

SYMBOLISM

HOLIDAYS

MYTHS

&

SIGNS

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**WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE
BENEFICIENT, THE MERCIFUL.**

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the many savants whose thoughts, words, and deeds have contributed to the sum total of knowledge and understanding of creation, Allah's word and all those whose future activities will be instrumental in helping humanity expand its awareness to the relationship with the CREATOR, the universe, and oneness of man.

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INTRODUCTION

For a successful interface between theology and science, one must connect symbols and myth with known facts. Science and religion, both enterprises make an extensive use of said. Though it may seem at first blush that science deals only with empirically verifiable truths, just a little reflection will reveal that this is really not so.

We know that mathematics is involved in the argumentation and development of all the exact sciences. Physics and quantum mechanics could not exist without the calculus. Yet the language of mathematic is symbolism.

Philosophers of science readily admit that what emerges from laboratory experiments are not absolute laws dealing with hard and unchangeable and final facts, but rather estimations dealing with the behavioral patterns of matter. And these patterns are able to be explicited and interpreted in terms of statistical analysis. All analysis has to be communicated and formulated in terms of what really are statistical symbols which proves valuable in the macrocosm in dealing practically with the reactions that were observed and in predicting similar behavior in the future.

The symbols and myths of science find companion symbols and myths in the language of theology. Both deal with areas that lie essentially on the borderline of our direct consciousness.

Just what is a symbol? "It is a kind of sign. A sign is any reality which, when known, or when entering into our consciousness, leads to the knowledge of another reality apart from it, of which it is seen as the sign," states Dr. Charles R. Meyer, a professor of Systematic Theology at St. Mary of the Lake. Thus

when we see smoke, we immediately conclude that associated with it there is fire; this is a natural sign.

There are arbitrary signs and symbols, those which become signs and symbols because of human agreement. A traffic signal, a stop sign, or the diamond-shaped yellow sign which indicates a curve in the road ahead. A symbol is a sign but all signs are not symbols. A symbol is a very special kind of sign. It is a substitute for the thing signified. It is a kind of logical and emotional "stand-in" for what it represents. For a symbol to be truly effective it must be concatenated; the emotion or value associated with the reality it is a sign of must be transferred to the sign. Psychologically, this process is referred to as displacement.

There are healthy displacement of psychic energy from one object or person to another. Some displacement evidences the beginning of a prejudice, racism, etc. Only if the culture is wholesome will the transfer be healthy and allow release of psychic energy that otherwise would not have been possible. Catharsis is so commonplace that most people, especially African Americans, scarcely give said a second thought, but simply take it for granted.

In ritual and ceremony, catharsis implies a transfer of emotion. But in the symbolism of science and authentic Al-Islam, mathematics, language, etc., catharsis refers to values or significance rather than emotional. The meaning or valence of a thing signified is attributed to the sign. So what is involved is an intellectual rather than an emotional appreciation of the symbol in its relationship to what it symbolizes.

To many the word "Myth" conjure up the notion of an fairy tale, a story which, though entertaining, or ever significant in illumining the human condition, contain no truth. There is, however, a technical sense in which the word "Myth" is employed in theology. It is

used to designate stories and narratives which are useful both to entertain and shed light upon the vagaries and caprices of human nature, so to speak. George Washington and the cutting down of the cherry tree, is best classified as a myth. Many narratives in scripture are myths, in the technical sense.

When the word "myth" is used in its technical sense it refers to a reality that does really exist in some way - but on a plane which we are not completely conscious. It does deal with truth - but not with reality as we are able to readily recognize it, verify it and deal with it in the world in which our consciousness dwells.

Mythology treats of a foreign kind of reality, one that most are not conversant with because it does not fit the categories chiseled out in the today's mind, to handle the data of yesterday idioms, concepts, and idolatry. It is truth about reality on a primitive level, radically different from today's.

Religious myths are often not precise and vague. Many are highly subjective in their interpretation and interpolation and application. The religiosity of a person will be influenced by their particular culture, indoctrination, and degree of education. The periphery of one's religious consciousness rest entirely on one's ability to decipher signs, symbols, myths, etc.

In the following chapters, Dr. Alauddin Shabazz, an ordained minister, certified Imam, Degreed scholar of religious studies and historian, explore some of the diverse matrices out of which many were born. A prolific writer and potent speaker, Imam Alauddin Shabazz presents an insightful and enlightening treatise on a pertinent issue.

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CHAPTER 1

SYMBOLISM IN SCRIPTURE

"On the earth are signs for those of assured Faith, also in your own selves: Will you not Then see?"
Holy Qu'ran 51:20, 21

ALLAH (SWT) in His final divine message to humanity imparts levels of knowledge to those with insight. This verse directs the human being to indulge in introspection. ALLAH (SWT) in the verses (86:5/90:8, 9) directs human beings to conduct inventory of self. When one adhere to the directives of ALLAH, intuition, equilibrium, DNA, psychology, physiology, heredity and other related subjects become very important cynosures (focal points of attention).

The more we become acquainted with the world in which we live, ourselves in particular, the more we confirm the reality of the CREATOR. The planetary system, our respiratory system, etc., in which we are placed are examples. The former includes the sun and earth are in precise relative. A little nearer the sun and we have tropical heat, a little further away and there is arctic winter.

One need not look far off to be convinced of the reality of the Creator. The verse that begun this expositor speaks to that fact. The human body itself is replete with manifest ongoing miracles. This is not to say that miracles are outside of, or contrary to natural laws. They are based in said laws.

ALLAH (SWT) equipped the human being with two technologically intricate cameras which enable us to see, and with a set of complex, stereophonic receivers with which to hear. A highly efficient temperature

regulating system causes our bodies to heat up and cool down, according to need. A sophisticated communication network gathers information, processes it, and transmits from a control panel in the brain to every part of the body. An amazing immunization system constantly creates different types of antibodies to destroy life-threatening bacteria. In the brain there is a memory bank beside the learning capacity, etc., etc.

Muslims must seriously reflect on ALLAH'S Revelation in order to relish the multiplicity of blessed information there-in that leads to lucrative production and human service. More Muslims, especially Imams, school teachers and college students must prepare and submit papers, books, etc., on the sciences and humanities that will spur our Muslim youth in the path of creativity. The state of apathy witnessed in the Muslim Ummah is appalling; this is not to say that no one is pursuing of said fields, but to emphasize the need for far more endeavors in such field.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, according to some reports, that "*Knowledge is the lost property of every Muslim...*" He is reported to have also said "*Seek knowledge even into China...*" Again, he allegedly said "*It is more value-able to spend one hour in the pursuit of knowledge than to pray all night.*" These "Ahadith" are well-known among Muslims and accepted as authentic. But how many Muslims seriously believe them to be worthy directives? Belief, is seen in behavior.

When Imams, teachers, and others in leadership positions are asked to discuss the dynamics of Al-Islam, or to expatiate on the relevance of science to Al-Islam; to expound the philosophy of our Deen, our Iman; to dilate on the psychology or sociology of our Deen, or to enlighten us on epistemology and Al-Islam, etc., they should be able to give an extemporaneous discourse on these aspects. Qualified leadership is a desideratum if

the Ummah of today is to grow and recapture the glory and warranted esteem the world of humanity bestowed on our Muslim forebears. No longer must we tolerate the mere status of "Museum - Muslims," basking in the formaldehyded memory of their amazing accomplishments. We must excel as they did, and stand on our own merits. Our task is great.

Al-Balaagh, a scientific Islamic publication, (in 1987) carried an article by its editor, Brother A. S. K. Joommal, an authentic Qur'anic-Muslim with a patent desire to advance Al-Islam in its pristine purity, that bespeaks of the calibre of scholarship needed by our Ulema today:

Imam A. S. K. Joommal related that once Allamah Iqbal (R) was invited to Aligarh University to lecture to the students. The subject was kept a secret from him. When he got on the podium, he inquired from the M. C. as to what the subject was. A covered blackboard was shown to him and the M. C. removed the cover to reveal the subject of the lecture: A full circle, no words, no explanation.... just a plain circle. Allamah Iqbal smiled; then went on to deliver a three-hour lecture on the cosmos, the microcosm and macrocosm, the universe, its Creator, the place of Muslims in the "circle", and delighted the audience with a variety of mathematical dissertations vis-a-vis Al-Islam.

In deed there is wisdom in all things; even an empty circle, nothingness, water, myths, holidays, seasons, gender, rituals, etc. History is the index to the future, and causes of the present.

The history or religion, holidays, etc., is indispensable if we are to understand their purpose and function. Whence come these things?

Religious symbols, etc., have histories that lay

people are totally unaware of. In fact, few religious leaders are conversant with their histories. For the most part, African-American preachers and civil-minded leaders are completely oblivious of church history, African history, European history, Islamic history, African-American/Islamic history, etc. We are carbon copies of other people.

Imam Warithuddin Mohammed, a world renown Muslim savant and historian in general, has rightly stated that African/American suffer from the psychological effects of slavery. His position is well founded and corroborated by social events, concepts of religion, low self-esteem, etc. Research by scholars, such as Dr. Cobb and Dr. Grier, who co-authored the book "Black Rage" and the social scientist, B. F. Skinner, who authored the book "Beyond Freedom and Dignity," document substantiating history regarding Imam Mohammed's pronouncement.

Insha' ALLAH (God-Willing) this exposition will impart data that will prove lucrative to the public at large. To extrapolate from church history, holidays, events, commonly known concepts, etc., is the aim of this present work. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) promoted inductive reasoning -- and in Al-Islam, it is candidly stated that "*The ink of the scholar is more sacred than the blood of the martyrs.*"

Ignorance, it is said, is a bliss. It is also said that a man called Jesus said"*Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*" (Bible - St. John 8:32). According to the grammar of the alleged statement of Jesus, he spoke of the future. This means that the people to whom he was speaking at that time, did not know the truth he was referring to, nor were they free.

It is written in the Holy Qu'ran (3:71) ..." *O people of the scripture! Why confound ye the truth with*

falsehood and knowingly conceal the truth?" This lucidly informs Muslims that "truth is known" and purposely "concealed" by at least some of the Scholars/Clergy/Rabbinates of Christendom and Judaism.

In the book entitled "The Churches and Modern Thought," by V. Philips, pp 84, 85, a clergyman of the church of England who confessed in the Church Times, is quoted as saying -- "The study of folk-lore, of anthropology, of primitive myth and ritual, has made enormous strides within the last quarter of a century, and the fruits of that study are now forced, for the first time, upon the attention of the general public. Presented in outline, the situation is as follows: We have been accustomed to consider Christianity apart from all other religions..."

He went on to state ... "That there could be any but the vaguest likeness between them and our own beliefs was unimaginable. Possibly there was a belief in the fatherhood of some supreme being, some vague conception of a future life; while sacrificial rites, as we knew, were not peculiar to the Jews. But the other doctrines of our creed we regarded as exclusively our own. The ideas of a triune God-head, of an incarnate saviour, of the virgin birth, of the second advent, of the sacraments, of the communion of saints -- these seemed to be the distinctive possession of Christianity; these were marks clearly dividing it from any form of paganism. So, at least, we imagined. But it proves that we were completely mistaken."

The supra Christian/Minister concluded his remark by stating... "The modern study of primitive religions shows that every one of these beliefs is, or has been, held in some part or other of the pagan world quite independently of Christian influence, and that, while we are bound to speak of these beliefs as, in a sense, dis-

tinctively Christian, to term them exclusively Christian is no longer possible." He is correct.

The Holy Qur'an (3:113/3:199) teaches us that all people of the book (i.e. believers in the old and new testament) are not alike; many submit to the truth when confronted by it. Many with tears in their eyes as foretold by ALLAH (SWT) in His Final Testament, The Holy Qur'an (5:85-88). Even people who are bigoted, racist-minded -- due to programming -- break free from some evil mind control and admit to truth (72:1-6).

The many are manipulated by a few for personal gains. Preachers, especially African-American ones, are derelict when it comes to truth due to this fact. In the Bible (Isa 56:10-11) this reality is cited -- and most people thought "D.D." meant "Doctor of Divinity."

It is written in the Bible (Jeremiah 10:2-5)

... "Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of the heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

... For the customs of the people are vain: For one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

... They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

.... They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good."

This is a clear reference to the so-called Christmas tree. No question about it. But how many "Christian preachers" inform their congregation of what is written in Jeremiah (10:2-5)? Very few, if any. This pagan/heathen practice is the same custom followed by the preacher himself. This heathenistic relic (i.e. Christmas tree) can be found in December in churches

almost every place "Christianity" is practiced, and they have the Bible on their pulpit -- which condemns it. More on this issue when we deal with the history of "Christmas."

The criminal inditements that law enforcement lodged against the "Rev. Jim Bakker" could warrantedly be lodged against most television evangelists and preachers in general.

....There are few exceptions. "Each of the Major Festivals of the Christian calendar", says a liberal Christian scholar of religion, "Carries on the tradition of earlier pagan beliefs, which the early church, with wisdom which still persists in Roman Catholic Missionary efforts in its relation with primitive people, had adopted and transformed in the service of the Christian Faith" (Sir Richard Gregory: Religion in Science and Civilization. p.111)

The term "sky-scripture" was coined by certain religious scholars to delineate the pagan deification of the cosmic array. In the Bible (St. John 3:30) John the Baptist is reported to have stated ...*"He (i.e., Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease"*. In Christian belief, John was born June 23rd, after which the sun begins to decline in its warmth, while the alleged birthday of Jesus corresponds with the date after which the sun begins to increase in its power. "The Feast of St. John" was (it's observances) connected with the survival of Sun-Worship.

The Bible (Malachi 4:2) alludes to the popular religion of the sun. The astronomical significance of pagan-christianity is also seen in the old or original symbol of the religion; the fish was the first symbol of Christianity and has reference to the sky-scripture

...The Christian Epiphany falls in the month of February, and said month the sun passes the zodiacal sign Pisces ...A fish!

The cross did not originate with "Christianity". The original church did not accept it as a Christian symbol. The cross was first imposed on "Christians" as a symbol by Constantine who alleged to have seen it in a vision, in the sky. The sun-worshippers always esteemed the cross as symbol of life.

The word "Sunday", which is Dies Soli, was the holy day of the sun-god apollo, the patron-deity of the Roman empire during Constantine's regime -- ponder 1-Corinthians (3:4-8,22).

The United States space program acknowledge the "sky-scripture" of the pagans by rendering names of their gods to certain rockets. "Star Wars" is more than a mere statement. Remember the movie "Star Wars"...? A spectacular space motion picture with special effects and techniques. "Star Wars" projected events that took place before the earth was made. It's main characters were a pallid lad named Luke Skywalker, and his father, Darth Vader (who was once an angel for the righteous, but now the apex of evil); (this is a play on Isaiah 14:12-16 and Rev. 12:7-13, his sister (princess Leia --) the pure, virginal, young, wan female; and Hans Solo, a daring non-believer. There was an unseen "force", and an old man, the last member of a powerful and respected group termed "Jedi Knights", named "Obi Wan", taught "Luke Skywalker" how to use the force.

The names: "Skywalker", Darth Vader" (i.e. as in Dark, or Black), "princess" Leia, Hans "Solo", and Obi Wan (e.g. obey one) are symbolic of Christian dogma. The unseen "Force" is lucid. Luke Skywalker, Hans Solo, and Princess Leia were dressed in white, while Darth Vader was dressed in black. Why? Because good is represented by white, and evil is black. This is racism.

The "Superman" motion picture, the "Batman" movie, the "Hulk", the "Bionic Man", Spiderman", and "Wonder Woman" movies are all designed to promote white supremacy. Snow White, Mary and her little lamb, Tar Baby, etc., are all parodies of the racism related in "The Greatest Story Ever Told". This racist lie is the real "Big lie" related over and over and over again -- Bible (Joel 1:1-3). In the movie "Superman", his father was named "Jo-el". Remember, one picture is worth more than a thousand words.

Imam Warithuddin Mohammed states "...The so-called gentiles have been blindly inviting destroying forces into their lives for more than 2,000 years. To save American and the so-called gentile world, we must show you all the booby traps of family and national deaths. These death traps were set in the religious thinking of the West by persecuted and vengeful religious sects that were in pre-Christian day Jerusalem. Our survival now is in crucial danger because of anti-human influences in Western religious thinking. Our worst enemy is dressed in angel light..."

In each of the cited movies, the pallid characters are the "Saviours" for the needy. People seek refuge in these human beings, rather than in the Creator of us all. This is the promotion of sheer racism.

We must remember, the minds of our children are open to suggestion. They are innocent. Their fresh minds are like wet clay upon which all things leave an indentation. Cartoons are animated false pictures that contain deforming germs which engender unnatural development in children.

Cartoons send out subliminal destructive blueprints to children. They are, for the most part, replete with violence. Take for example, the "Road Runner", "Bugs Bunny", "Daffy Duck", "Brother

Rabbit", and "Tweedy Bird". The characters are being run off bridges, cliffs, getting run over by trucks and trains, hit by bats, etc. Parents think they are funny. But when our youth indulge in acts of violence, rape, robbery, etc., as a normal life style, "Educators" and "Preachers" and "Parents" ask "How did they go wrong?" "What happened?" They were programmed to do such.

ORIGINS OF THE NAMES OF THE DAYS OF WEEK AND THE MONTHS

Human beings, old and young are misled. "The days of the week and the months of the year are all associated with so-called Roman gods. According to the Encyclopedia International discourse under the caption "week", "The days were named for the sun, the moon, and the five planets visible to the naked eye, all of which were associated with Roman gods". History is a witness.

Sunday....Named in honor of the sun-god.
Monday.... named in honor of the moon-god.
Tuesday.... named in honor of the planet Mars. The god Mars, from the Latin Martis, was named by the saxons after their god Tiw, and called Tiw's day; our English word "Tuesday" comes from the name of this pagan god. Wednesday...corresponds to the planet Mercury and named in honor of the Teutonic god "Woden". This day's name preserves the name of Wedn, or Woden.
Thursday...this correspond to the planet Jupiter and is named in honor of the Teutonic god "Thor". Friday... represents the planet Venus and is named in honor of the Teutonic goddess "Frigg" or "Freia". Saturday.... represents the planet Saturn and is named in honor of the Roman god "Saturn".

The Christian/European world came to use the planetary week, according to the book entitled "Rest

Days", by Let Hutton Webster, "at the close of the third Century A.D." He goes on to state "The use of planetary names by Christians attests the growing influence of astrological speculations introduced by converts from paganism... Thus, gradually a pagan institution was engrafted on Christianity" (pp.220-221)

The planetary weeks are also connected to pagan dieties. According to the Bible Ahadith of Genesis (1; 2:1-3) God merely named the days of the week one through seven. Surely this if food for thought for even lay Christians.

The names of the months are also all pagan in origin --- with the exception of the last four, which are derived from the Latin numerals 7, 8, 9, 10. They were the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th months of the old Roman Calendar.

January - From the Latin Januarius in honor of the Roman god "Janus". As Misbahu Rufai correctly pointed out in his article regarding a new year (Muslim Journal, Jan. 22, 1990), Janus was prayed to at the beginning and end of actions indulged in by pagans. He was said to know the present, past and future. He was god of gates, exit and entrances. His name was added to the calendar by Julius Caesar in 700 BC.

February - From the Latin Februarius in honor of the Roman Festival of general expiation and purification.

March - From the Latin Martius in honor of the Roman god "Mars".

April - From the Latin Aprilis, which derived from Aperio, A Latin verb meaning "to open". So called because it is the month when the earth opens to produce new fruits.

May - From the Latin Maius in honor of the Greek goddess "Maia".

June - From the Latin Junius in honor of the Roman god "Juno".

July - From the Latin Julius in honor of Julius Caesar. He took a day from February and added it to July.

August - From the Latin Augustus in honor of Caesar Augustus. He took a day from February also, and added it to his named month. This is why February only has 28 days and not 30.

As foretated, September, October, November, and December, are only Latin numerals derivatives for the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th months of the calendar. Note the clear similarity of the Spanish words for 7, 8, 9, and 10. Paganism abound in America under the umbrage of the "Secular" and the "Sacred".

Imam Warithuddin Mohammed states:

"religion is beautiful when you understand it. We fail to understand that religion is speaking to the need to develop intelligent life, moral life, civilized society, order, leadership and government.

This is what religion is speaking to. In Genesis, we read: *In the beginning the earth was without form, and void. Darkness was upon the deep; the spirit of God moved upon the face of the water and God said, let there be light. And there was light.*

We read that and we're caught up in mythology. We think that the Bible is saying this is how the physical world was made. The whole creation was a big void and formless, and suddenly there is a big body of water or it was there already unformed, and the spirit of God began

to move in the darkness of that physical water. *And God said, let there be light.*

And a great light rose up out of that water and went up in the skies and became our sun; and a lesser light went up out of that water and became our moon; and the other lights went up out of that water and became our stars. After that God began to bring life to the earth. We read it and think it means that. We can't get the message. What good is a knowledge if you can't hear it? The Bible says, "*Blessed is he that has an ear to hear*". So what good is that body of knowledge we call religion-if nobody can hear it? Have we heard the message of Genesis? They tell me the Pope heard it. They tell me some of the doctors of theology heard it. But what good is it in their hands and not in the streets? The streets are where we have the problem. The masses need this knowledge. We need something to discipline our lives. We need something to rally around. We need something to devote ourselves to." He also stated "The way we conceive reality is more primitive than the most backward man of this earth...."

This work, hopefully, will provide data that will enable the readers to become conversant with that last statement of truth.

The policies of intellectual and economic materialism, which have gradually come to dominate the physical existence of mankind, are revealing the desperate need for ethical and cultural and divine construment of many signs and symbols that exist in the world of man. The tendency to deepen scholarship, broaden ideals, and restore the values which have always been the principal concerns of philosophy and mysticism.

New interpretation of old wisdom which guided the destinies of ancient people is being reconsidered and

restored in the world today. It becomes increasingly more evident that wisdom and understanding alone can bestow the security and happiness which all men still seek as the foundation of a useful life. The shadowy forms of the venerated sages and prophets of the golden age rise again, inviting our appreciation. Though long exiled from the sphere of mortal purposes, these noblest of men are being re-established as the great teachers of the human race by the divine mind. The mystery religions of antiquity which flourished for millions of years have been brought into clear focus by the Honorable W. D. Mohammed.

