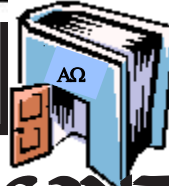


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Heading Toward World Government

Come now, dear friend, what is the nature of tyranny? As to its origin, it is fairly obvious that it is a transformation of democracy.¹

Plato

1776

Three events occurred in 1776, which had a profound effect on the 20th century. *The Declaration of Independence* was written, precipitating "the shot heard around the world." Adam Smith published his *Wealth of*

Nations that "provided the ideological foundation for capitalism and the Industrial Revolution." Adam Weishaupt founded the Illuminati, which would set the framework for Communism.² You will find the first event widely recorded in history books, many will report the second, but seldom will you learn about the third event.³

In his monumental work, *Memoirs Illustrating the History of Jacobinism*, A. Barruel wrote that the Illuminati was:

[T]he conspiracy of the Sophisters of Impiety and Anarchy against every religion natural or revealed; not only against kings, but against every government, against all civil society, even against all property whatsoever.⁴

The Illuminati

Adam Weishaupt was born in Bavaria in 1748. Jesuits had educated him, and even though he became professor of Canon Law at the University of Ingolstadt, he was a devoted atheist.⁵

He seduced his brother's widow and murdered, by abortion, the offspring of that illicit affair, and in the end escaping, by guile, the punishment of that crime.⁶

It is said that a Jutland merchant who had lived previously in Egypt initiated Weishaupt into secret orders. He studied the mysteries of Manichaeism. He combined the hatred of God with the destruction of all civil and political laws and the overthrow of all religion. His obsession was the overthrow of "every religion, every government, and all property whatsoever." This obsession led him to believe that he could

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Joy to the World

convince the world to follow these ideas.⁷

He planned an ambitious revolution. To that end he planned and founded a secret society that would operate by methods similar to religious

orders, such as the Jesuits, designed to send his disciples to spread his form of world revolution to all parts of the world.⁸

On 1 May 1776 his new Order of Illuminees, or the Illuminati was founded. Wieshaupt began at first to initiate students at his university. This was the same organization that under the name Jacobin fomented the French Revolution.⁹ The modern equivalent of Jacobinism is Bolshevism.¹⁰

According to Wieshaupt:

*Liberty and Equality are the essential rights that man in his original and primitive perfection received from nature. Property struck the first blow at Equality; political Society, or Governments, were the first oppressors of Liberty; the supporters of Governments and property are the religious and civil laws; therefore, to reinstate man in his primitive rights of Equality and Liberty, we must begin by destroying all Religion, all civil society, and all property.*¹¹

The thinking of Wieshaupt as with the pure Communist is that the inequities of the world, where some have and some have not, are based on the ownership of property. If one were able to abolish property ownership and redistribute the wealth, or have everything held in common, everyone would be able to enjoy the blessing of plenty, and wars and man's inhumanity to man would cease, or so the theory goes.¹²

However, if one were merely to redistribute the wealth equally, it would soon become unequal as men have different capabilities, and ruthless greed and a lust for power drive many. Moreover, an equal distribution would only tend to make everyone equally poor.¹³

The solution of the pure Communist is that the wealth is to be held in common with no private ownership allowed.¹⁴

The idea of Communism was not the brainchild of Karl Marx, but was tried for a while by the early Church (Acts 4:32-37) and was later revived in the twelfth century, and as a movement has been in operation since.¹⁵

Revolutionary Communism can trace its roots from Pythagorees, Plato, and Thomas More's *Utopia* whose philosophical ideas were used by Rousseau through which the fomenters of the French Revolution were inspired.¹⁶ The whole principle of the Communists is found in these words of Rousseau:

*Beware of listening to this imposter; you are lost if you forget that the fruits of the earth belong to all and the earth to no one.*¹⁷

Secret Societies

Rousseau and Voltaire were Freemasons. It was through secret societies that the philosophic ideas would be transformed for the destruction of civilization to rebuild the perfect utopian society.¹⁸

The origin of Freemasonry had its roots in the founding of the Order of the Templars in Jerusalem during the Crusades in 1118 AD. They became a formidable power in France, independent of the Monarchy. The Grand Orient lodge of Freemasonry was a subversive organization and, as a tool of the Jacobins, a fomentor of the French Revolution. The battle

cry of the French Revolution, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," was definitely Masonic.¹⁹

