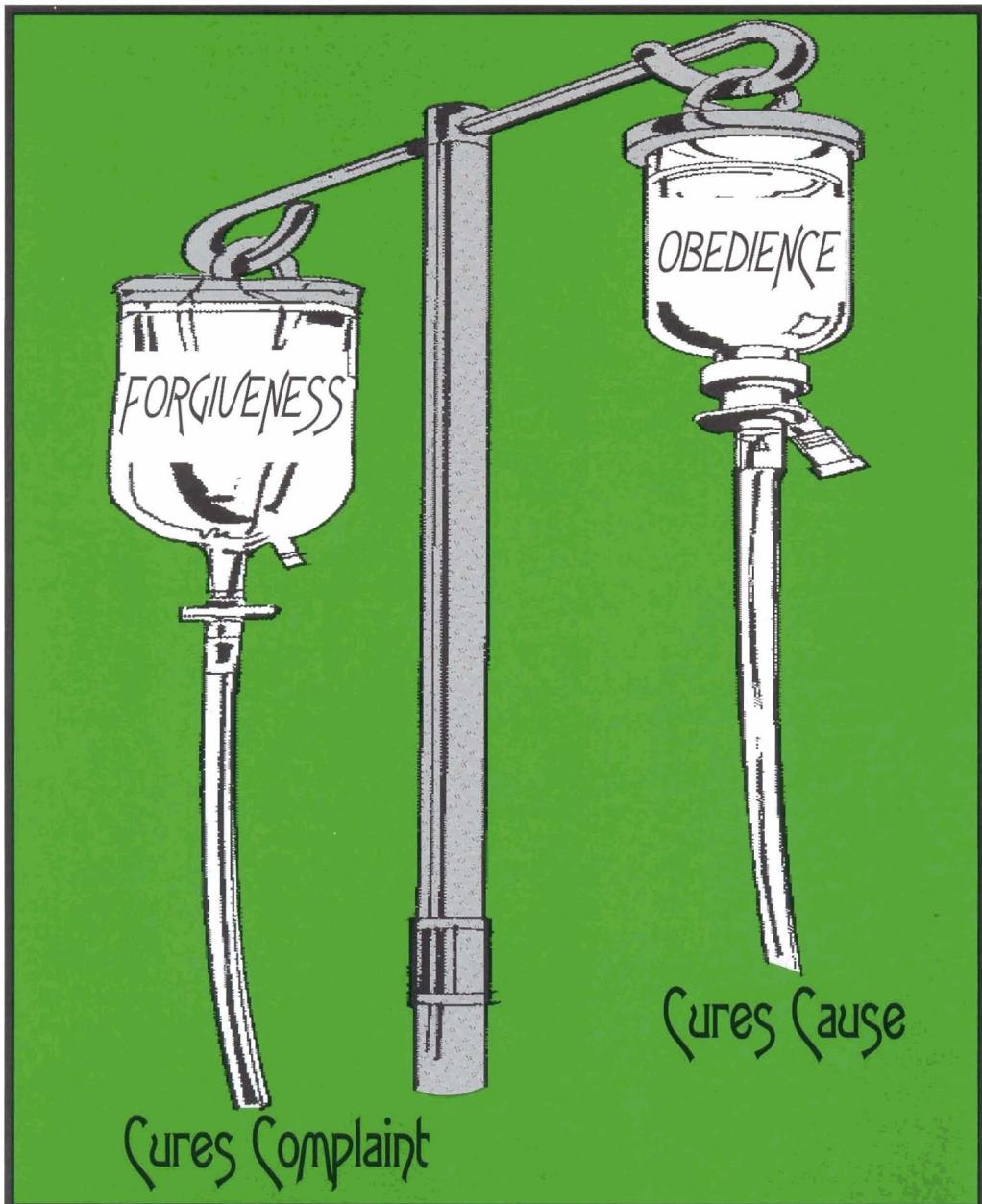


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In Him We Live

Why "Latter Rain"?

"One shall say I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel" Isaiah 44:5.

Christians (those who say I am the Lord's) believe in Jesus as their saviour and are looking for life after death. They believe it is no longer necessary to keep all the Old Testament laws given by God. The Jews (those who go by the name of Jacob) do not accept Jesus as their saviour. They have only the law and the justification that brings for a life after death.

Christian Israelites (those who subscribe with their hand unto the Lord and surname themselves by the name of Israel) try to combine the two. Jesus, our example, lived by the Old Testament laws but he tempered them with love. He showed us a new way to live them. With the help

of the latter rain, that is Christ and the Holy Ghost, we can achieve life without death.

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month" Joel 2:23.

The moderate early rain came in Autumn. It was needed to prepare the ground for ploughing and planting the crops. It is symbolic of the first gift of the Holy Ghost, needed for the preparation and establishment of the early church. The heavier latter rain came in Spring to help the crops mature for the harvest. We, like the plants, must grow spiritually before we have the strength to receive our latter rain. This second gift of God's Spirit will prepare us for maturation in preparation for our harvest at Jesus' return.

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From the Inkwell



No doubt we have all heard the joke about the man who went to the Doctor. 'When I touch my leg I feel a pain I think it's broken; when I touch my chest I feel a pain I think I've broken a rib'. The Doctor made a quick inspection. "No," he said, "You have a broken finger!" Cause and Complaint are often confused.

This issue of *Latter Rain* looks at some of the doctrinal implications arising from the difference between cause and complaint. For example, we sin (complaint) because Satan attracts the evil inherently within us (the cause). We die physically (complaint) because we sin (the cause). The two lead articles seek to explain the doctrine of the CI Church on this point. *Expand Your Bible* summarises the situation. Hymn 129 sets out the ideal Christian objective: "To hate the sin with all my heart, but still the sinner love".

The article on Precious Stones is based on the teaching of the In-gathering of a remnant of the lost descendants of the Tribes of Israel. The Bible contains many analogies and promises of this event, and the precious stones analogy is seen from Genesis to Revelations. *Debug*, in this issue, touches on yet another doctrinal platform of the CI Church - that of following the Old Testament Laws, of which the food laws is but one part. Perhaps in the dispensation of Grace we don't all have to keep these laws, but it seems that God has given them "for our good always".

And isn't our spiritual "daily bread" being polluted by attitudes and events in the world around us (Luke 11:3) just like the temporal bread as detailed in *All Round Health* and the Clean and Unclean meats in *Debug your Bible*!

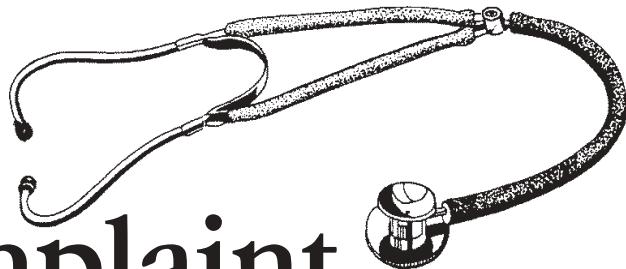
Just as we seem to be generally more aware of the influence of Politics in decisions governing our lives to-day, so a study of the Christian politics of the first century AD can help us to understand how Christianity has developed in society. In essence we see highlighted in the past the individual call to obedience, as taught by the CI Church today - thus showing the CI teaching as being a return to what was rather than something new! "A new song, but yet not a new song" (1 John 2:7,8; Revelation 14:3).

We hope our readers find interest in the range of issues presented. The message on the cover ties it all together - "In Him We Live.." (and move and have our being) Acts 17:28.

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Cause or Complaint



Often in life we find something doesn't work right. It might be something in the car, TV, or our own bodies. When we take it to be fixed we are told not to focus on the complaint but the cause of the complaint. What was it doing before it stopped working? A simple example of this is pain in the leg - or sciatica. It doesn't come from the leg at all but from interference with a nerve in the lower back. The leg is the complaint but the cause, while connected, is quite different. Sin and evil have just such a connection. Sin is defined in Cruden's Concordance as "any thought, word, action, omission, or desire contrary to the law of God". It is however, the result of the action of evil which is our 'innate badness'.

Evil is interesting because in its definition it includes sin or moral evil, while at the same time covers intentions and thoughts, bad happenings and the actual condition from which sin springs. It is a term that includes sin but is much broader in its application it may help to think of evil as a condition while sin is an action, usually deliberate.

Paul in Romans 7:20,21 explains just this relationship, he says, *"Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good evil is present with me".*

Inevitably many of our actions turn out to be sinful or contrary to the instruction of God. Although we set out to do good, it

seems that something perverts it along the way. Paul's conclusion is that there is a law operating, the law of evil that robs mankind of his power to do good. This 'law' is rooted in our evil condition. Evil is the cause while sin is the complaint.

My question is why would God in His love allow mankind to be controlled by such a condition? Did evil just happen much the same as we would unintentionally catch a cold? The answer is no.