It is lucid to the pure thinkers that the outstanding philosophers, seers, and prophets of antiquity perceived with inner clarity the very truths and facts so desperately necessary for our present situation. For years many of the secret orders, i.e. Masons, Rosicrucians, Qabbalistics, etc., attempted to gather and interpretate some of the fragments of the great wisdom of the past. Many groups are sufficiently grounded in the philosophical disciplines of esoteric tradition. The increasing pressures of the time have induced a large number of serious minded people undeceived as to the infallibility of the boasted knowledge of the worldly wise. Today, thousands of progressive thinkers in many lands are seeking nobler and more adequate codes for thought and action. The substance of ancient thought and metaphysical truths underlying physical existence is taught with pure clarity by great minds in the world today.

A certain intuitive grasp of the subtler meanings concealed within groups of inadequate words is necessary to an understanding of the ancient mystery teachings. As rich as the English language is in media of expression is, to some, it is curiously lacking in terms suitable to the conveyance of abstract philosophical premises. The matter of translation is one of the greatest single tasks of man when it comes to the mass of ab-

struse material in the world. Today, one has brought about the coalesce of beauty and truth.

Philosophy is the science of estimating values. The superiority of any state or substance over another is determined, in the world as we have known it, by philosophy. By assigning a position of primary importance to what remains when all that is secondary has been removed, philosophy thus becomes the true index of priority or emphasis in the realm of speculative thought. The mission of true philosophy a priority is to establish the relation of manifested things to their invisible ultimate cause or nature. Kent said, that, philosophy is "The science of the relations of all knowledge to the necessary end of human reason." Tennemann said of philosophy that it is "The application of reason to it's legitimate objects." Krug said philosophy is "The science of the original form of the ego or mental self. The very word "science" means "to know."

The ancient philosophers, prophets, etc. believed that no man could live intelligently who did not have a fundamental knowledge of nature and her laws. Before man can willingly obey, man must understand, and the mysteries were devoted to instructing man concerning the operations of divine law in the terrestrial sphere. Few of the early cults actually worshipped anthropomorphic deities, although their symbolism might lead one of darken knowledge to believe they did. They taught man to employ his faculties more intelligently, to be patient in the face of adversity, to be courageous when confronted by danger, to be true in the midst of temptation, and, most of all, to view a worthy life as the most acceptable sacrifice to God.

The adoration of the sun was one of the earliest and most natural forms of religious expression. Complex modern theologies are merely involvements and amplifications of this simple aboriginal belief. The

so-called primitive mind, recognizing the beneficent power of the solar orb, adored it as the proxy of the supreme being or deity. Many early priests and prophets of religion or belief in God were versed in astronomy and astrology; their writings are best understood when read in the light of these ancient sciences. With the growth of man's knowledge of the constitution and periodicity of the heavenly bodies, astronomical principles and terminology were introduced into his religious systems. The tutelary gods were given planetary thrones, the celestial bodies being named after the deities assigned to them. Few people realized that the days of the week were named after the pagan gods. The space ships of America were named after pagan gods. The term "panic" comes from the mythological Pan who was also a god. December 25th is a pagan god celebration. All one needs to do is study history i.e. the book, Golden Bough...by Dr. Frazier.

One of the deep philosophic consideration of powers and principles of the sun induced the concept of the solar Trinity. The concept of Trinity as it is understood by many in the world today was engendered by the solar trinity. The tenet of a triune divinity is not peculiar to Christian or Mosaic theology, but forms a conspicuous part of the dogma of the greatest religions of both ancient and modern times. The Persians, Hindus, Babylonians, and Egyptians had their trinities. In every instance these represented the threefold form of one supreme intelligence.

In modern Masonry, the deities symbolized by an equilateral triangle. It's thee sides representing the primary manifestations of the eternal one. Jakob Bohme, the Teutonic mystic, calls the Trinity "the three witnesses," by means of which the invisible is known to the visible, tangible universe. If one would but reflect on and respect (look again) the daily manifestation of the sun, the origin of the Trinity becomes obvious. This

orb, called the sun, being the symbol of all light has three distinct phases: rising, midday, and setting. The philosophers therefore divided the life of all things into three distinct parts: growth, maturity, and decay. Between the twilight of evening is the high noon of resplendent glory.

To the Egyptians the sun was the symbol of immortality, for while it died each night, it rose again with each ensuing dawn. Not only has the sun this diurnal activity, but it also has it's annual pilgrimage, during which time it passes successively through the twelve so-called celestial houses of the heavens, remaining in each for thirty days. Added to these it has a third path of travel, which is called the procession of the equinoxes, in which it retrogrades around the so-called zodiac through the twelve so-called signs at the rate of one degree every seventy two years.

In Masonry the sun has many symbols. One expression of the solar energy is Solomon, whose name Sol-om-on is the name for the Supreme Light in three different languages. Hiram Abiff, the Chiram (Hiram) of the Chaldees, is also a solar deity, and the story of his attack and murder by the three Ruffians. A striking example of the important part which the sun plays in the symbols and rituals of Free Masonry is given by George Oliver, D. D. , in his "Dictionary of Symbolical Masonry," is as follows: "The sun rises in the east, and in the east is the place for the worshipful master." As the sun is the source of all physical light and warmth, so should the worshipful master enliven and warm the brethren to their work. Among the ancient Egyptians the sun was the symbol of divine providence.

It is difficult for this age to properly or exactly estimate correctly the profound effect produced upon the religions, especially Christianity and philosophies of antiquity by the study of the planets, luminaries, and con-

stellations. Not without adequate reason were the magi of Persia called the stargazers. The Egyptians were honored with a special appellation because of their proficiency in computing the power and motion of the heavenly bodies and their so-called effect upon the destinies of nations and individuals.

Metaphysics is a science that (metaphysicians) assume, studies existence as such first, it studies general matters affecting corporal and spiritual things, such as the quiddities, oneness, plurality, necessity, possibility, and so on. Then, it studies the beginnings of existing things and finds that they are spiritual things. It goes on to study the way existing things issue from spiritual things, and also studies their order. Allah, the true God, has created in man the ability to think and reason. Through said, man perceives the sciences and crafts. Knowledge is the perception of the essence of things.

ASTROLOGY AND THE ZODIAC

What of the zodiac? Astrology is a pseudo science, for the most part. This is lucidly witnessed when the thinking person reflects on slavery. For more than 300 years, more than 20,000,000 people who were born on the same day, at the same time, in the same location, etc., suffered a different plight, a different circumstance, etc, than others of a different integument who were born under the exact same sign. It would appear, if the zodiac and astrology fad is anywhere near authenticity, the darker people of America and the world have yet to be fully affected by said - as "white" people born at the same time.

The pagans look upon the stars as living things capable of influencing the destinies of individuals, nations, and races. That the early Jewish patriarchs believed that the celestial bodies participated in the affairs of men is evident to the students of biblical literature, as

for example, in the book of Judges: (5:20) "*They fought from heaven, even the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.*" The Chaldeans, Phoenicians, Egyptians, Persians, Hindus and Chinese all had zodiacs that were much alike in general character, and different authorities have credited each of these nations with being the cradle of astrology and astronomy. The Central and North American so-called Indians also had an understanding of the zodiac, but the patterns and numbers of the signs differed in many details from those of the eastern hemisphere.

The word "zodiac" is derived from Greek "zodiakos", which means "a circle of animals", or, as some believe, "little animals." It is the name given by the old pagan astronomers to a band of fixed stars about sixteen degrees wide, apparently encircling the earth. Robert Hewitt Brown, a 32 degree Mason, stated that the Greek word Zodiakos comes from "zo-on", meaning "an animal." He adds: "This latter word is compounded directly from the primitive Egyptian radicals "zo", life, and "on", a being."

In his book, "The Symbolical Language of Ancient Art and Mythology." Richard Payne Knight writes: "The emblematical meaning, which certain animals were employed to signify, was only some particular property generalized; and, therefore, might easily be invented or discovered by the natural operation of the mind: but the collections of stars, named after certain animals, have no resemblance whatever to those animals; which are therefore merely signs of convention adopted to distinguish certain portions of the heavens, which were probably consecrated to those particular personified attributes, which they represented.

The zodiac, one of the most widespread of symbols, is found in all pagan cultures in some form. The name of the circular "form" comes from zoe (life) and di-

akos (wheel); the basic element of this "wheel of life" is found in the ouroboros (the snake biting its own tail), symbolizing the aion (duration).

As evidence of the antiquity of this symbol we point to the rock-paintings in the cueva de Arce (at the Lagun a de la Janda, Cadiz), the celestial maps in the stone-engraving at Eira d'os Mouros (in Galicia), the sculpting of the cromlech at Alvao (in Portugal), not to speak of the biblical citations (of which we shall divulge in detail) symbolized by Jacob's progeny.

There is no conclusive evidence, to my knowledge, of the existence of any so-called systematic study and proclaimed understanding of zodiacal symbolism before 2750 B.C. King Sargon of Agade during that period is recorded in history to have possessed a work of astrology containing forecasts of the eclipses of the sun. From the time of Hammarabi (2000 B.C.) the study of heavenly bodies began to assume a more semblance scientific character.

Hindu T. subba Rao, published an article on the zodiac in 1881, and maintained that the zodiac may serve to symbolize and analyze the phases of each and every cycle, together with the evolutive stages. He distinguishes between the astronomical zodia (the constellations) and the intellectual zodia (symbols), affirming that it was the constellations that took their names from the symbols. For instance, in remote times in Egypt, importance was attached to the symbolic bull and ram, etc. The primitive cult of the sun employed the ram symbol and that of the goat, as in scape-goat.

The historian, Marius Schneider, suggested that, since it is factual that the figures which make up the zodiacal pattern are mostly animals, the constellations owe their curious names to an earlier pagan religion of totemistic origin, whose basic features were subse-

quently applied to the heavens through the process of catasterism (i.e. projecting the worldly into the celestial sphere, in particular the astral). Ra or Re, who was a personification of the physical sun, was the ordinary everyday Egyptian name for the sun. Ra became a part of a solar trinity, the other members being Osiris, and Horus. All this was the result of catasterism.

Solar divinities were common. Amen (or AMMON) was another symbolic sun-god that personified the descended sun below the western horizon, and thus hidden from sight - Amen was called the concealed one. The cults of Ammon and Ra were consolidated and the sun was worshiped in Thebes under the name Amen-Ra. Solarism reached its zenith in Egypt during the reign (Amenhotep IV) who impeded such paganism. He forbade the worship of all so-called gods except the one God who created all that was.

Akhnaton banished the word "Gods" from the vocabulary of his country. He ordered the name of Amen and Ra to be hammered out of every monument in his empire. A thousand years before Moses received/imparted the second commandment, Akhnaton banished all graven images that attempted to portray divine. The book "The Ancient Egyptian", by Sir J. G. Wilkinson, and "History Of Egypt, Vol. III", by J. H. Breasted; and the "Life and Times of Akhnaton" by A. Weigall; and "World Great Men of Color, Vol. 1" by J. A. Rogers are a few references for farther data on Akhnaton who lived prior to Moses, Jesus, and prophet Muhammad (PBUH). He was a Muslim who believed in one God.

The final divinely revealed scripture, the Holy Qur'an (40:78) clearly states that all prophets and messengers of the creator are not named/cited in the scriptures. Some are, but most are not. When one peruse the history of Akhnaton, one can espy one of the unnamed

messengers of Allah.

Back to the zodiac. In ancient Babylonia, the symbol of the zodiacal constellation cancer, in which the sun reached the highest point of its apparent path, was the Ass and Foal. In the New Testament (Matthew 21:5-7) Jesus is reported to have rode into Jerusalem upon two Asses, i.e., upon an ass and colt, the foal of an ass (picture that if you can). The zodiac constellations is identified with Jacob progeny in the old Testament.

The book of Genesis, chapter (49:1-2) gives "Israel" the role in the prophesy as "Father" of the zodiacal constellation. Verse (3-4) deals with Reuben and associate him with water, thus identifies him with Aquarius i.e. the water carrier. Verse (5-7) deals with Simeon and Levi, "The Brethren" or Twins i.e. Gemini. Verse (8-12) deals with Judah, "The Lion's whelp, who clearly is Leo. Verse (13) deals with Zebhulum, who is associated with "The Sea" (i.e., Pisces) and thus Fish. Verse (14-15) deals with Issachar as "a strong ass", one that "bowed his shoulder", thus equated with Taurus i.e. a bull. Verse (16-17) deals with Dan as "A Serpent", thereby a connection to Scorpio i.e. scorpion. Verse (19) deals with Gad, which, according to Deuteronomy (33:20) "Teareth the arm with the crown of the head" is Aries i.e. the Ram. Verse (20) deals with Asher, who is connected with "Bread" that "shall yield royal dainties" symbolized by the balance, thus Libra. Verse (21) deals with Naphtali as "A Hind let loose", is Capricorn i.e. the goat. Verse (22-26) deals with Josep; it is cited how his "Bow abode in strength and his "Arms" made strong, this is lucidly an Archer i.e. Sagitarius. In verse (27) Benjamin, the youngest of Jacob son; he is said to be destined to destroy or devour the prey. . . . like Cancer does its subjects; he is symbolized by the "Crab", but called "Cancer".

When the supra is examined, one find 12 sons

cited, representing the 12 tribes of Israel (Gen. 49:28). However, verse (5) compounded two sons into one thus symbolizing "the twins" of Gemini. So, only 11 signs of the zodiac are given. This would appear, on the surface, to breakdown my contention. One could inquire, "where is Virgo, which is symbolized by the Virgin? Such question, when answered, really confirms my contention. Jacob had (12) sons all . . . , One daughter (Gen. 46:15) - named Dinah; she is the only female (Virgo) in the zodiac symbolism, thereby completing the circle exactly.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

According to the bible, Genesis (50:2), Israel is embalmed. To embalm means to treat (a corpse) with preservative preparation. Those preparations are/were successful. Omar and other insidious charlatans are witnesses and so is the church, especially the Catholic Church.

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX in his "bull", *ineffabilis Deus*, declared it mandatory for all Catholics to believe that Mary was the immaculate conception, i.e., the only human being ever conceived without original sin. By this same "bull", Catholics are required to believe that Mary was wholly free from "concupiscence". Therefore, Mary surpassed the beatitude of Adam and Eve, who were capable of sin. Mary is theotokos i.e. Mother of God -- This "bull" was decreed by Pope Celestine in 430 at the Council of Ephesus.

Just in case some readers may be inclined to consider our use of the word "bull" offensive, vulgar, or disrespectful to the Catholic Church, it should be pointed out that in the official vernacular of said church, a "bull" is an official communication from the pope himself. It comes from the Latin word "bullā", which refers to for-

mal papal correspondence. The seal attests to the genuineness of the document. In the idiom of today's world, "bull" attests to another conviction.

The sages of old studied living things to a point of realization that Allah, the true God, is most perfectly understood through a knowledge of His Supreme handiwork--animate and inanimate nature. Every existing creature manifests some aspect of the intelligence or power of the Eternal One, who can clearly be known through a study and appreciation of His creation. When a creature is chosen to symbolize to the human mind some concealed abstract principle it is because its characteristics demonstrate this invisible principle in visible action. For example, the early philosophers and scientists, realizing that all life has its origin in water, chose the fish as a symbol of the life germ. And the fact that fishes are most prolific makes the simile still more apt. The first sign or symbol of Christianity was a fish. However, when the rulers of Christianity realized that a fish rots from the head down, they stopped employing it as a representation of their thing. The word "nun" means "fish" and "growth". The dolphin was accepted by the early Christians as an emblem of Christ.

Contrary to the dictates of reason, a standard has been established by the church fathers which affirms that innocence bred of ignorance is more to be desired than virtue born of knowledge. But man, teaches W. D. Mohammed, must learn that he or she needs never be ashamed of truth. Until man learns this, man is false to God, to the world, and to self. In this respect, Christianity has woefully failed in its mission for lies and distortions of truth replete "Christianity."

Christianity has a copious amount of beautiful and decent people that believe in it. Some Christians are truly seekers of righteousness and cleanliness. But

Christianity, per se, is unwholesome. History, being best qualified to reward research, teaches us that Christians' symbols are lewd and dire. Phallic emblems are everywhere in the church. The lozenge-shaped windows of cathedrals are proof that yonic symbols have survived the destruction of the pagan mysteries. The very structure of the Christian Church itself is permeated with phallicism. Remove from the Christian Church all emblems of priapic origin and little or nothing would be left. In two essays on the worship of priapus, by Richard Payne Knight, it is cited that Sir William Hamilton, British Minister at the Court of Naples, declares that a community of Christians worshipped with phallic ceremonies the pagan god Priapus under the name of St. Cosmo.

Only one conversant with the secret language of antiquity is capacitated to understand the significance of the emblems, signs, symbols, simile, etc., in the world. The very teachings of Christ Jesus according to the Bible, St. Matt. (13:1-17) were not authored for all the people to understand, only a select few. See also Daniel (12:8,9).

CHAPTER 2

HOLIDAYS

Holidays are major events in America. Most holidays are "Christian" based or promoted. However, there are very few "Christians" who know the origin of the holidays they hold dear. In brief, we will divulge some of their roots.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is the major so-called "holiday" in America. And it is the most paganistic.

In the minds of most "Christians" is the assumption that "Christmas" commemorates the birth of the infant Jesus at a certain place and time/hour. It is perhaps well known that the exact time of said event is not a matter of historical record. But it's a hidden fact, kept in the dark background of silence, that the cited event itself is dubious at best.

The twenty-fifth day of December is accepted now as the date of the supra birth but, such has not always been the case. What date was accepted before...? Why was it changed? Who was it that decreed such change? In the case of a festival of such importance and prominence as "Christmas," to Christians," it is a thing of no light insignificance that the church leaders keep from its people the simple and singular fact that the early "Christians" celebrated the birth of Jesus for over the first three and half centuries on March 25.

For leaders of "Christianity" to acknowledge this historical fact, even succinctly, would involve the revelation of their religious faith early kinship with paganism. It is therefore kept from publicity. But the words of the decree issued by the Pope of Christendom, Julian II, in the year 345 A.D., are still to be read; They inform the seekers of truth that in that year he decreed that henceforth it was fitting that Christians should "unite with the followers of Mithra and of Bacchus in celebrating the rebirth of the deity" under the solar symbolism at the winter solstice.

It is historically established that the day and date of the "Christmas" event was not originally a "Christian" institution, but was an accommodation of "Christian" practice to "pagan observance."

It is of major importance to inquire why, before Pope Julian's decree, "Christians" practice had set the celebration of Jesus' birth on March 25? March brings the vernal equinox, and the most moving dramatic ritual of the ancient pagan religion were consummated on or about March 21, the date of the sun's crossing northward over the equatorial meridian. Annually at this epoch every allegorical representation of the aeonial cycle of "soul's involvement in matter and body" came to final stage and to victory with the sun's ascent out of darkness of winter, typifying the soul's resurrection out from under thralldom (?) of "death" in mortal bodies. Hence, it came to be regarded in pagan modes of pictorializing spiritual processes as the birth of the spirit.

In the classic work on ancient and primitive myth, magic, religion, ritual, and taboo entitled: "The Golden Bough," by Sir James Frazer, on page 721, it stated... "The summer solstice and the winter solstice, are the two great turning-points in the sun's apparent course through the sky, and from the standpoint of primitive man nothing might seem more appropriate than

to kindle fires on earth at the two moments when the fire and heat of the great luminaries in heaven begin to wane and wax." He, Dr. Frazier, goes on to state..."In this way the savage philosopher, to whom meditations on the nature of things we owe many ancient customs and ceremonies, might easily imagine that he helped the laboring sun to re-light his divine lamp, or at all events to blow up the flame into a brighter blaze."

In continuation, it was advanced that ... "Certain it is that the winter solstice, which the ancients erroneously assigned to the twenty-fifth of December was celebrated in antiquity as the birth day of the sun, and that festal lights or fires were kindled on this joyful occasion. Our Christmas festival is nothing but a continuation under the Christian name of this old solar festivity; for the ecclesiastical authorities saw fit, about the end of the third or the beginning of the fourth century, arbitrarily to transfer the nativity of Christ from the sixth of January to the twenty-fifth of December, for the purpose of diverting to their lord the worship which the heathen had hitherto paid on that day to the sun." page 722

December 25 was originally conceived as the birth of other sun-God, and originally January 6th was believed to have been the birth day of the "son" of God." It was via a papal decree that the two events become one with the latter being superimposed on the former. The pagan belief of the birth of the sun-God, was changed (in name only) to become the birth of the "son" of God. In this transaction, the names were not "changed to protect the innocent," but rather to deceive the innocent!"

The sixth of January is a very important date to understand. Between December 25 and January the sixth is a period of twelve days. The number 12 has a profound symbolic meaning. In the Christian world "Epiphany" is the sixth of January. Remember the movie entitled: "Angel Heart" in which Lisa Bonet (who

once was featured as one of the daughters on the Cosby Show) had a starring role. What was the name given to her in said movie? It was "Epiphany."

The movie "Angel Heart" was filled with devious sensuality and deep occult mystery. This book will not deal with the insidious messages contained in said movie; we only cite the movie for the readers to zero in on the character played by Lisa Bonet, called "Epiphany," (in the movie) and the connection of her name and role (i.e. Epiphany) to Christmas in it's historical connection. The word (or name) Epiphany, in it's etymology, means: To display, manifest, appearance, coming to light, etc. It is a Christian feast celebrated on January 6. It is an "incarnation of God or a god in earthy form," according to the dictionary. In the supra movie, Epiphany was the daughter of Satan, and her son was the son of Satan! Incarnated "in the person of" the character of Harry "Angel" (played by Mickey Rourke) who was satan who again had a sexual relationship with his (satan's) own daughter.

In so-called Christianity people are deceived into believing that "God" was begotten by an "angel" coming "in unto" a woman. (St. Luke 1:28). In the movie "Angel Heart", the voodoo priestess (named "Epiphany") son was the result of an invisible copulation. What was the message that the writer of the movie was trying to convey? Remember the movie... "Oh God... You Devil?" Two in one.

Christmas can be traced in meaning, back thousands of years before the alleged birth of Christ Jesus 2000 years ago. The "mas" is traced to the Egyptian word "mes" which means "to be born."

