tell you that the end is near is the fact that **Christ was preceded the first time by a priest of Aaron's lineage, such as John the Baptist, who was a type of Elijah.** When Christ comes back the second time, he will again be preceded by a priest of Aaron's lineage. Christ said that Elijah would come and restore all things. We know Elijah was priestly because at the confrontation he had with the prophets of **Baal**, he rebuilt the alter of God and offered the evening sacrifice which was illegal for a non-priest to do.

To restore this world to proper religion, Satan (i.e. **Baal**) **worship** must be removed entirely. And interestingly, this was the mission of the original Elijah, to break Israel from **Baal worship** and to re-establish the law, the statutes and the judgments of God. A future "Elijah" will someday restore the lost Israelites to their Hebrew roots. None of us know who this man will be. But, we do know this, this coming Elijah will have the job of bringing lost Israel back to God and he will remind them of the fact that they must repent and keep God's law if they want to reconnect up with the true God again.

The book of Malachi speaks of this Elijah when it says, "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I

commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Malachi 4:4-6

ELIJAH WILL REMIND ISRAEL OF THEIR LOST IDENTITY! THEY WILL BE RECONNECTED TO THEIR PAST, WITH THEIR FATHERS... RECONNECTED WITH THEIR TRUE ISRAELITE HERITAGE.

Who are the "fathers" spoken of here in Malachi??? The fathers of Israel are ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB! God will send Elijah before the "great and dreadful day of the Lord," He will call for lost Israel to remember the law of Moses and their Israelitish heritage and to repent of **Baal worship**. As Israelites, they will be admonished to keep all God's laws, statutes and judgments. God promised Abraham that he would be a FATHER of many nations!

Genesis 17:2-5
2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Does this mean that if you are a non-Israelite that you will be left out of God's plan? No! Not at all. God is not a racist, anyone can connect himself or herself to the true creator God and become an "adopted" Israelite by submitting to the true God and His laws. Proof in point, Caleb was one of the two spies sent by Moses to spy out the land of Palestine. He was one of the only two men in all of Israel at that time who courageously trusted God. The Bible calls him a Kenizzite, he was from one of the clans of

"Edom" (Genesis 36:11) The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia says that Caleb was an Edomite but he adopted Israel's religion. He was so faithful that he actually became a prince or leader of Judah. Those who name their sons Caleb might be shocked to know that his name means "raging with canine madness." It fit Caleb. He had extreme courage. He was one of only two men of the generation that left Egypt, that was allowed to go into the promised land.

God certainly is not racist, **there are several non-Israelites who are in the genealogy of Jesus Christ**, including Rahab the prostitute! The point here is that a foreigner in ancient Israel could become a full fledged Israelite by adopting Israel's religion and Israel's God. They were required to keep all His statutes and commandments. Would God require any less of a native born Israelite??? The promised land is a type of the coming Kingdom of God...Joshua possibly represents the Israelites who will go in and Caleb represents the non-Israelites who will go in.

Of the generation that came out of Egypt, which means "darkness," only Joshua and Caleb totally believed God and obeyed Him with their whole hearts. They represent those who believe God and keep his commandments, coming out of the spiritual darkness of FALSE RELIGION. If lost Israelites or non Israelites want to return to God, and they have been keeping Sunday, they must now repent of that and start keeping the Saturday Sabbath, which is the identifying sign of the true God. Without this new Covenant you cannot go into the spiritual promised land. Our ancestors broke the original Covenant when they did away with the law. If you want to be connected to the true God, and his promises, you must keep the law. "Here, then, said the LORD, Is the Covenant I will make... you on your part must keep the commandments I am giving you today."

Because all of Israel had gone away from God, and broken His Covenant, the book of Jeremiah says, "The time is coming... when I will make a New Covenant with the HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND THE HOUSE OF JUDAH..." They are not his people now. Ever since Jeroboam the Ephraimite caused the 10 tribes to abandon God, wayward Israelites have had no Covenant with God. Therefore, God will have to make this new Covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

"The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will

make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Jeremiah 31:31 You must repent of sin to come under the covenant with God.

The Hebrew word "berit(h)'ayin," or *Britain* means "without a Covenant." Some scholars say, aha! Britain cannot be part of lost Israel because "Britain" in Hebrew literally means "without a Covenant." But they forget that the Covenant was broken the day that Jeroboam the Ephraimite led Israel away from God to Baal.

The fact that these Israelites keep Sunday, and the pagan holidays and break the food laws actually proves that they are LOST Israel, without a Covenant, without the true God.

Jesus Christ is faithful and He will fulfill his promises to his disciples. The disciples will still each one rule a tribe of Israel at Christ's return because God will soon make a new Covenant with these lost Israelites and hopefully soon.....**they will fit the meaning of the word "B'RITH-ISH" which is Hebrew for "Covenant man!"**

As Elijah said, "How long halt ye between two opinions? "If the LORD be God, follow him: but if **Baal**, then follow him."

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The Churches of God

I HAVE A FEW CHAPTERS THAT ARE GOING TO REALLY DISSECT THE HISTORY OF RELIGION, SINCE IT IS THE MAIN REASON GOD'S CHILDREN ARE LOST AND OFF OUR PATHS. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE CHAPTERS. PLEASE PRAY AND REMEMBER, I'M SHARING WHAT I STUDIED AND CAME TO CONCLUSIONS ON, *THROUGH PRAYER*. IF YOU DISAGREE, THE WORDS CAN GO RIGHT BACK OUT OF YOUR HEAD, ONCE YOU STOP READING. I'M NOT TRYING TO BRAINWASH ANYONE.

I HAD TO STUDY AND RESEARCH RELIGION SO RIGOROUSLY, BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN TORN APART AND PATCHED BACK TOGETHER, PURPOSELY, BY PAGANS, IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR MASTERPLAN IN PLAY.

PER BIBLICAL AND SECULAR TIMELINES, GOD'S CHILDREN WERE FOLLOWING HIS WORD (OF MOUTH), BUT SOME WERE PLAYING WITH PAGAN gODS, AS WELL. ANY RELIGION, HINDUISM INCLUDED, THAT MIXED IN gODS, WITH THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, WAS AGAINST HIS WORD. THE WORD IN "THE QURAN", "THE TORAH" AND "THE BIBLE", TELLS THE STORY OF OUR ANCESTORS DOING BOTH. THE REASON I FEEL ISLAM WAS THE FIRST, WRITTEN WORD PRACTICED, IS BECAUSE THE CHILDREN WERE CONSIDERED TO BE AFRICAN MUSLIMS, IN THE B.C.'s. IT WASN'T UNTIL THE A.D.'s THAT PAGANS BEGAN CALLING THEMSELVES MOSLEMS (CHRISTIANS) AND JEWS, WHICH IS ALSO WHEN THEY BEGAN INCLUDING THEMSELVES IN THESE GROUPS. ALL ORIGINAL CHILDREN WERE **BLACK/BROWN**, IN AFRICA/M.E./ASIA/INDIA/AUSTRALIA/SOUTH AMERICA AND LOWER NORTH AMERICA. EVEN IF THEY PLAYED IN THE DARK WITH LEPEROUS PAGANS AND THEIR gODS, THEY ORIGINALLY CAME FROM THE SAME LINEAGE AS IBRAHIM/ABRAHAM AND OTHER AFRICAN MUSLIMS IN THE MOTHERLAND.

THIS IS ALL SO CONFUSING BECAUSE WE'VE DONE EXACTLY WHAT GOD/ALLAH ASKED US TO AVOID! DO NOT MIX WITH LEPEROUS, GENTILE, PAGANS, DO NOT WRITE HIS "WORD" DOWN!

HARDHEADS MAKE FOR SOFT BACKSIDES!

BIBLICAL AND SECULAR TIMELINE/MAPS FROM THE B.C.'s TO THE A.D.'s:

B.C.'s -- CHILDREN OF GOD/ALLAH, IN AFRICA/M.E./ASIA/INDIA AKA THE ORIENT, ARE ON THEIR PATHS BUT "SIN IS IN".

THESE GROUPS OF BLACK/BROWN CHILDREN ARE ALSO CALLED "TRIBES". SOME OF THE TRIBES MIX IN WITH LEPER PAGANS, AGAINST WARNINGS. THOSE WARNINGS ARE WRITTEN DOWN.

THREE MAJOR RELIGIONS COME FROM THOSE WORD/WARNINGS:

ISLAM/JUDAISM/CHRISTIANITY-(A.D.'s)

A.D.'s -- NOTHING CHANGES! IF THE CHILDREN FOLLOW "GOD/ALLAH'S WORD", THEY RECEIVE BLESSINGS, IF THEY GO AGAINST

"GOD/ALLAH'S WORD", CURSES BEFALL THEM.

BLESSINGS -- HEALTH/HAPPINESS/EXTENDED LIFE, etc..

CURSES -- WAR/SLAVERY/VIOLENCE/DISEASE/ STARVATION/DEATH, etc..

PERIOD.

THE CULTURE OF WORSHIPING PAGAN RELIGIONS/DEITIES, (B.C.'s to A.D's..always and 4ever)

BABYLON/MARDUK/ASHUR/ZOROASTRIANISM/VENUS/ZEUS/SATAN/BEELZEBUB, AND THE LIST GOES ON AND TO THE LEFT!

CHAOS ENSUES, CURSES BEFALL!!

PERIOD.

"WORD" AND "TESTIMONIES" SENT BY "GOD/ALLAH" TO "HIS CHILDREN" ---

THREE SPLIT RELIGIONS CAME FROM GOD/ALLAH'S "ORIGINAL WORD" SENT TO THE TWELVE TRIBES AND THEIR ANCESTORS (AFRICAN/INDIANASIANS)

ISLAM = **MUSLIMS**

JUDAISM = **JEWISH/JEWS**

CHRISTIANITY = **CHRISTIANS**

JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY ARE "WATERED DOWN" VERSIONS OF ISLAM, WHICH IS THE "FIRST DRAFT" OF "WATERED DOWN", **WORD OF MOUTH**. GENTILE PAGANS CONTINUOUSLY CHANGE AROUND HISTORY TO HIDE THAT FACT, SO THEY CAN CLAIM OWNERSHIP. NOONE OWNS GOD'S RELIGION BUT IT WAS PASSED ON TO "HIS CHILDREN, WHO OBEY IT". IT WAS NOT PASSED ON TO PAGANS. THEY DENOUNCED GOD/ALLAH VERY EARLY IN THE B.C.'s, PER THEIR OWN ADMISSION...AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, "OUR FATHER'S"!! THERE ARE NOW, **BLUE-EYED, BLONDE-HAIRED, LEPERS** CLAIMING TO

BE "**JEWS**". THIS IS LUNACY! THE TWELVE TRIBES WERE FROM AFRICA, AND ARE SAID TO HAVE MIGRATED TO THE "MIDDLE EAST"; WHICH USE TO BE CALLED THE ORIENT, ENCOMPASSING LOWER EUROPE, AFRICA/M.E., ASIA/INDIA AND ALLEGEDLY SURROUNDING ISLANDS, LIKE AUSTRALIA. BROWN PEOPLE WERE THE INHABITANTS. ONCE THEY PROCREATED WITH LEPERS, THE CONTINENT BECAME LIGHTER AND LIGHTER BUT "ORIGINAL WORD" WAS STILL A WARNING TO ORIGINAL CHILDREN (AND EVENTUALLY THEIR MIXED OFFSPRING). I DON'T KNOW HOW WE LET THESE LIARS DUPE US INTO BELIEVING THEY ARE ANYTHING ACCEPT WHO THEY BRAG ABOUT ON A CONTINUUM. TAKE A LOOK AT ALL OF THE PAGAN, SATANIC, MYSTERY RELIGIONS, THEY BROUGHT WITH THEM,WHENEVER THEY INFILTRATED LAND AND SPREAD THEIR OCCULTIC, EVIL CULTURE. I CALL A SPADE A SPADE AND I CANNOT SUGAR COAT THIS ANYMORE, WHILE WALKING ON EGGSHELLS. I OWE GOD/ALLAH MORE THAN THAT! I OWE MY FAMILY, ESPECIALLY MY BABIES, MORE THAN THAT!

THE BIGGEST SIMILARITIES/SYNCS/COMMONALITIES I FOUND WITH ALL "MINORITIES", ON EVERY CONTINENT ACCEPT ANTARTICA, IS THAT THE GREATEST MAJORITY PRACTICED "WORD OF MOUTH", WHICH WAS WRITTEN DOWN AS, "ISLAM", IN THE B.C.'s (TAINTED WITH PAGAN LAW, AT SOME POINT). LATER IN HISTORY, "JUDAISM" WAS PRACTICED, WHICH WAS A PAGAN MIX OF "WORD" AND PAGAN CULTURE; EVENTUALLY BRINGING ABOUT "CHRISTIANITY", ONCE A GREAT NUMBER OF PAGAN, GENTILE, LEPERS **ALLEGEDLY** CONVERTED (AGAINST GOD/ALLAH) AND MIXED IN WITH ORIGINAL CHILDREN. I'VE COPIED AND INCLUDED A FEW SEARCHES THAT HELPED ME SEE THE SIMILARITIES. I HAVE MANY TIMELINES AND ARTICLES THAT SHOW ALL OF GOD/ALLAH'S CHILDREN PRACTICING HIS ORIGINAL WORD.

AGAIN, THE THREE MAIN LABELS GIVEN, OVER THE CENTURIES, WERE: **ISLAM/JUDAISM/CHRISTIANITY**. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE ALSO PRACTICING PAGAN OCCULT AND RITUALS, PICKED UP FROM

NORTHERN, EUROPEAN, PAGAN, GENTILE LEPERS.

TOP LIES/DECEIT USED -- IN ISLAM

ALLAH IS REALLY SATAN
MOST MUSLIMS ARE VIOLENT
MUHUMMAD IS EQUAL TO YESHUA AND SOMETIMES, ALLAH

-- LIES IN JUDAISM

FALSELY BROADCASTED AS A RELIGION GIFTED TO "JEWISH PEOPLE", MOST WHO ARE CALLED "ASHKENAZI", WHO HAPPEN TO BE "WHITE" .•. OR "OFF WHITE", AND HAVE COMBINED THE "TORAH" (ALSO IN THE QURAN AND BIBLE) WITH THE
"TALMUD". THE TALMUD IS FULL OF "MANMADE OPINIONS", THAT "THEY" CONSIDER SACRED. I RESPECT ANY PROVEN TRUTH (AND PLEASE BELIEVE, THERE ARE MANY, EXAMPLE: THE TORAH/EXODUS 20). BUT PEOPLE'S OPINIONS, ARE •. ANOTHER SUBJECT. OPINIONS HAVE TO BE VERIFIED, THROUGH TRUTHS •.. THE WORD THAT GOD SENT. THE WORD THAT CONTRADICTS EURO'S HISTORICAL ACTIONS AND WORDS. THE ACCEPTED WARS, DRUGS/ALCOHOL, HOMOSEXUALITY, SO ON AND SO FORTH. GOD/ ALLAH SAID "DON'T DO THESE THINGS. MANY PAGAN- EUROS, WHO ARE RUNNING COUNTRIES, SAY "WE CAN"; THAT INCLUDES, WHITE JEWS.

-- LIES IN CHRISTIANITY

YES! ISSA-YESHUA-JESUS ... GOD/ALLAH'S CHILD AND SON, -AKA- "THE MESSENGER", OUR BROTHER/BROTHA, RESPREAD "ORIGINAL WORD" AKA "THE ORIGINAL TORAH", "THE ORIGINAL ZABUR", "THE ORIGINAL NEVILIM" "THE ORIGINAL KETVIM", "THE ORIGINAL INJIL", "THE ORIGINAL TESTAMENTS"..THIS PRECIOUS BLESSING, CALLED "WORD", WAS SENT TO BLACK/BROWN CHILDREN, "GOD'S CHILDREN", IN AFRICA/THE MIDDLE EAST, ASIA/INDIA, AND ANY OTHER PLACES THEY MIGRATED TO.

BUT THE LIES AND DECEIT OCCURED BECAUSE WE ALLOWED WORD TO BE WRITTEN DOWN, AND THEN PAGAN ADDITIONS WERE APPLIED AND SOME OF "GOD'S WORD" WAS EMBELLISHED UPON (LIED ON). ROMAN RITUALS, SUCH AS SACRIFICES, CRUXIFICATION OR TRINITIES WERE ACCEPTED.

PAGANS WILL NEVER "FULLY", ADMIT THAT!

"LOST SHEEP", WON'T COME TOGETHER THROUGH GOD'S WORD, "UNTIL" WE ADMIT THAT.

TAWRAT/TORAH

FIRST FIVE BOOKS REVEALED TO MOSES
GENESIS/**EXODUS = TENCOMMANDMENTS**/
LEVITICUS/NUMBERS/DEUTORONOMY

ZABUR

BOOK OF PSALMS AND IN THE JEWISH BIBLE/NEVILIM/KEVITIM AND THE KJV, THEY INCLUDE THE MAJOR AND MINOR PROPETS, PROVERBS AND JOB AND FIVE OTHER BOOKS/SCROLLS

INJIL

THE GOSPEL REVEALED TO ISA/YESHUA/JESUS

"THE MESSAGE"

IN THE BIBLE, YESHUA'S JOURNEY IS CALLED THE SECOND TESTAMENT AND INCLUDED IN THE BACK OF THE BIBLE, ALONG WITH PAUL'S EPISTLE'S, HEBREWS/JAMES/PETER AND JOHN'S EPISLTLES

AND REVELATIONS

I FOUND THAT "ANY" AND "ALL" TESTIMONIES LEFT BEHIND, BY PEOPLE, SHOULD BE PRAYED ABOUT AND RESEARCHED, THOROUGHLY. MANY TRANSCRIPTS HAVE BEEN "ADDED TO" AND "TAKEN AWAY".

"ONLY GOD KNOWS", IF WE'LL LISTEN.

WE HAVE SENT THEE INSPIRATION, AS WE SENT IT TO NOAH AND THE MESSENGER (?) AFTER hIM AND WE SENT INSPIRATION TO ABRAHIM, ISMAIL, ISHAQ, YAKUB, AND THE TRIBES TO ISA (YESHUA/JESUS/THE MESSENGER) AYYUB, YUNIS, AARON AND SULAYMAN AND TO DAWUUD/DAVID WE GAVE THE PSALMS

QURAN, SURA 4 (ANNISA)

AYAH 163

THOSE ARE THE TYPE OF BLESSINGS SENT TO "ORIGINAL CHILDREN", TO GUIDE THE TRIBES. THESE ARE THE WORDS SENT , THEN WRITTEN ABOUT IN:

THE "QURAN", FOR THE ISLAMIC MUSLIM,

"THE TaNaKh", FOR THE JEWS PRACTICING JUDAISM

AND IN "THE BIBLE", FOR BORN AGAIN (?) CHRISTIANS, LIKE MYSELF.

MANY HAVE "ADDED TO" AND "TAKEN FROM" THESE WARNINGS, AND TESTIMONIES, EVEN THOUGH GOD/ALLAH ASKED US "NOT TO". OF COURSE, THESE DECEIVERS NEVER SAY THEY ADDED, THEY JUST, ADDED. TOO MANY OF GOD'S CHILDREN,DON'T KNOW THAT AND ALLOW "PAGANS" TO TEACH US THOSE ADDED ADDITIONS; THROUGH THEOLOGY/ SCHOOLS AND "THEIR" CHURCHES.

WE ARE BEING "RE-TAUGHT WORD", THAT WAS PASSED DOWN TO OUR ANCESTORS "**FIRST**", *THEN* MIXED WITH, PAGAN CULTURE/RITUALS.

"BUT I DIGRESS", THIS CHAPTER IS ABOUT THE

BREAKDOWN OF GOD/ALLAH'S, "**ORIGINAL WORD**", SENT TO HIS CHILDREN, BY "**WORD OF MOUTH**"...SO I'LL MOVE ON.

SIMILARITIES OF THE TORAH (JUDAISM), THE BIBLE (CHRISIANITY) AND THE QURAN (ISLAM)

THE BOOKS WRITTEN DOWN (AGAINST GOD/ALLAH'S WARNINGS) THAT CAME FROM "WORD OF MOUTH"

THE TORAH, JUST LIKE THE FIRST TESTAMENT IN THE BIBLE, HAS THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS, ALONG WITH OTHER SCRIPTURES, COVERING GOD/ALLAH'S WORD/LAWS, WARNING HIS CHILDREN OF SINS, ABOMINATIONS AND CURSES, COMING THEIR WAY, IF THEY DID NOT FOLLOW HIS WORD! THE QURAN ALSO HAS SOME OF THE SAME WARNINGS.

THE TALMUD (THE SECOND PART, ADDED TO THE TORAH IN JUDAISM) HAS MAN'S OPINIONS AND PAGAN CULTURE, ALONG WITH RITUALS, ADDED IN, JUST LIKE PARTS OF THE BIBLE AND THE QURAN. THIS IS THE REASON WE MUST PRAY FOR UNDERSTANDING AND DISCERNMENT, FROM **OUR FATHER, AND "ONLY" OUR FATHER**! HIS WORD WAS/IS FULL OF WARNINGS ABOUT THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS THAT WOULD BEFALL US FROM

"FOLLOWING BEHIND PAGAN CULTURE".

THOUGH JUDAIC DOCTRINE SHINES HEAVILY UPON RABBIS, (AND ISLAM DOCTRINE, SHINES ON MUHUMMAD) YESHUA/JESUS WAS THE **ONLY** BROTHER SENT AS A MESSENGER OF THE WORD, PER WORD. I DISCUSS THIS THOROUGLY IN ONE OF THE LATER CHAPTERS.

PER WORD, WHICH ENCOMPASSES ALL THREE RELIGIONS, YESHUA/JESUS TOLD US TO LISTEN AND HAVE FAITH IN "OUR FATHER", AND **NOONE OR NOTHING ELSE**.

SCRIPTURES:

LUKE CH 8 VS 21 AND hE ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO THEM, MY MOTHER AND MY BRETHEREN ARE THESE WHICH HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, AND DO IT.

LUKE CH 11 VS 28 BUT hE SAID, YEA, RATHER BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HEAR THE WORD OF GOD,

AND KEEP IT.

VS 35 TAKE HEED THEREFORE THAT THE LIGHT WHICH IS IN THEE BE NOT DARKNESS.

VS 36 IF THY WHOLE BODY THEREFORE BE FULL OF LIGHT, HAVING NO PART DARK, THE WHOLE SHALL BE FULL OF LIGHT, AS WHEN THE BRIGHT SHINING OF A CANDLE DOTH GIVE THEE LIGHT.

FIRST TESTAMENT WARNINGS/SCRIPTURES:

PSALMS CH 1 VS 1-6 BLESSED *IS* THE MAN THAT WALKETH NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY, NOR STANDETH IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR SITTETH IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL.

BUT hIS DELIGHT *IS* IN THE LAW OF THE LORD; AND IN hIS LAW DOTH hE MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT.

AND hE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE RIVERS OF WATER, THAT BRINGETH FORTH hIS FRUIT IN hIS SEASON; hIS LEAF ALSO SHALL NOT

WITHER; AND WHOSOEVER hE DOETH SHALL PROSPER.

THE UNGODLY *ARE* NOT SO: BUT *ARE* LIKE THE CHAFF WHICH THE WIND DRIVETH AWAY.

THEREFORE THE UNGODLY SHALL NOT STAND IN THE JUDGEMENT, NOR SINNERS IN THE CONGREGATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

FOR THE LORD KNOWETH THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS: BUT THE WAY OF THE UNGODLY SHALL PERISH.

PSALMS CH 112 VS 1-2 PRAISE YE THE LORD. BLESSED *IS* THE MAN *THAT* FEARETH THE LORD, *THAT* DELIGHTETH GREATLY IN HIS COMMANDMENTS.

HIS SEED SHALL BE MIGHTY UPON EARTH: THE GENERATION OF THE UPRIGHT SHALL BE BLESSED.

PSALMS CH 119 VS 1-6 BLESSED *ARE* THE

UNDEFILED IN THE WAY, WHO WALK IN THE LAW OF THE LORD.

BLESSED *ARE* THEY THAT KEEP HIS TESTIMONIES, AND *THAT* SEEK HIM WITH THE WHOLE HEART.

THEY ALSO DO NO INIQUITY: THEY WALK IN HIS WAYS.

THOU HAST COMMANDED *US* TO KEEP THY PERCEPTS DILIGENTLY.

O THAT MY WAYS WERE DIRECTED TO KEEP THY STATUTES!

THEN SHALL I NOT BE ASHAMED, WHEN I HAVE RESPECT UNTO ALL THY COMMANDMENTS.

PSALMS CH 128 VS 1 BLESSED *IS* EVERY ONE THAT FEARETH THE LORD; THAT WALKETH IN HIS WAYS.

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WHICH LEADETH THEE BY THE WAY THAT THOU SHOULDEST GO.

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AND BACK TO THE SECOND TESTAMENT, THE LAST BOOK:

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In contrast to this, the Qur'an has only one version and that is the one revealed to ... It is a fact that the first five books of the Bible (i.e. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, ... Such Books are called apocryphal from the Latin word apocryphusm, which ...

Islam's Stance on the Gospel and Torah - Why Islam

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Q: Koran (Answered 5 out of 5 stars, 4 Comments)

Question

Subject: **Koran**
Category: Relationships and Society > Religion
Asked by: **jkritikson-ga**
List Price: $3.00

Posted: 27 Feb 2006 09:45 PST
Expires: 29 Mar 2006 09:45 PST
Question ID: 701501

Is there any correlation in the content of the Koran and Christian bible?

Answer

Subject: **Re: Koran**
Answered By: **politicalguru-ga** on 27 Feb 2006 10:04 PST
Rated:5 out of 5 stars

Dear Jkritikson,

The answer is "no".

The Qur'an is constructed of verses revealed to prophet Mohammed by God. It contains no parts similar to the Bible and does not contain the books that are included in the Bible.

However, Islam views itself as an "upgrade" of both Judaism and Christianity, and does not view the Bible as unholy. The Muslims believe that Jesus was a prophet, but not the last one. Just like Christianity, Islam was much influenced by Judaism and viewed itself as the "real" (improved version) of Judaism.

Further Reading:

Qur'an (Wikipedia)
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qur'an>

The Bible (Wikipedia)
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bible>

I hope this answers your question. Please contact me if you need any clarification on this answer before you rate it.

Request for Answer Clarification by jkritikson-ga on 28 Feb 2006 15:35 PST

Thank you for your answer. I would have accepted it as is but for the comment by davidg23 who raises the crux of my question. My question was prompted by something someone i know had said about the Koran / Quran. This acquaintance, who was raised Shia in Iran, said that as a young person he had, as required of young Muslims everywhere, been learning the Koran - much by heart - and had compared it to the Christian bible and found much to be the same as suggested by Davidg23. Of course the Torah is from Judiasm, but his comment is so close to what i had been told that now i must admit i am even more uncertain what to think.

Islam, as you say, considers Muhamed to have disclosed the final revelation of truth, and therefore Islam to be the final development of monotheastic religion that commenced with Judaism. It would not be a total surprise to me to find out that it had adopted parts of "The Book" and put it in Arabic, which is what i was hoping to confirm or debunk. Your thoughts?

Clarification of Answer by politicalguru-ga on 01 Mar 2006 01:45 PST

Yes, passages do exist in the Qur'an, but not as books. The five Torah books are not organised that way in the Qur'an.

Thank you for the rating and the tip.

jkritikson-ga rated this answer:5 out of 5 stars and gave an additional tip of: $2.00

Comments

Subject: **Re: Koran**
From: **davidg23-ga** on 28 Feb 2006 13:04 PST

I must disagree with the "expert" who answered this question. The quran does has the same first five books of the bible (Genesis, exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy). Mulsims call these five books the "torah."

Subject: **Re: Koran**
From: **politicalguru-ga** on 28 Feb 2006 13:55 PST

Dear David,

Torah, and these five books, are part of Judaism, not Islam.

Subject: **Re: Koran**
From: **myoarin-ga** on 28 Feb 2006 17:15 PST

Jkritikson,
Perhaps these sites can help. They point out the differences between the Koran and Bible on various subjects, but what is pertinent to your question is the number of references in the Koran to passages in the Bible:
http://dianedew.com/islam.htm
http://members.ozemail.com.au/~dbates/koran.htm
http://www.ewtn.com/library/SCRIPTUR/ZKORAN.HTM

I am sure that one can argue about the way the sites present both Islamic and Christian beliefs, but that is not so relevant here. A layman, who is familiar with the Bible, when reading the Koran will immediately notice that it includes incidents from the Torah and from the New Testament (Jesus, Mary).

Subject: **Re: Koran**
From: **smittybroham-ga** on 14 Mar 2006 14:38 PST

The confusion is in the way the question was asked. Yes, there is a "correlation" in the "content" between the Qur'an and the Bible. The Qur'an does not share any of the same books the Bible has, and it does not have any of the same verses, verbatim, that the Bible has, but the "content" as far as what it says and the stories contained therein is similar in places.

For example, the Qur'an speaks of paradise and hell, the two share Abraham as the father of the faiths, except the Qur'an's point of view has Ishmael as the son of promise rather than Isaac as the Bible has. There is a flood in both books. Jesus appears in both books, though in the Qur'an He does not die for anyone's sins, in the Bible He does. Jesus is the son of Mary in both books. The idea of a monotheistic God is shared in both books, though the Qur'an declares God has no son (Allah begets not, nor is he begotten) whereas in the Bible Jesus is the Son of God.

Again, if the question was intending to ask if the texts of the Qur'an and Bible are identical anywhere, the answer you paid for is correct,

but if you're looking for a general "correlation", the answer you paid for is wrong.

THE KORAN SPEAKS ON AND JEWS CHRISTIANS

As most readers are probably unfamiliar with the Koran, the following section is presented for your enlightenment. Essentially and fundamentally, the Koran allows for no other religions. Pagans are particularly despised, as the present-day animists of southern Sudan know, as well as the equally despised Christians of that sad region. The destruction of the centuries-old Buddha statues by the Afghan Taliban represents how a Muslim, strictly speaking, should handle such pre-Islamic barbarism. "The People of the Book," that is, Jews and Christians, are to be tolerated (barely) but taxed. As are critics of any religion, I will be inevitably accused of taking all of this out of context. Yet that conclusion begs the basic question of why the verses are there in the first place. For hundreds of millions of Muslims, they are the irrevocable words of Allah, and for the Islamist extremists and jihadis, they are of crucial importance. With that said, please consider the following texts. (Suras, Chapters and Ayahs, verses taken from Abdullah Yusuf Ali's translation on the Radio Islam website.)

2:62. Those who believe (in the Qur'an), and those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Christians and the Sabians,- any who believe in God and the Last Day, and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord; on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

2:113. The Jews say: "The Christians have naught (to stand) upon; and the Christians say: "The Jews have naught (To stand) upon." Yet they (Profess to) study the (same) Book. Like unto their word is what those say who know not; but God will judge between them in their quarrel on the Day of Judgment.

2:120. Never will the Jews or the Christians be satisfied with thee unless thou follow their form of religion. Say: "The Guidance of God,-that is the (only) Guidance." Wert thou to follow their desires after the knowledge which hath reached thee, then wouldst thou find neither Protector nor helper against God.

2:135. They say: "Become Jews or Christians if ye would be guided (To salvation)." Say thou: "Nay! (I would rather) the Religion of Abraham the True, and he joined not gods with God."

2.140. Or do ye say that Abraham, Isma'il Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes were Jews or Christians? Say: Do ye know better than God? Ah! who is more

unjust than those who conceal the testimony they have from God? but God is not unmindful of what ye do!

4:46. Of the Jews there are those who displace words from their (right) places, and say: "We hear and we disobey"; and "Hear what is not Heard"; and "Ra'ina"; with a twist of their tongues and a slander to Faith. If only they had said: "What hear and we obey"; and "Do hear"; and "Do look at us"; it would have been better for them, and more proper; but God hath cursed them for their Unbelief; and but few of them will believe.

4:160. For the iniquity of the Jews We made unlawful for them certain (foods) good and wholesome which had been lawful for them;- in that they hindered many from God's Way;-

5:15. From those, too, who call themselves Christians, We did take a covenant, but they forgot a good part of the message that was sent them: so we estranged them, with enmity and hatred between the one and the other, to the day of judgment. And soon will God show them what it is they have done.

5:20. (Both) the Jews and the Christians say: "We are sons of God, and his beloved." Say: "Why then doth He punish you for your sins? Nay, ye are but men,- of the men he hath created: He forgiveth whom He pleaseth, and He punisheth whom He pleaseth: and to God belongeth the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between: and unto Him is the final goal (of all)"

5:44. O Apostle! let not those grieve thee, who race each other into unbelief: (whether it be) among those who say "We believe" with their lips but whose hearts have no faith; or it be among the Jews,- men who will listen to any lie,- will listen even to others who have never so much as come to thee. They change the words from their (right) times and places: they say, "If ye are given this, take it, but if not, beware!" If any one's trial is intended by God, thou hast no authority in the least for him against God. For such - it is not God's will to purify their hearts. For them there is disgrace in this world, and in the Hereafter a heavy punishment.

5:47. It was We who revealed the law (to Moses): therein was guidance and light. By its standard have been judged the Jews, by the prophets who bowed (as in Islam) to God's will, by the rabbis and the doctors of law: for to them was entrusted the protection of God's book, and they were witnesses thereto: therefore fear not men, but fear me, and sell not my signs for a miserable price. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what God hath revealed, they are (no better than) unbelievers.

5.54. O ye who believe! take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors: They are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is of them. Verily God guideth not a people unjust.

5:72. Those who believe (in the Qur'an), those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Sabians and the Christians,- any who believe in God and the Last Day, and work righteousness,- on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

5:85. Strongest among men in enmity to the believers wilt thou find the Jews and Pagans; and nearest among them in love to the believers wilt thou find those who say, "We are Christians": because amongst these are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant.

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Should Muslims read the Tawrat, Zabur and Injeel?

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"If they (Jews and Christians) had observed the Torah and the Gospel and that which was revealed unto them from their Lord, they would have enjoyed happiness from every side. Among them there are people on the right course but many of them are of evil conduct."
(Quran, 'Al-Ma'ida' 5:66)

What are the Tawrat, Zabur and Injeel?

Muslims are commanded in the Quran, Surah 4, Al Nisa, verse 136, to believe in the books God revealed to the Jews and the Christians. The Tawrat is the Arabic equivalent of the Hebrew word 'Torah'. It is normally understood as the law that was revealed to Hazrat Musa (Surah 5, Al Ma'ida, verses 47-48a). However, the Tawrat also includes the rest of the books that are found in todays, 21st century Bible, the Old Testament, for the following reasons:

• When the Quran mentions the revelations given to the people of the book, the Jews and the Christians, (Surah 3, Ali'Imran, verses 3 and 65) it only refers to the Tawrat and the Injeel but never to the Zabur. That book, however, was also revealed by God to the Jewish prophet Hazrat Dawud (Surah 4, Al Nisa, verse163). This indicates that it was included in the Tawrat. Such a conclusion is supported by a hadith (Mishkat Al-Masabih, vol. 2, p. 1237) that tells of a similar occasion. Ka'b is reported as quoting the Tawrat with sayings that find their parallels in the book of Isaiah (chapter 42) rather then the books revealed to Hazrat Musa. Isaiah is part of the Nevi'im (Prophets) the second division of the Hebrew Bible. 'Zabur' is the Arabic equivalent of the Hebrew word 'zimra', translated as "psalm" and has the meaning "song, music". When the Quran mentions the Zabur, it is probably a reference to the third division of the Hebrew Scriptures, known as the Writings, or Kethubim. It begins with the Psalms and, along with the first two divisions, the Torah and the Nevi'im (Prophets) has been recognized by Jews since about 450 BC (Talmud: Bava Basra 14b-15a, Rashi to Megillah 3a, 14a) until today, by Jesus (Luke 24:44) and by early church fathers. Igantius, for example, was a disciple of the Apostle John who is known as one of Jesus' first followers. (See Ignatius in, "ad Philad." 5 +6; "ad Smyrn." 7) This church leader has therefore an excellent 'Isnad'. The Arabic word means 'chains of narration'. They determine the authenticity of a saying by being closely related to the one who made it in the first place.

• In Surah 2, Al Baqarah, verse 136 we read: Say (O Muslims): We believe in God and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the tribes, and that which Moses and Jesus received, and that which the Prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and unto Him we have surrendered. (also Surahs 5, Al Ma'idah, verses 69-71, 113) What is meant by the phrase, "that which the Prophets received"? The Quran mentions Job (4:163), Solomon (2:102), Jonah (4:163), Ezekiel [or possibly Isaiah] (21:85), and Ezra (9:30). These are biblical prophets whose books are not lost but found in the Old Testament. It would make little sense to say one believes in revelations that are not available and therefore not known anymore. It is very likely that Surah 3, Ali'Imran, verse 48 refers to those books when it says: "And He [God] will teach him [Isa] the Scripture and wisdom, and the Torah and the Gospel."

• Jesus and his followers used the words, "law" and "prophets" interchangeably to refer to the whole Old Testament. (Compare John 10:34 with Psalm 82:6, 1 Corinthians 14:21 with Isaiah 28:11-12, Matthew 5:17-18, 7:12, Romans 3:10-19: quoting from the Psalms, Ecclesiastes, and Isaiah, but not from the law in the narrow sense of the word, Acts 3:18, 21 -22, Hebrews 1:1). When the Quran speaks positively about the Tawrat in the present tense in the sixth century AD it is doing so in the light of what it was at that time.

The Injil is the Arabic equivalent of the Greek word 'euaggelion'. It is normally understood as the Gospel of Hazrat Isa (Surah 57, Al-Hadid, verse 27). However, the Injil also includes the rest of the books that are found in today's, 21st century New Testament of the Bible for the following reasons:

• "Injil" or "Gospel" occurs about 77 times in the New Testament. The message in it, whether spoken or written, is called "the Gospel" (Mark 1:1, Romans 16:25,26, 1 Thess. 1:5). Hazrat Isa committed his Injil into the hands of his followers to publish throughout the world.

• Various historical documents clearly show that the early church used the word "Gospel" as a title for all or part of the New Testament before Islam arrived: Toward the end of the second century, Irenaeus wrote: "The Word gave to us the Gospel in a fourfold shape, but held together by one Spirit". (Harrison, Introduction to the New Testament, pg. 99.) In the fourth century AD, Chrysostom wrote, "We assert, therefore, that, although a thousand Gospels were written, if the contents of all were the same, they would still be one, and their unity no wise infringed by the number of writers. -- Whence it is clear that the four Gospels are one Gospel; for, as the four say the same thing, its oneness is preserved by the harmony of the contents, and not impaired by the difference of persons" (Schaff, A Select Library of Nicene and Post- Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church: First Series. vol. 8, pg. 7.) F.F Bruce, Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis at the University of Manchester, England, wrote: "At a very early date it appears that the four Gospels were united in one collection. They must have been brought together very soon after the writing of the Gospel according to John. This fourfold collection was originally known as "The Gospel" in the singular, not "The Gospels" in the plural; there was only one Gospel... Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, refers to "The Gospel" as an authoritative writing, and as he knew more than one of the four "Gospels" it may well be that by "The Gospel" sans phrase he means the fourfold collection which went by that name. ("The New Testament

Documents: Are They Reliable?" 1943, pg. 23.) About other books in the New Testament Bruce writes:

"The corpus Paulinum, or collection of Paul's writings, was brought together about the same time as the collecting of the fourfold Gospel. As the Gospel collection was designated by the Greek word Euangelion, so the Pauline collection was designated by the one word Apostolos... (Ibid., p.25.) Augustine, one of the most famous early church fathers wrote in the fourth century, "For I ask them, is it good to take pleasure in reading the Apostle? or good to take pleasure in a sober Psalm? or good to discourse on the Gospel? They will answer to each, 'It is good'." (The Confessions of St.Augustine, pg. 144.)