The Bible says that God intentionally created evil. Isaiah 45:7 says, *"I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things."* In verse 6 He explains this was done so that they will know *"I am the Lord and there is none else"*. Again in Amos 3:6 it says, *"...shall there be evil in the city, and the Lord hath not done it?"* God takes full responsibility for evil. He didn't want men and women to be mindless slaves in serving Him, so He created the choice of good and evil. He would have rewarded Adam's and Eve's choice of good with life, but on the other hand had to reward their choice of evil with death (Genesis 3:3 and 3:14-19).

Exactly how evil came to infect mankind is another story but many passages in the Bible infer its residence is in the heart and blood of man. Ecclesiastes 9:3 says, *"...the heart of the sons of men is full of evil..."* and again Genesis 6:5 says, *"God saw that the wickedness of man was great*

in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”.

It is evil that causes our bodies to die (Genesis 3:19) and separates us from the tree of life (Genesis 3:22-24). It is God’s promise to Israel to finally cleanse the evil from their bodies. He says, “*For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed*” Joel 3:21.

So much for the cause, let’s look at the complaint, sin. John explains, “*sin is the transgression of the law....He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil*” 1 John 3:4,8. James adds to this by explaining that sin results from our own lust or evil that tries to draw us away from God. Although God is responsible for creating evil it is each one of us that allows it to overcome us (James 1:13). He says, “...*every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death*” James 1:14,15.

If we endure temptation and overcome then God will grant us a “*crown of life*”. While ever evil is passed on from generation to generation sin is the responsibility of each one of us individually. Ezekiel explains that the old proverb “*the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge*” Ezekiel 18:2, while it applies to evil, did not apply to sins. If the father sinned, ie. ate sour grapes, it was he who had his teeth set on edge, not his son. The father had to bear his own iniquity. Obviously the law of cause and effect would mean that the children were affected by the way

their parents lived (and probably vice versa) but as far as God is concerned there is no moral blame. “*The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son*” said God through Ezekiel (18:20). But while the soul (which could mean the whole man [Genesis 2:7]) is responsible only for itself, the body still bears the mark of evil passed down from Adam and Eve.

There is much more that could be said about evil and sin and



Bible abounds with promises of how mankind is to be released from the bondage of both. Paul speaks of the “*law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus [making him] free of the law of sin and death[evil]*” Romans 8:2, and in this lies the key. However for now try the hypothesis that evil is the cause, just like the root of a thorn bush, giving rise to sin, which is the vine with thorns and prickles.

THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD

The Bible talks of a time when “*The Earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea*” Isaiah 11:9.

Other passages make statements such as:

“Then the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness” Isaiah 26:9,

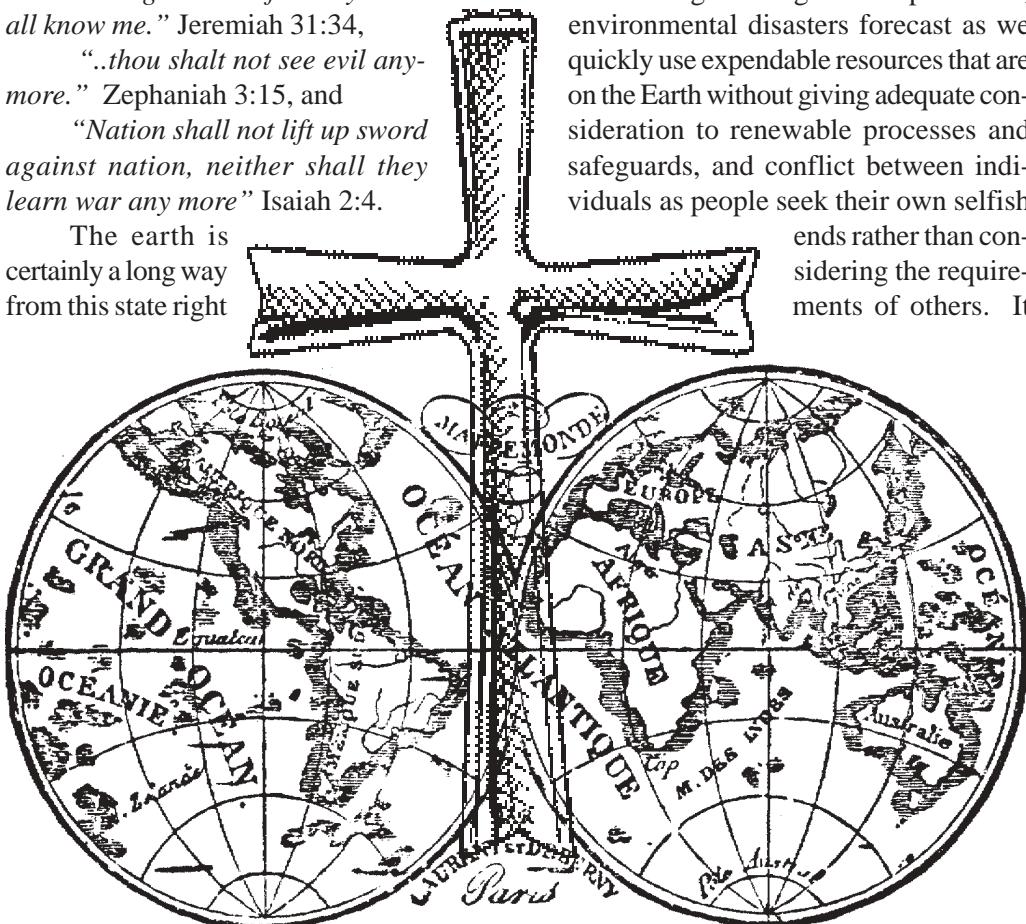
“And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour.....for they shall all know me.” Jeremiah 31:34,

“..thou shalt not see evil any-more.” Zephaniah 3:15, and

“Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” Isaiah 2:4.

The earth is certainly a long way from this state right

now! When we look around we might ask how much further can we get from God's ways as set out in the Scriptures! Economic tensions because the basic bible recommendations on interest are not observed and stewardship is not enforced, social disorder because the moral laws of the Scripture are not followed and everyone thinks that they have a right to do what they want without considering the long term implications, environmental disasters forecast as we quickly use expendable resources that are on the Earth without giving adequate consideration to renewable processes and safeguards, and conflict between individuals as people seek their own selfish ends rather than considering the requirements of others. It



certainly looks like the time spoken of by The Apostle Paul to young Timothy in 2 Timothy chapter 3 verses 1 to 5 has arrived. (Look up the passage and check for yourself.)

Isaiah spoke of the time when “*your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed*” Isaiah 29:16. Isn’t this the situation we often see to-day when the rights of the obedient so often seem to be curbed to protect the criminal! Remember what The Bible said about the time before the flood? We read that “*every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually*” Gen. 6:5. And Jesus said these times will come again! (See Matthew 24:37-39.)

What, then, might cause the transformation from how things are to how they are to be? How and when is this change likely to take place?

The Bible tells of great cataclysmic changes that will take place in the future. For example Haggai 2:6,7 talks of the earth being shaken, and Isaiah 24:20 says that the earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard and shall be like a cottage. In Revelations 6:14 we are told that every mountain and island will be moved out of its place at the coming of the Lord.

Putting together all these verses we come to understand that at the return of Jesus Christ there will be cataclysmic changes take place to the physical earth and its environment, after which He will reign initially during the period of the Millennium - or one thousand years.

So much for the earth; but what about the people? Is there a relationship between the physical changes to take place on the earth, and the state of the people?

Jeremiah tells us in chapter 17:9,10, “*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins,*

even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.”

The Bible explains that we are all born with what is called “*evil*” in our physical bodies (see Romans 7:18-21). Satan attracts this evil and causes us to do wrong, or to sin (see James 1:15). Whilst ever Satan’s power is present he can attract the evil in people and cause dis-obedience to God’s ways as he has done for the last six thousand years (1 Peter 5:8). There are two ways, then, in which obedience to God’s ways can be achieved; either by removing the evil so that Satan has nothing to attract, or by removing the influence of Satan so that he cannot attract the evil in people and cause them to do wrong. In the latter case even those who still have evil within them will not do wrong, because the power of Satan will not be able to bring to fruition any acts contrary to the desire of God. There is another way of bypassing the influence of Satan - through death the evil in the body decays (Romans 8:1).

As Christian Israelites we seek to God to remove the evil from within us so that Satan cannot tempt us to sin (John 17:15). This could conceivably be the case right here and now, but it will happen in accordance with God’s timing. We see the ideal that God will show this standard in some people prior to the return of Jesus so that these people will be His witnesses to truth on the Earth when Jesus does return, and the final conflict between good and evil takes place. This is an ongoing process, referred to by some generically as “*sanctification*”, which requires us to **ask** and God to **act** on our behalf.