It is concatenated with the word "iah" to form the word "Mess-iah" which means "new born god" who was, according to Christians, "Christ."

In the movie "Angel Heart", at the very beginning, we have the scene that takes place above a church. This is symbolic. Satan was very "immaculate" and toying with an egg, in said movie. All this was symbolism.

It was not until 1840 that the first Christmas tree was brought to England from Germany by Prince Albert, soon after his marriage to Queen Victoria. Father Christmas, or Santa Claus, also appeared in Britain in the last century, and started to fill stockings around 1850. There is no record of the flesh of turkeys being eaten in England until 400 years ago, and the first collection of carols or nativity hymns was printed a little earlier, in 1521.

Christmas cards, which swell the coffers of Post Offices and printers more than they do the hearts of their senders and recipients, were first printed commercially in 1946.

Since then, the festive season has become more and more a commercial enterprise. The so-called spiritual message of giving has been swallowed up by the sellers who regard nominal Christians, and their innocent children, as fair game for manipulation. The pressure is to consume, consume and consume, whether or not we need or even desire the products. Today, children are forced by devious methods to harass their parents into buying Christmas gifts they have seen advertised on television. Mass consumption of goods has overtaken spirituality.

The word "Christmas" means "Mass of Christ," or as it came to be shortened, "Christ-mas." It came to non-Christians and Protestants from the Roman Catholic Church. And where did they get it? NOT from the New Testament--NOT from the Bible--NOT from the original

apostles who were personally instructed by Christ--but it gravitated in the fourth century into the Roman Church from paganism.

Since the celebration of Christmas has come to the world from the Roman Catholic Church, and has no authority but that of the Roman Catholic Church, let us examine the Catholic Encyclopedia, 1911 edition, published by that church. Under the heading "Christmas," you will find:

"Christmas *was not* among the earliest festivals of the church...the first evidence of the feast is from Egypt."..."Pagan customs centering around the January calends gravitated to Christmas."

And in the same encyclopedia, under the heading, "Natal Day," we find that the early Catholic father, Origen, acknowledged this truth "...In the Scriptures, no one is recorded to have kept a feast or held a great banquet on his birthday. It is only sinners (like Pharaoh and Herod) who make great rejoicings over the day in which they were born into this world."

Churchgoers, for the most part, have never questioned the origin of any of their common beliefs or practices. Many, if not most, have never thought about checking into the history of a thing via books like encyclopedias.

In the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 1946 edition, has this: "Christmas (i.e., the Mass of Christ)...Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church..." It was not instituted by Christ or the apostles, or by Bible authority. It was picked up afterward from paganism.

The *Encyclopedia Americana*, 1944 edition, says: "Christmas... It was, according to many authorities, not

celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian church, as the Christian usage in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons, rather than their birth..." (The "Communion" which is instituted by New Testament Bible authority, is a memorial of the death of Christ.) "...A feast was established in memory of this event (Christ's birth) in the fourth century. In the fifth century, the Western Church ordered it to be celebrated forever, on the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of sol, as no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed." Sol means "sun", not son."

Now notice! These recognized historical authorities show Christmas was not observed by "Christians" for the first two or three hundred years--a period longer than the entire history of the United States as a nation! It got into the Western, or Roman Church, by the fourth century A.D. It was not until the fifth century that the Roman Church ordered it to be celebrated as an official Christian festival!

Any encyclopedia, or any other authority, will tell you that Christ was not born on December 25. The Catholic Encyclopedia frankly states this fact. It is common knowledge in the coterie of priests and rabbinic.

Then how did this pagan custom creep into the Western Christian world? History is best qualified to reward research.

The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge explains it clearly, in its article on "Christmas": "How much the date of the festival depended upon the pagan Brumalia (December 25) following the Saturnalia (December 17-24), and celebrating the shortest day of the year and the 'new sun'...cannot be accurately determined. The pagan Saturnalia and Brumalia were too deeply entrenched in popular custom

to be set aside by Christian influence... The pagan festival with its riot and merrymaking was so popular that Christians were glad of an excuse to continue its celebration with little change in spirit and in manner"

Christian preachers of West and the Near East protested against the unseemly frivolity with which Christ's birthday was celebrated, while Christians of Mesopotamia accused their Western brethren of "idolatry and sun worship for adopting as Christian this pagan festival."

Remember, the Roman world had been pagan. Prior to the fourth century, "Christians" were few in number, though increasing, and were persecuted by the government and by pagans. But, with the advent of Constantine as emperor, who made his profession of Christianity on the equal footing with paganism, people of the Roman world began to accept this now-popular Christianity by the hundreds of thousands.

But remember, these people had grown up in pagan customs, chief of which was this idolatrous festival of December 25th. It was a festival of merrymaking, with its special spirit. They enjoyed it! They didn't want to give it up!

Now this same article in the New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge explains how the recognition by Constantine of Sunday, which had been the day of pagan sun worship, and how the influence of the pagan Manichaeism, which identified the "son with the physical "sun", gave these pagans of the fourth century, now turning over wholesale to "Christianity," their excuse for calling their festival date of December 25th (birthday of the SUN-god), the birthday of the SON of God.

And that is how "Christmas" became fastened on

the Western world! We may call it by another name, but it's the same old pagan sun-worshipping festival still! The only change is in what you call it! You can call a rabbit a "lion," but it's still a rabbit, just the same.

Again from The Encyclopaedia Britannica: "Certain Latins, as early as 354, may have transferred the birthday from January 6th to December 25, which was then a Mithraic feast...or birthday of the unconquered SUN...The Syrians and Armerians, who clung to January 6th, accused the Romans of sun worship and idolatry, contending...that the feast of December 25th, had been invented by disciples of Cerinthus..."

Baptists, etc., got Christmas from the Roman Catholics, and they got it from paganism, where did the pagans get it? Where, when, and what was its real origin? It is a chief custom of the corrupt system denounced all through Bible prophecies and teachings under the name of Babylon. And it started and originated in the original Babylon of ancient Nimrod, according to history.

Nimrod built the Tower of Babel, the original Babylon, ancient Nineveh, and many other cities. He organized this world's first kingdom. The name Nimrod, in Hebrew, is derived from "Marad," meaning "he rebelled."

From many ancient writings, considerable is learned of this man, who started the great organized worldly apostasy from God, that has dominated this world until now. Nimrod was so evil, it is said he married his own mother, whose name was Semiramis. After Nimrod's untimely death, his so-called mother-wife, Semiramis, propagated the evil doctrine of the survival of Nimrod as a spirit being. She claimed a full-grown evergreen tree sprang overnight from a dead tree stump, which symbolized the springing forth unto new life of

the dead Nimrod. On each anniversary of his birth, she claimed, Nimrod would visit the evergreen tree and leave gifts upon it. December 25th was the birthday of Nimrod. This is the real origin of the Christmas tree.

Through her scheming and designing, Semiramis became the Babylonian "Queen of Heaven," and Nimrod, under various names, became the "divine son of heaven." Through the generations, in this idolatrous worship, Nimrod also became the false Messiah, son of Baal the Sun-god. In this false Babylonish system, the "Mother and Child" (Semiramis and Nimrod reborn) became chief objects of worship.

This worship of "Mother and Child" spread all over the world. The names varied in different countries and languages. In Egypt it was Isis and Osiris. In Asia, Cybele and Deoious. In pagan Rome, Fortuna and Jupiter. Even in Greece, China, Japan, Tibet, is to be found the counterpart of the Madonna long before the birth of Christ!

Thus, during the fourth and fifth centuries, when the pagans of the Roman world were "accepting" the new popular "Christianity" by the hundreds of thousands, carrying their old pagan customs and beliefs along with them, merely cloaking them with Christian-sounding names, the Madonna and "Mother and Child" idea also became popularized, especially at Christmas time.

Every Christmas season you'll hear sung and chanted dozens of times the hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night, " with its familiar "Mother and Child" theme. We, who have been born in such a babylonish world, reared and steeped in these things all our lives, have been taught to revere these things as holy and sacred. We never questioned to see where they came from--whether they came from the Bible, or from pagan idolatry!

The real origin of Christmas goes back to ancient Babylon. It is bound up in the organized apostasy which has gripped a deceived world these many centuries! In Egypt, it was always believed that the son of Isis (Egyptian name for "Queen of Heaven") was born December 25th. Paganism celebrated this famous birthday over most of the known world for centuries before the birth of Christ.

Thus the ancient idolatrous "Chaldean Mysteries," founded by this wife of Nimrod, have been handed down through the pagan religions under new Christian-sounding names.

Now where did the masses get this mistletoe custom? Among the ancient pagans the mistletoe was used at this festival of the winter solstice because it was considered sacred to the sun, because of its supposed miraculous healing power. The pagan custom of kissing under the mistletoe was an early step in the night of revelry and drunken debauchery--celebrating the death of the "old sun" and the birth of the new at the winter solstice. Mistletoe, sacred in pagan festivals, is a parasite!

Holly berries were also considered sacred to the sun-god. The yule log is in reality, the "sun log." "Yule" means "wheel" a pagan symbol of the sun. Yet today professing Christians speak of the "sacred Yuletide season"!

Even the lighting of fires and candles as a Christian ceremony is merely a continuation of the pagan custom, encouraging the waning sun-god as he reached the lowest place in the southern skies!

The Encyclopedia Americana says: "The holly, the mistletoe, the yule log... are relics of pre-Christian times" - of paganism!

The book, "Answers to Questions", compiled by Frederick J. Haskins, found in public libraries, says: "The use of Christmas wreaths is believed by authorities to be traceable to the pagan customs of decorating buildings and places of worship at the feast which took place at the same time as Christmas. The Christmas tree is from Egypt, and its origin dates from a period long anterior to the Christian Era".

What about Santa Claus, one might inquire...surely dear old Santa Claus is not a creature of pagan birth? But he is, and his real character is not benevolent and holy as many suppose.

The name "Santa Claus" is a corruption of the name "St. Nicholas," a Roman Catholic bishop who lived in the 4th century. Look in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, volume 19, pages 648-649, 11th edition, where you'll read: "St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, a saint honored by the Greeks and Latins on the 6th of December... A legend of his surreptitious bestowal of dowries on the three daughters of an impoverished citizen... is said to have originated the old custom of giving presents in secret on the Eve of St. Nicholas (December 6), subsequently transferred to Christmas day. Hence, the association of Christmas with Santa Claus..."But, there is more to St. Nick!

Santa Claus is colloquialism for St. Nicholas. But St. Nick is no saint. Not by any means. Check out the meaning of "St. Nick", its the prototype for "Satan".

The Dutch name for Santa Claus is "Sinter Klaas". He is recorded in history as a 4th century bishop who became the Russian patron saint of children, bankers, pawn broker, and thieves. In Holland "Old Nick" was the appellation of Satan who was depicted as a stern old man who rode across the frozen land on a goat

with a whip for bad children.

In Spain, Sinterklass (from which we get the English form Santa Claus) is accompanied by a moor (i.e. Black person) known as "Black Peter".

In Amsterdam, Sinterklass makes an annual festive ride through the streets astride a white horse while Black Peter, in a colorful costume, cavorts mischievously and clownish with the youth in the crowded streets, giving them hard cookies called "ginger nuts".

Black Peter is a very ambiguous character in the Sinterklass scenario. He does the actual work of descending chimneys while Sinterklass remain up on the roof. We see in this depiction a very familiar stereotype. In deed, the historical break-down of Santa Claus and Christmas is profound. Kris Kringle is said to be the personal name of Santa Claus. The word "Kris" is a play on the name "Christ". In Greek "Krisis", from which comes the word "crisis"; means: "decision, to decide". Hence, the name implies the deciding clause or cause".

Through the year, parents punish their children for telling falsehoods. Then, at Christmas time, they themselves tell their children this "Santa Claus" lie! Is it any wonder many of them, when they grown up and learn the truth, begin to believe God is a myth, too?

The most visible item one witness during so-called Christmas is the Christmas tree. Listen to what the Bible says about it...

Jeremiah 10:2-6 "Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen...For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and

with hammers, that it move not". There we have a perfect description of the Christmas tree, termed by the Eternal as "the way of the heathen--the customs of the people."

We are commanded not to learn that way or follow it! It is also viewed in this passage as idolatry. The fifth verse shows that these trees cannot speak--cannot walk--must be carried. "*Be not afraid of them; for they (the trees) cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.*" They are not gods to be feared. Some people misread this to make it say there is no harm in having a Christmas tree, but that is not what it says. The words "learn not" are clear.

Jesus said: "*In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*" (Matt. 15:9). Christmas observance is a tradition of pagans and not the commandments of God. That is precisely what the millions are doing today. They ignore the commandment of God regarding taking the customs of the pagans and using them to honor or allegedly worship God. Most people today take that command of God lightly, or as having no validity whatsoever, and follow the tradition of men in observing Christmas. This against God's will.

Christmas has become a commercial season. It's sponsored, kept alive, by the heaviest retail advertising campaigns of the year. You see a masqueraded "Santa Claus" in many stores. Ads keep the masses deluded and deceived about the "beautiful Christmas spirit." The newspapers, who sell the ads, print flowery editorials exalting and eulogizing the pagan season, and its "spirit." Gullible people have become so inoculated, many take offense when told the truth. But the "Christmas spirit" is created each year, not to honor Christ, but to sell merchandise! Like all Satan's delusions, it appears as an "angel of light," is made to appear

good. Billions of dollars are spent in this merchandising spree every year, while the cause of Christ suffer! It's part of the economic system of Satan.

African Americans have little or no control over the billions of dollars that is spent by us, on Christmas. Where does it all go? There is no benefit from said dollars in our communities which look like ghost towns or slaughter house. The monies spent by African Americans with sheer prodigality could ameliorate the blighted conditions in the ghettos.

America professed to be "Christian" nation, but Americans for the most part, are in Babylon, and don't know it! Come out of her, people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues (which is spend-thrift virus, and various other diseases). The merchants and manufacturers spend millions on advertisement to coerce John Q. Public to throw away billions into their coffers via insane spending spree's - see Bible (2-Peter 2:3/Luke 15:11-16) and Quran (17:26-29/25:67).

From now on, why not put that money into God's work? Feed the hungry, help the poor, and by poor we mean morally, intellectually, spiritually, financially, etc., then Insha-Allah, you will have earned a happy new year.

Imam Yaqub A. A. Bilal, a research scientist per excellent, during various dialogues related to me some of his findings on the Santa Claus fellow who has eclipsed Jesus on the 25th of December. Imam Bilal's study into etymology and semantics educed some enlightening facts, not only on Santa Claus, but on soap opera's and how they reflect trends and traits found in society at large.

We have all heard the songs of Christmas. They

all contain symbolic meanings and racial projections. One of those songs is about a fat man in a red suit..."Santa Claus is coming to town..." goes the lyrics of a song we all have heard. You'd better watch out..." are also lyrics of the same song. The latter is a warning to the wise. Why?

History, which is best qualified to reward all research, tells us many things not taught today. The science of etymology, a science most African-American know least about, informs us of the authentic meaning of words, names etc. Etymology and history give us a lucid insight into "Santa Claus."

Santa Claus' nickname is "St. Nick" which means, according to Webster's research... "the devil." Note the prefix "St." in the "nick" name. Devil - a saint...? "Santa Claus" - the devil...? We all should pursue the matter.

When mental acumen is employed, one can clearly see devil in the name "Santa." What happens when the "n" is moved from the middle of the word and placed at the end of it...? What word or name do you find? Webster states that "Santa Claus" is a corrupt name." The name "Saint Nicholas," according to Webster, is not a positive appellation. "Santa Claus" and "Satan" are one. The Bible (2 Corin. 11:14, 15) states that "*Satan is transformed into an angel of light*" - that's Santa.

In a speech imparted in 1882, by Frederick Douglas, commenting on the plantation experiences during Christmas time. He relates. . . . "The days, between Christmas and New Year's we allowed the slaves as holidays, during these days all regular work was suspended, and there was nothing to do but keep fires and look after stock. We regarded this time as our own by the grace of our masters, and we, therefore, used it or

abused it as we pleased." He goes on to state . . . "The holidays were variously spent. The sober, industrious one employed themselves in manufacturing combs, mats, horse collars and baskets, and some of these were very well made." This shows that all slaves were not frivolous.

Mr. Douglas went on to say . . . "But the majority spent the holiday in sport, ball-playing, wrestling, boxing, running foot-races, dancing and drinking whiskey, and the latter mode was generally most agreeable to their masters." Ponder that for a moment and reflect on today. He continued to report. . . "A slave who would work during the holidays was thought by his master underserving of holidays. . . Not to be drunk during the holidays was disgraceful. Think about that, and look at the current demeanors of our people during Christmas today.

Frederick Douglas recalled. . . "We were induced to drink, I among the rest, and when the holidays were over we all staggered up from our filth and wallowing, took a long breath and went away to our various fields of work, feeling upon the whole, rather glad to go from that which our masters had artfully deceived us into the belief was freedom, back again to the arms of slavery." Christmas. . . Whose Christmas? Scan the business world of merchants and merchandise and you will easily spy a particular religious/ethnic coterie, who ironically, do not believe in Christmas nor Christianity, who is saying Ho, Ho, Ho. . . all the way to their banks. They are the one who relish a merry Christmas every year for lucrative reasons. To them, it makes "dollars and cents".

Santa Claus has and employs "reindeer" to visit the homes of human beings. He has a bag full of "toys." What are toys? Toys are tools or trash, according to the etymology of the word. What are tools used for...?

What is a rein-deer?" The "rein" is from Latin word "retinere" which means: "to hold back." Reins are used by a rider to govern a horse or other animal. The word rein also means according to Webster, "a curbing"; "a check"; "hindrance"; "position of command..."; "to direct"; "guide"; control."

The term - "to give free rein to" means to "give free play to"...i.e. the imagination. "Reins" means also..."the seat of the feelings or passions.. The word "deer," in its root meaning, means "beast"; "wild animal."

When "rein" and "deer" are concatenated, a beast or wild animal that is directed or guided or free, comes into reality. If a beast or wild animal is directed or guided, there is much to consider under the caption of positiveness... and negativeness. Some wild animals are guided and directed to do evil or harm to people. So the question is "Guided or directed by whom and to do what?" There isn't much good a beast or wild animal can do...even when guided.

It is lucid that if a wild animal is rendered free rein or let loose to move about without any control..."you'd better watch out..." Be careful.

SANTA IS SATAN

Santa Claus is Satan. How would Satan use a beast or wild animal How would Satan use the "seat of feeling or passion" (the heart)? For good or evil? The Bible (Gen. 3:1) states that *Satan is the most subtle of all beasts.*

When the names of Santa's, or Satan's, reindeer are analyzed, we find hidden direction for the masses. Insidious desires are quickened.

The Qur'an directs the wise to reflect and to ponder. Reflect means to "look again." Ponder means to "weigh in the mind" or "carefully check out a thing so nothing important escapes attention." Shall we...? Let's.

One of the reindeer is named "Dancer." What does "Dancer" mean? It means "to perform, to a rhythmic and patterned succession of movements, commonly to music." Dancer is "dance" actualized. Look into society, do we see this "reindeer?" What type of music are such deer dancing to? Who authored the notes (a note is a message)? Is it not music designed to allow or direct the "animal nature" in low-minded people to run wild or free?

Listen to some of the titles of the songs people dance(r) to... "Freak-Out!"; "I Want To Do Something Freakish To You"; "Get Down On It"; "Shake your Boody"; "Cold Blooded"; "Help Yourself to My Love"; "Nasty Girl"; etc. These were "hits" in the late 70's and early 80's..

Look at the word "Disco." In it we find the name of the Roman god of the Underworld - "Dis." A record is "Dis(c)." "Dis" is a prefix meaning: "deprived of"; "cease"; "fail"; etc.

The first part of the appellation "Dancer" is "dan." The Bible (Gen. 49:17) states that "dan" deported himself like Satan. Dan bite the "heel" of the mount of the rider and induces the "rider" to "fall backward. Achilles heel is a sign of one's vulnerability. "Dan is an "adder in the path" of the human being. Dan is a snakish demeanor in people.

The Qur'an (7:10-17) states that Iblis promised the Creator that he would lie in wait for the human being. Iblis said he would lie in the path of the human being and influence said from the left, right, before and behind.

Such is the case.

Dancer is Dan active in society. The heel or lowest part of the person, the animal Nafs, causes the intelligence to fall backward (not forward). The Qur'an (25:43) covers this.

"Comet" is another reindeer driven by Santa Claus (Satan). In its etymology it means...."long haired." Webster states that it means..."an irregular body in form, that's luminous, and follows an orbit..." This is also a trend in society. "Long hair" is common in society today. But note what the Bible (1-Corin. 11:14) says about it. Look at the shame in this society. Hair also has a spiritual/intellectual meaning--it's esoteric or symbolic.

"Cupid," another reindeer; this is the name of the Roman god of "erotic love." Being strongly affected by "sexual desire." Look at all the rape and lewdness in society. Today the words "love" and "sex" and "sleep" and "bed" are synonymous.

"Dasher," another reindeer. This means "to affect by mixing in something different." The Bible (St. Matt. 16:6-12) states ..."beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees"...i.e. their doctrine. Bread in scripture mean religious teaching. When Jesus "broke bread" with his followers meant that he "broke down" religious symbolism to their understanding.

"Prancer," another reindeer; this means..."sublimely pleased with oneself." A prancer is an show-off. Pretentious. This trend is debilitating the African-American. When one is pleased with self, such one doesn't see the need for self-improvement.

"Donner," another reindeer. To don means "to envelop oneself in." Another trend in society. People

have become thoroughly involved in wrong-doing. Let it all hang out... do your own thing. Self-destruct.

"Blitzen," another reindeer. What is a blitz? Webster states... "a rush of the passer by the defensive linebackers..." This trend is seen in the frequent bombardment of the minds with concepts which cause the masses to respond more easily to corruption. The Bible alludes to this reality (2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 Peter 5:8; Colossians 2:8).

"Vixen," another reindeer; Vixen is a shrewd female of loose morals. Vixen also means an ill-tempered woman. Woman in scriptural language means society. None can negate the fact that this society of America is one of loose and ill morals!

