

Chapter 8:

LOOK FOR THE ANCIENT PATHS

"To err is human, to forgive is divine."

-Alexander Pope (1688-1744)

At first, it is truly difficult to change ones' mind about the intelligence of our prehistoric ancestors, for we were taught and believed that they were primitive cave dwellers. Although I had traced hundreds of cave pictures, comprehensive ones which, when interpreted, are like chapters in history books in themselves, I still needed more evidence. (The proof shown in my Chapters 3 and 4 is but a little excerpt of my findings.) I therefore don't blame readers when they, at first glance, put the idea of higher intelligence among our prehistoric ancestors aside as but another hypothesis. Yet when I came across the following biblical evidence it made me think twice before making any decisions either way. For this reason I want to share this information.

Scriptural authors were well aware of the nature of the Five World Ages of Gold (ended 6000 B.C.), of Silver (6000 B.C. to 4000 B.C.), of Bronze (4000 B.C. to 2000 B.C.), of Iron (2000 B.C. to the time of Christ) and the Age of Clay (ends A.D. 2000). The quality of the metals involved symbolizes that of mankind's spirituality during each age. Note: clay is not even a metal; it dissolves in water and becomes harder in fire but so brittle, that it shatters when it falls. (See Appendixes I and II for sources of information. A book manuscript is presently being prepared for publication.)

In biblical prophecies we read repeatedly that this or that would come to pass "during this age", or "at the end of this age", or that it would last "from ages to ages", or that it would happen "in the last days (generations) of the Dark Ages". Apparently, medieval translators no longer had a distinct concept of the nature of the Five World Ages, so they translated the Hebrew or Greek terms as meaning, "forever, evermore" and so on. There is an enormous difference in meanings between a prophecy which says that a certain condition will persist until the end of an age --perhaps 1,500 or a few hundred years-- or one that predicts it will last forever. For instance, when current versions of certain verses threaten with "eternal" punishment

for the sinners of the Latter Days, such a statement contradicts others which contain that God is forgiving and merciful.

After the cataclysm of 6000 B.C., a dangerous energy remained in the atmosphere, symbolically called "The Flying Serpent or Dragon". In the course of centuries, it affected the mind of man --as does all pollution, in one way or another-- and interfered with communication between the conscious mind and the soul. Thus, in every new generation of the 6th millennium B.C., fewer sensitives grew up to become efficient members of priesthoods. This decline in spirituality explains why traditional life-styles of the Golden Age, with the guidance, protection and assistance of the gods or sons of God, or goddesses, could not be continued. During the 5th millennium B.C., then, there were not enough powerful sensitives to continue the duties of their ancestors. Therefore, surviving sensitives taught their people how to live without spiritual powers. In other words, material means were developed which was not the beginning of civilization but that of our materialistic era.

When we, from this viewpoint, review our earlier concepts --the more or less skeptical ones-- concerning the missions of the biblical patriarchs and their contemporaries, or of the great teachers of historical times, myths and mysteries fade from the scene; they move into the realm of reality. These surviving enlightened people did their utmost, some of them even enduring torture and violent deaths, to preserve the memory of the true spiritual nature of human beings and of their close relationship to the universe... among their materialistic-minded contemporaries. Although mankind had great teachers, we of the 20th centuries truly do not have a notion of the nature of the God-given soul and how to reach it. In fact, we speak not of the supernatural or paranormal when we try to explain certain E.S.P. experiences. To the ancients such phenomena were a very natural part of human life, but they have foreseen our predicaments and lack of knowledge.

In the Old Testament Apocrypha, which has been an integral part of the Old Testament until the 16th century A.D., and whose validity will be discussed in Chapter 8, we read about every patriarch's warnings of the loss of spirituality in future generations. Enoch was the 7th patriarch from Adam, who lived in the middle of the 4th millennium B.C., and he wrote:

FOR YE MEN (priests) SHALL PUT ON MORE ADORNMENTS THAN A WOMAN, AND COLOURED GARMENTS MORE THAN A VIRGIN; IN ROYALTY AND GRANDEUR AND IN POWER, AND IN SILVER AND IN GOLD AND IN PURPLE, AND IN SPLENDOUR AND IN FOOD THEY SHALL BE Poured OUT AS WATER. THEREFORE, THEY SHALL BE WANTING IN DOCTRINE AND WISDOM.