The process of petitioning God to take away the evil can only effectively begin after an individual has come to believe and accept the efficacy of the sacrifice of Jesus

for the saving of the soul, and then seeks to go on to show their love to God by seeking to obey His commandments. It is a personal work that must be carried out in heart, mind and body, by each individual themselves (see Romans 12:1-2). Remember Jesus said, “*If you love me, keep my commandments*” John 14:15.

Leviticus 17:11 tells us that the life of the flesh is in the blood. Now we know that all disease and sickness is transmitted through the blood, and in the same way we see “evil” as a disease associated with our earthly bodies. We want to ask God to cleanse our blood of this disease. Joel 3:21 says, “*I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed*”. (Some people put a purely temporal interpretation on this verse, and take it to refer to God avenging Israel on the nations round about them, but a closer look at the passage shows that whilst this interpretation is quite correct, the context of the passage also clearly infers an interpretation at another level - that of the individual, as well as the nation.)

In short we believe that there will be a people prepared for the Coming of The Lord who will be obediently awaiting their Masters’ return.

Revelation chapters 20-22 tells of the return of Jesus Christ, and how He will bind the power of Satan and reign for one thousand years without sin, showing how God had intended the Earth to be when first created. Those who have sought to do God’s Will will, at that time, have the process of the removal of the evil from their lives completed, and will live and reign with Him. Others will have known of the need to be ready, but will not be prepared. The evil will still be present in the physical bodies of these people, but during the time when Satan is bound they will not do wrong - Satan will not be able to attract the evil because

he will be bound.

At the end of the millennium - the one thousand year reign of Jesus Christ - the Bible tells us that Satan will be loosed a little season to again attempt to deceive God’s creation. At this time he will attract the evil again which will be within the physical bodies of the children of those whose bodies were not cleansed at the beginning of the millennium. The children of those who were cleansed will be born without evil. Those who entered the millennium from the old world, even with the evil present, will have lived one day (or one thousand years) without sinning, and according to the Scriptures, the evil will have withered within them so that Satan will have no power over them to cause them to do wrong (see Ezekiel 17:10).

The Bible tells us little about what happens after the little season following the millennium, except that there will be a final resurrection when the Son will have put the whole of Creation in subjection to God Almighty who will then be “*all in all*” (see 1 Corinthians 15:24-28).

So there are some exciting times ahead - and as we would hope the Bible presents a story with a happy ending (see 1 Corinthians 15:24; Revelation 21:4). However there will be some pretty rough periods in between! Each of us should consider these issues seriously, and see what we should be doing now to prepare ourselves for the time ahead. We can have a knowledge about the things of God, but unless we act on that knowledge we cannot expect to participate in the good things God has planned for those who believe in Him. The time will come when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord and the power of Satan shall be subdued and he will not be able to influence the evil in people to cause them to do wrong.

“*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge*”, Proverbs 1:7.

From the Hymnal



Hymn 129

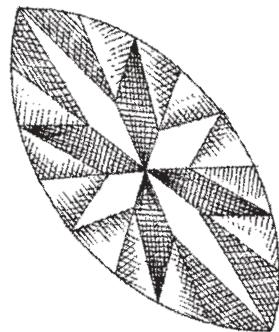
(Psalm 144; Ephesians 6:12; Romans 13:10)

Equip me for the war,
And teach my hands to fight;
My simple, upright heart prepare,
And guide my words aright.
Control my every thought;
My whole of sin remove;
Let all my works in Thee be wrought,
Let all be wrought in love.

O arm me with the mind,
Meek Lamb! which was in Thee;
And let my knowing zeal be join'd
With perfect charity:
With calm and temper'd zeal
Let me enforce Thy call;
And vindicate Thy gracious will,
Which offers life to all.

O may I love like Thee!
In all Thy footsteps tread!
Thou hatest all iniquity,
But nothing Thou hast made.
O may I learn the art,
With meekness to reprove;
To hate the sin with all my heart,
But still the sinner love.

Precious Stones



Precious stones are referred to in a number of places in the Bible. Most particularly they are mentioned in Exodus chapter 39 with regard to the High Priest's breastplate, or *Hoshen* as the Jews call it, and in Revelation chapter 21 in relation to the building of New Jerusalem - the walls would be built on precious stones.

Where precious stones are mentioned there is usually a special message attached for Israel.

In Ezekiel 28:13 we are told that "*thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald and the carbuncle, and gold, the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created*".

In the original creation mankind was clothed with precious stones, but through the 'fall' mankind had to rework his way up the ladder of perfection. Precious stones are intrinsically pure, they require no refining or purifying. Metals on the other hand do require a cleansing process. As given in the Bible, Enoch built his foundation on silver thus requiring refining and purifying. Elijah, having had the law given since Enoch, built his foundation on gold - gold requires purifying and the law was given as a Refiner. "*Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire*" 1 Corinthians 3:11-15.

Jesus Christ built His foundation on precious stones (just as mankind could have does in the creation had it not been for the influence of Lucifer) and as we know precious stones only require shaping and faceting to bring out their best features or perfection - there is no refining or purifying required.

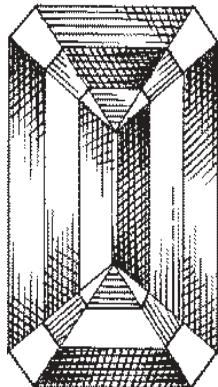
Thus we could say that

**the LAW is the Refiner
CHRIST is the Purifier.**

So, we work with these foundations already laid towards the ultimate state of physical perfection (for example, as in a perfectly faceted diamond) and immortality.

In Exodus 38 we read about the precious stones in the breastplate of the high priest. Aaron bore the names of the children of Israel on the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, for a memorial to the Lord continually. These stones were:

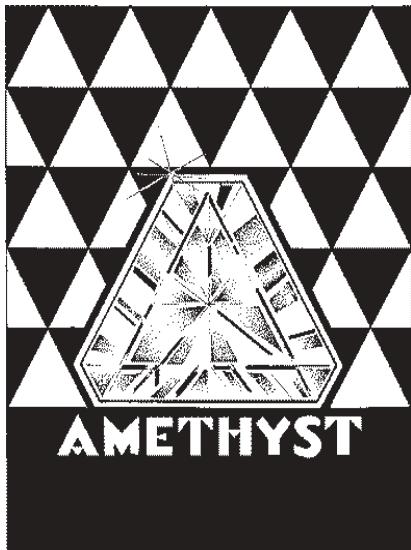
1.	Sardius	Blood red	Reuben
2.	Topaz	Pale green with yellow	Simeon
3.	Carbuncle	Deep red with scarlet	Levi
4.	Emerald	Bright green	Judah
5.	Sapphire	Clear blue	Dan
6.	Diamond/Smaragd	Clear sparkling gem	Naphthali
7.	Ligure	Dull red/cinnamon and yellow	Gad
8.	Agate	White reddish, yellowish, greenish stone - the cheapest	Asher
9.	Amethyst	Purple from deep red & strong blue	Issachar
10.	Beryl	Bluish green	Zebulun
11.	Onyx	Various colours	
12.	Jasper	Layered different colours	Joseph
		Bright green	Benjamin



Have you ever wondered why Joseph, the son of Jacob, had a coat of many colours? Well as the Scriptures unfold it is evident throughout the Old Testament that there is a special place in God's Plan for Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. They will be the foundation of the New Jerusalem thus Joseph's coat of many colours could have been indicating in a prophetic way the many colours of the stones making up the foundation of New Jerusalem and showing more particularly the pre-eminence that his (Joseph's) line or family would have in the laying of this eternal foundation. This was also indicated in Joseph's dream (see Genesis 37:5-11).

The stones mentioned in Revelation 21 as the foundations of the walls of the New Jerusalem are:

1.	Jasper	Green
2.	Sapphire/Lapis Lazuli	Blue
3.	Chalcedony	Variegated colours
4.	Emerald/Jade	Green
5.	Sardonyx	Red and White
6.	Sardius	Crimson
7.	Chrysolyte	Yellow/olive
8.	Beryl	Green
9.	Topaz	Golden
10.	Chrysoprasus	Yellow green
11.	Jacinth	Red with yellow
12.	Amethyst	Purple



Problems!

There are a number of **difficulties** in identifying the stones mentioned today. Some of these problems are:

1. Modern methods of faceting were not used, instead the stones were rounded and polished, and often engraved or carved.
2. Scientific terminology had not been developed.
3. Many species of stone occur in varieties of colours.
4. Etymology does not help - roots such as 'sparkle', 'gleam', etc., don't give us the name. For example, the description for what they call a diamond in the Bible is etymologically speaking a 'clear, sparkling gem of great value.'