"Rudolph," another reindeer. The leader of them all. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." There is a special song about this reindeer. There is also a song about the "Little Red Caboose behind the train." Red Nose and Red Caboose - one up front and one behind...

Is there a connection? Remember the promise of Iblis...? "Red" represents passion. One of the meanings of "rein" is the "seat of passions or feelings." Rudolph means "reddish." Here is a reindeer with a name that means "red" and, with a red nose. When one's "nose is open," it means "passions" are affected or "feelings" are open to influences. The nose of society at large is wide open to Satan's influences. Satan is Santa and is the driver of the evil trends at large in society.

The Santa Claus story in scripture is lucid to the wise (Hosea 4:6-14). The Reindeer all represent social trends (Jer. 5:26-28). The merchants are pointed out clearly. They surely wax fat off the dollars and cents of the gullible masses. A red nose and (Satan) a red body.

Is all this coincidental?

Santa Claus is said to enter the homes via chimneys. But when we ponder the word "clause-trophobia" this becomes dubious at best. The word "chimney" means furnace or "fireplace." Fire is "red" and "hot" and Satan's said familiar residence. Santa is fat (Philippians 3:19) - this same attitude and appetite is common in society.

As the Christmas song goes..."...You'd better watch out...Santa Claus is coming to town...He knows when you are sleeping...He knows when you are awake." So? "So be good for goodness sake." (Holy Qur'an 39:35-41). Allahu-Akbar. Please don't miss the part "he knows when you are sleeping" and "he knows when you are awake." Satan induce the deep, hypnotic trance suffered by humanity today.

Tradition says that St Nicholas restored to life three slain children who had been hacked to pieces and stored in brine by a wicket innkeeper. He is also reportedly to have saved three young maidens from being sold into slavery as prostitutes by their father, through secretly providing three bags of gold for their marriage dowries. Thus, the three balled or three belled emblem of pawnbroker became one of St. Nicholas sacred symbols. This dubious 4th century bishop of Myra eventually became the patron saint of Russia. He was also designated the patron of pawnbrokers and thieves. During the middle ages in Europe thieves were called "clerks of St. Nicholas."

"The celebration of St. Nicholas' festival which took place December 6, the supposed date of his death was banned by Henry VIII when he founded the Church of England. Later in English history the festival was resumed when Queen Victoria married the German Prince Albert at which time St. Nicholas became Father

Christmas", cites Rev. Ishakamusa Barashango in his book "African People and European Holidays: A Mental Genocide" Book I, pg. 71.

CHAPTER 3

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving has many symbolic meanings. For over 200 years the descendants of the first Europeans, and the progeny of their slaves, have been deluded regarding so-called Holidays. Since July 30, 1621, a celebration termed "Thanksgiving day" has been set aside to acknowledge the alleged migration of wan pilgrims to what is now called America.

In 1621, Governor Bradford of Massachusetts issued a proclamation decreeing a feast of celebration to commemorate the gathering of the first harvest of the pilgrims who landed in 1620. The celebration lasted, according to history, for three days.

According to Rev. Ishakamusa Barashange, in his book "Afrikan people and European Holidays: A Mental Genocide" book I, page 2, "...The general historical background of Thanksgiving Day is rooted in the Protestant Reformation which began in 1517 and included The Thirty Year War". He goes on to state "The thirty years war was set in motion when one group of Europeans calling themselves Protestants threw another group of European known as Catholics out of a castle window in Parque, Bohemia in the year 1618."

Rev. Ishakamusa Barashango contends that one must begin the study of the origins of "Thanksgiving Day" at the point where England became embroiled in bitter controversy with Rome which takes us back to the reign of the gluttonous and insatiably frivolous Henry the VIII." *ibid.* P.2.

The Protestant Reformation, those who protested against the Roman Papacy and deemed themselves to be "The purifiers of the European religion commonly mis-nomered Christianity", began to grow in recognition by the state when Henry the VIII fancied that it could be a vehicle to help him achieve personal aims, "The primary one being to divorce his present wife Catherine of Aragon and marry the young Ann Boleyn."

In continuation, Rev. Barashango stated . . ."It became necessary for Henry the VIII to renounce the Roman Papacy (the Pope of Rome) and declare himself sole protector and supreme head of the church and clergy of England. This he did because the Pope had refused to grant him his divorce" *ibid* p.3.

The Anglican church of England was established by Henry the VIII. He appointed Thomas Crammer as Archbishop of Canterbury. "The new ecclesiastical head in gratitude and under Henry's command quickly annulled the marriage to Catherine where upon Henry the VIII married Ann Boleyn who bore him the Notorious Queen Elizabeth I. This somewhat dramatic move on the part of Henry the VIII broke the powerful domination that Rome held over England for centuries."

All this lead up to the pilgrims landing in America and the grim history of the systematically destruction of the aborigines of the country and mental genocide of millions of African descendants.

Henry the VIII secured his political hold by impeding the annual paying of tribute to the Pope of Rome. The large sums of monies thereto fore sent to Rome from England now went into his personal royal coffers. He closed down all of the monasteries and convents in England and confiscated the land. The general populous well received the new rule of law because they were

conversant with the "economic waste and hovels of gross immorality and debauchery", states Rev. Barashango in his book, "African People and European Holidays", p3.

In 1547, the obese Henry the VIII died from syphilis and a host of other debilitating diseases. His throne became that of his weak son, Edward the VI. The latter was lethally poisoned at the age of 16. Mary Tudor, the daughter of Henry the VIII and his estranged and deranged wife Catherine succeeded her half brother to the throne of England.

Mary was a pro-Roman, a so-called devout Catholic. She endeavored to revise the reforms set in motion by the English parliament and her Dad Henry the VIII, which had separated the Church of England politically and economically from Rome. As a dire result, more than 500 Protestant leaders, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, were murdered thus earning this monarch the appellation of "Bloody Mary". The popular vodka and tomato juice mixture is named in her honor, or dishonor, which ever the case may be.

The Protestant revolution, however, survived the Catholic persecution during the bloody reign of Mary Tudor. It regained its momentum during the reign of Elizabeth I, the so-called virgin Queen after which the state of Virginia is named.

Elizabeth I was the daughter of Henry the VIII and Ann Boleyn whom Henry had beheaded in 1538. Yes, he had his own wife's head cut off. By the end of Elizabeth's reign the majority of the people in England adhered to the protest movement now called "Protestant". Elizabeth died after ruling England for 45 years.

All Protestants were not satisfied with the origi-

nal protest against the church of Rome. Many felt that the established Protestantism retained too much of the Roman Papal dogma. As a result of this discord, another group was born, the party of the Puritans. So named because of their desire to "purify the English Church of all vestiges of Roman Catholicism". This group was further split into three essential schools of thought.

First, there was the Methodist Episcopal Church. Then there was second, the Presbyterian Church and third, the Congregational Church. All of these European religious institutions eventually found their way to America. Enter the Pilgrims.

James Stuart succeeded Elizabeth I, in 1603. He was petitioned by 1,000 or more Puritan leaders of the religious archdiocese hierarchy of the Protestant movement of England to engender a certain reform designed by them. He refused and instead inaugurated a reign of persecution. He, King James, became the authority in the Church. Any act of worship conducted in a manner other than that prescribed by his Church of England, was forbidden by law.

Because of the intensity of religious persecution of one group of Europeans in power against another group with a different school of religious convictions, the latter, in their efforts to avoid said persecution went to Holland and later immigrated to America. This sojourn led one historian to designate them "Pilgrims".

According to historical data it was Dr. John Reynold, one of the Puritan leaders of the Church of England, president of the "Corpus Christi College, Oxford University, "Who suggested that James I could authorize the translation (from Hebrew and Greek) of what was later to become the King James version of the Bible, published in the year 1611. This version is still

believed by many unenlightened people in this day and time to be the most holy and infallible word of God." ibid P.6.

The pilgrims set sail from South Hampton, England in 1620. They were loaded on two ships, the Mayflower and the Speedwell. The latter became unseaworthy and both ships returned to England and docked at the port of Plymouth. The Mayflower set sail again with 102 persons. After a stormy voyage of 66 days, it dropped anchor near Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Prior to disembarking 41 of the males on board had a meeting and signed an agreement known today as the Mayflower compact. These 41 men are referred to in history as the "Pilgrim Fathers" -- it was their families, with 15 slaves, who made the original trip from England. One day after Christmas, in 1620, "The Pilgrims went ashore, fell upon their knees and as Will Rogers says, then fell upon the aborigines", states Rev. Ishakamusa. According to American history and tradition, the pilgrims upon disembarking the Mayflower stepped upon a large boulder, memorialized in U. S. Folklore as Plymouth Rock. This was the Europeans first "piece of the rock", now they own the entire mountain. How did that happen?

At the first Thanksgiving celebration in 1621 there were only six or seven sane people left in the entire Pilgrim colony. The rest were mentally deranged. In J. A. Rogers outstanding book entitled, "Africa's Gift to America" a copious amount of documented information is presented on the Pilgrims and their progeny.

Forty-four Pilgrim Fathers died in the first winter in America and of the survivors, only or seven, according to Governor Bradford, were not insane. "George Thorpe, a highly educated colonist, reported of the pilgrim colony in 1621 "that more do die here of the disease

of the mind than of the body." In the book entitled "The General History of Virginia - Fourth Book," on page 294, it is stated: "Captain John Smith (1580-1631) wrote, so great was our famine that a savage we slew and buried, the poorer sort took him up again and ate him; and so did divers ones another boiled and stewed with herbs. And one amongst the rest did kill his wife, powder her and had eaten part of her". NOTE, the word "savage" was applied by John Smith in reference to an Indian. This terminology was commonly employed by European American in depicting the non-caucasian aborigines of this country who cared for them, fed them, etc. Europeans had the insidious habit of calling all aborigines where ever found - "savages". It is a fact of history that all aborigines in all lands were/are blessed with a highly visible melanin content.

The form of cannibalism demonstrated by the "pious civilized pilgrims" in America was only reminiscent of European deportment in the 16th century and before, in England. The eating of human flesh and the drinking of blood from human skulls was in vogue then and there among the starving masses of Europe. In the book, "From Superman to Man" by J. A. Rogers, on page 45 documentation is imparted from more than one source.

Even prior to the European epoch in England, they were cannibals. In the hills and caves of Europe they were savages in every sense of the word. In the book "The Story of Mankind", by Hendrik William Van Loon, on page 17, it is reported by this European scholar of history that. . . "These earliest ancestors of ours, who lived in the great European wilderness were rapidly learning many new things. it is safe to say that in due course of time they would have given up the ways of savages and would have developed a civilization of their own. But suddenly there came an end to their isolation. They were discovered."

In the supra, it is pointed out that the "earliest" Europeans were "savages". That they had no civilization "of their own". That they were in "isolation" and, they were later on "discovered". The cited book goes on to state . . . "A traveller from an unknown Southland who had dared to cross the sea and the high mountain passes had found his way to the wild people of the European continent. He came from Africa. His home was in Egypt." Here again are some facts that are unknown by the mis-educated masses. The people in Europe were "wild" while at the same time the people in Africa were civilized. The Europeans, while in a savage state of being, were "discovered by an African", who taught them (i.e. Europeans) civilization - even speech and writing.

That, in reality, was the very first European "Thanksgiving day." They came out of Europe, or the caucis mountains, via the country "turkey." The first turkey they ate was the "guinea fowl" of Turkey. According to the book "Dictionary of World Origins", by Joseph T. Shipley, on page 366, "What we now call by this name (i.e. turkey) is native to the new world. The guinea - fowl, known to the ancient Greeks as meleagris, was brought into Europe through Turkey, turkey-cock." NOTE, the bird found it's way into Europe "through Turkey". Who were the "Turks"?

Originally, the turkey was called guinea-fowl because it was brought from Guinea, in Africa. The word "guinea fowl" was kept for the old world and the "turkey" word was transferred to the Thanksgiving table. In the book entitled . . . "Word Origins - and Their Romantic Stories", by Wilfred Funk, Litt. D, on page 179, under the caption "Turkey", we read . . . "so named by error. When the early settlers arrived in America, they saw a wild fowl that reminded them of the turkey-cocks and turkey-hens that they had seen in Europe. That is the guinea fowl of Turkey. So they named these strange American fowl "turkeys", and this

name turkey appears as early as 1607 in the writings of Captain John Smith. Later on, it was discovered that the American variety was an entirely different species, but we still call them turkeys just the same".

The Thanksgiving Day celebration is far more remote than 1621. It goes back, way back, to the time Europeans were taught civilization by African people. The common belief regarding this day is due to miseducation and lies by omission. The true meaning of Thanksgiving day is hidden in the symbols surrounding it.

For a good historical picture of the pilgrims of "From Superman to Man" and "Africa's Gift to America" both by J. A. Rogers. Suffice to say, the word turkey is a misnomer when applied to the fowl eaten in America and elsewhere on "Thanksgiving day". The latter is the first cousin of the buzzard, which is an American vulture of the hawk family of fowls. Birds represent, symbolically, spiritualization of sort and the turkey can't fly. Therein is the alloy allegory.

CHAPTER 4

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is another so-called "holiday" that the masses partake of without knowledge of it's evil history.

On the eve of November 1, children and adults in many locations will dress up as witches, goblins, poltergeists, etc., knock on doors, and announce "trick or treat." Some will tear down mailboxes, paint cars other than their original colors, dig up flowers, etc. Juvenile vandalism will become the order of the night. Halloween is the strangest of all so-called holidays in the Christian customs.

To perpetuate the spirit of Halloween with its frolicking fun and pernicious escapades, stores - a month or so prior - fill their shelves and windows with black and orange masks, pumpkins and other gaudy decorations to attract the eye. Even some older simpletons indulge in the frivolity.

But where did Halloween come from? Why is it celebrated as a holiday? Where did the custom of "trick or treat" originate? Did Jesus (A.S.) or any other prophets observe or sanction it?

According to a book entitled Halloween Through Twenty Centuries, by Ralph Linton, page 4, the earliest Halloween celebrations were held by the Druids in honor of Samhain, Lord of the Dead, whose festival fell on November 1." According to "Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th Ed., V. 12, pp. 857-8, "It was a Druidic belief that

on the eve of this festival, Saman, Lord of Death, called together the wicked souls (spirits) that within the past 12 months had been condemned to inhabit the bodies of animals."

Halloween is a pagan holiday, a pagan celebration. In the book, Highland Superstitions, by Alexander MacGregor, on page 44, it is stated regarding Halloween. . . "It was the night for the universal walking about of all sorts of spirits, fairies, and ghosts, all of whom had liberty on that night." Literal sacrifices were offered on this night to the spirits of the dead; when, so the belief went, they visited their earthly haunts and their enemies.

It was a pagan belief that on one night of the year the souls of the evil dead returned to their original homes, there to be entertained with food. If food and goodies were not provided, these evil spirits, it was believed, would cast spells and cause havoc toward those failing to fulfill their requests. It was treat, or be tricked. . . sometimes out of one's life.

There was a reason why November was chosen for this leifmotif, sinister, apparitional event. The Celts and other northern pagan people considered the beginning of November as their new year. This was the time when the leaves were falling and a general seasonal decay was taking place everywhere. They reasoned November to be the fitting time for the commemoration of the dead.

"There was a prevailing belief among all nations that at death, the souls of good men were taken possession of by good spirits and carried to paradise, but the souls of wicked men were left to wander in the space between the earth and moon, or consigned to the unseen world. These wandering spirits were in the habit of haunting the living. . . But there were means by which

these ghosts might be exorcised." (Folklore, by James Napier, p.11.)

To exorcise these ghosts, that is, to free yourself from their supposed evil sway, you would have to set out food, give the demons a treat, and provide shelter for them during the night. If they were satisfied with your offerings, it was believed they would leave you in peace. If not, they would "trick" you by casting an evil spell on you.

In this enlightened age, with ignorance and superstition supposedly of banished, we find so-called educated and religious people still partaking among Christians and so-called intellectuals in their circle. Their children, masked as demons and witches and goblins and ghosts, etc., hectic night of foolishness and devilment November 1.

In the book entitled Folklore and Folkstories of Wales, by Marie Traveyan, page 254, it is stated, "In Wales it was firmly believed that on all Hallows' Eve the spirit of a departed person was to be seen at midnight on every crossroad and every stile." The Halloween Festival was strenuously observed throughout the pagan world of Europe. Pagans would pray to their false gods to prevent "demons" and "witches" from molesting them.

In the western world, too, the custom is found. "The Miztecs of Mexico believed that the souls of the dead came back in the twelfth month of the year, which corresponded to our November. On this day of all souls, the houses were decked out to welcome the spirits. Jars of food and drink were set on a table in the principal room, and the family went out with the torches to meet the ghosts and invite them to enter. Then returning to the houses they knelt around the table, and with their eyes bent on the ground, prayed the souls to accept

the offerings." (Adonis, by Frazier, p. 244.)

The heathen world celebrated their Halloween, and although some aspects of its festival varied with each country, the overall pattern and purpose remained the same.

What comes to your mind when thinking about Halloween? Weird and revolting masks. Persons portrayed as witches and ghosts and demons, etc., pumpkins and turnips hollowed out in the shape of eerie-looking faces with lighted candles placed inside to help bring out the frightful side of these carvings - Jack-o-lanterns.

Spider web cakes are baked by the dozen; dough is baked into small figurines resembling witches, etc. for this occasion. Children, dressed up in disquieted costumes, are let loose on the neighbors to do their disruptive thing. Such is surely un-godly.

Pope Boniface IV was given the Roman pantheon, that was wrestled from Barbaric/pagan tribes in 607 A.D. by emperor Phocas. It was dedicated to the pagan goddess Cybele and other Roman deities around 100 A.D. This temple, now falling into the hands of professing Christians, was consecrated to the so-called "virgin/mother of God" and all the saints. (See The Mysteries of All Nations, by Grant, p. 120.) The rededication of the pagan temple to Mary and others occurred in 610 A.D. and an annual festival was instituted to commemorate the event. The date chosen was May 13.

This day became known as "All Saints' Day," a day which prayers were offered for the souls of dead saints. The more prayers were offered, the less they would suffer the interim time in "purgatory." In 834 A.D. the names and dates were changed. "The time of

celebration was altered to November 1, and it was called "All hallow" from where we get the name Halloween; All hallow merely meaning all holy, and the "een" is a contraction of "evening" (Folklore, p. 177.)

The church is aping the pagans in their commemoration. It was a general practice of the Christianized Roman empire and the church to convert the pagan as quickly and on as large a scale as possible. So they co-opted pagan celebrations. Halloween is a result of such expediency.

During a number of discourses with Salim Abdul-Khaaliq, an authentic bibliophile who adhere to the very first divine decree received by prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from the Creator "Iqraa" (i.e. read), a number of publications replete with data on Folklore, Myths, Symbols and other arcane subjects were objectively scrutinized. Said data provided aid in avoiding anachronism.

CHAPTER 5

EASTER

Let's not overlook the event called "Easter." Easter eggs, Easter bunnies, Easter bonnets - what do they have to do with the story of Jesus? Whence comes this "holiday?"

Stop and think for a moment! Can you see any logical connection between brightly colored eggs, cotton-tail rabbits, new hats and the account of the life, the death and resurrection of Jesus?

Certainly no basis exists in the Bible for drawing any such connection. Nor for that matter is there any example in the Bible of Christians attending Easter sunrise services, eating hot cross buns, putting ashes on their foreheads or observing Lent.

Yet Easter is considered the most important Christian holiday. It is supposed to be the high point of the religious year. Why then are we unable to find modern Easter traditions revealed and explained in the Bible as the practice of the Church Jesus founded?

If Easter traditions don't come from the Bible, where do they come from? Should we participate in them? Would Jesus participate in them?

The Meaning of "Easter"

It is no secret. Almost any dictionary or encyclopedia reveals that the word "Easter" is derived from the name of a pagan goddess. For example, Webster's

Collegiate Dictionary shows that the word "Easter" comes from the name of an old Teutonic goddess of spring.

Scholars admit that Easter is the derivation of the word "Eostre," the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess' name. For more than a thousand years before the birth of Prophet Jesus, the Christ (A.S.) of two thousand years ago a pagan festival was connected with this spring goddess. It was the season of the budding of new life- the seemingly resurrection of nature after the dead of winter. It was a feast of regeneration.

Throughout the inhabited world in ancient time, spring festivals and various sex rituals were observed to honor the sun's welcoming rays once again imparting life (summer was coming).

The exaltation of fertility played a prominent part in the festivities now termed "Easter." This is why "eggs" and "rabbits" are a part of the Easter event. Early in pagan history the egg became a symbol for sex and fertility, reproduction, etc. The egg represents also a resurrection and after life and was used to cast magical spells (according to "Funk and Wagnalls Standard Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology and Legend," p. 341). Centuries before Jesus was born, colored eggs were used in pagan religious worship.

The rabbit is among the most fertile of animals. It is included in sex and fertility rites. The rabbit symbolizes abundant life and the fertility of the earth. Rabbits are born with both eyes open and they were sacred to the "open-eyed moon" in Egypt, and thus connected with "Easter," as the date is set with the moon's orbit to this day. The Germans made the hare sacred to the goddess Eastre, and claimed that on Easter eve it would lay eggs for good children - see page 361 of the book "Treasure Of American Superstitions."

Let us consider some other "Christian" customs that have been adopted from heathenism.

Lent and Easter Sunrise Services

One of the many gods of the pagans who has influenced present-day religious practices was Tammuz. It was believed that he died and was resurrected. He was a counterfeit messiah. To mourn his death a period of weeping with intermittent rejoicing was held annually - a kind of Lenten season.

"Among the pagans this Lent seems to have been an indispensable preliminary to the great annual festival in commemoration of the death and resurrection of Tammuz, which was celebrated by alternate weeping and rejoicing" (Hislop's The Two Babylons, p. 105).

That's where Lent came from. There are certainly no instructions in the Bible that Christians should observe it. Nor is there any biblical authority for the practice of attending Easter sunrise services either. In fact, the Bible shows just the opposite!

Ezekiel wrote: "*He (God) said also to me, "You will see still greater abominations which they commit". . . and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz (period of "Lent"!)*. Then He said to me, "*Have you seen this, O son of man? You will see still greater abominations than these*" . . . (There) were about twenty-five men, with their backs to the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east, worshipping the sun toward the east" (Ezekiel) 8:13-16, RSV).

