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1Co 14:26 How is it then, brethren, when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

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Fossils and evolution - DEAD IN THE WRONG PLACE

Do you remember sitting in school and being taught about “the geological column”? The chart went something like this: See Below.

The story goes that after the first simple cell, more complex life forms evolved... amoeba... trilobites... coal 280 million years ago... dinosaurs 135- to 65 million years ago ... and man more recently, say 5- to 1 million years ago.

There you are. Evolution did occur. And that’s the sequence. Just believe the chart!

The world’s best known living atheist, Richard Dawkins recently said, “I challenge anyone to submit ‘out-of-sequence’ fossil finds that disprove evolution.”

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And his buddy Warwick Don added, "Evolution would be falsified if even one out of sequence fossil were ever found in the fossil record, e.g. a fossil 'human' in the Carboniferous [coal]... No such anachronistic fossils have ever been found." (*Investigate* magazine, January 2010)

THE GEOLOGICAL TIME-SCALE		Estimated years ago
Age of Man 	Recent (Neolithic, Bronze, Iron) Pleistocene or Glacial (Paleolithic)	25,000 to 5,000,000
CENOZOIC Age of Mammals	Pliocene Miocene Oligocene Eocene	12,000,000 to 65,000,000
MESOZOIC Age of Reptiles	Cretaceous  Jurassic Triassic	65,000,000 to 248,000,000
PALEOZOIC Age of Invertebrates, Fishes, Amphibians 	Permian Carboniferous Devonian Silurian Ordovician Cambrian	248,000,000 to 590,000,000
AZOIC Primitive life	Pre-Cambrian	590,000,000 to 1,800,000,000

So, evolution theory is secure. Fold your arms, lie back and all is well.

Oh bother! Who's this spoil sport rocking the boat? Oh, some unimportant guy by the name of Ed Conrad.

What has he done?

Near Mahanoy City, between coal veins in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania, he has discovered a fossil human skull and other human parts, as well. That's right, in coal-bearing strata.

Have they been scientifically examined? Indeed, they have. Bones, teeth and/or soft organs found in this Carboniferous strata have been subjected to independent scans and tests at

* American Medical Laboratories in Chantilly, Virginia, considered the world's foremost medical lab.

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* Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center at University in Atlanta, Georgia, considered the foremost facility for primate research.

* National Taiwan University geology department.

* Alberta Research Council in Canada.

From more than 20 fossils thin sectioned and examined and more than 1,000 microscopic pictures taken, the verdict, proven beyond doubt, is that humans were entombed in Carboniferous strata! They were buried the same time as the trees that formed the coal.

So, **as our evolutionist friends Dawkins and Don themselves tell us**, such a discovery **falsifies evolution**. (Please read my 58 page scientific report – <http://www.beforeus.com/man-in-carboniferous.pdf>)

Controversial? You bet! So we must rubbish these finds every way possible. (Never mind the certified test results.)



Portion of the human skull from Carboniferous strata

Okay, I'm feeling in a generous mood. So let's scrap Conrad's discoveries. Will that help us? Um... er... it sort of gets worse...

In all geological strata types

The chart illustrates the problem. Not only have numerous other human remains been discovered in Carboniferous strata – including complete skeletons (Macoupin County, Illinois – *The Geologist*). But they're also in EVERY other so-called geological "age", as well. Those listed are a mere sampling of finds – commonly reburied, "lost" in museum basements, or suppressed. That's why you seldom hear of them.

In 1912, at the Municipal Electric Plant, at Thomas, Oklahoma, fireman Frank J. Kenword split a large piece of coal and discovered an **iron pot** embedded inside. The source of the coal was the Wilburton, Oklahoma, Mines. The pot is on display at the Miles Musical Museum in Eureka Springs.

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HUMAN REMAINS

Pleistocene		Skull Skeleton Skeleton Pelvis Jaw Upper arm bone	Olmo, Italy Clichy, France Gally Hill, England Natchez, North America Abbeville, Africa Kanapoi, Africa
Pliocene		Skull Skull Skull Jaw Footprints Footprints Sandal prints	Calaveras, California Castenedolo, Italy Table Mt., California Foxhall, England Laetolil, Africa Tulsa, Oklahoma Carson City, Nevada
Miocene		Skull Jaw Shoe print	Stanford, California Tuscany, Italy Gobi Desert, Asia
Eocene		Skull Tooth	Germany Bear Creek, Montana
Paleocene		Cast iron cube	Wolfsegg, Austria
Cretaceous		Skeletons (2) Skull Tooth; footprints Foot, shoe prints Cast metal nodules	La Sal, Utah Gilman, Colorado Glen Rose, Texas Carrizo Valley, Oklahoma Saint-Jean de Liver, France
Jurassic		Leg & foot bones Footprint	Spring Valley, Nevada Parkersburg, W. Virginia
Triassic		Sandal footprint Footprint	Pershing County, Nevada Mt. Victoria, Australia
Permian		Footprints	St. Louis, Missouri
Carboniferous		Footprints Iron pot Tools Gold chain Footprints Hieroglyphics Inscription Imprinted slab Concrete wall	Bera, Kentucky Oklahoma Aixen-Provence, France Illinois Missouri Hammondsville, Ohio Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Webster City, Iowa Heavener, Oklahoma
Devonian		Precision pattern	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Silurian		Skeleton	Franklin County, Mo.
Ordovician		Sandal print Metal Hammer	Lake Windermere, England London, Texas
Cambrian		Sandal, footprints Iron bands	Antelope Springs, Utah Lochmaree, Scotland



At Meeting House Hill, Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1851, a **metallic vase** was blown out of an immense mass of solid rock. The rock was said to be **Precambrian**, "over 600 million years old." (That's worse than being found in Carboniferous!) Made of an unknown metal, the artefact was beautifully inlaid with pure silver. It portrayed six figures of a flower, a bouquet, and a vine or wreath. The chasing, carving and inlaying are cleverly and exquisitely done. (*Scientific American*, Vol.7, p.298, June 5, 1852)

Summarising the fossils

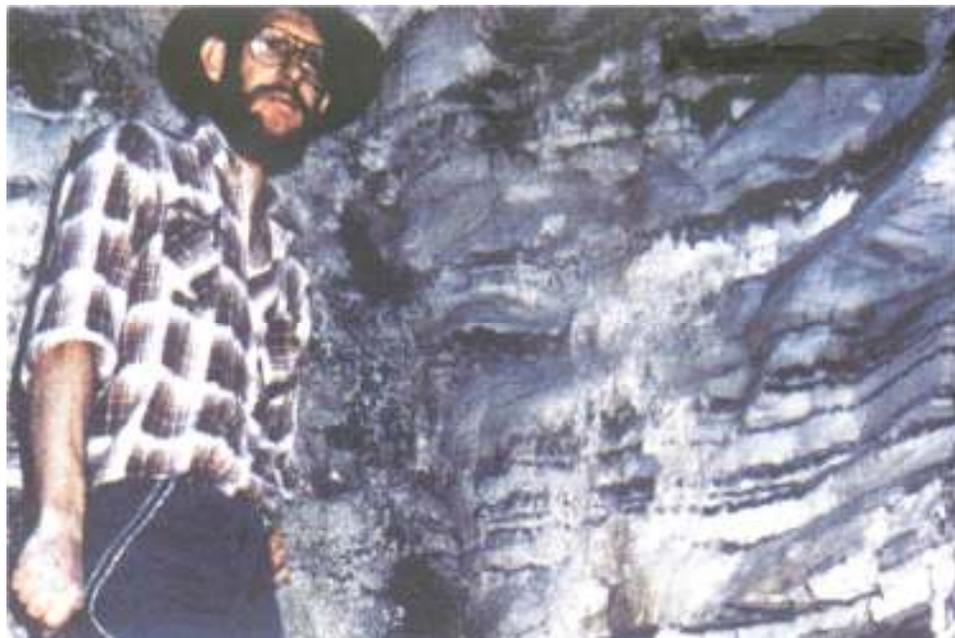
It is not just physical finds such as these that scream out against evolution. Here are summarised for you eight major fossil facts that, quite frankly, are alarming.

