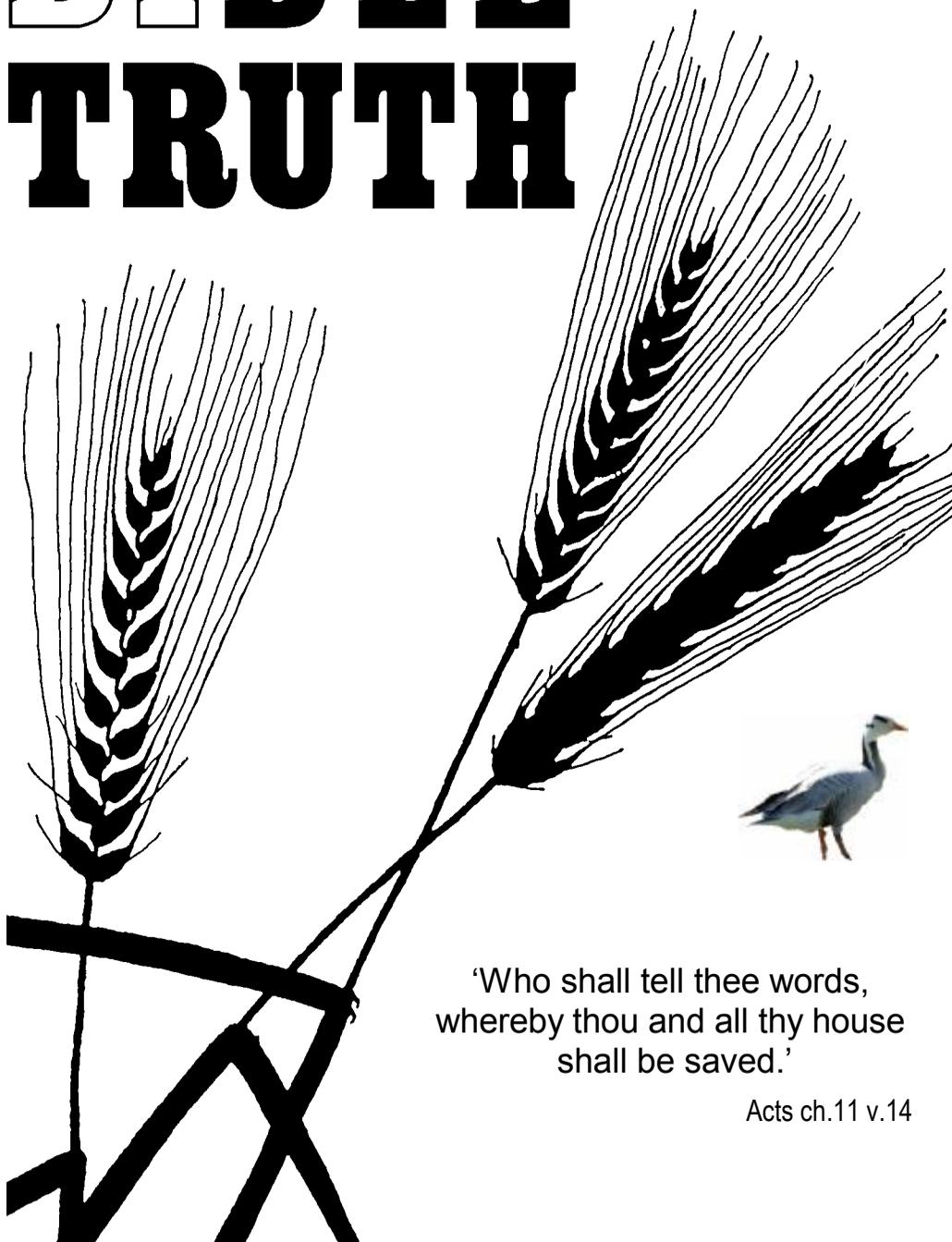


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'Who shall tell thee words,
whereby thou and all thy house
shall be saved.'

Acts ch.11 v.14

WILD GOOSE STORY

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Some facts coming to light as a result of the recent MP's expenses scandal are quite surprising. One fascinating item concerned Sir Peter Viggers' Swedish Duck House supposedly paid for out of the public purse. It prompted an article about ducks to be written in *The Daily Telegraph* on 22 May 2009 by Bryony Gordon. At the end of this piece her informant mentions 'bar-headed geese' which 'fly over Mount Everest', as opposed to around it. "People say that is because they are older than the mountain," says Clarke mysteriously. "And they have stuck to the same flight path ever since."



For people that believe in an universal Flood this snippet of information could add light to the following scriptural statement.

'And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.'

Genesis ch.7 vv.18-20

In other words if the waters were upwards of 15 cubits (30 ft or 10m) deep, how is it that mountains which are many times that height today were covered? The probable clue is found a little earlier in v.11.

'... were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.'

This indicates that the earth's topography was dramatically changed during this upheaval, following which great mountains and valleys were formed. With regard to bar-headed geese, the inference is that their ancestors predated Mount Everest and when it arose they instinctively continued to migrate along their known route going over the new obstacle rather than circumventing it by an unknown way.

In recent decades the science of plate tectonics has shown that whole continents are continuously moving, expanding and contracting at a significant rate, which accounts for the formation of mountain ranges and other vast geographical features (perhaps in Peleg's day, see Genesis ch.10 v.25). Also the Wikipedia encyclopaedia website confirms that this goose indeed migrates over the Himalayas and has been seen at heights over 33,000 ft (10,000m)*. Interestingly it is said to fly the 1000-mile migration route in just one day as it is able to fly in jet stream!

*See also *Daily Mail*, 'Mother Nature's Humdingers', Thursday 8 June 2009.