What Ezekiel saw was the observance of a Lenten period and a sunrise service. Such heathen practices God called "*abominations*." Yet many Christians imitate them.

Hot Cross Buns and the Easter Ham

"The traditional foods of Easter supper are also steeped in ancient legend. The hot cross buns, believed by many to be a purely Christian emblem, were baked with crosses - a pagan symbol - long before it had any Holy Week significance. The first crosses appeared on cakes associated with the worship of the Greek goddess Diana. Let us not forget the pig, which offers its ham as a traditional Easter dish. This animal has always been a symbol of good luck and prosperity among Indo-Europeans."

There is nothing Christian about hot cross buns! (See Jeremiah 7:18, where God once angrily complained to Jeremiah because His people were engaged in family activities involving pagan religious cakes.) Also ponder Ezekiel. Only the Mujeddid can properly construe these strange verses of Bible in their authentic symbolic nature and meanings.

Even the Easter parade has suspicious origins.

"To imitate Nature's emergence in her own gorgeous new attire of delicate green, in ancient times, when Easter was New Year's Day, people cast off their old clothes to start the new year right. Therefore the custom of wearing a new outfit on Easter is a holdover from this time.

"The custom of wearing new clothes prevailed also in northern Europe as it was considered discourteous and therefore bad luck to greet the Scandinavian goddess of Spring, or Eastre, in anything but a fresh garb, since the goddess was bestowing one on the earth. Needless to say, the Easter Parade on Fifth Avenue, New York, is the most famous survival of this old custom.

"There is an old superstition that wearing three new things on Easter assures good luck throughout the year. It is interesting also, that in early times, the Easter "bonnet" was a wreath of flowers or leaves. The circle or crown expressed the round sun and its course in the heavens which brought the return of spring" (A Treasury of American Superstitions, p.362) Yes, the Easter Parade and the Easter bonnet also have roots in heathen traditions!

The word "Easter" is only found in one location in the Bible (Acts 12:4) and that is incorrect according to all Bible scholars. The correct word in more serious translations of the Bible, excluding the version of the pervert King James, is translated "passover."

Notice what the Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th edition article "Easter" says: "There is no indication of the observance of the Easter festival in the New Testament or in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers. . . The first Christians continued to observe the Jewish festivals, though in a new spirit, as commemorations of events which those festivals had foreshadowed. Thus the Passover, with a new conception added to it, of Christ as the true Paschal Lamb and the first-fruits from the dead, continued to be observed."

Easter in pagan Rome and Greece was a time when great sexual orgies took place. The Easter parade was one of virgins ready to indulge in sex. The name "April" means in its etymology "to open up." The rabbit atop some eggs, etc., reinforces the sexual implication in the Easter festival. Rabbits don't lay eggs. Even fowls do not produce colored eggs. All these things have a symbolic meaning.

Very few have reflected on why they believe what they do - why they follow the customs they do, or

from where those customs came. We were born into a world filled with customs. We grew up accepting them without question. Why? Sheep instinct? Well, not exactly.

But by nature we do tend to follow the crowd, whether right or wrong. Sheep follow others to the slaughter. Humans ought to check up where they are going. How they came to believe what they believe, is the belief they hold dear based on sound reasoning or, is it a handed down belief? And if the latter is the case, who was it who came up with that which was handed down?

Remember, the Roman world had been pagan. Prior to the fourth century, Christians were few in number, though increasing, and were persecuted by the government and by pagans. But, with the advent of Constantine as emperor, who made his profession of Christianity in the fourth century, placing Christianity on an equal footing with paganism, people of the Roman world began to accept this now-popular Christianity by the hundreds of thousands.

But remember, these people had grown up in pagan customs, chief of which was idolatrous festivals. These festivals are indulged in today with sheer gusto but few people are aware of their pagan roots.

The Bible contains a section called "The gospel". The gospel has been defined by many as the "good news." However, research avails the fact that it is from the old English "god-spell." Therefore, it really means the "spell of god". To cast a spell is to place mentally into a bewitched state, or trance. When one is in such a state, he or she is not functioning in a clear consciousness. When the Bible (2 Thessalonian 2:3-4) is perused, one can espy the identity of the god who casted the spell of racism, etc. of the people.

In the "gospel" one is firstly made aware of two males, Joseph and Jesus. Joseph was also a major character in the old testament; he was the one sold into slavery in Egypt and could interpret dreams and symbols. Joseph clearly represents "construement or interpretation". In the gospel (St. Luke 2:41-48), Joseph is also Jesus' Father. It was also Joseph of Arimathea (arithmetic, mathematics) who put the body of Christ Jesus into a new tomb (St. Matthew 27:57-60). Mathematics is the science of working with symbols, signs, and exactness.

ALLAH (SWT) clearly states in His last divine writ, The Holy Qur'an (3:7), that it contains clear verses and also allegorical ones. However, ALLAH state that the clear verses are the principle fundamental ones comprising its message.

Allegorical or symbolic messages are everywhere. Symbolism is a slippery subject. Any one symbol may have more than ten interpretations, according to the differing beliefs of those who interpret it. Symbols tap archetypal imagery deep within the mind. Human responses to symbols are artificially learned from the culture, yet also intensely subjective. Consider how one respond to the purely arbitrary symbols of a written language. The alphabetical marks have no relationship whatever to the sounds that they are supposed to represent. Yet, as we read, our minds hear those sound instantly and accurately.

From printed words, letters, to ideas is an enormously complex mental journey that one can make thousands of times a minute as one reads a page of a book. Once one has learned to read, one identify alphabetical symbols with such ease and speed that one can even use reading as a form of relaxation. One mind rest by going through this complicated process of sorting, remember-

ing, identifying, and associating symbol systems.

One of the primary functions of the mind is to associate ideas, people naturally associate many things without regard to their real connections - or lack of them - in the external world. Often, the vaguest kind of resemblance will do to connect a picture with a real form. A stick figure can be readily symbolically seen as a man. The letter M can be symbolically seen as two mountains or nurturing breasts of mother earth. A plain circle can be seen allegorically as the moon, the sun, a wheel, time, the universe, or a cosmic principle of wholeness. The simpler the symbol, the more meaning it can accumulate as it is contemplated and discussed through generations.

A typical example of this is the dove, adopted by so-called Christianity as a symbol of peace and/or the holy ghost. The ancient Hindu paravata and the totem of mother Aphrodite, the dove used to represent female sexual lust, which was once viewed as the prerequisite to all acts of creation. The serpent, which came to represent the devil in "Christianity" tradition yet still retained its ancient pagan healing symbolism, as seen in the hermetic caduceus still used today to symbolize medicine.

CHAPTER 6

SYMBOLISM IN THE WORLD OF BIRDS

According to the Qur'an (5:113) Prophet Jesus (A.S.) made a bird-figure out of clay, breathed into it, and it became a bird - this is symbolism. Angels are pictured as having wings; again, symbolism Qur'an 35:1) and Bible (Malachi 3:1 and 4:2)

Hieroglyphics is the language of pictures. The clearest message comes in the form of a picture. There is an old Chinese saying that "one picture says more than a thousand words." The Honorable W. D. Mohammed has caused us to see and understand that a word is "anything that communicates a message to the mind". The Jesus of two thousand years ago said that, "Man (which means mind), should not live by bread alone but, by every word that proceed out of the mouth of God". The Honorable W. D. Mohammed has caused us to see and understand that the God speaks to man via creation. Everything that is, is a word from God. However, man needs the right mind to construe and teach the words of God in creation.

In emblems and symbols and signs of various human and divine attributes, birds were included in religious and philosophic dialogue and teachings per se. Fishes, reptiles, insects and other animals were and are employed symbolically in scripture and history books. Christianity is all but replete with symbolism taken from so-called pagan societies.

To deal minutely with birds, consider the following cruelty was signified by the buzzard; courage by the

eagle; self-sacrifice by the pelican; and pride by the peacock; and fear by the chicken. The ability of most birds to leave the earth and fly above and aloft toward the source of light has resulted in their being associated with aspiration, purity and beauty. Wings were often added to various terrain creatures in an effort to suggest transcendency. There are numerous American Indian legends that also deal with birds and the origin of the various color of feathers.

The Honorable W. D. Mohammed has taught the wisdom found in the Aztec Indians' religion in the picture of the cactus plant. He has said: "Since this world is made out of a kindergarten mind, the best way is to face reality and bring some pictures." And so it was. He has taught profoundly on how that cactus is a symbol of a particular mind in people - greed. He has dealt at many levels on the meaning in the picture of the cactus. The picture of the cactus, in the Aztec religion, also contains a big bird with a snake in its mouth standing on top of the cactus.

The bird is a symbol of God's ideal man in the earth. The bird was said by the sages of old to partake of a nature superior to other terrestrial creation; and its feathers, because of their sustaining power, came to be accepted as symbols of divinity, courage and accomplishment and power. Gravitation, which is law in the material world, is the impulse toward the center of materiality; levitation, which is a law in the spiritual world, is the impulse toward the center of spirituality. Birds seemingly are capacitated to neutralize the effect of gravity. Men of God, are qualified to elevate their minds above the effects of the world and with truth change it all in accord with the Will of the Creator.

The name dove has been imparted to oracles and to prophets. The authentic name of the dove, according to remote histories, was Jonah or Ionas; it was a very sa-

cred emblem, and at one time almost universally received. It was adopted by the Hebrews, and the mystic dove was regarded as a symbol from the days of Noah by all those who were of the church of so-called Christianity. The dove, accepted by Christianity as the emblem of the Holy Ghost, is an extremely ancient and highly revered pagan yonic emblem. In many of the ancient mysteries it represented the third person of the creative triad, or the fabricator of the world. It was sacred to Astarte, Cybele, Isis, Venus, Juno, Mylitta, and Aphrodite. On the account of its gentleness and devotion to its youth, the dove was looked upon as the embodiment of the maternal instinct. It long has been accepted as a messenger of the divine will, and signifies the activity of God.

Among certain American Indians tribes, the thunderbird is held in peculiar esteem. It is considered divine due to the fact that it is said to live above the clouds; the flapping of its wings causes the rumbling which accompanies storms while the flashes from its eyes are the lightning. In Egypt the hawk was the sacred symbol of the sun; and Ra, Osiris and Horus are often depicted with heads of hawks. In the Greeks' Eleusinian mysteries, a rooster was sacrificed to the gods at the time of entering said. Sir Francis Bacon is supposed to have died as the result of stuffing a fowl with snow. May this not signify Bacon's initiation into the pagan mysteries which still existed in his day? The cockatrice is an interesting study - ponder the Bible (Isa. 14:29 and 59:4,5) - it's a birdsnake three- some.

Both the peacock and the ibis were objects of veneration because they destroyed the poisonous reptiles which were popularly regarded as the emissaries of the internal gods. The Egyptians paid divine honors to the ibis and it was a cardinal crime to kill one, even by accident. The Egyptians declared this bird to be the preserver of crops and especially worthy of veneration be-

cause it drove out the winged serpents of Libya which the wind blew into Egypt. The ibis was sacred to Thoth, and when its head and neck were tucked under its wings its body closely resembled a human heart. (See Montfaucon's Antiquities.)

Nocturnal birds were appropriate symbols of both sorcery and the secret divine sciences: sorcery because black magic cannot function in the light of truth (day) and is powerful only when surrounded by ignorance (night); and the divine sciences because those possessing the arcana are able to see through the darkness of ignorance and materiality. The Honorable W. D. Mohammed once asked the question: "What is fear but ignorance of what actually exists?" Knowledge destroys the bulk of fear and understanding the rest. Imam W. D. Mohammed has said "Knowledge is power. No matter how good and righteous you are, if you don't have knowledge you are weak."

In Masonry, the dove is the symbol of purity and innocence. It is significant that in the pagan mysteries the dove of Venus was crucified upon four spokes of a great wheel, thus foreshadowing the mystery of the crucified Lord Jesus of so-called Christianity. Prophet Muhammad ibn Abdullah of 1400 years ago, according to history, drove the doves from the temples at Makkah; however, occasionally he is seen with a dove on his shoulder that depicted "inspiration". In ancient times the effigies of doves were placed upon the heads of scepters to signify that those bearing them were overshadowed by divine prerogative. In medieval art, the dove frequently was pictured as an emblem of divine benediction.

The Honorable W. D. Mohammed, being conversant with the language in creation is reciting to the world of man much of the authentic meaning of God's lessons in creation. The Holy Qur'an lays emphasis on

observation of the universe and nature. Observation and study are the basis of all science and knowledge. (Peruse Holy Qur'an 45:3-5). One of the first lessons the "Nation of Islam" received was termed "Student Enrollment". The word "student" comes from the word "study". In this lesson we were pointed toward the study of self, history, genetics, physiology, geography, meteorology, biology, mathematics, bronchotomy, religion, etc. The Sufi mystic, Fard Muhammad, knew what he was doing by imparting such lessons. Each struggle or successful revolution offers lessons to others of the same period or afterwards, but neither one is the final word in change. Knowledge has a progression.

Imam W. D. Mohammed is teaching the world of man into natural growth. The signs, symbols, etc., are being lucidly explained. He is well equipped with the knowledge required to construe the principles found in many things. He is well acquainted with science, as his teachings abundantly evince, and he writes and speaks on almost every subject which is comprehended in the circle of human knowledge, and this with matchless accuracy and skill. The world is fastly becoming to admire the penetrating extent of his mind. He is extending the perspectives of man and thus raising the level of aspirations and the method of realizing them. This is the age of quick transition and profound transformation, a time like no other in terms of the depth and dimension.

The light that ALLAH (SWT) has blessed the world of man with in the Holy Qur'an is bigger and better than that remain in the collective remnant of all previous scriptures. The Qur'an's light engenders moral, intellectual, spiritual and financial life for those who adhere to it (47:13& 65:11). The phoenix, in a sense, reflects the ummah of prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Insha'Allah, on the elevator of Qur'an, the ummah is rising again.

Symbolism and allegories and similes and satires, etc., etc., are employed above the heads of most people. The Bible - Daniel (12:8,9) - contains statements that even some prophets did not understand the message they received from the "God" who allegedly revealed the bible for guidance. So it is clear that the masses were/are completely in a maze.

The appellatives of people and places and things have been altered by an arcane coterie of conspirators, designed to rule the M(asses) from an invisible status. The Holy Qur'an (7:27) points this out to the intelligent. It is to the exposure and death of said nefarious endeavors that this work is directed.

I once read a crude definition of intelligence as "the ability to operate effectively with symbols." A meaningful definition of intelligence should also include a capacity for learning in general, for learning at the level of principles, and for symbolic elaboration. Reading, writing and arithmetic all requires learning at the level of principles, the ability to learn in general as well as the ability to operate effectively with symbols.

Imam W. D. Mohammed has been blessed by ALLAH (SWT) with the acumen to decode symbolism in myths and religion and nature. His work signals the rebirth of intelligence in African Americans, Muslims, and deceived humanity in general. He has induced many of us to indulge in research as never before.

In one book, by a very learned Muslim, I read that..."all human perception is a struggle toward meaning and significance. Everything is functional, symbolic or both. This understanding is so important that in some cases those who cannot read and understand the subliminal language of symbolic illusion in western society can be considered functionally illiterate." That's a profound statement that we should all ponder.

No form of human communication can be understood without some degree of consideration of both conscious and unconscious motives of the communicator. In the "religion" of Al-Islam, actions are judged by intentions i.e. motives. What were the conscious and unconscious motives of the writers of the Bible as we have it today? What were the motives, both conscious and unconscious, of the founders of the institutions of learning and their implementation of nursery rhymes as a parody of early childhood education?

If the function of everything is to carry meaning and messages into the mind and to shape, form and structure convictions, values, etc., then anything that does not reveal its meaning to said mind is not designed to reveal it's hidden meaning to the mind. This is due to either the lack of ability, or intent, on the part of the communicator.

A case in point. In the Bible (St. Matt. 13:-14) we find a discourse where Jesus intent is cited by him. He allegedly said in verse 11, that, it was given to a certain group to know certain mysteries but to others, it was not. This clearly bespeaks of a religious conspiracy against the masses---coded under the biblical history of Jesus. This is also seen in the uncivil manner that the Bible (St. Matt. 15:21-27) reports that Jesus dealt with a woman who sought his wisdom.

"The true meaning of deprivation, "is the deprivation of meaning." The objective of things which are deliberately designed without the intent to reveal its meaning is to bereave the receiving mind of meaning. It's objective is to burden or frustrate the intelligence until it is rejected by the will of the individual. That's how Atheists and Agnostic are made.

The object of those who skillfully deals in depri-

vation of meaning is to make the will vulnerable to anything that make pleasurable sense impressions whether validated by intelligence or not. This is a major motive of the senders of such messages. Succeeding in this the senders of the non-sense becomes the ruler of the will which rejects intelligence.

"One of the great figures in the literature of freedom, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, did not fear the power of positive reinforcement. In his remarkable book "Emile" he gave the following advice to teachers:

Let (the child) believe that he is always in control, though it is always you (the teacher) who really controls. There is no subjugation so perfect as that which keeps the appearance of freedom, for in that way one captures volition itself. The poor baby, knowing nothing, able to do nothing, having learned nothing, is he not at your mercy? Can you not arrange everything in the world which surrounds him? Can you not influence him as you wish? His work, his play, his pleasure, his pains, are not all these in your hands and without his knowing? Doubtless he ought to do only what he wants; but he ought to want to do only what you want him to do; he ought not to take a step which you have not foreseen; he ought not to open his mouth without you knowing what he will say," quotes psychologist B. F. Skinner in his book entitled "Beyond Freedom and Dignity" (pp. 37-38).

This is a lucid picture of how "Negroes" were mentally constructed. Imam W. D. Mohammed has pointed out that term "My little Children" in the Bible. It's derisive and a mockery of a people programmed and mis-educated into a host of inferiority complexes. Imam W. D. Mohammed stated in a lecture on May 24, 1981, in Chicago...

"I don't want anybody disciplining me forever like I am a child. We have the same potential, we have

the same capacity for development that every human being has despite what the lying racists have said."

Dr. Carter G. Woodson deals with this problem of designed mental-cide in his book entitled "Miseducation of the Negro." A book which should be read by all African Americans, especially teachers and preachers and parents.

Children are subjected to imput from others. They cannot distinguish between psychological fantasy and psychological reality. During the formative years many ideal foreign to reality are impressed on the mind of the child in the prospective slave society and these foreign ideas become the resource pool of information from which or upon which the subsequent adolescent and adult base their reasoning and judgment, the result of which is false traditions and false institutions.

Truth is reality and reality is truth. Falsehood is an invention. Whenever falsehood is mis-perceived as reality it receives that impression by exploiting truth. A lie is the truth disorganized and placed into an improper relationship (e.g. the bible Genesis states that a serpent spoke with a human voice, perfect dictions, etc.; a serpent is a reality, a human voice is a reality, but a serpent with a human voice is an improper connection -- a lie). Truth can be extracted from falsehood by re-establishing the proper relationship through the destruction of improper relationship. Truth, not Abraham Lincoln, is the great emancipator for all people, especially African-Americans.

Imam Armiya Nu'Man, businessman, family man, spiritual leader, and author came up with some facts regarding the designer jeans phantasm. He clearly showed what delving into research can amass. His research turned up some of the following reflections.

For a couple of decades, the style of "Designer Blue Jeans" in today's fashions has remained vogue. Fashions come and fashions go, as we all know. However, Blue Jeans of designer status are evidently exhibiting derigueur that expedite the aims of the manipulators of the masses successfully, they remain.

The mini-skirt is being reintroduced to support the designer jeans. Both are erogenous attire. This is no accident. The evil manipulators of the m(ass)es has pulled up the dress of women, thereby pulling the wool over the eyes of the ignorant m(ass)es.

Designer jeans highlight the butt of both men and women. At one time in history, it was taboo to look at the posterior of a male. The groin is emphasized when designer jeans are worn. A hint of narcissism is seen in the person who loves to be on display in designer jeans or a mini-skirt. The sicknesses of this age are exploited by homosexual designers in Paris, New York, and California. This is not to say that all designers are perverts - but most are.

Why is so much emphasis put on the human body; the torso, the frame, curvaceousness, instead of the frame of mind that's governing the body...? Why blue jeans instead of dungarees? Why was the name dungarees made less known with the advent of designer jeans? Why the change? Uni-sex fashions are not, fortuitous. It's all by "design."

Why is it vogue to wear somebody else's name on your buttock...? What is this designed to enact in the minds of the m(ass)es of the world? This speaks to the lower inclination of man. It takes the homo sapien out of human form and incites animal passions. Their minds are bent to a low level of thinking. The moral fibre is enervated. The deportment seen on Soul-Train attests to this. The monkey antic and sensuous gyrations are dis-

graceful. There was a hit song called "Da'butt" in 1988.

When the history of dungarees is examined some surprising revelations are found. Dungarees is a Hindu word which meant originally "a course, cotton cloth; specifically blue denim"... "A work trouser or overalls made of this cloth," according to Webster's Dictionary. The root word, "dung" means: "body waste, feces".... A cellar covered with dung, and later a prison (i.e. dungeon) is connected in the word's history.

Dungarees were originally designed to be a covering that provided warmth. Cow dung was/is held in high esteem by the Hindu religion. The bible (Ezekiel 4:9-15) states that God directed human beings to eat "human dung" as cake. Fresh human dung, emitted in view, was decreed for use. Later on, "cow dung" was substituted for preparing bread... The term "Bulls--t and "Holy Cow" is clearly connected to the so-called holy bible.

Where did the name "jeans" come from? And why "blue" jeans? Blue is a deceptive color.... The sky, for example, looks blue but isn't. Ditto, sea water. Words have both implicit and explicit meanings. Words also have esoteric and arcane meanings, meant for a special coterie, mind manipulators who design behavior in the m(ass)es. Let's examine the word "jeans" minutely.

"Jean" according to the dictionary, simply means "a durable cotton cloth in a twill weave, used for work clothes and casual wear. Trousers of this material, often blue, or of denim, flannel, etc." This is from the dictionary. But when we go to the implicit meaning, the meaning that is not given, we can connect the word "jean" with the words "gene" or "Jinn", or "gin" or "Jain". We know that the first word, "gene" relates to the reproductive system of the human being. The

word "Jinn", an Arabic word, relates to the passionate nature or the base-animalistic nature of the human being. And the word "gin" is an alcoholic drink that causes intoxication and excites the passions of the individual. The word "Jain" like the word "dungarees" is Hindu in origin.