1. Complex fossils appear suddenly in the "**earliest**" strata, **already fully formed**, with **no evidence of ancestors**.
2. Each plant and animal type appears abruptly in the **subsequent** fossil record, with **no evidence of any previous transitional form leading up to it**. At its first appearance it is an **already complete**, functional unit – and optimal from an engineering standpoint. Thus there are persistent, **unbridgeable gaps** or chasms **between** different major types of organisms. – between, for example, reptiles and birds. The same gaps between organisms that we witness today, are likewise in the fossil record of the past. No links.
3. Fossils in the "wrong" order. All over the world, what the evolution theory classifies as "older" and "younger" are found mixed **in any sequence** – no evolutionary progression.
4. Although, theoretically, millions of years of deposits make up the different strata, in the real physical world of remains there is **no visible time lapse** between them.



5. Polystrate fossils: All over the world, **individual fossils penetrate several strata**. For example, in the picture below you see Jeff Smith, long time industrial chemist, standing beside a fossil pine tree in the Pilot coal seams south of Newcastle, Australia. Its trunk penetrates vertically through **fourteen** different coal seams, each of which was, according to evolution theory, formed slowly over thousands or millions of years. But, horror of horrors, here is one tree going through all of them. The coal seams are interspersed with layers of sand. How on earth could any tree trunk survive the ups and downs while waiting to get buried? But the **evidence** is that that tree had no time to decay before it was buried. Such polystrate fossils are common, all over the world. Strata was **formed rapidly**.
6. There is **not one geological site** on earth that has the full evolution fossil sequence palmed off to us in textbooks. Not anywhere! It's in their heads, not in the rocks.
7. "Index fossils" (fossils assumed to have lived exclusively in a particular era and which were thus used to date rock layers in which they appeared) are now found still alive. These **living fossils** falsify the "indexed" age of the rocks.

8. Today's living organisms are basically *unchanged from their first fossil ancestors*. Just look at the flatworm. With its short lifespan we can watch it go *through thousands of generations*, which, according to evolution theory, should be enough to show evidence of evolution. But not so!



It is necessary to keep the information concerning these eight fossil facts brief here, but for in-depth **evidence**, may I recommend *Surprise Witness*, chapters 14 - 17 (<http://www.beforeus.com/second.php>) and *The Discovery That's Toppling Evolution*, chs. 3 - 9 (<http://www.beforeus.com/evol.php>)

No transitional remains found

To comment briefly on Point 2, have you ever gone through a museum and noticed how with no real links between life-forms, someone had tried to "fill in the gaps" with artists' sketches?

The evolutionist's sketches normally portray an ape-like creature that turns into a man – a theory arrived at presumably after extensive self-examination. Of course, like the frog-into-a-prince tale, you can draw a picture of anything.

This lack you can correctly view as an enormous problem. A true transitional link would be something with a non-functional "partial" something – like a partially formed feather. However, among the millions of fossils found, one finds evidence of **only totally functional components** – all from the very start, fully perfect.

The "prehistoric man" myth

Evolutionists segment history into ages – such as the "Stone Age" for "prehistoric" times. Yet this is useless for determining a chronological history because, as they admit, these ages may not be sequential, but actually contemporary! Today, while we live in our age of space exploration, the Internet, and nuclear power, we have other people living in a primitive "stone age" culture in tropical rainforests. It was almost always so. Man started off intelligent. After natural or man-made disasters, survivors had to get by with more primitive tools of survival – yet preserving the memory of their ancestors past achievements. Indeed, you might well ask, Was there ever a Stone Age? The answer is NO! Have there been **stone cultures**? Yes. (Please study the evidence in my book *Dead Men's Secrets*, Chapters 5 to 7.)

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More complex first

Regarding Point 3, evolution theory says that simpler organisms evolved first, followed by more complex. Logic tells us that plants would need to come first, so that animals could feed on them.

But did you know that plant cells are more complicated than animals' cells? Each plant cell has 20 to 100 sub-units, called chloroplasts. And each chloroplast contains about 45 sun traps. These sun traps are like solar panels on the roof of a house, to:

- (a) receive and convert the sun's rays to energy
- (b) absorb carbon dioxide, and then
- (c) give out oxygen into the air for animal life to breath.

Every solar panel in a plant contains a green pigment called chlorophyll. This greenness soaks in the sun's energy.

Now, here is the crunch. Evolution theory says the simpler systems came first and the more complex systems came later.

But this chloroplast discovery means that, contrary to evolution theory, **the more complex systems came first.**

Animal cells do not have these complicated sun-converting panels. Yet, without these, animal life could not have started or survived.

Darwin: “Fossils will prove or disprove my theory”

Darwin predicted that the evidence for evolution would eventually be found in the fossils buried in the earth's strata. (Darwin, Charles. “On the imperfection of the geological record,” Chapter X, *The Origin of Species* London: J.M. Dent & Sons Ltd., 1971, pp.292-293)

And Darwin's champion, T.A. Huxley, had said, “If evolution has taken place, there will its marks be found; if it has not taken place, there will be its refutation.”

So, what has since been found? The sad fact was admitted by Niles Eldridge, curator of New York's Natural History Museum: “The fossil record we were told to find in the past 120 years [since Darwin] **does not exist.**” (*New York Times*, November 4, 1980).

And some 30 years after that, nothing has changed.

When anyone tells us the fossils prove evolution, we are being lied to, because the hoped for evidence for evolution in the fossil record does not exist. (For a great deal of scientific documentation, see my two books *Surprise Witness*, chs. 14 - 17 <http://www.beforeus.com/second.php> ; *The Discovery That's Toppling Evolution*, chs. 3 - 9 <http://www.beforeus.com/evol.html>)

Yet, even as the theory crumbles, its promoters cling on with religious tenacity. Why do they keep flogging a dead horse? More honest evolutionists like Dr. Michael Walker, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology, Sydney University, have put their finger on it. He stated:

One is forced to conclude that many scientists and technologists pay lip-service to Darwinian theory only because it supposedly excludes a Creator. (Michael Walker, Sydney University *Quadrant*, October, 1981, p.44)

Yes, many accept evolution theory not from a careful evaluation of the data, but because of a bias against the supernatural. The real reason why these people want to believe in evolution is **to get God out of their lives.** If

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you admit evolution is false, then you have to deal with God. The theory of evolution is there to eliminate God out of peoples' lives. Darwinism has become something close to a religion or a worldview.

The cover up

Then how are scientists in general reacting to such recent discoveries? Combing through the literature, one finds that these facts have come as a surprise to most scientists – because evolution was all they were taught.

Others know about the latest discoveries but are playing dumb – fearful of bucking the establishment! Scoundrels – all of them! Sure, many mean well. But they still hide the facts. Reputations, careers, and financial research grants are at risk. And so this shabby pseudoscience has acquired a blind popularity.

Thousands of scientists abandoning evolution

But truth can't be suppressed forever. Meanwhile, many highly qualified scientists are openly rejecting evolution. In the United States alone, tens of thousands of them.

One of the most renowned atheists of the 20th century was Dr Antony Flew of the University of Reading, in England. Flew is arguably the best-known atheist in the academic world of the last 50 years. He helped set the agenda for atheism with his paper "*Theology and Falsification*". That was the most widely reprinted philosophical publication of the last half century.