• A Hadith of great reliability shows that the prophet of Islam credited wahi (Divine Inspiration) to one of the Apostle Paul's writings: "Abu Huraira told that after God's messenger had stated that God most high has said, "I have prepared for my upright servants what eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the heart of man," he added, "Recite, if you wish, 'No soul knows what comfort has been concealed for them'." (Bukhari and Muslim) This is close to what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:9, a book that is part of today's New Testament: 'But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. Christian theologian B.B. Warfield sums up the whole topic under discussion well when he writes: "The earliest name given to this new section of Scripture was framed on the model of the name by which what we know as the Old Testament was then known. Just as it was called "The Law and the Prophets and the Psalms" (or "the Hagiographa"), or more briefly "The Law and the Prophets," or even more briefly still "The Law"; so the enlarged Bible was called "The Law and the Prophets, with The Gospels and the Apostles" (so Clement of Alexandria, "Strom." vi. 11, 88; Tertullian, "De Præs. Hær." 36), or most briefly "The Law and the Gospel" (so Claudius Apolinaris, Irenæus); while the new books apart were called "The Gospel and the Apostles," or most briefly of all "The Gospel." This earliest name for the new Bible, with all that it involves as to its relation to the old and briefer Bible, is traceable as far back as Ignatius (A.D. 115), who makes use of it repeatedly (e.g., "ad Philad." 5; "ad Smyrn." 7). ("The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible", p. 413.)

Have the Tawrat, Zabur and Injil been corrupted?

If a corruption of the texts had occurred one need to ask the questions, when should it have happened, how and by whom? What exactly has been distorted and why? There must be a reason behind such a deception. What would be the advantage or benefit from it? Muslims best look up their Quran to find out what it says about such serious charges.

And believe in what I have sent down [= the Qur'ān], confirming what is with you [= the Tawrāt (Torah) and the Injīl (Gospel)], and do not be the first to disbelieve in it, and do not buy with My Verses [= the Tawrāt (Torah) and the Injīl (Gospel)] a small price, and fear Me and Me Alone. And do not clothe the truth with falsehood, or hide the truth – and you know.... Do you order the people in righteousness and you yourselves forget? And are you reciters of the Book? Do you not understand? (Surah 2 , A-. Bagaraah, verses 41-42, 44)

According to Tafsīr at-Tabarī, "what is with you" is the Tawrāt [Torah] and the Injīl [Gospel]. (Tafsīr at-Tabarī, Vol.1, p.253; see: [Aftab Alam Khan], The Meaning of the Noble Qur'ân: Word-for-word English translation, Volume-1 (Part 1-5) (New Delhi: Islamic Book Service, 2006), pp.11-12)

"What is with you" is described as "My Verses", the ones of Allāh Himself. It is not possible that the Qur'ān could be confirming as God's Word ("My Verses") a text which has been changed. Neither is it possible to hide the truth if one does not have it any longer, or to recite books they allegedly no longer have.

Ibn Isaaq, the earliest biographer of Muhammad comments on Verse 44: '... do not conceal the knowledge which you have about my apostle and what he has brought you when you will find it with you in what you know of the books which are in your hands .... would you forbid men to disbelieve in the prophecy you have ... you contradict what you know to be in My book ('The Life of Muhammad (Sirat Rasul Allah). Translated by A. Guillame. New York: Oxford University Press, 1955. p 250).

'And if thou wert in doubt as to what We have revealed unto thee, then ask those who have been reading the book from before thee..' (Sūrah 10, Yunus, verse 94)

'Those who have been reading 'the book from before thee' are Jews and Christians! It would make no sense for Allah to command doubters to ask people for guidance whose Scriptures had been corrupted! Several verses in the Quran bear witness to the truth that the Tawrat was unchanged at the time of Hazrat Isa. In Surah 19, Maryam, verse 12, Yahya, who lived at the time of Hazrat Isa was told 'to take hold of the Book, (the Torah).' Surah 3, Ali'Imran, verse 48 tells us that Jesus was also taught in the Torah.

Numerous verses attest to the truth that the Tawrat was uncorrupted in the time of Muhammad, the sixth century AD (Surah 34, Saba, verse 31, Surah 35, Fatir, verse 31). The Arabic phrase 'bain yadaihi' which is used in these references to the Torah literally means 'between his hands.' This usually is an idiom for 'in his possession,' or 'at his disposal'. Some Jewish contemporaries of Muhammad are called 'those who guide and do justice in the light of truth,' besides many others whose reputation was not so favourable. (Surah 7, Al Araf, verse 159) The very fact that they were commended so highly shows that they were in possession of the uncorrupted Torah.

'...Say, 'Bring ye the Law and study it, if ye be men of truth.' (Surah 3, Ali 'Imran, verse 93) In this specific incident the Jews are asked to bring their own Law, the Tawrat. They are commanded by God to study it in order to find the right answer to a particular question. 'But why do they come to thee for decision, when they have (their own) Law before them? -Therein is the (plain) command of Allah;.... (Surah 5, Al Ma'idah, verse 43)

Maududi comments on this verse: '...sometimes, when their own law did not suit them, they would take their cases to the Holy Prophet in the hope that they might obtain a more favourable decree from

him than they could from their own law.' ('The meaning of the Quran', 12th Edt. 1992, S.A. Maududi, Isl. Publ., Pakistan) This shows clearly that even corrupted Jews would never change the written Tawrat! They were only prepared to conceal the meaning of it. In spite of their wickedness, they did not dare to change the written form of the Tawrat! That is why, according to the Quran, Allah told them to look up their own law in which is the plain command of God!
'Let the People of the Gospel judge by what Allah hath revealed therein. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah hath revealed, they are (no better than) those who rebel.' (Surah 5, Al Ma'idah, verse 47)

This command is given to Muhammad's contemporaries, it is written in the 'present' tense which in the Arabic language can also refers to the future! If the Gospel (Injil) was corrupted at that time then surely Allah would never have asked the people of the Gospel, the Christians, to believe in it!

How can the "People of the Injīl" be expected to "judge" by what Allāh had revealed in it if it had been changed before the provision of the Qur'ān?

Some might argue that only some of the Injīl is God's Word, but not all of it. However, this would still make it impossible for people to "judge" by it because they would not know which parts provide a reliable basis for judgment.

Ibn Ishaq tells us, that the prophet of Islam was delighted that he abided by the Torah in making his decision when the Jews did not: "I am the first to revive the order of God and His Book and to practice it" (p 267).

'If only they had stood fast by the Law, the Gospel, and all the revelation that was sent to them from their Lord, they would have enjoyed happiness from every side. There is from among them a party on the right course...' (Surah 5, Al Ma'idah, verse 69)

Ibn Ishaq comments: [Four Jews came to Muhammad and said]: "Do you not allege that you follow the religion of Abraham and believe in the Torah which we have and testify that it is the truth from God?" He replied, "Certainly, but you have sinned and broken the covenant contained therein and concealed what you were ordered to make plain to men, and I dissociate myself from your sin." They said, "We hold by what we have. We live according to the guidance and the truth and we do not believe in you and we will not follow you." So God sent down concerning them: "Say, O scripture folk, you have no standing until you observe the Torah and the Gospel and what has been sent down to you from your Lord ...." (5:68, p 268).

Furthermore, the fact that there were Jews and Christians 'on the right course' in Muhammad's time confirms the Torah and the Gospel to be unchanged in the 6th century AD! Certainly, they could never have been described in such an honourable way if they had 'stood fast' by corrupted Holy Books!

'Say: O People of the Book! Ye have no ground to stand upon unless ye stand fast by the Law, the Gospel and all the revelation that has come to you from your Lord....' (Surah 5, Al Ma'idah, verse 68)

'No change can there be in the Words of Allah. This is indeed the supreme Felicity.' (Surah 10, Junus, verse 64)
Since the Tawrat and the Injil are words of Allah it is impossible for man to change them. God has the power to watch over His word and to preserve it.

WHAT ABOUT 'TAHRIF'?

The Arabic word used by Muslim scholars to describe the supposed corruption of the sacred Scriptures is 'Tahrif'. A distinction is made by them between a corruption of meaning or of words. All the most celebrated among the earliest commentators on the Quran speak only about the first corruption of meaning. (e.g. Imam Muhammad Ishmail al-Bukhari. He formed his opinion on the authority of Ibn Abbas. Ibn Mazar and Ibn Abi Hatim mentioned only the first type of corruption on the authority of Ibn Muniyah in the 'Tafsir Durr-i-Mansur'. The same opinion is also held by Shah Waliyu 'Ilah in 'Fauzu l Kabir' and by Imam Fakhru 'd-din. 'Dictionary of Islam', T.P. Hughes, Asia Publishing House, London 1988). Contrary to these authorities modern Muslim commentators hold the view that only parts of the Bible remained unchanged. Faith is only put in those statements which are supposed to confirm one's own opinions. Some Jews did the same in the days of Muhammad. Surah 2, Al Baqarah, verse 85 condemned them for doing so. There is no reason why that judgement for such a view should not apply anymore today.
DOES QURAN SAY THE BIBLE HAS CHANGED?

The Quran nowhere explicitly states the Injil (Gospel) was changed! But what about the Tawrat? History shows that whenever God revealed Himself, most of His people fell into disobedience after a period of time. So it was with the Jews. In spite of this sad fact Surah 7, Al A'raf, verse 159 states there were always good Jews who remain true to the book God gave them:

'Of the people of Moses there is a section who guide and do justice in the light of truth.' God's word is truth and good Jews surely would never have changed the meaning or even the words of their Holy Book!

'There is among them a section who distort the Book with their tongues: (as they read) you would think it is a part of the Book, but it is no part of the Book; and they say, 'That is from Allah,' but it is not from Allah: It is they who tell a lie against Allah...' (Surah 3, Ali 'Imran, verse 78)

In the verse quoted above the Jews are reading parts of their Book wrongly while the written words remain unchanged.

'But because of their breach of their Covenant, We cursed them, and made their hearts grow hard: They change the words from their (right) places and forget a good part of the Message that was sent... (Surah 5, Al Ma'idah, verse 13)

The meaning of the phrase 'They change the words from their (right) places' occur also in Surah 5:41and is explained by Ibn Ishaq:

[A Jewish couple were caught in adultery. Some rabbis sent them and other Jews to Muhammad saying, if he prescribes tajbih (a lesser form of punishment) he is a king and follow him, but if he prescribes stoning he is a prophet. The apostle then went to the rabbis and asked them to bring out their learned men. He then asked] Abdullah b. Suriya, ... the most learned man living in the Torah ... as to whether the Torah did not prescribe stoning for adulterers. "Yes," he said, ... Then he [Muhammad] said: "They change words from their places, saying, If this be given to you receive it, and if it is not given to you, i.e. the stoning, beware of it, ..."

When the apostle gave judgment about them he asked for a Torah. A rabbi sat there reading it having put his hand over the verse of stoning. `Abdullah b. Salam struck the rabbi's hand, saying, "This, O prophet of God, is the verse of stoning which he refuses to read to you." The apostle said, "Woe to you Jews! What has induced you to abandon the judgement of God which you hold in your hands?" They answered: "The sentence used to be carried out until a man of royal birth and noble origin committed adultery and the King refused to allow him to be stoned. Later another man committed adultery and the king wanted him to be stoned but they said No, not until you stone so-and-so. And when they said that to him they agreed to arrange the matter by tajbih and they did away with all mention of stoning." The apostle said: "I am the first to revive the order of God and His book and to practise it." They were duly stoned ... (p. 266-267).

What about Surah 2, Al Baqarah, verses 75-85? Here is what Ibn Ishaq, the earliest biographer of Muhammad had to say about the passage:

Verse 75: "who listen to the word of God ... the Torah" [refers to the event mentioned in verse 55 where some Jewish leaders told Moses they wanted to hear God when He spoke to him. Moses took them up on to the mountain and they heard and understood God's voice]. Then he went back with them to the Children of Israel and when he came to them a party of them changed the commandments they had been given; and when Moses said to the Children of Israel, 'God has ordered you to do so and so,' they contradicted him and said God had ordered something else. It is they to whom God refers. (P 251)

Thus God blamed them for what they were doing, He having in the Torah prohibited them from

shedding each other's blood and charged them to redeem their prisoners ... they [two Jewish tribes] shed each other's blood while the Torah was in their hands by which they knew what was allowed and what was forbidden them ... When the war came to an end they ransomed their prisoners in accordance with the Torah ... God said in blaming them for that: 'Will you believe in a part of the scripture and disbelieve in another part?' [2:85] i.e. would you redeem him in accordance with the Torah and kill him when the Torah forbids you to do so ... (2:83-86, p 253).

Surah 4, Al Nisa, verse 46;, the Jews are accused of changing, writing down wrongly, what Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) said. Further evidence from the Hadith and classical Islamic commentaries that the books were not corrupted

LV. The words of Allah Almighty, "It is indeed a Glorious Qur'an preserved on a Tablet." (85:21-22)

"By the Mount and an Inscribed Book" (52:1-2): Qatada said that "mastur" means "written". "Yasturun" (68:1) means "they inscribe", and the Umm al-Kitab (43:4) is the whole of the Qur'an and its source. [He said that] "ma talfizu" (50:18) means: "He does not say anything but that it is written against him." Ibn 'Abbas said, "Both good and evil are recorded," and "yuharrufuna" (4:46) means "they remove". NO ONE REMOVES THE WORKS[sic] OF ONE OF THE BOOKS OF ALLAH ALMIGHTY, BUT THEY TWIST THEM, INTEPRETING THEM IMPROPERLY. "Dirasatihim: (6:156) means "their recitation" "Wa'iyya" (69:12) is preserving, "ta'iha" (69:12) means to "preserve it". "This Qur'an has been revealed to me by inspiration that I may warn you," meaning the people of Makka, "and all whom it reaches"(6:19) meaning this Qur'an, so he is its warner.

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Al-Bukhari reported that Ibn 'Abbas said that the Ayah means they alter and add although none among Allah's creation CAN REMOVE THE WORDS OF ALLAH FROM HIS BOOKS, THEY ALTER AND DISTORT THEIR APPARENT MEANINGS. Wahb bin Munabbih said, "The Tawrah and Injil REMAIN AS ALLAH REVEALED THEM, AND NO LETTER IN THEM WAS REMOVED. However, the people misguide others by addition and false interpretation, relying on books that they wrote themselves." Then,

<they say: "This is from Allah," but it is not from Allah;>
As for Allah's books, THEY ARE STILL PRESERVED AND CANNOT BE CHANGED." Ibn Abi Hatim recorded this statement

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Further comments

1. Please notice that the verse says "they change the words from their (right) places and forget a good part of the Message that was sent them,"

i. Notice: it talks about changing the word from its right places. This means that those Jews (because this verse talks about the Jews) had the right passage, they just changed the wording of it when dealing with Muslims or Muhammad. This means the Jews at the time of Muhammad had in their possession the TRUE OT Bible, otherwise, how would they know that they are changing the words from its RIGHT places.

ii. The verse also says that these Jews had forgotten a portion of the divine message sent to them. Forgetting does not denote corruption. If this is the case, then I will make a good argument with this Muslim person that the Quran is also corrupted based on Muhammad's forgetfulness of portions of the Quran (cf. Q2:106). Furthermore, the Quran uses the same argument of changing words from their places as a testimony of its divine authority (cf. Q.16:101)

iii. The verse says "barring a few-ever bent on deceit" - this means that even though some Jews change the word of God from its right places, still there are few of them that do not do so. How did Muhammad know that unless he acknowledged that these few righteous Jews have the correct Bible with them and they refused to change these words or the interpretation of these words (by the way, we are assuming that the Quran is reporting a true event, however there are no evidence of such Jews corrupting their Bible ever existed during the time of Muhammad that can substantiate his bogus claim).

Surah 2 begins with the famous verse: Dhālika l-kitābu lā rayba fīhi hudān li-l-muttaqīna, ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لاَ رَيْبَ فِيه. The usual translation "This is the book, no doubt in (or: with regard to) it ..." is wrong. The pronoun dhālika in Arabic points to a thing in some distance, not at hands. The correct Arabic meaning is: "That is the book, no doubt in (or: with regard to) it ..." So the Koran does not refer to itself, but to another book, obviously the Bible.

For further details:

http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Bible/

After checking all these references it becomes clear that the Tawrat remained unchanged! While the true meaning was sometimes distorted, the text itself was preserved in the light of the wider context mentioned above:

-The unchanged Tawrat was with the Jews of Muhammad's time. -It was referred to by the Prophet in matters of dispute.

CONCLUSION

The Quran makes it clear that the Tawrat, Zabur and Injl have not been changed before the time of Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) Otherwise God would have demanded to believe in and follow Scriptures that were already corrupted. If we assume that changes were made while or after the prophet's time, we can simply compare a twenty first century copy with one that was written before the sixth century. The result will be that all the teaching remained the same! Muslims who say that the Bible is corrupted contradict their own book. Therefore, follow the Prophets advice when he said, 'seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave', by learning what the Torah and the Injeel says.

*****A SIDENOTE*****

AS I STUDIED RACES, TRIBES AND RELIGIONS, I NOTICED THAT ALL PEOPLE, GENERATIONALLY, ARGUE OVER THE ORDER IN WHICH THE RELIGIONS WERE ROLLED OUT. WHY? I DO NOT KNOW, SINCE HIS POINT IS TO FOLLOW HIS WORD, NOT CLAIM IT. I IMAGINE THIS IS WHY IT SHOULD'VE NEVER BEEN WRITTEN DOWN, PER HIS WARNINGS. DESPITE THE MESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE, I COULD SEE THE COMMONALITIES IN THE RELIGIONS, AND THEY MADE ME DIG DEEPER, IN HOPES THAT I COULD LEARN AND HELP.

I FOUND, AS FAR AS MAJOR RELIGIONS GO, "JUDAISM", WAS *FORCED* ON MOST TIMELINES, AS "THE FIRST RELIGION". I ALSO FOUND OUT, DOWN THE LINE, IT WAS BECAUSE OF PAGANS STEALING AND CLAIMING LINEAGE TO THE TRIBES, ONE BEING, THE TRIBE OF JUDAH. IN ADDITION TO, PLAGERIZING THE TORAH, ALSO KNOWN AS, PARTS OF THE

QURAN AND BIBLE (ALL TRANSCRIBED FROM "WORD OF MOUTH"//GOD/ALLAH).

THEY LIE AS IF IT WAS THEM, "LEPROUS, GENTILE-PAGANS", GOD PASSED HIS WORD DOWN TO, INSTEAD OF THE AFRICANS, IN AFRICA/M.E./ASIA/INDIA/S and N AMERICAS/AUSTRALIA and SURROUNDING ISLANDS!

"BUT" NO MATTER WHAT THEY CHANGE, ALL HISTORY SHOWS THAT THE CHILDREN, "OUR FATHER" BLESSES AND GUIDES, WHEN LIVING BY HIS COMMANDMENTS, WERE AND STILL "ARE", "BLACK/BROWN" ONES, ORIGINALLY FROM THE MOTHERLAND!

RESEARCH THE B.C.'S TO THE A.D.'S, LIIKE I DID, AND YOU WILL SEE WHY I STATE THIS "FACT", NOT MY OPINION, WITH CONVICTION.

"THE TRIBES" ALSO KNOWN AS GOD'S CHILDREN, HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO, BY A MILLION DIFFERENT TITLES, OVER HUNDREDS OF YEARS, ONE BEING, "MUSLIMS".

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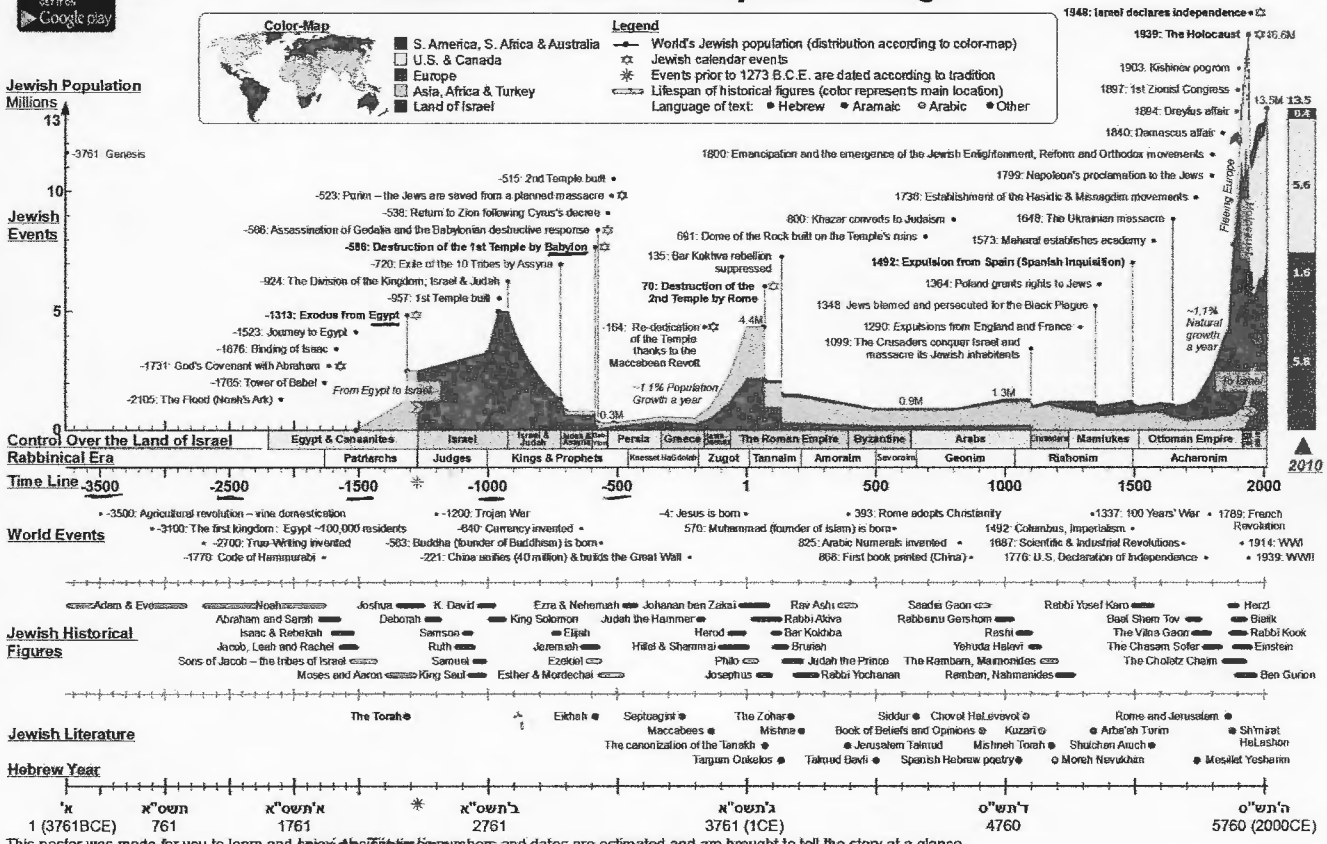

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Genes Tell Tale of Jewish Ties to Africa

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In the Book of Kings, Solomon is depicted as an international businessman of sorts who sent ships from the port of Etzion-Geber, near modern day Eilat, to trade precious metals and other goods with various parts of the world, including Africa. Solomon also famously received a visit from the Queen of Sheba, who is thought to be from what is presently Ethiopia.

Now, a new scientific paper offers a genetic timeline that could support these biblical tales. The paper builds on two studies published last summer that were the first to use genome-wide analyses to trace the history of the Jewish people through DNA.

"It demonstrated that there was a biological basis for Jewishness," said Dr. Harry Ostrer, director of the human genetics program at the New York University School of Medicine, who led one of the studies.

Among its many findings, Ostrer's paper indicated that Jews have African ancestry — an observation that David Reich, associate professor of genetics at Harvard Medical School, and his colleagues decided to explore further.

Reich's team analyzed more than half a million DNA markers across the entire genomes of people from seven diverse Jewish populations — including Ashkenazim from northern Europe; Sephardim from Italy, Turkey and Greece, and Mizrahim from Syria, Iraq and Iran. They then compared the genetic data with DNA from 15 sub-Saharan African populations.

Reporting in the April issue of PLoS Genetics, the researchers found that modern day Jews can attribute about 3% to 5% of their ancestry to sub-Saharan Africans, and that the exchange of genes between Jews and sub-Saharan Africans occurred approximately 72 generations, or about 2,000 years, ago.

Priya Moorjani, a doctoral student in Reich's lab who led the research, was surprised that the degree of African DNA was so consistent across the various Jewish populations. She had expected, for example, that North African and Middle Eastern Jews would have a greater degree of genetic mingling than Europeans, based on their geographic proximities.

So the findings, Moorjani said, may point to a shared ancestry among the various Jewish groups. "It's definitely suggestive that most Jewish populations have a common ancestral population," she said.

Although the Harvard team couldn't determine where exactly the exchange of genes took place, the results complement historians' understanding of the Jewish narrative.

"This is interesting, and it gives me food for thought," said Norman Stillman, a professor of Judaic history at the University of Oklahoma. "Does it prove something historically specific beyond the fact that we know the Jewish bloodline was open to some extent throughout history? No. But it fits in with the rest."

Lawrence Schiffman, a professor of Hebrew and Judaic studies at Yeshiva University, said two time periods came to mind that could support the geneticists' findings. The first is during the First Temple Period, between about 950 B.C.E. and 600 B.C.E., when Solomon's kingdom would have had contact with Africans.

Or, Schiffman said, the mixing of populations could have taken place a bit later, during the Hellenistic period, from about 320 B.C.E. to 30 B.C.E., when Jews were living all over the southern shore of the Mediterranean Sea and could have come into contact with Africans to the south of them.

Yet even though the biblical accounts offer possible explanations for the Reich lab's findings, Schiffman stresses that he and other social scientists can only offer historical interpretations of the genetic data. "The facts are the ones that scientists are developing; the theories are what [historians] have," he said. "We now have to take what they are giving us, and we have to add it to our picture of history."

Stillman pointed out that Jews are often thought of as an insular group, because they tended to marry within their community. "But," he said, "that doesn't mean there wasn't, all throughout history, an inflow of others into the group."

As Reich sees it, genetics and history are not actually so disparate. His work, he said, is "a kind of complementary way of studying history."

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jews are 36% Negroid

DNA studies prove that jews have as much as 36% Negroid genes, and NO Israelite, Caucasian, or White genes. Other jewish sources report that jews also have Turkish, Khazarian, and Mongolian genes

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The following statement deserves introspection:

bullet<<<"...as a group (every Sephardim and Askenazim) have a Negro admixture of 5 to 10 per cent.">>>

What's interesting about this statement is that "American" jews claim that ALL races have nigger ancestry, but that jews themselves, according to their OWN DNA studies, have 25% to 35% Negroid blood.

Might it be that "American" jews miscegenated with niggers more than jews elsewhere? Or is that just another jew LIE whose sole intent is to legitimize miscegenation of all races, even their own, to provide "moral" justification for their hideous agenda.

Joni Ferris displays her astoundingly abject ignorance, yet AGAIN !

"Since you aren't Jewish, you would have black blood in you.

Jews have kept mostly to themselves, forced to live only among each other.

But I have noticed that Gentiles have mixed with races they have conquered.

I think someone should make you, John Knight, take a gene test.

More than likely, you have black and indian ancestry in it.

It is very rare that a JEW would have any mixed blood at all!"

Alas Joni you really should check out a few Jewish authorities before you persist in making a fool of yourself.

The following totally contradicts your fantasy of Jewish racial 'purity'.

"Jews and Genetics"
http://www.alor.org/Race,%20Culture%20and%20Nation/Jews%20and%20Genetics.htm

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Mourant says:
"Looking at the complete blood group picture of either the Ashkenazim or the Sephardim separately, one may observe that neither of these populations resemble closely the people among whom they now or recently have lived, and the range of variation between separate samples of the Ashkenazim compared with one another and the Sephardim compared with one another, is so small that we can be sure that each is essentially a single population group. When, however, we compare Ashkenazim with Sephardim we find that there are indeed systematic differences between them. But these are so small that we can hardly avoid the conclusion that the two populations have a common origin, and a common original blood group picture, only slightly modified in one direction or another by their different histories since separation."[9] Mourant (et al) examined the blood groups and other inherited blood factors, such as systems of plasma proteins, red-cell enzymes, hemoglobin system, systems of lymphocyte and tissue antigens, the histocompatibility or HLA systems, other polymorphic systems including the secretion into the saliva of the antigens of the ABO blood-group system and the ability to taste phenylthiocarbamide. Here is a summary of their research.

The Samaritans

- The Kell gene K is absent so is the African marker gene Jsa and African marker Fy4
and absent also is Mongoloid marker gene Dia.
- Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency present in most other Jewish
populations is rare.
- Frequency of the phenylthiocarbamide tester gene is 75 per cent. High in the author's
opinion.
- Frequency of male color blindness is high as are congenital abnormalities such as
deafness and neuromuscular diseases.

The Oriental Jews

- This includes Kurdish Jews, Persian Jews, the Jews of Bukhara, Jews between the
Caspian and the Black Seas, the Jews of Afghanistan and Jews of India.
- With respect to the ABO blood groups there are primarily high A and B frequencies.
The Karaites in Iraq and the Bene-Israel Jews of Bombay have very high B frequencies
for example. The Cochin Jews of Kerala, "White Jews" have higher A frequency than
the "Black Jews".
- There is a high frequency of M gene in Jews of the Arabian Peninsula and generally
in indigenous populations in South-west Asia, including Iraq (Babylonian Jews) Iraq
Kurdish Jews and Iran Kurdish Jews.

Yemenite Jews

- North and South Yemenite Jews have a high frequency of Fy4, the African gene marker and also a high frequency of Jka (Kidd) gene which has higher levels in African than in Caucasoid populations.
- Glucose-6-phospahte dehydrogenase deficiency is present in most Jewish

populations except for the Ashkenazim Jews of Eastern Europe.
- Yemenite Jews have a well-defined set of African marker genes. Thus both the Yemenite Jewish populations have some African genes.

Karaites

- There is very high frequency of the B gene especially the Karaites of Hit, Iraq,
and a high M gene frequency.
- Karaites of Iraq in the Rh system have 53 per cent of the Rh-negative Cde complex, which is one of the highest levels known.

Jews of Africa

- This includes Jews in Egypt, North Africa from Libya to Morocco, and the Falashas "Black Jews" of Ethiopia.
- Such Jews have a higher B gene frequency than non-Jews, and generally a higher A frequency. The M gene frequency is higher in Jews than in non-Jews.
- With regard to Rhesus groups, nearly all Jewish populations everywhere show
frequencies of RO or cDe complex slightly higher than the European level of 2-3
per cent, which indicates a small amount of African admixture in these Jews.
Falashas of Ethiopia Rh frequencies suggest that they are at least 50 per cent of Negroid ancestry.

Sephardic Jews

- Every single national group of Sephardic Jews has a higher B gene frequency
than the average 11 per cent for the Ashkenazim. Sephardic have a high frequency
of Rh negatives.
- Sephardic have a high frequency of the cDe African marker allele well above the 2-3 per cent found in most European populations.
- Low levels of Fya are found implying the presence of high frequencies of the African marker allele Fy4. High frequencies of the Jka gene of the
Kidd system may also indicate an African component. [10]

Ashkenazim

- Maurant tested Koestler's theory of a Khazar ancestry for the early Ashkenazim.
He found Ashkenazim were European Jews closely related to the Sephardim.
- There is a closer similarity between the Jewish populations of various European
countries than between non-Jews with respect to ABO blood groups. Ashkenazi
gene frequencies in European samples cluster A 27 per cent, B 12 per cent, which
is about the same as samples in Israel
- The African marker allele cDE (Ro) is ALWAYS present in Ashkenazi
Jews at frequencies higher than in indigenous European populations.
- The high frequencies of the Kidd JKa gene may also be another indicator
of an African component in Ashkenazi Jews.
- Maurant believes that Ashkenazi and Sephardim are essentially a single

population group, and that considerable HYBRIDIZATION between Jews
and their African slaves has occurred.

" It is very rare that a JEW would have any mixed blood at all!"

Eh? Doesn't jive with:

"...as a group (every Sephardim and Askenazim) have a Negro admixture of 5 to 10 per cent."

Maybe YOU should consider a gene test !

http://www.stormfront.org/forum/showthread.php?t=144857

LET'S GET THIS RIGHT: JEWS AREN'T WHITE !

by Eric Thomson

From time to time a correspondent or writer will blithely state his unresearched opinion that jews are "White". This is not only a fallacy, but it is an impossibility. Here's why: the jews are the only people who are not qualified for protection under their own Genocide Treaty.

(1) They are not a race. This is proven from jewish sources in regard to Falashim or Black jews; Benai Israel or Indian jews; Chinese jews, who look Chinese to a foreigner, but who are not real Chinese; the Sephardim or semitic jews; and the Ashkenazim or "Russian" jews, who are most likely to have White genes. These people converted to Judaism in 700 A.D. Many of them resemble White people, but all of them, according to "The Genetics of the Jews" have Afro-Asian genes, including the blondest of them. Blond, blue-eyed people with Afro-Asian genes are not White, but mongrels.

(2) Jews are not a religious group, for they include atheists. Two thirds of the "jewish" population of Israel are not religious, but claim to be "jewish" through their mothers, which is how Orthodox rabbis define "jewishness". A White person who 'converts' to Judaism will not be deemed a jew by Orthodox rabbis.

(3) Jews are not an ethnic group because they reside in all parts of the world and resemble their host peoples in looks, language, and often, in religion. Yet, they consider themselves jews. What can be their common bond? Not religion, not race, not ethnicity, but economy! It's their rackets which bind them together as jews, exactly as the "patels" are bound together by their caste-determined role as merchants. Such disparate groups maintain cohesion with their common interests, and behave like a nation among nations. Yet, they are not a nation, which is comprised of people with a common genetic origin.

It is extremely dangerous to admit jews into White Nationalist groups, for I have had firsthand experience of their sudden betrayal of White interests in Rhodesia and South Africa. One day they were "White". Next day they were sneering at us as "you White people". Jews officially declared themselves non-White in 1972, as quoted in The Rand Daily Mail of May 15, 1972.

Some Goyim go by FEDZOGUSA's definition of jews as "White", but if we were to accept ZOG definitions of "White", which includes hispanic mestizos and other Eurasian mongrels, Arabs, et al., we would cease being White Nationalists in fact and in effect. Foolish Whites may over-look racial differences, out of love for the ZOG, but mestizos, Arabs and other mongrels do not see Whites as their people, although they enjoy White women as trophy sex partners, like any Black or Asian pimp. I notice that a non-White 'stud' with a beautiful White female will enter premises, with his eye on the Ostensible White males, to amuse himself at their reactions, as if to say, "See what I took from you honkey muthas!" When an Ostensible White enters with a Black female, all eyes look at him with the unspoken question: "Are you blind or nuts?" I have seen this pattern almost daily in my work for a full decade, and there are many such places in this town, where the same things occur.

The jew's job is to infiltrate all Gentile groups, in order to spy on and to influence them for the benefit of himself and his fellow jews. A genuinely righteous jew belongs not with us, but with his own people., who sorely need him. Exclude the jew, White man, or your castles will be built on quicksand, and they will collapse like Rhodesia and South Africa. You are now informed and you have thereby been warned. ORION!

"THE GENETICS OF THE JEWS" by A.E. Mourant et al., Oxford University Press, 1978, reports the findings of jew hematologists, whose work was originally published in The Lancet, the official journal of the British Medical Association. They report that "even the blondest jew has Negro marker genes... which are due to concubinage (prostitution) and slavery."

Blacks were introduced in the Black Sea region, and along the Silk Route, as 'trade goods'. I have met dozens of 'poison dwarfs' from Odessa, jews who have mottled dark complexions, negroid noses, mongoloid eyes and kinky Afro hair; everyone as mean as he is ugly. These specimens comprise the darker side of the Ashkenazim or "Russian" jews. White they are not!

THE GENETICS OF THE JEWS:

"Jews are not White," says Professor Leonard Fein, who teaches Politics and Social Policy at Brandeis University in the U.S.A. Fein was addressing the 172 biennial congress of the Jewish Board of Deputies in Johannesburg, South Africa in May, 1972. "You are not White, either symbolically or literally, as anyone knows who goes to Israel," he said. Professor Fein, besides being a specialist in jewish community problems in the U.S.A., is a specialist in Black-White relations in the cities. RAND DAILY MAIL, May 15, 1972.

"Jewish blood is different," says jew Dr. Michael Kaback of the John F. Kennedy Institute in Baltimore. Jewish blood lacks an enzyme called Hex A and often results in a condition called Tay-Sachs disease. Over 90% of the Tay-Sachs disease is found in jews. This disease causes convulsions, paralysis, idiocy and death."
A TV documentary featured the story of a jew who called himself "German". He mated with a Cajun woman. Their child was born with Tay-Sachs disease and died in infancy. Jews of all parts of the world have specific genetic similarities, even common fingerprint characteristics, according to Dr. Leo Sachs, who heads the genetics section of The Weizman Institute of Science in New York, in collaboration with Dr. M. Bat-Miriam.
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A particular set of genetic markers that are extremely rare in the non-Jewish population showed up in about 10 percent of the Tel Aviv beachboys. This marker is suggestive of Jewish ancestry whenever it is found; it probably existed in the ancestral Hebrew population and was passed on through the centuries to males in contemporary Jewish communities. But most astounding was the discovery that these markers appear in over 50 percent of men who claim to be Cohanim. Thus, the markers came to be called the Cohen Modal Haplotype.

Picturing DNA - Chapter 5

The propensity of the jewish controlled media to promote and protect black American criminals and their ongoing genocide of the White American race can be explained only by the recent discovery that blacks and jews are closely linked genetically.

"members of the black, Bantu-speaking southern African Lemba tribe, who have some rituals similar to Jews and have tribal origin stories that they are descended from Jews, do indeed carry some Y-chromosome markers that are undoubtedly of Semitic, probably Jewish, origin."

The author makes an excellent point about the social stigma now attached to even mentioning the word "race".

"In 1996, South African geneticists showed that the Lemba gene pool was 53 per cent Caucasoid (predominantly Middle Eastern) and 36 per cent Negroid in the Y chromosome. This genetic evidence lent strong support for a Middle Eastern genetic contribution to this South African population, but could not distinguish Jewish from other Semitic ancestry. Subsequent research confirmed that the Lemba, in fact, have genetic ties to the kohanim, a lineage of Jewish priests thought to be descendants of the biblical Aaron."

By Israelite law, if these jews are descendants of Israelites who miscegenated with the Lembas, then they are not Israelites and can never enter the congregation of the LORD. On the other hand, it is also possible that this proves that jews or "kohanim" are NOT descendants of Biblical Aaron, but instead insinuated their way into positions of religious authority in the Israelite community, just as Jesus warned, and just as jews have done again today.

In other words, this would prove that jews are NOT israelites, but that jews DO have as much as 36% Negroid blood. The following statement is further proof:

"A previous study by Ariella Oppenheim and her colleagues, published in Human Genetics in December 2000, showed that about 70 percent of Jewish paternal ancestries and about 82 percent of Palestinian Arabs share the same chromosomal pool. The geneticists asserted that this might support the claim that Palestinian Arabs descend in part from Judeans who converted to Islam. With their closer relationship to Jews, the Palestinian Arabs are distinctive from other Arab groups, such as Syrians, Lebanese, Saudis, and Iraqis, who have less of a connection to Jews."

If jews and Palestinians are this closely tied by genetics, then this "war" in "Israel" must be a conflict between two different races of jews. However, it's absurd to speculate that any "Judean" [which means Israelite] ever converted to Islam, or that any jew is a descendant of the Israelites. The genetic affinity between these two foreign alien enemy races is further proof that we are NOT related to them.

"In 1997, Bradman contacted Tudor Parfitt, who toured South Africa scraping genetic samples from inside the cheeks of 136 unrelated Lemba men. Analyzed in London and compared with the DNA of Bantu, Yemeni, Ashkenazic and Sefardic men, the Kohen haplotype showed up in some 9 percent of Lemba-a rate similar to that in other Jewish groups, and almost double the

proportion among non-Jews. More astonishing, however, were the findings in an elite Lemba subclan, the Buba. Among them, the telltale marker appeared in 53.8 percent of men tested-virtually identical to the incidence among Ashkenazic and Sefardic Kohanim."