The word "Blue" - Not only does it mean a color, but, "Blue" also means, according to Webster, "indecent, risqué; and suggestive." Now connect "Blue" to "Jeans" and you get a picture delineation, if you will. The Bible (2-Peter 2:2) states that words are exploited to manipulate people. Words make people, direct people, kill people, etc.

The evil minds of this world give their "designer" jeans brand names such as Gloria Vanderbilt, Zina, JouJou, Calvin Klein, Jordache, etc. Is this done innocently, or with a hidden motive? When we examine the names of these brands of jeans, we see that the names don't have too good a meaning, and that the meanings fit perfectly into the satanic scheme of things. The name Vanderbilt, comes from two words, "Vandal & bilt". Again, according to Webster, "vandal" means "a person who, out of ignorance or malice destroys or spoils any public or private property especially if it is beautiful or artistic." Vanderbilt would then mean, "one built on destroying and spoiling beauty and art." The human form is nature, beauty, and art. The Creator, Allah Wa Ta Ala, says in the Holy Qur'an, that, "*He made the human form beautiful*". Form means: the shape and structure of a thing, the ideal or intrinsic character of anything, or that which imposes this character; an order or prescribed set of orders, conduct, etiquette, etc.

What's to the brand name "Zina". It appears to be an innocent name, but is it? The name "Zina" is an Arabic word which literally means fornication and adultery." This is the subliminal message in the name: Get

on down! Get low down, dirty, lewd, doggish, etc.

In the name of Jou Jou, we find that this name has African roots. It is from the Hausa language, and it means, an evil spirit, fetish." We know that a fetish is something that abnormally excites erotic feelings. The original name is spelled JuJu. The nescience so-called Africans worshipped JuJu. The Qur'an (25:43) speaks of those who take their passions for gods.

Look at the name "Calvin Klein." Calvin means "bald or bare." Klein comes from "cline" meaning "to learn or bend one's back." So when we put it together, "Calvin Klein," we get to lean or bend one's bald or bareback." And when we see the commercial, that is exactly what the actress is doing. She is bending her back in such a position that only her posterior is pointing upwards! The perfect ten (10) suggestion.

There are many more brand name designer jeans on the market, but we have only dealt with these few just to show you that they have been put on the market for a very specific reason. With the keys that have been provided to us by Imam Mohammed, connections are made; no longer are we in the dark.

If we are going to stop being manipulated by the evil minds that control the fashion industry, etc., we had better start examining the jean industry. We know, however, that there are many more areas yet to be uncovered. This indictment is not to stop people from wearing jeans, no. It is to let you know what the "people manipulators" are doing to you. At one time in our history, plain old Levis were enough to wear, but today, people are spending hundreds of dollars on jeans with someone else's name on them to bring down the good morals of the society. This has got to stop. If you have to wear a name on your pants, you should put your own name on them.

Don't remain in the game of a decayed, degenerated mind that has been pulling our mental strings.

There is a lucid psychological effect of the attire worn by people. From dungarees, to faded out jeans, to designer jeans....what does such progression represent? Just check out the department of the m(ass)es during those times in history, respectively, and the answer will become evident. Insha'Allah.

There is a dire need for human beings to awaken to what satan is doing to their minds and souls via styles, movies, religion, etc. There is a serious need for the re-birth of moral consciousness and human concerns. Man's inhumanity to man is a witness to such need and symbolic baptism won't suffice.

The so-called "born again" Christian still entertain many of their racist, chauvinistic concepts. Their actions belie their claim of being "born again" is just another myth.

The fact is, Christians are not the only ones who say we need to be born again. Most primitive societies believe the same. Their rituals attest to it. We see it in the things they believed prior to Christianity. Being born again -- natural birth -- apparently is not enough for them, for their rites of initiation are full of actions and gestures that symbolize rebirth.

We do not intend to degrade so-called Christianity by proving that said is only another piece of mythology in need of construent. But the fact of the matter is, there exists a surprising amount of this mythology, and all of it points in the same direction. Something that should demand to be explained.

If Christians were the only ones to say this, we

would have the problem of "Christianity say this, and psychology says that, and who are you to believe?" So let us look elsewhere for corroboration. If the things Christianity says about human nature are true, we should expect to find supporting evidence for it among people who are not Christian.

The most common initiation ritual is running the gauntlet: a candidate runs through a tunnel formed by two parallel lines of men who hit him with switches as he goes. If you concentrate on the blood and bruises and "primitiveness" of this ceremony, you will have missed the main point: birth is a traumatic and bloody business. You can't expect a rebirth to be a tame affair like being fitted for a new suit.

In the Christian Ahadith (i.e. Bible) it is reported that one is to be transformed by the renewal of one's mind. In the Holy Qur'an (2:138) we are reminded of the color of ALLAH'S directives; color here represents life's interest, appearance, visual perception that enable one to differentiate right from wrong. In a hadith, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) directs us to re-create ourselves with the building attributes of ALLAH (SAW).

Among some tribes in New Guinea, initiation consists of crawling into the open mouth of a crocodile and out the other end. I hasten to add that it is a dead crocodile, and its tail has been cut off. But enough blood and entrails are left inside to ensure that the youngster will know he has taken an extraordinary passage. In the Pacific Northwest, Indian boys must go into a sweathouse as part of the ceremony and sweat themselves down until they are supple enough to squeeze outside through a small hole in the wall. Other tribes in other parts of the world have initiatory huts set off in the bush or jungle where the initiates are confined for weeks or months as in a womb. I think the symbolism is clear.

Now all of this may seem a far cry from the Christian practice of Baptism, but the same instinct is there. And this goes right down the line, even to the conviction that to have real life in you, you have to first die to yourself. This is why some people bury their candidates for adulthood in shallow graves covered with leaves. And this is why the Bantu have a ceremony called "Being Born Again". in which a boy, prior to circumcision, is wrapped by his father in the stomach membrane of a ram and remain there for three days. They even bury their dead in the fetal position.

Being born again has nothing to do with an adjustment but with a transformation; not with just getting a tune-up but with getting a new engine, or new mind and heart. Peruse A Qur'an (13:11/55:1-4).

Nicodemus, who like all the Pharisees was a scholarly man, had a great deal of trouble with the idea: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" The answer of primitive man to that question is surprisingly like the answer of primitive Christianity. Impossible and preposterous as it may sound, it is a thing that ought to be done, if only symbolically.

I don't wish to be misconstrued, however, as saying that symbolism is nothing new, only a variation of an old theme. It represents something radically new in the universe: a revolution, in fact. People could figure out for themselves that something was wrong with them, something so twisted that it called for a new birth; but they could never have guessed the whole story or how the thing really was to be done. "When Al-Islam appeared, it came with the message that the transformation people had been yearning for since antiquity could actually be accomplished, not just in symbol but in reality.

My point is that what Al-Islam brought to the world was natural. What it offered man was the completion of nature, not something foreign to it. And almost everywhere they were given the choice, pagan and primitive people accepted Al-Islam in place of their old beliefs. It gave them, and in detail, the things their nature told them ought to be there. If, by contrast, many scholarly people find Al-Islam a stumbling block, it may be because they no longer listen to the voice of their nature but only to the sound of theories and myths, or that authentic Al-Islam is unknown to them.

We are not dealing with so-called original sin, we are only dealing with the "born again" symbolism that Christians are misunderstanding and claiming. Sin is not passed on by DNA, etc. Sin is the violation of the laws of the creator (1-John 3:4). This is why no one can die for the sins of someone else (Ezekiel 18:19-21). Jesus was to save "His people from their sins" (St. Matt. 1:21). The word Matthew uses is the Greek word "Hamartion", which means literally "Missing the mark". The Holy Qur'an concur with this (Chapter 1:7).

Christian, like the primitive man, thinks there is something wrong with his nature. So in primitive societies, just as in Christianity, we find this desire to put away the old self and begin everything anew. Often the candidate for initiation will be given a new name to signify both his new identity and the death of his former self. If you tell him instead that all he really needs is a better self-concept, he will listen carefully -- politeness is a mark of maturity in most tribal societies - but he won't believe a word of it.

We needn't go to the ends of the earth to find people who aren't pleased with the self they have become; a walk down certain of our city streets will usually turn up any number of discontents. It is sometimes frightening to see them - the runaways, the alcoholics,

the addicts, the prostitutes, the pornography seekers - but they have a lesson to teach us. Most men "lead lives of quiet desperation," here we see a louder desperation. What are they desperate for? The answer is transcendence. They need to get away from something, away from boredom, routine, frustration, bad relationships, or loneliness. And they need to get to something, something powerful, extraordinary, exciting, something, in short, to lift them out of everyday hell.

When these people - addicts, alcoholics, and deviants of our society - finally come to the point where they want a change, they do not want to tune-up or some adjustments made on themselves. More often they want a brand new self. They consider their old self too badly damaged for repairs: they want to be rid of it. They see their lives as irremediably spoiled: they want a chance at a new one.

Christianity has failed humanity. America and Christian Europe are star witnesses to this fact. The authentic teachings of Christ Jesus and other prophets (PBUT) are, for the most part, obsolete, obscure, or merely ostentatiously verbal in a few egalitarian, esoteric circles.

The church has a long historical record of anti-enlightenment. It is the emissary of church-tianity who endeavor to keep the final revelation of the awareness and impartial perusal of the masses. New light is seen as an enemy by church-tianity.

In the 17th century the church of Christianity was anti-education, anti-science, etc. It believed and taught that the earth was flat. It went so far in its religious ne-science that it established ecclesiastical courts and penitentiaries to try and incarcerate those who oppose church doctrine. Penitentiary is a religious term, its etymology is from the word "penitent," which means to "feel sorry

for sins or offenses."

Galileo (1564-1642) was the first European to become conversant with the law of dynamics. He was a great Italian scientist, the first European to understand the importance of acceleration and establish the law of falling bodies. He was one of the scholars among Caucasian people that the Church decreed to be a heretic. He was one of the first Caucasians to construct a telescope with which he made several discoveries.

A little over 350 years ago, Galileo wrote a book entitled, "Dialogue Concerning Two Chief World Systems - Ptolemaic and Copernican," in which he discussed the two theories concerning the planetary system. In this book he supported Copernicus in his contention that the earth was round, not flat, and that the earth revolves around the sun, rather than the sun around the earth. Africans, Muslims, were already aware of such as factual. The Caucasian world was "johnny-come-lately" regarding this, and many other fact(s).

The church considered Galileo's contention to be against church dogma, even though it is not to be found in either the Old or the New Testaments that the sun revolves around the earth was a theory of the church leadership and inserted in the expositions of Christian doctrine by said leaders. Since the church believed that its "saints" explanations of Scripture were as holy as the Scriptures themselves, it declared Galileo a criminal; He was brought before an ecclesiastical court which sentenced him to life imprisonment.

The imprisonment of Galileo put an end to science in Italy and other European locations for many centuries.

This was the dire consequence of considering the "saints" expositions as holy as the Scriptures them-

selves. The church was able to suppress scholars, but it was not able to suppress knowledge itself. The scope of the church's power was limited and rooted in spookism, mysticism, and paganism, whereas knowledge knows no bounds: its roots are spread throughout the universe. The church's antagonism could not prevent knowledge from growing. Eventually knowledge gained all-round ascendancy over the church.

Galileo, who was condemned by the church as an apostate, heretic, etc., came to be acknowledged as a hero in intellectual circles throughout the world and the church had no choice but to accept the situation that mirrored truth. This episode turned into a stain in Christian history, a symbol of its unscientific attitude. There was no way the church could restore its integrity without acknowledging Galileo's factual finding.

In 1980, a special commission consisting of eight members - mathematicians, theologians, and historians - sat to reconsider the question of the earth's position in the solar system. After discussing all the issues at length, the commission agreed that science had conclusively proved that the earth revolves around the sun, and that, without doubt, Galileo and others before him, had been correct. The truth had been negated by the church for three centuries. They burned many who opposed them.

In May 1983, a special meeting was held in the Vatican attended by a large number of historians, Catholic theologians and scientists. Pope John Paul II himself presided over the historic meeting. The pontiff openly admitted the Church's error and declared Galileo right. He went on to say that, The church's experience, during the Galileo affair and after it, has led to a more mature attitude and to a more accurate grasp of the authority proper to her-- (Guardian Weekly, June 29, 1983).

What was the reason for the church's denial of Galileo in the 17th century and recognition of him in the 20th? The reason was that in the 17th century Galileo was a controversial figure, whereas in the 20th century he has become an established one of merits.

Today, similarly, the church of Christianity has had to deal with another historical figure: Prophet Muhammad Ibn Abdullah (PBUH). In the 17th century, the church denied the authenticity of Prophet Muhammad's status of being a recipient of divine revelation. The reason for this was that he, like Galileo, was a controversial figure who sought to correct the false concepts believed and propagated by the church. But now, in the 20th century, he too has become established. A copious amount of scientific and historical evidence has accumulated in support of his prophethood. So much so that there exists no realistic grounds for denying it. The book entitled... "The Bible, The Qur'an, and Science", by Dr. Maurice Bucaille; and the one entitled... "Qur'anic Sciences," by Dr. Afzalur Rahman; and the one entitled... "Al Qur'an: The Ultimate Miracle," by Maulana Ahmed Deedat, are three that render examples of said evidence.

The question is : why have the same reasons which led the church to acknowledge Galileo failed to make it acknowledge the authenticity of Prophet Muhammad's rank among the brotherhood of the Prophets? The reason is the different nature of the two persons.

Galileo was an astronomer; his case was of astronomical learning. But Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was one who had received divine knowledge from the Creator via revelation. This explains the different nature of the two cases. To acknowledge Galileo is to acknowledge a scientific truth alone; whereas the other is to

acknowledge a religious truth revealed by the Creator. For the Church, recognition of Galileo is of an external event which did not affect it in any way. Its own particular structure continued to function as usual. But to accept the prophethood of Muhammad is an event which is directly connected with the structure of Christianity. To be concise, the truth of the matter is that by accepting Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), popedom forfeits its right to exist; the whole edifice of Christianity falls to the ground, pulverized.

Prophet Muhammad taught pure monotheism, whereas the whole structure of the church today is based on Trinity. Muhammad taught that Jesus Christ (AS) was only one of the Creator's prophets, whereas the church built its creed around the pagan belief that a man was the son of the Creator. Muhammad taught that faith and deeds were the basis of salvation, whereas the church bases salvation on mere belief in the murder of Jesus for the sins of humanity.

Recognition of Galileo has not changed the church' religious position. But if the Pope and the church were to recognize Prophet Muhammad, it would have to negate its position as upholder of the "true religion." So they continue to live, and teach, a lie. Galileo's theory has become as established fact. Muhammad ibn Abdullah's prophethood too has become as established fact. The Pope and the other leaders of Christianity realize both.

Imam Ahmed Deedat sent a cordial letter to the Pope on June 1, 1984 requesting a dawah session with him. The Pope agreed to meet him in their secretariate. Imam Deedat sent the Pope a second letter in September, 1984 and emphasized the need for a public dialogue between Al-Islam and Christianity. Such a dialogue would interest and affect over 2 billion people throughout the globe. Imam Ahmed Deedat suggested that the dialogue

take place in the square of St. Peters in Rome. The Pope has yet to reply to the second letter and telegrams that followed it since. What caused the Pope to have second thoughts? Was it fear of the truth? Allah is the Best Knower.

The attitude of church leaders are elucidate in the final divine revelation, Holy Qur'an (2:120), regarding paganism and the divine way of life ordained by the Creator in his completed and perfect light of guidance..

Some sources of attestation are:

The Secret Archives of the Vatican, by
L. Ambrosini

Galileo: Heretic, by Pietro Redondi

The Crime of Galileo, by Giorgio de Santillana.

Churchtianty, since Emperor Constantine, has distorted the teachings of Christ Jesus and the reality of the man himself. To say that Jesus, or any person, is the begotten son of the Creator let alone the Creator, is the most heinous dogma one could teach the human family. This is the apex of paganism.

The Honorable A.S.K. Joommal, a scholar of comparative religion whose Kudos is very well known worldwide, has imparted some profound wisdom regarding the asinine dogma, concerning Christ Jesus, spuriously advocated by Churchtianty. He reason that..

The imaginative fancies of the doctrine-makers of the Christian Church had run wild when they busied themselves trying to make God out of a mere man, and calling him (i.e. Christ) both the son AND the father in the same breath. The Divinity of the Almighty was assaulted. He was brought down to the level of puny mortals, thus making it easy to crucify him because it was impossible to crucify a non-mortal God!

He also states "The greatest incursion on man's reasoning faculty was perpetrated by the doctrine-makers of Christianity when they asked sane people to believe that Christ was both the son of God AND also God at once and the same time!"

How can a man be his OWN son and his OWN father at one and the same time? EITHER he is the son OR he is the father. He simply CANNOT be both the father AND the son rolled up in the same person. Father and son implies TWO distinct and separate persons. If Christ is the son, then surely he cannot be the father (God). And if he is the father (God), then it stands to reason (NOT Christian reason!) that he cannot be his own son.

Christians use the term "begotten" for Christ. They say that he is God's "begotten son". So if he is the "begotten" son, then that makes God the "begetter", does it not? Thus if God is the "begetter" how could he then be the "begotten"? How could the "begetter" be the "begotten"? Yet Christians believe implicitly that Christ IS God. To them, therefore, the "begotten" IS the "begetter" and vice versa.

Christians base their contention that Christ is the son of God, perhaps on the belief that his mother, Mary, was a virgin and she had begotten him without the agency of a father. If this is regarded as a powerful proof of Christ's "sonship", then it should apply with greater force to Adam and Eve, both of whom had neither father nor mother.

If virgin birth is any argument, then there is a person on record in the Bible who was not only born without parents, but is unique as far as human beings are concerned. This man is MELCHISEDEC.

"For this Melchisedec. . . which is *KING OF PEACE, WITHOUT FATHER, WITHOUT MOTHER, without descent. HAVING NEITHER BEGINNING OF DAYS, NOR END OF LIFE; but made like unto the Son of God.*" Hebrews 7:1-3).

If any person has a better claim to be called God or "son" of God, then that person is undoubtedly Melchisedec. A slight comparison between Christ and Melchisedec will immediately show who is the rightful claimant to "sonship" or "Godhood", and who is by far the superior of the two:

Christ is often referred to as the PRINCE of Peace. But Melchisedec is the KING of Peace. No person with even a minimum of education would ever deny that a prince is much lower in degree and status than a King.

Christ has "beginning", for we all know that he was born like any other human child. But Melchisedec had NO beginning. Likewise, Christians know that Christ's days were ended when he was put on the Cross. But Melchisedec has no "end of life", that is, he is eternal or ever-living.

Christ had at least a mother, and through her, a descent. But Melchisedec was "without father, without mother, without descent".

In all fairness to Melchisedec and Christ, therefore, pray who of the two is greater? Who of the two should be called God or "son" of God?

Christians maintain that where Jesus is concerned, the word "BEGOTTEN" is used, and it is the BEGOTTEN-ness of Christ that distinguishes him above everyone else and above all the creations of God Almighty. This, however, is no argument because the

word "begotten" is used in the case of David as well, for we read in the Old Testament that:

"The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; This day have I BEGOTTEN thee." (Psalm,2:7).

The claim of Christians that Jesus is the ONLY "begotten" son of God is thus proved false by the Bible itself. It is made abundantly clear by the Scriptures that God has more than one "begotten" son, and that Christ is NOT the only one.

It is thus obvious that words have lost their ordinary meaning with Christians and have begotten a new complexion! No person can subscribe to such dogmas and still claim to exercise a hold over his sanity.

It is undeniable that, according to the Bible, Jesus did call himself the "son" of God. But it is also undeniable that he meant he was God's son in the same sense as all human beings are His children. Jesus did not mean that he was God's in the PHYSICAL sense. This filial relationship was decided for Jesus in the Council of Nicea in the year 325 A.C. when he (Christ) was declared "consubstantial with the Father" i.e. made of the same substance as the Father.

It will be shown later, through quotations from the Bible, that the term "son of God" means any and every human being who cares to call himself as such, and on whom God desires to bestow this appellation.

The term "son of God" is used metaphorically in the Bible and means a beloved of God, or a righteous person, or simply a human being whom God has created.

Jesus had, perhaps, a suspicion that his relationship with God might be misinterpreted. In order, there-

fore, to dispel all doubts as to his mortality and human origin, he frequently called himself "Son of Man".

In the four gospels we find the term "son of Man" mentioned in 80 (eighty) different places: 30 times in Matthew; 14 times in Mark; 24 times in Luke, and 12 times in John. Only twice does Christ refer to himself as the "son of God". The two passages concerned are as follows:

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man; no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the son, but the Father." (Mark, 13:32.)

"And all things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the son, but the Father, neither knoweth any man the Father, save the son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." (Matthew, 11:27.)

In the first verse Christ acknowledges his ignorance of God's will. The second verse is a plain statement of fact: Jesus, being a prophet of God, says that no man can come to know the Divine revelation until the prophet himself discloses it to him.

The Encyclopaedia Bible comments upon these two verses, in an article entitled "Son of God", as follows:

"We must infer that Jesus had indeed Communion with God, BUT NOTHING BEYOND IT; but this connection was under such limitations that the attribute of Goodness as well as absolute knowledge belonged to God, and hence the boundary between the Divine and human was STRICTLY PRESERVED."

Christian clergymen are very fond of citing the following passage from Matthew in order to substantiate

that Christ was the Son of God:

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying. Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, The Son of the living God." (Matthew, 16:13-16)

But Mark who is admittedly the first Gospel-writer, has the following on his record:

"And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. And he (Jesus) charged them that they should tell no man of him." (Mark, 8:29-30)

Apart from the fact that Simon Peter contradicts himself in this verse in that he stops at the word "Christ" and does not go further by calling him "son of the living God" as in the first verse, two questions arise from a comparison of the above two verses:

Why did Mark leave out the designation "son of the living God"? Did he not consider it important enough to include it in his record? The "Son of God" doctrine is one of the most important pillars of the Christian Church. Matthew mentioned it. How is it that Mark omitted it completely?