Well, in 2004 Dr Flew startled the scholarly world by announcing he had now accepted the existence of God, largely due to his study of DNA. Here are his own words: "I think that the most impressive arguments for God's existence are those that are supported by recent scientific discoveries ... I think the argument to Intelligent Design is enormously stronger than it was when I first met it." (Richard Ostling, "Leading Atheist Now Believes in God," *Associated Press* report, Dec. 9, 2004).

He then stated: "As people have certainly been influenced by me, I want to try and correct the enormous damage I may have done." (Stuart Wavell and Will Iredale, "Sorry, Says Atheist-in-Chief, I Do Believe in God After All," Dec. 12, 2004). There's an honest man.

Majority of medical doctors

In a survey of 1,482 physicians (the type of people most familiar with the wonders of the human body), the majority rejected strict Darwinism. The poll was conducted by HCD Research and the Louis Finkelstein Institute for Religious and Social Studies.

"Of course, most doctors are skeptical of Darwinism," said Dr Robert Cihak, M.D., former president of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons and a medical columnist for JewishWorldReview.com. "An eye surgeon knows the astonishing intricacies of human vision intimately, so the vague, just-so stories about eye evolution don't fool him. And the eye is just one of the countless organs and interdependent systems in the body that defy Darwinian explanation." (Discovery Institute, "Nearly Two-Thirds of Doctors Skeptical of Darwin's Theory of Evolution," May 31, 2005)

Unscientific

The evolution theory contradicts these known scientific laws:

1. FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS: Energy or mass are neither created nor destroyed. Energy and mass cannot originate from nothing, by natural processes. The universe could not have begun itself. EVOLUTION SAYS matter and energy created itself from nothing.

2. BIOGENESIS: Life comes ONLY from life. This tells us that life cannot and never did originate by natural processes. EVOLUTION SAYS life originated from non-life.

3. SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS: With time, a closed system (like our universe) will become more random and disordered. Things wear out and break down. Ask any engineer or homeowner. EVOLUTION SAYS the universe began as disorder (the big bang) and became orderly over time.

4. CAUSE AND EFFECT: An observed event can be traced to an event that preceded it. EVOLUTION believes in NO 'First Cause' for the universe.

12 questions that demand an answer:

1. What scientific laws support the theory of evolution?
2. How did life originate?
3. How did energy originate?
4. How did mass originate?
5. How did DNA information code originate?
6. How did the code to translate it originate?
7. MAN SINCE START OF LIFE?: If man evolved from earlier forms, then why are **human remains** found in **all "ages"** of strata, even with the "first and earliest" fossil life forms?
8. COMPLEX LIFE AT START?: Why do **complex fossils** appear in the "earliest" strata, with **no evidence of ancestors**?
9. REQUIRED LINKS NOT FOUND: Why are there **persistent gaps between** major types of organisms – with no evidence of transition from one type to another?
10. STRATA RAPIDLY FORMED?: Why does a single fossil commonly **penetrate through multiple "ages"** of strata?
11. UNCHANGED OVER THE AGES: Why are today's basic types **unchanged** from their first fossil ancestors?
12. EVOLVING OF INFORMATION: How does new **information** evolve?

It seems to me that fossils and DNA kill evolution stone dead.

(a) DNA tells me evolution **couldn't even get started**.

(b) Fossils tell me that whatever we started with **has not evolved since then**.

For more detailed information, see
The Discovery That's Toppling Evolution, 218 pages

Have a Great Sabbath!

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From outer space? - THE SUMERIAN TABLETS SHOCK

Erich von Danicken caused a sensation in the seventies when he claimed that sophisticated ancient relics were the result of a space visit to earth.

Now is the time for the truth.

Von Danicken, like others, assumed that early man struggled for endless millions of years as a primitive dumb and stupid creature, unable to accomplish anything on his own.

Then we find man quite suddenly (in the last few thousand years) nurturing a technology so intricate, so sophisticated, that it suggests intellectual maturity from the start.

You don't have to be smart to sense there is something wrong here.

So, faced with the new evidence of high technology in ancient times, and realizing that man could not have obtained such advanced thinking capabilities and complex technology simply by evolving from nothing, Von Danicken's camp suggested that maybe galactic visitors were responsible. These alien giants crossbred with primates to produce modern man, then left behind artefacts from their visit.

Did they? You have to admit, it's an interesting theory.

The Planet X – Anunnaki shock

And then there's the Planet X story.

It's the kind of story you might want to believe. A certain popular writer, describing himself as an expert on ancient texts, tells us that beyond the planet Pluto there is an outer planet called Nibiru.

Nibiru was populated by a reptilian super race, the Anunnaki.

The Anunnakis' own planet was dying. So the Anunnaki came to Planet Earth to attempt a rescue of their planet. The gold on Planet Earth was needed to create a shield for preserving Nibiru's dwindling atmosphere.

One can actually feel sorry for the Anunnaki.

Anyway, this Planet Nibiru, in its orbit, came close to Planet Earth.

A group of 50 astronauts from Nibiru, with their leader called Enki, splashed down in the waters of the Persian Gulf. Some Anunnaki were sent to mine gold in Africa.

When the toil became unbearable, Enki 'created' 'primitive workers' by mixing the genes of male Anunnaki with the eggs of early female hominoids, to bring about Homo sapiens - you and me.

This sudden speed-up given to our evolution explains how the Sumerian civilization began suddenly, fully developed, with no evidence of a primitive beginning.

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You can credit these extraterrestrials for jump-starting it, this popular writer says.

Oh, and something else. The orbit of Nibiru (which some label Planet X) brings it into our solar system every 3,600 years. It will return to Planet Earth very soon.

Well, that awakens my interest. How about you?

Mr S: “It’s on the Sumerian tablets”

In any case, this gentleman, whom we shall call Mr S, assures us that this is what the Sumerian clay tablets say. In fact, he has been heavily promoting this topic.

In contrast to the airy speculation of von Danicken, Mr S claims to be a scholar. He graduated in economics. But he claims to be an expert in ancient Sumerian texts and Hebrew.

You have to admit, an argument appealing to ancient clay tablets does sound somewhat scholarly.

Oh well, you must have guessed by now who Mr S is, so I might as well name him. But I shall make it absolutely clear that what follows is not about the man. It’s about the subject. I have no problem with Zecharia Sitchin as a person. He’s probably quite a nice guy. (Later note: Sitchin died soon after I wrote this report.)

As it was, for a number of years I accepted this gentleman's claim that the above story was in those ancient Sumerian records. After all, you just don’t make up such things, do you?

When Mr S first spun his exciting story to us, how many of us had access to all the Sumerian texts?

What he had right

From my years of independent research, I knew that Mr S had at least one thing correct – that, from earliest times, the Sumerians enjoyed a very high standard of civilization.

As you know, in today’s world, where we are taught that early man was primitive, it is rare to hear about high technology in the ancient world. So I felt a measure of rapport with Mr S.

For this reason, my customary cautious approach softened toward this man. And I did enjoy reading his books. So I let down my guard just a little to give the “facts” in his books due respect – in particular, the claim that certain ancient texts existed that backed up his story.

Accepting his claim also to be a responsible scholar, I went as far as to quote him a couple of times in my book *Dead Men’s Secrets*.

BUT THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED...

People begin asking

Over a period of time, I received an increasing number of emails asking me about

- * Planet Nibiru (Planet X) * The Anunnaki
- * The Nephilim
- * The 3,600 year orbit of this planet, which is said to bring destruction each time it passes close to the earth.

So I felt an increasing obligation to dig deeper.

Investigation results bother me

Well, I was checking carefully through the story. And an irritating anomaly cropped up. Assuming Mr S’s story were true, such mis-fitting data made no sense. It should not exist!

Naturally, this bothered me. Shrug it off as an isolated problem? Perhaps. But it did cry out to be resolved.