IEnoch 98:2

In the same chapter, verses 15-16, Enoch predicted that future priests would make changes to the written word that would mislead people. Like many other great teachers Enoch, too, pleaded with his priestly descendants to live by the law that has been recorded for them. Accordingly, all went fairly well until the time of the patriarch Nahor, the predecessor of Terah and Abraham, toward the end of the 3rd millennium B.C. Nahor, however, so it is written, was a maker of idols, and if the patriarch (high priest) is one, his followers cannot be very different from him, except Terah, Abraham, and their followers who left Ur of the Chaldees and continued the tradition of the wise forefathers elsewhere. In other words, if it had not been for Terah and Abraham the Semitic priesthood, the spiritual sons of Adam, would have expired in Chaldea at that time. About 600 years later, when Israel dwelt in Egyptian slavery, the Semitic tradition might have expired there, in the course of time, if it had not been for Moses. After Moses, Joshua initiated the conquest of the Promised Land. Yet during the time of the judges many Israelites and Judeans adapted to the people around them and practised their idol worship, at times to the worst extent, as we read in:

THEY SACRIFICED THEIR SONS AND THEIR DAUGHTERS TO THE DEMONS, THEY Poured OUT INNOCENT BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, WHOM THEY SACRIFICED TO THE IDOLS OF CANAAN...

Ps. 106:37-38

There were very few enlightened teachers left among them, and those who did exist were seldom recognized as blessed seers and prophets, if at all. The lamentations of the biblical prophets of the 1st millennium B.C. inform us of the developments of that time. I used to avoid reading these lamentations because I was weary of being called a sinner over and over again. It is a fact

that no one is perfect. Then I discovered that the biblical prophets were not the only ones who complained about the neglect of spiritual laws. Who are the keepers, recorders and teachers of God's law? Religious authorities! In other words, the prophets did not rebuke common people but religious authorities! Likewise, when one reads the teachings of Laotse, Confucius, the Buddha, Mohammed the founder of Islam, the Greek Socrates, the Mayan prophets Chilam Balam of Chumayel, or others like them, it is the same around the world. All enlightened teachers complained about the wrong concepts taught by contemporary religious authorities worldwide. In this sense, the prophet Elijah complained:

THEN ELIJAH SAID TO THE PEOPLE, "I, EVEN I ONLY, AM LEFT A
PROPHET OF THE LORD; BUT BA'AL'S PROPHETS (unenlightened ones)
ARE FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEN. IKi. 18:22

A hundred years later Isaiah said in his first chapter:

THE OX KNOWS ITS OWNER AND THE DONKEY ITS MASTER'S CRIB; BUT
ISRAEL DOES NOT KNOW, MY PEOPLE DO NOT UNDERSTAND.
Isa. 1:3

Then Isaiah recorded the fulfilment of one of Enoch's prophecies already during that time, namely, that of the written word being changed:

THEREFORE THE WORD OF THE LORD WILL BE TO THEM (religious
authorities) PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT, PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT,
LINE UPON LINE, LINE UPON LINE,
HERE A LITTLE, THERE A LITTLE:
THAT THEY MAY GO, AND FALL BACKWARD (from spiritual levels),
AND BE BROKEN, AND SNARED, AND TAKEN.

Isa. 28:13

If a scriptural subject is not studied and understood in its oneness, but one understands "here a little, there a little", or a precept here and one there, minor changes made to the written word can distort major issues, as we shall see when we interpret Genesis 1 to 5 later in this book. Since the authorities of Isaiah's time knew that they lacked understanding, and since Isaiah

exposed them to the people, they hated him. Isaiah was executed in a most cruel way: publicly, in the market place, he was sawn in two with a common woodsaw. (Heb. 11:37).