"The Lemba are a traditionally endogamous group speaking a variety of Bantu languages who live in a number of locations in southern Africa. They claim descent from Jews who came to Africa from "Sena." "Sena" is variously identified by them as Sanaa in Yemen, Judea, Egypt, or Ethiopia. A previous study using Y-chromosome markers suggested both a Bantu and a Semitic contribution to the Lemba gene pool, a suggestion that is not inconsistent with Lemba oral tradition. To provide a more detailed picture of the Lemba paternal genetic heritage, we analyzed 399 Y chromosomes for six microsatellites and six biallelic markers in six populations (Lemba, Bantu, Yemeni-Hadramaut, Yemeni-Sena, Sephardic Jews, and Ashkenazic Jews). The high resolution afforded by the markers shows that Lemba Y chromosomes are clearly divided into Semitic and Bantu clades. Interestingly, one of the Lemba clans carries, at a very high frequency, a particular Y-chromosome type termed the "Cohen modal haplotype," which is known to be characteristic of the paternally inherited Jewish priesthood and is thought, more generally, to be a potential signature haplotype of Judaic origin. The Bantu Y-chromosome samples are predominantly (>80%) YAP+ and include a modal haplotype at high frequency. Assuming a rapid expansion of the eastern Bantu, we used variation in microsatellite alleles in YAP+ sY81-G Bantu Y chromosomes to calculate a rough date, 3,000–5,000 years before the present, for the start of their expansion", Y Chromosomes Traveling South The Cohen Modal Haplotype and the Origins of the Lemba—the "Black Jews of Southern Africa"

http://www.psy.fsu.edu/faculty/whitney.dp.html#whitney

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Return to Reality About Race
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After a century of bizarre wrong-headedness, new genetic discoveries are forcing a return to reality about race.

The beauty of science is that it is the only known approach to knowledge that is self-correcting. Mistakes can be made, theories can be wrong, but as long as science is conducted openly and honestly, it is naturally self-correcting. This is because claims must be consistent with observations. If the real world is not consistent with a theory, then the theory is wrong. That is the power of science.

The Bantu Branch of 'Africans' are Hebrew Israelites PART I of II

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In this post I would like to establish the fact that the 'Bantu' branch of Africans, generally concentrated in Sub-Saharan part of the continent, and their related family branches are actually descendants of the Hebrew Israelites. Identifying the Bantu as the descendants of the Israelites extremely important. Having the understanding that the Bantu are Israelites is integral in order to gain a broader and more accurate comprehension of who the Israelites are, where their descendants are located, and what contributions they have made to the world.

Many of us are already very familiar with the Zondervan's Bible Dictionary's Ham (son of Noah), definition. Those who are not, please become soon familiar with it. However, again, for those of use who are already familiar with the Zondervan's Bible Dictionary definition of Ham, we know that by it [the definition of Ham] we know that the Negroes are not Ham's (true African) descendants.

Zondervan's Bible Dictionary, definition of HAMZondervan's Bible Dictionary, definition of HAM

In fact, the historical mythology and traditions of the Yoruba people themselves speak of their origins outside of Africa in the Near East (Shemitic) region. Dierk Lange, Prof. Dr. Emeritus, of Bayreuth University in Germany, has performed extensive research concerning many West African groups and their origins in the Near East. In the abstract to one of his many essays, "Dierk Lange: Origin of the Yoruba and "The Lost Tribes of Israel"," Dierk confirms the traditions of a Levantine (Israelite) origin of the Yoruba Nigerians.

Dierk Lange

"On the basis of comparative studies between the dynastic tradition of the Oyo-Yoruba and ancient Near Eastern history, the present article argues that Yoruba traditions of provenance, claiming immigration from the Near East, are basically correct. According to Ọyo-Yoruba tradition, the ancestral Yoruba saw the Assyrian conquests of the Israelite kingdom from the ninth and the eighth centuries B.C. from the perspective of the Israelites. After the fall of Samaria in 722 B.C.., they were deported to eastern Syria and adopted the ruling Assyrian kings as their own." – Origin of the Yoruba and "The Lost Tribes of Israel", By Dierk Lange

Yoruba Traditional Migration MapThe great migration of refugees from the collapsing Assyrian Empire c. 605 b.c. according to Yoruba tradition.

Dierk continues in the same article, stating that the Yoruba, although thought to be of local (African) origins actually migrated to the west coast of Africa from far away (the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and/or Egypt/Nubia). The Yoruba preserved evidence of their ancient Near Eastern (Israelite) ancestral origins despite other cultural influences and traditions superseding their own in Africa over time.

"According to the present opinion, the Yoruba are of local origin [African/Hamite], but this opinion reflects the great influence of post colonialism on African historiography rather than sober text-critical research. It involves the fallacious dismissal of the major traditions of provenance suggesting

an origin of the ancestral Yoruba in the Near East. In fact, before the rise of academic African historiography in connection with the independence of African states around 1960, scholars relied more directly on the available traditions of Yoruba origin and they did some comparative research between Yoruba, ancient Mediterranean and Israelite cultures. On the basis of this evidence they suggested that the Yoruba immigrated from far away: either from Phoenicia, the Mediterranean world, Egypt, or Nubia (Biobaku 1955: 8–13; Lange 1995: 40–48). If any of these suppositions could be shown to be true and present opinion to be ideologically biased, it would mean that a culture of the ancient world survived in sub-Saharan Africa, which in the area of origin was superseded by subsequent sweeping developments such as Hellenization, Christianization and Islamization (Lange 1995, 1997, 1999)."

This information is noteworthy because it identifies one of the primary groups of the Niger-Congo branch of Africans, the Yoruba, as being "Middle Easterners" (Israelites) that migrated into to Africa. The Bantu people are related to the Niger-Congo groups because it is from the Niger-Congo regions Bantu expansion had originated there.

Ancient Map of Israelite Migrations and ColoniesMap of some of the Israelite migrations and colonies in the ancient world

In a separate article, Dierk Lange goes further to not just speak of the West Africans as having Near East cultural influences amongst them but he, and other members of the German culture historical school, also found similarities all over Africa.

"Members of the German culture historical school were convinced that states in West Africa originated in pre-Roman times as a result of Near Eastern or Mediterranean influences. They noted surprising similarities between the institutions of surviving traditional states all over Africa and therefore believed in a vast movement of diffusion." – The Founding of Kanem by Assyrian Refugees ca. 600 BCE: Documentary, Linguistic, and Archaeological Evidence, by Dierk Lange

This vast 'movement of diffusion' of Near-East/Mediterranean influences all over Africa can be attributed to the consecutive migrations of Israelites into Africa. The earliest movements of diffusion are known as the "Bantu Expansion."

bantu migration cool cartoonCLICK the image to view interactive map AfricanLanguage Families MapNiger-Congo classification synonymous with Bantu Bantu ExpansionCLICK the image for more information

So, in review, we can infer from the previous information that:

- Zondervan's Bible Dictionary let's us know that the Negroes are not Hamites (True Africans) but instead are from Shem (Middle Eastern). The Negroes are Shemitic
- Dierk Lange's research has made it clear that the Yoruba of the Niger-Congo (Negroland) region are indeed Shemitic.
- The Niger-Congo people had a branch that diffused the Near-East/Mediterranean customs throughout the lands the migrated all over Africa during the Bantu Expansion.

Therefore the Bantu's of Sub Saharan Africa are related to the Niger-Congo peoples who are Negros found in the African region (West Africa) identified as Negroland.

A 1729 map titled: "NEGROLAND and GUINEA, By H. Moll Geographer.

We know that the Bible Dictionary by Zondervan Identifies the Negro's as Shemites and not Hamites. The historical traditions of the Oyo-Yoruba people, as well as Prof.Dr. Dierk Lange's research, along with countless other sources, support the information found in Zondervan's Bible Dictionary concerning the Negroes Shemitic origins.

Israelite North African Migration MapIsraelite North African Migration Map & Colony Location Key

Furthermore, the Negroes' presence in the Western Hemisphere (North, Central, South America & the Caribbean) and Europe as a result of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, which was a direct result of the biblical prophesy recorded in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 28.

'African-Americans' identified as Israelites and recognized by Virginia State Historical Society

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This prophesy of the curse of Antebellum Slavery (as the thought of the word 'slavery' appears in the mind of the American Negro), is recorded in all it's details in the book of Deuteronomy (28:15-68), and it was spoke by Moses to the children of Israel/Jacob (the Israelites). The curse of slavery is a sign (Deut 28:46) to identify who are the descendant of the Israelites for it was the Israelites who received the curses as a result of their choice to disobey the laws and agreement made with the Most High god between himself and the Israelites ONLY. Therefore, we Negroes in the western hemisphere, whose most recent ancestors were taken primarily from the west coast of Africa (Negroland) and brought into bondage are indeed the Israelites.

Trans Atlantic Slave Trade Map

The Shemitic Negro, who took up residence in Africa and there became known as the Niger-Congo Bantu, among infinite alternative tribal epithets, is the Israelite through lineal-heritage.

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This fact makes the Negroes of the Western Hemisphere Israelites by lineal descent as well.

The Final Call Oct 12 2012 Black Negro True Children of Israel

For those who are reading this post and immediately are concerned and thinking about the Negroes relation to the Egypt and (or) Ethiopia, Egypt and Ethiopia will be addressed in a separate post. The Moors will also be addressed in a separate post. The Moorish Negro period of history and especially the ancient Egyptian and Ethiopian Negro histories are all both essential and complimentary to the history of Israelites. The understanding of the Negro presence and contributions while living amongst Hamitic nations (Egypt/Mizraim/Mizor/Misor & Ethiopia/Cush/Kush) is important to understand the greater diaspora of Israelite communities.

The records of the Hebrew Israelites in the Bible say that the Israelites would be scattered throughout the four corners of the Earth. Most of the Negroes in the Western Hemisphere are only familiar with the West and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade but not many people are familiar with the East African Slave trade.

Indian Ocean Slave TradeIndian Ocean Slave Trade dominated by the Arabs (Ishmael) transporting Israelites as far east as China.

007Understanding that the Negroes = Bantus = the Israelites is a critical point to realize because it connects us to the mysteries of the East. Just as we are familiar with the West African 'Negroland' that the 'Ameri-Caribo' Negroes are descended from we must also become familiar with the East African Negroland. The East African Negroland was known as Zanj, which means "land of the Negroes" in Arabic. Zanj is populated by Bantu people as well, of course, therefore making them also Israelites.

Swahilizanj

The histories of the Bantu Israelites of the East African Zanj will lead us to many connections between the Bantu Israelites and the Far East. Again, the understanding that the Niger Congo = Bantu/Zanji = Negroes = Israelites is imperative to understand the origins of many mysteries of the Far East so that we might have a better eye to see Israelites in all four corners of their dispersion and trace them through history.

Israelites migrate from ancient Israel into East African Zanji areas

The East African Zanji, who were mainly enslaved by the Arabs, were sent to places like India, Java, and China as servants but prior to the period of slavery the Zanji travelled to the same lands are merchants, mercenaries, farmers and among many other professions. In fact, history seems to demonstrate that the Bantu Israelites brought civilization from the African continent and the Near East, and introduced it to the Far East. When I say civilization, I mean things such as advanced iron smelting techniques and agricultural practices (rice terraces),; herbology and the foundations of Dravidian and Chinese traditional medicine, irrigation, architecture and more.

An Arabic Manuscript portraying Zanji merchants on an Mtepe ship.

Indian Ocean monsoon wind patterns aid travel by sea

In order to make further distinction between the Shemitic Negro and the Hamitic African, let's return back to the Zondervan's Bible Dictionary definition of Ham. The definition states that Ham was the "progenitor (father) of the dark races; not the Negroes, but the Egyptians, Ethiopians, Libyans and Canaanites." The ethnographic world map below, found in a 1932 German encyclopedia, provides great visual support to the Zondervan's definition of Ham. The map makes a clear distinction in Africa between the Hamite (Hamiten) and the Sudan/Bantu Neger. Both the Sudan and Bantu Neger (Sub-Saharan Negros) fall under the Negroide Rasse (Negro Race) classification.

German (Meyers Blitz-Lexikon) Ethnographic mapA German 1932 ethnographic map (Meyers Blitz-Lexikon) clearly showing a distinction between the Hamite (Hamiten) and the Negro/Israelite of sub Saharan Africa (Negroide Rasse).

It is also interesting to note that the Sudan/Bantu Negers are on the map highlights the same areas that are identified as areas of the Niger-Congo and Bantu peoples, whom are Israelites. Thus, it becomes of further intrigue, if we understand that the Hamite is not the Negro, and that the Negro is the Israelite, that on this particular map under the Negro Race classification we can find other racial groups outside of Africa that are also classified and related to the Negro Race. Groups such as the Hottentotten, Melanesier, Negrito, Australier, and the Dravida, are all listed as part of the Negro Race

and are strongly connected with East African trade routes and the Zanji Bantu Israelites. This map helps to demonstrate the connection between the Zanji/Bantu all the various places along the eastern trade routes.

Sub-Saharan Africa is the region of the continent with the highest population density of by Negroes (non-Hamitic African). These Negroes have also been identified as Israelites. The research of scholars corroborates the biblical records of the Hebrew Israelites, which also states that Sub-Saharan Africa would be an area inhabited by the Israelites.

"From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering." – Zephaniah 3:10

bantu mapbantu-areas

The Bantu are the Israelite suppliants who will bring the offering of the Most High God I AM THAT I AM at the appointed time according to Biblical prophesy. Moreover, the previous scripture calls the Israelites the daughter of God's dispersed, referring to their dispersion/diaspora as a result of various captivities of the Israelites. Many of the traditional histories of sub Saharan Bantu African's speak their Near East origins before migrating into Africa (Yoruba, Lemba, Ashanti, Etc.). This traditional histories serve as further evidence that supports the biblical record's account of the dispersion of the Israelites into all parts of the earth from their homeland; Israel. Bantu's are not Hamitic but are actually Israelites and therefore Africa is not the "Motherland". Israel is the Most High God's Holy land and the Motherland of the Israelite nation.

"But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." – Galatians 4:26

The Bantu found in the sub Saharan regions of Africa as a result of what historians have called the Bantu expansion. The Bantu Expansion was a process by which the Bantu Africans separated themselves from the Hamitic Africans in the North and North Eastern parts of Africa. Their advanced knowledge of agriculture and working gave the Bantu the advantage over the indigenous Hamitic populations in Africa by allowing them to support large populations through the construction of advanced settled communities. As communities prospered and families grew, the initial areas of settlement became unable to support the abundance of people, animals and crops and thus the Bantu Expansion eventually colonized the whole of sub Saharan Africa. However, where did the Bantu gain the knowledge that allowed them to prosper and conquer the African continent? Egypt of course. Understanding that the Bantu are indeed the Israelites allows us to make the connection between the technological advances of ancient Egypt and the technologies that fueled the Bantu Expansion.

We know that the Israelites, according to the bible, lived in the land of egypt for a few generations before the famous Exodus under Moses' leadership. The body of knowledge that provided the success of the Bantu Expansion (advanced metallurgy, animal husbandry, architecture, carpentry, agricultural, astrological, religious, etc.) was inherited by these Bantu from their Israelite ancestors during their long residence in Egypt. The Israelites gathered a lot of skills during their time in Egypt. They mastered these technical skills because they were forced to utilize their talents to build all of Egypt. Moreover, they were threatened with death or the death of their children if they did not perform to standard in their work of constructing Egypt. The threat of losing your life or your child's is definitely motivation and incentive to master any and all task placed before yourself. Egyptian architecture and civilization is known to be some of the most advanced in the world. Some in fact, credit the mysteries of Egypt to ancient aliens because of the intricate precision of the ancient structures. According to the book of Jasher, the whole of Egypt, and namely the cities Pithom and Ramses, was built by the

Israelites. The Israelites had mastered these skills to perfection because of the violent bondage and strict religion-based building codes of the Egyptians.

"And the children of Israel built Pithom and Rameses, and all the children of Israel did the work, some making bricks, and some building, and the children of Israel built and fortified all the land of Egypt and its walls, and the children of Israel were engaged in work for many years, until the time came when the Lord remembered them and brought them out of Egypt. But the children of Levi were not employed in the work with their brethren of Israel, from the beginning unto the day of their going forth from Egypt. For all the children of Levi knew that the Egyptians had spoken all these words with deceit to the Israelites, therefore the children of Levi refrained from approaching to the work with their brethren. And the Egyptians did not direct their attention to make the children of Levi work afterward, since they had not been with their brethren at the beginning, therefore the Egyptians left them alone. And the hands of the men of Egypt were directed with continued severity against the children of Israel in that work, and the Egyptians made the children of Israel work with rigor. And the Egyptians embittered the lives of the children of Israel with hard work, in mortar and bricks, and also in all manner of work in the field. And the children of Israel called Melol the king of Egypt "Meror, king of Egypt," because in his days the Egyptians had embittered their lives with all manner of work. And all the work wherein the Egyptians made the children of Israel labor, they exacted with rigor, in order to afflict the children of Israel, but the more they afflicted them, the more they increased and grew, and the Egyptians were grieved because of the children of Israel." – Jasher 65: 31-38

skilled-workers-ancient-egypt "And when Pharaoh king of Egypt saw that the counsel which Balaam had advised respecting the children of Israel did not succeed, but that still they were fruitful, multiplied and increased throughout the land of Egypt, Then Pharaoh commanded in those days that a proclamation should be issued throughout Egypt to the children of Israel, saying, No man shall diminish any thing of his daily labor.

And the man who shall be found deficient in his labor which he performs daily, whether in mortar or in bricks, then his youngest son shall be put in their place. And the labor of Egypt strengthened upon the children of Israel in those days, and behold if one brick was deficient in any man's daily labor, the Egyptians took his youngest boy by force from his mother, and put him into the building in the place of the brick which his father had left wanting. And the men of Egypt did so to all the children of Israel day by day, all the days for a long period. But the tribe of Levi did not at that time work with the Israelites their brethren, from the beginning, for the children of Levi knew the cunning of the Egyptians which they exercised at first toward the Israelites." – Jasher 69:4-9

Under pain of death the Israelites worked hard at their crafts to avoid punishment and later took their mastery of various knowledge outside of Egypt with them during their migrations. Evidence of this can be clearly demonstrated in the Bantu Expansion which will connect of to other places in the world connected to the Bantu Expansion that also hold evidences of the same connections to Egyptian knowledge as well.

Pyramids WorldwidePyramids found around the world after the departure of the Israelites from Egypt but few to none were constructed in Egypt after the Exodus. – PHOTO by Richard Cassaro, author of Written In Stone

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Through the understanding of the Israelites identification with the Bantu and related people of Africa, and their long residence in ancient Egypt, it will become much easier for us to make logical and historically accurate connections between the biblical records of the Israelites and modern secular historical, archaeological, and anthropological research. We will continue in PART II.

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Lemba tribe in southern Africa has Jewish roots, genetic tests reveal

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Genetic tests carried out by British scientists have revealed that many of the Lemba tribesmen in southern Africa have Jewish origins, according to a report by the BBC. The Lemba, a tribe of 70,000 to 80,000 members who live in central Zimbabwe and northern South Africa, have customs which are similar to Jewish ones: Lemba refrain from eating pork or other foods forbidden by the Torah, or forbidden combinations of permitted foods, wear yarmulke-like skull caps, conduct ritual animal slaughter, have a holy day once a week, and even put a Star of David on their gravestones. According to their oral tradition, the Lemba are descended from seven Jewish men who left Israel 2,500 years ago and married African women, according to the BBC. The Lemba prefer their children to marry other Lembas, and marriage to non-Lembas is being discouraged.

Their sacred prayer language is a mixture of Hebrew and Arabic. Their religious artifact is a replica of the Biblical Ark of the Covenant known as the 'ngoma lungundu', meaning "the drum that thunders." The object went on display recently at a museum in Harare, Zimbabwe, and has instilled pride in many of the Lemba. They say the ark was built almost 700 years ago from the remains of the original ark, which according to the Bible was used to store the Ten Commandments. For decades, the ancient vessel was thought to be lost until it was discovered in a storeroom in Harare recently.

Members of the priestly clan of the Lemba, the Buba – which is one of 12 clans – have a genetic element also found among the Jewish priestly line, known as Kohanim. "This was amazing," Professor Tudor Parfitt from the University of London told the BBC. "It looks as if the Jewish priesthood continued in the West by people called Cohen, and in same way it was continued by the priestly clan of the Lemba."

Despite their roots, many of the tribe are now Christians or Muslims.

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According to oral traditions, the Ibo have resided in "Iboland," a region of modern-day Nigeria, for over 1500 years. Before that, the tradition asserts that they were migrants from ancient Israel. There exist a number of theories that explain from whom the Ibo are descendant, and how they came to reside in Nigeria. One theory contends that the Ibo are the descendants of a number of Jacob's son. Within the Ibo, there exist three ethnic sub-identities. They are Benei Gath, Benei Zevulun and Benei Menashsheh,

Igbo Jews

The Ibo of Benei Gath are said to have descended from Gath (Gad), the eighth son of Jacob. The lineage traces itself through Gath's son, Eri ben-Gath. A number of Ibo clans claim this identity. They are the Aguleri, Umuleri, Oreri, Enugwu Ikwu, Ogbunike, Awkuzu, Nteje and Igbariam.

The Ibo of Benei Zevulun trace their ancestry to Jacob's fifth son, Zevulun. Tradition holds that a descendant of Zevulun named Zevulunu married Oji, a descendant of the tribe of Judah. They had a son: Ozubulu ben-Zebulunu. Ozubulu had four sons who are said to have settled in various areas located in what is now Nigeria. The resulting ethnic sub-identities are the Neni, Egbema Ugwuta, and Ohaji Egbema.

The Ibo of Benei Menashsheh are believed to be descendant from Meneshsheh (Menashe), the son of Joseph, Jacob's eleventh son. The Amichi, Ichi and Nnewi-Ichi ethnicities trace their lineage to Menashe.

There exist other theories that explain how the Ibo Benei-Yisrael are the descendants of ancient Israelites. One such theory postulates that the Ibo are descendants of Levitical migrants. The theory contends that the Levites left Judah in the periods of destruction of the first and second Temples in Jerusalem. They are said to have settled in Jerban, Tunisia. A more likely theory states that the Ibo Benei-Yisrael are the descendants of clans of ancient Israelis and Judeans that fled the Levant before and during the Assyrian and Babylonian sieges. This particular theory explains how individual Ibo sub-ethnicities would have oral traditions that link them to specific tribes.

According to 9th-century Jewish traveler Eldad ben-Mahli (Eldad the Danite), the Ibo Benei-Yisrael may be descendants of members of several of the "Lost Tribes of Israel." He contended that the Jews of Africa came from the tribes of Dan, Naphtali, Gad and Asher, who had fled the Land of Israel so as not to participate in the civil war between Judah and Israel during the time of Jereboam's succession and reign over the Northern Kingdom (922-901BCE or 931-910 BCE). Eldad contended that these Jews originally settled in Havilah, beyond the rivers of Ethiopia. With them, they had a copy of the Tanach, less the books of Esther and Lamentations. These Jews had no knowledge of the Mishna or Babylonian Talmud, but had devised their own Talmudic tradition, in which all the laws were credited to Yehoshua bin Nun, who received them from Moses.

Just as there exist a number of theories about from whom the Ibo are descendant, there are as many theories as to how they came to reside in Nigeria.

One theory holds that ancient Hebrews and later, ancient Israelis migrated west from the Arabian Peninsula through Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan. No one is certain when ancient Hebrews first emigrated from the Middle East and settled in West Africa. It is thought that they began to arrive before 202 BCE, the date associated with the arrival of iron working civilizations in West Africa (e.g. the Nok).

An additional theory states that North African Jews traded and traveled within the West African Kingdoms of Mali, Songhai and Kanem-Bornu. Jews are believed to have been a prominent demographic in these empires. It is even thought that several rulers of the Songhai empire had Jewish roots. It appears however that Judaism in the West African empires came to an abrupt end when Askia Muhammad came to power and in 1492, ordered that all Jews convert to Islam or face expulsion.

Another theory maintains that Jews traveling with trade caravans from Northeast Africa moved through West Africa. According to certain accounts, such as Travels in North Africa by Nahum Slouschz, Jewish identity can be found in North Africa since the founding of Carthage, specifically, descendants of the tribes of Zevulun and Asher.

Persecution and trade have been the major influencing factors in how the Jews migrated through Africa. During periods of Islamic persecution and for the purposes of trade, Jews moved from communities in Egypt, Ethiopia, Tunisia and Morocco to more remote regions of North and West Africa. Trade routes to West Africa may have been established as early as the period in which David ruled Israel, and the term Tarshish, found in the Tanach, may refer to the Ivory Coast of West Africa.

The decline of the Jewish communities of West Africa can be traced to the arrival of Muslim invaders in the 14th and 15th centuries. North and West African Jews banded with other local communities of Berbers, Christians and Greeks to ward of the invaders, but eventually succumbed. Many were forced to convert to Islam, sold into slavery or simply massacred. In the face of this persecution written traditions, such as the Torah, were lost. The Ibo Benei-Yisrael, though having no written evidence of their Jewish heritage, maintained a strong oral tradition and practiced many Jewish customs in secret. Records of these medieval Jewish communities, found in the Timbuktu, Mali Islamic Library, indicate the presence of Jewish families in the region before the arrival of Islam in the 1300's CE.

In modern-day Nigeria, the Ibo Bnei-Yisrael practice a number of customs borne of Jewish tradition. Males are circumcised on their 8th day of life, women are separated during their menstrual cycles, the cross-breeding of plants and animals is forbidden, as is the consumption of non-kosher animals. Even Yom Kippur and Sukkoth are celebrated. There has been a resurgence of Jewish learning among the Ibo Benei-Yisrael. There are currently 26 Ibo and non-Ibo synagogues in Nigeria and Hebrew and Torah study have increased as well. The Ibo continue to work with researchers to better trace their history, so that they may be recognized as Jews by Israel, and therefore be eligible for Israel's Law of Return.

Rabbi Howard Gorin made several visits to Nigeria starting in 2003 after he was invited by a leader of the Nigerian-Jewish community and he observed that many Igbo consider themselves ethnically Jewish, but practice Christianity - what is known as 'Messianic Judaism'. There are also some Yoruba who claim to have Jewish roots, but amongst the Hausa this is not a common occurrence.

Nigerian Jews may observe kosher dietary laws and keep the Sabbath, and some also maintain a belief in Jesus. Fully practicing Jews are known as 'Orthodox,' though Rabbi Gorin estimates that less than 10,000 'Orthodox' Jews live in all of Nigeria. Nigerian Synagogues are often dual-purpose common meeting rooms in the middle of a housing compound. Several Torahs circulate in the small community.

Jews in Nigeria can be faced with ostracization, discrimination, and can be cut off from their family if they convert to Judaism. This attitude comes mostly from Nigerian Christians as Islam, despite being the dominant religion in Northern Nigeria, is not very prevalent in Southeastern Nigeria; where the majority of Nigeria's Jews are. Rabbi Gorin argued that in order for the Igbo Jewish community to be accepted by the larger community, they would need to show their commitment to Judaism through a conversion ceremony.

The wider Jewish world began taking more notice of the Ibo in 2012 - filmmaker Jeff Lieberman released a documentary "Re-emerging: The Jews of Nigeria," and Northeastern University professor William F.S. Miles published "The Jews of Nigeria: An Afro-Judaic Odyssey."

ARGUMENT 5: THERE IS NO GENETIC EVIDENCE TO LINK THE IGBO TO ISRAEL

The E3b haplogroup is found in all Jewish groups all over the world. It is the second most prevalent haplogroup in Jewish populations.

Genetic studies agree that E-M35 is the second highest in prevalence next to J, when establishing Jewish linages. This is found in moderate amounts among all Jewish populations that are from the Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Kurdish, Yemenite, Samaritan and Djerba Jewish groups.

Most Geneticist say that the haplogroup E3b (M35) seems to have come from East Africa but from there was carried to the Near East, then to North Africa and Europe. Today it is commonly found in such places as East and North Africa, and the Near East around the areas of the Mediteranian.

The haplogroup J also known as HG9 or Eu9/Eu10 is a Y-chromosome DNA haplogroup. It is subdivided into two subclades: J2, defined by the M172 marker and J1 defined by the M267 marker.

Genetic mapping shows that the J haplogroup 1 and 2 are both common in Southern and Central Europe as well as in the Mediterranean and Africa. The J haplogroup is thought to be the telltale sign of Jewish ancestry, as well as what is known as the Cohen gene which the Lemba tribe of Ethiopia has which make them Levites and permitted to make Aliyah (return) to Israel as Children of Levi.

J1 (M267) has the higher concentration in the Middle East, North Africa and Ethiopia. J2 is found in parts of Africa among Semitic speaking peoples of Tigriniya, Amhara and Oromiya.

The Nri clan among the Igbo function as the Levitical priests among Israel and plans are in the works to examine the DNA from the Igbo in an attempt to find the Genetic markers that would point to Jewish or Levitical origins, thus further solidifying the Igbo's place among Israel.

In the article "Population Genetics Reveal Shared Ancestry: DNA Links Modern Europeans, Middle Easterners to Sun Saharan Africans" on Science Daily May 14, 2011. This article springs from HMS Associate Professor of Genetics, David Reich and his paper entitled, "The History of African Gene Flow Into Southern European, Levantines and Jews," published by PLoS Genetics. Genetic data from 40 populations across Africa, Asia and the Middle East assisted by doctoral student Prya Moorjani and Assistant Professor Alkes Prices used the genetic roll off method to find Sun-Saharan African ancestry with West Eurasian DNA approximately 1,600 years ago. In this online article it says, "A diverse array of Jewish populations can date their Sub-Saharan African ancestry back roughly 72 generations, on average, accounting for 3 to 5 percent of their genetic makeup today." Also stated was that African and Jewish populations mixed during the Jewish diaspora in the 6th to 8th century B.C.

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An Israeli man made a video in which he says black Americans are the true Jews. He says:

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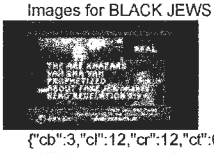

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> The word "'Maafa'" (also known as the African Holocaust) is derived from a Kiswahili word meaning disaster, terrible occurrence or great tragedy.[1]

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The term today collectively refers to the 500 hundred years of suffering of people of African heritage through Slavery, imperialism, colonialism, apartheid, rape, oppression, invasions and exploitation.

The African Holocaust is a pan-African discourse on the global historical and contemporary genocide against the mental and physical health of African people. The effects of this genocide impacts all areas of African life; religion, heritage, tradition, culture, agency, self-determination, marriage, identity, rites of passage, and ethics. And finally acts to marginalize Africans from their historical trauma and historical glory. This study does not seek to promote a binary or Manichean history, but moreover a lens for looking at patterns of persecution from within an authentic African centered framework. [2][3]

The African Holocaust or Maafa, is a crime against humanity and is recognized as such by scholars, who have documented the primary culpability of mainly, but not limited to, Europeans in the ongoing Holocaust against African people. [note] Slavery, corrupted and stripped both the enslaved and the slave master of their humanity and dignity. The African Holocaust represents an existential threat to the peoplehood and agency of African people for the last 500 Years of world history. Africa is the most exploited continent in the history of humanity; more human victim's have been procured from Africa than all the continents of the world combined. The consequences of this drain in human and mineral resources is one of the major factors in the global condition of African people.

However, this history would be incomplete and distorted, without also reflecting on the acquiescence; collaboration, rape, genocide, slavery, corruption, and warfare that Africans, as free agents,[4] as members of nations and native religions, have also engaged in. [5] Moreover, it would be morally reprehensible to neglect the contemporary trade in Africa and across the globe.

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Many of you have seriously questioned the claims of some of our people regarding the African Holocaust. In your minds, it sounds like an exaggeration when it is said that 100 million Africans were murdered or just died due to slavery. You must remember to include all those who died because of slavery: people killed as a direct result of the wars that were caused by the slave trade, those who died or were murdered on the journey of up to 400+ miles to the coast, those killed by the miserable slave castles on the coast of Africa and of course, the people who died during the absolutely intolerable conditions of the "middle passage" on slave ships or in the "seasoning" process where your ancestors were taught to be slaves. To understand the enormity of the number you must first focus on a few facts that are not emphasized by the slavery "apologists" you usually read.

Here are a few facts:

1. Europeans took Africans away for about 450 years starting in 1441. The Arabs were in this business several hundred years before the Europeans (starting in circa 750 AD). In the US, we often start the discussion in 1619 but by then there were already millions of enslaved Africans in Cuba, Haiti, Brazil and elsewhere in the Americas. .

2. Africans were taken many places including the US, the West Indies, Central and South America, Europe, India, Arabia, virtually everywhere.

3. Warfare and village raiding were the primary sources of slave acquisition. Many people died. While it is true that some greedy African kings sold their own subjects to the Europeans this was not the only source of slaves. Slave raiding by foreigners was not uncommon.

Look on your bookshelf and pull out a copy of the World Almanac. Turn to the section where they have world population data. Here is what I find (1990 edition, page 539; in other editions just look up "world population"):

Continent Millions:	1650	1750	1850	1950
Africa	100	95	95	200
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Interesting?? Just look at the numbers. During the 200-year period from 1650 to 1850, there was a 165 million increase in the European population. The population of Africa declined. You might say, quite correctly, that the Africans were being transported to the "New World." However, so were Europeans. Besides, the African population of all North and South America in 1850 was, maybe, 20-25 million maximum. Thus, we are missing a bunch of folks; by any measure (that is, unless you think white folks simply multiply faster than we do).

No!! That cannot be. The math is really not so hard to understand. Consider these estimates:

For every 100 healthy survivors of a raid on a village, you can bet that 200 were left dead or maimed for life. Remember, no one volunteered for slavery. We fought bitter fratricidal wars with each other to generate slave captives. (Read: Before the Mayflower by Lerone Bennet, Jr.)

Of that 100 captives, on average only 70 made it to the coast. Many died along the way. Some brokenhearted, some suicides, some just physically unable to make the trip. Imagine, if someone captured you, killed your family and told you to march 400+ miles from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Many of you would die too! Many of the weaker or wounded captives would be viciously shot as stragglers just to convince the strong to march on.

Of the 70 reaching the slave prison on the coast, maybe 50 lived to board the slave ship. If this gives you problems, talk to someone you trust who has visited those most heinous slave castles on the West Coast of Africa; like Elmina or Cape Coast in Ghana. Or even worse, Goree Island in Senegal. Up to 1000 people crowded into a filthy, hot room, for weeks, months, sometimes up to a year. I've been there. One visit will haunt you for the rest of your life. Visitors will tell you they still hear the cries of misery in those dungeons. Here, warriors from different sides that may have raided each other's villages were chained together and were rudely awakened that they had both been deceived into war by the same common enemy. And don't overlook those who were killed as a part of the early "seasoning" process. I've read where people were cut in half by guns or canon fire just to scare the remaining folk to cooperate.

Of the, say 50 or so people that board the ship, generally 25-35% die in the miserable conditions of the "middle passage" from disease, murder (mutiny was common) or suicide along the way. It was not uncommon for Africans to jump overboard or refuse to eat and die to avoid life as a slave. It is said that sharks often followed slave ships because so many bodies were thrown overboard. There are also numerous examples of slavers throwing their cargo overboard to collect the insurance. (Read: Malcolm X On Afro-American History or Eyewitness Accounts of Slavery in the West Indies by Paiewonsky)

So maybe 35 people from the original group land in the West Indies (or other parts of the Americas). We are not done yet. You can't take someone who has always been free and immediately expect him (or her) to accept slavery. No -- seasoning is required. Breaking-in. Like a horse or a mule or a bull. Here is where the new masters teach you what happens to difficult slaves. An example was made, sometimes using a pregnant woman suspended from a tree. The white man would cut open her stomach and stomp the unborn baby -- just to show you who's boss. This may cut the number to 30. (Read: From Slavery to Freedom, J H Franklin)

Not done yet. In the West Indies especially, it was considered to be more economic to import new slaves than to prolong the lives of those already in residence. Thus, of the 30, often 80% were dead from disease, malnutrition and simply being worked to death within five years. (Read: C Columbus & the African Holcoaust by J H Clarke)

If you still question the 100 million dead figure, just do the math yourself. We started with 300 people. 100 left the village. 50 got on the boat. 35 landed in America. 6 were alive five years later. These are my estimates based on my reading of various authors. However, no one can dispute the numbers in the almanac. Where are the missing people????? The answer is simple: they were murdered directly or indirectly at the hands of the European and Arab slavers and their African lackeys (yes, Africans were participants). My guide at Elmina castle told me that for every African captive that reached the coast for transshipment, 12-15 people died in the wars, resultant starvation and the trek to the shore. If this is true, you can take the modest estimates of Newsweek saying 13 million left Africa, add 20% who did not survive the slave forts, the result yields about 15 million. Multiply that by 12 and you get 180 million lost. The world population figures are making more sense, huh?

And remember - the slave trade from East Africa to the Arabian countries, India and China started much earlier -several hundred years earlier. And this trade continued long after the Europeans had had their fill. If you investigate further, you'll even find out that the continued slave trade by the Arabs was one of the key rationalizations the Europeans used to justify colonizing Africa - to end the Arab slave trade.

The holocaust did not end there. The "colonial" period started in 1884. Although it is rarely discussed, slavery was reestablished by the Belgians, the French and the British in several parts of Africa. The Belgian Congo (now Republic of the Congo) alone experienced a population decrease of 10-20 million people in the first 25 years of foreign rule. Millions of Africans were maimed, tortured and murdered during colonialism. (Read "King Leopold's Ghost," by Adam Hocschild for more background on the early colonial stage of he African Holocaust. This ugly period of history was almost totally covered up.)

Read more about King Leopold II and the direct connection to a need for redress (reparations)for this horrible crime.

If anyone cares to suggest that we are wrong to suggest that this was indeed a holocaust should read S.E. Anderson's book, *"The Black Holocaust for Beginners."* This may not be written in scholarly language. It may be full of pictures and illustrations. One may even suggest that it is a children's book. But it is not. It is clear, factual and very much to the very raw point. It is worth reading.

After you finish *Holocaust* take a look at the December 1997 piece that *Newsweek* ran on slavery. They used John Hope Franklin, a respected historian, as one of their sources. Yet they started the discussion as if slavery in the Americas began at Jamestown in 1619. Then they used 13 million as the number of people that died. How dare them! This is arrogance at a master level. I place it with the denials of some Nazi apologists who deny their roles in the wholesale murders of Jews, Poles, Russians, Gypsies, homosexuals, cripples and Africans. There are many Japanese who are similarly trying to pretend that the rape of Nanking (killing 300-500 thousand people) and the murders of another 300,000 by using germ warfare experiments never happened. How these people live with the existence of the overwhelming evidence that is available is beyond reason or imagination.

Today, the ravages of slavery and colonialism still take a toll on our people everywhere. Africans in America and in the Motherland suffer with poor self-images and various other issues which result in all kinds of negative behaviors. The residual stigmas of slavery and colonialism are very mush in evidence today. We kill each other. We try to emulate the physical appearances of our slavemaster / colonizer. We ridicule dark skin and nappy hair. We worship God-images falsely created in the image of Europeans. And oh yes! How ridiculous it appears to an outsider to see African men wearing old-fashioned wigs to participate in the judicial systems of former British colonies.

The current national borders of most African countries were drawn in Berlin in 1884 when Europeans carved Africa up like a Christmas turkey. In the process they never considered the existing borders of kingdoms and national homelands. These arbitrarily drawn borders created several "Yugoslavias" where ethnic and tribal fighting continues. Why, for example, is it that the Tutsi people are in Rwanda, Congo, Burundi and Uganda? Of course, this helps the foreign interests maintain a great deal of control when we fight each other. Other key examples are Nigeria/Biafra and Angola where very bloody modern wars have persisted over longstanding ethnic disagreements.

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The Jewish Holocaust vs the African Holocaust

By Yehudah Benyamin ben Yisrael

I recently read an article that was an answer to a Vatican bishop's denial that there were 6 million "Jews" who were killed in gas chambers in Nazi Germany in 1944. According to the article, several bishops in question were excommunicated from the church for making public statements denying the numbers and a controversy arose over the reinstatement of one of the bishops by Pope Benedict.