Nevertheless, pursuing this matter was not so easy. You see, very soon another inconsistency surfaced.... then another...and another.

Bother! The problem was not just one, but a growing procession of non-fitting pieces.

That’s when it struck me that the problem might be not with the inconsistencies, but with Mr S’ story.

Three problems arise

Here are some of the serious questions that arose:

1. Mr S said that the **Anunnaki** come from the planet Nibiru (a 12th planet). How do we know this is so? According to our friend, it’s in the Sumerian texts.

PROBLEM: Search, search and search! But, no matter where one might turn, it was absolutely **impossible to find even one such Sumerian text!**

2. **Nibiru** is a planet beyond Pluto. How do we know? According to our friend, the Sumerian texts say so.

PROBLEM: Again, I could find **not one single Sumerian text that says anything like this.**

3. This planet Nibiru cycles through our solar system **every 3600 years**. According to Mr S, the Sumerian texts say this.

PROBLEM: But try as one might, **no such Sumerian texts** could be found! Not anywhere!

The Sumerian texts displayed a distressing habit of being **not there**.

So could the problem be with me?

More awkward questions

As I scratched my head over this, a few more awkward questions began to nag at me:

- * Why did Mr S claim that the biblical pre-Flood “sons of God” who married the “daughters of men” were called “**nephilim**” – when the Genesis text itself said **something very different?**
- * Why did Mr S say that “**nephilim**” means “**people of the fiery rockets**” and also “**those who came down from heaven**”? – when, in the Hebrew language, the word “**nephilim**” meant nothing like this.
- * Why did many of Mr S’ vital **translations** of Sumerian and Mesopotamian words, **differ so much** from Mesopotamian cuneiform bilingual dictionaries?

Why... why... why? Here was a whole mass of questions now crying out for an answer.

Facts above theories

You should understand something here. Experience in front line archaeology has taught me that **evidence** must always override theories. If a theory says yes, but the confirmed facts say no, then the theory is wrong. That is plain common sense.

In an investigation, there may be hundreds of information bits to consider. One starts out imagining a scenario, but when all the facts are in, the final picture may turn out to be quite different.

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Let's say you have hundreds of torn-up bits of newspaper scattered over the table, and you want to fit them together to form a page. But after working for hours, you discover the pieces just do not fit. Well, that's where I was with the many pieces to Mr Sitchin's theory. They just did not fit.

I write to the Nibiru man

So what would you do?

What better than to ask the man who gave us the pieces? So I sat down and wrote to Zecharia Sitchin, asking him to help me clarify these matters.

Surely he would substantiate his story better than anyone. Perhaps he had sources not available to the rest of the world? With Mr Sitchin's help, this bothersome matter could be resolved.

On the next page is the letter I wrote to Zecharia Sitchin:

I "bit on my fingernails"... and waited...

Seven weeks passed...

I recall vividly that Tuesday morning at the Thames post office. My heart was thumping heavily as I tore open the envelope. And there, inside, was a photocopy of my letter, with Mr Sitchin's few brief notes scribbled over it.

They consisted of only a few words. It was evident that the dear man was stumped to produce any of the claimed Sumerian texts. Sure, as he said, it was in his "books", but not in the Sumerian texts! Well, I had already been through his books. (You will find the details of his brief reply to each of my questions in my special 224 page report, *Just Sitchin Fiction?*)

What you should know about the Sumerian texts

Further investigation, without Mr Sitchin's help, turned up the fact that all of the Sumerian texts discovered by archaeologists have now been translated and catalogued. No longer a secret, they are finally accessible to us – and even on the Internet.

So are you ready for this? Examination shows that there is **not one Sumerian text** that says those things. Not one anywhere. In my book *Just Sitchin Fiction?* I show you how to check for yourself all the Sumerian texts online. The truth is that in the entire cuneiform record there is **not one single text** that says any of these things Mr Sitchin was claiming they did. These texts do not exist. **They are all made up!**

Except one. And that is a cylinder seal known as "VA243" (so named because it is number 243 in the collection of the Vorderasiatische Museum in Berlin). But, contrary to Mr Sitchin's claim, this seal does not show a 12th planet at all, but is the record of a grain harvest offering to a god.

What about the good Mr Sitchin's Sumerian word translations? Same problem. They are just made up.

How can we be sure? Surprise! Not only do we now have access to the Sumerian texts, but also to 4,000 year old Sumerian word dictionaries. That's right. The Sumerians kept their own dictionaries. And we have these now! And what is their verdict on the "alien-favoring" meanings that Mr Sitchin has been giving us? The words do not mean those things at all! The actual meanings are very, very different.

What about Mr Sitchin's Hebrew word translations? Sorry to be a spoil sport, but these are likewise fictitious. (So that you can check it all for yourself, I now offer you a free 224 page e-book in which you can go through each of these in detail. See below.)

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Dear Mr. Sitchin,

I have enjoyed reading your work and have quoted from you in a couple of my own books.

With respect, I would appreciate you helping me with some information. When I quote you, some people raise questions.

This is not intended to be critical, but rather stems from a desire to understand better the propositions which you raise.

Here are my questions.

1. I notice you translate "nephilim" as "people of the fiery rockets" and also "those who came down from heaven" (as closely as I remember the wording) Could you please explain how this is arrived at, using the rules of Hebrew morphology? Where do you get your understanding that "naphal" has to do with fire or rockets? In what ancient text does naphal have to do with fire or rockets?
2. Which Sumerian text says that the Anunnaki come from the planet Nibiru - or have a connection to Nibiru, a 12th planet, or some other planet? Also that Nibiru is a planet beyond Pluto?
3. Why do many of your important word meanings or translations of Sumerian and Mesopotamian words, differ so much from Mesopotamian cuneiform bilingual dictionaries?

Thank you for your patience. I am sure there are good answers, but I need to be able, as one who quotes from you, to answer others. I appreciate you taking the time to respond.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Gray

Honesty is a treasure. But I am sorry to state that Mr Sitchin has

- (a) served up to us fictitious word meanings so that we would accept his theory, and
- (b) he has also "made up" Sumerian documents which do not exist.

He asks us to accept such scholarship as his evidence. If the "evidence" for a theory is bogus, then, may I ask you, what of the theory?

Millie, bring me an aspirin!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For detailed evidence on the Sumerian texts and Zecharia Sitchin's claims, see my free special 224 page report, *Just Sitchin Fiction?* <http://www.beforeus.com/sitchin.pdf>

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Prophecy Unfolding

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While there are those ministers who make light of attempts by others to better understand the prophecies found in the Bible, NEVER underestimate the power of God to grant understanding to those who seek God with a humble heart. Don't let their lack of faith rob you of your reward.

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who approaches Him must believe that He exists and that He **rewards** those who **earnestly** seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

How does God reward those who earnestly seek Him?

Recall the dream of Nebuchadnezzar which he could not remember but was disturbed by it. No one could give him the answer that he wanted, and he sentenced all the wise men of Babylon to death. This death sentence included Daniel and his three friends. As you know, they **earnestly** sought help from God who **rewarded** Daniel a vision of the dream and the interpretation. Listen to Daniel's praise:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. He changes the times and seasons; He removes kings and establishes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals the deep and hidden things; He knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with Him. To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, because You have given me wisdom and power. And now You have made known to me what we have requested, for You have made known to us the dream of the king" (Daniel 2:20-23).

Despite our limited understanding and foresight of Bible prophecy, we need to consider which prophecies may pertain to events that happen in the world so as to gain wisdom and understanding of the outcome. This will help us to be better prepared for what may come our way.