Most of these stones can be identified as being the same as those in Exodus but a couple of them are different. It is possible that the 2 stones that are different represent the fact that Ephraim and Manasseh replaced Dan and Joseph in the heritage line of the 12 tribes.

The Bible talks in detail about the purifying and refining process and about the beauty of the gems.

The breastplate will no longer be worn over the heart of the high priest, but will become the foundation of New Jerusalem. Just as the law will be inscribed on the hearts of Israel so too will the precious stone foundation be the basis of their spiritual lives and growth.

As it says in Malachi 3:2,3, "*But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness*".

We have to be able to withstand the refiner's fire and the fuller's soap to achieve physical perfection or immortality, as we had the power to at the time of creation but lost through the evil in the flesh after the fall. But in Zechariah 13:8,9 we are told that "*it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.*" This passage holds all the hope of the Christian Israel message. To be a member of this "third" that will not have to go through physical death, that can be refined and purified to go onto the next state of being beyond the limitations of this physical body. But we must

prepare our bodies, spiritually and physically, in this world to enable us to be considered for the greatest of rewards - life without death.

Even the New Testament endorses the concept of a special group, raised in the Lord's ways and commands, to become a peculiar people. Titus 2:14 "*Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works*".

Psalm 12:6 gives us some idea of the intensity of the purifying process. "*The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever*". The concept of a 'special' people undergoing a refining/purifying process on this earth is further endorsed by Daniel 12:10 "*Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand*". To achieve the ultimate reward we must be wise, understanding the commandments God has given us to live by, and prayerfully be trying to live our lives in accordance with His will.

If we had time to think about each of the stones and its significance to the twelve tribes, we would gain a better understanding of God's plan but a study of this detail would take a long time.

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" Malachi 4:17.

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**Who may abide His coming then?
And who shall stand when He appears?
For He is like to fuller's soap,
Yea, He is like refiner's fire.**

**As silver is refin'd with care,
So shall the sons of Isr'el be;
As gold is purified in fire,
The Lord His children thus will free.**

Excerpt from Hymn 16 (Malachi 3:1)

Debug Your Bible: Food Laws or Commonsense?



People differ in their interpretations about what the Bible tells us about what we ought to eat. Mankind has recognised a division between the clean and unclean animals since the time of Adam and Eve - readers will remember that Cain sacrificed clean animals to God and Noah took seven pairs of the clean animals and two pairs of the unclean animals into the Ark. Thus it appears that the dietary division has always been in the Old Testament biblical instructions, but for some reason have been very much ignored, and still are, even amongst people who accept the Bible as the word of God.

Many argue that everything has been made 'clean' through Jesus Christ but even Jesus Christ did not and would not consume anything which was 'unclean' according to the Mosaic definition. His apostles stated that nothing unclean had ever entered their lips and that they had adhered to the Laws and Commandments as laid down by God. If Jesus came to abolish all His Father's requirements why then did he not have a feast of roast pig to show everyone that it was now clean - rather, Jesus knew how unclean these animals were and was prepared to sacrifice them over a cliff (Matthew 8:30-32; Mark 5:11-16 and Luke 8:32,33). For a man who was so conscious of wastage, for example, with the loaves and fishes (Luke 9:13-16), it seems incongruous that he would wilfully destroy such a large amount of food - the answer of course is, that the swine were

not viewed by Jesus as a potential food source.

So what does God actually say with regards to clean and unclean meats:

"These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat. Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you. These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat. And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you.....All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you. Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth; even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald

locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind. But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you." Leviticus 11:2-10;20-23

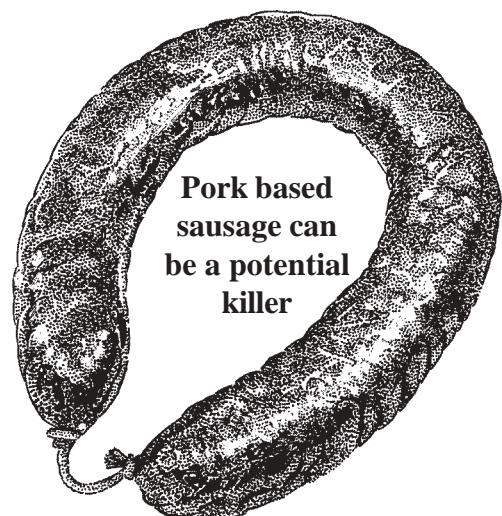
Well, these are the instructions from God with regards to what animals may be eaten. But why are these distinctions made between clean and unclean animals? What is it about these animals that makes them unclean? In Deuteronomy 14:8-20 there is a list given of the unclean birds and animals: glede(a carnivorous bird), gier eagle, pelican, swan, great owl, cormorant, lapwing, heron, stork, eagle, bat, ossifrage (a carnivorous bird), ospray (fish hawk), vulture, kite, raven, owl, night hawk, cuckow(feeds chiefly on insects but also deposits its eggs in other birds' nests for them to raise, even to the egg resembling the colour and shape of the adopted parent's eggs)(1), hawk, hare, camel, coney (hare, hedgehog or rabbit), swine. When you look at this list all the birds mentioned are predatory birds who feed on smaller birds, insects and animals, or the decomposing carcasses of birds and animals, as their natural diet. Of course we can see why these natural vacuum cleaners would be unfit for human consumption. The hare confused me at first, because they are generally grazers on grass, grains, cereals, etc, that is they are non-carnivorous, but then in my research I found that many hares die of disease each year. They don't get myxomatosis as do rabbits, but hares are carriers and harbourers of other diseases and parasites(2). They also reflect the environment they are in, and hares are affected by pesticides and other man introduced chemicals around farms. Rabbits also eat their own excrement(3), which is fairly self explanatory as to why it is unfit for us to consume.

The animals that are nominated as 'clean' are the herbivores, who have 2 or 3

stomachs or secondary cud receptacles. These animals have a digestive tract that is 6-12 times the length of their own bodies. The length of this alimentary canal ensures a more complete digestive system for the animal and food detoxification is much more efficient. These animals also tend to avoid multiple diseases as well as worms and other parasites that are carried about naturally by other animals. The animals nominated as 'unclean' are omnivores - they will eat anything. The 'unclean' animals have a shorter alimentary canal and are more prone to be disease carriers. The swine, for example, carries up to 200 different diseases and 18 different worms and parasites.

Now the swine, why did God demand that it should not be eaten. Folklore in many eastern countries says that "eating the meat of pigs contributes to lack of morality and shame, plus greed for wealth, laziness, indulgence, dirtiness and gluttony"(4). The Confucian Book of Rites (which is about 3,000 years old) says "A gentleman does not eat the flesh of pigs or dogs"(4).

Perhaps the greatest medical/scientific reason for abstaining for swine's flesh is a tiny parasitic worm called *Trichinella*



spiralis. This tiny parasitic worm is found in the meat of infected domestic pigs, and sometimes wild bears, wild pigs or walruses and a number of other wild animals. Humans become infected with Trichinosis when they eat infected meat. “The swine are usually infected by consuming viable trichinae larvae in pork scraps found in uncooked garbage and by meat from the infected carcasses of swine, rats and other carnivorous wildlife. Swine naturally affected with trichinosis do not show clinical effects”(5) - so to the naked eye there is no way of telling if a wild animal, or domestic pig has been infected. “Over the last decade between 100 and 150 human cases per year are reported in the United States. One study indicated 73.2% of the human cases were attributed to pork products”(5). A single serving of infected pork can kill or cripple the victim inflicting upon them a lifetime of aches and pains(6).

God did not create everything to be eaten by mankind. Some of the Lord’s creation are the “cleaners” of this creation. Many animals were created as “natural” vacuum cleaners, cleaning the earth of rotting and decaying flesh, etc. These animals have an important part to play in the ecosystem of this planet, but they should not be consumed. The very fact that they are the “cleaners” of the planet and their interaction with other rodents would not only tell us the huge potential for carrying and harbouring disease, but would also tell us that they would not be fit food for us to consume. The old adage says “You are what you eat”. Well after looking at the diet of a

pig, will you feel as comfortable having your next bacon sandwich. Another common practice with pork derived products (eg. frankfurters, pork sausages, etc) is that of giving children a piece of this product raw - looking at the above facts on Trichinosis alone should make parents stop this potentially harmful practice, for their children’s sake immediately!