The author of the article stated that "Students at Roman Catholic schools, universities and seminaries throughout the world must be taught not only that the Holocaust occurred, but that centuries of Christian anti-Semitism helped make it possible."

What about the African Holocaust?

I do not know if it is true that 6 million Jews were killed in the Nazi Holocaust. Perhaps it is true. There is no reliable number on how many "Africans" were captured and shipped to the western hemisphere via the trans-Atlantic slave trade, but estimates are that at least 10 to 15 million were shipped and those lost to the slave trade range from 25 to 50 million. At least 100 million were affected by the slave trade as far as being displaced.

"Many of these Africans were descendants of the Hebrew people known as Yisrael"

It is unfortunate that today many universities do not accurately teach there were 25 to 50 million Africans that were killed. If universities do teach about the Trans-Atlantic slave trade at all, the fact is that the African Holocaust was and remains the greatest Holocaust in the history of mankind. Many of these Africans were descendants of the Hebrew people known as Yisrael. We should hold universities and yes, seminaries too, to account also. They should also be taught in fact, the world must also be taught that centuries of racism by Christians, Muslims and yes, Jews helped make it possible. Jews want the world to never forget about Jews killed in the Nazi Holocaust. In fact, the United States Holocaust Museum is dedicated to keeping the memory of the Jewish Holocaust alive even though the US was never involved in the Jewish Holocaust.

Where is the United States African Holocaust Museum?

Each February North America African slave descendants observe "Black History Month". You will not find Black History Month listed on many calendars.

There is a cursory attempt by the mainstream media to offer up short clips of accomplishments made by notable individual of African descendants, however no attempt to teach true African History in schools and universities and is the reason why most people of African decent in America have no knowledge of their own history.

"Linking the African Holocaust to the ancient past of our history will help African descendants understand why the African Holocaust occurred"

Remembering the African Holocaust should be just as important as remembering the Jewish Holocaust. Remembering all of our history should be taught not only to our children but also to the entire world. The truth concerning the Hebrews that were taken captive and enslaved out of the continent of Africa is part of the history that needs to be told. Linking the African Holocaust to the ancient past of our history will help African descendants understand why the African Holocaust occurred and is truly the greatest story ever to be told.

We do not need one month out of the year to remember our history. Remembering and teaching our history should be an ongoing engagement. We should never forget what has happen to us.

Just as the Jews want the world to know about their Nazi Holocaust and never forget, we also should want to the world to know about what has happen to us and it should never be forgotten.

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"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers... " (Deutoronomy 6: 7-8)

However in the Quran, the words of God, revealed more than 650 years after the birth of Jesus, son of Mary, we find a very different set of circumstances.

"...they disobeyed (God and the Messengers) and were ever transgressing beyond bounds. They used not to prevent one another from wrongdoing (sins, polytheism, and disbelief) that they did. Vile indeed was what they used to do" (Quran 5:78&79)

It is only natural to wonder what happened throughout the history of the Jewish people to have them fall so far from the grace of God. Quran tells us that the Jewish people were not grateful for the untold blessings God had bestowed upon them; instead they transgressed, lied and blasphemed. Despite this Judaism and Islam have a lot in common.

Christianity Judaism and Islam are referred to as the three monotheistic faiths. They all profess a belief in One God; however, it is undeniable that the beliefs of Christianity are somewhat different to the other two. Jews are strict monotheists, as are Muslims. Their belief in God is sometimes referred to as pure monotheism. Both Jews and Muslims view God as a single, indivisible entity. This

contrasts with most Christians who view God as a Trinity, a single entity with three distinct personalities, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"Say: 'He is God, (the Unique) One.'" (Quran 112:1)

Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is One (Deutoronomy 6:4)

Let us examine some of the similarities between Judaism and Islam in more detail.

- Jewish belief does not accept the Christian concept of original sin (the belief that all people have inherited Adam and Eve's sin when they disobeyed God's instructions in the Garden of Eden). Islam also denies the Christian concept of original sin and the notion that humankind is born sinful. In Islam each person bears responsibility for his own deeds. These deeds, sinful or otherwise cannot be inherited.

"And no bearer of burdens shall bear another's burden..." (Quran 35:18)

- Jews do not recognize the need for a saviour as an intermediary or partner with God. Islam states clearly that there is no need for God, or even a Prophet of God to sacrifice himself for humankind's sins in order to buy forgiveness. Islam refuses this view entirely. The foundation of Islam rests on knowing with certainty that nothing should be worshipped but God alone.

  This is also true of Judaism; however the similarities in regards to atonement end here because Judaism totally rejects Jesus as a prophet of God and fails to accept his position as Messiah[1] to the Jewish people. Islam teaches that Jesus did not come to atone for the sins of mankind. Jesus came to denounce the leaders of the Children of Israel, who had fallen into lives of materialism and luxury. His mission was to confirm the Torah, to make lawful things that were previously unlawful and to proclaim and reaffirm the belief in One Creator.

".. None has the right to be worshipped but God, the One and the Only True God..." (Quran 3:62)

- The most obvious common practice is the statement of the absolute oneness of God which Muslims observe in their five times daily prayers (*Salah*), and Jews state at least twice per day (morning and night)in their affirmation of the oneness of God known as the Shema Yisrael.

- They share the belief that Jerusalem is a holy place, particularly the Dome of the Rock known to Jews as the Temple Mount. Both religions believe this is where Abraham brought his son to sacrifice him - his first son Ishmael in Islam and his second son Isaac in the traditions of Judaism. Ishmael is considered by both religions to be the father of the Arab nation and Isaac the father of the Jews.

- Both Judaism and Islam share many fundamental concepts; including divine judgement and an afterlife.

- Islam and Judaism both have systems of religious law that do not distinguish between religious and secular life. In Islam the laws are called Sharia, in Judaism they are known as Halakha.

- Both Judaism and Islam consider the study of religious law to be a form of worship.

The two faiths also share the fundamental practices of fasting and charity, as well as similar dietary laws and aspects of ritual purity. With such obvious similarities one might ask why Jews and Muslims seem to be enemies. Furthermore, if Islam is a natural progression from Adam and Eve through a long line of prophets to Prophet Muhammad and the revelation of Quran, why don't more Jews embrace the Islamic faith? Part 4 will attempt to address these questions and conclude our study and discussion of Judaism.

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It depends on what you mean by the age of these religions.
If you count Islam to have started from Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) of 7th century AD, it is a no-brainer that Hinduism is much much older than that.

But that's not the point. You have two ways of talking about the antiquity of religions.

1. If you look at what these religions **claim for themselves**:

Islam, as does Christianity, by its own admission, inherits all the religious tradition of the earlier prophets of the Semitic people. According to Islam, the religion professed by the God of the Talmud/Bible, through prophets from Adam through Ibrahim, Ishaac, Yakob, Yosef, Moosa etc. up to Isa (PBUT) is nothing but Islam, so that's right from the Creation of Man according to it.
So for Christianity too; the point about believing in Christ is that he was the prophecied Messiah of the Talmud. And Christianity became the name of a new religion because the majority of Jews in Israel refused to believe that.
Thus, the question goes all the way back to that of the antiquity of Judaism.
Here again, the in-religion chronology goes back to the creation of Man, the creation of the Universe. So that's as old as old can get.

What about Hinduism? The scriptures of Hinduism, namely the Vedas, too profess a faith coming down right from creation (or no-creation, depending on which school you follow). More generally, any religion, worthy of the name, professes an antiquity as old as creation itself. Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Judaism all claim to be the faith that was intended to be propagated from eternal past.

2. If you want to talk about which religion leaves **historical evidence of having been practiced**, both Hinduism and Judaism have been found to be practiced as back as BC 3000. The earliest hymns of the Rigveda date back to that time, and the historical Abraham is traced back to that time, at least by some historians (though you can never expect a secular consensus in these matters). And we are not likely to know better than that. Its like the question of precedence of Latin and Greek, for those who know history of languages. Greek has some forms more primitive than Latin, but Latin also has some forms more primitive than Greek. But for all that, Greek, as a language, cannot be a day older than Latin.

The Story of Abraham (part 1 of 7): Introduction

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One of the prophets given the most attention in the Quran is the prophet Abraham. The Quran tells of him and his unwavering belief in God, first calling him to reject his people and their idolatry, and later to prove true to various tests which God places before him.

In Islam, Abraham is seen as a strict monotheist who calls his people to the worship of God alone. For this belief, he bears great hardships, even disassociating himself with his family and people through migration to various lands. He is one who fulfills various commandments of God through which he is tested, proving true to each one.

Due to this strength of faith, the Quran attributes the one and only true religion to be the "Path of Abraham", even though prophets before him, such as Noah, called to the same faith. Because of his tireless act of obedience to God, He gave him the special title of "Khaleel", or beloved servant, not given to any other Prophet before. Due to the excellence of Abraham, God made prophets from his progeny, from them Ishmael Isaac, Jacob (Israel) and Moses, guiding people to the truth.

The lofty status of Abraham is one shared by Judaism, Christianity and Islam alike. The Jews see him to be epitome of virtue as he fulfilled all the commandments although before they were revealed, and was the first to come to the realization of the One True God. He is seen as the father of the chosen race, the father of prophets due to which God started his series of revelations. In Christianity, he is seen as the father of all believers (Romans 4:11) and his trust in God and sacrifice is taken as a model for later saints (Hebrews 11).

As Abraham is given such importance, it is worthy that one study his life and investigate those aspects which raised him to the level which God gave him.

Although the Quran and the Sunnah do not given the details of the whole life of Abraham, they do mention certain facts worthy of note. As with other Quranic and biblical figures, the Quran and Sunnah detail aspects of their lives as a clarification of some misguided beliefs of previous revealed religions, or those aspects which contain certain mottos and morals worthy of note and emphasis.

His Name

In the Quran, the only name given to Abraham is "Ibraheem" and "Ibrahaam", all sharing the original root, b-r-h-m. Although in the Bible Abraham is known as Abram at first, and then God is said to change his name to Abraham, the Quran has kept silent on this subject, neither affirming nor negating it. Modern Judeo-Christian scholars do doubt, however, in story of the changing of his names and their respective meanings, calling it "popular world play". Assyriologists suggest that the Hebrew letter Hê (h) in the Minnean dialect is written in stead of a long 'a' (ā), and that the difference between Abraham and Abram is merely dialectical.[1] The same can be said for the names Sarai and Sarah, as their meanings are also identical.[2]

His Homeland

Abraham is estimated to have been born 2,166 years before Jesus in or around the Mesopotamian[3] city of Ur[4], 200 miles southeast of present-day Baghdad[5]. His father was 'Aazar', 'Terah' or 'Terakh' in the Bible, an idol worshipper, who was from the descendants of Shem, the son of Noah. Some scholars of exegesis suggest that he may have been called Azar after an idol he was devoted to. [6] He is likely to have been Akkadian, a Semitic people from the Arabian Peninsula who settled in Mesopotamia sometime in the third millennium BCE.

It seems as if Azar migrated along with some of his relatives to the city of Haran in the early childhood of Abraham before the confrontation with his people, although some Judeo-Christian traditions[7] tell it to be later in his life after he is rejected in his native city. In the Bible, Haran, one of the brothers of Abraham is said to have died in Ur, "in the land of his nativity" (Genesis 11:28), but he was much older than Abraham, as his other brother Nahor takes Haran's daughter as a wife (Genesis 11:29). The bible also makes no mention of the migration of Abraham to Haran, rather the first command to migrate is that out of Haran, as if they had settled there before (Genesis 12:1-5). If we take the first command to mean the emigration from Ur to Canaan, there seems to be no reason that Abraham would dwell with his family in Haran, leaving his father there and proceeding to Canaan thereafter, not to mention its geographical improbability [See map].

The Quran does mention the migration of Abraham, but it does so after Abraham disassociates himself from his father and tribesmen due to their disbelief. If he had been in Ur at that time, it seems unlikely that his father would go with him to Haran after disbelieving and torturing him along with his townspeople. As to why they chose to migrate, archaeological evidence suggests that Ur was a great city which saw its rise and fall within the lifetime of Abraham[8], so they may have been forced to leave due to environmental hardships. They may have chosen Haran due to it sharing the same religion as Ur[9].

The Religion of Mesopotamia

Archeological discoveries from the time of Abraham paint a vivid picture of the religious life of Mesopotamia. Its inhabitants were polytheists who believed in a pantheon, in which each god had a sphere of influence. The large temple dedicated to the Akkadian[10] moon god, Sin, was the main centre of Ur. Haran also had the moon as the central godhead. This temple was believed to be the physical home of God. The chief god of the temple was a wooden idol with additional idols, or 'gods', to serve him.

The Great Ziggurat of Ur, the temple of moon god Nanna, also known as Sin. Shot in 2004, the photograph is courtesy of Lasse Jensen.

Knowledge of God

Although Judeo-Christian scholars have differed as to when Abraham came to know God, at the age of three, ten, or forty-eight[11], the Quran is silent in mentioning the exact age at which Abraham received his first revelation. It seems it was, however, when he was young in age, as the Quran calls him a young man when his people try to execute him for rejecting their idols, and Abraham himself said to have knowledge not available to his father when he called him to worship God alone before his call spread to his people (19:43). The Quran is clear, however, in saying that he was one of the prophets to whom a scripture was revealed:

"Verily! This is in the former Scriptures. The Scriptures of Abraham and Moses." (Quran 87:18-19)

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"Abraham was not a Jew," insisted Arab Knesset member Ibrahim Sarsur, party leader of the United Arab List, in a statement released to the Israeli media last week.

Sarsur was responding to a recent assertion by Jewish Knesset members Naftali Bennett and Uri Ariel, both of the Jewish Home party, that Israel's claim to Jerusalem and to Judea-Samaria (the so-called "West Bank") is backed up by the Bible. "This claim brings against Israel half a billion Muslims and the entire Christian world," charged Sarsur.

In the Israeli media, the historical and religious dispute over possession and control of these areas is frequently discussed. Jews and Muslims are fighting over the same promised land, and both base their claims on their respective holy books, the Bible and the Koran. This aspect of the conflict is well understood in Israel, but is often glossed over by the Christian West as it seeks to impose a political compromise over what is essentially a religious battle.

And according to the Islamic interpretation of history, the Jews have no inheritance in this land, which was instead promised to the Muslims. "According to the Koran, Abraham was not a Jew, but a Muslim," argued Sarsur. "Abraham believed in Allah, as did his son Isaac and grandson Jacob."

Beyond the Koran, Sarsur also based his argument on the fact that Abraham lived 1,300 years before the historical existence of a group known as the "Jewish people." As Sarsur sees it, this means that "the land belongs to the Palestinians." Remember, this is coming from an Israeli citizen drawing a salary as a public servant of the State of Israel.

Sarsur went on to explain how the Koran makes a clear distinction between the children of Israel under the leadership of Moses and the Jews later in history: "Moses brought the Sharia (Islamic law) to the people of Israel. But after this nation rejected Sharia and Islam, only then does the Koran refer to a people known as the Jews." As such, the Koran sees "Jew" as a negative term, a people who have sinned against Allah.

Like many apologists for the Palestinian cause, Sarsur conveniently sidestepped the fact that the Koran and Islam only came along some 2,700 years after Abraham's time and approximately 2,200 years after Moses and the Exodus.

"The theological contest between Jews and Muslims, between the Bible and the Koran determines the political atmosphere in the country and in this region, and thus many people abroad can not come to terms with," Avichail, a young rabbi from Jerusalem, told Israel Today. "The fact that we (the Jews) now live again in the biblical Land of Israel, this was foretold by the prophets in the Bible and not by the Koran."

Ibrahim (Abraham)

Ibrahim A (Abraham) was a **Rasul** (Messenger) of **Allah** (God), who is respected equally in all the three major religions of the world - **Islam**, *Christianity* and *Judaism*.

All of these three religions emerged from the Middle East.

Rusul (Messengers) of **Islam**, *Christianity* and *Judaism* were all from the family of **Ibrahim** A (Abraham).

And We bestowed on him [Ibrahim (Abraham)], Ishaq (Isaac) and Ya'qub (Jacob), and We ordained among his offspring Prophethood and the Book [i.e. the Taurat (Torah) (to Musa – Moses), the Injil (Gospel) (to "Isa – Jesus), and *the* Qur-an (to Muhammad S), all from the offspring of Ibrahim (Abraham)], and We granted him reward in this world; and verily, in the Hereafter he is indeed among the righteous.
Surah *(Chapter)* ***Al-Ankabut*** *(The Spider)* The Qur-an 29:27

Ibrahim A (Abraham) was born in a place called ***Ur*** in ***'Iraq***. People of ***Ur*** used to worship stars and *idols*.

Azar, the father of **Ibrahim** A (Abraham) was a carpenter, who used to make wooden idols of *gods* for worship.

Ibrahim A (Abraham) was always searching for the true God to worship. Eventually he found the truth and became a believer in **Allah** (God).

Even in his childhood, **Ibrahim** A (Abraham) never worshipped *idols*. He knew that the *idols* were made by people like his father and was convinced that worshipping *idols* was wrong.

He tried to reason with them that those idols can not hear, speak or do any thing; then how could they grant their wishes or help them in times of trouble? He tried to tell them not to follow wrong traditions of their forefathers and seek refuge in **Allah** (God) – Lord of the universe

"I am and always will be a Muslim. My religion is Islam."

"I am not a racist in any form whatsoever. I don't believe in any form of discrimination or segregation. I believe in Islam. I am a Muslim and there is nothing wrong with being a Muslim, nothing wrong with the religion of Islam. It just teaches us to believe in Allah as the God. Those of you who are Christian probably believe in the same God, because I think you believe in the God Who created the universe. That's the One we believe in, the One Who created universe--the only difference being you call Him God and we call Him Allah. The Jews call Him Jehovah. If you could understand Hebrew, you would probably call Him Jehovah too. If you could understand Arabic, you would probably call Him Allah...."

- Malcolm X

True Islam

Islam was not born in the 7th century A.D. Rather, it is the same religion that God revealed through His messengers (peace be upon them) to every people. Islam sometimes seems strange to non-Muslims because it is a religion which impacts every part of life, from eating and sleeping to working and playing. It is not only a personal religion, but also a social one.

Muslims seek to live in accordance with God's laws. By doing so, they strive to obtain nearness to God and victory over temporary trials and temptations in this world. All aspects of their practice including prayer, fasting, charity, and pilgrimage are intended to help meet this goal. Although strict by secular standards, Islam is not an ascetic religion. Islam requires its followers to be active participants in their communities.

Muslims believe that God is One, indivisible, and they believe in all the prophets of the Christians and Jews including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Job, Moses, Aaron, David, Solomon, Elias, Jonah, John the Baptist, and Jesus (peace be upon them).

Muslims also recognize another prophet named Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), who is a direct descendant of Abraham through his first born son, Ishmael. His prophethood is prophesied in the Bible in several places, including Deut 18:18 and John 4:16.

The Qur'an is the holy book of Muslims. It contains many stories that are familiar to Christians and Jews. It was not created by man but was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) through the Angel Gabriel at the command of God. It contains no scientific fallacies or internal contradictions. In fact, it contains much scientific knowledge discovered by scientists only in this century. The Qur'an is an unparalleled Arabic literary masterpiece. Furthermore, it survives in its original revealed form, unlike the Torah and the Gospel.

People living in the West and throughout the world should not allow themselves to be ignorant about Islam and Muslims. For example, there are six million Muslims living in the United States out of 1.2 billion in the world. Only 18% of Muslims live in the Arab world. Demographers say that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the U.S. (and the world) due to high birth rate, immigration, and high conversion rate. By the year 2000, Islam is predicted to be the second largest religion in America if it is not already, surpassing Judaism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, and other religions.

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Until lions tell their tale, the story of the hunt will always glorify the hunter

– African Proverb

Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will

– Frederick Douglass

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For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear

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Every man is rich in excuses to safeguard his prejudices, his instincts, and his opinions.

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Cowardice asks the question: is it safe? Expediency asks the question: is it political? Vanity asks the question: is it popular? But conscience asks the question: is it right.

– Dr. Martin L. King, Jr

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God

– Matthew 5:9

We are not Africans because we are born in Africa, we are Africans because Africa is born in us.

– Chester Higgins Jr.

Don't waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don't cast your pearls to swine! They will trample them, then turn and attack you

– Matthew 7:6

Leave no brother or sister behind the enemy line of poverty.

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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect

Romans 12:2

This site intends to serve three aims: (a) to provide information about Christianity and the African World (the continent and Americas); and (b) to offer a guide to African Christian's global identity in the context of culture and personality. (c) Protect Africa's unique Christian Orthodoxies. It is also a cultural and historical site on a progressive understanding of African traditional Christianity

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Christianity is revolutionary or oppressive depending on who is teaching it. Like any tool, in the hands of the slave master, or the missionary it will justify Africa's oppression. An African centered reading of Christianity, however, produces radically different paradigms.

In any multi-faith continent, knowledge of self must include knowledge of our neighbors. Ignorance of each other has been the tool which others can use to create friction. Anyone who does know this will become a victim of the oppressors biggest weapon "divide and rule" In seeking a Pan-African future a constructive dialog is necessary, which deals with Africa today and not a mythical romantic historical Africa.

Culture has never been static, and certainly no static culture has survived history. A culture which is inflexible in a globalized world is a culture on the verge of extinction. African Culture is not a monolith and while the foundations remain fundamentally unaltered, the interpretation and expression of continues to be a forever blossoming flower.

At the beginning of the colonial era less than 5% where Christian, after colonialism less than 50% of Africa was Christian, this rapid transformation created a high degree of cultural displacement, unlike with Islam which was steadily Africanized for over 1000 years. Christianity has been plagued with the history of European conquest and today it is yet to escape that legacy and become an agent of true liberation. With the exception of Ethiopia, the intention of Christianity in Africa was never to create development, in any capacity, in the African mind.

Today Christianity in Africa shares almost equal space with Islam. Both expand at the expense of the native African belief systems. That has always been the way of the

world, life and death, and we must accept that reality but also learn from those histories and ancient traditions.

Don't waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don't cast your pearls to swine! They will trample them, then turn and attack you

Matthew 7:6

Christianity has been a traditional part of the dynamic African landscape for over 2000 years. And beyond argument remains a fundamental sculptor the African cultures in Sudan and Ethiopia. The majority of Christianizing in Africa is unfortunately linked to the enslavement and colonization.

Nazerteh Church (Shembe SA)

In the making of the slave you realize it was not the Bible or Jesus that was ever the problem, it was the slave masters "Two readings of Christianity" one reading secured his desires of exploitation and the other reading secured passive obedience from the enslaved — a slave master friendly version. We can take a third reading and that is our revolution. So it is necessary to deal with tradition African Christianity, which is a beautiful example of African agency within Christian theology.

The man that took your eye is telling you to turn the other cheek.
The guy that never forgives is telling you to forget

BEYOND SLAVE MODELS

Do not ill-treat foreigners who are living in your land. Treat them as you would a fellow-Israelite, and love them as you love yourselves. Remember that you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God

Leviticus 19:33-34

Before Jesus and Mary, there was Ancient Egypt

With all the devotion to God it is strange how most cannot explain one Biblical story or even understand the history of Christianity, or the life of Jesus. They cannot even have an intelligent objective conversation about the religion they hold so dear. As much as they claim to love God and the church, they never ever want to actually discuss anything about the real Bible

beyond "what the pastor said." So extreme is this brainwashed mind-set is they see Muslims, Jews, and even other Christians (who might even be identical to them) as heretics and beyond salvation. Yet they do not know the difference between Psalms and Timothy. And then there is that wonderful mechanism of closing down when

challenged about their knowledge of the scripture. That defense mechanism for preventing the pre-programmed pastor message from being eroded by truth.

> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, thought like a child, and reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I no longer used childish ways
>
> 1 Corinthians 13:11

How is this possible? Because despite the 2% good in these new churches it implants concepts "Have faith", "Praise the Lord" but in almost every instances it attaches no hard ethics to this rhetoric. So these statements of "belief" are left abstract and floating. It also explains why we see (esp in Southern Africa) people living such contradictory lives, pastors who sleep with 1/2 the choir, alcohol abuse followed by church at 8am, vulgarly dishonest people, stealing and wickedness – just after mass. Because the religion is not actually attached to any true morals or practicality of living in the real world, and while everyone has these issues at least there should be some sense of right and wrong — even when engaged in a "sin."' It distracts the mind from seeking development and consciousness of self. It does not inform people about their history, their culture. It does not stimulate the mind to learn more about anything other than their narrow teaching of a very dynamic and rich Bible. Divorced from reality and in a spritual/intellectual vacuum people are better exploited, and content to be passive in the development of their country and continent.

> For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.
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> Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Tanakh)

There must then clearly be a time for revolution!

African Kings African Kings African Kings

JESUS OF THE BIBLE

And while there is a debate on Jesus was a prophet of a "god" very few realize is that Jesus was a revolutionary, he was a socialist and he was an enemy of imperialism. He was also anti-corruption, and anti-capitalist. Yet very few Christians have that conversation when discussing "No one gets to the father but through me (my way of life)." The harsh question for Christians today is "What would Jesus be doing if he was alive today?" and that one question alone will show the serious spiritual and political detour of many so-called Christians. Would Jesus be driving the latest Lexus? Would Jesus be pro-War in the Middle East? Would Jesus support the invasion of Libya and the exploitation in the Congo by the super powers? Would Jesus be okay with the suffering of the Palestinians at the hands of the Israeli forces? Would Jesus support the designs of the Oligarchy? Would he marry two gay men in a ceremony? And would Jesus support

the exploitation and race based privileges Europeans continue to enjoy? By looking at his ancient message we find all the answers to this basic question.

Some Africanist take issue with Jesus, but Jesus owned no slaves, he did not run a state, like David, Muhammad, Askia, Menelik, or Moses. He was not a military general (like Chaka Zulu or Hannibal), he carried no sword, he debauched no women, he had no debts. He was a poor Jewish man with few possessions who had a small following--not even a religion-but an intellectual social circle of revolutionaries. What did he ever do to anyone that would "spoil" his name today? And we must paradigm shift and re-think how we arrive at our twisted conclusions. The intellectual question is Who Was Jesus? Someone 1000's of years later decided to enslave Africans--in his name. Did Jesus sanction this in the Gospels? Did Jesus give them permission to name the ship "Good ship Jesus"? So why take issue with Jesus?

> Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful
>
> Joshua 1:8

Jesus or Paul?: Of the three Abrahamic faiths, Christianity is perhaps the most altered from its original teachings. Early Christianity was a sect of Judaism. In most denominations of Christianity, the voice of Paul overshadows the voice of all. Paul seems to be the great arbitrator that abrogates all previous teaches of Christianity. One of the most famous critcisms comes from Thomas Jefferson, who wrote in a letter to James Smith, that "Paul was ... the first corrupter of the doctrines of Jesus." (Works, 1829 edition, vol. 4, p. 327.

There is also profound differences between Paul and Jesus: When the Southerners in our country sought to defend slavery, they called upon Paul to back them up, citing Ephesians 6:5 and Titus 2:9-10, where he exhorts slaves to obey their masters, and the fact that slavery was widely practiced, but Paul never condemned it once. Also Paul was very anti-woman. He ordered that they not be allowed to speak in the churches (I Cor 14:34-45) and that they stay home and take care of the children (1Timothy 5:14), and that wives should be submissive to the mastery of their husbands (Ephesians 5:22-24 and Colossians 3:18-19).

> God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference
>
> Serenity Pray

While Paul teaches a salvation based solely on faith (Romans 3:28: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.") and not one's deeds, Jesus reportedly teaches the opposite: that behavioral requirements (works/ deeds), rooted in an internal change of spiritual growth within the person (not external or apart from the person, though the gift of teaching and techniques to achieve this personal change are a gift of grace not earned or deserved by us, but requiring actions [deeds] to implement), are integral to salvation. Jesus was a Jewish rabbi who always upheld the Law of Moses. In his first public teaching, the Sermon on the Mount, he made it very clear in Matt. 5:18-19: "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." ("jot or tittle" in modern translations is "not one iota nor one dot".) Have heaven and earth passed away? Have all the prophecies, including those of the last days, been fulfilled?

Even some of the occasions when Jesus seems to add to the Law or teach in new and different ways, he goes to great lengths to show that it is based on the Law. For example,

when this rabbi asked by a "lawyer" (one versed in the Law of Moses) what was the greatest commandment in the Law, Jesus turns the question back to him and asks what is in the Law, and from that extrapolates his great commandments to Love God (from Deut 6:5) and Love Neighbor as Self (from Lev. 19:18) which was clearly the centerpiece of his ministry and his doctrine of active love and compassion for all. Paul, on the other hand, wants to throw out the Law of Moses! Romans 3:19-21: "Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets."

Some authors go as far as to state that Paul was, in short, a cunning rogue who pieced together a new religion from bits of this and that, and then dressed the whole thing up with a sprinkling of out-of-context Torah quotations. [4]

> Thank God Ethiopian Christianity did not accept "love your enemies," or else the Italians at the battle of Adwa would have been welcomed with Injera instead of bullets and swords

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Hebrew Slaves

Inside the Bible you have the religious story of the Hebrew Slave in Ancient Egypt. Yet many Africans enslaved mentally and physically could not see the parallels to their dilemma. Follow the Bible and liberate yourself from the modern Pharaoh. How come that obvious Biblical lesson escaped the most staunch Christian? The cry to Pharaoh was "let my people go", "deliver us out of bondage", yet somehow for 300 years Africans were given a religion that spoke of escape from bondage yet the most religious accepted this bondage as the natural order of things.

White Religion:Long before the Western Europeans acquired Christianity, Ethiopia, and later Kush (Sudan) had it. Christianity came from the world that included the Levant and Ancient Ethiopic nations. At some political opportune time Europe (late compared to Ethiopia) acquired it. As a tool to aid and justify conquest two readings were engaged; one which allowed them to conquer the "savage" (that would mean non-White people), and one to pacify the "savage" (Always referring to people they were conquering). "Judge not," "love your enemy," and "Turn the cheek", was for the slave; "Eye for an Eye" was for the slave master. To expand their empires it was "saving souls" and to stop the new souls from fighting back it was "love your enemy."

If a white man comes to your door and tells you about the Kingdom of God and part of his solution is to sit still and have faith — do nothing to change the power balance or the inequity in the world, but accept the status quo and Africa's station in the bottom of every demographic. To accept slavery, apartheid, and colonialism, as one day God will come down and sort it all out. This is what is meant by "White man's religion" because it services White people's hegemony. The problem is not the Bible, or Christianity per se; the problem is who is reading it to you.

Christianity was adopted by Europeans — it was not created by them—but has become their chief religious agent in sculpting the World (replaced in our times with democracy). They made it their own by implanting their pre-Christian values and agendas onto a Middle Eastern faith—a non-White Jewish faitb. This is a natural process as all people with agency seek to balance two things; absorb the benefits of new innovations (religious or otherwise), as well as maintaining their unique cultural identity and power centers. The problem for the African who received this Europeanized version of Christianity is while it worked to secure European interest, it did so at the expense of African interest.

Impact Beyond Religion

White Angel Black Devil	The impact of European Christianity is profound, stretching beyond the boundaries of religion and influencing mainstream Western values. A few concepts that it produced. (Please note these concepts only apply to the enslaved or controlled

> populous): 1. Don't Judge 2. Turn the Cheek 3. Be non-violent with oppression 4. Love your enemy. So embedded in the faith most think these are the theological core of the faith. But these sentiments do not even account for 1% of the Bible, what about the other 99%? These are not Biblical traditions. Of the 1000s of names in the Biblical tradition can one man, Paul and not Jesus, wipe out the entire sentiment of a faith?

Luckily Garvey, Nat Turner and Ethiopia were concerned with the other 99%. And the reason is the emphasis of the Bible is subjective. And it was carefully shaped in Western Europe to produce things like the beatitude (Latin: happy, fortunate, or blissful). These are Europeanized theological schools of thought, which have influenced the ideology of an entire faith (ideological globalization). So much so, that most cannot see Christianity outside of these Eurocentric boxes. To do so would mean studying Christianity of other nations, such as Ethiopia, which preserve a unique theology.

> I believe in a religion that believes in freedom. Any time I have to accept a religion that won't let me fight a battle for my people, I say to hell with that religion
>
> El Hajj Malik Shabazz

DANGER AND CORRUPTION

> Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart
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> 1 Samuel 16:7

If the Bible says "Seek and Yeah shall find," "know the truth and the truth shall set you free ," why then are the pastor telling you only to listen exclusively to them? Why would they need to brainwash people with threats of hell fire or some spiritual calamity for consuming broader spiritual information? Why do most know more about the ideology of Christianity but yet cannot tie it to verses in the actual Bible? Are the pastors fearful of the Biblical message to "Let the truth set you free?"

Church in parts of the African world (esp. Nigeria, USA and South Africa) is almost a spiritual social club, and in some cases a day time rave; full of magic and circus tricks. It rarely conveys the deeper meaning of the Bible or the true teachings of Jesus. It is a power tool for priest to amass wealth and status by brainwashing unconscious victims looking for deliverance. It is never intended to create people who think for themselves, that challenge and resolve complex issues. It seems to replace that natural awareness, natural curiosity, with blind faith and narrow distorted understanding of reality. It always seems to close down the doors to intellectual development, logic and reason— creating functionites that just act and think in one way. Socialized into spiritual redundancy, ignorance, and at an impasse with mental development.

The error is not in the Bible or the Christian faith but in its exploitation. Christianity or any religion should develop the soul and the mind; it should inform and create consciousness. So if the only message is "have faith" and "In Jesus name" then that is not Christianity but a selective corruption which keeps the masses ignorant and impotent. Sitting down on your hands "faith" is not faith it is utter stupidity.

> The Bible may be from God, but the interpretation is certainly from man

'Alik Shahadah

THE CHURCH OF GOD OR OF MAN?

Nothing terrifies a believer more than the threat of burning in hell. So much so that people do not want to entertain anything but what the pastors says. Any type of thinking outside of the institution is deemed "not a true understanding of Christians teaching". Who is determining this "true" version of Christianity? So when you go back to the pastor and said you read this website they will tell you it is the DEVILS WORK. Naturally, but can they explain why? There is no why it is just what they say it is. "True Christianity" needs no qualification except that you trust the person saying it. But Africans ended up in a boat trusting so-called True Christian reading, and we continue to be in the same slave ship by blindly trusting someone's version of a true Christian teaching.

Divide and Rule spreading of Hate

But what has Church done for your liberation? Has it given you greater economic footprint? Has it ended the broken homes in the West with our people? Has it restored our history, does it even mention history? Ethiopia used Christianity for almost 2000 years to be a dominant nation, what is Christianity doing in Nigeria, South Africa and America?

Does it make us moral? So as Malcolm X said if it does not discuss liberation then put it in the toilet. Marcus Garvey a devout Christian used Christianity in his liberation. But what the churches of today seem more skilled at is total brainwashing of its congregation. Keeping them ignorant of their neighbors. Dividing not only Christian from Jew and from Muslim, but from other Christian communities.

CHRISTIANITY & AFRICA

> Science investigates; religion interprets. Science gives man knowledge, which is power; religion gives man wisdom, which is control. Science deals mainly with facts; religion deals mainly with values. The two are not rivals
>
> Martin Luther King

> Ethiopia is home to the oldest Christian tradition in the world, as well as the oldest tradition of Islam outside of Saudi Arabia. Christianity was in Ethiopia (Abyssinia) long before there was an Anglican church, long before it was the state religion of Italy.
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> > The adoption of Christianity in Ethiopia dates to the fourth-century reign of the Aksumite emperor Ezana. The kingdom was located along major international trade routes through the Red Sea between India and the Roman empire. Ethiopia was always part of the historical Biblical world, and had seen adherents to the Jewish doctrine. The legend of Queen Sheeba and her encounter with Solomon is legendary in this region.

Christianity, like Islam in West Africa was brought to Aksum via merchants. Ezana's decision to adopt Christianity helped solidify his trading relationship with the Roman Empire. Christianity afforded the possibility of unifying the many diverse ethnic and linguistic peoples of the Aksumite kingdom, a goal of Ezana's leadership. Again we see similarities between the political motives for the expansion of Islam in Africa. Aksum was one of the earliest states to develop a coin system in order to service its sophisticated

and prosperous economy. Emperor Ezana was the first world leader to put the cross on coins that are the earliest examples of Christian material culture from Ethiopia.

The introduction of the ahistorical "White European" image of Jesus has done considerable damage to the African mind. Even in Ethiopia this image has been recently introduced by Europe and has been replacing traditional dark-skinned images of Jesus. Many, are now challenges this and returning the images of Jesus to an more realistic one of a man who comes from a hot climate.

> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless
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> **James 1:26**

AFRICAN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

> Christianity a spiritual technology, which codifies a way of life and dictates relationships between God, based on the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth as presented in canonical gospels and other New Testament writings.

Lalibella

> Adherents of the Christian faith are known as Christians. Most forms of Christianity teach Jesus is the Son of God. This was agreed upon at the Council of Nicaea in 325 at the political command of Roman Emperor Constantine. Its main accomplishments were settlement of the Christological issue of the relationship of Jesus to God the Father; the construction of the first part of the Nicene Creed; settling the calculation of the date of Easter; and promulgation of early canon law. This turning point is not agreed upon by all Christian denominations and is the single greatest theological splinter with the other two Abrahamic faith (Islam and Judaism).

It is the trinity, deification of Christ and subsequent salvation in Christ, above all other factors, that separates Christianity from Judaism and Islam.

Jesus was a Jewish reformer so early Christianity began as a Jewish sect in the mid-1st century. However, the term Christian was nowhere in this period of history. Ignatius of Antioch was the first Christian to use the label in self-reference and made the earliest recorded use of the term Christianity (Greek Χριστιανισμός), around 100 AD. With advocates such as Paul (formerly Saul) it quickly grew in size and influence over a few decades, and by the 4th century had become the dominant religion within the Roman Empire. It is argued by some scholars that Christianity emerged as a distinct religion in a bid to separate itself from Judaism, which was under Roman persecution. When The Roman Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity following his victory at the Battle of Milvian Bridge in 312. Under his rule, Christianity rose to become the dominant religion in the Roman Empire, and the most popular religion in the world with over 2 billion adherents.

> for at least the first three centuries of their common lives, Judaism in all of its forms and Christianity in all of its forms were part of one complex religious family, twins in a womb, contending with each other for identity and precedence, but sharing with each other the same spiritual food, as well
>
> Daniel Boyarin

During the Middle Ages, most of the remainder of Europe was Christianized, with Christians in North Africa and Ethiopia.

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> Another early example of Africans in Christianity comes in the form of Saint Maurice was the leader of the legendary Roman Theban Legion in the 3rd century, and one of the favorite and most widely venerated saints of that group. He was the patron saint of several professions, locales, and

> kingdoms. He is also a highly revered saint in the Coptic Orthodox Church.
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> With 6,666 of his African compatriots, St. Maurice had chosen martyrdom rather than deny his allegiance to his faith, thereby creating for the Christian world an image of the Church Militant that was as impressive numerically as it was colourwise.

The Africanized image of Maurice reached its apogee during the years 1490 to 1530. Images of the saint died out in the mid-sixteenth century, undermined by the developing African slave trade. Despite mass conversions of Africans to Christianity, Eurocentric Christianity did not want to reinforce any positive image of African inclusion in Christian history nor did they want to add nobility to African identity. The process of Christianity was to better control Africans not promote a sense of ownership in Christian history.

AFRICA'S OWN CHRISTIANITY

In order to brainwash Africans to the superiority of the European version of Christianity they first had to be brainwashed to the superiority of the European race and culture. In every instance when that notion of any form of superiority was void (Ethiopia), challenged or debunked, Africans, and others, have demonstrated agency and created their own orthodoxies taking elements in the name of self-interest. What we saw in most of Africa was a failure to get to grips with White supremacy, which got more problematic as Europe first demolished the walls of agency that protected African people. [2] They introduced a Christianity that was abstract from the realities of the world and African life. Faith without purpose, belief without understanding and meaning. Creating some of the most brainwashed and enslaved people who get caught in a cycle of perpetuating ignorance about self.