The world was shocked by the brutal attack by Hamas terrorists against innocent and helpless Israeli civilians on October 7th of this year. As Israel begins its offensive against Hamas in Gaza, we can't help but wonder what prophecies, if any, may apply to the current unfolding of events and whether this crisis will escalate into a greater war as happened in 1914 with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

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Some ponder if this could be the time of the Psalm 83 prophecy. See Psalm 83. Bill Salus has explained this prophecy for many years with books and videos. Link to his website: www.prophecydepotministries.net/

If other groups become involved in attacking Israel, then the Psalm 83 prophecy is something we need to consider as we watch events develop.

Here is something that I came across today that should be considered as relevant. It is found in Isaiah 11. It may refer to a future time but may also apply to what is happening now. Recall that ancient Gaza was occupied by the Philistines. The name "Palestine" was applied to the Holy Land by Rome because of the revolt of the Jews. That name refers to the Philistines. Now consider Isaiah 11:12-13:

"He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; He will collect the scattered of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart, and the adversaries of Judah will be cut off. Ephraim will no longer envy Judah, nor will Judah harass Ephraim."

After the death of Solomon, Israel became divided into the Kingdom of Israel, led by the tribe of Ephraim, and the Kingdom of Judah, led by the tribe of Judah. In these last days, the modern nation of Israel (Judah) and the United States of America (Ephraim) have become allies. Now back to Isaiah 11:

"They will swoop down [air attacks?] on the slopes of the **Philistines to the west**; together they will plunder the **sons of the east**. They will lay their hands on Edom and Moab and the Ammonites will be subject to them. The Eternal will devote to destruction the gulf of the Sea of Egypt; with a **scorching wind** He will sweep His hand over the **Euphrates**" (verses 14-15).

Will Israel attack Iran? Who are the "sons of the east"? Is it any nation east of Israel (Judah)? Could it possibly include China? I've heard that China is sending some warships to the Mediterranean or possibly the Persian Gulf. China needs Iranian oil. So, they are certainly concerned over any escalation of the war against Hamas which may impact the availability of Iranian oil.

We have to watch and see how things develop in this volatile area of the world. Only after the dust settles can we fully determine any prophetic implications. At this time, it is my hunch that if Israel is successful in their efforts to subdue their enemies in Gaza, Lebanon, the West Bank, and Iran, then a time of relative peace may ensue which would allow the peaceful pursuits in Israel according to certain prophecies yet to be understood.

After the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Egypt eventually made peace with Israel. And after the Gulf War in 1991, efforts were made to settle the Palestinian dispute. However, any peace that may result will be fragile and probably not last very long. The hatred toward Israel by the Arabs goes back centuries.

"For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman" (I Thessalonians 5:3).

Whatever peace that may eventually be obtained by the current war will end when a nuclear device of some kind is detonated in Israel causing thousands, if not millions, to flee. This would then be the start of the 1,260 days as described in Revelation 12:6. See also Zechariah 5:5-11, which may picture a nuclear device.

We can't make any definite conclusions at this time. Instead, we have to do as Christ warned by watching and not be caught unawares of what is happening around us. "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:14-16).

I have obtained a book that I hope to start reading soon. It is entitled: "GOD AND CHURCHILL -- How The Great Leader's Sense of Divine Destiny Changed His Troubled World And Offers Hope For Ours."

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Quote from the back cover: "When Winston Churchill was just sixteen, he already had a clear vision of his life's purpose. 'This country will be subjected somehow to a tremendous invasion,' he declared in 1891. 'I shall be in command of the defenses of London, and ... it will fall to me to save the Capital and save the Empire.'"

It is authored by Churchill's great grandson, Jonathan Sandys, and Wallace Henley. Winston Churchill had his flaws as we all do. But he also had a **vision of purpose** which kept him driving forward. We also have a Divine Destiny. No matter what future hardships and trials that we may have to face, let us be inspired and encouraged by the words of the Apostle Paul:

"Brethren, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it [perfection]. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and striving toward what is ahead, I press toward the goal to win the prize of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

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Miracle of One

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There will never be another you! That reality is why death is so fearful. There will never be another me or you. It is evident to all that the future guarantees we will all turn to dust and fade into darkness; the memory of you will be extinguished. But those who believe God and salvation through the Son of God, will always be remembered. Proverbs 14:32 "Even in death the righteous have a refuge." Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

The Miracle of One is: All that God created is unique, all is one individually, and there is no other. We can pick up the millions of pebbles in a pond or river and everyone is different. There are billions of stars in the universe and not any of them is the same, they are all individually distinct, as you and me. Psalms 147:4 "He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name."

The Miracle of one is evident in the physical world and the spirit. As Jesus said: "God is one" and "God is Spirit" My Father is Greater than all, I and the Father are one, The Father is in me and I in the Father, and demonstrating their distinctness, "The Father is greater than I am." Therefore, the teaching that "God is a "trinity" of "three co-equal persons" is blasphemy; it directly denies the truth of Jesus words My Father is "greater than I am" "greater than all" and "God is one".

There is only one God the Father, one Savior Jesus Christ, one body the church, one Spirit. Ephesians 4:4-6 "One God and Father of all, who is over all, through all and in all" True Believers. God is eternal, but we are destined to die, and the physical creation we live in is destined for, destruction.

God is one, our one and only Heavenly Father. Jesus teaches us to call God Father; when you pray say "our Father in heaven". After his resurrection Christ said: "Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to - my Father - and your Father - to my God and your God' John 20:17.

If God is a "trinity" of "three co-equal – persons": Then Jesus would be the son of the other two persons? That is ridiculous and blasphemy; God is one. Deuteronomy 6:4 "The Lord our God is one." 1Corinthians 8:6 "There is no God but one." The Spirit in Christians is "The Father; that we receive through Jesus Christ. Romans 8:11 Proves: The Father is the Holy Spirit. "If the Spirit of - Him - who raised Christ from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who lives in you." And that Spirit is the Father that we receive through the

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Son. Acts 2:32-33 “He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you know see and hear”. We overcome the world by God’s Spirit, not by our own strength.

One of a Kind is written in Heaven and Earth. The Father and Jesus Christ are one Spirit but two individuals; just as your father and you, are one blood; but two distinct individuals. God made from One Blood all nations; and God is creating from One Spirit his children, from all nations, who will receive Salvation in the promised: “Kingdom of God”.

John 4:24 “God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in Spirit and in Truth.” Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth means: Worshipping God in faith based on “God’s Word is Truth”. For “faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do Not see.” As we can’t see faith, so we can’t see God.

Through: The Eyes of Faith we poses a Spiritual oneness with God. True faith comes from God. John, 6:44-45 “Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.” Believing God is: seeing God through eyes of faith. God placed his Spirit in us through Christ Jesus; making believers one body in his Son. As long as we believe and accept the sacrifice of the Father: The crucifixion of Jesus Christ as payment for our sins we remain in the Father and Son. And, comprise the Spiritual body called the Church.

God’s Command to Jesus: John 10:17-18 “The reason my Father loves me is: That I lay down my life – only to take it up again. This command I received from my Father”. God also gives believers the same command: “Be faithful even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life” Revelation 2:10. And, Mark 8:35 “Whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.”

The promise of salvation from the Father, John 5:24 “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and – believes Him Who Sent me – has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has - crossed over - from death to life.” Believing that promise is: Spiritually exercising your - Eyes of Faith.

The Father gives His Holy Spirit – not the phantom “three co-equal persons” or third person of the false image of God call a “trinity”. Luke 11:13 “If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

Some devotees to the false doctrine of the “trinity” will argue: What about Matthew 28:19 “Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” That means: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Spirit from the Father, through the Son, in you and me – Creating the Church. Matthew 28:19 is referring to three distinct individuals but one Spirit: The Father, Jesus Christ and the bride of Christ - the Church.