With the emergence in the medical arena of “mad-cow disease” most especially happening in the United Kingdom, you cannot be too careful even with those meats designated as clean. As long as the animal is eating the natural diet of that animal and not being made to eat substances alien to its diet, then everything normally goes

One of the main concerns amongst US beef officials is that the chicken manure fed to cattle does not reach sufficient temperatures in storage to kill Salmonella and E. Coli - both potentially life threatening, especially in infants and aged people.

along smoothly. But introduce to that diet products the animal never has naturally and problems emerge - eg. the cause of ‘mad cow disease’ in the UK has been attributed to the feed that farmers were feeding their cattle - apparently the feed was a combination of the offal of other cows and animals(7). You cannot feed an animal of itself and not expect problems. “Even USDA-inspected meats can be found with tumors, or tainted with viruses and bacteria, as well as toxins the animal consumed in its feed. Feedlot operators have been known to feed ground poultry parts, feathers and faeces, plus other types of meat by products to beef cattle”(8). A cow was never designed to eat another cow, or chicken, they have no carnivorous desire whatsoever, but, cloak the product and feed it to the animal and look what happens - their brains turn to sponge, the meat becomes infected and this potentially life

threatening disease is handed to humans through the ingestion of the infected meat. As with trichonosis, if you eat infected meat you will get sick. The beef industry in the UK is nearly ruined thanks to this disease, and the public's confidence in the beef industry is shattered. Let's hope humankind has learnt its lesson and won't try to feed animals, especially domestic animals, food items that are not part of their natural diet. In the US there have even been suspected reports of 'mad pig disease'(9) attributed to the same cause, but as yet unidentified in the public arena. Thus pork meat, especially in the US could have a 'double whammy'.

The Bible does not demand a vegetarian existence, and not all members of the Christian Israelite church are vegetarians, but in the light of mankind's stupidity in regard to the preservation and maintenance of God's creation, one has to really wonder whether it would be safer to abstain completely rather than risk permanently making oneself sick just over a beefburger! Home grown meats don't have this problem as you know what you have fed your animals, so you know they will be uninfected. Unless clearly advertised on the cover, even gelatine is usually made from "unclean" animals such as pigs or horses(7). Fortunately for us today though there are many 'kosher' products available which has made life easier for those attempting to observe the Lord's dietary requirements.

Even the chicken egg is open to impurities. There have been outbreaks of salmonella

nella attributed to chicken eggs - more probably caused from what the chickens were fed. Far better to consume those eggs where it is advertised that the chickens are fed their natural diet, otherwise you don't know what you are getting. There is one Company in Australia now advertising eggs from chickens who have a vegetarian diet.

The Biblical requirements as far as seafood goes is that the seafood have fins **and** scales. Not one or the other, but both. Mankind was not to eat those fish that were

carnivorous, or that seafood that acts as the oceans vacuum cleaners. Prawns, lobster, crab, etc, are organisms that live on decaying and putrefying flesh, keeping our waterways clean, but their diet does not endear them to us

The natural food of chickens is grains, so why does man in his wisdom feed chickens offal, excrement, etc., surely commensense would dictate that if these products are not naturally consumed by the animal how can it possibly process them efficiently and thoroughly - the UK recently had a Salmonella scare with its egg industry.

as part of our diet. Oysters could be described as the kidneys of our waterways, they reflect how we are using our waterways. Where a waterway is heavily polluted, oysters will attempt to sift out the problem, but this of course makes the oyster inedible. Problems recently arose in Australia (the Hastings River region) over a caravan park proprietor illegally pumping his sanitary waste into the Hastings River where, very close by, were major oyster leases, supplying many large businesses Australia wide. Because of this illegal waste dumping, many people contracted Hepatitis A after eating the oysters. Eating raw oysters can result in some people becoming seriously ill. The cause is the marine bacterium *Vibrio vulnificus* which virus occurs naturally in some oysters (especially Gulf of Mexico oys-

ters) thus eating oysters from clean waterways does not necessarily offer protection from the problem(8).

In His Immense Wisdom, the Lord not only created the earth and everything in it, but planned everything to have a balanced eco-system, maintaining, if undisturbed, harmony and balance. Unfortunately people have chosen to ignore the Lord's safeguards and guidelines and become their own leader. God has given these dietary guidelines to protect our bodies from disease and illness; when we ignore them our health suffers.

So what can we eat? The ox, sheep, goat, hart, roebuck, fallow dear, wild goat, pygarg(a species of antelope), wild ox, chamois(mountain antelope or mountain goat). We can eat those animals which are labelled as 'clean' and whose natural food is the grasses and grains, unpolluted, as supplied naturally by the Lord. In this pre-millennial state in which we are living, it pays to remember the words of Isaiah (66:15-17): *"For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one*

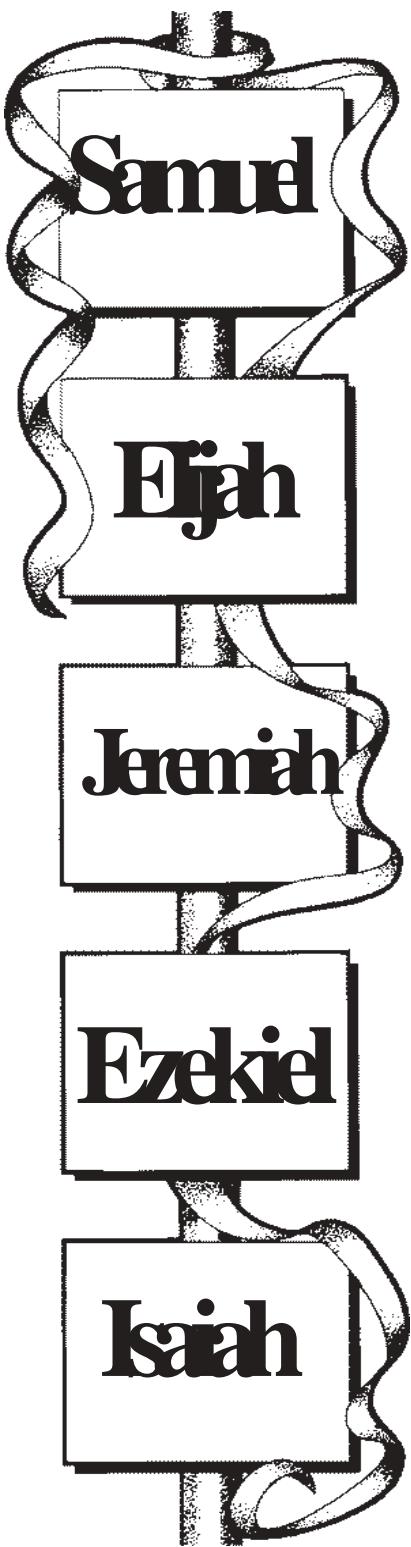
tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord".

There is a lot more that could be said, and we all know why we don't eat blood - even of clean animals - all disease is carried through the body (of people and animals) in the bloodstream. *"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul"* Leviticus 17:11. For Christians are all under the command as laid down by the Jerusalem Council - *".... that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood"* Acts 15:20.

So the more we look the more support we find as to why our Maker has given us instructions about what **not** to eat. If we understood more fully we would probably have to admit that they are not just laws to make life difficult but rather common sense. As we are told in Isaiah 55:9, *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts"*. How lucky we are to have a Book with the Maker's instructions for us to follow rather than having to experiment and find out the hard way!

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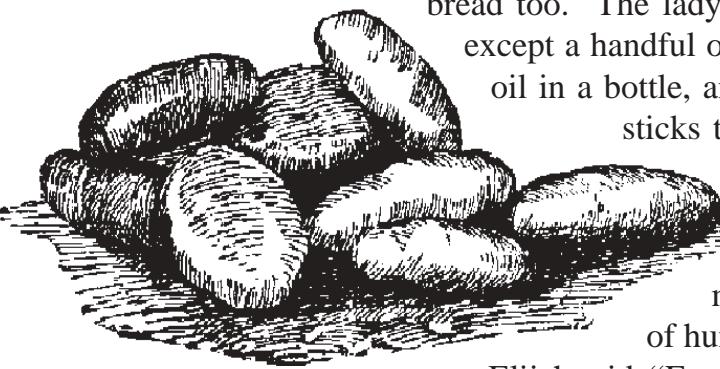
E l i j a h :

Have you noticed how busy the birds are in your garden today? Have you heard them in the morning, as they work? Oh, yes, birds have work to do - they must look for food - build their homes. What a big job it must be for a bird to make its nest - it has to carry each little piece of grass, weave them in and out to make a warm place to sleep. The birds seem so happy while they work - they dance about on the ground and fly in the sky, singing as if to say, "It is Spring - God has given us Spring". Yes, Spring is announced by the birds, while the flowers too, proclaim its glory.

Now a prophet has a wonderful work - he announces to the world any message that God gives him - he is a spokesman of God, and a teacher of God's will. Do you know the name of any prophet? Yes, you know a little about Samuel, and that he grew up to be a prophet.

One of the greatest of the prophets was Elijah, he was a very, very good man. When there was a drought in the land, God took care of Elijah, telling him to go to a brook called Cerith, here he had water to drink, and each morning and night, God sent birds, called ravens, with fresh meat and bread for Elijah to eat. After a time, because there had been no rain in the land for so long, the brook dried up, so, God told Elijah to go to Zarephath where he would find a woman who would give him food.

