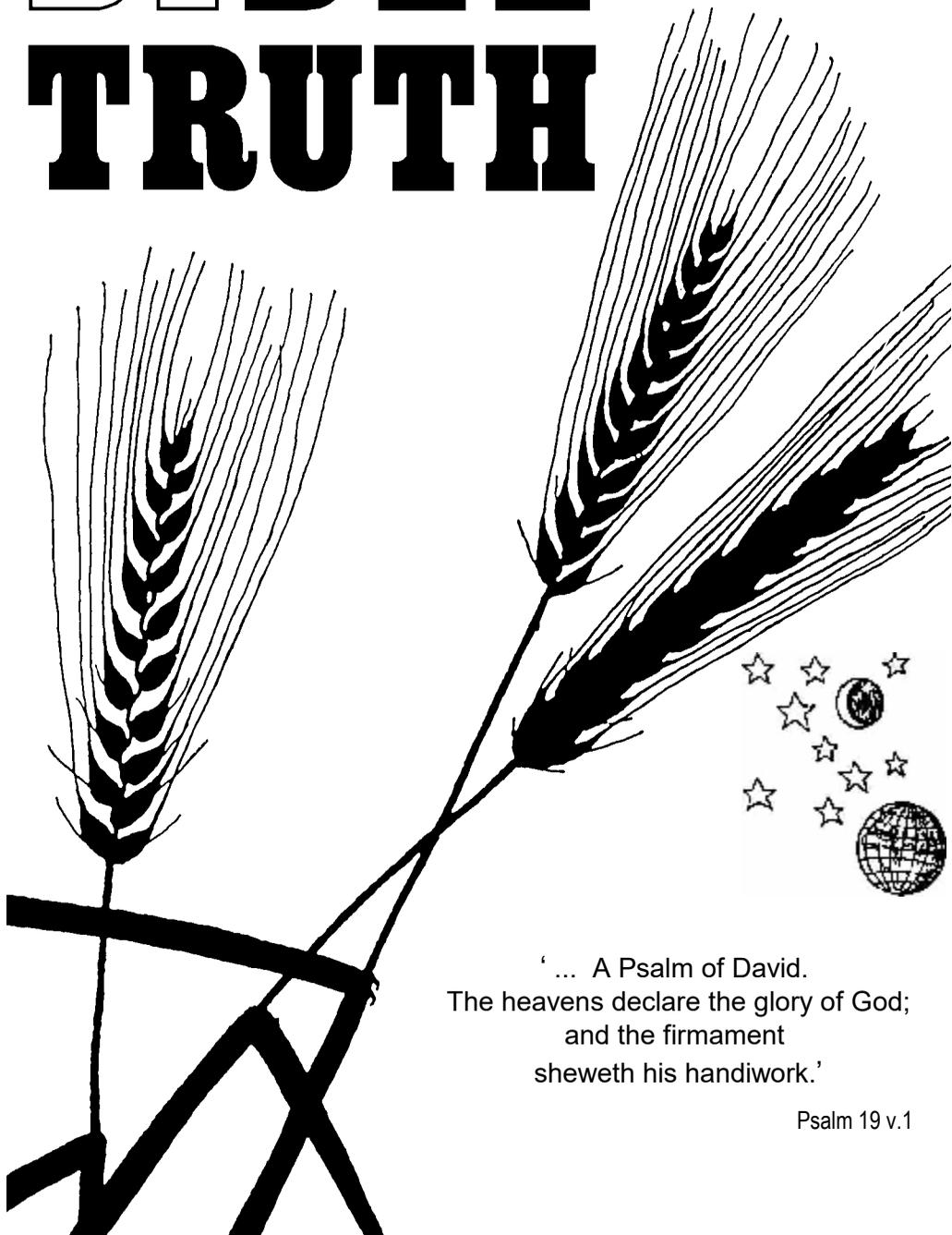


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Psalm 19 v.1

ASTROLOGY

An increasing influence in public life

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There is an increasing tendency in Britain not only to slip back from Bible truth to atheism and disbelief, but to return to ancient practices and beliefs - such as astrology - which God's law forbids in Israel. The Bible reveals that the stars were created by God and that their major function is to witness to His power and purpose.

'The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,'

Psalm 19 vv 1-4



'Which maketh Arcturus, Orion and the Pleiades and the chambers of the south.'

Job ch.9 v.9

'For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: ...'

Isaiah ch.13 v.10

The twelve constellations of the Zodiac which include the Virgin (Virgo), the Lamb or Ram (Aries) and the Lion (Leo), tell in a simple picture form, God's plan of Salvation in history and hence are prophecy written in the sky. God made sure early in human history that men knew their story and passed it from generation to generation.