If Jesus was indeed the son of God in the sense that the Churchmen want us to accept him, then why was he desirous of concealing his identity? How can the son of an All-Powerful, Almighty God (who was God himself) be afraid of puny mortals?

The answer to the above two questions is as clear

as daylight: the words "the son of the living God", are undeniably a later interpolation.

In scriptural usage the term "son of God" is a synonym for "righteous man". We read in Mark the following:

"And when the centurion, which stood over against him (Jesus on the cross), saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the SON OF GOD." (Mark, 15:39.)

The same observation is recorded by Luke in the following words:

"Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, certainly this was a RIGHTEOUS MAN." (Luke, 23:47.)

386. It was the slang or idiom of that day and local, nothing more. It's like the term "Reverend" today.

Prof. A. S. K. Joommal also explains, with the Bible itself, that the appellation "son of God" has been used through the Bible as an expression of esteem and affection and on some occasions of a spiritual nearness of the person referred to as such, with God. In the Bible we find that the Israelites, judges and jurists, Christians, orphans, the prophets, in fact all mankind have been called "sons of God".

Children of Israel are sons of God:

"And it shall come to pass that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the SONS OF THE LIVING GOD." (Hosea, 1:10)

". . .there they shall be called the CHILDREN OF THE LIVING GOD." (Romans, 9:26.)

Judges and Jurists are sons of God:

I have said, we are gods; and all of you are CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH." (Psalm, 82:6)

All Christians and believers are sons of God:

"But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John , 1:12.)

All orphans are sons of God:

"A father of the fatherless and a judge of the widows, is God in His holy habitation." (Psalm, 68:5.)

Prophets are sons of God:

". . . Adam, which was the SON OF GOD." (Luke, 3:38.)

"And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh , Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my SON, even my FIRST-BORN." (Exodus, 4:22.)

God says in praise of David: "He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. And I will make him my FIRST-BORN. higher than the kings of the earth." (Psalm 89:26-27)

Speaking of Solomon, God says: ". . . and he shall be my SON and I will be his FATHER; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever." (1Chronicles, 22:10)

All men and women are sons/daughters of God:

"And I will receive you. And I will be a Father

unto you, And ye shall be my SONS and DAUGHTERS, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians, 6:18.)

"Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? Is not He thy FATHER that hath bought thee?" (Deuteronomy, 32:6)

It would not be out of place to mention here that Jesus did not appropriate God to himself alone but openly acknowledged His Universal Fatherhood when he told his flock: "*my father and YOUR father*", *my God and YOUR God*". These words prove further that Christ was NOT God since he referred to a distinctly separate Personality. GOD. If Jesus was God, he would not have said "MY God and YOUR God"! God would never refer to Himself as "MY God". (See John, 20:17.)

Christ is also recorded by gospel-writers to have uttered the plaintive, heart-rendering cry of "*Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachtani?*" (*My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?*). Can anyone imagine these most human words coming from an Almighty, All-Powerful God? If Jesus was God, as Christians believe, then this plaintive cry of Christ means that God had deserted HIMSELF! Christ, being God, was calling upon God (i.e. himself) to help him in his trouble. But God turned a deaf ear to His own cries. God was addressing Himself, but decided not to help Himself and was eventually killed by his enemies. Can any situation be more ridiculous?? God made the law to kill for blasphemy, then came in human form, and became a victim of His own law!

If the Christian God is so weak, so puny, so destructible, so vulnerable that His created beings were easily able to arrest Him, degrade Him publicly and finally put Him on a cross to suffer an ignominious death, then we are afraid that the THINKING multitude consti-

tuting the non-Christian world can have no luck with or confidence in such a God that is capable of being destroyed as easily as a human being! A god that could not save himself, how can he "save" others?

If Christians insist on pulling down the Almighty God of the Universe to the weak, mortal level of a human being thus making a mockery of the Divine, sacred, transcendental Nature of the Lord Almighty, they are entitled to their beliefs. But they must not expect those who still have some reason left in them, to sacrifice their sanity at the altar of blind faith and to believe, like them, in a God that was killed by human beings!

Reason revolts and one's whole being shudders at the very thought that an Eternal Being that is far, far removed from the puny reach of any mortal, was made into a human being for want of a better theological concept of God. Common sense is astounded at the very idea that identity was established by Christians between a mere man and an immortal, everlasting God.

God is a unique Being. He is the Alpha and the Omega. he is neither a begetter, nor is He begotten. He it is Who created the entire universe and everything that is in it. He has no favorites all human beings are His children.

It is unthinkable, and it is the greatest blasphemy to say that Jesus Christ was God or God's "begotten son". (Christians will never know for certain whether Christ was God or the "son" of God. To console themselves, they say that he was both!) Christians say that Jesus was God's son in the PHYSICAL sense, and not in a figurative sense. If this be the case, then may we ask where is God's "Wife"? (God forbid!) If the power of human propagation is attributed to God thus making no distinction between what is human and what is divine, then we are, ipso facto, legitimately entitled to

carry matters to their logical confusion and ask what has happened to God's "Wife"?

The doctrine of the "Sonship" of Christ (which was borrowed from pagan sources) is indeed a "crazy, mixed-up" brainchild of the Church Fathers of yore. It is a terribly confusing dogma - indeed no less confusing than the other dogmas. If God, in order to save the world, became man (incarnating Himself in Jesus Christ), then where does the "Sonship" of Christ come into all this? If God became man, then He is a God-man, that is, He is still the Father, but in the guise of a man. So where is the Son, then? What was Christ BEFORE God decided to incarnate Himself into him? Was he the Son, or was he the Father? He certainly could not have been the Father, because there must have been a stage and a state when God the Father had not infused (confused?) Himself into the body of Christ. After His infusion into Christ, was Christ still the son, or did he become the Father? Or did he become both? If he became both, that is, if the essence of the Father and Son mingled and an identity was attained, then what happened to that third element, the Holy Ghost? Or is the Holy Ghost very much of a disinterested "third" party with no "insurance" whatsoever of infusing himself in the other two - a mere spectator rather than an actual participant in this inexplicable process of fusion into confusion?

If Christ was God, then he should have known the present, past and future. Every single future world event should have been an open book to him. He could thus have saved the world centuries of wrangling by stating clearly that the way in which he preferred to be worshipped was Methodism, or Roman Catholicism, or Anglicanism, or Presbyterianism, or any one of the hundreds of Christian sects we find in the world of to-day.

If Jesus was God, the Creator of the Universe, why did he not tell his followers about the shape and constitution of the Earth and that it is but a speck in immensity? Why did he also not tell something about Medicine, Geology, Astronomy and the other sciences and arts? Why did he himself not write what he wished us to believe, and not leave his words to be tossed about for centuries in a sea of ignorance and superstition, to be the cause of sects and divisions in his Church? Why did he not say anything in favour of education or democracy?

Why did he distinctly say that he was NOT God and that there is only ONE God, when all the time (according to Christians) he was one of the three gods? Why did he continually refer to himself as "a human being" which is what "Son of Man" means? Why did he not explain that the term "Son of God" meant nothing more in the original Aramaic than "Servant of God"? Why did he never mention the Trinity, if he is one of the three Christians gods? Ask your preacher these questions, ask the pope.

While thousands saw Jesus and heard his voice, Jesus himself said that this could not be done with God when he said. *"No man hath seen God at any time."* St. John 1:18. *"Ye have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His shape."* St. John 5:37. Jesus' words that no one has seen God or heard God is proof that he never saw himself as God. Nor that those who saw him, was to take him for a god or as the God.

Jesus prayed the Lord's prayer (Luke 11:2-4), was he praying to himself? When in the garden of Gethsemane he prayed, *"O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: Nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt."* Matt. 26:36-39. Was Jesus praying to himself? That Jesus, of his own admission and by his own actions, acknowledged, worshipped, and prayed to

another being as God is clear proof that Jesus himself is not God.

Jesus didn't want to die, according to the supra. He was a natural human being. The claim of churchtianity, that Jesus was sent into the world to die for the sins of humanity, was evidently, unknown to Christ Jesus. He wanted to live if it was God's will. He "submitted to the will of God" - He was Muslim!

Perhaps the clearest indication we have that Jesus and God are not equal, and therefore not one and the same, come again from the mouth of Jesus himself who said in St. John (14:28,) *"My Father is greater than I."* Also in St. John (8:42.) Jesus gave clear evidence of his subordination to God, rather than his equality with God, when he said in Luke (22:42), *"not my will but thine be done"* and in St. John (5:30, *"I seek not mine own will but the will of the Father which has sent me."*

The Creator, in His last revelation, Qur'an (4:171), warns Christians and Jews against extremes in religion. The word "trinity" was not even sanctioned to be employed, verbally, in religion. Jesus candidly said, according to the bible. . . *"I can of mine own self do nothing: As I hear I judge, and my judgment is just because I seek not mine own will but the will of the Father which has sent me."* St. John 5:30." He, like all prophets of the Creator, spoke the truth.

The myth that Jesus was "God", or the "only begotten son" of God, is the biggest myth believed by deluded humanity. This myth has caused more suffering and death than all the others put together. "Divine racism" was birthed by this diabolical scheme.

A host of well meaning people, good hearted people, believe sincerely in churchtianity, without knowledge of the facts. Those who know, have a duty

to inform those who don't know.

In the book entitled "Holy Blood, Holy Grail", by Michael Baigent, Richard Leigh, and Henry Lincoln (?), in 1982, rocked the foundation of churchtianity "enough to seriously challenge many traditional Christian beliefs if not alter them," stated the Los Angeles Times Book Review. In this book the authors dealt with Jesus' family and the "descendants of Jesus' family", his blood line.

XXX I saw a sequel by the title "The Messianic Legacy". Both books contain data that warrant serious consideration by honest seekers of truth. As of the date for publication of this present book, permission had not been received to quote from either of the forementioned publications by Michael Baigent, Richard Leigh, and Henry Lincoln, so none are herein, however, we trust that a hint to the wise, will suffice.

Did Jesus have blood brothers and sisters? What does the Bible record?

According to the Bible, he did. The subject of Jesus is a very touchy one. This is due mainly to the megalomania and juggling of Caucasian Christians, coupled with the self-enmity and slavery acclimated mentality of so-called Black people. There is a historical Jesus, and a symbolic Christ Jesus. They are not necessarily the same, across the board. This article will deal exclusively with Jesus, as delineated in the Christian Bible, and his family.

According to the Bible, when Jesus preached in his own hometown synagogue, people were astonished. Why? They asked, "*whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James and Joseph, and Simon and Judas? and his sisters, are*

they not all with us?" (Matt. 13:54-56).

According to the Bible Jesus clearly had four brothers, all of them being personally name. He also had at least two sisters, perhaps even more since the term "all" instead of "both" is used. The hoipolloi of Jesus hometown knew him and his entire family.

Realizing that there will be some asinine, sanctimonious preachers of white supremacy (i.e. Christianity) who will claim that the cited were not literal or consanguineous (of the same blood) brothers and sisters, we direct the readers to the Greek language from which the Bible was translated.

The Greek language possessed many words to express exact degree of kinship and blood relation. General kinship, in the Greek language, is expressed by the word "suggenes." The word for "cousin" is anep-sios" (Peruse Col. 4:10 of the RSV and other modern version of the Bible - they impart correct interpretation of these words, according to the Greek-English Dictionary). But neither of these words were used. Instead, the word "adelphos" was used and according to the Greek-English concordance of the bible, by James Strong, D.D. it means "brother."

Again, realizing that some deluded and deranged preachers will claim that the "brothers" and "sisters of Jesus, cited in Matthew, were his "spiritual brothers and sisters," we asphyxiate that incorrect contention by pointing to John (2:12). It states that Jesus went to Capernaum, accompanied by "his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples." Here a sharp distinction is made between his brethren and his disciples, showing that those who believed his teachings (i.e. called disciples) were not those called his brothers. Study the syntax.

Mistranslations cause problems. Take for example the issue regarding Mary. In Isaiah (7:14) the original Hebrew word "Almah" is used and it means "Young woman", not virgin. In St. Matthew (1:23) uses the Greek word "Parthenos" which generally meant "virgin".

Knowing that some die-hard preachers will still insist, that the brothers and sisters that the Bible relates to Jesus, were not his flesh and blood kin even after reading the supra, we direct the readers attention to John (7:5). This verse states that there was a time when Jesus brothers did not believe him. They scoffed at his teaching and endeavors (Ponder also Matt. 13:57-58). Later on according to the Bible (Galatians 1:19 and Jude 1), some of his brothers were converted (e.g. James and Jude). In Galatians (1:18) the apostle Peter is mentioned but in verse (19) it stated "but other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother." Note the clear distinction. The Greek word "adelphos" (i.e. maternal brother) is used. check it out for yourself.

According to the Bible, (Matthew 1:25) Jesus is called the "first born" son of Mary. What is clearly inferred here? The word "first born" in this verse is translated from the Greek word "prototokos," which means, according to the Greek-English dictionary, the firstborn among other children....the oldest of several children in a family." If Jesus had been Mary's only child," states the late historian Herbert Armstrong, "the Greek word monogenes, meaning "only child," would have been used." He continues "Jesus was the firstborn, not an only child of Mary." This was a Christian scholar.

Some may objurgate these projections but they cannot negate their bibliographical reality. I am only relating what is cited in the Christian, Bible; I didn't put anything in it (i.e. bible). My book is Al-Qur'an.

According to the Bible, (Matt. 12:46), on one particular occasion Jesus' *"mother and brethren" stood outside a lecture desiring to speak with him.* According to Luke (8:19-20) *Jesus' mother and his brethren were unable to speak to him because of "the press."* It is the argument of some sophistic preachers that Matthew (12:46-50) is proof that when the Bible speaks of Jesus' brethren and sisters, it means "spiritual." They fail to realize that if said verses proved that Jesus had no brothers and sisters, it would also prove that he had no mother! they can't have it both ways.

Remember, Jesus' spiritual brethren recognized him from the beginning of his ministry (John 1:35-49), but his physical brethren did not believe in him doing that junction (John 7:2-5 and Mark 6:4). This is all according to the Bible, which Christians claim to believe in.

In the Psalm (69:8) there is a statement that many Christians claim to recognize as a prophecy concerning Jesus. In this verse we read *"I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children."* It is plain that physical, blood relatives, are spoken here.

"Did Jesus have blood brothers and sisters? According to the research of the Plain Truth, according to the Bible", he did. I am only reciting" what is written in the Christian bible, and what I've learned from Christian scholars while attending their own theological seminary, coupled with post-graduate research.

The history of Prophet Jesus (A.S.) is clouded. Outside of the alleged scriptures there is cited no history of said personality. Books written on Jesus are mainly based on scripture - not recorded history per se.

A number of authors have written thought provoking ideas concerning Jesus. For example: "Jesus Now," by Malachi Martin; "Jesus The Magician," by Morton Smith; "Rabbi J," by Johannes Lehmann; "The Mystical Christ", by Manly P. Hall; "Jesus Son of Man," by Rudolf Augstein; "The Problem of Jesus", by Jean Guitton; "The Jesus Bag", by Dr. William H. Grier and Dr. Price M. Cobb; "The First Coming", by Thomas Sheehan; "The Passover Plot", by Hugh J. Schonfield; "Jesus A Prophet of Islam", by Muhammad Araur-Rahim; "The Myth of God Incarnate", by John Hick (and a host of Theology Professor); "The Mystery of Christ", by Warithuddin Mohammed (a lecture/written series), etc.

All of the foretated are recommended reading. Especially the expose of Imam W. D. Mohammed which shed light on the root cause of the subject.

"In the church's history it has persecuted education and educators. This is what brought on the Renaissance in Europe and the movement of the enlightened people against the leadership of the church. We would not have free education in public schools today if there had not been an uprising to overthrow church leadership. This is a clear fact in history that tells us that the church did not obey the first letter of the Bible. . . " states Imam W. D. Mohammed. He stated. . .

"I want to point out a few things in the scripture to show you how you are being robbed of real scriptural teaching.

Genesis says, "let there be light." The church will not tell you that this scripture means, "Let there be knowledge in the heads of the people." They teach you to think that God's first order was that man should strive for spiritualism, when it really means that man should strive for knowledge. The first commandment of God is

to let the brain grow in intelligence and to let the head be lit with light. This is the first commandment because if there is no light in the head, what can we expect from the body? The head has to rule over the body."

He continued to comment on "Bible Fairy Tales". . . he said "You will never convert intelligent people today with unrealistic symbolical stories. . ."

Symbolical, unrealistic myths are counter-productive. That is, for the masses who are ruled by people with evil intent. Racism is the demented brainchild of such people. Jesus (A.S.) is employed in the panorama of racism, all over the world, by powerful bigots.

Imam W. D. Mohammed states boldly. . . "You can't live in America without hearing the message. The message of white supremacy is everywhere. You are conscious that Jesus is in a white body even if you don't go to church. Every American knows that Jesus is put into a "white" European image by church society. Every American knows that the apostles and saints and angels are made European by church society.

You don't have to be consciously aware of it as "white" Jesus or as a "white" religion. The very fact that our minds exist in this environment is enough to make that image and those messages go into our subconscious and cripple Bilalian ("black") peoples' ability to lift themselves up out of inferiority. It also keeps Caucasian peoples' minds in a false world by making them unable to see their real worth and value as human beings apart from their physical skin color."

Jesus wasn't European; but he is portrayed as such in and by the church. Such is diametrically contrary to scripture and history. The color, or lack of color, of a prophet does not reflect any degree of divine. Every people, or "race", has had a divinely appointed

prophet from God, but none were "God", nor "begotten" son(s) of God. It is the pure truth of the Creator that gives life to the prophets and righteous people in general - see James (1:18). All were only human beings.

To teach that a "white" man is the "only begotten son of God" is to advocate divine racism. Imam W. D. Mohammed ask, very seriously. . . "What would happen if nappy-headed, black Jesuses were put all over their land and throughout their homes and in all of their churches? What would happen to their minds over a period of three hundred years if they were kept coming to churches and seeing our image as their redeemer, seeing our image as their prophets, their apostles, their angels?

They would be reduced to inferiority because the image before them of the supreme model of superiority would be "black" and not "white."

He goes on to state. . . "If we don't want dope in our communities, how much more should we be against a Caucasian image of God that makes Bilalians think inferior and act inferior and that makes Caucasians equally artificial?

Racism is alive and well in America. This disease permeates all sections of America. Overtly and covertly racism engulf our country and must be exposed. Self rejection is one of the worst forms of racism, its inverted and debilitating.

African-Americans or black people are conceptually incarcerated. It is most important for us to understand this reality. We must know where we are - mentally and what has happened to us - historically as a people.

Our people are on the pending obituary list because our orbit is one of self-destruction. This case must

be properly diagnosed at once - if not sooner and remedied. The strength of a people is in their knowledge. Man (mind) is the sum total of what he or she knows. Mind is motored by knowledge.

Concepts, ideals, etc., can and do enslave people. False concepts, ideals, wrong thinking impairs the mind. Language is the single most influencing factor of human development. Words actually make people. Each one of us are a composite of words, sentences, etc. As a man thinketh, so is he.

African-Americans are not really a visual people. For the most part, we are verbal people. We are such due to our historical conditioning - especially during our ordeal of physical slavery. We were not allowed to learn the science, the art of reading. It was unlawful for black people to learn such. There was a dire reason for that fact. Today, our people for the most part, do not indulge in the printed pages - we go mainly on what we are told. Our people, for the most part, don't read or write well; we "rapp" well.

Again, racism permeates the U. S. , the culture of the U. S., the religion, etc.; education, culture, religion, etc., cannot really be disconnected. Due to our "slave conditioning," our relationship with each other is counterproductive and, even homicidal.

Language shapes concepts, values, etc. Language directs one's deportment. In the word itself we find the word gauge which really is the same as gage, which means to: "measure the contents or capacity or character; to limit by, to set the bounds." Language employed by the racist in this country is designed to reinforce the slave conditioning. Take for example: the "culturally deprived" - compared to what. . . to whom? The "culturally disadvantaged" - compared to what? That kind of language permeates the entire environment

of America and reinforces racism. Covert racism is almost everywhere.

"Equality" in most instances bespeak of racism. It means to become equal. To whom? Covert racism is vogue.

All dark people are termed Non-white. The non-white people, however, outnumber the so-called white people - since they are the minority on the planet - should be called non-black or non-dark. The employment of the adjective black, white, red, etc., when dealing with people . . . enforce and stimulate racism. The word blackness has 126 synonyms; 60 of which are distinctively unfavorable and none of them are positive. The word "white" has 134 synonyms. Eight more than black. Forty-four which are candidly favorable and pleasing i.e., pure, upright, clear, honest, innocence, chaste, just, straight. . . . this is racism in the English language. This is white supremacy reinforced via words.

If each reader were to make a list of the following words, in single file: "cat", "mail", "ball", "list", "sheep", "plague", "eye", etc., nothing negative would come to mind except for the word "plague". But when the word "black" is placed before each word on the list, each word becomes negative and despicable. Now, add the words, "man", "woman", "child", to the list. The point is evident.

Oft-times one reads where people are cited and the narration goes. . . . "the "Dutch", the "Germans", the "Poles", the "French", and the "Blacks". When this is intoned the term "Black" sound like the "b" is silence. The "lack" pronouncement is fortissimo..

The term "the blacks" is not only negative, it's racist in it's employment by the media and European

Americans who govern American. The term "Minority" is also demeaning and in many cases, racist in employment - one of it's meanings is "inferior in importance.

The use of the term "African-American" is not only better than "blacks", it's true to history, it helps to obliterate color-consciousness and thereby it's insidious implication. However, the term "white" people must also be discarded and "European-Americans" activated in it's stead.

The racist is insidious and nefariously clever. A "white lie" is a lie that's not necessarily bad. Racism. To "white-wash" means to cover-up and make a thing look better that's really ugly. A "white-collar" worker is top-flight. A "white-collar" crime is an intelligent one. The job at the "White House" is held to be the highest office in the world.

Black history, 28 days of minute so-called black history which is really our history in the U. S. as slaves. Such history never mentions our sojourn in chains to the U. S. Why? To reinforce racism. What about our remote history in the world? Why just one month out of the year, and, the shortest month of the entire 12 months?

