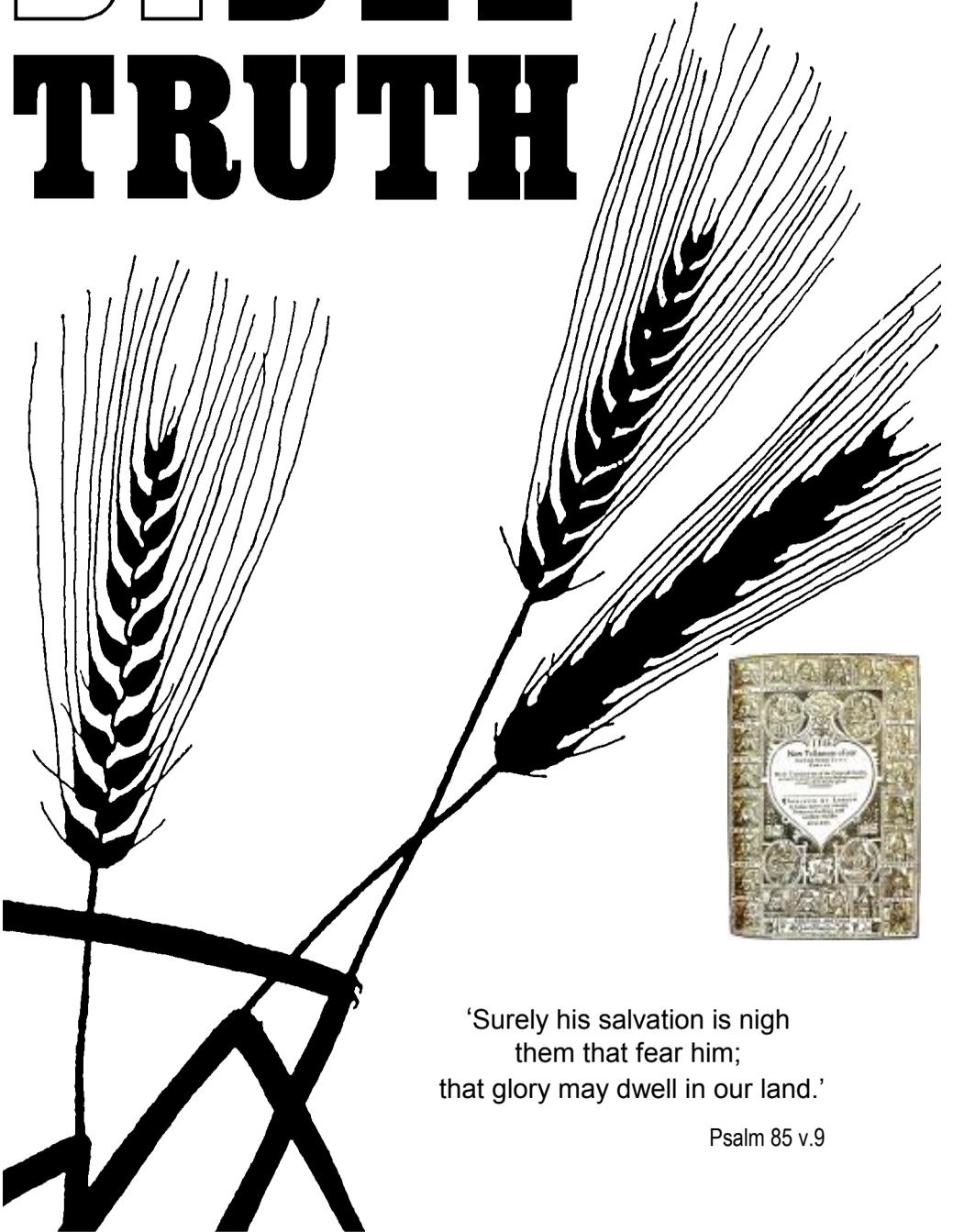


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‘Surely his salvation is nigh  
them that fear him;  
that glory may dwell in our land.’

Psalm 85 v.9

# THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD

(PSALM 19 v.1)

by Barbara Croft, taken from *Christian Soldiers* - UKIP

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the Bible tells us that there was a star in the heavens which the wise men followed and which led them to the place where He was with Mary and Joseph. The wise men must have been astronomers who understood that the star which they saw whilst they were still in the East would, if they followed it, lead them to a child who was born King. The scripture does not say 'born to be king' but 'born King.' If we believe that Jesus is who He said He was, then we believe that before His incarnation He was King, when He was born on earth He was King and now that He is risen, He is King.

Not only the wise men but also the Israelites would have been aware of the importance of stars. Numbers ch.2 v.2 says,

'Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: ...'

It is amazing how many nations have the sun, moon or stars on their flags. The Israeli flag has the Star of David.

The signs of the Zodiac identify the tribes of Israel.

Aries - Gad	Libra - Levi
Taurus - Ephraim & Manasseh, two horns of the bull	Scorpio - Dan
Gemini - Benjamin	Sagittarius - Asher
Cancer - Issachar	Capricorn - Nephtali
Leo - Judah the lion	Aquarius - Reuben
Virgo - Zebulon	Pisces - Simeon

It is interesting to note that in Genesis ch.49 vv 3-4, Jacob tells Reuben that he is as unstable as water, in verse 9 he tells Judah that he is a lion's whelp and in verse 17 that Dan would be a serpent. This of course is from where C.S. Lewis got the lion in his book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

You will remember that Joseph dreamed that the sun, the moon and the eleven stars were bowing down before him! His brothers immediately understood that he was saying that they, the stars, were going to bow down before him.

Unfortunately the Devil has taken the signs of the Zodiac and tried to convince men and women that the stars speak not of the Glory of God but of their individual lives. Many people believe that the stars do indeed dictate their lives.

With scripture being so clear about the purpose of stars, one wonders where on earth the Pope's astronomer Guy Consolmagno is coming from. In a *Daily Mail* article written by David Derbyshire, we are told that Mr Consolmagno spends his time searching the heavens for extra celestial beings. He says and I quote, 'I would love to baptise an alien'. The article also claims that he dismissed creationism. Does his church not believe in the Virgin Birth? In the beginning God created the first man, Adam, without the help of either a man or a woman. Then He created a woman, Eve, without the help of a woman, and finally He caused a woman, Mary, to conceive a child, Jesus, without the help of a man. I call that a full house!

If one can believe this then one must accept the rest of the story of creation! If we cannot believe it then I suppose the next best thing is alien beings! Once we begin to cast doubt on the Word of God the whole of it is brought into question. Which parts do we accept and which parts do we reject and why? The Word of God is either true or it is a tissue of lies, but it cannot be partly right and partly wrong.

In the Book of Acts ch.1 vv 9-11, we read that Jesus ascended into heaven watched by His disciples, but while they looked steadfastly toward heaven two men stood by them dressed in white who said,

'... why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven'.

In other words don't spend your time gazing at the heavens; God has an important work for you to do preaching the Gospel and leading souls to Christ so that they will be ready to meet Him when He comes back.

The heavens declare the Glory of God and indeed the Gospel is written in the stars for their names declare it; but God wants the Gospel written in men's hearts. My Bible tells me that God is not interested in the baptism of aliens, it tells me that He wants men and women, boys and girls to be set free and to be baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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