

## EPILOGUE

*Faith is like love; it cannot be forced.*  
-Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860)

There is something about the Bible that I have become aware of only recently, although my studies of ancient history, archaeology, anthropology, philosophy, the world religions, myths and legends span roughly half a century. I have visited archaeological sites in Europe, the Near East, in Mexico and in North America. Our interpretational work began in January 1974, and we now write December 1993.

While completing this book manuscript it occurred to me that the Bible is truly the only record available to European and western scholars, that contains in but one volume an account of spiritual history from the Golden Age of Man (Gen. 2:18-25) to circa 4000 B.C., the time of Adam and Eve, and afterwards a flawless account of 4,000 years of spiritual history to Christ and the apostles. Furthermore, the Bible contains many prophecies that predict the developments in the Christian era and the end of the Dark Ages (A.D. 2000), with a glimpse into our future until about A.D. 3000 which the interpretation of the Book of Revelation reveals.

Here I have not even mentioned the invaluable descriptions of spiritual sciences and "the law by which the soul (psyche) lives" and is active in us, nor the advanced sciences of, e.g., Moses.

Many other still complete sacred texts may be in existence in the Far East. However, they have been translated only partially for European and American scholars. The invaluable libraries, which had been preserved until the beginning of the Christian era, of Near Eastern, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Celtic and other peoples were then ruthlessly destroyed by ignorant fanatics. Thus, Egyptian history, e.g., has been pieced together from many sources such as scrolls, tomb inscriptions, pyramid texts and so on. The histories of other ancient empires, too, are pieced together from preserved or fragmentary tablets of clay or stone, inscriptions and ruins. About A.D. 1500 the Spaniards and their missionaries burned all records of the empires in Central America and in Peru. Some historians consulted wise men in these

lands and obtained from them all that was known to them by heart about the past. Again, these historians pieced together all knowledge that they could gather from their various sources.

It is very different with the Bible! From the end of the Golden Age in 6000 B.C. until about A.D. 3000, it contains 9,000 years of spiritual history all in but one volume...

THIS FACT INCREASES THE IMPORTANCE AND THE VALUE OF  
THE SCRIPTURES BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION !

These were the thoughts that came to me only recently and, as I lingered over them I also remembered some of the prophecies that contain that "the mysteries of God will be revealed in the Latter Days". Yet what do we have to do to reach out for such revelations?

- 1- It is vitally important that we change our attitude toward our wise, priestly ancestors. They were not primitive nomads filled with superstitions and beliefs in a God, or gods, beyond reality. They were wiser than we ever imagined.
- 2- Today's student who desires to learn of scriptural wisdom needs knowledge of the universally almost identical, timeless system of symbolism.
- 3- We seriously have to stop ~~to~~ hypothesize<sup>ing</sup>! Instead, the inspired books that are now in the Apocrypha ought to be returned to our Old Testament, for they contain much detail regarding events that are merely mentioned in Genesis.
- 4- We have to learn to allow the Scriptures (often original Hebrew or Greek meanings) to speak for themselves. The method that assisted us in our work has been explained on page 1 of Chapter 16.

Then, too, a little faith in God's truth in the Scriptures --truth that is hidden in it for one reason or another-- is very helpful... This kind of faith alerts the soul which loves to be a very loyal friend and helper to those who are unprejudiced and openminded in their search for truth in God's Word.