February: the word is found in Webster's between the word "febrile", which means "feverish" and the word "feces", which don't mean shirt! They chose such a month to speak to the status of our being.

It's time for us to question what's being put on our minds. Be informed that man's defining attribute, which distinguishes him/her from all other living species, is his/her ability to reason. This means: to extend the range of his/her awareness beyond the perceptual concretes immediately confronting him/her, to abstract, to integrate, to grasp principles, to apprehend re-

ality, if you will, on the conceptual level of subconsciousness.

The welfare picture is one of racism in a compounded state. So-called white people received aid from the government call "federal subsidy" that exceeds the capital received by so-called poor and black people - but this is not projected on the TV (tell-a-vision).

The so-called black man isn't really lazy. Slavery attests to that. So whence comes this no-work syndrome? Slavery. It grew out of the womb of slavery. The fact that the so-called black man worked for 310 years, from couldn't see to can't see - (they were unable to see when they started to work early in the morning, nor could they see when they were allowed to stop very late in the night), induced in many a dislike, a subtle detestation for work. The lack of drive to work we see in some of our male members is one of the negative effects of slavery that we suffer from. There are many more. Studish demeanor is another.

The anthropologist who came up with color classification for human beings was a racist. Anthropology, that's authentic, does not deal with color of one's integument. It deals with physical character, distribution, environmental, and social relations. The word "anthropology" means: "the study of man, the study of the human organism" - nothing to do with color! Race is a term coined by demented minds. "White" was not a term commonly used by Caucasians or Europeans beyond 60 or 80 years ago, for self.

We must endeavor to change the atmosphere; the mental or educational or religious atmosphere. How? Change the language that permeates the environment. Example: we should say "so-called white men," etc. Inferiority is the result of programmed self-rejection, induced by racism.

When our progeny does not see our positive works in the world, cannot point to our achievements, our technological expertise, and see only and witness accomplishments by so-called whites, that reality reinforces the inferiority of our people and superiority attitude of others.

To quote Frederick Douglass. . . "A thought I wish you all to lay to heart neither we, nor any other people, will ever be respected till we respect ourselves, and we will never respect ourselves till we have the means to live respectably."

Concepts are fed to people and must be screened, scrutinized, and dissected in order to protect humanity from covert and subliminal harm. All moods have causes.

Take for example the racial mood. Those of you who are addicted to TV are aware of the program "The Jeffersons", "Sanford and Son", "All in the Family", etc. right? What about "Good Times" and "Different Strokes" and the "White Shadow", etc? Who is the author of these shows. . . do you know? Have you ever heard of Norman Lear? Take a close look at the "program" The Jeffersons. What do you learn? It shows middle class "blacks" calling pallid people honkies, interracial families zebra and slamming doors in peoples' faces. A smart aleck maid, etc. This not only fans the flames of racism but engenders racial detestation in people. The program "Sanford and Son" cast Fred Sanford, Lamont, Aunt Ester, Woody, Rollo, and Julio . . . all as misfits. Fred goes around frowning up at wan women saying "Whew. . . . that's an ugly white woman". Fred demeans the relationship of a "black" father and son. Fred is negative regarding his Puerto Rican neighbor, Julio. The promotes friction between two, non-caucasian people. Sheer racism! Woody is a

drunk, Rollo a thief, etc.

Don't allow the word "program" to slip through your mind. TV programs do just that. . . program the viewers.

What about the program "All in the Family?" Archie is a racist. He disrespects his wife, etc. The only educated person in the family is an atheist. Edith is a slave called by her husband "dingbat". This program negates proper family unit respect while giving merits to an atheist. "Good Times", this program shows life in the projects in a total negative vain. Father can't find work, brothers and sister always putting each other down. There is Bookman the crooked superintendent. Nothing positive.

The program "Different Strokes" shows a rich Caucasian adopting two so-called ghetto children of color. How is this negative, you may inquire? The negativism is subtle - like the word "contemporary". It projects the racist suggestion that so-called Black people have babies and abandoned them to the care of "White folks". This program viewers to conceive of the "black" male as a dismal failure, not able or willing to support their own progeny. "Give me a break" is a cry of despair - this show degrades African Americans by featuring us as over weight buffoons.

The Bible (Rev. 12:9) cite a very interesting claim. Jesus, according to the bible (St. John. 14:30 and St. John 16:12-15), rendered a warning and a promise to humanity - Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.) actualized the promise. Jesus spoke out against the ungodly habit of clinging to myth, etc. according to bible (St. Mark 7:13, and St. Matt. 15:8,9). Prophet Muhammad received in Qur'an (47:1-3/4:51) and taught against the exact same indulgence.

May ALLAH (S.W.T.) bless us, this endeavor,
forgive us our sins, strengthen our resolve to struggle in
His cause, and bring humanity out of the maze of myth,
lies, false religion, rituals, and superstition. Ameen.

CHAPTER 7

"SUBTLE SYMBOLIC MESSAGE IN DALLAS"

Allah, Subhannah Wa Ta Ala, has so beautifully said in Al Qur'an "That everything in creation is a sign (Ayat)". Briefly let me define the aforementioned word ayat in accordance with Hans Wehr Dictionary on Arabic word definitions. The rendered definitions are listed: sign, token, mark and model. See Holy Qur'an {45:3}. Imam Yaqub A. A. Bilal, of Florida, has done some evincing research on the T.V. Program Dallas.

Another concept which revolves around the above expressed was expressed by Imam Warithuddin Mohammed that "words make people, and words are anything which sends a message to the mind". A very powerful statement.

Furthermore, Imam Warithuddin Mohammed has defined the meaning also of soap operas, and how such serves to influence. It's perfectly clear that through the frequent bombardment of our minds with highly suggestive information with programs like Dallas, it only serves to modify natural human behavior. Through the viewing of Dallas, we come to observe that Dallas is overly charged with subliminal messages---purposefully to entice or rather to unseat our moral sense of awareness!

The mental diet provided by Dallas, is designed to increase our desire for very bizarre behavior. The word Dallas encompasses two words, i.e. Dally and Lass. The first part of this word means to play

amorously or to deal lightly with. However, the latter part of the word (Lass) has the following meanings: "Young girl and Sweetheart."

Reflecting upon the commentary given by Imam Warithuddin Mohammed, that woman represent society, we notice defining the latter part of the word Dallas (Lass), it's meaning is "young girl and sweetheart". The before adjective (young) is being used to highlight that a young (inexperienced) society is being made to play amorously, waste time, and take lightly the serious issues confronting the human being in life.

Moving into the substance of the idea, the former leader of the Ewing clan was Jock Ewing. Jock is a play on the word dis-jockey, and in Roman Mythology, (Dis) is the god (influence of lower desires) of the under-world. We can categorically agree that there are many worlds, i.e., the world of sports, the world of crime, and the world of righteousness. However, the world that we are really addressing is the world of crime and sexual perversion, etc.

In pronouncing the name E-W-I-N-G it sounds like the word you You-Win; now just what tendencies are winning is our society today. Bingo is the "in-thing" in many Churches. To gamble is Christian in American society.

For confirmation as to what's winning in our society today, one only need to look at the statistics on the following crimes: Rape, Sexual battery, and Child Molestation, Homosexuality, etc.

Now to the sinister message encompassed in the name Miss Ellie. The Miss precedes Ellie; we should ask ourselves why is a married woman being called Miss Ellie when traditionally such is used to address an unmarried woman. So, when we separate El

from Lie part of the name Ellie---something very interesting occurs, and that is Miss Ellie (society) is seriously lacking in elevated thinking or moral development. A society filled with lies about God, etc.

Preceding on to the very controversial character J.R. Ewing on the Dallas program, and how his satanic schemes gain him the upper hand in numerous situations. They use initials for his name (J.R.), but his name sound like J-A-Y A-R-E. Its very, very important to follow a line of reasoning, and for us to peruse the definitions for both Jay and Are. In the Dictionary, Etymology is a very important field of study. Likewise, the field of semantic, etc. Here are a few definitions of both Jay and are. Jay means and impertinent chatter, dandy, jack-a-dandy, and the word are is a verb and such expresses an act, occurrence, or mode of being. It's safe to conclude the J. R. Ewing epitomizes selfishness, greed and countless other evil influences that are evident in today's society! The oil involvement is not to be overlooked no more than today's headlines.

To discuss the glamorous Sue Ellen in her coy mannerism, we first define the name Sue. It means to follow, come, or go after and to bring and action against. Peruse the definitions for Sue according to your person dictionary. The name Ellen is really two words in one: El (elevation) and Len (Lens). Lens is only an indication of how we see things. Therefore, Sue is really influencing how we see things, i.e. through sexual excitement in magazines, television and plain old gross talk!

Imam Warithuddin Mohammed has emphatically stated "Turn on the T.V. with a defense, because you know that Satan is on". Few fully understand why the term programming is used for television contents. When we understand the nature of the mind, we can conclude that the mind can definitely be programmed. This lends further proof, that we must be very cautious of the in-

formation we permit to enter our minds.

"Dallas" is a prime time "soap" opera. Detergent is a synonym for soap. An understanding of both words deter and gent would enable us to see the intent behind soap operas. The meaning of deter actually deter the noble and graceful innate inclinations of the human-beings who are addicted to them.

Normally, when we speak of a person being graceful we are referring to a person having both dignity and honor. The conclusion we should reach is that the dignified life style has been subliminally detered and manipulated into unethical behavior patterns, etc, by soap operas.

Sigmund Freud had a theory with regard to human nature having two drives in it; and that theory identified sexual (gratification) and aggression (war) as forces driving the human being. The thinking of Freud really instilled in society as a whole the self-fulfilling prophesy. Consequently, we began to internalize both sexual (gratification) and aggression (war) without being aware of why; we are moving as woozy.

To briefly view the character named Cliff Barnes who is alleged to be a rival of J. R. and in their quest to lead the nation. (Food for thought) what is a Cliff? What is a barn? When concatenated, what is alluded? In nature cliffs are formed as a result of erosion. Al-Qur'an states "*That everything in creation is a sign (Ayat)*". Imam Warithuddin Mohammed has given us a commentary that man represents leadership in society, and if we notice the similar pronunciation of both the words Barnes and Bonds, i.e. homonym; and such is characteristic of man's failure to keep Allah's covenant (Bond to God). When we study the hidden meaning in the operation of Cliff Barnes, then the plot should become evident to us, i.e., leadership is steadily eroding due to the restrictive

nature of their knowledges. . .Society has fell off the cliff of immorality.

On Dallas there is a character by the name of Pam Ewing. This character Pam Ewing really speaks to how society has been spoiled because of an excessive amount of attention. Isn't the aforementioned characteristics evident among leaders, teachers, and people in general today? Egocentric leaders are pampered by the press to impede human progress.

The character Clayton Farlow - here is some interesting meaning in both names. First separate the clay from the ton, and define each according to Webster's dictionary. Clay has the following meaning: A substance used for modeling and ton means: The prevailing fashion. Now far means: Falling short of some standard. What we should get from the name Clayton Farlow--is the prevailing fashions in society has served as a model to make us fall short of a proper standard, i.e. The guidance of Almighty Allah See Holy Qur'an {7:176}

Clayton Farlow had a sister by the name of Jessica--a perusal of the name will disclose the following meaning: Jess means to throw and ic (a) mean having the character or form of. The logical conclusion we should reach, is that Dallas throw us into the images of the characters therein, by appealing to human vanity or weakness. (Astighfar)

Last we come to the character Bobby Ewing, and here I'm using Bobby in accordance with the definition for Bob, i.e. "to deceive, cheat, to take by fraud". Interesting as it may seem, that is our society today has deceived, cheated and even taken by fraud the good life away from the human being.

I would add there are many more names of char-

acters on Dallas that are identifiable with trends in today's society. Like for instant Jinnah Wade (Khaud); this, the first part of her name, is really an Arabic word which describes the following kinds of characteristics or tendencies: possession, obsession, mania, madness, insanity; and the latter part of her name Wade has the following meaning: To set to work or attack with determination or vigor. But the Arabic word Wade (Khaude) has the following meanings: To become absorbed, engrossed, to rush into battle. Wherefore, our communities are part and parcel of the before cited tendencies, e.g. rushing to follow both fads and ill inspired tendencies. (Astighfar)

The basic ingredient of soap is lie. One must be careful with the viewing of such operas.

Chapter 8

Al-Qur'an on Science, Symbols, and Signs

There are some so-called Muslims, eastern ulema endeavoring to discredit the use of science and technology in this modern world. It is the preoccupation of these enemies of Al-Islam to indulge in negative opposition to enlightenment and positive progress. They regard technology as the "western evil" and "instruments of satan"; and they claim that any claim to wisdom independent of their school of thought is Bid'ah.

The fact is "Science does not create anything, but it merely shows us ways of utilizing the things already created by Allah". Progress in Science adds to the progressive use of Natural resources and in this matter of difference between the intelligent and the unintelligent is simply that the intelligent persons have mastered the techniques of benefitting from the natural resources while the unintelligent ones have not learned to derive benefits from them. . . . Just as things discovered in the past were gifts from Allah, so are the instruments discovered by science today, and to keep aloof from their use, or to oppose their use is not religiously correct and shows nothing but ignorance of the facts of Al-Islam. Al-Qur'an (31:20) teaches us that all things are to be subjected to man's use. Those who dispute this are

without knowledge.

In the Qur'an we read that those amongst His servants who fear Allah alone are the Ulama. Who are the Ulama? Surely not the theologians who are mere librarians! The term Ulama as used in the Qur'an refers to scientists as we shall see from the following verses, states A. S. K. Joomaal. . . .

"Seeth thou not that Allah sends down water from the clouds, then we bring forth therewith fruits of various hues? And in the mountains are streaks white and red, of various hues and (others) intensely black. And of men and beasts and cattle there are various colours likewise. Those of His servants only who are possessed of knowledge (the Ulama) fear Allah. Surely Allah is Mighty, Forgiving." (35:27-28). The Bible concur (Ps. 111:10)

Here Allah says that the Ulama are those who are versed in botany, geology, biology, anthropology, and zoology. The cited verses lucidly attest to this!!! The Honorable Warithuddin Mohammed is learned in these and other fields of eruditional results. Ditto, A. S. K. Joomaal and others.

"In the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alteration of the night and the day, THERE ARE SURELY SIGNS FOR MEN OF UNDERSTANDING

Those who remembers Allah standing and sitting and (lying) on their sides, and REFLECT ON THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH: Our Lord, Thou hast not created this in vain! Glory to Thee! Save us from the chastisement of the fire." (3:189-190)

The above verse is a clear reference to geographers and to those who study the science of the universe, namely, the cosmologists. Note the term "reflect" in the ayat

cited. Al-Qur'an is the guidance for all true Muslims/Mu'mins. It is the divine source of proper direction for all people - especially Muslims.

"He it is Who made the sun a shining brightness, and the moon a light, and ORDAINED FOR IT STAGES THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW THE COMPUTATION OF YEARS AND RECKONING. Allah created not this but with truth. HE MAKES THE SIGNS MANIFEST FOR A PEOPLE WHO KNOW." (10:5)

These words of the Qur'an point to the study of astronomy and astronomical calculations. Many "Ulama" are ignorant of this science. Not only ignorant, but they FORBID its study. It is written in the Fatawa Alamgiri, a book of religious decrees, that: "to study astronomy to the extent of knowing the Qiblah and time of prayer is enough. To study astronomy further than this is HARM." (Vol. 9, p. 126). They are indulging in bidah for they are the ones who are concocting.

Imam Abu Hanifah (R.A.) who was one learned Imam, is revered for his Ijtihaad in jurisprudence, but not for the book on astronomy which he wrote with his own hands. It was purely a scientific work describing the inter-planetary distances under mathematical principles. His book is to be found in the library of Paris! But not in Muslim countries, for the most part. he was a scientist.

"Say: travel in the earth then see how He makes the first creation, then Allah creates the later creation. Surely Allah is Possessor of the power over all things." (29:20), also (10:19).

No "Ulama" will ever understand the above verse

that is ignorant of palaentology (study of extinct organized beings) and also of the palaezoic science from which we learn the ancient forms of life of the first geological period. The science of ethnology and ethnicity is alluded to also.

"And the changing of the winds and the clouds made subservient between heavens and earth, THERE ARE SURELY SIGNS FOR A PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND." (2:164)

Signs are very important to the wise. None will comprehend the importance of the above verse but those who have studied atmospheric phenomena. Most people are ignorant of the sciences of meteorology and nephology. Muslims are encouraged to study these signs.

"And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your tongues and colours. SURELY THERE ARE SIGNS IN THIS FOR THE LEARNED." (30:22)

The Qur'an advocates the study of signs.

According to this verse, unlearned "Ulema" are not qualified to teach this subject because they do not know philology and ethnology. This is why some are racist, even though they claim the Deen of Al-Islam and Rasullah (S.A.W.)

"Have they not travelled in the earth and seen what was the end of those before them? They were stronger than these in prowess, and dug up the earth, and built on it more than these have built." (30:9)

Here Allah refers to the study of the history of ancient civilizations. Can the "Ulema" give a learned dissertation on Egyptology or the history of Arabia, say, ten thousand years ago? What about ancient America (South and North)? This verse point to such studies.

Ibn Khaldun is regarded in the academic world as one of the Fathers of History. His writings influenced much of the world. But he was ignored until recently. His works were banned by the Sheikhs of one great Muslim university, the University of Al-Azhar. They said that his writings were profane and might undermine faith! The Arabic word Imam (faith) actually means, in its root projection, confirmed, knowledge.

"And the sun moves on to its destination. . And the moon, we have ordained for its stages. . Neither is it for the sun to overtake the moon, nor can the night out-strip the day. AND ALL FLOAT ON IN AN ORBIT."
(36:38-40)

Reference is made here to heavenly bodies FLOATING IN THEIR ORBITS. In another place, referring to heavenly bodies, Allah says: "SURELY THERE ARE SIGNS IN THIS FOR A PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND." (16:12) He did not say merely believe.

Today it is common knowledge that planets, planetoids and asteroids "float" around in space in a fixed orbit. The word "float" as used in the Qur'an is the exact word used by scientists today to describe the movement of the heavenly bodies. Qur'anic knowledge is always current, exact and on time.

Most eastern "Ulema" are not able to understand this verse of the Qur'an because the study of heavenly bodies and space science is foreign to them. They consider said to be haraam (forbidden), when it is their ignorance that is really haraam. No Muslim should every stop studying creation.

"And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth AND WHAT HE HAS SPREAD

FORTH IN BOTH OF THEM OF LIVING BEINGS. And He is All-powerful to gather them together when He will." (42:29)

This verse clearly points towards the fact that there are LIVING BEINGS on other planets. Few "Ulema" cannot give us any information on this scientific truth for which most have to turn to Godless Russia and the U.S.A. who are now probing the secrets of space. Knowledge belongs to the Muslims by nature, by decree, by directives if we but obey the Qur'an and study, study, study. . .read, ponder, etc.

I have labeled most "Ulema" as librarians for very good reasons. He is acknowledged as the greatest aalim who can tell us what Bukhar has to say regarding a certain mas'alah, or what Fathul Bari has recorded in elaboration of that mas'alah; what Allamah so and so has commented upon it; what is written in the Hawaashi and Badaai' regarding the mas'alah; what Allamah so and so copied from Sheik so and so, etc. He who can produce the greatest number of references is the greatest Maulana, the greatest Mufti. If this is not the job of a glorified librarian, then what is? The Islamic world needs scientists in every field who are mujahideens, not mere quote-ologists. A. S. K. Joomaal is one such Muslim.

These Ulema say that in any matter pertaining to religion, the use of one's sense or reason (*Aql*) is forbidden. In fact, they declare that it is a crime to use logic and rational judgment in religious problems. The only correct answer to any given mas'lah according to them, would be the one in which there is not the remotest trace of reason or independent thinking! All *fatwas* (legal decisions) are thus rendered by these asinine Ulemas according to what is written in their fiqh books - void of any thinking or reasoning. That is *Taqleed* (i.e. blind following in the most negative sense).

William Drummond has summed up beautifully those who indulge in Taqleed. He observed that: "He who will not reason is a bigot; he who cannot is a fool; he who dare not is a slave."

Al-Qur'an very strongly denounces the practice of taqleed. It has caused us to see and understand that the message of every messenger of Allah was bitterly opposed because it was against taqleed. The Muqallideen (blind conformists) were contented to "follow" (make taqleed of) their forefathers. Consider the following statements in Qur'an 11:62; 10:79; 26:74; 23:24; 31:21. Animals act on instinct. But a human being thinks. Al-Qur'an directs the Mu'mins to "Reflect." Al-Balaagh publication, and it's editor, A. S. K. Joomaal induce serious reflection. It's a must for Muslims.

Zoologists tell us that at one stage of evolution bats had eyes like any other birds. But the bats stopped using their eyes, ultimately these organs of sight lost their function. The bats could not stand or bear the light of the sun that became their chief enemy. If the bats had their way they would have seen to it that the sun did not rise at all. Likewise, these so-called Ulemas are just like bats!

Authentic Muslims must rid themselves of Un-Islamic attitudes. Al-Qur'an is lucid (2:12). By ones thoughts one engenders ones character, for a thought often repeated because a habit, and a habit gradually crystalizes into a permanent quality, or a part of ones character. Thought is the cause of action, and to the spiritual sight is the hidden side of it; Christ Jesus (A. S.) pointed to this fact in Matthew (5:28).

In the physical world no one now denies the inviolability of natural law; it is recognized that man by

knowledge can play one law off against another, that he can oppose one force by another and so obtain a result at which he aims. But nature is conquered by obedience to its laws and the inviolability of these laws alone makes science possible. In the mental and moral world, the same principle is true.

Al-Qur'an contains the divine will of Allah Wa Taala. We must reflect on that will. That which the mind dwells on, the body performs. Acts are the results of the will sanctioning of certain thoughts. Let us think on Qur'anic guidance. Allahu' Akbar. Symbolism, myths, and signs, demands serious study. This should be lucid understood from the cited Qur'anic verses, originally pointed out by the Honorable A. S. K. Joomaal in the context paraphrased herein.

May Allah bless each reader with His Spirit, proper understanding of the points of truth we have endeavored to present in this book, and with the acumen to reject any possible misleading mental germs that may have snuck in unknowingly to us. Amin.

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