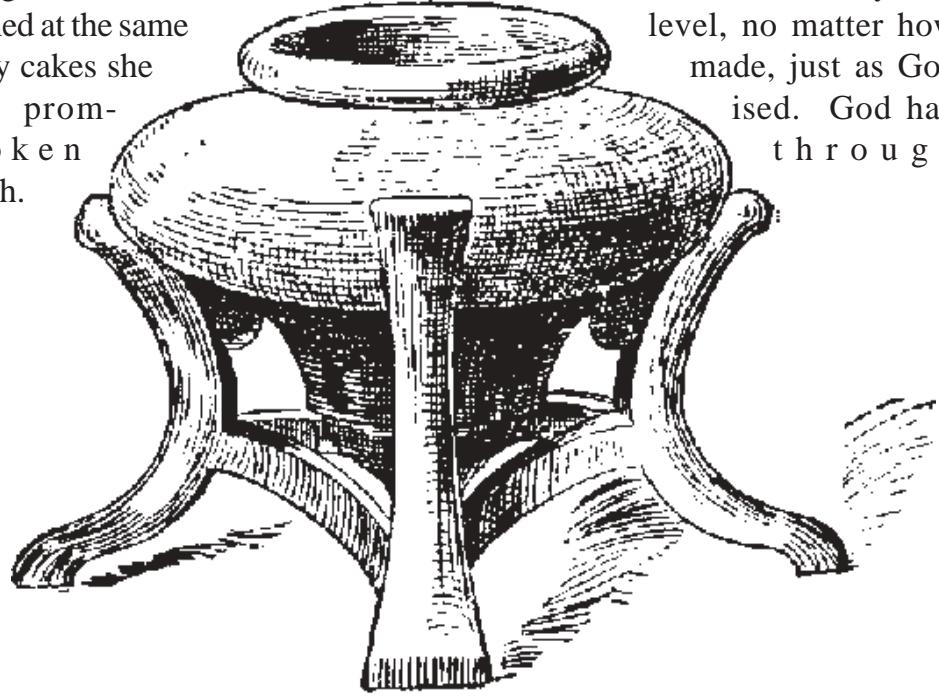
Elijah went. When he came to the city he saw a lady gathering sticks - he called her, ask-



ing for water to drink. When she turned to go, Elijah called again for some bread too. The lady said she had nothing to eat, except a handful of flour in a barrel, and a little oil in a bottle, and that she was gathering the sticks to make a fire to bake a cake made from the flour and oil. Then she and her son would eat it and as they had no more food, they would then die of hunger.

Elijah said, "Fear not", but first, to make a cake for him, and then make one for herself and her son, for, "Thus saith the Lord, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth".

The lady did as Elijah said, and she and her son and Elijah, always had enough to eat, for the remained at the same many cakes she had prom-
s p o k e n Elijah.



flour and oil always re-level, no matter how made, just as God ised. God had t h r o u g h

Fire - Pan

Expand Your Bible:



Weeds In The Garden

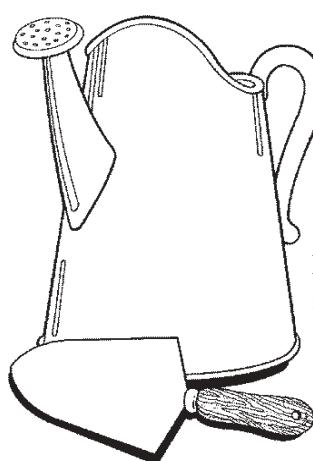
It is very frustrating to any gardener to plant seeds in the garden and as they come up to find they are mixed up with weeds. It is especially frustrating when the weeds resemble the plants to such an extent that it is very hard to distinguish between them and to know which to pull out.

This was the essence of a parable Jesus told his listeners, this particular parable is recorded in Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43. Jesus said, *“The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also”* (v. 24-26).

In the East men sometimes took revenge on an enemy by strewing his newly sown fields with the seeds of some noxious weed that closely resembled wheat while growing. While young and the

blades green this resemblance was there, but when the field was white for harvest, the worthless weeds bore no likeness to the wheat with its fully ripened heads of grain.

“.... the



servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?” (v. 27).

“*He said unto them, An enemy hath done this.*” (v.28).

The servants asked, “Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?” “No”, replied the master, “because while you are pulling the weeds you may root up the wheat with them.”

“Let both grow together until the harvest”.

Later in Matthew 13:37-43, Jesus explains this parable fully. The farmer who sowed the good seed is “the Son of Man” - Himself; the “field” is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.”

Both in the world and in the Church because of his enmity with Christ, Satan scatters his evil seed which germinates into sinful actions, amongst the good grain of the kingdom. Satan often brings into a church those who profess to be Christ’s followers but deny His character and promises. True and false believers mingle as did the good and bad seed of Jesus’ story, very hard to distinguish from each other.

However, as the land owner, Jesus Christ said, *“Let both grow together until the harvest”*. Do not be judgmental or criti-

cal of the “bad seeds” but aim to be a “good seed”.

The original garden created was good, man was “good seed”, but creation was contaminated by the evil influence of Satan, causing man to sin, and allowing the garden to bring forth “*thorns and thistles*” (Genesis 3:18).

Sin is evil in action. As the weeds grow, looking almost the same as the wheat, so Satan causes sin to look good and to be in the beginning, almost indiscernible from good.

At the end of the world comes the great

separation of good and evil.

“As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things which offend, and them which do iniquity” (v.40-41).

Thus shall evil be destroyed and without the seeds of evil, sin and sinful actions will have no root.

PS. The destiny of the good and bad seed, and the fate of those who do iniquity is another study.

Harvest

Harvest fields are reaped and garnered
And God’s gracious gifts put by,
Now the summer days are over
And the winter’s drawing nigh.

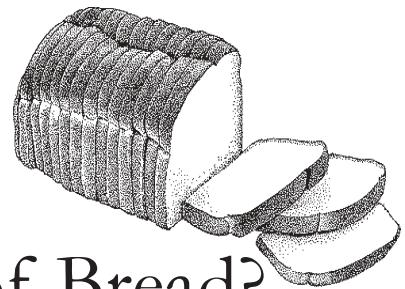
There’s another field of harvest
Where the labourers are few,
And the ripening grain within it
Must be reaped and brought in too.

Pray ye that the Lord of Harvest
Labourers to His fields will send,
All the golden corn to gather
Waiting for the glorious end.

God will gather in the good seed
But the tares will cast away,
When He comes to reap in glory
On the joyful Harvest Day.

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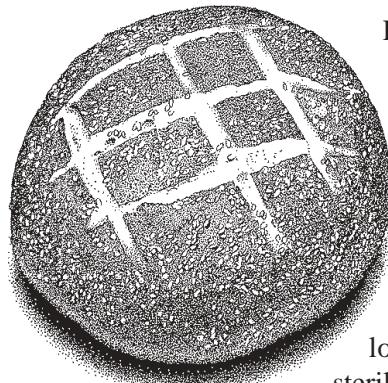
All Round Health



What Is In that Loaf of Bread?

I was considering what to write on for this issue when I came across an article on bread in "Nature and Health" May, 1991. Bread is regarded as a staple food by many but is it actually performing this job adequately:

"The story of commercial bread making epitomises the ever prevailing philosophy of food technology - a natural food that is purified to basic components, modified to meet industrial health requirements and then synthetic nutrients are readded, added according to current nutritional science and consumer demands".

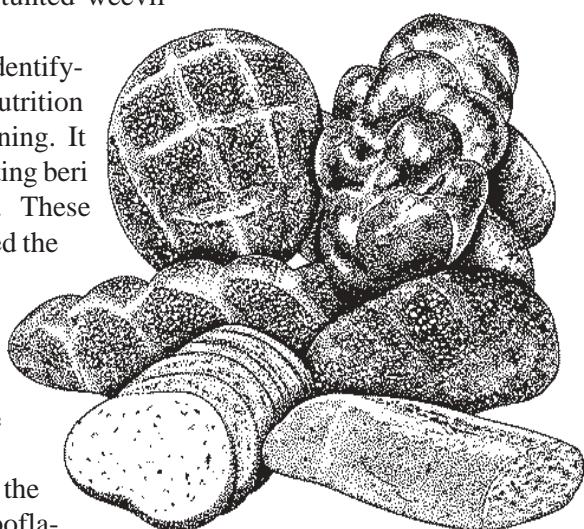


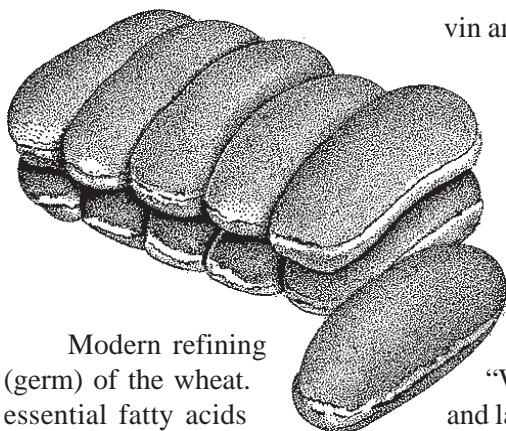
The article traces modern bread making back 200 years. Refining of wheat flour was enhanced with the advent of steam power which allowed multiple grindings and siftings and produced fine white flour. By early this century the flour finally produced may have gone through up to 180 separations removing bran and fibre from the flour.