During the 7th and 6th centuries B.C. all prophets, the greater and the minor ones, complained about the superficial attitude toward the law of Moses among religious authorities. Jeremiah reminded everyone of the good times of the past, saying:

THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD:
"STAND BY THE ROADS, AND LOOK,
AND ASK FOR THE ANCIENT PATHS
WHERE THE GOOD WAY IS; AND WALK IN IT,
AND FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS." Jer. 6:16

What ancient path did Jeremiah speak of? The written records contain only decline in spirituality. Thus he could refer only to times long before 4000 B.C. Jeremiah wrote further:

HOW CAN YOU (the priests) SAY, "WE ARE WISE, AND THE LAW OF THE LORD IS WITH US?" BUT BEHOLD, THE FALSE PEN OF THE SCRIBES HAS MADE IT INTO A LIE..
FROM PROPHET TO PRIEST, EVERYONE DEALS FALSELY.
JER. 8:8-10

This ought to tell us where the traditional stories of creation, Adam and Eve, the Sins of Eve, Noah's Flood, and others originate, which today collide with modern sciences.

These are but a few of the many prophetic passages which, so I understand, enlightened ones have recorded for us so that we may not take anything by faith that does not make sense in the light of the laws of nature and of life. We are to trace such passages to their origins. Jesus Christ left no one in doubt about the false teachings of the law by the Pharisees, the religious authorities of his time. He said to them:

"SO, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR TRADITION YOU HAVE MADE VOID THE WORD (or law) OF GOD. YOU HYPOCRITES !" Matt. 15:6

The Phariseic tradition was inherited from the earlier Levitical priesthood. In Matt. 23 every paragraph commences with, "Woe to you, scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites!" Jesus also reminded the disciples of the necessity to know the Scriptures as a oneness. After telling them certain detail about "the end of this age", the age that had just begun with him and ends in the near future, he said to them:

..."THEREFORE EVERY SCRIBE WHO HAS BEEN TRAINED FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A HOUSEHOLDER WHO BRINGS OUT OF HIS TREASURE WHAT IS NEW AND WHAT IS OLD." Matt. 13:52

With these words Christ seems to elaborate on Isaiah's complaints saying that "here a precept, there a precept, here a little, there a little" just does not provide an understanding of mankind's spiritual history. One needs to know and comprehend every detail from the beginning. Only then can the fulfilment make sense. The apostle Paul added to this concept:

HOWEVER, WE SPEAK OF THE WISDOM AMONG THOSE WHO ARE MATURE (spiritually), YET NOT THE WISDOM OF THIS AGE, NOR OF THE RULERS OF THIS AGE, WHO ARE COMING TO NOTHING. BUT WE SPEAK OF THE WISDOM OF GOD IN A MYSTERY, WHICH GOD ORDAINED BEFORE THE AGES (before the dark ages?) FOR OUR GLORY (glory: power), WHICH NONE OF THE RULERS OF THIS AGE KNEW; FOR HAD THEY KNOWN, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD OF GLORY (glory: power).

ICor. 2:6-8

These words are very significant from the viewpoint of the Five World Ages, and mankind's spirituality during the Golden Age, the time when not only spiritual leaders but also their followers were familiar with the laws that promoted spirituality. Yet they were forgotten even by authorities of the 1st millennium B.C. However, we should never blame individuals or priesthods for false teachings because it was, initially, the interference of the pollution

known as the Flying Serpent or Dragon which had suppressed communication between God and man. The source of ultimate truth was, therefore, available only to the most powerful sensitives of historical times who, however, were *rare*. For all we know, authorities may have done their best which, as I have mentioned earlier, is all that anyone can possibly do. The early church fathers still searched for original meanings but this was against the law in later centuries, when the written word was to be accepted on faith.

Before we commence our study of the system of symbolism and interpret Genesis 1 to 5, it is advisable to explore the nature of the earliest written records, and to clarify a few questions which scholars debate frequently.