> I don't have enough faith to be an atheist" It certainly takes a leap of faith to look at all of creation and believe it happened by accident

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Ethiopia, and parts of North Africa, which created their own orthodoxies outside of the colonial template. In the rest of Africa orthodoxies have been formulated by Africans after the introduction via missionaries, reasons for doing so are: 1. Reject the politics of European domination and control. 2. To promote Christian values through an African aesthetic and world-view. 3. To assert agency and cultural identity aligned with the values of Christianity, without the Eurocentric cultural imposition.

- Ethiopian Orthodox Church
- Celestial Church of Christ. (Benin and West Africa)
- Zionist Church [Shembe (Nazareth) (Southern Africa and Zimbabwe)
- Aladura (Nigeria)

Africans have a duty to protect Africa's unique Christian Orthodoxies and reject Western variants of Christianity. See Missionaries

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ETHIOPIAN CHRISTIANITY

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church Tewahedo (Amharic: የኢትዮጵያ ኦርቶዶክስ ተዋሕዶ ቤተ ክርስቲያን). It is uniquely African as outlined below:

Biblical canon

> The Tewahedo Church Canon contains 81 books. This canon contains the books accepted by other Orthodox Christians. The

Narrower Canon also contains Enoch, Jubilees, and I II III Meqabyan. These last differ substantially from the Greek I, II, III Maccabees, and the canonical Enoch differs from the editions of the Ge'ez manuscripts in the British Museum and elsewhere (A-Q) used by foreign scholars (OTP), for example in treatment of the Nephilim of Genesis 6.

The current 81 book version was published in 1986, containing the same text as previously published in the Haile Selassie Version of the Bible, only with some minor modifications to the New Testament translation. The Broader Canon has never been fully published or scrutinized, but is said include all of the Narrower Canon, as well as two Books of the Covenant, four Books of Sinodos, an Epistle to Clement, and the Didascalia. These may not all bear close resemblance to works of these titles known in the west.

Oldest Illustrated Bible (330 C.E)

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself

Matthew 22:37-39

Lalibella Rock Church

World's first illustrated Christian bible was recently discovered at Ethiopian monastery the worlds earliest illustrated Christian book has been saved by a British charity, which located it at a remote Ethiopian monastery. The incredible Garima Gospels are named after a monk who arrived in the African country in the fifth century and is said to have copied them out in just one day. Beautifully illustrated, the colours are still vivid and thanks to the Ethiopian Heritage Fund have been conserved. The incredible relic has been kept ever since in the Garima Monastery near Adwa in the north of the country, which is in the Tigray region at 7,000 feet.

Experts believe it is also the earliest example of book binding still attached to the original pages. It was written on goat skin in Ge'ez. There are two volumes which date from the same time, but the second is written in a different hand from the first. Both contain illustrations and the four Gospels. Carbon dating, however, gives a date between 330 and 650 - which tantalisingly overlaps the date Abba Garima arrived in the country.

LANGUAGE (ግዕዝ)

The divine services of the Ethiopian Church are celebrated in the Ge'ez language, which has been the language of the Church at least since the arrival of the Nine Saints (Abba Pantelewon, Abba Gerima (Isaac, or Yeshaq), Abba Aftse, Abba Guba, Abba Alef, Abba Yem'ata, Abba Liqanos, and Abba Sehma), who fled persecution by the Byzantine Emperor after the Council of Chalcedon. The Septuagint Greek version was originally translated into Ge'ez, but later revisions show clear evidence of the use of Hebrew, Syriac, and Arabic sources. The first translation into a modern vernacular was done in the 19th century by a man who is usually known as Abu Rumi. Later, Haile Selassie sponsored Amharic translations of the Ge'ez Scriptures during his reign, one before World War II and one afterwards. Sermons today are usually delivered in the local language.

Architecture

There are many monolithic churches in Ethiopia, most famously the above-mentioned twelve churches at Lalibela. After these, two main types of architecture are found—one basilican, the other native. The Church of Our Lady Mary of Zion at Aksum is an example of the basilican design, though the early basilicas are nearly all in ruin. These examples show the influence of those architects who, in the 6th century, built the

basilicas at San'ā' and elsewhere in the Arabian Peninsula. There are two forms of native churches: one oblong, traditionally found in Tigray; the other circular, traditionally found in Amhara and Shewa (though either style may be found elsewhere). In both forms, the sanctuary is square and stands clear in the center, and the arrangements are based on Jewish tradition. Walls and ceilings are adorned with frescoes. A courtyard, circular or rectangular, surrounds the body of the church. Modern Ethiopian churches may incorporate the basilican or native styles, and utilize contemporary construction techniques and materials. In rural areas, the church and outer court are often thatched, with mud-built walls.

The Chapel of the Tablet at the Church of Our Lady Mary of Zion allegedly houses the original Ark of the Covenant.

Ark of the Covenant

The Ethiopian church claims that one of its churches, Our Lady Mary of Zion, is host to the original Ark of the Covenant that Moses carried with the Israelites during the Exodus. However, only one priest is allowed into the building where the Ark is located, ostensibly due to dangerous biblical warnings. As a result, international scholars doubt that the original Ark is truly there, although a case has been put forward by controversial popular writer Graham Hancock in his book The Sign and the Seal.

Throughout Ethiopia, Orthodox churches are not considered churches until the local bishop gives them a tabot, a replica of the tablets in the original Ark of the Covenant. The tabot is at least six inches (15 cm) square and made from alabaster, marble, or wood (see acacia). It is always kept in ornate coverings on the Altar. Only priests are allowed to touch the tabot. In an elaborate procession, the tabot is carried around the outside of the church amid joyful song and on the feast day of that particular church's namesake. On the great Feast of T'imk'et, known as Epiphany or Theophany in Europe; group of churches send their tabots to celebrate the occasion on a common location where a pool of water or a river is located.

Similarities to Judaism and Islam

> The Ethiopian church places a heavier emphasis on Old Testament teachings than one might find in any of the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic or Protestant churches, and its followers adhere to certain practices that one finds in Orthodox or Conservative Judaism. Ethiopian Christians, like some other Eastern Christians, traditionally follow dietary rules that are similar to Jewish Kashrut, specifically with regard to how an animal is slaughtered.

Similarly, pork is prohibited, though unlike Rabbinical Kashrut, Ethiopian cuisine does mix dairy products with meat. Women are prohibited from entering the church during menses; they are also expected to cover their hair with a large scarf (or shash) while in church, per 1 Cor. 11. As with Orthodox synagogues, men and women are seated separately in the Ethiopian church, with men on the left and women on the right (when facing the altar). (Women covering their heads and separation of the sexes in churchhouses officially is common to some Oriental Orthodox, Eastern Orthodox and Catholic Christians, as well as many conserva4ve Protestant and Anabaptist traditions; it also is the rule in some non-Christian religions, Islam and Orthodox Judaism among them.) Ethiopian Orthodox worshippers remove their shoes when entering a church, in accordance with Exodus 3:5 (in which Moses, while viewing the burning bush, is commanded to remove his shoes while standing on holy ground). Furthermore, both the Sabbath (Saturday), and the Lord's Day (Sunday) are observed as holy, although more emphasis, because of the Resurrection of Christ, is laid upon Sunday.

After Saluddin retook the Holy City in 1187, he expressly invited the Ethiopian monks to return and even exempted Ethiopian pilgrims from the pilgrim tax. His motivation for this kindness is unknown; perhaps he remembered the hijrah where Ethiopia sheltered the first Muslims.

CHRISTIANITY AND SLAVERY

> To be obedient to them that are your masters, according to the flesh, in fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ

Bible

It is amazing the capacity for evil in people who wake up on Sunday and go to Church and sing high in the name of God. And the evils they do are not reflected on, or connected to the spiritual message they cling so dearly to and arrogantly force on others with moral superiority. Two worlds, one of religious purity and self-righteousness and the other of unspeakable evil to those chained by the yoke of slavery— yet the two worlds failed to reconcile.

Religion was not a garb put on for Sunday, and laid aside till Sunday returned again

Hariet Jacobs

Christianity, like Judaism and Islam does not outlaw domestic slavery; slavery was a feature of the time, which dealt with prisoners of war, debt, and criminals. It was integrated into the social fabric in which these three faiths were born into. In the case of Christianity, the numerous references to slavery do not facilitate racial Chattel Slavery. Both from time to time insist on the basic need for humanity within slavery. However both the Old and New Testament recognizes and accepts the institution of slavery. The Jews are frequently reminded, in both the Bible and the Talmud, that they too were slaves in Egypt and should therefore treat their conquered people decently. Numerous Biblical references allude to equality :

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Darfur TruthDid not He that made me in the womb make him [the slave]? And did not One fashion us both?" (Job 31:15). Darfur report

But slavery was a clear reality of the Biblical Judo-Christian societies.

Darfur TruthAs for your male and female slaves who may belong to you, you may buy male and female slaves from the nations all around you. Darfur report(25:44)

Darfur TruthAlso you may buy slaves from the children of the foreigners who reside with you, and from their families that are with you, whom they have fathered in your land, they may become your property. Darfur report (25:45)

Darfur TruthYou may give them as inheritance to your children after you to possess as property. You may enslave them perpetually. However, as for your brothers the Israelites, no man may rule over his brother harshly. Darfur report(25:46)

It is also clear that slavery is accepted in the New Testament as a fact of life. Some passages in the Pauline Epistles even endorse it. Thus in the Epistle to Philemon, a runaway slave is returned to his master; in Ephesians 6, the duty owed by a slave to his master is compared with the duty owed by a child to his parent:

Parents and masters are likewise enjoined to show consideration for their children and slaves. Thus it can be concluded, In Christianity, all humans, of the faith, are equal in the eyes of God and in the afterlife however this equality didn't extend to, and hence was not recognized before the secular laws of man. Those not of the faith, were in another, and in most respect an inferior group. In this respect, Greek perception of the barbarian "the other" and the Judeo-Christian-Islamic perception of the unbeliever coincide.

Jesus, though he repeatedly denounced sin as a kind of moral slavery, said not a word against slavery as a social institution." Now slavery was all around the world in which Jesus preached, there is no escaping this reality. He would have dealt with it on a daily basis yet did not see cause to renounce it in all of his messages. The writers of the New Testament did not oppose slavery either.(Cardinal Dulles, Avery. "Development or Reversal?".) Slaves were told that their suffering was similar to the suffering that Christ endured. Paul also puts forward that "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." The Epistle to Philemon has become an important text in regard to slavery, being used by pro-slavery advocates as well as by abolitionists. In the epistle, Paul writes that he is returning Onesimus, a fugitive slave, back to his master Philemon. Paul also entreats Philemon to regard Onesimus as a beloved brother in Christ. Cardinal Dulles points out that, "while discreetly suggesting that he manumit Onesimus, [Paul] does not say that Philemon is morally obliged to free Onesimus and any other slaves he may have had." According to tradition, Philemon did free Onesimus, and both were eventually recognized as saints by the Church. T. David Curp asserts that, "Given that the Church received Philemon as inspired Scriptur Paul's ambiguity effectively blocked the early Fathers of the Church from denouncing slavery outright." In the Epistle of Paul to Titus, Paul appears to support the servitude of slaves: "Tell slaves to be submissive to their masters and to give satisfaction in every respect; they are not to talk back, not to pilfer, but to show complete and perfect fidelity, so that in everything they may be an ornament to the doctrine of God our Savior."

AFRICAN CHRISTIAN DILEMMA

> One of the largest issues within African communities is the rise of Pentecostal multimillion-dollar conglomerates. This is the only way to describe them because the operate more like a business than a religion. There is no humility and no value transferred. It is basically a day-time party or circus show. Nigeria's pastors run multi-million dollar businesses which rival that of oil tycoons.

In Nigeria, Bishop Oyedepo, was followed on the rich list by Pastor Chris Oyakhilome of the Believers' Loveworld Ministries. He was worth between $30 and $50m.These pastors are flamboyant many of them have private jets and expensive cars. On the other end of the world Europe is producing gay priest and now atheist priest (who do not believe in God).

The introduction of the ahistorical "White European" image of Jesus has done considerable damage to the African mind. Even in Ethiopia this image has been recently introduced by Europe and has been replacing traditional dark-skinned images of Jesus. Many, are now challenges this and returning the images of Jesus to an more realistic one of a man who comes from a hot climate.

These Nigerian preachers are just capitalist who exploit a natural human spiritual desire. And people do have this spiritual need, and if it is not filed with a meaningful understanding of the creator, that void will be filled with these entertainers. Many of these so-called Churches in Nigeria and South Africa are day time clubs. [More soon]

MISSIONARIES

Churches are closing down all over Europe, some being turned into luxury houses. In Norway only 32% practise Christianity. Norway has one of the lowest church attendance in the world - Africa and South America the highest. Yet despite this, year after year, missionaries up and leave Norway and other parts of Europe and head to Africa to tell Africans about God.

Under the mask of "Saving African souls" colonialism took roots in Africa. The like of David Livingstone were the colonial fixers collecting intelligence and preparing the minds of Africans for final occupation. What stood in his way, in parts of Africa, was the Arab slave trade.

Two versions of the gospel of Christianity were taught, one for the purpose of "making slaves" and another version for "keeping slaves." Turn the cheek only applies to keep the enslaved African from uprising, the promise of heaven keeps the enslaved African content with his plight on Earth. None of these Biblical principles are at the heart of European expansion. [More Soon]

BIBLE AND POLYGAMY

See African Marriage

Very little in the Bible prohibits polygyny, and it is more a taboo is Western culture, but not in Christian theology as believed by many African Christians. The New Testament does not specifically address the morality of polygamy. (1 Timothy), however, states that certain Church leaders should have but one wife: "A "bishop" then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach" (chapter 3, verse 2; see also verse 12 regarding deacons having only one wife). Similar counsel is repeated in the first chapter of the Epistle of Titus; however, the redactor of 1 Corinthians (chapter 7, verse 2) writes, "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let "every" man have his own wife, and let "every" woman have her own husband." In modern times some Roman Catholic theologians have argued that polygamy, though not ideal, can be a legitimate form of Christian marriage in certain regions, in particular Africa.

CHRISTIANITY AS A TOOL OF EUROPEANS

One of the most destructive elements in the making of the slave-master paradigm was Eurocentric Christianity's depiction of God, and subsequently the divine ethnic social dynamic, which placed Whites as masters, Africans as Slaves. The blue-eyed blond-hair God cast an inferiority complex that would span every successive generation of African peoples. These images single-handedly upheld a system of subjugation and oppression: God is white as your master is white, obey God, and obey your master for you master is God. Mental enslavement served the physical enslavement as slaves were cast into the understanding that it was simply the way of the world-their lot in life. The malicious prevalence of Christianity was strategic with military precision, a gospel for undermining African culture and laying the way for colonial servitude. It pacified and eliminated the last notion of home from the displaced Africans.

Arabian Slavery

The rebellious and discontent emotions were appeased with the promise of heaven that would only come for a slave when they died after serving their master well. Without the implantation of Christianity the slave would have quickly become discontented and despair at the horrors around them. In time, those left in Africa and those in the New World thanked God for the White man who saved them from so-called paganism and delivered them into glory. Noble Afrikans names like Achebe, Ayesha and Askia were replaced with trite European names like Elizabeth, Charles and Johnny.

And so, in this was a mental trap that would span into the present-day. The act of Baptizing was not one of surrendering your soul to Christ but to the White man. Though many Afrikan converts to Christianity saw the vulgar contradictions between the Bible and the Europeans, without power there objections were rendered mute.

Interestingly, in Africa some rulers who became devote Christians labeled Christian Europeans as infidels as the Christian gospel and European actions were in such sever conflict. Some of us in this mental religious prison, constructed by our oppressors, gave absolute loyalty to our slave masters who become the parent, the representation of god on Earth. A divine being, though harsh, still represented our best interest. It was thus the ultimate goal of the Negro to emulate the habits, customs, and precepts of the European. The master's loves and hates became our loves and hates. His code of dress became our code of dress. The pale skin and straight hair became the standard of beauty and all means were taken to lighten dark skin and un-kink curly hair to look as massa looked. In

this social chaos we became the cultural stepchildren of Europe living and dying within a European defined framework.

CHRISTIANITY AND HOMOSEXUALITY

See Pan-African and Homosexuality

The homosexuals and lesbians have gained considerable political and social momentum in America. They have "come out" as the term goes, left their closets, and are knocking on the doors of your homes. Through TV, Radio, Newspapers, and Magazines, they are preaching their doctrine of tolerance, equality, justice, and love. They do not want to be perceived as abnormal or dangerous. They want acceptance and they want you to welcome them with open, loving arms, approving of what they do.

In numerous states in America several bills have been introduced by the pro homosexual politicians to ensure that the practice of homosexuality is a right protected by law. Included in these bills are statements affecting employers, renters, and schools. Churches could possibly be required to hire a quota of homosexuals, and "sensitivity" training courses would be "strongly urged" in various work places. There is even legislation that would force the state to pick up the tab for the defense of homosexual agendas in lawsuits while requiring the non homosexual side to pay out of his/her pocket. Is this fair? Of course not. But fairness isn't the real issue here. It is social engineering. Think about it, the homosexual community wants legal protection for having intercourse with the people of the same sex. And, if that weren't enough, it wants its views taught in schools, promoted over the airwaves, and codified in literature.

Unlike other sins, this sexual sin has a judgment administered by God Himself: He gives them over to their passions (Rom. 1:26-28). This means that their hearts are allowed to be hardened by their sins. As a result, they can no longer see the error of what they are doing. Without an awareness of their sinfulness, there will be no repentance. Without repentance, there will be no forgiveness. Without forgiveness, there is no salvation.

Homosexuality is a sin in all the Abrahamic faiths; there is no escaping this fact. No volume of Hollywood pressure or token pro-Gay priest can change the canon of Christianity. Homosexuality is therefore disallowed and incompatible with the faith, like any sin, and those who engage in it should seek repentance, according to scripture. The sin of homosexuality is in multi-categories, sex outside marriage and more over the immorality of the homosexual sex. People can be Christian and gay, but to legalize it is where the problem lies. The Church does not advocate violence to people for their sexual orientation, but it also does not promote this sin. The accusation of "hate crimes" is a straw man argument that carries no water, as it is not an issue of hate but an issue of principle disagreement on religious grounds.

Anyone who disagrees with the pro-Gay rhetoric is labeled backward, primitive, Stone Age and narrow-minded. So name-calling is the new intellectual response to disagreement. So much for plurality and freedom of thought. Any interpretation of Biblical scripture, which makes homosexuality undesirable, is now called a narrow interpretation.

There is no African cultured church that accepts Homosexuality as normal. There are Africans bought and paid for that support all kinds of things (e.g., Desmond Tutu) but this does not change the African church's position on the issue from Nigeria to Ethiopia.

> Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed
>
> Genesis 2:24-25

A lot of work has gone into re-writing the Bible to suit the fashion of the day. We live in an age where the loudest voice in media gets the first and last word. That voice becomes the standard, confusing the majority. Saying a wrong thing I million times and printing it on every magazine will not make a lie become the truth, regardless of how many times that lie is repeated. Those Christians who fail to convert their beliefs to the new trend are labeled; old fashion (at best), bigots, homophobic, and backward. While these insults can

be thrown liberally at Christians and Muslims, Muslims and Christians are severally punished if they call homosexuality dirty and anti-human.

Words such as "modern", "we live in different times." have been introduced to thwart obvious moral traditions. But God is forever, and his word is forever - This is a Christian belief. God created one model of human from Adam. So humanity is still God's creation subject to the laws of God. If you believe that the Bible has an expiry date on the back and God's teachings have a sell-by-date then throw the entire religion out. Regardless of if we take a literal meaning to the Bible we know that immoral sexual acts are nothing new, the text of Sodom and Gomorrah speak to this and sole purpose is to warn humanity. The pro-homosexual revisionist argues that the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah was that the residents wanted to commit an act of rape. That the rape would have been homosexual is not an issue, according to their argument. However, Jude 7 indicates that Sodom and Gomorrah's punishment was due to their sexual perversion. Their sin was not simply one of violence (rape) but of sexual immorality (homosexuality). As further evidence of the sinful nature of homosexuality, Leviticus 18:22, and 20:13 both describe homosexuality as "an abomination."

2 Timothy is the rebuttal to all those who challenge solid Biblical ethics.

> For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear
>
> 2 Timothy 4:3

DEALING WITH HOMOSEXUALITY

Just because someone is gay it does not mean that the entire person is discarding from society, they may by gay but good people; helping the sick, feeding the poor, being honest people. The critical thing is not to collapse homosexuality into an identity or immoral sub-culture; as it clearly is in the Western world. Regardless of if people are born that way or socially engineered that way, homosexuality like any other sociable undesirable trait must be treated as such. Some people are alcoholics; some people have an insatiable desire to cheat on their wives. These desires are no different to the desires of a homosexual person. And just because someone has desires to cheat doesn't mean they should not resist, justifying it and promoting it would be a greater crime. Like any temptation some people will seek to re-write anything to accommodate and justify their desires, may it be stealing land or committing homosexual acts, or cheating on their wives. The mass media has done a good job of obstructing the natural distain by suggesting to people into believing if you are gay it is okay, if you want to drink yourself to death, it is okay. If you want to use abortion as a birth control - it is a woman' right. However in the heat of a woman post-abortion she feels an inhumanity which no anti-life group can treat, because her actions speak to something spiritual which is not accounted for or valued in the neo-liberal societies of the Western world. Nonetheless, you can mask your shame, but it doesn't make it less shameful. People who find themselves homosexual must therefore avoid at all cost accepting it as okay. There is nothing okay about it, regardless if you do it or plan not to do it. Every human has challenges to overcome and most of us will fail, a failure to control unnatural desires is a human failure, which needs reflection.

Is it possible to be a gay Christian? If the phrase "gay Christian" refers to a person who struggles against homosexual desires and temptations – yes, a "gay Christian" is possible. However, the description "gay Christian" is not accurate for such a person, since he/she does not desire to be gay, and is struggling against the temptations. Such a person is not a "gay Christian," but rather is simply a struggling Christian, just as there are Christians who struggle with fornication, lying, and stealing. If the phrase "gay Christian" refers to a person who actively, perpetually, and unrepentantly lives a homosexual lifestyle – no, it is not possible for such a person to truly be a Christian.[2]

> Cowardice asks the question: is it safe? Expediency asks the question: is it political? Vanity asks the question: is it popular? But conscience asks the question: is it right

ML King, Jr.

RELIGION AND AFRICA

> Superstition and witchcraft still hold many of our people in a cycle of fear and wasted time and resources. It contributes to a huge waste of money and effort and abuse by the people who purport themselves to have the powers to help others to attain their wicked goals or the powers to fend off spiritual attacks by the wicked

> Regardless of what is published, all great nations achieve greatness by solidifying polities and empires around spiritual or political uniformity: Kemet did it, Songhai did it, and Aksum did it. Therefore, religious or ideological conformity has been at the backbone of greater human conglomerations.

And even in Rome with its many gods and plural religious ideology there was political uniformity on the notion of "being Roman. "As is the case with the Pax-American national identity and culture of diverse groups of immigrants. The God concept does not survive long outside of the bottle of religion; religion is an institutionalized set of rituals, which securely pass on the God concept from generation to generation. The paradigm shift demands a new center of gravity in revisiting these facts as they are inseparable from human sociological development.

Many of the philosophies manifesting in the Diaspora are claiming Africa origins but are inefficient at navigating the moral corridors of life. While there are academic ring-tones and sound bites, they fail to have systems, which address the human spiritual thirst. Their 3u"jects are left wanting; floating spiritually disconnected to be ultimately annexed in the worst expressions of Eurocentric conduct or the primitive world of spookism.

It might not be right, but one thing we need to swallow is that all "advances" and "Civilization" is the product of imperialism. Take a look at Ethiopian history. Kmt in her bru4l conquest of Nubia, and Nubia's conquest of Kemet? If our primary issue is with imperialism, then the only thing to celebrate is hunter-gatherer societies. There is a profit from imperialism, which every society of technological sophistication has inherited, and we must deal with this.

SPEAK THE ETHICS OF THE FAITH

Let us begin with de-focusing the labels (names which religions go by). Why not have a debate around values? The question of what are the components within any given religion that foster development for African people. Islam is just a name for a collection of values, which constitute the religion of Islam and govern adherents to that faith. It is almost immature to have a debate about cultural displacement in Africa with the rise of Islam if you do not identify the core value changes of each given society. Because the minute the debate switches to value formations which grow out of the ideology of Islam we find the entire discourse changes. Because are we saying given alms to the poor, was alien to Africa? Are we saying an egalitarian society is harmful to Africa? Circumcision, animal sacrifice? This needs to be the new platform for debate because once we identify values, then we quickly realize the names are immaterial in unifying the continent. As Karenga said we need to discuss the ethics of the religion and then we will see we all are generally on the same page.

If our objective is at we state, Pan-African unity, how are we going to get there? How will we get if we are divided along the color line? How will we get there by letting borders divide us? And how will we get there by letting religion divide us? Those using religion to cause tension, or those using religion as a tension are one in the same. How

can it be Pan-African if it is not tolerant of ethnic, religious, color, national differences among African people?

> Religion is a bottle with a label on it, spirituality is the thing inside. Religion is the culture of spirituality, the container which gives it structure.
>
> ' Alik Shahadah

Constantly poking at Islam and Christianity does not to solve any inherent problem within those systems. If 90% of the people you are trying to unite belong to those faiths then agitation will only be met with resistance. The options are leave the topic alone or seek to Africanize these faiths, the same way Europeans Europeanized Christianity in the form of the Roman Catholic Church or how the Chinese converted Indian Buddha into a Chinese cultural treasure. Islam is the fastest growing religion in Africa and is virtually immune to the taunts of the all-powerful USA, so what about the less than 0.001% of self-branded Afrocentrics? The basic political intelligence tells us unity does not require uniformity and all those seeking to divide are nothing but false prophets lusting for their own shortsighted egos. At best, they sell more books by appealing to the intellectual fast-food junkies looking to feed hatred by attacking easy targets. But ask what is the solution? No real remedy except to place people in a spiritual wasteland.

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With Islam Malcolm X became one of Pan-Africa's greatest heroes. And with Christianity Garvey created the floor on which we all stand. With Islam, the libraries of Timbuktu were built preserving the histories of Africa. And with Christianity the greatest East African Kingdom of Aksum forged its way and annexed Southern Arabia. With a Middle Eastern religion, Europe went onto conquer the world, at what point in their history did they stop and cast out these religions lamenting the gods of old? At what stage in the greatness of China, past and present did Buddhism interrupt their glory? So why is Africa the only continent that cannot take these spiritual technologies and make them serve her interest?

There is not one major indigenous African faith that had an issue with slavery, not one African native religion had principles that denounced slavery. Therefore, the challenge, which is posed to Islam and Christianity for having a tolerance for slavery is also true for the religions native to Africa. If these mainstream religions are mentally enslaving people why is there the same problems existing in countries that do not have the influence of these faiths? Does Benin have some superiority claim over Ethiopia? But if their argument is correct then we should see this. We should see more agency in Benin than in Islamic-Christian Ethiopia. Because if these religions as separate elements are enslaving people then how do you explain Ethiopia? In treating a prostate cancer it is usually a good idea not to cut out the bladder and leave the prostate. Mis-identifying religion is a waste of time; it is only convenient for people who do not want to waddle through the complexities of the African problem.

Now Islam did destroy some good aspects of West African culture but how do we weights this from the comfort of our current location in time? One might as well say anything that changes is destruction; The script destroyed oral tradition, the car destroyed the donkey, the cd destroyed the record, and the turntable destroyed the musical instrument. Islam has been used to impose Arab culture, but this is because Africa was lacking agency. Turkey held its own, so why don't we? And yes Christianity was the excuse used to drive a trade in Black skin. It was also the vector for mental slavery--none of this is in denial. Nowhere in history do cultures stay static in a world in motion. Change is part of the cycle of life. And just as in life, after the fire the rains come and bring life. The challenge is realistically salvaging from the ashes of history a clean place to start from.

In the northern parts of West Africa, human sacrifice had become rare as Islam became more established in these areas such as the Hausa States. There was a rise in general justice, education, nation building, health, etc. We must be careful judging good and bad with our modern eyes because we take for granted many moral norms were absent in the historical record. For example we all know you don't kill a man and take his wife, or steal someone's car if it is unattended. But in antiquity this would not have been considered a problem. The Afar of Ethiopia have no problem with any of the above, so clearly this African habit which is not unique to the Afar is a pro"lem in modernity. Because our first location is truth, which harmonizes our lives verse leaves us at risk. In Islam there is a tradition of justice, in some ancient African systems in the belly of the Sudan if the rains do not come they killed the king. In other victims had to be ritually sacrificed to feed the lust of gods. Now these are some extreme examples but we must be realistic when we understand that the world we recognize as civil has a lot to do with the morals, which come from Islam and Christianity. And to finalize the most critical point, both Islam and Christianity as well as Judaism are philosophical children of Ancient Kemet, an African civilization. Now Kemet spiritual systems are physically dead and it is neither practical nor wise to reprise them from the dust of the Nile Valley. What we do have in front of us is a continent, which is either Christian or Islamic. Which path makes more sense to fix the dilemma of Africa? Convert everyone or Africanize these faiths?

If someone's religion informs their lives to be righteous, care for the sick, to feed the poor and stand up against oppression and inequity, to speak truth in the face of lies, to seek social advancement, to feel guilt when in error, to be critical of self, to have honor in the face of challenges, to treat others with respect and dignity, to be equitable in business, to be fair in all dealings and to do the work necessary for progressive advancement of humanity; then that is a good religion. It makes no difference what you call that religion or where it comes from if it does not function in cultivating a better human being.

Country or region	Percentage Christians	Total population	Christian population	Dominant religious affiliation, percentage of total population
Armenia	98.7%	3,299,000	3,256,113	Armenian Apostolic Church, 90%
Timor-Leste	98%	1,108,777	1,086,601	Roman Catholic, 97%
Philippines	90.5%	92,681,453	83,876,714	Roman Catholic, 83%
Georgia	88.6%	4,636,400	4,107,850	Georgian Orthodox Church, 83.9%
Cyprus	79.3%	792,604	628,535	Orthodox Christian Church, 70%
Lebanon	41%	4,200,000	1,800,000	Shia Islam and Sunni Islam, each 27%
South Korea	29.2%	49,232,844	14,375,990	Irreligion, 46.5%
Kazakhstan	25%	16,536,000	4,134,000	Sunni Islam, 69% - 70%
Singapore	18%	4,608,167	829,470	Buddhism (mainly Mahayana Buddhism), 33.3%
Kyrgyzstan	17%	5,587,443	949,865	Sunni Islam, 86.3%
Russia[a][›]	17% - 22%	142,200,000	24,174,000 - 31,284,000	Irreligion, 63% - 73%[i][›]
Indonesia	12%	230,512,000	27,661,440	Islam, 85.1%
Hong Kong[b][›]	11.7%	7,122,508	833,333	Irreligion, 57% - 80%
Brunei	10%	381,371	38,137	Sunni Islam, nearing 64%
Kuwait	10% - 15%	2,596,561	259,656–389,484	Sunni Islam, 74%
Syria	10%	19,747,586	1,974,759	Sunni Islam, 74%
Malaysia	9.2%	27,780,000	2,555,760	Sunni Islam, 61.3%
Bahrain	9%	718,306	64,647	Shia Islam, 66-70%
Macau[b][›]	9%	460,823	41,474	Mahayana Buddhism, more than 75%
Turkmenistan	9%	4,997,503	449,775	Islam (mainly Sunni Islam), 89%
United Arab Emirates	9%[g][›]	4,621,399	415,926	Sunni Islam, 65% of residents, 85% of citizens
Uzbekistan	9%	28,128,600	2,531,574	Islam 90%
Qatar	8.5%[g][›]	928,635	78,934	Wahhabi Islam (Salafi Islam), 72.5%
Sri Lanka	8%	21,128,773	1,690,302	Theravada Buddhism, 70%
Vietnam	8%	86,116,559	6,889,325	Irreligion, 81%[33]
Jordan	6%	6,198,677	371,921	Sunni Islam, 90%
Azerbaijan	4.8%	8,845,127	424,566	Shia Islam, 81%
Taiwan[b][›]	4.5%	22,920,946	1,031,443	Buddhism (various sects), 35.1%
Burma (Burma)	4%	47,758,224	1,910,329	Theravada Buddhism, 89%
Iraq	4%	28,221,181	1,128,847	Shia Islam, 60%–65%
China[b][›]	3% - 4%	1,322,044,605	39,661,338 - 52,881,784	Irreligion, 60% - 70%
Palestine	3%[c][›]	4,277,000	128,310	Sunni Islam, 98%[h][›]

Country or region	Percentage Christians	Total population	Christian population	Dominant religious affiliation, percentage of total population
India	2.3%	1,147,995,226	26,403,890	Hinduism, 80.5%
Mongolia	2.1%	2,996,082	62,918	Tibetan Buddhism, 53%
Israel	2%	7,112,359	142,247	Jewish (various sects), 75.4%
Japan	2%	127,920,000	2,558,400	Irreligion, 70% - 84%
North Korea	1.7%	49,232,844	836,958	Irreligion, 64.3%
Laos	1.5%	6,677,534	100,163	Theravada Buddhism, 67%
Pakistan	1.5%	167,762,049	2,516,431	Sunni Islam, 80% - 95%
Cambodia	1%	13,388,910	133,889	Theravada Buddhism, 95%
Tajikistan	1% [d][b]	4,997,503	499,750	Sunni Islam, 93%
Thailand	0.7%	65,493,298	458,453	Theravada Buddhism, 94.6%
Nepal	0.5%	29,519,114	147,596	Hinduism, 80.6%
Iran	0.4%	70,472,846	300,000	Shia Islam, 90% - 95%
Bangladesh	0.3%	153,546,901	460,641	Sunni Islam, 89.7%
Turkey	0.2%	74,724,269	149,449	Sunni Islam, 70-80%
Afghanistan	0% - insignificant	32,738,775	n.a.	Sunni Islam, 80% - 85%
Bhutan	0% - insignificant	682,321	n.a.	Vajrayana Buddhism, 67% - 76%
Maldives[e][b]	0% - insignificant	379,174	n.a.	Sunni Islam, 100%
Oman	0% - insignificant	3,311,640	n.a.	Ibadi Islam, 75%
Saudi Arabia[f][b]	0% - insignificant	23,513,330	n.a.	Wahhabi Islam (Salafi Islam), 85% - 90%
Yemen	0% - insignificant	23,013,376	n.a.	Sunni Islam, 53%

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^ **c:** Estimate, see Palestinian Christians#Demographics and denominations
^ **d:** Estimate, see Tajikistan#Religion
^ **e:** Islam is the official religion of the Maldives and open practice of any other religion is forbidden and liable to prosecution. Article nine of the revised constitution says that "a non-Muslim may not become a citizen".
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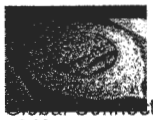

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Similarities between Jews and Muslims

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Both originate with Semitic peoples in the Middle East.

Both eschew pork.

Both practise the genital mutilation of children.

Both developed a moral code based on an in-group/out-group concept, with members of the out-group being portrayed as impure.

Both have strong cultural sanctions against marriage to members of the out-group.

Both see contemporary and historical events through the prism of a victimhood narrative, in which each is the victim of other people's wrong-doing.

Both display an astonishingly strong sense of empathy with other members of their in-group living elsewhere in the world, coupled with an equally astonishing disregard for members of their out-group, even people they have grown up with or interact with in daily life.

Both falsify history to claim that European civilisation's ascent to global dominance would have been impossible without them. Generally, this takes the form of laying claim to inventions that are alleged to have played a key role in this ascent.

Both claim that anyone who criticises their conduct must be motivated by irrational, pathological hatreds: Islamophobia and anti-semitism. Curiously, there are no other examples of such alleged motiveless hatreds of any other people or religion found elsewhere within the historical record.

Both are incapable of admitting historical wrong-doing because this would conflict with their divinely-mandated self-image as faultless: Muslims "The Perfect Nation", Jews "The Chosen People".

Both developed moral codes that permit the use of deception against members of their out-group.

Both have developed cultures and ideologies that are, in effect, forms of borderless nationalism. As such, they act in opposition to nationalism of the more traditional type, that is the attachment of peoples to their historical homelands.

Both demand that governments use their power to criminalise and otherwise repress free expression.

Both cultures have been characterised by very high levels of consanguineous marriage and the genetic abnormalities that follow from this.

Both share a long historical experience of living as minorities in other people's countries.

Both obsess about defensive reactions to their past aggression against others, excluding from their standard narrative the initial action that provoked the defensive reaction from the out-group. Muslims obsess about the Crusades, omitting to mention the fact that the Crusades were a reaction to centuries of Muslim invasion, conquest, murder and enslavement of indigenous Christians. Jews obsess about fascism, omitting to mention the fact the fascism was a reaction to the Jewish-dominated Bolshevist movements that victimised millions of indigenous Christians.

Both are strong advocates of diversity, multiculturalism and immigration within European societies but show no interest in such policies within their own homelands.

Both have developed cultures of rule-following with elaborate systems of rules governing the minutiae of daily life, derived from revered written texts and time-honoured commentaries upon them. In the tension between bureaucracy and democracy that characterises our own times, that is the practise of rule-following versus the use of independent judgement, this perhaps predisposes both sets of Oriental peoples to favour the former.

Both exhibit an overblown pride, amounting to a sense of supremacism, that sits curiously at odds with the historical failure of their own societies.

For both, the obligation to emigrate forms part of religious tradition. Jews believe their god told Abraham to emigrate to Canaan to found a religiously pure community. Muslims believe their god told Muhammad to emigrate to Medina to found a religiously pure community.

When resident in countries not their own, both tend to construct parallel societies within the greater society, featuring separate schools and legal systems.

Both view themselves collectively, developing institutions intended to represent their collective interests to the outside world.

Both eschew fact-based discussion, tending to express disagreement by launching moral accusations and invoking emotionally-charged symbols and associations rather than engaging in rational, evidence-based discourse.

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Difference Between Judaism and Islam

All About Islam

Could you explain the difference between Islam and Judaism as you did about Christianity? The way you outlined the differences was very clear. It appears to me that Islam tries to be more like Judaism.

Islam, like Christianity, accepts the Jewish Bible and is based largely upon Jewish ideas and traditions. The philosophical underpinnings of Islam, however, are more closely aligned with those of Judaism. Whereas Christianity incorporates the idea of the "trinity," Islam believes in one all-powerful, infinite God.

Mohammed, the founder of Islam, based many of his beliefs on the practices of local Jewish population in his native Mecca. For example, the Moslem practices of not eating pig, circumcision, daily prayer and fasting during the first month of the year were all culled directly from Judaism.

Since Islam was so similar to Judaism, Mohammed assumed the Jews would immediately accept this new religion. When the Jews did not live up to his expectations, he turned violently against them and many Jews died by the sword. (We are still suffering from this today; may there be peace soon.)

The real difference between the two religions, however, lies in their basis for belief. Judaism is based on the unique historical event of a divine revelation experienced by the entire nation. Whereas Islam is based on the prophetic claims of a single individual who subsequently convinced others to follow his ways.

Talmudic tradition says that while Abraham's son Isaac became the forefather of the Jewish people, the Islamic line is descended from Abraham's other son Ishmael.

Maimonides states that the popularity of Christianity and Islam are part of God's plan to spread the ideals of Torah throughout the world. This moves society closer to a perfected state of morality and toward a greater understanding of God. All of this is in preparation for the Messianic age.

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Faith matters: 7 things Christians, Jews and Muslims share

When it comes to discussing the world's major religions, the focus is often on division. For our upcoming episode #forchristssake, we take a look at what the three monotheistic religions have in common.

Jesus Christ is not just an important figure in Christianity. As a prophet, he also features in the Muslim faith - not to mention that he was Jewish. Here are seven lesser known facts about what unites the three major religions.

1. Abraham: the founding father

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Painting of the moment when God promises Abraham many descendants.

Abraham is another important figure uniting the three religions. That's why Christianity, Judaism and Islam are referred to as the #link:www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/themes/religion/index.html?pagewanted=all:Abrahamic religions#. Abraham belongs to the Aramaic people and is believed to be #link:http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/abraham_1.shtml:the Patriarch of the Jewish people#.