It was Wieshaupt that reduced the various ideas of the philosophers and secret societies to a systematic plan for world revolution. His theory consisted of first: slowly reducing the needs of the individual so that he can get by with as little as possible. Second: universal love must replace love of country and family. Third: reason was to become the only law of man without any controlling authority since, after all, man is inherently good and only needs to be enlightened. Man would be restored

to his primitive virtue by removal of all restraints. It is only his circumstances, religion, and restraints that make man bad. "When at last Reason becomes the religion of Men, then will the problem be solved."²⁰



The Order of the Illuminati was arranged in degrees, as in Freemasonry.²¹ Like Freemasonry, the truth and purpose is revealed only in

the highest degrees, while in the lowest degrees the initiate is purposely deceived.²² When he finds out the truth he has been so indoctrinated and bound by oaths and their penalties that most don't object.²³ The penalties themselves were not originally part of Freemasonry, but are remnants of the political conspiracies of the Illuminati and the Jacobites.²⁴

The minds of the common people were sought by gaining influence in the schools.²⁵ Tim LaHaye, referring to the threat of Humanism, points out that the public school is important because it is the most "effective arena in which to make converts to their religion." He also points out that Secular Humanists have gravitated to four major fields for three centuries to fulfill their goals, and in this order: Education, Government, Law, and the Media.²⁶

Wieshaupt's plan included a merger of his Order with that of Freemasonry. This was concluded in 1782.²⁷ After reading John Robison's book, *Proofs of a Conspiracy*, in a letter dated 24 October 1798, George Washington, himself a Mason, responding concerning the Illuminati influence on American lodges said this:

It was not my intention to doubt, the Doctrines of the Illuminati, and principles of Jacobinism had spread in the United States. On the contrary, no one is more truly satisfied of this fact than I am.

*The idea that I meant to convey, was, that I did not believe that the Lodges of Free Masons in this Country had, as Societies, endeavored to propagate the diabolical tenets of the first, or pernicious principles of the latter (if they be susceptible of separation). That Individuals of them may have done it, or that the founder, or instrument employed to found, the Democratic Societies in the United States, may have had these objects; and actually had a separation of the People from their Government in view, is too evident to be questioned.*²⁸

The Illuminati headquarters was moved to Frankfurt, Germany, which also was the stronghold of the Rothschild financial empire. At a large Masonic congress held at Frankfurt in 1786, the deaths of Louis XVI of France and Gustavus III of Sweden were decreed.²⁹

The aims of the Illuminati may be summarized as follows:

- ◆ Abolition of Monarchy and all ordered Government.

- ◆ Abolition of private property and of inheritance.
- ◆ Abolition of patriotism.
- ◆ Abolition of the family (*i.e.* of marriage and all morality, and the institution of the communal education of children).
- ◆ Abolition of religion.³⁰

The Modern Form

Whether or not the Illuminati exists today, its spirit continues within various identifiable groups who have followed this plan up to the present time.³¹ The tenets of Communism found in *The Communist Manifesto* essentially repeats the goals of the Illuminati, and in the same order.³² Likewise, the tenets of Secular Humanism as outlined in their Humanist Manifestos I and II subscribe to similar aims.³³

Negotiating the New World Order

As we have seen, the principles of the Illuminati are alive in the ideals of Socialism, Communism, and Secular Humanism. These groups appear to be distilling into a form of world citizenship.

Mikhail Gorbachev envisions a New World Order, a modern version of Lenin's "Workers Paradise." According to Malachi Martin, Gorbachev "envisions a condition in which all national governments as we now know them will cease to exist." Martin believes that the Western Globalists are following a somewhat different plan to achieve their version of the New World Order. The Globalists believe that the world will naturally progress from "a nation-state democracy into a geopolitical system of world regulation." This will be brought about by "compacts and agreements and international treaties signed and countersigned by the political bureaucrat, and sealed with the stamp of united nations."³⁴

The *General Agreement on Contracts, Exchanges and Scientific Technical Education and Other Fields* drawn up by Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze, and signed by Reagan and Gorbachev at the 1985 Geneva Summit, dealt with "the entire cultural life of the United States and the Soviet Union. All branches of the arts were dealt with. It authorized mutual exchange programs, the homogenization of curricula, the sharing of facilities and the mutual indoctrination of the two peoples involved."³⁵