Do you know the Father and the Son? Ask someone who believes God is a “Trinity” “three co-equal-Persons” who is your spiritual Father? They will answer God. Then ask them who is God? They will answer a “Trinity”, “three co-equal-Persons” or it’s a “mystery”. Will they inherit eternal life? No, they don’t know God. God is Not a “Mystery” of Three. “This is eternal life: That they may know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” John 17:3. The “trinity” is: A False Image of God; that excludes believers truly being one with the Father and Son. God is Not my Trinity. Brothers and sisters make this statement confidently: God is: My Father in Heaven; who paid My debt of sin - by His Wonderful Son, Christ Jesus.

John 14:16-17 and verse 26 “The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name.” Who is the “Counselor? Answer: Matthew 10:19-20 “At that time you will be given what to say; for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.” The Father is the Holy Spirit, the “Counselor” and the “Spirit of truth” that we receive through Jesus Christ.

Jesus said: “There is none good but – one – that is God” Matthew 20:17. That is a revelation and also means: There is none - Holy - but God the Father; for Christ was speaking of his Father. Christ is the image of God the Father: Colossians

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1:15-20 "He is the image of the invisible God." "All things were created by him and for him". "God was pleased to have all his goodness dwell in Christ".

Matthew 12:32 "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. Either in this age or in the age to come." Some foolishly use this verse to teach the third person of a trinity as being the "Holy Spirit. That is completely false and blasphemy. It would make that phantom third person of a trinity greater than the Father and the Son. And, Jesus said: My Father "is greater than all" John 10:29. Instead, Matthew 12:32, proves that the Father is the Holy Spirit; it is obvious Jesus is speaking of his Father who is "greater than all".

Faith is evidence of God's Holy Spirit: And faith was in the world before Pentecost. David said in Psalm 51:11 "Do not cast me off from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me". Hebrews 11: Proves that the Holy Spirit was here before Pentecost. All those mentioned from Able to Rahab were commended for their faith. And "without faith it is impossible to please God". Romans 1:17 In the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a Righteousness that is by faith.

God created the heavens and earth by his Spirit through Jesus Christ, John 1:1-3. God created from - one blood - all the different nations and races of mankind by his Spirit through Jesus Christ. Since the day of Pentecost, God is creating by his - Spirit -, through Jesus Christ, children from all nations, in the image of his Son. 2 Corinthians 5:17 "If anyone is in Christ, he is a New Creation." 1 Corinthians 2:16 "We have the mind of Christ." Luke 20:35 "They are God's children, since they are - children of the resurrection."

As I said: "The Father and Jesus Christ are one Spirit but two individuals, just as you and your father are one blood but two individuals." The Spiritual Blood of Life Eternal: We receive from the Father through Jesus Christ, Acts 2:33.

Will there ever be another you? Yes, as "Children of the Resurrection" in the likeness of: The Son of God. Believing our Father in heaven paid our debt of sin by the crucifixion of Messiah Jesus is: Salvation from sin and death. Resurrection Day is the Day of your Death, John 6:40. You will not remember being dead.

Who is the Son of God? The God who called Israel out of Egypt; for Christ said No one "has seen the Father"; so, who did Moses see? Though, false doctrines and deceptions fill the churches and synagogues; God's Truth is carried by his Spirit and planted in hearts.

The Leaven of 1 Corinthians 5

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In Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church, he addresses a type of fornication "not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife" (1 Cor 5:1). He tells them that, rather than mourning, they were "puffed up" and "glorying" over the man's deed (verses 2 and 6). The seemingly clear and simple view is that the Corinthians, rather than judging him, were glorying in their tolerance of the man's egregious sin. However, if we consider the message and example of Jesus, this non-judgmental treatment of a sinner would have been precisely what Jesus taught his disciples to do.

Jesus tells us in Matt 7:1, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." We see in Matt 9:10-11 and 11:19 that Jesus did not avoid eating with sinners. He tells us that those that come to him he "will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). On the contrary, we know that the Pharisees would not eat with sinners. Jesus warns us of the leaven of the Pharisees (Luke 12:1). This leaven, in addition to their hypocrisy, was also their DOCTRINE (Luke 12:1, Matt 16:12). Let us understand what their doctrine was and IS, since we must continue to BEWARE of it.

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The word Pharisee itself means "separated ones." This defines their doctrine. They separated from sinners! We see this in Matt 9:11 and in John 9:34. We also see that believing Pharisees in the church taught the necessity of circumcision. The physical operation of circumcision would only be available to repentant men. They would have to have the appearance of righteousness in order to receive the physical operation. Sinners could not be circumcised. Since the Pharisees taught separation from anyone uncircumcised, it meant that if you were uncircumcised, it was because you were still a sinner (Gal 2:15). Of course, although only men can receive the physical operation, women likewise must be living according to a standard of righteousness to be received into fellowship by the Pharisees.

Notice that the ungodly men spoken of in the Epistle of Jude are described as "they who separate themselves" (Jude 1:19). In the Epistle to the Galatians, Paul, speaking of those that taught "another gospel," warns that "they would EXCLUDE you" (Gal 4:17). Let us understand that this doesn't mean the Pharisees would maintain a separation after a person repented. The Pharisees did proselytize and therefore accepted those that were willing to repent (Matt 23:15). The idea that Jesus only ate with repentant sinners is incorrect since he was said to be "a friend of publicans and sinners" (Matt 11:19).

Let us understand that the controversy concerning circumcision is the defining issue of the New Testament. Notice the response of the apostles to the Pharisees that believed (Acts 15:5) but required the outward appearance of righteousness from Gentile believers. They explained that it is an unbearable burden (Acts 15:10, 28) for a person to build righteous character while being cut off from fellowship (and impossible if cut off from God). They next proceeded to teach that believers must abstain from fornication (Acts 15:28-29). We must understand why teaching this abstinence was, and IS, the appropriate response to the doctrine of the Pharisees.

The Bible often refers to Israel and the church as a woman. In Revelation 21, the church is called New Jerusalem and the bride of Christ (verses 2 and 9-10). In 2 Corinthians 11, Paul seeks to present the church as an espoused and chaste virgin to Christ (verse 2). However, in Revelation 17 we see a different type of woman. She is called the great whore (verse 1). She is "drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus" (verse 6). She is a whore because she calls herself Christian, and therefore claims to be espoused to Christ, yet has united with the world. She is clearly in opposition to the servants of God, just as the Pharisees had been during the early years of the church. Verse 3 tells us that the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her.

Let us consider the fornication of the great whore. She is wrathful and therefore judgmental (Rev 18:3). The kings that have committed fornication with her are the world's authority. Since the kings of the earth commit fornication with her, it is evident they have united with her wrath. Therefore, just as sexual fornication is a physical union, the fornication of the kings with the great whore is a union with her judgment.

In 1 Corinthians 5:11, Paul tells us, "I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat." Consider how the description of the great whore compares with Paul's instruction. The great whore is a fornicator (Rev 17:2). She is lustful and, therefore, covetous (Rev 18:14). She is "full of names of blasphemy" and, therefore, an idolater (Rev 17:3). She is wrathful and, therefore, a railer (Rev 18:3). She is "drunken with the blood of the saints" (Rev 17:6). She has made the merchants (great men of the earth, Rev 18:23) rich, as well as living deliciously herself (Rev 18:7, 9), "through the abundance of her delicacies" (Rev 18:3). It is through these "delicacies," or the pressure she exerts on the world to glorify her, that she is, therefore, an extortioner.

We should better understand 1 Corinthians 5 from the context of the surrounding chapters of the epistle. Let us also be aware that Peter tells us there "are some things hard to be understood" in the epistles of Paul (2 Pet 3:16). Certainly Paul could not be teaching the opposite of what Jesus taught. Nor could Paul be saying the opposite of what he had just written in the previous chapter! 1 Cor 4:5 says, "judge nothing before the time." Paul asks them in verse 7, "why dost thou glory (of righteousness), as if thou hadst not received it?" Righteousness is a gift (Rom 5:17, Phil 3:9, 2 Tim 2:25).