According to the Bible, he and his son are said to be the founding fathers of the Arabic people. But wait, there's more. The Koran #link:http://quran.com/2/135-136:also explains# (Koran 2:135) that Islam was not a new religion, but #link:www.pbs.org/muhammad/ma_otherrel.shtml:rather to be seen# as a continuance of Abraham's original religion.

2. Jerusalem: common holy city

View over Jerusalem's historic city center: the Western Wall (front) and the golden cupola of The Dome of the Rock.

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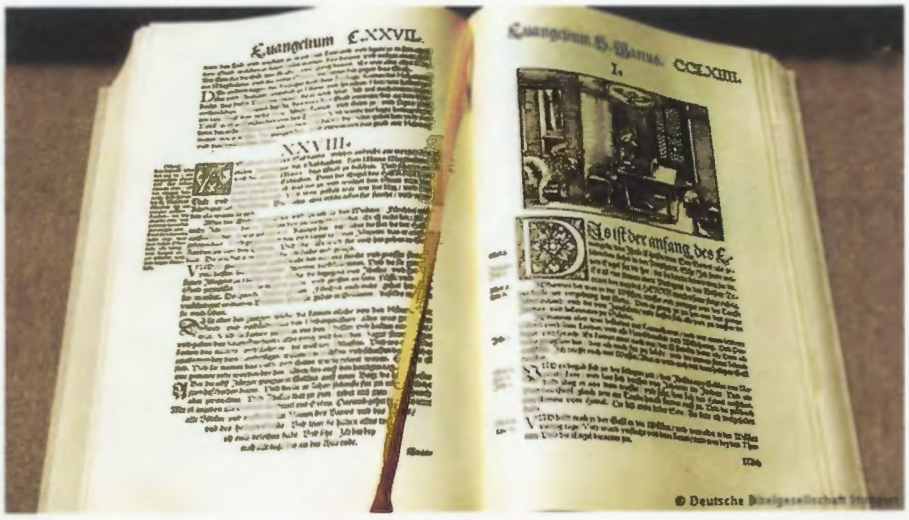

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The scriptures belonging to the three Abrahamic religions have similarities too. The Jewish holy book consists of the Tanakh and the Talmud. Christians #link:www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/259039/Hebrew-Bible:adopted the Tanakh for their Bible#, but call it Old Testament.

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4. Sing-song

Gospel choir in London

In the past, when churches were teeming with worshippers, a speaking voice alone couldn't reach those seated in the back pew. The choral tradition of chanting and singing has its roots in the attempt to repair this acoustic deficit. Whether it's church Gospel music, the chanting tradition in synagogues or the characteristic Muslim call to prayer, all these vocal traditions can be traced back to this primary need to get the message across.

5. Pilgrimage

In an increasingly secularized world, it can be hard for a religious person on the move to find a place to worship. But many public places, like airports, universities and hospitals now offer dedicated interreligious prayer rooms. These are rooms that were jointly created by people of a number of different faiths and where any believer can enjoy a moment of personal reflection. These spaces are neutral in design and tend to avoid displaying symbols of any kind. There is one exception though: the internationally recognized, and pretty uncontroversial, emergency exit signs which hang on the wall.

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Similarities between the Jewish and Muslim food laws (Kosher and Halal)

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The Islamic dietary laws (Halal) and the Jewish dietary laws (Kashrut; in English, kosher) contain both points of similarity and discord. This post will concentrate on the common laws both faiths share.

Foods

- Swine is forbidden (treif / haram)
- Amphibians are forbidden (treif / haram)
- Insects are forbidden (treif / haram), however both Jews and Muslims are permitted to eat a small number of specific locust and grasshoppers, but today only a small numbers Jews and Muslims in places like Yemen have retained this tradition.
- To be kosher, aquatic animals must have scales and fins. Most Muslim schools of thought adhere to the interpretation that all creatures from the ocean or the sea are considered halal. Hanafi Sunnis (who comprise the majority of Muslims) follow essentially the same laws as Kashrut, believing that only fish with scales and fins are halal. According to Jewish oral law all fish that have scales have fins, thus making all fish with scales kosher and rendering the law essentially the same as dhabiha halal.
- Predators and birds of prey are forbidden (treif / haram)
- Gelatin is only kosher / halal if it comes from a permitted animal
- The consumption of blood is forbidden (treif / haram)

Slaughter

- The slaughter (shechita / dhabiha) involves cutting across the neck of the animal with a non-serrated blade in one clean attempt in order to sever the main blood vessels.
- The spinal cord must be avoided during slaughter.
- The blood must be drained from the animal
- Any sane adult Jew who knows the proper technique may perform shechita. Similarly, dhabiha can be performed by any "sane adult Muslim… by following the rules prescribed by Shariah". All Islamic authorities agree that dhabiha can be performed by Peoples of the Book (Jews and Christians).
- The Muslim slaughterer must declare "Allah Akbar" and the Jewish slaughterer makes a similar blessing.
- After slaughter, the animal must be examined to ensure that it is fit for consumption.

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The Bible and Food

1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God."

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Clean And Unclean Food List – Page 3

Good Bible food

As discussed on page one, clean foods are those that do not harm the human body and so are fit for nourishment. Unclean foods on the other hand are those that do harm the body and hence are unhealthy to consume. The Bible clearly reveals what foods are good and bad for the human body and in Leviticus chapter 11 we find four categories that help us remember more easily a lot of what we can and cannot eat.

So note the following four scriptures to help you remember what foods are clean and unclean.

Leviticus 11:26 "The carcases of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, are unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean."

Leviticus 11:41-42 "And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten. 42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination."

Leviticus 11:9-10 "These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat. 10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you:"

Leviticus 11:20-21 "All flying insects that creep on all fours shall be an abomination to you. 21 Yet these you may eat of every flying insect that creeps on all fours: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth."

The physiology of some birds, animals and fish is such that their flesh is not fit for consumption. This includes carnivorous birds without a crop, animals which don't chew cud or have a cloven (split) hoof, and fish without fins or scales. All animals which eat other animals are unclean. (Leviticus 11:13-19, Deuteronomy 14:11-20)

Fish without fins and scales are either scavengers or carnivores and have a high level of toxins in their bodies. Urea in sharks and other fish gives these creatures a distinctive flavor but the flesh is not healthy. Bottom dwellers such as lobsters and crabs scavenge the sea floor for dead animals, and shellfish such as clams, mussels and oysters also consume decaying matter that sinks to the sea floor including sewage. (Leviticus 11:9-10, Deuteronomy 14:9-10)

Camels have a high level of toxins in their bloodstream that is caused by retaining their body fluids rather than sweating. Coneys have a poor thermo-regulator and their enzymes are unstable, resulting in intestinal fermentation. The meat is very acidic, predisposing to disease. Rabbits are coprophagous, meaning that they eat their own faeces, and the levels of toxins in their bodies are much higher than acceptable for human consumption. All rodents and horses are the same. (Leviticus 11:3-7, Deuteronomy 14:4-8)

Predatory animals such as cheetahs, lions, leopards and wolves prey on weak and often diseased animals. And pigs, bears and vultures often eat and thrive on decaying flesh. Pigs have very high histamine levels and sulphur content, leading to high blood acidity and osteoporosis in those who eat

them. They also have a high level of bacterial contamination of salmonella, other harmful bacteria and parasites.

So the common denominator of many animals that God says are unclean is that they often eat flesh that would kill or sicken humans.

These last three scriptures cover insects and other creepy crawly's that I don't think most of us would consider eating. (Leviticus 11:21-23, Leviticus 11:29-30, Leviticus 11:41-42)

List of Clean Foods in the Bible

Animals	Birds	Fish	
Antelope	Chicken	Albacore	Orange Roughy
Bison (Buffalo)	Dove	Alewives	Perch (Bream)
Cattle	Duck	Anchovy	Pickerel
*Beef	Goose	Barracuda	Pig Fish
*Veal	Grouse	Bass	Pike
Caribou	Guinea fowl	Black Drum	Pollock
Deer (Venison)	Partridge	Black Pomfret	Pompano
Elk	Peacock	Bluebacks	Porgy (Scup)
Gazelle	Peafowl	Bluebill Sunfish	Red Drum (Redfish)
Giraffe	Pheasant	Bluefish	Rockfish
Goat	Pigeon	Bluegill	Red Horse Sucker
Hart	Prairie chicken	Blue Runner	Redfish
Ibex	Ptarmigan	Bonita	Redfin
Moose	Quail	Bowfin	Red Snapper
Ox	Sagehen	Buffalofish	Robalo
Reindeer	Songbirds	Butterfish	Salmon
Sheep	Sparrow	Carp	Sardine (Pilchard)
*Lamb	Swan *	Chubs	Scup (Porgy)
*Mutton	Teal	Cod	Sea Bass
Wild Goat	Turkey	Crappie	Sergeant Fish
		Drum	Shad
		Flounder	Sheepshead
Insects		Garfish	Silver Hake (Whiting)
		Grouper	Silversides
Crickets		Grunts	Sucker
Grasshoppers		Gulf Pike	Sunfish
Locusts		Haddock	Smelt
		Hake	Snapper
		Halibut	Snook
		Hardhead	Sole
		Hardtail	Spanish Mackerel
		Herring	Steelhead
		Kingfish	Striped Bass
		Long Nose Sucker	Tarpon
		Mackerel	Trout

		Mahimahi	Tuna
		Menhaden	Turbot (not European)
		Minnow	Whitefish
		Mullet	Whiting
		Muskellunge (Jacks)	Yellow Perch

* In the King James Bible, Leviticus 11:18 and Deuteronomy 14:16 list the "swan" as been an unclean bird. This however seems to be mistranslated. The original Greek word apparently refers to a kind of owl and is translated as such in most modern Bibles.

List of UnClean Foods in the Bible

Animals	Birds	Fish	Others
Armadillo	Albatross	Bullhead	Slug
Badger	Bat	Catfish	Snail (escargot)
Bear	Bittern	Eel	Worm
Beaver	Buzzard	European turbot	
Camel	Condor	Marlin	
Elephant	Coot	Paddlefish	**Amphibians**
Ferret	Cormorant	Shark	
Gorilla	Crane	Stickleback	Frog
Groundhog	Crow	Sturgeon	Newt
Hippopotamus	Cuckoo	Swordfish	Salamander
Kangaroo	Eagle		Toad
Llama (alpaca)	Falcon		
Coney	Flamingo	**Sea Mammals**	
Hare	Grebe Ostrich		**Insects**
Mole	Grosbeak	Dolphin	
Monkey	Gull	Otter	All insects except:
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Porcupine	Kite	Whale	
Rabbit	Lapwing		
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Squirrel	Ostrich	Clam	Caiman
Wallaby	Owl	Conch	Chameleon
Weasel	Parrot	Crab	Crocodile
Wolverine	Pelican	Crayfish	Lizard
	Penguin	Lobster	Snake
	Plover	Mussel	Turtle
	Rail	Oyster	
	Raven	Prawn	
	Roadrunner	Scallop	

Canines Coyote Dog Fox Hyena Jackal Wolf **Feline** Cat Cheetah Leopard Lion Panther Tiger **Equines** Ass Donkey Horse Mule Onager Zebra **Swine** Boar Peccary Pig *Hog *Bacon *Ham *Pork *Most sausages *Pepperoni	Sandpiper Seagull Stork Swallow Swift Water Hen Woodpecker Vulture	Shrimp **Sofy Body** Cuttlefish Jellyfish Limpet Octopus Squid (calamari)	

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The Bible Diet

Is it really possible to lose weight by following the Bible's teachings on food and eating? Founder of the Bible Diet, author of The Maker's Diet, and motivational speaker Jordan S. Rubin believes so! According to him, the Bible Diet is heavily influenced based on the teachings from the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy. In these two particular books, it states that certain kinds of food are forbidden because they're said to be unclean. Food considered acceptable or clean is the only kind that should be eaten.

Naturally, there are a lot of questions about the Bible diet, as well as Biblical foods. Some of the popular ones are what we can or can't eat, and how does it compare to Paleo or Vegan? If you've ever wandered about the Bible diet, then you may be interested in what I've found!

What are Clean and Unclean foods?

For starters, when you go on the Bible diet, there are only certain kinds of food that you can eat. Below is a breakdown of acceptable Biblical foods:

1. Trees whose edible yield is bearing seeds or is seed- to make it simple, this kind of food is mostly fruits. All fruits are acceptable in the Biblical diet, just as long as they come from seeds. Fruits from fruit trees are okay to eat, as well as anything that grows on a vine, a shrub or anything with a woody bark tissue.

2. Plants whose edible yield is bearing seeds or is seeds– This classification refers to anything that may grow on plants that are not necessarily trees. Examples of this are squash, tomatoes, corn, rye, beans and lentils.

3. Field Plants– are the next thing on the list, which can consist of herbs, roots and green, leafy vegetables.

4. Clean meat– Now this one's a little detailed because the definition of clean meat is pretty complex. It goes back to the time of Noah, who was tasked to take a pair of every clean and unclean animal. Noah offered every seventh clean animal for sacrifice.

Clean meat is defined as the meat of every animal that has the hoof cloven in two, and chews the cud.

Some examples of clean meat are the ox (cattle), buffalo, sheep, goat, deer, gazelle, antelope and mountain sheep, just to name a few.

Unclean meat examples are the pig, the camel, the hare and the rock badger.

As for seafood, everything with fins and scales are allowed, but whatever doesn't have fins like alligator, shrimp etc. is prohibited. For birds, everything is allowed except the eagle, the vulture, the kite, the raven, the ostrich, the seagull, and the owls. It is also noted that all winged insects are considered unclean.

Also, meat cannot have been sacrificed to idols.

Kosher

Kosher literally means "fit" or "approved" and is followed primarily by Jews and some Christians. The guidelines are the same as above and stated in Leviticus 11:1-47. In orthodox Jewish cultured the only time you don't need to follow kosher guidelines are if it's necessary to eat something un-kosher to "save a life".

Other guidelines in eating Kosher are to not eat the blood of the animal.

One principle I find very important is how animals are to be slaughtered. According to the Old Testament you are not to eat an animal that was diseased, died of it's own natural causes or something that is alive. Also, here are kosher slaughtering guidelines:

"These strict guidelines require the animal be killed by a single cut across the throat to a precise depth, severing both carotid arteries, both jugular veins, both vagus nerves, the trachea and the esophagus. Orthodox Jews argue that this ensures the animal dies instantly without unnecessary suffering."

A product that is "certified kosher" means a rabbi has supervised or ensured the food production follows kosher methods.

Horrifying truths about Conventional animal slaughter

According to research at the University of Purdue Animal Sciences Department, emotional stress has an effect on meat quality. Some of these stressors can include extreme weather, pain, hunger, thirst or most commonly inhumane slaughter methods.

Conventional slaughtering methods are done in 1 of 4 ways:

- Chemical (carbon dioxide): uses carbon dioxide gas chamber before being bled
- Captive Bolt Stunner: a forced blow to the head leaving the animal unconscious before they are bled
- Gunshot: animal shot in head and presumed dead before being bled
- Electrical current: provides surgical anesthesia throughout the bleeding of the animal

It's no wonder so many people are turning to Vegan diets or searching for grass-fed animals that undergo kosher or biblically based slaughter methods.

Inhumane Slaughter Methods Effect Meat and You

Research by Dr. Temple Grandin from Colorado State University has found that inhumane treatment and conventional slaughter harm meat quality. (She also has a fascinating story, check out her presentation at TED) Several stress hormones can be released if the animal is "stressed" during or right before slaughter.

Here's the technical breakdown of what that "stress" does:

Epinephrine (adrenaline, norepinephrine, and cortisol can flood into the blood stream and break down glycogen which increases lactic acid which will create a more acidic pH. The evidence of this meat quality is referred to as Pale, Soft, Exudative (PSE). Another form of poor animal treatment can be found when meat is Dry, Firm, Dark (DFD) and can often be caused by malnourishment or sickness of the animal being slaughtered.

Epinephrine (adrenaline) and norepinephrine are "stress hormones" that when released into the blood stream will stay in the body and the effect the quality of the meat. When you eat this excited animal meat, you are ingesting those hormones and hormone-induced byproducts in your body. Consuming this type of meat can cause unwanted health problems in your system.

Recommendations from The Makers Diet

The 4 classifications of food (trees that yield seed, plants that yield seed, field plants, clean meat) is the foundation of a Biblical diet. There are also other important things you should consider when starting or following a Biblical diet.

- Water, sunshine and exercise are also very important for health. You should always remember to drink lots of water, get lots of exercise, and go outside. I recommend 1 quart water daily for every 50 pounds of weight. Also, it's important to drink high quality and water.

- Ensure the meat you eat is safe and clean. This means abstaining from certain kinds of meat and seafood such as pork, lobster, clams and mussels, shrimp and catfish.

- Eat food that are in season- the Bible states that everything has a season. This should also be our attitude when it comes to picking out the things we eat. Lean towards eating fruits, vegetables and herbs that are in season, as they're fresher and better for your health.

- Eating raw is very much encouraged. Some vegetables may need to be cooked, but a majority of them can be enjoyed raw.

- Foods should be consumed in the way they were found in nature. This means that we should stay away from preservatives, processed foods, or those produced with lots of contact with hormones, fertilizers and pesticides.

Benefits of following a Biblical Diet

All these food restrictions may seem like a whole lot of sacrifice, but what about the rewards. Those who go on the Biblical diets can look forward to the following benefits:

- Weight loss– a diet high in unprocessed food, fruit and vegetables is ideal for weight loss. Natural and raw fruits and vegetables carry fewer calories and are easier to digest then other processed foods.

- A longer lifespan– Rubin claims that our ancestors that went on the Biblical diet went on to live for 120+ years. Although we may not reach that age, studies show that a diet high in fruits and vegetables lead to little or no health complications, thus indicating a longer lifespan.

- Energy and improved mood– when our bodies are in a state of imbalance due to poor dietary habits, we immediately feel it. We can feel sickly, sluggish and depressed. Eating right can increase energy, balance hormones and improve our mood.

Where to Find Biblically based organic meat

If you're looking to go both Biblical and Organic in your eating methods the only meat and dairy company that I know of that follows both of these principles is Beyond Organic. Jordan Rubin the companies founder is Jewish and has incorporated these biblically principles as a foundational part of his company.

Also, here is a picture of me with a one-day-old calf named Peaches at the Beyond Organic Ranch in Missouri.

Dr. Axe and Dog

You may find a kosher community or Amish farmer who follow similar guidelines, but be sure to actually check their farm and never assume anything. I've personally trusted farmers in the past only to find out they weren't doing what they said they were. So definitely do your homework first.

What are your thoughts on following a Biblically based diet? How do you feel about inhumane animal treatment?

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Bible Verses About Eating Pork

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Leviticus 11:7-8 - And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he [is] unclean to you. (Read More...)

Isaiah 66:17 - They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one [tree] in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.

Mark 7:15-20 - There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. (Read More...)

Leviticus 11:1-47 - And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them. (Read More...)

Leviticus 11:7 - And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he [is] unclean to you.

Romans 14:1-23 - Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, [but] not to doubtful disputations. (Read More...)

Deuteronomy 14:8 - And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it [is] unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase.

Deuteronomy 14:1-29 - Ye [are] the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. (Read More...)

Romans 14:14 - I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that [there is] nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him [it is] unclean.

Matthew 15:11 - Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

1 Timothy 4:3-5 - Forbidding to marry, [and commanding] to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. (Read More...)

Matthew 5:17-19 - Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (Read More...)

Isaiah 65:2-4 - I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way [that was] not good, after their own thoughts; (Read More...)

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God's Dietary Laws: Why Pigs, Crabs And Lobsters Are Bad For You

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God's dietary laws prohibit eating carnivorous animals. Just as God created clean animals for food and by-products that humans could use, he created unclean animals for other reasons. Carnivores are prey animals that help to control the populations of other animals. Such is the case with mountain lion and wolves who keep deer populations in check. This helps keep the deer population down and weeds out the old and sick members of the herd naturally. This is just one good reason why we should not eat carnivores — sick animals could transmit disease.

Leviticus 11:7-8 and Deuteronomy 14:8 mention specifically that pigs are unclean and not fit for human consumption. Domesticated pigs have been used for a very long time as scavengers and will eat anything from garbage to dead animals and human wastes. Today, pigs in America consume more than 20 percent of the corn harvested in our country. Feeding corn, wheat and barley to pigs puts them in direct competition with our food crops. This is probably one good reason why God declared them unfit to eat. Jesus even allowed a herd of pigs to run off the edge of the cliff after He cast demons into them. This showed how little regard he had for them - or just how invaluable he found them to be.

Pigs, along with other unclean animals, can also transmit trichinosis to humans. This is caused by a small roundworm that finds its way into animal and human muscle. Bear meat, walrus and pig have all been a major player in transmitting infections to humans.

Fish

In Leviticus, the laws concerning aquatic creatures are addressed:

These you may eat of all that are in the water: whatever in the water has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the rivers—that you may eat.... Whatever in the water does not have fins or scales—that shall be an abomination to you. Leviticus 11:9, 12

Science reveals what may have been God's reasons for declaring certain sea creatures unfit for human consumption. Clean fish are those that swim in bodies of water while unclean sea life is comprised mostly of predatory scavengers or bottom dwellers. The fish and sea life that do the ocean cleaning are full of toxins and can be harmful to human health. Poisonous fish are generally covered in bristles, spiny scales, thorns or spines and do not have any true scales.

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Even though the Biblical dietary laws would have us eat the safest of fish we must still be very careful. Many of these fish are now polluted with heavy metals, as the health and balance of ocean ecosystems becomes disrupted — mostly due to overfishing, toxic chemical spills and pollution.

What about shellfish, crabs and lobster?

Shellfish such as crab and lobster do not have fins or scales and are therefore prohibited for human consumption under biblical dietary laws. However, shellfish is a multi-billion dollar business and eating such aquatic life considered a delicacy in most parts of the world. We know that everything God created has a purpose; so what is the purpose of shellfish, then?

Lobsters are nocturnal bottom walkers and scavengers that scavenge for dead animals and debris on the ocean floor – they are like the vultures of the oceans. Lobsters have even been seen burying dead fish and digging them up a little at a time to eat. Crabs will eat just about anything and are known as professional garbage hunters.

The Encyclopedia of Aquatic Life tells us that crabs, common shrimp and lobsters all feed off of dead and decaying matter. Therein lies their occupation — they were created to be the cleanup crew for the bottoms of lakes, rivers and oceans. They were not intended to be eaten by human beings. Eating raw or undercooked crabs, crayfish, shrimp or snails puts anyone at risk of a severe parasitic infection.

Filter feeders

Closer observation of oysters, mussels, scallops and clams shows us that God also had a very significant purpose for these creatures. They are found in streams, coastal areas and lakes and are considered filter-feeders. They are stationary — meaning they do not go hunting for their food but rather pump large amounts of water over their gills, trapping small pieces of silt, bacteria, viruses and plant debris for their dinner. The *International Wildlife Encyclopedia* tells us that mussels and other filter-feeders are the ultimate scavengers of the sea. They are the detail cleaners, so to speak. Their role is to purify the water.

Now, you have to ask yourself, once you really understand the role that these creatures play in their natural habitat, do you still want to eat them? Eating scavengers and filter-feeders is kind of like eating whatever is in your vacuum cleaner bag or septic tank. When scavenger and filter feeders make meals out of dead, decaying material along with pathogenic viruses, heavy metals and nerve toxins and we eat them — we are also eating all that they have eaten!

According to the FDA, raw oysters, mussels and clams are responsible for 85 percent of all illnesses caused by eating seafood. Such conditions as hepatitis A, salmonella, Norwalk virus, cholera and paralytic shellfish poisoning are just a few of the problems that are often linked to shellfish consumption. The more waste we dump into our oceans, lakes and streams, the greater the risk of getting sick from eating shellfish and other aquatic scavengers becomes.

Think about this: Pregnant women, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems are warned against handling uncooked shellfish. If God's dietary laws prohibiting the consumption of anything without fins or scales were followed, there would be no reason for such a warning.

Birds and Bugs

God did not leave birds, reptiles and insects uncovered in His laws. Carnivorous birds are obviously very important to controlling the populations of other groups of animals. Because these birds eat the flesh and blood of their prey, they become possible agents for transmitting disease and are unclean. Birds that prey on fish also accumulate a large amount of toxic chemicals in their bodies and are also prohibited.

Leviticus 11: 29-30; 42-43 tells us that reptiles are also unclean. Only insects from the locust and grasshopper family are permissible and have been used as a food source in the Middle East for thousands of years. John the Baptist is recorded to have eaten a diet comprised of honey and locusts.

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1. James Pridmore
   January 22, 2014 at 12:30 pm

   If we are to follow the laws of Leviticus for what we eat then we should follow all the laws of Leviticus. Including planting two different crops in the same garden. Prohibiting women from wearing the skin of two different animals at the same time. Not cutting a mans hair from his temples. Selling our daughters into slavery.

   Reply

   - laura
     January 23, 2014 at 8:06 am

     Despite what the churches say he Yashua (Jesus) was teaching, this is what he say's he is teaching Mat 4:4 "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, But On Every Word That Comes From The Mouth Of GOD.'" mat 4:17 and preached, to Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (he say's) mat7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, only those who do what my Father in heaven wants. John 6:45 It is written in the Prophets, `They will all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. John 8:47 Whoever belongs to God listens to what God says;

     Reply

     - art
       February 28, 2016 at 2:54 pm

       you are absolutely right...

       Reply

   - Matthew Sailor-Mann
     May 25, 2014 at 8:42 pm

"And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do." Some people choose to call a servant a "slave" but this is not the most faithful translation. People quibble about this, yet Dowrys, arranged marriages and similar arrangements related to these things have and still exist. So go ahead and take things out of context and help spread the hate and ignorance.

Reply

ton
October 13, 2015 at 8:48 am

Bottom line... ' Where there is LAW THERE IS NO GRACE..Where there is GRACE THERE IS NO LAW!.....JUDISM IS the PRACTICE OF LAW.....GODS WORD...never change.....BUT IN CHRIST 'the law was nailed to the cross.....GOD told PETER..... WHAT I HAVE CREATED CALL NOT DEFILE.....DO NOT CONDEMN FOR WHAT SOME ONE EAT OR DRINK OR WORSHIP.....WE CAN NOT MIX SCRIPTURES TO JUSTIFY OUR OWN OR TO PROVE OUR OWN THEORY.....IN CHRIST..WE ARE ALL UNDER GRACE....IF ANY ONE CHOOSE TO FALLOW THE LAW THEN THEY ARE GUILTY OF ALL IF THEY BREAK JUST ONE!.....

Reply

- Tony
  December 19, 2015 at 6:29 am

  Jesus said that He did not come to destroy the Law and the prophets, but to fulfill them. Jesus followed the Law to show that He is fit to be our Savior and to be our only example of righteousness. He did not say "there is no more law" otherwise, we are free to kill each other and other things that the law prohibits. Grace means that we obey God's law as a result of our faith to Jesus Christ who redeemed us from our sins. God will not surely tell humans to break His own law. The law shows God's love. Let us not hate it. Jesus is God, and He said, "If you love me, keep my commandments."

  Reply

- RavMoshe
  July 5, 2016 at 12:12 pm

  Yahshuah also said, If you love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15. He also said, John 15:10-11 (NKJV)
  10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
  11 These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.
  Stop using Grace as an excuse to violate His Commandments.
  It is true that man is not saved by keeping the commandments, but keeping the commandments is a sure shot expression of your salvation. They are like a fence around the yard that give us boundaries to live by.
  Imagine you are in a bar, drinking and getting drunk, and you try to witness to someone about salvation. The first thing they will say or ask is, "Why should I get saved? I see no difference between you and me."
  In Leviticus 11:45 we are told to be set apart as Yahweh is set apart. So although grace says that you are saved by faith in Messiah, it doesn't say, now go out and live the way you want to.
  I am a Messianic Jew, and do not call myself a Christian for that very reason. I do not want to be associated with those who claim to be saved, and then go out and live the way they want to, and use the grace card as an excuse.
  The last thing is what John said, in 1 John 2:6 If you are going to call yourself after Him, you are to live like Him.
  so therefore, if Messiah did it, or did not do it, then we are to do or not do it, and watch this, that includes the Holidays. Do you think our Messiah would be celebrating Easter, or Christmas, knowing the origins of these pagan holidays?
  He celebrated the Moadim (appointed times) as they were listed in The Torah in Leviticus chapter 23, which were given through Moses to the children of Yisrael, as His Moadim, not their Moadim. And He also said that they were to be followed, le-olam-vaed (for ever more).
  I can go into a whole issue about how today's "Christians" violate many of The Torah laws in the name of, "we now live by grace".
  And in case any of you don't understand what a Messianic Jew is, it is someone that believes that Yahshua was Messiah, and is born again.
  And to not allow anyone to get it twisted. I am not saying that violating Torah causes you to lose your salvation, because that is not possible, but it does drive a wedge into your relationship with Yahweh and you. If my son does something to cause us to part ways, we may not be in fellowship with one another, but he is still my son.
  AND JUST BECAUSE YOU CAPITALIZE EVERYTHING DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY MORE TRUE.
  Shalom B'Shem YHVH

  Reply

  - Wee
    August 10, 2016 at 12:16 am

    I like what you think. I am a Seventh. Day. Adventist.

    Reply

  - Tobie
    October 12, 2016 at 11:45 pm

    Inspiring words. Thank you for that. I will pray that G-d gives me great strength. I'm gonna need it.

    Reply

  - Dani
    November 5, 2016 at 11:35 am

    Thank you for sharing this! I also know that the Father would not want his children, Jew or grafted in gentile believers to be divided. He said not to do it, and science shows and proves that their is also a very good reason to not eat what He said to. Aa Christians that claim to love and obey the Lord, how is a depiction of LOVE or fellowship with our creator defined by doing the very minimum in obedience and using Grace as an excuse to aka do whatever we want in the name of freedom. We are being deceived if we think this warms the heart of the creator. How does this say I love u, want to be in relationship w you, I am loyal to you or I obey you as my Sovereign Lord, Creator or Lover of our souls. May God grace allow us all to see more clearly beyond the deceitful belief from our churches that the Laws of God (aka Gods Direction, Instruction of how to live, Guidance) given for all who calls him Father and his son Savior of all who follow Him are only meant for the original Chosen Jews, don't also want be called family and his chosen? It is just common sense if you are Gods u should be known like a banner on everything you do by the laws he has given for all people who claim to be Gods people.

    Reply

  - aron
    January 14, 2017 at 4:19 am

it's not what you eat that defile you but rather what come out of you. if you eat duck egg and garlic, or tofu and honey, if you eat pork makes sure you cook it throughly, even beef,also. everything contain germs and parasite these days. I'd rather eat pork than a poison mushroom. its all about common sense. jews have rejected Jesus, so as they are rejecting themselves. jews are sinners just as everyone else. a child was born in an abusive family, and never eating pork, and a child raising in a loving, and caring family, and always eating pork. which child will grow up and becoming a better child!?

Reply

- tim
  May 21, 2016 at 11:35 pm

  pooooooo

oh..... never mind I misread your comment

- Yahcanon
  May 31, 2014 at 4:04 am

  Can you tell me what where Does it say that.
  What book, chpt, and verse..

  Reply
  - tim
    May 21, 2016 at 11:30 pm

    up your butt and around the corner!!!!!!

    Reply
- Kenyatta
  March 17, 2015 at 3:47 am

  Even though the unclean foods in the old testament are no longer seen as unclean, would you still want to continue to consume them knowing what they eat? From a health standpoint, eating something that is designed to clean up waste doesn't sound too pleasing. As we age, we start to feel worse and worse. Some people see that as normal and come with the territory of aging. But, perhaps it has to do with our diets. Your body is a temple. If you put bad in, how do you expect good to come out?

  Reply
  - Ed
    September 1, 2016 at 9:32 am

    Sure I will. The best food isn't for people who follow the Old Law. Lobster surpasses steak by a long shot. We wrap bacon around the best beef for added flavor. This is all a secret hidden until now!

    Reply
- BarryB
  May 31, 2016 at 11:24 pm

  Sorry but Jesus certainly did not REPEAL but fulfilled the law. If one wants to live by the law, it is good, providing he/she keeps the whole law – all of the law. The law is God's perfect way to show that no human is good enough to keep it and please God. Thus, we need God's grace to please God. God is pleased when we allow Him to save us from condemnation. So Jesus kept the law – the only one that could (because He was without sin). Now, instead of having to keep God's good law to please Him, one can have faith in God by believing in Jesus, the only law-keeper, as God's provision for salvation. This same faith one puts in God for eternal life is the same we put in believing that we can eat meats that God said we can eat, praying in faith that He has made it clean. Having enough faith to eat pork, for example, is not salvation but it proves our level of faith to man and angels, and before God.
  I, for one, admit that I do not have enough faith to easily eat pork. But I'm working on it.

  Reply
- Steve
  February 23, 2017 at 4:47 pm

  We see the Messiah say this in Matthew:

  22:34 But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together.
  22:35 One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him,
  22:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"
  22:37 And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'
  22:38 This is the great and foremost commandment.
  22:39 The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'
  22:40 On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

  Notice that the last verse lets us know that the WHOLE LAW (instructions) and the Prophets are summed up in the 2 great commandments. Removing pieces of either just hollows out the 2 leaving them with no meaning.

  Reply

3. Hayley
   January 22, 2014 at 1:08 pm

   Amen! I'm sure glad I'm Christian so I can enjoy pork and shellfish and anything else that suits my fancy, like fat. Had I been a Jew I would have been in the Levite tribe. So I could have the good stuff. Lol.

   Reply
   - Old Nam vet
     January 22, 2014 at 2:28 pm

     I'm a Jew by faith. Where does that leave me? I'm not of the levite tribe either. I'm getting used to this kind of hatred and relegating to the back burner for my people. It's tragic that Folks that call themselves Christian still think like this. I wonder where this kind of thinking leaves Jesus. He, after all, was a Jew and observed the law... not did away with the law[10 Commandments] on death and resurrection. He was asked what laws we should keep in the New Testament. I will leave that up to you to look up and prove me wrong... God bless

     Reply
     - Old Nam vet
       January 22, 2014 at 2:30 pm

       Yes, The laws of Moses and temple laws were done away with but not the Ten Commandments. They are found in the New Testament...

       Reply
       - Canadian Vet
         January 22, 2014 at 7:54 pm

Honest question for you here.

The Qu'ran makes provisions for the eating of those foods deemed unclean or improperly prepared as per the Halal code when it is a matter of survival. Do Judaic dietary rules have a similar caveat or is one "stained" in a religious sense if they violate them?

Reply

- Keith
  January 22, 2014 at 2:47 pm

  The dietary laws found in the OT in dealing with "unclean animals" was indeed changed by Jehovah himself when he spoke to Peter in Acts 10:9-15. I do not condone others abusive or glib comments as such are not reflective of God's love which was lived out in flesh by his own son Jesus. I dont know if you are Orthodox or Messianic, but as a brother love you all the same. May He bless you and keep you.

  Reply
  - Old Nam vet
    January 22, 2014 at 4:24 pm

    I agree with you understanding of the scriptures, I am Messianic by faith. I use the dietary laws to stay away from the unclean things to have a healthy lifestyle and it works well. Unfortunately so many folks think they should do whatever they want to, which is their choice, but their health may suffer accordingly. I don't keep the old laws just to keep them under the law. God Bless you brother

    Reply
  - Lee
    June 3, 2014 at 1:09 am

    Hello, I have a disagreement with your interpretation of Acts 10:9-16 God was telling Peter not to call Men unclean. If you read further to verse 28 Peter explains what the vision meant. Peace in Christ

    Reply
    - Alba
      October 29, 2014 at 10:54 am

      Yes.

- Hayley
  January 23, 2014 at 10:10 pm

  I did't mean to sound insensitive. I'm just proud I have freedom through Christ, Old Nam Vet.

  Reply
  - Alba
    October 29, 2014 at 10:48 am

    Freedom in Christ to sin???? Christ didn't Sacrifice Himself for us to disobey His Father. God is Holy- Clean!

    Reply
- Peter David Silway
  November 27, 2016 at 11:28 pm

  There are only two laws given in the New testament by Jesus which fulfills all the law and the prophets.Love God and love your neighbor as you love yourself.(Mt.22:40).

  Reply

4. Bridget
   January 22, 2014 at 2:24 pm

   Dietary 'laws" weren't laws until Moses. But even Noah knew that there were animals you ate and animals you didn't. There's a big difference between following it out of legality, and just realizing that God only designed some of the animals to be eaten. Its rather funny that many of the people who are so against eating "clean meat" would also never want to eat a fried vulture because it is nasty.

   Reply
   - ron fertig
     November 16, 2014 at 12:50 pm

     clean and unclean animals were loaded on the ark , noah long before moses

     Reply
5. Bob
   January 22, 2014 at 3:03 pm

   Excellent article. When I discuss 'unclean meats' with folks I usually preface it by immediately kicking the religious aspect to the curb. The author explains in detail why humans should not consume 'unclean meats" and seemed more intent on offering practical reasons, not religious dogma.

   Speaking of religion, I'm a graduate of a fundamentalist Bible college. One thing they taught was that when reading the Bible, one should always be careful of the context. I challenge anyone, reading the New Testament IN CONTEXT, to prove that the dietary laws were abolished for Christians. Yes, I know all the verses that folks point to and yes, I know what most pastors teach (remember where I said I went to school). But taken in proper CONTEXT those passage generally refer to meat offered to idols, not 'unclean' meat. Don't believe me? Go back and read those passages again with an open mind and an eye on the actual context.

   Pork ribs are one of my favorite foods, but once I understood the context of Scripture and, more importantly, the reasons behind the prohibitions of unclean meat, I discontinued eating ribs. I'm not preaching or suggesting anyone else follow my lead. Eat what you want. It's been my experience, in any event, that most Christians do what they want and then try to justify it by taking Scripture out of context. Been there, done that, got the t-shirt.

   The one forbidden meat I never understood was the hare (rabbit). Nutritious white meat with good protein. Why is it unclean? Turns out rabbits have underdeveloped digestive systems. When they retire to their burrows at night to avoid predators they eat their body waste to further 'process' it. Go figure!

Reply

- Old Nam vet
  January 22, 2014 at 4:27 pm

  Very true. I live in a small city in Wisconsin and see Rabbits doing just what you say, eating their own waste. I found some dogs do similar things just not sure if their systems are the same…

  Reply
- Heather
  January 23, 2014 at 3:53 am

  Trying to live on rabbit will kill you. They have no fat, and fat is a necessary part of the diet, essential to many processes, including mental functioning. It is also necessary to process several nutrients. In an era where people had no understanding of nutrition, there is some sense in banning rabbit, just as the other bans made sense in an era when processing them for eating would have been difficult to do safely. Despite your very contrived reasonings as to what the various animals eat, etc, safety would most likely have been the main reason for such food laws.
  We kept a pig last summer. On pasture, so she ate plants and grubs, some grain, and most of our leftovers–a very clean diet. And she is very tasty this winter.

  Reply
  - Iraq vet
    March 20, 2015 at 5:08 pm

    Hopefully your pastured swine did not pick up worms from eating mice or rats. Can't out think the wise words of the Father.

    Reply
- Alba
  October 29, 2014 at 10:58 am

  Nasty!

  Reply
- Sarah
  October 29, 2016 at 8:30 pm

  That's gross. I had no clue about that with rabbits! I don't think I've ever had it either. I do like deer meat though! Have you had black buck chili? I made it and it was delicious!

  Reply

6. ray
   January 22, 2014 at 5:06 pm

   There is a major difference between "repealed" and "fulfilled". No! Yeshua did not repeal any of the covenant terms and conditions. His appearance to Israel fulfilled what was prophesied about his coming in the law and the prophets, as He himself said.

   So you think you are, as you humbly state, "well versed in your bible." Well, my friend you truly are deceived. Re-read Jeremiah 31:31-33. Read exactly what the New Covenant is; it is the Old Covenant re-established in the hearts of men, rather than tablets of stone. The terms and conditions are the same.

   However, if you wish to twist the Scriptures to consume a pork-laden diet, have at it! It might just be detrimental to your spiritual well-being, as well as your physical health.