This is reminiscent of the statement of Ford Foundation President Rowen Gaither to Norman Dodd³⁶ that:

*All of us here at the policy-making level have had experience, either in the OSS, or the European Economic Administration, with directives from the White House.*³⁷

Mr. Gaither went on to say that:

*The substance of them (the directives) is that we shall use our grant-making power so as to alter our life in the United States that we can be comfortably merged with the Soviet Union.*³⁸

The goal of this *General Agreement* is the realization of the goal of Adam Wieshaupt. It is meant, "to transform the shape of the world." As George Ball has said:

Sooner or later we are going to have to face restructuring our institutions so that they are not confined merely to the nation-states. Start first on a regional [U.S.A. - USSR] basis, and ultimately you

*could move to a world basis.*³⁹

Martin sums up:

*In that quintessentially Internationalist view, the General Agreement is a blueprint for what is called a 'comfortable merger' of the populations of the United States and the Soviet Union.*⁴⁰

If this is not conspiracy then I don't know the meaning of the word!

The New Age

In concert, New Agers and Mega-Religionists work to fuse all religions together "into one globe-spanning mega-religion of mankind."⁴¹ With these religious groups, together with political, media, and other leaders, Mikhail Gorbachev, with his Gorbachev Foundation in San Francisco, assembled there from 27 September through 1 October 1995 at his *State of the World Forum* to discuss the "giving birth to the first global civilization."⁴²

This New World matches nicely the New Age "Maitreya" (Messiah) who "would establish the global village." New Agers, like Wieshaupt, look forward to the elimination of national boundaries and the "blending of all nations and peoples into one planetary culture, with a single economic and educational system—all under a single government dominated by a super-bureau of 'enlightened ones.'"⁴³

The Fox

[T]reaties and engagements have been made void and of no effect through the faithlessness of princes; and he who has known best how to employ the fox has succeeded best.

But it is necessary to know well how to disguise this characteristic, and to be a great pretender and dissembler; and men are so simple, and so subject to present necessities, that he who seeks to deceive will always find someone who will allow himself to be deceived.⁴⁴

Niccolo Machiavelli

In a book, *New Lies For Old*, by Anatoliy Golitsyn, a Soviet defector and former KGB agent, published in 1984 before the breakup of the Soviet Union, the Eastern Block, and the destruction of the Berlin Wall, he accurately prophesies that:

*"Liberalization" in Eastern Europe would probably involve the return to power in Czechoslovakia of Dubcek and his associates. If it should be extended to East Germany, demolition of the Berlin Wall might even be contemplated.*⁴⁵

In *The Perestroika Deception*, Golitsyn indicates that Gorbachev is a "Trojan horse" trained in his role to engage the American Elite in the strategy of convergence in order to bring about the eventual Communist ideal of a New World Order.⁴⁶

We might inquire as to the whereabouts of Mr. Gorbachev today, since the breakup of the Soviet Union? The San Jose Mercury News of 21 April 1993 carried an article

about Gorbachev saying:
In his speech in San Francisco Gorbachev announced that the foundation [Gorbachev Foundation located in the San Francisco Presidio

*Military Installation] is creating a national task force on U.S. military base closings. It will be co-chaired by former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery and former Democratic Rep. Mel Levine of Southern California.*⁴⁷

Excuse me! Am I missing something? Who made Gorby a United States citizen? Have we lost our senses and invited the fox into our hen house? Or, perish the thought, do our leaders have a different agenda than upholding our national identity, independence, and Constitution? Think about it. **ΑΩ**

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³⁷ A. Ralph Epperson, *The Unseen Hand*, Tucson, AZ: Publius Press, 1985, p. 209.

³⁸ Ibid.

³⁹ Martin, *The Keys of This Blood*, p. 392.

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⁴¹ Ibid. p. 38.

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Newman, Carl Sagan, Mother Theresa, and others.