Just as in the relationship between the kings of the earth and the great whore, Paul warns the Corinthians that they dare not use the authority of the world for judgment (1 Cor 6:1). This chapter clearly connects this behavior with fornication. Verse 15 asks, "Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot?" Notice that 2 Cor

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12:21 mentions "MANY which have sinned already and have NOT repented." This implies that the entire congregation had sinned, with some remaining unrepentant. It seems clear that this fornication concerns unity with the world's justice system. The entire congregation (2 Cor 12:21) had united with the worldly judgment of one man who had done wrong to another (2 Cor 7:12). Notice that since he had wronged another, he hadn't committed the kind of fornication that was a sin against his own body (1 Cor 6:18, 2 Cor 7:12).

The Corinthians were contentious and divided into denominations. They each claimed to belong to various men (1 Cor 1:11-12). Notice that in chapter 4:6, Paul, on the same topic, tells them not to be "puffed up for one AGAINST another." He admonishes them to be "perfectly JOINED together in the same mind and in the same JUDGMENT" (1 Cor 1:10). In 1 Cor 6:17, Paul tells them, "he that is JOINED unto the Lord is one spirit." We see a theme of uniting with the Lord versus that of uniting with man's judgment. And, we know from Revelation 18:3 that to be JOINED together with man's authority is a fornicating union.

In the very first chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul alludes to the topic of leavening. He says, "He that GLORIETH, let him GLORY in the Lord" (verse 31). He contrasts the wisdom of man and excellency of speech with the POWER of the gospel (1 Cor 2:1, 4). He is comparing the wisdom of man's government, as a means of producing unity, with the "POWER of God" (verse 5). The holy spirit has the power to give Christians a common understanding (1 Cor 2:13). Remaining on the same topic, in 1 Cor 4:19, Paul seeks to know the POWER that the Corinthians were using. In other words, were the Corinthian Pharisees using the authority of man's government to maintain control over the congregation? Were they excluding people that disagreed with them? Were they separating out uncircumcised sinners? 1 Cor 6:1-7 tells us that Christians DARE not use the power of the world's justice system.

Notice in chapter 5, Paul is NOT suggesting that the Corinthians physically remove the sinner. Notice that he tells them to MOURN (verse 2), "that he that hath done this deed might be TAKEN AWAY FROM AMONG YOU." Through prayer and fasting, we are to request that God do the removing. God removes the person from the membership of the spiritual body of the church and the protection it affords. God delivers the person "unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh" (verse 5). It is to be done "with the POWER of our Lord Jesus Christ" (verse 4). This is clearly important since Paul had just stated in the previous chapter (1 Cor 4:19) that he would "know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the POWER."

We are to purge out the old leaven. Since the church is not an organization of men, only those possessing the holy spirit are inside the church. Likewise, although a person may be inside an organization, he or she might not be inside the church. This is important to our understanding of what it means to purge out the old leaven. Notice Young's Literal Translation renders the end of 1 Cor 5:13 "and put ye away the evil from among yourselves." Notice that this differs from the KJV, which says, "put away from among yourselves that wicked PERSON." We are to put away the evil, the leaven, from ourselves. God judges them that are outside the spiritual organization and that cause offenses.

Notice the demeanor that Christians should have. Paul says in 1 Cor 6:7, "Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?" We will find this easier to do if we remember that Jesus prayed to the Father concerning the church, "that thou shouldest keep them from the evil" (John 17:15). Jesus also tells us that offenses will come (Matt 18:7), "but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh." In Matt 18:20, Jesus tells us, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." In other words, Jesus will be with us to oversee and protect the church if we will put our trust in him to do so.

In 1 Cor 5:1, Paul says, "there is fornication AMONG YOU, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles?" The explanation given for this verse is that this sin was so egregious, even Gentiles would not do it. However, this view contradicts Lev 18:8, which tells us, "The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness," and Lev 18:24, which tells us (concerning this and other incestuous relationships), "Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the NATIONS (Gentiles) are defiled which I cast out before you." We see that incest is certainly named among the Gentiles. Therefore, there must be an alternative to this view that does not conflict with Leviticus 18.

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There is a clear explanation considering the context and topic of the epistle. Notice 1 Cor 4:15: "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many FATHERS: for in Christ Jesus I have BEGOTTEN you through the gospel." Keeping the context between chapters four and five, this verse shows us that Paul is the father in 1 Cor 5:1. Paul had begotten the Corinthians through the gospel. We also know that metaphorically, the Bible refers to the church as a woman and as the bride of Christ. Let us consider how the church can metaphorically be understood to be the "woman" of Paul.

To explain this, first consider the meaning of the Greek word translated as "wife" in 1 Cor 5:1. The Greek word for wife is *gynē* (pronounced goo-nay'). The Blue Letter Bible defines *gynē* as a wife but can also define it as "a woman of any age, whether a virgin, or married, or a widow." It is translated as "woman" 96 times, as "women" 33 times, and as "wife" 92 times. The 2001 Translation Bible translates *gynē* as woman in 1 Cor 5:1.

Consider the role Paul has in the relationship between the church and Christ. In 2 Cor 11:2, Paul writes, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may PRESENT you as a chaste virgin to Christ." Notice that Paul wants to PRESENT the church to Christ. As the father of the Corinthians, Paul is the caretaker of the church. The woman is Paul's in the sense that a father gives away the bride at her wedding. However, the church must be a virgin. It must not accept another Jesus, another gospel or another spirit. Since Jesus did not practice the doctrine of separation held by the Pharisees, the church, in order to be considered a virgin, must not either.

When Paul describes the fornication at Corinth as "such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles," it is because the church is espoused to Christ. A person that doesn't claim to be a Christian isn't espoused to Christ. Therefore, unbelievers and unbelieving Gentiles, not calling themselves Christians, cannot commit fornication with the world's justice system, since they are not claiming to be espoused to, or claiming to be in a relationship with Christ. It is a type of fornication that CANNOT be named among the Gentiles. By calling ourselves Christians, we become ambassadors of God's way. If we misrepresent God, we take His name in vain.

Of course, it is true "that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (1 Cor 5:6). Yet, it makes a complete difference in the meaning of the chapter if we misunderstand the type of leaven Paul had in mind in his epistle. Clearly, Jesus warned us of the "leaven of the Pharisees." Jesus never warned us of the leaven of tolerating physical sexual sins.

Although Jesus was in the world, He did not become leavened by it. Consider the parable of the leaven "hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened" (Matt 13:33). This parable teaches us that a small group of Christians will transform the world into righteousness. With God's help, we will transform the world, rather than the world transforming us. We must let our light shine.

Editor's Note:

I followed until this point. The fornication of 1 Cor. 5 is not a metaphor. There was a Corinthian Church and it would not be unreasonable for a person in that church or any other church for that matter to be having sex with his physical father's wife. This stuff happens all the time. In 1 Cor. they did have the man leave the congregation and in 2 Cor. the man repented, and they did bring him back into the congregation.

From the Internet:

Yes, there was a real Christian church in ancient Corinth, founded by the Apostle Paul around 51 AD. The church community lived in the bustling Roman metropolis of Corinth, a major hub for trade and travel.

The sin that Paul called out as not even named among the Gentiles was a case of incest: **a man was having a sexual relationship with his stepmother** (1 Corinthians 5:1).

The Corinthian Church

- **Context:** Ancient Corinth was a famously immoral city, known for its widespread prostitution and devotion to the goddess of love, Aphrodite. This environment significantly influenced the early Christians who lived there.