   You might want to check into this condition, it is far more prevalent than the media advertises.
   http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs6qm03g8c0

   Reply
   - Iraq vet
     March 20, 2015 at 5:11 pm

     Yup, and swine eaters are still stuck with Isaiah 66 17. Why would the Messiah set you up for failure.

     Reply
7. Dave
   January 22, 2014 at 5:40 pm

   To those without understanding the whole principles of the Bible refering to this page…

   Acts 10:9-16

   These verses are often touted as "proof" that God's law concerning clean and unclean animals have been abolished. However, in the final analysis, this passage is not even about clean and unclean meats!

   In Peter's vision, a huge sheet full of unclean animals is lowered from heaven, and a voice says, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." However, without hesitation Peter replies, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean" (verse 14). The Voice then responds, "What God has cleansed you must not call common" (verse 15).

   First, what is the subject of Acts 10? It is evident from a thorough reading of the chapter that it is entirely devoted to the conversion of Cornelius, a Roman centurion (verse 1), the first Gentile baptized into God's church. Peter's vision must be understood against this background to be understood correctly.

   Second, it is apparent that Peter himself does not at first understand what his vision meant (verse 17); he certainly does not jump to the conclusion that all meats are now clean. While he is pondering it, a delegation from Cornelius arrives and requests that he travel with them to Caesarea to speak to the centurion. God tells the apostle directly to go with the men, "for I have sent them" (verse 20). Obviously, God was orchestrating the whole affair.

   Third, if unclean meats had been approved, would Peter have not understood this from what he had learned from Jesus? He lived with his Savior for over three years. If anyone knew that the law of clean and unclean meats had been abolished by Christ's sacrificial death, it would have been Peter, but at this point, a decade later, he is operating under no such notion.

Fourth, his reply to the Voice, which Peter identifies as the Lord's, is quite confident, even vehement: "Not so, Lord!" In our colloquial English, this is equivalent to "No way!" This was a command that the apostle knew went against everything he knew about God's law. Even though the Voice repeats the command twice more (verse 16), Peter never changes his mind!

Fifth, within the context, Peter himself reveals what the vision meant. To those assembled in Cornelius' house, he says, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean" (verse 28). The vision of unclean animals was merely an illustration God used to help Peter understand that salvation was open to those previously held at arm's length (see Acts 11:18). This is further evidenced by the Holy Spirit being poured out visibly on these Gentiles (Acts 10:44-47). Neither Peter nor Luke, the author of Acts, makes any further commentary regarding clean or unclean foods, as the vision had served a greater purpose.

Lastly, nowhere in the context is it ever said that God had cleansed unclean meats—this is something assumed by readers with a predisposition against this statute regulating what we should eat. As Paul says, "The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be" (Romans 8:7). Acts 10:1—11:18 confirms that "what God has cleansed" is the Gentiles, not unclean foods.

http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Bible.show/sVerseID/27269/eVerseID/27276

Reply

- Crystal
  June 2, 2014 at 8:20 pm

  Dave, you have obviously studied to "show thyself approved". Great job!

  I am a Christian and it always amazes me how so many gather at Easter (and I won't get into…hu-hum… "Holidays") and eat ham. We're supposedly celebrating Jesus' (who was born a Jew) resurrection. Go figure.

  Reply

8. Bacon
   January 22, 2014 at 6:26 pm

This article made me crave bacon, and generally any other "unclean meat" which tastes absolutely delicious. I'm think I'm going to go eat some pig slathered in lobster sauce. Wait, does this mean all of the ham served at the last church potluck was cursed??? Anyways, I love it when people pick and choose scripture to suit their needs, and I also love getting preached at from the interwebs pulpit. Now, where did I put that glass of bacon juice…I'm thirsty. Check that log in your own eye before replying.

Reply

- Anti-bacon
  January 23, 2014 at 7:46 am

  Go right ahead, have a big glass of bacon juice, or pig slathered in lobster sauce! You reap what you sow, and you are responsible for your own destiny both in this world and the next. Have at it, no one is here to cast pearls before swine. Erm… as it were.

  Reply

  - Bacon
    January 24, 2014 at 7:16 am

    So what you are saying is, there is no way possible God fearing Christians can enjoy bacon or any other of the delicious beasts on your "dirty little creature" list and still be welcome into the Kingdom of God? I just want to make sure that's what I'm reading from all of you perfect Christians who have zero sin in your life (not that eating bacon is a sin btw).

    So many believe their interpretation of the scripture is the only interpretation which is relevant and are quick to site passages which supposedly back up their claims. I for one do not take myself that seriously, and secondly always make sure to thank God for providing my meals (especially ones loaded with BACON).

    You guys are reminiscent of the pharisees if I don't say so myself. Good luck with all that.

    Reply

    - Crystal
      June 2, 2014 at 8:28 pm

      Personally, I'd worry more about the attitude than the bacon. I indulge, occasionally, and do not feel condemned. But when my heart is not right, I ask Him for help as soon as I realize I'm missing the mark a.k.a. one or more of the 10 commandments that are written on my heart.

      Reply

    - Iraq vet
      March 20, 2015 at 5:16 pm

      Isaiah 66 17 says the Father will not believe your argument when you are judged. No matter how much ham you have at church.

      Reply

    - Occup
      March 24, 2015 at 12:25 pm

      @Bacon: "KNOWING" Jesus, the Father, the Holy Spirit is a desire to learn His ways, even if it hurts in these times of self-absorption/anything goes/do it if it feels good, or in your case tastes good

      As we come to "know", we are challenged to follow the one, true, God. Love is sacrifice=what Jesus was sent to do bc He loved his Father's creation.

      Jesus has mercy; Jesus will be the Judge; we will be judged based on our souls- our "heart" for the Almighty, our thoughts, words, what we have done good/bad, what we have failed to do bc we didn't want to, due to other desires, or didn't feel we had the time, and those INTENTIONS for everything listed above.

      Are our intentions to follow CHRIST to the best of our ability? Some people are truly ignorant to things of God; & only He knows their souls.

However, for those of us who are searching to please God by understanding his scripture in context, and/or what he meant through His allegory- just what David explained in his paragraph, started with "Lastly,..."

The closest you can get to CHRIST through His WORD, without pre-conceived notions, opening yourself, in prayer, to the Spirit of God before reading; and being that it was written/handed down by the experiences of the Apostles (as David mentions how Peter lived with Jesus for 3 yrs, tells a great deal of how all was carried out, even historically in other early writings) and early Christians themselves.

Bacon, when we feel we need to "attack" others about our faith, it is not from God. Jesus showed us, when others didn't believe what he preached, He either said what was the Truth, without attacking; or, remained silent. If we also did this, how much more peace there would be, & more credibility to the faith in CHRIST- be unfortunately, many Christians "react" as well. No one is perfect, we all have our issues, but we need to be able to see our issues and actually work on them.
Godspeed & Peace growing as a Christian in our Lord. Just like it's said, "He isn't done with me yet!"

Reply

- Food for thought
  August 4, 2016 at 8:27 pm

  These are God's ideas and what we as humans take away from it..is up to us. Knowledge is power as the saying goes. We do have enough infections and diseases without all these scavengers in out blood stream. Yes the things which are not good for us..do taste delicious. But to eat ocean creatures which feed off dead fish and poisons is not very smart. Look around you and the cancers and blood infections people contract each and everyday. When you do a study of things which make a total sense..why poison yourself!? Pancreatic cancers, bowel and stomach.. cancers speak volumes. Your call right?

  Reply

- Alba
  October 29, 2014 at 11:12 am

  It's not about judging. It's about understanding what God really wants from us and that is obedience; and to do it out of love and with a sincere heart.

  Reply

  - Occup
    March 24, 2015 at 12:39 pm

    @Alba: Well, it is definitely about God judging us; not us, judging others.
    What you wrote: "It's about understanding what God really wants from us and that is obedience; and to do it out of love and with a sincere heart."

    OBEDIENCE is the key. It has been since the beginning of our first parents in this world we now live. Obedience IS sacrifice, which IS love.

    In these times, it's even hard to show love to our significant other, spouses, children, neighbors. Because it means we have to GIVE OF OURSELVES. SACRIFICE. Sometimes we "don't feel like it; not up to it"; desire what WE want, selfishness, not selflessness.

    What are our intentions?
    Do we draw on the graces of our Lord to give us the strength or perseverance to do something, whether short-lived or long-term?
    Doing that makes life so much easier. Negativism is always a drag. Some people are so used to being negative in what they say, do, think that it's a comfortable place for them. Sometimes it's an "unreadiness" to let go and "let God". Where there is true TRUST in GOD, there is peace, whatever the outcome. If it's what you think is a "bad" outcome, ride it out and see what the Lord may be telling/teaching/showing you, to grow more into His graces.

    Reply

- Amoz
  February 20, 2017 at 6:42 am

  It is not a sin to eat those forbidden meats and in fact if one simply eats anything, one might go to heaven faster than expect. It is merely for health reason.

  Reply

9. Dwayne
   January 22, 2014 at 8:25 pm

   There you have it, it's in the bible god said it, Jess demands it, if you are Christian and follow the bible you can't pic and choose,

   Reply

10. ray
    January 23, 2014 at 12:15 pm

    Dave! good understanding on Acts 10:9.

    Pig meat is absolutely loaded with parasites and toxins. ALL pig meat regardless of source. If in fact The Almighty had permitted the eating of swine flesh, wouldn't he have removed the parasites? He didn't remove them, and in fact states that eating it is an abomination. Isaiah 66:17 is referring to "end times."

    The fastest track to clogged arteries and congestive heart failure is the regular consumption of pork. Parasites in the brain from the trichina worm is far more common than reported. Here is a link to a fox news report from several years ago that shows pork worm in the brain of a young mother. It shows the neurosurgeon removing a pork "maggot" from her brain. Scary!
    http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs6qm03g8c0

    The following is a short excerpt from the book entitled "On Health and Holiness", by Hezekiah Haas.

    Trichina is just one of 19 worms found in pigs.

    "Trichinosis, a parasitic infestation resulting from eating pig meat, is estimated at 150,000 cases in the USA each year. Many cases are serious. In some cases, trichinae spreads through the body, even into the brain. When this occurs, victims may experience unusual drowsiness, clouded consciousness, convulsive seizures, weakness, and in some cases, paralysis or coma. The Journal of the American Association points out that even smoked pork sausage can contain live trichanae cysts."

    I certainly am no-one to judge anybody else' in their consumption of pork, however, The Scripture absolutely does not support their decision to do so.

    Reply

    - Bacon

January 24, 2014 at 7:23 am

Citing health reasons now are we? I wonder how many anti-porkers can run a 6 minute mile or 5 miles in under 40 minutes. I'm 40 years old and pass my yearly physicals with flying colors, next week I'm going for a personal record of 365 in bench press....this weekend I'll probably throw on my 75lb backpack and hike for 10 to 15 miles.

I attribute all of my health to being blessed with awesome genetics, blessed with good health, and a large amount of critters in my diet.

For those of you who state the scripture does not support the consumption of pork, there are no doubt loads of respected and tenured pastors or even professors of scripture who will call you crazy. I'm no pastor but I'll call you crazy too, and think your opinion matters just about as much as the next guy who thinks his/her interpretation of the bible is the only one that matters. At the end of the day I answer to ONE Being and He does not reside on this earth.

Reply

- Iraq vet
  March 20, 2015 at 11:01 pm

  Giving scripts to you did not work might as well try something else. To save you from the poo eaters. Isaiah 66 17 If you pastor is telling you pork is of he is the road to ruin.

  Reply
- Occup
  March 24, 2015 at 12:47 pm

  @Bacon: Sure, you can be healthy; either for now, or maybe the rest of your life; however, what I believe I can say, we all are really talking about is your spiritual health.

  Reply
- Brutus
  March 28, 2016 at 10:58 am

  @Bacon

  I am a little late to join the party but couldn't help replying to your post.

  It seems as though you have not been blessed with awesome genetics for a brain and all the bacon you have been eating has turned you into a meat head!

  Shame on me for busting your "pork-chops," but maybe you should pray that your shoulder doesnt blow out the next time you bench press.

  Once you're eyes are open and you are not blinded anymore, maybe then you will use your strength to change your diet.

  Reply

11. Alfonzo
    January 25, 2014 at 12:30 am

    What category do catfish fall into? They have fins, yet they are a scavenger fish that eat the rotting remains of other fish along with the live prey that they can catch. Tilapia have scales and their primary diet is eating the poop of other fish. That's why fish farms have been raising tilapia and selling them along with the other fish they are raising. They serve the purpose of cleaning the tank of other fishes waste without having to feed them fish food and then they can be sold for profit as well. I think if most people knew that about tilapia they wouldn't eat them. I know I stopped eating them after I found that out. So confusing???? Mainly I'm curious about catfish because they are a pretty big part of our diet down here in the south.

    Reply

    - Crystal
      June 2, 2014 at 8:34 pm

      The dietary rules for fish are that they have to have both fins and scales. Catfish have fins but NO scales. They are bottom feeders and grow quite large scavenging near the bottom of damns.

      Reply
    - Jim
      December 6, 2015 at 12:09 pm

      I never knew this and thanks for the information. How strange this is, didn't they nickname Talapia as the "JESUS" fish?

      I would like to point out that the law is the law, for it is a "Holy" thing. Jesus said I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it. Now, everyone of us are guilty of breaking the law. Even if we observed the law since birth, we are still born into sin, due to the sins of our forefathers! The belief in JESUS as G-Ds only Son who came to take away all of the Sins of the entire world from the past, the present and the future. Also to believe of his death and resurrection 3 days latter. The Father raised him because, he was without sin and death could not keep him. Believe this with your heart and confess this with you lips and you will be held blameless and be slave to sin, no more. Salvation is a "Gift" the most precious in all of creation! It is not earned by works and is not earned by faith alone. It is by the "Grace" of G-D through faith in him! Jesus said "What a man puts into his body, does not make him sin, but what proceeds out of his mouth! Now does this mean that we should just ignore the law? Paul said "may it never be so". However Paul was educated at to what these laws were and taught to uphold them and since he was born of the Jewsish faith. He was held to those laws being a bondservant in the flesh of the Lords! If you truly believe that what you are doing will cause you to sin, don't do it! If you know of a person who eats pork but does everything that the lord commands and otherwise is righteous in all else, yet your condemnation of his eating pork causes him to stumble and sin. Then Woe to you! If you truly love your brother and know he errs and he is unaware. Pray for wisdom on how to approach him, yet do it with patience, forgiveness, grace and love! Perhaps if we all did this, including me. We could overcome stumbling blocks and unite as one in Christ!

      Reply

      - Tobie
        October 13, 2016 at 12:13 am

        Praise Jesus!

        Reply

12. Darrell
    January 25, 2014 at 2:33 pm

Did you know that in the Bible, animals that are considered 'unclean' were not to be sacrificed in the sacrificial system to God? Only animals that were classified as clean were to be sacrificed to God.

The Creator of heaven and earth knows what's healthy to eat and what's not. Take these verses in the New Testament that people use as an excuse to eat anything they want. The majority of 'Christians' misunderstand 1 Timothy 4:4,5.

The New Testament says, "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." 1Timothy 4:4,5.

What do these verses mean? Animals to be used as food is sanctified (set apart as holy) by two (2) things: 1. The Word of God (God lets us know in the Bible what's healthy and what's not) and 2. prayer.

Reply

- Iraq vet
  March 20, 2015 at 5:31 pm

  Yup, key word " sanctified" by the word. Further the bible you can not consecrate or purify the unclean. "Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves [to go] to the gardens, behind one in the midst, eating pig's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, they shall come to an end together," says Yahweh. Isaiah 66 17

  Reply

13. ray
    January 26, 2014 at 1:38 pm

    …… you may be right,…… I may be crazy,…… but I just might be that lunatic that……won't have pork maggots eating away at my brain. I suppose it only becomes a "salvation" issue if you end up having your skull sawed open on the operating table. I just don't care to roll the dice.

    As for all these "tenured pastors" that may label me crazy, I believe the Scriptures refer to them as "hirelings. :)

    I respect your opinion and your stance on the issue, as far as I'm concerned both the article and the comments are interesting. Certainly not a reason to point fingers in condemnation.

    We all will give an account of ourselves before the Creator, and we will not be able to point our fingers at the hirelings either.

    Be well and blessed.

    Reply

14. JJM
    January 27, 2014 at 9:46 am

    Consumption of Clean vs Scavengers. Would you rather rinse off then eat a filet that was drug across the floor of a 'hay wagon' or a 'garbage truck', drug thru a 'water barrel' or a septic tank'? Obviously the health risks would depend on how the 'container' was used and obvious that greater risk is thru exposure to the 'clean up container'. IMO, the 'dietary laws' are warnings NOT commandments.

    Reply

15. scott
    February 3, 2014 at 11:30 am

    I love bacon! Lobster too, but I had crabs once and didn't enjoy the feeling one bit. God bless.

    Reply

16. Mikel
    May 25, 2014 at 9:56 pm

    Lol, my gods have a pig of perpetual pork. Wild boar and even feral pig are great sources of nutrition. It is man that makes pig unclean. They don't have to be. But hey, if you midEast wannabes don't wanna honor your actual Ancestors, I'm good good with that(though it perplexes me). More for us tru to our Folk.

    Reply

    - Crystal
      June 2, 2014 at 8:40 pm

      I'd rather be true to my God than my ancestors if it is a matter of importance.

      Reply

17. mississippigirl
    June 2, 2014 at 7:11 am

    I think God is more concerned what goes into our hearts and minds (and comes out as well), than He is about the type of foods that we eat. I live under grace, not law, and I won't be subjected to a pharisaical rod to the hand because I choose to eat bacon. The holiness that God demands of us is more than the rules and regulations that we follow, it's a condition of the heart. Have we learned nothing from Jesus's teachings the last 2,000 years? For those who are led to include dietary restrictions in their walk with God, then that is what you need to do–but not all of us are led that way. That is what is wonderful about the family of God. We are not alike, yet we each add a richness to the whole. Be careful about becoming Pharisees over things that ultimately don't really matter while at the same time, allowing your heart to harden toward your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

    Reply

18. Mike
    June 2, 2014 at 2:42 pm

    I have never heard such HOG-WASH in my life….Translations of the bible such as these is what drove me from the church….These quotes are from the old testament, which is Jewish in nature and God where most terrible and full of revenge to the Jews. Oh course they didn't eat pig. They lacked a way to cure it, They lived a dang desert…Baffoon…… Yer drawing from the Old Testament and whitewashing it with the New Testament and hoping you got it right. The Bible is pieced together from the Dead Sea Scrolls which the church clergy has selected certain parts not to clash with what had been taught up to that point. And don't go quoting Jesus to unless it's from the original version of the Book of Thomas. I'm done with this site, I think THAT would be BEST for all parties involved….This is why I can't push the, " I Believe " button….Blind Faith contrary to Reason..Ciao

Reply

19. rollinshultz
July 8, 2014 at 7:19 pm

As usual this scientific article is attacked on religious grounds. The idea being shared is that God had good reasons for condemning these food sources other than just to say don't eat them. Now even though we are set free from the Law of Moses, we are also free to apply common sense and investigation into what we should eat and not eat.
For example as a Christian I am free to eat GMO foods, but scientific studies have shown I will get cancer and or tumors if I do. So While I am free to eat them I am not free from the effects of such abominations of creation.

Reply

20. Zaphod Beeblebrox
November 15, 2014 at 9:13 pm

Letting fairy tales and mythology dictate your diet? What'll they think up next!

Reply

21. mark
November 15, 2014 at 10:47 pm

God didn't write any dietary laws.people did.perhaps they had their reasons,but to say this is from a God is a little silly...

Reply

22. Correen
November 16, 2014 at 1:27 am

However to most Christians, these dietary laws are in the old testament, thus belonging to the old ways and most Christians do not abide by these old, laws, because their belief is that when Jesus died, he then wiped away the old laws, except a few, that Christians deem worthy. This is their argument I have had plenty an argument, with said family Christians. Lol. I still have not received a logical, answer to why there are so many different Nationality backgrounds, if we were to be descendants of one family that hitched a ride on an ark, Still waiting. Lol

Reply

23. Joe
November 16, 2014 at 6:48 am

Always enjoy these lively discussions. Context is important here. While I'm not a fan of any revealed interpretation; you have to be able to understand context. Context was mentioned before but not in the same scope or scale.

Imagine being living in an extended family situation, in Alaska, where you herded goats and cattle. You lived at least three hours from even the most basic of medical support and it takes much effort to get there. You, for all intents and purposes, are self sustaining and must be able to handle situations.

Does it really need to be said that prevention of illness is the way to go?

Health was considered a gift from God; illness the symptom of the lack of that love. Science has proven why these foods were perhaps unwise to eat in less than perfect conditions on a regular basis. Greater acumen; better understanding and perhaps greater wisdom.

So - in that context – it really wasn't a great idea to expose your tribe/clan/family to something that would potentially wipe your seed from the earth. These aren't just for Hebrews, in fact dietary laws were prevalent in the church for centuries. Its sad to see any faithbaiting... remember Christians are just Jews who believe the second coming already happened. All are cousins in the Abrahamic faith. Please remember these items in CONTEXT. Does it need to be said that perhaps what was needed, and by needed I mean to avoid death, in the desert of antiquity might not be needed now?

I believe the author has an interesting thread of thought that should be the actual focus of the discussion: Does a long term Off-Grid situation lend to the following of Biblical dietary recommendations?

How many people would be effective at creating ovens/stoves that ensure the proper preparation of foods? Feeding your group unclean food is the quickest way of ending that adventure. How different would the experience be by a group of modern – post game changing event – survivors from the nomadic herders of the Old Testament? I'd wager not that different. Our understandings would be greater, our skills less applicable.

Lets steer the conversation to something productive! Your personal belief in the word of God is that. Be proud of it. Your questioning of the meaning of the Bible and what is really out there is just that – your personal belief. Be proud of that too. Lets see what can be learned from those that came before – concentrate on the message and not so much the paper or the binding that its delivered on.

Just my observations....

Reply

- Sarah
October 29, 2016 at 8:53 pm

Christians do not believe that the second coming has already happened. We believe Jesus was/is the messiah and in general Jews do not unless they are a messianic jewelry (don't know of I spelled that correctly)

Reply

24. Joe
November 16, 2014 at 7:03 am

Why rabbit might have been off-limits:

http://www.motherearthnews.com/nature-and-environment/rabbit-fever-zmaz87mazgoe.aspx#axzz3JEhmaGdd

Reply

25. Dean A. Deardurff
November 17, 2014 at 2:26 pm

I've been reframing from eating pork the last year or two. But I caved in a week ago and bought some pork steaks. I ask a church goer last week to find where in the bible that says otherwise. This article answers my question. But I'd like to know if bear, lion is of the unclean meats. I know people bear hunt so if it is unclean I'd like to know,...

Reply

- fred
  March 21, 2015 at 3:32 am

  Both unclean. All clean mammals have a split hoof and chew the cud.

  Reply

26. Beano
    November 24, 2014 at 4:47 pm

    HOW COME GOD TOLD Noah I give to you all the animal even as the green herb to EAT???

    Reply

    - fred
      March 21, 2015 at 3:34 am

      Nosh knew what animals where clean and unclean, hence he took the clean animals seven by seven and the unclean in pairs.

      Reply

27. Genus
    November 25, 2014 at 1:31 pm

    Its ironic, that Muslims who believe, live by and share these same beliefs & laws are said to be crazy because of religious & political differences.

    It's also a well known fact that many creatures were put here to regulate other creatures in support of the lives man.

    One event in support is that the European plague was the result of superstition. Europeans thought cats were "bad luck" and did away with them. Without cats, the rats took over and along with poor hygienic practices - - walla — we have a PLAGUE! It is said that 25% of the population of that continent was wiped out due to superstition or a miscalculation of reality.

    Ancient Egyptians loved and worshiped cats. Cats kept their food supply free of rodents which thrive on dirt and disease. Who knew?? And there was no plague.

    Besides being against the "LAW", the pig, certain other animals and many crustations are extremely acidic and the body (save for the stomach) is designed to be alkaline.

    I completely agree with this article.

    Reply

28. Cameron
    January 21, 2015 at 9:45 am

    These guidelines are ludicrous, and asserting their correctness under the banner of a deity is equally crazy. While there is some truth behind the adverse health effects of consuming certain fauna, most of the evidence in the article is augmented to fit the narrative provided by religious texts. If these texts are to be believed why do they fails to mention recently discoveries such as the cancer causing nature of red meat within the body or the inflammatory properties of milk? If God create a dynamic ever changing world why would he leave us a static book, and if he spoke to is directly in the past where is his presence today. These all questions that should be asked long before interpreting the "word " of God. We cannot rely on the teaching of antiquity to guide us into the future.

    Reply

29. GEORGE
    March 3, 2015 at 4:44 am

    Matthew 15:10-12

    10After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, "Hear and understand. 11"It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man." 12Then the disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?"...

    Ask yourself what was a Pharisees from most of the posi God is not of confusion

    1Timothy 4:3-5

    ...3men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. 4For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; 5for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer

    We pray over our food to give thanks and also that it will not cause harm to us.
    This topic of clean food was given to the levi people to sanctify themselves before the Arc there was no proper was of cooking and storage which caused death, ones diet even now some can not take in to much salt and etc. which is evil to their temple.
    Shalom

    Reply

    - Iraq vet
      March 20, 2015 at 11:06 pm

      "Sanctified" by the Word. Unclean foods are not sanctified by the word they are called abominable. You can not consecrate the unclean Isaiah 66 17.

      Reply

30. Jonathan Lankford
    March 23, 2015 at 4:37 am

    ~~ The followers of Yeshua (Jesus) kept the laws including those of food ~~

    Ratton (1915) states:
    The early church at Jerusalem, retained most of the distinctive customs of the Jews, such as circumcision, kosher meats, the Jewish Sabbath, the Jewish rites, and the

worship of the Temple. Our Lord, Himself, lived the exterior life of a Jew, even so far as the observance of Jewish religious customs was concerned. The early Church of Jerusalem followed His example. The Jews looked upon the Hebrew Christians in Jerusalem simply as a Jewish sect, which they called the sect of the Nazarenes. Tertullus, pleading before Felix, the Governor, described S. Paul as "the author of the sedition of the sect of the Nazarenes" (Acts 24:5). S. John was a leader of the Nazarenes. He is said by Polycrates to have worn the pe,ta/lon or sacerdotal headpiece of a high priest. It was a plate of the finest gold having engraved on it, "The Holy of Yehovah" (Exodus 39:29). This shows his position in the Nazarene Church, and the Jewish complexion of that Church. (p. 4)

Lopes (1997) states that the Catholic Church abolished God's laws:
13. ELEUTHERIUS, ST. (175-189) Born at Nicopolis in Epirus, he was a disciple of Pope Anicetus...He dispensed with the obligations of Christians to follow several dietary laws of Judaic origin. (p. 5)

Lopes, Antonino. (1997). The Popes: The lives of the pontiffs through 2000 years of history. Rome: Futura Edizoni.

Ratton, James J. L. (1915). The apocalypse of St. John: A commentary on the Greek New Testament (2nd ed.). London: R & T Washbourne, Ltd.

Reply

31. Amused
July 26, 2015 at 1:13 pm

Long ago I turned my back on such arguments... What a waste of time. Who cares what happened 3000 years ago, especially when most people can't speak intelligently to what happened 100 years ago, or ten years ago, or even yesterday. Toss those books - all those books – in the trash heap,and stick to quotes and generic proverbs.

Reply

32. The Bride
August 4, 2015 at 7:05 am

Thank you SO much for this article! Being a Believer in Jesus Christ for nearly forty years and going to Bible School I always wondered why the contradictory teachings. A few years ago I came to God with a humble hungry heart after about twenty years of very trying painful times, asking Him to show me why, if an All-Powerful, amazing God resides in me, did I still struggle with things like bitterness and unforgiveness. There should have been a vast difference between me and those who did not choose to accept Christ in their lives. Oh, sure....I didn't live like the world did, but what about the attitudes of the heart and why didn't I love people like Jesus did ..I knew something was amiss.
Well, God in His amazing love answered me. It took a few years to get the full answer and there is still more to learn, I 'm sure

Reply

- JOHN
August 10, 2015 at 1:34 pm

I would love to learn the change brought in your life,
we simply live just because exist, with no aim to do any thing more then wht is called for

May you be blessed

Reply

33. The Bride
August 4, 2015 at 7:16 am

...but learning just how MUCH paganism has infiltrated the Church really woke me up and now I seek to follow God in the way He had always intended. I have learned how the traditions of men have become more important to those who call themselves Christians than God's ways. I have since stopped celebrating pagan holidays like "Christmas" and Easter, etc....am seeing how totally far we've come (in a bad way) from where God intended for His followers to be and am delighted that He is answering my questions as I cried out to Him. Now I see why Christians in many cases don't seem much different than unbelievers. When we get Babylon out of our lives then there is room for Christ to pour in and transform us.
Curious? I've found Truth or Tradition Should Christians Celebrate Christmas on YouTube to be a tremendous help.
Also look up Rob Skiba and Babylon Rising. I hope these help. God Bless those who seek the truth and run hard after Him....He will not disappoint.

Reply

34. Samantha
August 5, 2015 at 8:09 am

Eating unclean food does not affect your standing in Salvation but it does affect your body which will show you the signs sooner or later and that might subtract years from your life/cause you cancer/parasitic infections/infertility etc etc. God is showing us that by choosing to eat clean foods we can live longer on the earth and have the full functional benefit of our bodies. My people perish for lack of knowledge – remember? What knowledge you ask. The knowledge given freely in God's infallible word.

Reply

35. Mayrah
September 18, 2015 at 7:10 am

I really enjoyed this article and comments. I am writing from Nigeria. One day I was bored i opened my bible and actually read it. I freaked out because most of what i read was in complete contradiction with what we were being taught in the churches. I flipped back to the old testament, there i read about God the creator, how he loves humans but humans do not return the love, so he sought to change them, clean them up , giving laws and guidelines.
Truth is most people are actually practicing atheists, they just do the whole religion thing out of habit, culture and convenience

Reply

36. Jordan
September 19, 2015 at 5:03 am

1Timothy 4:3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.
1Timothy4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:
1Timothy 4:5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Reply

37. CricketJam
September 19, 2015 at 5:06 am

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
1Ti 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.
1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:
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Reply

38. God chaser
December 2, 2015 at 3:56 am

The truth to the matter is ppl God never said we can eat it, in doing so it's makes u unclean when he wants us holy....YES UR FREE WILL CHOICE 2 CONSUME BC WE ARE ALL GONNA B JUDGE BY WHAT WE DO...ITS NOT PLEASING TO HIM.....UR LIFE WHERE DO U WANT SPENS ETERNITY

Reply

39. Steve
February 6, 2016 at 1:42 am

So, uh, how the heck are pigs and seafood unclean yet a bug (locust) is not?

Reply

- dumass
February 6, 2016 at 8:57 am

Steve: Here is an article that may help in understanding what is meant by clean (fit to eat)and unclean (not fit to eat) -http://www.ucg.org/bible-study-tools/booklets/what-does-the-bible-teach-about-clean-and-unclean-meats/which-animals peace

Reply

- dumass
February 6, 2016 at 8:58 am

don't use the word peace in looking up the article

Reply

40. michael
April 6, 2016 at 8:43 am

A pearl comes from an oyster. An oyster has neither fins or scales it is an abomination . Jesus heaters would of been shocked at the statement. Throwing your peals before swine. Because a pearl was an abomination like swine. The gates of the new jerusalcum are made ofbocarl. There us neither Jew or gentile. Those k as wete made to separate jews and gentiles with a wall. If you really want to study the law you need to do a better job then you ate doing. If pork ever touched a grill you have to trash the grill. You could never eat at a restraunt. People I know that I know that have hot involved in this lost all there peace and joy and really suffered a non productive and fruitless life.

Reply

41. Honor
May 2, 2016 at 8:45 am

You cannot walk in God's path and at the same time, sustain your existence by murdering the innocent and consuming and swallowing them. Life is a complicated miracle and it took Billions of years to evolve. Life is gifted to all of God's creatures with which we are only one. To know God, one has to do all that is possible not to harm any living being that can suffer. The breath of life is sacred and beautiful. You can quote all the scriptures you want, but spiritual ascension and understanding will always be at arms length until you stop being cruel and inflicting pain on others including those that hold a different species title. You are using the Bible as an excuse to cause pain and murder.It is wrong.
Pythagoras (570-490 BC) – For as long as man continues to be the ruthless destroyer of lower living beings, he will never know health or peace. For as long as men massacre animals, they will kill each other. Indeed, he who sows the seeds of murder and pain cannot reap joy and love.

"Violence begins with the fork" Mohandas Gandhi

"The time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men." – Leonardo Da Vinci

"There is no fundamental difference between man and animals in their ability to feel pleasure and pain, happiness, and misery." – Charles Darwin

"I hold that the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man." ~ Mohandas Gandhi

"I choose not to make a graveyard of my body for the rotting corpses of dead animals." – George Bernard Shaw

The Dalai Lama (1935-present) – I do not see any reason why animals should be slaughtered to serve as human diet when there are so many substitutes. After all, man can live without meat. It is only some carnivorous animals that have to subsist on flesh. Killing animals for sport, for pleasure, for adventures, and for hides and furs is a phenomenon which is at once disgusting and distressing. There is no justification in indulging in such acts of brutality . . . Life is as dear to a mute creature as it is to a man. Just as one wants happiness and fears pain, just as one wants to live and not to die, so do other creatures.

Reply

42. Joe M
June 25, 2016 at 5:44 pm

Some of you people are fools. GOD never made a single thing without a purpose. And no ritual or sacrifice could or would alter that purpose. If He made a law against something, than it would still apply unless He specifically stated otherwise. WHich never happened. Proof?? Science today proves that unclean still means unclean. If something was bad for us thousands of years ago, it still is bad for us. If you have complete faith and trust in TRUTH, then you will agree. WHy would anyone not care to take care of the body and mind that GOD gave us? Do you not desire to be in the best possible way to serve Him here? He did not give us our life to abuse it for the sake of pleasure. Society is upside down. It feeds us poison and tells us its clean. It spoils us and tell us its normal. Making us fat and lazy and selfish. No good to GOD at all. You have to make sacrifices to serve GOD. Otherwise, you are just another fool.

Reply

43. Tom
July 4, 2016 at 5:39 pm

Good grief! Religious nutbags! Eat whatever you want; just leave the rest of us alone and keep your religious garbage to yourselves.

Reply

44 Terence
August 8, 2016 at 2:40 pm

Hey, lobsters do have fins. The things on the back of their tails are fins. Crabs have swimming fins too. And shrimp too.

Things without scales or fins are star fish, urchins, sea sponges, octopus, squid just to name a few.

According to this rule its ok to eat dolphins and whales since they both have fins, also sea turtles too.

Reply

45 konnie
November 15, 2016 at 7:01 am

I do not believe in god, but these rules actually kinda make sense. Perhaps people have been observing some dietary patterns and have put them to writing as in to warn others of possible outcomes.

Reply

46. Janet Hyde
January 23, 2017 at 10:19 am

I believe the reason for the dietary laws in the OT were definitely for health reasons. Everything God commanded has always been for our good. If you do your homework you will find that unlike the times of Leviticus where people raised their own animals and knew what they were eating we are living in a time when most of us haven't got a clue. You will get sick to your stomach when you read about what is being given to animals to fatten them up before slaughter. The fact that we are so opposed to pork but pay no attention to the hormones, antibiotics and adulterated grain being fed to beef and chicken not to mention the unbelievable conditions these animals are kept in is to not look at the spirit behind the reasons God did not want us to eat pork. I believe God's people are perishing for lack of knowledge! I do believe the praying over our food is important but food has always been prayed over and He still said not to eat pork for very good reasons. I am now disgusted about beef and chicken. It is without a doubt unclean and will do your body harm at some point. I want to now know what the animals are fed that I eat. I have a family full of medical folks and they will tell you that your health is at the end of your folk. We as Christians have become so dependent on the very corrupt systems of this world. They follow the Prince of this world who is Satan. They are consumed with making money, not your good. God will provide a way for you to be healthy. He is leading me to dietary changes by changing my heart and understanding about the truth about the lack of health of many of the foods that I was consuming. More and more people are getting sick with serious diseases and the answer is not in a pill. Most of the reasons are because of our environment, the water we drink (or don't drink enough of) and the food we eat. Please consider that this is so much bigger than just pork!

Reply

47 Talei Berger
January 26, 2017 at 11:09 am

Is there Part 3 to God's Dietary Laws? I can't find it and would love to get it. We're having a discussion right now at work about this.

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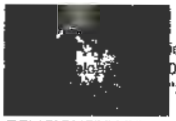

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Class:	Aves
Family:	Several, see text

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For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:12)

Monday, January 31, 2011

KOSHER AND HALAAL – AN UNHOLY FINANCIAL SCAM?

The image you see displayed on the right is the logo of the South African Beth Din. It is a special certification logo that can be found on the packages of a widespread number of food products in South Africa and neighbouring countries.

Beth din is one of the many Kosher supervision agencies in the world, who go by various names, and who ensure compliance with the required Jewish standards for food manufacturing and related processes (also known as Hechsher). In South Africa the final certificate (known as a Kashrut Certificate) is issued by the Union of Orthodox Synagogues.

The best known hechsher symbol in the world is the "OU" symbol of the Orthodox Union based in New York City in the United States, but there are many others all over the world who employ hundreds of rabbis as mashgichim (supervisors). Each Kosher supervision agency uses a different logo. The image on the right displays a few more examples >>

In most cases these so-called certification stamps are either very small or faintly printed, but if you examine the Beth Din logo closely you will notice the word "PAREV" printed below the logo. This is a Yiddish word (פארעוו), meaning neutral. It is also written as Parve or Pareve – Source.

CATEGORIES OF KOSHER FOOD

The three categories of Kosher food are Meat, Dairy and Parev (or Parve).

(*Kosher foods* are those that conform to the regulations of the Jewish *Halakhic* law framework. These rules form the main aspect of kashrut, Jewish dietary laws.) *Source*

The following is a very basic overview of each category:

1. Meat (Fleishik) - For an animal to be Kosher, it must have split hooves and chew its cud. (Examples: cow, goat, lamb.) Non-Kosher animals include pig, horse, camel and rabbit. Kosher fowl include chicken, turkey, goose, and certain duck. Animals and fowl must be slaughtered by a specialist, called a shochet, and then soaked and salted in accordance with Jewish law. All

carnivorous (meat-eating) animals and fowl, and the blood of all animals and fowl, and any derivatives or products thereof, are not Kosher.

2. Dairy (Milchik) - Milk and milk products (cheese, cream, butter, etc.) of a Kosher animal are Kosher-Dairy. These may not be eaten in combination with meat or fowl.

3. Parve (Neutral) - Foods which contain neither meat nor dairy ingredients are called "Parve." All fruits, grains and vegetables in their natural state are Kosher and Parve. Fish which have fins and scales are Kosher and Parve. Some examples are salmon, halibut and carp. Not Kosher fish species include sturgeon, catfish and swordfish. All shellfish, eel, sharks, underwater mammals, and reptiles are not Kosher. A Parve item can become either dairy or meat when it is cooked together with food in either category. (Example: fish fried in butter is considered dairy, not Parve.)

Source: *www.kosher-directory.com*

INSPIRATION FOR THIS POSTING

The inspiration for submitting this article came about while I was discussing the recent sudden increase in food prices with a few Christian friends. In some supermarkets the prices of well-known brands had almost doubled in less than a year!

One indidual remarked that food prices always seemed to rise when the petrol price increased, but when the petrol price decreased some food prices remained the same, while others continued to rise. Another person casually remarked that maybe Kosher-Tax was responsible for the high prices. I must admit that I, and a number of other Christians in the room, were totally naïve when it came to modern-day "Kosher" matters.

I decided to enlighten myself on the subject at the first available opportunity. It didn't take too long to realize that there was a mountain of information available on this topic, and that our brothers and sister living in the United States were quite upset about this Kosher-business. It also seems that the majority of Christians in the US consider the business to be a huge money-racket scam. (You can do your own research by simply typing the words "Kosher Scam" in google.)