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Are You Able To Show That The Holy Spirit Is God? (Part 2)

Attributes of God

According to Jehovah's Witness doctrine the Holy Spirit is "God's active force," not the third person of the Trinity.¹ The word translated as Holy Spirit is the Hebrew word "ruach" which can also be translated "wind." But it is more than that when examining the totality of Scripture. The Holy Spirit is said to have intellect when we are told in 1Co2:10, 11 that "the Spirit searcheth all things," and knows the thoughts of God. Therefore the Holy Spirit has a mind and can know things. How can an impersonal spirit "know" things. An active force does not know things. The Holy Spirit has emotions and can feel love and grief. (Eph 4:30). A force cannot experience emotions. In 1Co12:11 we see that the Holy Spirit has a will. The Holy Spirit can make a choice, a force cannot. The Holy Spirit testifies (John 15:26), intercedes (Rom 8:26), and issues commands (Acts 8:29, Acts 13:2,4). An impersonal force cannot do any of these.²

And in other Scriptures the Holy Spirit shows other personal attributes such as speak to people and teach. If the

Holy Spirit is not a person, then how can it be grieved (Eph 4:30), blasphemed against (Mat 12:32, Mark 3:29,30), lied to (Acts 5:3), obeyed (Acts 13:2, Acts 10), and sent (John 14:26)? The Holy Spirit has all the attributes

of a person: can carry on a conversation with others (Acts 8:29; 13:2). See also 1 Co2:10; 12:11; Eph 4:30. He acts as a personality (John 14:26; 15:26; Acts 8:29; Rom 8:14).³

Eph 3:19 speaks of being filled with *God Himself*. Eph 4:10 speaks of *Christ* filling all things. Likewise Eph 1:23 says that Christ is the One who fills all in all. Jehovah's Witnesses say that since the Holy Spirit fills many people at the same time it cannot be a person (Acts 2:4).⁴ Using this logic, Jesus is not a person either.

Personification

In Matthew 3:11 John the Baptist says that he baptizes with water but that one is coming whom will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The Jehovah's Witnesses argue that since water is not a person, then neither is the Holy Spirit. This same argument could be applied to Jesus in Romans 6:3 where Paul says that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. Since death is not a person, then neither is Christ Jesus. The Jehovah's Witness' logic doesn't work.⁵

The Jehovah's Witnesses would have you believe that the metaphors of the impersonal "water" and "blood" used in 1 John 5:6-8 mean that the Holy Spirit is not a person.⁶ However, both the water and the blood are witnesses to Christ's baptism and crucifixion and the Holy Spirit being the third witness does not imply that the Holy Spirit is not a person. Verse 6 indicates that Jesus came by "water" and "blood," and we find there also that: "And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth." We see that the Spirit is treated separately even though He is the third witness. Because Jesus is called *bread* in John 6:35, and the *door* in John 10:7 does not mean that He is not a person.⁷

Personal Pronouns

Jesus used personal pronouns to refer to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit used personal pronouns to refer to Himself (Acts 13:2).⁸

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate **me** Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto **I** have called them. Acts 13:2.

According to Charles Hodge:

*He is introduced as a person so often, not merely in poetic or excited discourse, but in simple narrative, and didactic instructions; and his personality is sustained by so many collateral proofs, that to explain the use of the personal pronouns in relation to Him on the principal of personification, is to do violence to all the rules of interpretation.*⁹

By that Hodge means that the Holy Spirit is not just personified, but is a person. Of John 16:13, 14 he says:

*Here there is no possibility of accounting for the use of the personal pronoun **He** on any other ground than the personality of the Spirit.*¹⁰

Notice the personal pronouns in John 16:13, 14:

Howbeit when **he**, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he** will guide you into all truth: for **he** shall not speak of **himself**; but whatsoever **he** shall hear, that shall **he** speak: and **he** will shew you things to come. **He** shall glorify me: for **he** shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. John 16:13, 14.

It is argued that since that New Testament refers the Holy Spirit in neuter terms, as in John 14:17, then the Holy Spirit is not a person.¹¹ However, infants, children, girls, unnamed spirits, and angels are also referred to using neuter terms.¹² This does not make them less a person. Even though He is referred to in neuter terms, several New Testament writers use masculine pronouns in reference to Him as in John 16:13-14. This is an exception to normal grammatical usage and further demonstrates that the Holy Spirit is a person.¹³ The Watchtower's argument is not valid.