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- **Establishment:** The church was founded by Paul during his second missionary journey, and he stayed there for about a year and a half to teach and build the congregation.
- **Correspondence:** After leaving, Paul wrote two letters to the Corinthian believers—the books of 1 and 2 Corinthians—to address numerous conflicts and challenges that had arisen in the community.

The sin not named among the Gentiles

- **Severity:** Paul highlighted the shocking nature of this incestuous relationship by comparing it to the standards of the surrounding pagan culture. Even in the sexually permissive Roman world, this specific act was viewed with disgust and was condemned by Roman law.
- **Church's reaction:** The Corinthian church was not only tolerating the sin but was "puffed up" with arrogance about it instead of mourning and dealing with the issue.
- **Paul's command:** Paul instructs the believers to expel the offender from their fellowship. He uses the metaphor of "leaven," which spreads through the whole batch of dough, to emphasize that unchecked sin could corrupt the entire church.
- **Goal of discipline:** The purpose of this severe church discipline was not permanent damnation, but to bring the man to repentance so that "his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus". Later, in 2 Corinthians, Paul refers to this same individual who has repented and was to be restored to fellowship. **End of Quote.**

Darwin and I have both in years past been disfellowshipped from a church of God group, so we know how that feels. However, with that said, it was for the better in the long run, so we don't regret having been disfellowshipped.

I do not know what you had to endure or not endure as far as being in a church of God group, but I have noticed that in many of your articles you are either trying to make sense of disfellowshipment or you want to make it a wrong thing for anyone to do.

One thing we noticed in having church services in our home through the years is that it would be a rare thing to have to disfellowship anyone. Most people who do not agree with your church practices and beliefs will leave on their own.

Churches are supposed to be healing places for sinners and every person found in any church is a sinner.

With that said would there ever be a reason to disfellowship a person. The answer to that is yes. There could be any number of reasons to ask someone to leave a congregation but when doing that it would have to be for a sin and not just a misunderstanding of what scripture says therefore leading to a misunderstanding of doctrine.

For example, if two men or two women come into a congregation claiming to be married, someone needs to explain to them why that is a sin and perhaps ask them to leave until they can repent of that sin. If on the other hand two men or two women come into a congregation to learn and no one knows they are married or that they even have a relationship there is no reason to ask them to leave because they are not flaunting their sin and perhaps really did come to learn about God and the bible. The same would go for any sin.

Tolerating egregious sins in a congregation of any kind does not make you a righteous person because you are able to tolerate such things. It makes you an accomplice in the sin, meaning you are just as guilty as the person who is flaunting their sin in front of an entire congregation.

Many churches especially the Church of God misuse disfellowshipment to get rid of people with differing beliefs or because they just don't like that person and not because of sin. The flip side of disfellowshipment is repentance. You can repent of a sin when you understand it is wrong. How do you repent of not agreeing with a minister? Not agreeing with someone is not a sin and you can't find it on any of the sin lists. For example, the minister told you to buy a red car and you bought a blue car or the minister told you what girl to marry and you married a different girl. Those are not sins and

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yet people have been disfellowshipped for these and other similar things, not because they defied God but because they defied a minister who thought he was God and had the right to tell you what to do and when.

As I implied earlier, I don't know how disfellowshippment connected to your life personally or if it even did, but my advice would be to leave whatever past hurt it brought to you in the dust. God has a far better plan for you than you even know. Trying to make sense of things that don't make sense is a useless waste of energy which you can better use for more constructive things now and in the future. Laura Lee

If we accept the idea that sinners must be removed from fellowship, how zealous must we be? Jesus tells us "I would thou wert cold or hot" (Rev 3:15). Since all people sin, what is the criteria that we use to determine who must be removed? Paul tells us in 2 Cor 1:19 that his preaching of Jesus Christ "was not yea and nay, but in him was yea." Paul tells us that those "comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Cor 10:12).

If we consider the message of Jesus and the context of 1 Corinthians, it becomes clear that the fornication of 1 Corinthians 5 is a metaphor portraying a congregation united to the judgment of a man. As Jesus warned his disciples, Paul likewise taught the Corinthians to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees. They had become "puffed up for one against another" (1 Cor 4:6) and received "another spirit" (2 Cor 11:4). Christians must "purge out therefore the old leaven" (1 Cor 5:7). We must SING the new song, as virgins espoused to Christ (Rev 14:3-4).

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Letter

(Copyright 10-19-2025) by Rebecca Wise (East Bend, North Carolina)

Dear Laura: Belated thanks for your compassion and generosity. You are always so kind to publish Bill Goff's updates, and especially my recent lengthy appeal. You are the only one I know of who publishes requests on behalf of our overseas brethren for food, Bibles, etc. They are so zealous, and they truly hunger and thirst after righteousness - spiritual nourishment as well as earthly. May God bless you abundantly for your caring heart.

Rebecca

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Greetings!

(Copyright 10-29-2025) by Shadrack Otieno (Eldoret, Kenya)

Warm greetings and may this message find you in good health and abundant blessings under Yahweh's grace. I am Shadrack Otieno, hailing from the serene town of Eldoret in Kenya. I am reaching out to you today to express the profound impact your website has had on my life and the lives of many in my community.

Born and raised in the Catholic faith, my family and I were devout followers of its teachings. However, a significant shift occurred when I stumbled upon your website. For several months, I immersed myself in your teachings, and they resonated with me in a way that I had never experienced before. They opened my eyes to a different perspective, one that felt more aligned with my beliefs and understanding.

This awakening led me to make a heartfelt decision—to leave the Catholic Church behind and embrace your teachings wholeheartedly. I wasn't alone in this transformation; I shared my newfound understanding with my rural community. Today, we are Assembly of 17 brethren who have all chosen this path together. Our community is flourishing as more souls join us on this journey.

In light of our growing congregation, I humbly request your assistance in providing us with scriptural booklets and teachings. These resources would be invaluable in guiding us as we nurture our congregation in the remote and humble village we call home.

Your response would be eagerly anticipated and cherished.
Shalom in faith and gratitude,
Shadrack Otieno

From the Editor:

Thank you for contacting us. We are happy to hear that our website is making an impact on others. Our next new newsletter will be out on November 8th and we have put you on our mailing list. I am sure there would be others who would be happy to send you literature to study if they had your mailing address. Perhaps you could send that to us in the future. Have a really great Sabbath, Laura Lee

Iron Sharpening Iron

In regard to: Prophecy Unfolding

Article by Dwight Fleming
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

The only part of this I will dispute at this point is the part where he claims America is Ephraim. America is Manasseh. There are at least three reasons in scripture that tell us that Manasseh is the United States and Ephraim is Great Britain. They are as follows:

1. Ephraim was blessed first and then Manasseh. (Great Britain became great first and then the United States.)

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2. Great Britan at one time became a multitude of nations. The United States was never a multitude of nations. The United States is one nation with 50 states. Great Britan at one time was in control of many nations, for example, Australia, New Zealand, etc.
3. Ephraim is unable to pronounce "sh" (h) whereas the United States Manasseh does not have a problem pronouncing the "sh" (h) sound.

Gen 48:17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. **Gen 48:18** And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this *is* the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. **Gen 48:19** And his father refused, and said, I know *it*, my son, I know *it*: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: **but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.** **Gen 48:20** And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and **he set Ephraim before Manasseh.**

Jdg 12:5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was *so*, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, **Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; Jdg 12:6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right.** Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

This may or may not cause a problem with the above prophecy.

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Holy Days 2025

Passover – April 13, 2025 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 13-19, 2025

Pentecost – June 2, 2025

Trumpets – September 23, 2025

Atonement – October 2, 2025

Tabernacles –October 7, 2025, to October 13, 2025

Last Great Day – October 14, 2025

Notes