'For the wrath of God is revealed from **heaven** against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. **For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.'

Romans ch.1 vv 18-20

Moreover, the sun, moon and stars are the witnesses of God's covenant with Israel. They not only tell the story of salvation, their continued existence is a proof that Israel and Israel's Davidic throne remains at the centre of God's love and plan.

'Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, ... If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.'

Jeremiah ch. 31 vv 35-36

'Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.'

Jeremiah ch.33 vv 20 -22

God has revealed and written these things in light, but men have been unwilling to retain God and His simple truth preferring instead dark tales of their own invention and satanic lies. As St Paul wrote they,

'... became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools'

Romans ch.1 vv 21-22

Part of this lying foolishness, is the perversion of the simple truth proclaimed by the sun, moon and stars, that God is their creator and that He rules over all, into a system of belief that these distant bodies themselves rule over the destiny of men. While ignoring the simple message of the heavens, men have sought to foretell their future by many other means, but not least, to prophesy for themselves using the positions of the sun, moon and stars. Such casting of horoscopes by astrologers is playing an increasing role in the conduct of the affairs of our nation.

For example, a major feature article in the *Daily Telegraph* (Wednesday 31st December, 1986, page 13) examined the way astrology is being used as a guide to placing people in the right jobs. It reported that,

‘Astrologer Katina Theodossiou has been working in business and commerce for the past 40 years. She now advises 48 companies in Britain, the United States and on the Continent about future expansion plans, appointments and whether Mr X would be a useful person to have on the board’.

If true, that is a cause for concern. However, a definite and greater cause for concern was the fact that the paper printed Katina’s astrological analysis of the British cabinet. This occupied about 25 column inches and appeared under the heading: ‘... astrology ... provides some revealing insights into the make-up of the most powerful bosses in the land’. The fact that a serious British newspaper was able to print such material in 1986 as though it merited serious attention, and knowing that it would be of real interest to British readers, illustrates perfectly this unhappy trend in our nation.

Let there be no doubt about it - the practice of astrology according to Bible truth from God is forbidden on pain of death, being lumped without qualification with witchcraft and sorcery, as a snare causing the destruction of God’s enemies. The snare will destroy all who tread in it - including foolish Israelites.

‘Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know. Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to

profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: ...'

Isaiah ch.47 vv 11-14

It is no accident that Egypt and Babylon, under Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar, who afflicted Israel, both had these abominations for counsel. Neither is it an accident that God's servants, Moses and Daniel, had superior power in proclaiming the future to these worldly rulers, than did their magicians and astrologers. Let Moses and Daniel speak the truth still, and let their words ever govern our nation before the sayings of any soothsayer. What does Moses say?

'When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one ... that useth divination, or **an observer of times**, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto **observers of times**, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.'

Deuteronomy ch.18 vv 9-14

And what does Daniel say?

' ... The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. ...'

Daniel ch.2 vv 27-28

The sad thing is that although God has clearly revealed men's future, stating what would happen on the earth in these latter days, the vast majority of men and women willingly ignore the voice of Bible prophecy. They prefer instead to follow the darkness of things like horoscopes and spiritism which God abominates.

Another indication of this trend to deal with darkness is seen when, from time to time, the police involve spiritist mediums in their attempts to trace a missing person or body. No doubt those responsible would say this was just an act of desperation on somebody's part. It is certainly an act of desperate folly, for it involves those appointed to uphold the law of this country in dealings with things which are forbidden in Israel by the law of the LORD. As such it is always an affront to the God of Israel and can only provoke His righteous indignation.

'And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.'

Isaiah ch.8 vv 19-20

Christians need to be alert and willing to publicly decry any activity in British public life which deviates from the righteous law once given to our nation. These ancient laws, if proclaimed and enforced, are the basis of our God-promised greatness.

'Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live. ... Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. ... Keep therefore and do them; for **this is your wisdom** and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, ...'

Deuteronomy ch.4 vv 1-2 & 6-9

In the increasingly ungodly nation, we must constantly separate truth from error and fearlessly proclaim the words of the LORD once delivered to both the Old and New Testament saints.

‘Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.’

2 Corinthians ch.6 vv 14-18

Readers are reminded that the last paragraph of the declaration of belief which members of the British Israel Bible Truth Fellowship must sign as a condition of membership states the following.

‘I reject and abhor all types of astrology, spiritism, and teaching of reincarnation or unitarianism, which things are contrary to the word of God, and an abomination in Israel.’
