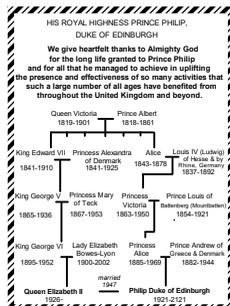
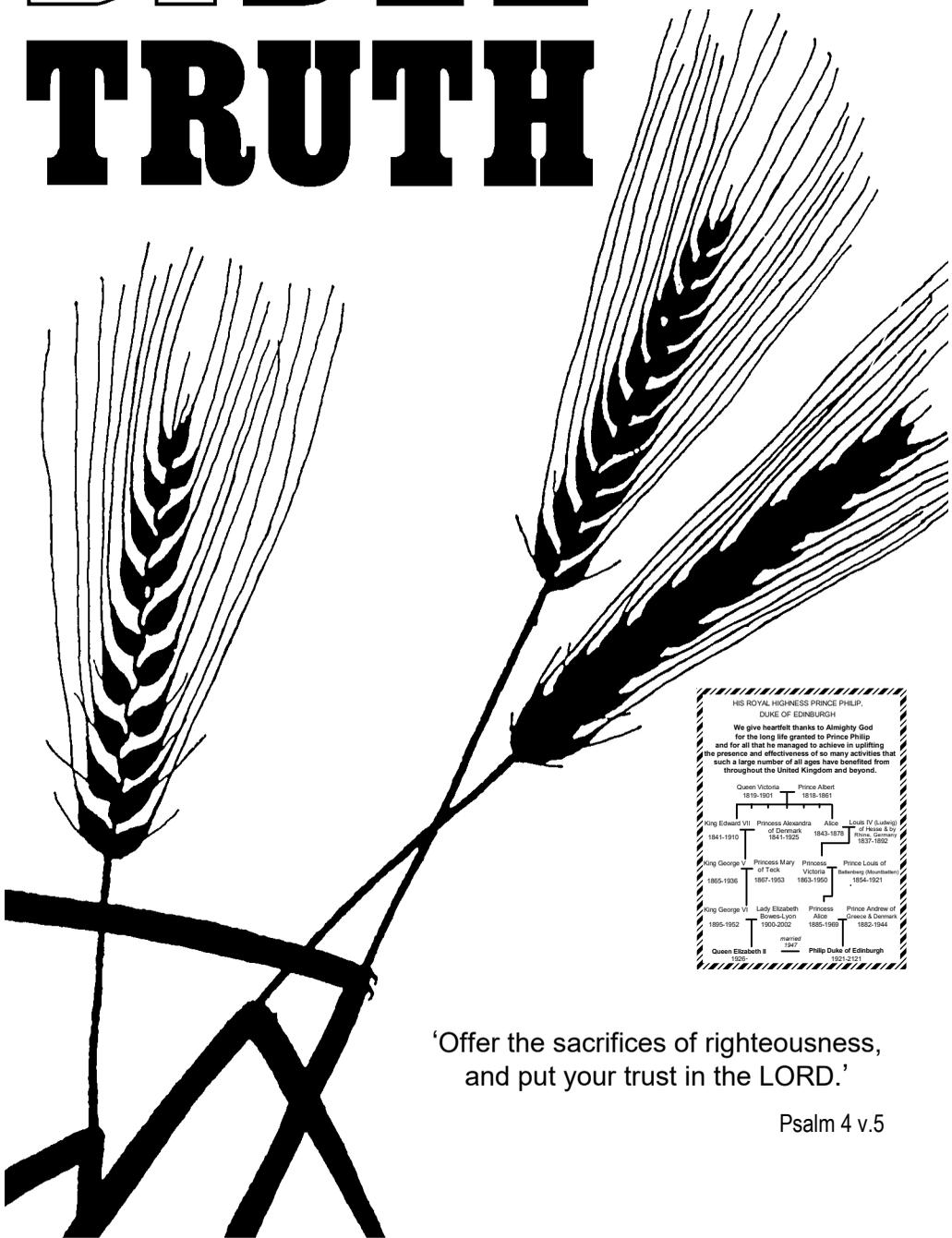


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‘Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
and put your trust in the LORD.’

Psalm 4 v.5

ANOTHER GOSPEL

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'Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.'

2 Corinthians ch.11 vv 1-4

'I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.'

Galatians ch.1 vv 6 -10

The first quotation above provides the three necessary requirements that clearly define which side of the fence Bible believing people are placed. Jesus the Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Gospel of the Kingdom are all clearly shown in the Scriptures. The Bible is very clear that the Gospel or 'good news' relates to Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer, the Holy Spirit who guides us into all Truth (see John ch.16 v.13) and the Kingdom wherein lies the hope of Israel and mankind.