During the 1920's Agene (nitrogen trichloride) was introduced as a bleaching agent and bread improver. It 'strengthened' the gluten in the flour and allowed a bigger loaf to be produced. Later powerful sterilising and bleaching agents such as chlorine dioxide and chlorine gas were used. They produced white flour which had excellent baking qualities and stunted weevil growth.

Around this time, research was identifying vitamins as essential elements of nutrition which were lost in processing and refining. It began with a Dutch medical officer noting beri beri in chickens fed on polished rice. These symptoms reversed when they were fed the rice polishings as well. During the 1930's a Dr. Williams processed vitamin B1 and produced a synthetic replacement. B1 or Thiamine was found to be essential for carbohydrate metabolism in the body.

By 1941 flour was enriched by the addition of the vitamins thiamine, ribofla-





Modern refining (germ) of the wheat. essential fatty acids essential trace minerals

“Whole wheat however is a nutritious source of and large number of vitamins and rich range of es- known to play key role in many enzymatic and bio- chemical pathways”. The minerals sodium, magnesium, phosphorus, sulphur, potassium, calcium, manganese, selenium, cobalt, chlorine, silicon, arsenic, iodine and molybdenum have all been found in electron microscope studies of whole wheat.

Not only are nutrients removed from wheat in the milling and refining process but harmful products may also be added. The Agene first used to bleach and improve the flour had to be phased out when it was shown experimentally to cause ‘running fits’ in dogs. Chlorine based products are still used to bleach and improve flour. More than half of the chlorine has been found to combine with lipids within the flour to form potentially harmful organochloride compounds within the flour.

Another well known chemical frequently used in bread making flour is potassium bromate known to be a carcinogen in animals. As with the chlorine it is supposed to breakdown to potassium bromide which is less harmful, however the extent to which this happens is not really known. Bromide at certain levels produces depression, exhaustion and mental deterioration but nothing is known about the effects of this chemical at regular low dose exposures. We know much is actually left in the flour after processing.

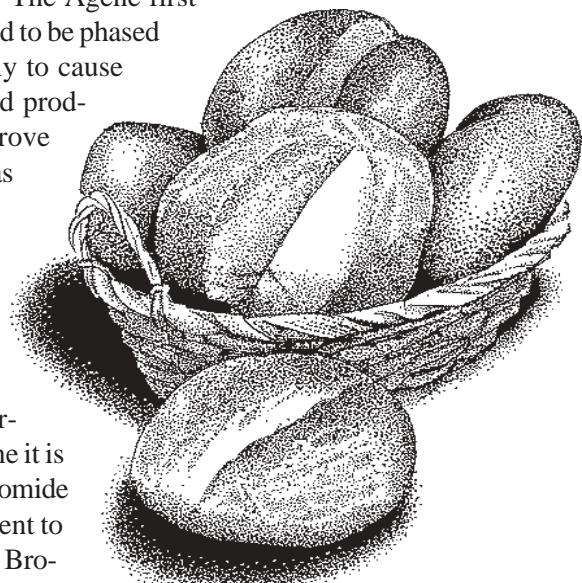
While this article is not meant to cause unnecessary fear, didn’t you find it amazing how we can take one of God’s amazing suppliers of nutrition - a grain of wheat - and rid it of much of its goodness before we actually eat it!.

vin and niacin and the mineral iron.

Although flour was enriched by these four nutrients research in the 1950’s showed that it was deficient in B6, essential fatty acids and Vitamin E. Sinclair in the 1950’s and Williams in the 1970’s associated the loss of these nutrients as constituting to the diseases of ‘modern western civilisation’ particularly atherosclerosis and heart disease.

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Statement of Belief

The Christian Israelite Church beliefs can be fully supported by the Scriptures. Here is an outline:

WE BELIEVE

- * In God Almighty creator of all things (Genesis 1:1).
- * In the existence of Satan, the Devil, in whom God allowed iniquity to be placed (James 2:19; Ezekiel 28:14,15).
- * That God created a spirit-existence in which the devil manifested evil and caused some of the spirits to rebel against God (Isaiah 14:12-14; Jude 6).
- * That God created our physical world, to which each person comes with a body and a soul made alive by a spirit from the spiritual creation (Luke 9:55; Genesis 2:7).
- * That God gave His people instructions on the way they should live, which instructions were "*for their good always*" (Deuteronomy 6:24).
- * That all have sinned and come "*short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:19).
- * That God has reconciled the (whole) world to Himself through the sacrifice of Jesus (John 3:16,17).
- * That through belief in the sacrifice of Jesus believers are counted as righteous before God, and can be assured of the resurrection of their souls (a Spiritual body) at Jesus' return (1 Timothy 4:10; 1 Corinthians 15:44).
- * That there will be a small number who will fully prove their faith by a work of true obedience to God's instructions and will thereby receive the prize of the highest calling of God, the redemption of spirit and soul and body - this living mortal Body made Immortal without seeing death (1 Thessalonians 5:23; Revelation 14:1-5; Hebrews 11:39,40).
- * That Jesus Christ will return to this earth again, subdue the power of Satan and reign forever and ever (Revelation 19 and 20).
- * That the return of Jesus Christ is near and we are living in the period described in Scripture as the latter days (Matthew 24; Mark 13 and Luke 21).
- * That there are promises in the Scriptures especially to Israel - God's chosen people (1 Peter 2:9).
- * That although Israel of old did not accept the challenge of spiritually being God's peculiar people, a remnant of their descendants will come forward in the latter days to fulfil the obligations and receive the promises (Revelation 7:1-8).
- * That the Mission of the Christian Israelite Church is to awaken the lost ten tribes of Israel to this special inheritance to be the physical Immortal "*Bride of the Lamb*" and to be the vehicle for the task of bringing them all together at God's appointed time (Matthew 10:5,6; Revelation 19).

We believe that God is the absolute Judge and Arbiter and that we as His servants have an obligation to respond to what He puts in each heart, and that whilst we seek to proclaim and discuss our beliefs, that we have no right to contend with other people about these beliefs.

Linus

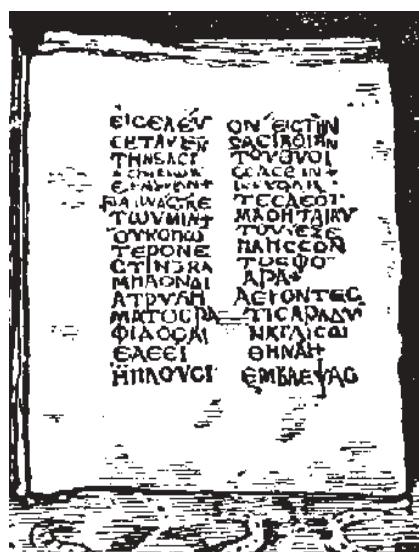
The 1st Christian Bishop of the 1st Christian Church in Rome.

“Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubelus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren”
2 Timothy 4:21.

Who were these four people that Paul addresses with such intimacy? Not many clues are there as to who these people were. The backgrounds of these people was fascinating, they not only paved the way for the Christian message but also, generally, lost their lives for their beliefs. They were among the very early followers of Jesus Christ who sacrificed everything to spread the Word.

Eubelus was a cousin of Claudia, thus making him a cousin of Linus and the rest of the Caractacan family. Pudens and Claudia should be familiar names to the readers - they were dealt with in an earlier issue of Latter Rain. Pudens is also referred to as Rufus Pudens in other sections of the New Testament. He was a Roman Senator who had been sent as Commander-in-Chief to Britain at the commencement of the Claudian campaign AD42. He was one of the early followers of Christ and he married (in AD53 at Rome) the person Claudia who is mentioned above. She was originally known as Gladys as was the daughter of King Caractacus or Caradoc who had been taken to Rome as a captive by Claudius. The family was kept prisoner at a house known as the Palatium Britannicum in Rome, which

house became an early meeting place for early Christians. Claudia received her name change at the hands of the Emperor Claudius as a sign of his affection for her, he adopted her and renamed her Claudia after himself - no small honour in the Roman world. Thus these two people (Pudens and Claudia) were extremely prominent people in Roman society, both politically and socially. Along with



this prominence they were also some of the very earliest followers of Jesus Christ, allowing their home and facilities to be used by believers in spreading and administering

the Message. Paul and Peter were frequent visitors to their home, as were many other followers.