For the first time in my life I decided to examine the labels on all the food products stored in my kitchen cabinet and in my fridge. To my amazement I found that about 90 percent of the foodstuff in my home either had a Kosher or a Halaal stamp on them. On some products one had to look really hard to find the little stamp, almost as if they were trying to hide the logo! What I could not understand however, was why certain products, which naturally (and logically) cannot contain any meat or dairy ingredients, such as 100% pure honey, or cinnamon and numerous other spices, also displayed the Kosher (Parev) logo!?!

Furthermore, when I discovered that Kashrut Certificates were also being issued by the Johannesburg Beth Din rabbis for popular household detergents, such as Nufloor, Polycide, Spraybrite, Supakleen, etc, I was totally convinced that this whole affair was a rather shady business. Click here to see for yourself – (Take note: the 2 page document is in pdf format – 1,624 KB)

KOSHER AND HALAAL CERTIFICATION ARE SCAMS!

After digging a little deeper into how the Kosher and Halaal certification processes actually work and how much money is actually involved in this business, I finally came to the conclusion that it was all a BIG SCAM, and that millions of people worldwide are being swindled by a multi-billion dollar rip-off!

In South Africa there is a deafening silence regarding this issue, because Christians are too afraid to step on other people's toes for fear of being labelled as "anti-Semitic" or "racist". In fact, we have become so used to being trampled upon, brainwashed, and swindled, that we've lost the spirit to fight for our rights and our beliefs!

South African certification bodies involved in this business usually market their services by providing so-called proof that certification will guarantee higher sales. When you read between the lines and all the small-print then it becomes quite obvious that the whole business is a major moneymaking racket, and that Jewish or Islamic dietary laws are last on their list of priorities!

The South African National Halaal Authority (SANHA) actually employs outrageous scare-tactics to convince people that there is a need for Halaal certification.

This is what they publish, among other nonsense, on their website:
Are you sure that;

- The red colouring in your ice lolly is not the one derived from crushed insect?
- The flour improver in your loaf of bread is not made from human hair?
  Click here to view more.

The point is…
Any food-processing company who goes through the procedures of Kosher or Halaal certification will be required to pay a fixed monthly or annual fee to a group of Orthodox Jewish Rabbis (in the case with Kosher), or to an Islamic (Halaal) Inspection Body (in the case with Halaal.) At the end of the day it is the uninformed consumer who pays for these additional overheads!

As I've mentioned before in previous postings, it is pointless that I provide all the details of the how, why, and what, as readers can investigate these matters in their own time and pace, and decide for themselves if this business is a scam, or not.

The point that I'm trying to make here is twofold:

Firstly, we Christians are extremely naïve and ill-informed when it comes to these matters. We are also way too tolerant and way too charitable towards non-Christian organizations.

Secondly, it is the International Judaic (a small group of super-wealthy elite organizers) who are behind the Kosher and Halaal scams, - worldwide! These are the vipers Jesus Christ and his group of faithful disciples persistently warned us about, more than 2000 years ago! Should we then not start taking heed of these warnings?

Why should South African Christians sponsor the growth and development of non-Christian religions such as Judaism and Islam, when close to 80 percent of the population are Christian? Surely our Christian upbringing, our Bibles, and our logical, sound and sober common sense is all we need to decide what is right and what is wrong, and what we can eat and what we cannot?

Is it not time that we start supporting the fresh market produce of our own brothers and sisters (Boere Marke), and also check the labels of canned and packaged foodstuffs before placing them in our shopping trolleys?

Take note: All packaged sliced bread on the supermarket shelves also have the Beth Din (Parev) logo. Most popular fat spreads (margarines) have both the Halaal and Beth Din (Parev) labels on them. Most of us use these products everyday because they are convenient, but is it not convenience that often leads us into temptation?

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."
(Matthew 6:13 – KJV)

SUGGESTED FURTHER READING:

With controversial matters such as these, the Bible (preferably the 1611 King James Version) is always the best source for further study.

The following New Testament Bible passages deal with food and eating habits.

- **Acts 10:9-29**
- **Hebrews 9:8-14**
- **Hebrews 13:7-15**
- **1 Timothy 4:1-5**
- **1 Corinthians 8:4-13**
- **Colossians 2:16-23**

PS:

Readers may also be interested in a new book, written by a South African, Paul Caplan. The book is directly related to this subject. ***Click here*** to view descriptions, reviews, and also my personal comments about this book.

God Bless!

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7 comments:

Anonymous said...

I just visited this page and I would like to add some comments about this kosher racket. Here in Canada at least 70 % of our food products have been "kosherized" and I suspect that

soon Halal symbols will join the numerous Kosher symbols on our food packaging.
I realized that this Kosher business was a scam when I found one of their symbols on...packages of toilet paper!! No, this is no joke! Rolls of toilet paper!
The orthodox minority seems to get away with this but, finally, who is to blame? In my opinion, it is the producers who should be criticised for accepting to go along with this fraudulous movement!
Never mind the "fear" of being labeled a racist or anti-semite. It's beginning to sound like a broken record and people should learn not to pay any attention to those whinig accusations.
If only more consumers would protest...

Kashrut: Jewish Dietary Laws

The Fundamental Rules	Some Specifics	The Rationale	Helpful Information	A Discussion	Links

The Fundamental Laws of Kashrut:

The rules of Kashrut derive from seven simple principles. Here is a simplified version of these laws:

1.Certain animals may not be eaten at all. This restriction includes the flesh, organs, eggs and milk of the forbidden animals.
2.Of the animals that may be eaten, the birds and mammals must be killed in accordance with Jewish law.
3.All blood must be drained from the meat or cooked out of it before it is eaten.
4.Certain parts of permitted animals may not be eaten.
5.Meat (the flesh of birds and mammals) cannot be eaten with dairy. Fish, eggs, fruits, vegetables and grains can be eaten with either meat or dairy. (According to some views, fish may not be eaten with meat).
6.Utensils that have come into contact with meat may not be used with dairy, and vice versa. Utensils that have come into contact with non-kosher food may not be used with kosher food. This applies only where the contact occurred while the food was hot.
7.Grape products made by non-Jews may not be eaten.

(from "Dietary Laws", *Encyclopedia Judaica*, vol. 6, 26-45)

Some Specifics:

Kashrut prescribes that a large number of animals are not to be eaten. Any animal who has cloven hooves and chews its cud may be eaten; such animals as the camel, badger, hare and the pig then may not be eaten. Sheep, cattle, goats and deer are all kosher and may be eaten. From the water, anything that has fins and scales may be consumed; prohibiting all shellfish. Things get more complicated when discussing birds as the Torah has a list of forbidden birds but offers no categorization.

Along with the rules dictating which meats Jews should and should not eat came rules on how the consumable animals could be killed. This ritual slaughter, called *shechitah*, is often referred to as humanizing the process of killing animals as the laws insure that the animal suffers as little as possible (*Kosher Living*). The *shochet* (the name for the Jewish slaughterer) must by law kill the animal in such a way that the animal does not suffer needlessly. And all the blood is drained and covered. The *shochet* makes a quick, deep stroke across the animal's throat with a perfectly sharp blade. It is important that the blade have no nicks or unevenness to ensure that there is little pain. No animal which dies of natural causes or which has been killed by another animal

may be eaten. It is also mandated that a rabbi oversee the entire procedure in order for the food to be considered kosher.

One must also wait between eating meat and dairy for a period from three of six hours.

It also must be noted that any cooking utensils that have been used to cook non- kosher foods are therefore non- kosher. A true kosher household should have at least two sets of all cookware-- one for meats and the other for dairy. Should a dish become impure, it must either be buried or purified by a rabbi.

The Rationale Behind The Laws:

The reasons behind the draining of blood at the time of slaughter are mandated in the Torah. The Torah explicitly prohibits the consumption of blood because of the belief that the life of the animal is contained in the blood.

Lev. 7:26-27

"Moreover you shall eat no blood whatever, whether of fowl or of animal, in any of your dwellings. Whoever eats any blood, that person shall be cut off from his people."

Lev. 17:10-14

"If any man of the house of Israel or of the strangers that sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life. Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood. Any man also of the people of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust. For the life of every creature is the blood of it; therefore I have said to the people of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off."

The Laws prohibiting the consumption of meats and dairy together originates in a phrase quoted three times in the Torah; *"Do not seethe a kid in it's mother's milk"* (Ex. 23:19; Ex. 34:26; Deut. 14:21). The web site Kosher Living also suggests that this law is indicative of Judaism's uniquely intense desire to separate life from death.

The laws prohibiting consuming grape products made by non- Jews derive from the laws against idolatry. Wine was routinely used in rituals of ancient religions and sanctified for pagan purposes. This law not only affects wine and grape juice, but also baking powder as it is made with cream of tartar which is a by- product of wine making.

In a site written for Jews who do not observe Kashrut, the author offers several reasons why this practice is rewarding:

1. Identification and solidarity with worldwide Judaism
2. The ethical discipline of avoiding certain foods or limiting one's appetite because of the growing scarcity of food in parts of the world.
3. The avoidance of certain foods traditionally obnoxious to Jews, providing a sense of identification with past generations and their struggle to remain Jews.
4. The authority of ancient biblical and rabbinic injunctions.
5. The desire to have a home in which any Jew can eat.

from: Fallacy: Reform Jews Ignore the Laws of Kashrut

Helpful Information:

How do you know if something you buy in the grocery store is kosher? Here are some of the most widely used and recognized kosher certification symbols. Seeing any of these on the package of the product you are purchasing usually ensures that it is safe for kosher consumption. As it is not possible to put a patent on a letter of the alphabet, many companies can get away with simply imprinting the letter K on their products and claiming them to be Kosher when they are not-- Jell-O is widely cited as doing this.

A Discussion:

The influence of gender and power on these dietary laws is fairly clear. Meats are only made kosher, and thus edible, through the guidance of a rabbi-- inherently a male. The Shochet, the actual person who commits the ritual slaughter, is almost always a male as well. It is easy to see the gender imbalance here as such foods are always made kosher (acceptable) by a male. The influence of gender and power on these dietary laws is fairly clear. Yet the difficult and inconvenient restrictions regarding cooking and cookware become the responsibility of the primary homemaker-- almost always a woman. So while men hold the capacity to make such food kosher, the cook or primary homemaker--again, generally a woman-- holds only the ability to make the food inedible, unclean and unacceptable. So it is the men who hold the power to create foods that are kosher and yet it is the woman's. Yet the difficult and inconvenient restrictions regarding cooking and cookware become the responsibility of the primary homemaker-- almost always a woman. So it is the men who hold the power to create foods that are kosher and yet it is the woman's responsibility to painstakingly prepare these foods and ensure that she uses the appropriate cookware for its corresponding product, coordinate Kosher meals, and also to be a diligent shopper in order to avoid purchasing an incorrect product and polluting her meal and home. While homes today may not be so gendered as to have the woman being sole charge of meal preparation and such, it is still the societal norm that these aspects of family life are the woman's responsibility.

Some Links for More Information on Kashrut:

- **Kosher living offers more information about Shechitah**
- **Fallacy: Reform Jews ignore the laws of Kashrut-- where I found the reasons a Jew might want to follow these dietary rules.**

Kosher

What is Keeping Kosher?

Perhaps the most well-known of all Jewish religious practices is that of eating only foods that are "kosher." The laws of kashrut - that is Jewish dietary laws, which are part of the 613 commandments - can seem puzzling or arbitrary to the outsider, but they have held great meaning throughout Jewish history.

In Judaism, for those who keep kosher, observance of the dietary laws is both an opportunity for obedience to God and for preserving Jewish unity and identity. The importance of the laws of kashrut to the Jewish people has been demonstrated in times of persecution, in which Jews have been forced to eat non-kosher foods (usually pork) under penalty of death: many Jews chose to die rather than break kosher.

Kosher Terminology

Kosher is central to Jewish beliefs. The word "kosher" is the Anglicized form of the Hebrew kasher, which literally means "good" or "proper," but came to indicate an item "fit for ritual use." Kashrut thus means "fitness" for ritual use. The Hebrew word for non-kosher is trayf, from the word terayfa, "torn" (from the commandment not to eat meat that has been "torn" by other animals).

Incidentally, the phrase "kosher-style food" that is sometimes used to refer to traditional Jewish fare like blintzes and matzah ball soup, is not really accurate. There is no such thing as "kosher style," since any style of food may be kosher or non-kosher, from Chinese to Mexican to Jewish food.

Kosher Observance Today

Not all Jews obey the dietary laws, or "keep kosher"; sometimes their observance depends on what denomination of Judaism they belong to. Most Reform Jews consider the laws of kashrut to be an outdated ritual and ignore them completely. Others keep kosher at home, but not while dining out or at someone else's home. Orthodox Jews fully obey the laws of kashrut, believing that they are divine laws for all time and all places. Conservative Jews tend to keep kosher consistently as well, although their rules of kashrut are slightly less strict than those of Orthodox Jews.

How to Keep Kosher: The Laws of Kashrut

The following table summarizes the classification of foods under the laws of kashrut.

These prohibitions derive from specific instructions in the Torah, primarily in Deuteronomy and Leviticus. These instructions were then interpreted, expanded and modified by rabbis as Jews encountered new cultures and situations.

All fruits, vegetables and grains are permissible (Gen. 1:29), with the exception of grape products. Due to laws against eating or drinking anything offered to idols, and the fact that wine was often

made for pagan offerings and celebrations, all wine and grape juice that is not made under Jewish supervision is prohibited.

Only animals that chew their cud and have cloven hooves are kosher (Lev. 11:3; Deut. 14:6). Thus beef, sheep, lamb, goats and deer may be eaten, while pork, camel and rabbits may not. These restrictions include the flesh, organs, milk and any by-products. Thus gelatin, which is usually made from horse hooves, is trayf, as are most hard cheeses, which are processed using an enzyme from the stomach lining of non-kosher animals.

These animals must have no disease or flaws (Num. 11:22). Many ritual slaughterhouses perform post-mortem examination's of the lungs for adhesions. Animals free of these adhesions are designated glatt ("smooth") kosher.

Kosher animals must be ritually slaughtered in order to remain kosher (Deut. 12:21). The primary goal of ritual slaughter is to rid the animal of as much blood as possible, for ingesting blood is forbidden by the Torah. Ritual slaughter involves cutting the animal's throat with an extremely sharp knife with no nicks (this is regarded as the most humane method of slaughter). The meat must then be kashered, or made kosher, by hanging the carcass to drain as much blood as possible. The meat must then be washed, salted ("kosher salt" is designed for this purpose), and cooked well-done.

Certain parts of kosher animals are non-kosher. One such part is the sciatic nerve in the hindquarters, which is extremely difficult to remove. Thus some of the choicest cuts of meat - like filet mignon and sirloin steak - are forbidden. The fat surrounding the animal's organs is also trayf. Interestingly, there is a biochemical difference between the this fat and the fat surrounding the muscles (which is kosher).

Only domesticated fowl such as chicken, turkey, quail and geese may be eaten. Birds of prey and scavenger birds, such as eagles, hawks and vultures, are prohibited (Lev. 11:13-19; Deut. 14:11-18).

Only seafood with fins and scales are kosher. This rules out calimari and octopus and all shellfish, such as crab, lobster, clams. Sturgeon and shellfish have also been added to the list, as their scales are questionable. Fish need not be ritually slaughtered (Num. 11:22).

No insects may be eaten (Lev. 11:12). The Torah allows for certain exceptions, but since the rabbis have not been able to determine which these are, all have been forbidden. Although this sounds like a rule anyone would be more than happy to follow, remember that many additives and food colorings are made from insects.

Meat and dairy products may not be combined or eaten at the same meal. Although the Torah merely prohibits boiling a goat in its mother's milk (Ex. 23:19; Ex. 34:26; Deut. 14:21), the Talmud interprets this as forbidding meat and dairy to be eaten together. However, fish with dairy or eggs with dairy are permitted. The Yiddish words fleishig (meat), milshig (dairy) are used to designate foods for which this law must be kept in mind. Even the smallest amounts of meat or dairy matter, so margarine (which uses small amounts of whey) would be considered a dairy product for kashrut purposes. Pareve (neutral) designates foods that contain neither meat nor dairy and can therefore be eaten with either one.

What constitutes a "separate meal"? Opinions differ a bit as to the details, but most Jews wait between three to six hours after a meat meal before consuming dairy products. This is because remnants of meat or fat tend to remain in the mouth for several hours. By contrast, one need only rinse one's mouth and eat a pareve food after consuming dairy products to be able to eat meat.

The kashrut extends to non-food products. Utensils like pots, pans, sinks, dishwashers, potholders and plates take on the status (fleishig, milshig, treyf or pareve) of the food they touch in the presence of heat. For example, a pan used to fry a hamburger or a pot used to make stew become fleishig. If the fleishig pot or pan is then used to boil milk, the kashrut has been violated. Similarly, a bowl previously used for chicken soup cannot be used for ice cream. When eating foods prepared away from home, Jews keeping kosher must ensure utensils have not been used to prepare non-kosher foods.

For this reason, most kosher households have at least two sets of dishes, one for meat and one for dairy. Cleaning is also important - separate dishpans, sponges, dish racks and dishwasher loads must be used for fleishig and milshig items. To kasher a utensil, or make it usable for any purpose, it must either be heated to a very high temperature (450°) or soaked in water for several days. Regular laundering kashers items such as pot holders and towels.

Since the presence of heat is required for the transfer of status from food to utensil and vice versa, cold food may be eaten on a clean plate regardless of its status, and the same knife may be used to cut meat and cheese, so long as it is cleaned in between

Making Sense of Kosher Laws

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seder-mealThe origins of Jewish dietary or kosher laws (*kashrut*) have long been the subject of scholarly research and debate. Regardless of their origins, however, these age-old laws continue to have a significant impact on the way many observant Jews go about their daily lives. One of the more well-known restrictions is the injunction against mixing meat with dairy products. Not only do most Jews who observe *kashrut* avoid eating any meat and milk products together, many also wait a certain amount of time—30 minutes to a few hours—between eating meat and dairy. Everything the foods touch must be kept completely separate. A fully kosher household, for example, might have two or more different sets of flatware, tableware and cooking ware for making and serving meat dishes separate from dairy-based dishes. Some families even use two different dishwashers in order to maintain the separation. Outside the house, some Jews keep kosher by eating only at kosher restaurants while others have no problem eating non-kosher foods, so long as they maintain a kosher home.

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But what are some of the other laws of *kashrut*, and how are they to be explained? Many of the dietary restrictions outlined in Deuteronomy and Leviticus prohibit the consumption of certain "unclean" animals that either don't chew their cud or don't have cloven hooves, such as pigs, camels and rabbits. Likewise, while the Hebrew Bible permits the eating of fish with fins and scales, shellfish like lobsters and crabs are an abomination. Why were such seemingly innocuous physiological traits so objectionable to the early Israelites?

One possible reason may be that the Israelites wanted some way to distinguish themselves from their non-Hebrew neighbors. Archaeological excavations of Iron Age I sites in Israel have shown that while pigs were a popular part of the Philistine diet, they were entirely absent from the herd-based economy of the Israelites. According to Ronald Hendel, such culinary distinctions soon became codified markers of cultural identity, whereby "the Philistine treat became an Israelite taboo."* Perhaps similar efforts to affirm Israel's uniqueness lay at the heart of other animal prohibitions.

The Last Supper is history's most famous meal. Was it a ritual meal held in celebration of the Jewish holiday of Passover? Read Jonathan Klawans's article "Was Jesus' Last Supper a Seder?" online for free as it appeared in Bible Review as well as his follow-up article "Jesus' Last Supper Still Wasn't a Passover Seder Meal."

But according to *kashrut*, even permissible animals have to be prepared in a certain way in order to remain kosher. As explained in Deuteronomy 12:23-24, for example, the blood of a slaughtered animal cannot be ingested, for "the blood is the life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh." The Israelites, like many ancient peoples, believed that an animal's blood carried the soul of the animal and therefore should not be consumed.** Thus, before a piece of meat could be cooked, it had to be fully drained of its blood. Though not discussed in the Bible, traditional kosher methods for doing this include broiling the meat or a combination of soaking and salting.

Kosher law also forbids the consumption of wine that has been made, bottled or handled by non-Jews. Although this prohibition does not appear in the Hebrew Bible, it seems to have been followed as early as the second century A.D. In antiquity, wine was often used in libation rituals to various deities; for Jews this meant that any "pagan" wine could potentially have been made or used as a sacrifice to a foreign god. Thus, in order to avoid coming into contact with contaminated wine, Jews began making and bottling their own wine in accordance with Jewish law.

Timeline of Kosher

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The growth of the kosher food industry is closely aligned with Jewish migration to the United States. Enjoy this brief chronological history of kosher law and the evolution of certification.

Disclaimer: *OK* Kosher does not vouch for the current kosher status of products mentioned in this timeline.

TRANSMISSION OF THE LAW

1275 BCE – Torah Received at Sinai
It is estimated that 1.2 million Jewish people personally accepted the Torah at Mt. Sinai and began practicing its principles. The Torah is the foundation of all Jewish and kosher values. Among its kosher laws are the specific animals, fish and fowl that may be consumed and general descriptions of how they may be prepared and eaten.

1275 BCE – 200 CE – Tradition Passes Verbally
The recipients of the Torah transmitted it to their children along with a full oral tradition of exact laws. These included methods of slaughtering meat and removing the blood, planting pure-breed produce, koshering utensils and myriad additional details. The transmission of this tradition continued to generations who studied, taught and practiced it for nearly 1,500 years.

200 – 500 CE – Oral Torah Written Down
After the Jewish nation was exiled from Judea (Israel), Rabbi Judah the Prince foresaw that much of the Oral Torah would be forgotten or accidentally changed. Together with other great scholars, he collected and compiled the oral tradition into 63 volumes that became known as the Mishna (Aramaic for "learning by repetition"). The lengthy Mishna was followed by a far more elaborate Talmud.

1563 – Torah Law Codified
The combined laws of Torah, Mishna and Talmud were organized by Rabbi Yosef Caro in a terse Code of Jewish Law called Shulchan Aruch. Divided into four sections, Shulchan Aruch is a complete guide to daily Jewish life. It includes instructions on personal conduct, kosher, relationships, reproduction, finance, law and more. Rabbi Caro is commonly referred to as "The Author" on account of his Shulchan Aruch.

KOSHER COMES TO AMERICA

1654 – First American Jewish Congregation Founded
Twenty-three Sephardic Jews expelled by the Spanish Inquisition arrived in New Amsterdam and established Congregation Shearith Israel, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. To feed their growing community, they slaughter and prepare kosher meat.

1739 – Kosher Meat Produced for Export
New York Jews rely almost exclusively on the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue for kosher meat. New York kosher beef is exported to Jamaica and Curacao.

1870 – Rokeach Soap Company Founded
The Rokeach family opens a kosher soap company. In the early 1900s, they begin marketing gefilte fish, borscht, and kosher jams under the Rokeach label.

1871 – American Kosher Cookbook Born
The "Jewish Cookery Book" is written in 1871, by Esther Jacobs Levy (not related to the Levys of *OK* Kosher). Mrs. Levy's recipes—English, German, Sephardic, and American—are notably influenced by the immigrant Jewish community.

1883 – Horowitz Matzo Bakery Opens
Jacob Horowitz, a new arrival from Hungary, rented a bakery, which he made ritually fit for the production of unleavened bread, Matzo.

1886-1887 – Dov Behr Manischewitz Arrives
In 1886, Dov Behr Manischewitz arrived in Cincinnati and began work as a part-time peddler and shochet—ritual slaughterer. In 1887 he started a small matzo bakery. By the turn of the century, he was producing 50,000 pounds of matzo a day and shipping to England, Japan, France, Africa, Hungary, New Zealand, and Egypt.

1898 – Union of Orthodox Congregations Founded
The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America was founded in 1898.

1905 – Kosher Restaurant Opens
The New York dairy restaurant Ratner's opens, serving soup, gefilte fish, whitefish, and other kosher dishes under sanitary conditions for the city's large and growing Jewish population.

1911 – Crisco Targets Jewish Homemakers
When Procter & Gamble introduced Crisco in 1911, it was obvious the company had done its homework on the Jewish consumer. They advertised the product as a cheap and kosher vegetable shortening for which the "Hebrew race has been waiting 4,000 years". Ads in the Yiddish press depicted housewives making potato pancakes and strudel with Crisco. In 1933, P & G published a Yiddish/English booklet, "Crisco Recipes for the Jewish Housewife."

KOSHER GETS THE VOTE

1915 – NY Kosher Legislation Introduced
The New York State Legislature enacted the nation's first Kosher Food Law, which served as a model for all subsequent kosher food legislation. The law prohibits passing off non-kosher food as kosher and requires stores selling Kosher and non-Kosher food to post signs stating that fact.

1916 – Streit's Expands Kosher Market
Aaron Streit opened a matzo bakery in NYC but business gradually expanded to 130 different kosher products. Streit's makes 65% of its annual sales before and during the Passover season.

1918 – NY Kosher Law Upheld
New York Kosher Food Laws are challenged and upheld as constitutional by the New York State Supreme Court. It is the first of many unsuccessful attempts to render the law unconstitutional.

1924 – Rabbinic Certification Introduced
In 1924, the Union of Orthodox Congregations introduces an official kashrut supervision and certification program. This sets the stage for broader food options among kosher consumers.

1928 – The Hebrew National Dream
Isadore Pinkowitz, a Lower East Side butcher who had been making kosher frankfurters for 20 years, begins selling them to Waldbaum's, a large grocery chain catering to Jewish households. His enterprise eventually becomes Hebrew National Franks.

1930 – Maxwell House Haggadah Printed
Maxwell House publishes its first corporate-sponsored Passover Haggadah, a success it ultimately repeats dozens of times, reprinting it and distributing it to millions.

1934 – Manischewitz Wines Join the Seder
Founded in Brooklyn, Monarch Wine's offerings replace homemade wines in ritual use. Monarch leases the name to over a dozen private labels, one of which, Manischewitz, grows to become the largest U.S. producer of fruit wines including blackberry, cherry, elderberry and loganberry.

1935 – Heinz Commits to Kosher
Heinz vegetarian beans are endorsed as kosher by the OU. This represents a big step in commercial recognition of kosher integrity.

1935 – *OK* is Founded
Organized Kashrut Laboratories (O.K.) is established by Abraham Goldstein to advance the process of certification. *OK* quickly becomes one of the largest kosher certification agencies.

1937 – Coke Finds Kosher Happiness
Celebrating its 60th Anniversary, the Coca Cola company obtains Kosher certification.

1940 — Chainstore Kosher
Stephen Klein opens his first Barton's Candy Store in New York, selling kosher chocolates. He has 50 stores in 10 years.
"The Settlement Cookbook" sells its 500,000th copy.

THE KOSHER BOOM!

1945 – Herzog Wines Arrives in America
Eugene Herzog, whose family had been making kosher wines in Czechoslovakia from 1848 until the Holocaust, comes to the United States. Formerly Herzog's Wine, the family business is rebuilt in America as Royal Kedem Wine Corporation.

1946 – Europe's Survivors Immigrate
Tens of thousands of Holocaust survivors arrive in America, many bringing their strict kosher standards with them. This introduces great demand and puts new life into the U.S. kosher food industry.

1947 – Regional Kosher Grows
Certification comes to Baltimore when the orthodox Jewish Council offers rabbinical supervision. This certification ultimately becomes the Star-K, a large agency still based in Baltimore.

1962 – Kosher Takes Flight
Airline travelers are treated to fresh kosher meals provided by legendary NY restaurateur Lou. G. Siegel.

1965 – *OK* Purchased and Expanded
OK Kosher is purchased by employee Rabbi Berel Levy, a young scholar and passionate innovator. Rabbi Levy maintains close ties with the Jewish leaders of the generation, consulting on the direction of kosher certification, and drawing practical guidance for serving the needs of observant Jewry.

1965 – Ad Agencies Pitch Kosher
The Hebrew National hot dog company launches the "We answer to a higher authority" ad campaign. Levy's rye bread comes up with a campaign "You don't have to be Jewish to like Levy's". These popular ads help Jews and non-Jews alike see kosher as cleaner, more carefully prepared food.

FROM *OK* TO EXCELLENCE

1968 – OK's Back-to-Roots Innovation
Rabbi Berel Levy assumes leadership of *OK* Kosher Certification and implements the first of many innovations to come: as new flavors explode onto the market from overseas plants, Rabbi Levy traces them to their source, landing in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and beyond to certify kosher ingredients.

1969 – Regional Kosher Continues to Grow
The Kof-K Supervision Agency is founded in Teaneck, New Jersey.

1972 – States Uphold Kosher Laws
The first Establishment Clause to challenge a Kosher food law in some 50 years is handily defeated. By now, many states have consumer protection laws for kosher, mostly modeled after New York State's statutes.

1987 – Next Generation *OK*
Rabbi Berel Levy passes away suddenly. His son Rabbi Don Yoel Levy assumes leadership of the OK.

1987 – KosherFest Is Born
The first International Kosher Food and Jewish Life Expo is held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York. More than the capacity 50,000 people attend and an additional 50,000 are turned away. In December, the combined consumer and trade show moves to the Miami Beach Convention Center.

1990 – Federal Kosher Consumer Bill
Congressman Stephen J. Solarz (D-N.Y) introduces the first ever Federal Kosher Consumer bill in the U.S. House of Representatives.

1993 – Industry Giants Are Certified
ConAgra acquires Hebrew National Foods. Sara Lee acquires Bessin Corporation (Best Kosher Sausage). Coca-Cola, Coors, General Mills, Hershey, Kraft, Nestle and many other food giants have obtained kosher certification. The number of kosher product lines produced by Hershey Foods in Pennsylvania nears 150.

1996 – *OK* Growth Surge
The steady growth of the *OK* leads to new operations offices for its Brooklyn headquarters.

1997 – Kosher Turns 100
A century after the first kosher organization is formed, a fertility clinic, the first non-food item is certified kosher. The *OK* moves into its new state-of-the-art headquarters in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, NY.

1998 – TRACK is Born to Help
The growth of the OK's client base prompts a drive to computerize. An *OK* affiliate builds the TRACK system (Tracking Researching And Certifying Kosher), a database with more than 100,000 kosher products at time of launch. TRACK is an immediate success.
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1999 – Launching of the Israeli Regional Office
Launching of the Israeli regional office. Under the capable directorship of Rabbi Haskel, the Israeli office has grown to be the largest international kosher agency in Israel. Many more *OK* kosher regional offices were launched since. For the full list, see here.

1999 – A Bright Horizon
At the end of the 20th century, the legendary Lou G. Siegel's restaurant (and the first kosher airline caterer) sells its commissary to Weiss Kosher Cuisine.
The first glatt-kosher Nathan's in the US opens in Brooklyn.

Wal-Mart pursues the kosher market, opening a store in New York's Catskill Mountains among dozens of kosher resorts and vacation colonies.
Miller's Beer obtains *OK* certification.

Kosher shopping on the Internet on the rise.

2002 – *OK* At Home
To reach a broader Jewish constituency, Kosher Spirit magazine, the successor to Jewish Homemaker, makes its first appearance. It reaches an estimated audience of over 1,000,000 in 250,000 households nationwide.

2003 – *OK* Releases K-Cert
K-Cert is released to replace the old MAGIC system. It incorporates the most advanced software technology and is lauded as a giant leap in kosher certification efficiencies.

2004 – Kosher Certified Online
By teaming up with software and management leader DigitalKosher, *OK* introduces an efficient and secure web portal for paperless Kosher certification and Kosher Management Services. The new service is an immediate hit with our customers.

2011 – $13 billion Says Kosher Has Arrived
The kosher market is currently the fastest growing segment of the food industry, valued at $13 billion and expanding by more than 10 percent a year. Placed side-by-side on the shelf, kosher products sell 20% better than competing non-kosher brands.

2015 – Kehilla Kosher (of Los Angeles) Merges with *OK* Kosher
With this merger, *OK* Kosher gains a leading, cutting-edge, West Coast regional representation to

enhance *OK* Kosher's mission of advancing kosher around the world and allow greater value to consumers and manufacturers.

A Koshersoul Response To the Producers of "Kosher Soul"

Posted on February 12, 2015 by michaelwtwitty

A Letter to Ish Entertainment and the Producers of "Kosher Soul":

I got a tweet Monday night I should probably pass on to you:

"@koshersoul tv show look soooo funny #koshersoul"

The Tree of Life by Jasper Colt

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I was mortified. It's official, the thing I have railed against in my crusade for culinary and cultural justice had come for me: my name, established long before someone got the bright idea for a merger of ethnic stereotypes, has been compromised by your "sense" of "koshersoul."

Appropriation—the big word that seems to have been repeatedly hurled from London to Tokyo (thank ya I-G-G-Y)—un-reciprocated and unwelcome borrowing, or if you will outright theft of the cultural and artistic production of "others" seems too obvious to even whisper here so I will leave it up to my readers to decide whether you in bad faith decided to nab my moniker for your own purposes or if you just carelessly decided to ignore my work when naming your program.

The "others" I mention above are we the people who in our struggles to make this a more perfect Union, are often marginalized and robbed of our ability to rise and achieve by being denied the same platform as those appropriating our creations. There is a difference between respectful quoting, acknowledging sources and origins and sharing words, genres, styles and modes on the one hand and lifting them wholesale and using them in ways that diminish and demean originators.

The promo trailer for "Kosher Soul" shows a classic collision of cultures- and who could be more different than "the Blacks" and "the Jews?" What could be funnier than a Black man passing out from the sacred ritual of hatafat-dam-brit (blood drop circumcision)? Ooh his baseball cap says "Kosher" in thug motif! Her mother is skeptical, the Jews and their customs are so bizarre that it's a guilty pleasure you can't wait to shinear your eyes with. Goodness gracious glory be to Hashem–this TV show sho' do "look so funny." (How easy the sarcasm flows…)

Because it "look so funny," (sic) things will be slow to change. We will go on believing that to be Black is monolithic and to be Jewish only means Ashkenazi; or that Blacks have to be invited into Jewish civilization, not that we have always been a part of it from the Jews of Ethiopia to Harlem synagogues in the 1920's and far beyond. Despite this we have to remind the entertainment media that we've done this stereotype/archetype game before, it's so tired, so boring, so basic. In the shadow of Ferguson, in the clearing haze of the Chapel Hill shooting, television seems to have abdicated making cross-cultural understanding possible in exchange for preserving Old World demons and New World canards. Because the world believes what it sees, and perception "is reality," it means that real people suffer because their vision and their truth rarely make it to the screen or page.

Last year when I was working to sell my book, one publisher was really excited by the prospect of publishing me except for one thing; I'm Jewish. Being Jewish, or rather weaving that fact into my narrative, presented such a problem for said publisher–a very well-known publisher—that they

requested I leave it out of my book in order to be published. By openly discussing my Jewish story, even as a small part of the book, I was "muddying the waters." "America's not ready for this," nervously laughed the (Jewish) editor. Her voice had an incredulous lilt as if to say, "I can't possibly sign on to someone so outrageous." Suggestions were made about me not wearing a kippa in public or mentioning my identity in interviews. I was supposed to be their Black author, nothing more, because "America" wasn't going to see me as marketable or palatable. Me? Michael W. Twitty–Black, gay and Jewish. Just too much, too soon, come back in another century, but hey, go me, I had my Sandy Koufax moment…I refused to be complicit in my own invisibility.

It hurt. It's because I'm not too much, I'm exactly what this country is supposed to be about. Melting pot or salad bowl, pick your ethno-culinary metaphor, America is the place where you can be anything you want. Right? Blacks and Jews have been melding and fighting, struggling and striving on American soil for nearly four centuries. It's not to the credit of our media that the spectrum of Blacks (AND Asians and Native Americans and Latinos and Middle Easterners and Indians….) with Jewish identities and the critical stories we have to tell are not heard over the din or the sort of drivel some have been given a green light to shill.

What really is "koshersoul?"

It's not a thing, its a feeling. It's naches, tsuris and cool and swag in a blender. You have to have all four to be part of the Chocolate Chosen. (Don't even try it–already filing paperwork…)

I remember being at the Kotel, the Western Wall, and a group of Ethiopian Jews stopped me to shake my hand and talk to me and when I left them, they lifted their fists in solidarity and said "Shalom, Ahi!"
(Goodbye, Brother!) That's a koshersoul moment.

I remember the first Yom Kippur after my conversion and I was given the honor to the Torah to carry around the synagogue before Kol Nidrei, and the women and the elders wept because I was. That's koshersoul.

I remember when Andrew Zimmern ate my cooking on Bizarre Foods America and said that he tasted everything from his Grandmother's kitchen to the South and West Africa in my food. So much for the notion that "kosher" and "soul food" are "incompatible" or "irreconcilable" (which is pretty much what some people think of having a Black-Jewish identity…and why I cook this food!) That's koshersoul.

To me Koshersoul means using the Afro-Jewish text of food to really communicate that I have a story that goes beyond bad jokes about Sammy Davis Jr. People eat my particular mash up of histories, humor, genius means of survival and they understand to their kishkes and bones who I am. My entire mission with food is to bring people together and work through the difficulties so that we can tell our truths to one another and leave and live in an authentic sense of peace. Our food is a mnemonic, its all about memory, and all those memories above and more are the secret spices in my original recipe. How we have survived our Venn-Diagram of oppression is our greatest cultural capital.

Koshersoul isn't seeing how many Black-Jew jokes you can fit into a 30 minute show. It's walking into six synagogues over 13 years and being the only African American Hebrew school teacher my students ever had—or would have. Without cameras I made Black AND Jewish history whenever I walked into a classroom. Where was the canned laughter as I worked through people's surprise and suspicions, their curiosity and doubts. I gave a kid who knew more about hip-hop than I did my first

set of tefillin, taught him how to wear them, pulled out a map and showed him the village from whence came his name. That's koshersoul.

Koshersoul isn't kitsch and comedy. It's being an ambassador for my people and my people's story in Jerusalem as profiled in Tablet, or before Rene Redzepi's MAD Symposium in 2013. I'm @koshersoul to Dr. Henry Louis Gates and a lot of other people who hold my work and my journey in high esteem. (Not that you care but he and Dr.Peter Gomes, both preeminent Black scholars at Harvard—are of Jewish heritage going back to the Middle Ages.)

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With Claudia Roden author of The Book of Jewish Food in Jerusalem.

But this is not about me, I'm just doing a sacred rite—tze'akah—crying out. K'vetching wears silk, this is my voice in sackcloth. Our struggles—as a diverse African American people—particularly African Americans involved in Judaism—come out of media-driven ignorance because it's "too complicated" for people to comprehend intersections between culture, peoplehood, identities and spirituality. There are so many gifted voices that bridge this small divide between Blackness and Jewishness—women and men who I could list for days—and yet our society seems to eat up our divisions, misunderstandings, conflicts and hatreds. The hard work—of being human seems to still allude. The documentation of our amazing time is slipping through our hands as we seek boxes and genres to confine people for the sake of comprehension in the most banal of terms.

Koshersoul is not just a clever spin on my identity. The power to name myself is sacred because my last name is a true "slave name." My great great great grandfather Washington was sold to the Twitty family just before the Civil War. He didn't have much choice as he was sold from place to place. When I call myself or my style of identity cooking koshersoul or by my Hebrew name, Akiba Ben Avraham they are names I created with the awareness I have the luxury of freedom. 150 years after my third great-grandfather was liberated from the labor camp known as a plantation, I am free to name myself and demand that what I call myself be respected.

In Judaism, the word for "soul" and the word for "name," have the same shoresh, or root. That root puts the Hebrew word for name, "sheim," at the heart of the word for "soul," neshamah. In the tradition of my Akan ancestors from Ghana there is a proverb, "Man came to seek a name, nothing more." A person's name is sacred, it's not a commodity, it is bound up with their essence, and the degree to which a person's name is their crown, determines their journey in life. If I am praying to Something–and not just to air–that Something studies holy books and wears sacred scrolls in its tefillin, and on those parchments are our narratives and our lives—our names and our souls.

But you know what, "Mazal Tov!," if anything its mamesh a (m)es(s), "Kosher Soul" could go down in history as the world's most expensive nigg…sorry…schvartzeh…joke…hold the heartfelt highbrow multicultural fodder. You can call your show what you like, but you can't steal my soul, and while you're at it, I hope you find yours.