The Bible is also very clear about the struggle between good and evil. There is both God's plan for His creation as well as the plan of Satan or Lucifer to counterfeit every feature of God's Kingdom. The Tree of Knowledge of good and evil, as expressed in the Garden of Eden is the start of this counterfeit struggle. To do good and to do evil in unison is a vital part of this struggle. In effect, the evil helps forward the good. The cunning use of opposites confuses the masses. Satan, through his children can counterfeit himself as

'apostles of Christ' and 'angels of light and ministers of righteousness' (see 2 Corinthians ch.11 vv 13-15). It is no wonder the hearts of the simple or innocent are deceived (see Romans ch.16 v.18).

Whilst maintaining the meaning of the word 'Gospel' as being good news, it has got to be realised that the choice of words is vital if the people are to be kept in a state of self belief and hope for the future. Words like love, peace, equality, personal rights, science, sustainability, unity, oneness, even democracy, and so on are used to lull the people into the belief that man's goodness shall save the planet for future generations. The phrase, 'Liberty, Equality and Fraternity', that arose out of the French Revolution, is being subtly used to usher in an earthly kingdom that reflects the tree that Adam and Eve were asked not to eat from. The 'subtily and beguiling' that took place in the Garden of Eden has continued down through history. *Strong's Concordance* provides some important details concerning those words, especially the word 'sophistry'. It is interesting that the Tree of Life is the only tree mentioned in Revelation ch.22 v.2 and the leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations.

It is very difficult for most people to believe that the heart of man is deceitful.

'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?'

Jeremiah ch.17 v.9

(See Hebrews ch.3 v.12). This is especially the case if the person has done nothing outwardly wrong by the standards of society. Many in society are being fashioned by people who have no desire to have Christ at the centre of national decision making. The following words were written by John Wycliffe in 1384 a long time before the Gettysburg Address by President Lincoln.

'The Bible is for the government of the people, for the people and by the people.'

The expanding secular world and the decline in Biblical teaching is not a coincidence.

In my view the children of Lucifer are more learned in the Scriptures than most realise. It is a well known battle technique that you have to understand the mind of your enemy and to know his weak and strong points. The tares in the Kingdom have done their job with great success, because the 'elect' unwittingly allowed ungodly men to creep in unawares.

'For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Jude v.4

The following verse is from a book entitled, *Light Bearers of Darkness* by Christina Stoddard under the pseudonym 'Inquire Within', which tells how Lucifer's messengers have influenced history.

'In all he did, in all he taught, he kept this aim in sight: To get the deeds of darkness done, disguised as works of light. He spread his poison, slow and sure, through many a specious sect, and made the evil seem the good, bamboozling God's elect.'

It is interesting that the word 'specious' means a good outward appearance in order to deceive. For confirmation that the 'elect' would be deceived see this.

'For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.'

Matthew ch.24 v.24

The closer a counterfeit note is to legal tender the more dangerous it is. Lucifer has applied this practice very effectively to the gullible public especially in the area of religion and moral values. Much of what is taught in the churches originated from paganism and yet it is considered as Christianity. All this has resulted in lukewarmness and general apathy. Revelation ch.3 vv 15-16 says that Christ would rather us to be cold towards Him than to be lukewarm.

In a world that is tearing apart, this other gospel has to be presented as 'good news'. Our hope is to be seen in the research of science and the need to come together, whether it be governments or churches. 1 Timothy ch.6 v.20 speaks of false science, which is really agnostic knowledge. The anointed ones, or false Christs will present solutions to the mesmerised masses and the spirit of love for mankind will be seen as the mortar that binds the bricks together. This false love is expressed by Ezekial ch.33 v.31 which says,

'And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness'.

Building bridges is the theme for world unity whereas 'separation' is the theme of the Biblical Gospel.

The story of Israel in the Old Testament is a sad story of continual disobedience. In Jeremiah ch.48 v.10 we read: 'Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully ...'. It is possibly because of this ongoing disobedience that the churches teach that the 'body of Christ' has replaced the 'bride of Christ'. It can be shown that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is still not finished with His servant people, Israel. This Gospel of the Kingdom is still in progress even though in need of much repair, for the tares have not been removed. The Gospel we teach is not 'another Gospel' but rather is the good news of the Christ who changes not.

'For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.'

Malachi ch.3 v.6

(See also Hebrews ch.13 v.8 & James ch.1 v.17.)

Isaiah ch.55 vv 8-9 states that God's ways and thoughts are not like ours and it is for this reason that during these last fleeting days we must search the Scriptures daily, like those people in Berea.

'And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.'

Acts ch.17 vv 10-12

I find the following verses very comforting in a world where truth has fallen in the street.

'But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.'

1 Corinthians ch.1 vv 27-31

Amen.