The final name in the list is Linus(Llyn), and as yet Linus has not been covered by this section so this article will concentrate on who Linus was and what did he do? Many readers will be surprised about the history of this man but it is based upon historical fact as recorded in various ancient annals.

The early Christian church at Rome needed a Bishop and it was Paul's job to select the man for this job. Peter was not ordained Bishop of Rome, rather he and Paul held joint responsibility for the mission work in that area. The first ordained Bishop of Rome was Linus, as mentioned in 2 Timothy 4:28. This same Linus, the son of Caractacus/Caradoc had originally been baptised long ago, as a child in AD36 by Joseph of Arimathea, with his parents and siblings. His Christian roots went back to the very origins of Christianity - the mass departure after the crucifixion of many of the followers, and most especially those particular followers with Joseph of Arimathea who went to Britain and spread the Word there from AD36 onwards. Paul chose and personally consecrated Linus as the first Bishop of Rome - a British royal prince. Peter affirms this fact when he says, "*The First Christian Church above ground in Rome, was the Palace of the British. The First Christian Bishop, was a Briton, Linus, son of a Royal King, personally appointed by St. Paul, AD 58.*" (1)

This can be further corroborated in an extract from the *Apostolic Constitutions*:

"Concerning those Bishops who have been ordained in our lifetime, we make known to you that they are these; Of Antioch, Eudius, ordained by me, Peter, Of the Church of Rome, Linus, brother of

Claudia, was first ordained by Paul, and after Linus's death, Clemens, the second ordained by me, Peter". (2) Considering the Roman Catholic Church was not founded until 350 years later, of what church was Linus the first Bishop? And if it was not founded for another 350 years, how could Peter have founded it? Clearly from the facts, it can be seen that the first Christian church was established by Linus, through the ordination by Paul in the year AD58. Clemens Romanus, the second Bishop of Rome appointed by Peter (see above) affirms this relationship between Linus and Claudia: "*Sanctissimus Linus, Frater Claudiæ*" (*St. Linus, brother of Claudia*). Clemens Romanus knew these people intimately, not only was he a regular guest but he is the St. Clement of the 12 companions of Joseph of Arimathea (covered in an earlier magazine). It is worth noting that Clemens is the Roman form of Clement, and Clement was a Briton as well, thus the first two Christian bishops of the first Christian church in Rome were both from Britain.

Iraneaus, in AD180, wrote: "*The Apostles having founded and built up the church at Rome, committed the ministry of its supervision to Linus. This is the Linus mentioned by Paul in his Epistles to Timothy*". (3)

Unfortunately, Linus the First Christian Bishop of the First Christian Church at Rome, was also its first martyr. Claudia was the only member of this royal family to die a natural death, the others were all martyred for their beliefs - Christianity.

Linus/Llyn was the son of Caractacus/Caradoc, thus making him the brother of Gladys/Claudia mentioned above. His other siblings were:

Cyllinus - credited for introducing into Britain the christening of Infants with Christian names. The British, up to this stage,

had followed the old Hebrew method of naming a person by one name only, and adding 'ab' or 'of' or 'son of'. This could make things extremely difficult in tracing one's lineage. In later life he took up the cross and abdicated in favour of his son as Llyr Llediaith did earlier. Cyllinus succeeded to the throne on his father's death thus becoming King of the Silures.

Eurgain/Eurgan - the eldest and born prior to AD36, is recognised as the first British woman to be converted to Christianity, she was converted by Joseph of Arimathea at the same time as her brother Linus. She is also accorded the status of being the first female Christian saint in Brit-

ain - she devoted her life to missionary work. She is credited with founding the first 'cor' or choir in Wales with the unbroken sequence culminating in the world-famous Eisteddfod held every year in Wales.

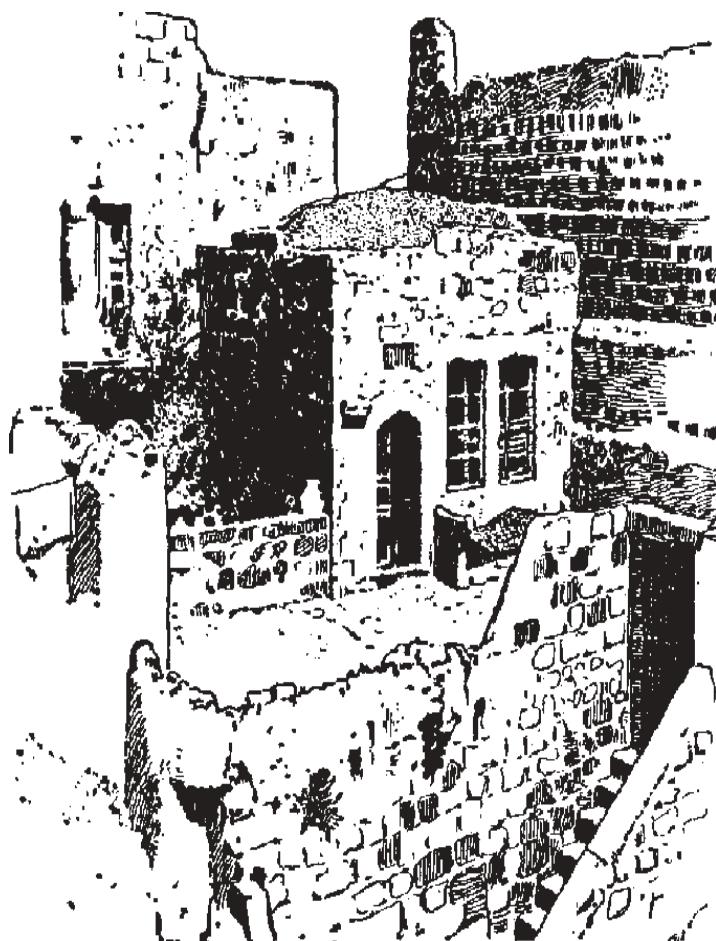
Novatus - martyred during the fifth Roman persecution, AD 137.

Timotheus - stayed in Britain, was a Christian missionary who converted and baptised many into the faith. Shortly after his return from Britain to Rome, in his 90th year, he suffered martyrdom along with his co-worker, Marcus.

Whilst Paul was in prison for the final time awaiting his execution he sent a final salutation to Timothy, in which he asked

Timothy to deliver a final fond farewell to the people that were nearest and dearest to him ie. his sister in law, Claudia; his half brother Pudens (for remember they had the same mother); and many other extended family members.

Linus, in his early years was taught by Marcellus (he was married to Elizabeth), the father of Martial, at Avalon. Martial was also reputed to be a cousin of the disciple Stephen. Martial gained a special place in the hearts of the apostles Peter and Paul, he preached the Gospel at Antioch under Peter. His fathers Marcellus had travelled with Joseph of Arimathea and the original party that had fled



persecution and landed in Britain.

Joseph of Arimathea was the first to baptise many of the above people, and the affection and closeness which they had with the early Christian church was maintained throughout their lives. Linus, in particular, held great affection with Paul. "In the Vatican Museum there is a rather unusual relic in the form of a glass medallion depicting a contemporary portrait of the heads

of Linus and Paul, proclaiming their undying friendship and close association during those dramatic years." (1)

Linus/Llyn and his family were the first royal martyrs to die for their beliefs - Christianity. Many of them had been baptised Christians as early as AD38 and their blood was taken just as many other Christians' lost theirs for centuries to come. Linus was martyred in AD90.

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Recipe **Vegetarian Nachos**

**1 packet plain cornchips
1 tin Mexican chili beans
1 tin Mexican refried beans
1 sachet Taco seasoning mix
grated cheese
1 bottle Mexican Nachos topping
1/2 tin nutmeat**

Guacamole:
**2 avocados
1 tblsp sour cream
1 tblsp lemon juice
1/2 onion
1 tsp crushed garlic**

Method: Guacamole - peel and deseed avocados. Peel and finely dice onion. If you have a food blender just add all ingredients together and it will soon puree the mixture. If not blend in with a fork, crushing as you go. The lemon juice stops the mixture discolouring. Place in the refrigerator till the bean mixture is ready.

Bean Mixture - In a saucepan add the tins of beans (both refried and chili beans), the seasoning mix and mashed nutmeat - gently heat. Place cornchips into oven - they don't get as soggy if they are hot - they only need about 4-5 minutes. Place warm cornchips on plate, place on top of the corn chips: grated cheese, chili bean mix, nachos topping, guacamole and sour cream, all to taste. The same mixture can be used for Vegetarian Tacos.