Identified As God

In John 14:16 Jesus promises to send "another helper," using a word for "another" meaning another of the same kind as Christ Jesus. If Christ is God, then the Helper (the Holy Spirit) is also God.¹⁴

Further indication that the Holy Spirit is God is that the Spirit is identified as Yahweh when quoting Old Testament passages. (See Acts 28:25 with ISA 6:1-13, and Heb 10:15-17 with Jer 31:31-34).¹⁵ The Holy Spirit is shown to be on an equal basis with the Father and the Son in Matt 28:19 and 2Co13:14.¹⁶

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matthew 28:19.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14.

The Holy Spirit is called God in Acts 5:3-4. He possesses God's attributes of omniscience and omnipresence (see 1Co2:10, 6:19). He regenerates people (John 3:5, 6, 8).¹⁷

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to **lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? **thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.** Acts 5:3, 4.

The Holy Spirit and the Concept of the Trinity

The formalization of the doctrine of the Trinity did not occur until the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. However, the first person to use the Word Trinity was Tertullian (ca 165-220 AD) in his *Against Praxeas* written about 215 AD.¹⁸ As shown, the doctrine of the Trinity and deity of the Holy Spirit does not depend on being formalized by any council, but is clearly substantiated by the attributes described in the Scriptures. The Watchtower argues that since the word Trinity is not found in Scriptures it doesn't exist.¹⁹ The word "Trinity" does not need to be used for the Trinity to exist. The concept is shown in the descriptions given of the three Persons of the Godhead.

The Rev. R. A. Torrey reflects on two ways to view the

Holy Spirit:

If we think of the Holy Spirit only as an impersonal power or influence, then our thought will constantly be, how can I get hold of and use the Holy

Spirit; but if we think of Him in the Biblical way as a divine Person, infinitely wise, infinitely Holy, infinitely tender, then our thought will constantly be, "How can the Holy Spirit get hold of and use me?"²⁰

The first leads to "self-exaltation" while the latter to "self-humiliation, self-emptying, and self renunciation."²¹

In Acts 5:3 we find it possible to lie to the Holy Spirit. How is it possible to lie to a "blind impersonal influence or power?" You can only lie to a person.²²

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to **lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Acts 5:3.

Also, note that in Mat 12:31, 32 we find it possible to blaspheme the Holy Spirit. Again, according to Torrey, the same argument is true. You can only blaspheme a person.²³

Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but **the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost** shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Matthew 12:31, 32.

The Holy Spirit is a person with all the attributes of God. Therefore the Holy Spirit is God. If as we have seen in the previous article that Jesus is God, and now have shown that the Holy Spirit is God as well, then together with the Father they are one in the Trinity. Hodge describes that oneness when he writes:

Notwithstanding that the Father, Son, and Spirit are the same in substance, and equal in power and glory. It is no less true, according the Scriptures, (a.) That the Father is first, the Son second, and the Spirit third. (b.) The Son is of the Father; and the Spirit is of the Father and of the Son. (c.) The Father sends the Son, and the Father and Son send the Spirit. (d.) The Father operates through the Son, and the Father and Son operate through the Spirit. The converse of the statements is never found. The Son is never said to send the Father, nor to operate through Him; nor is the Spirit ever said to send the Father, or the Son, or to operate through them. The facts contained in this paragraph are summed up in the proposition: In the Holy Trinity there is a subordination of the Persons as to the mode of subsistence and operation. This proposition again adds nothing to the facts themselves.

*According to the Scriptures, the Father created the world, the Son created the world, and the Spirit created the world. The Father preserves all things; the Son upholds all things; and the Spirit is the source of all life. These facts are expressed by saying that the persons of the Trinity concur in all acts **ad extra**. Nevertheless there are some acts which are*

predominantly referred to the Father, others to the Son, and others to the Spirit. The Father creates, elects, and calls; the Son redeems; and the Spirit sanctifies. And, on the other hand, there are certain acts, or conditions, predicated of one person of the Trinity, which are never predicated of either of the others. Thus, generation belongs exclusively to the Father, filiation to the Son, and procession to the Spirit. This is the form in which the doctrine of the Trinity lies in the Bible.²⁴

Final Comments About the Jehovah's Witnesses Themselves

Lorri MacGregor, a Jehovah's Witness for fifteen years, acknowledges that the organization is a cult. She describes a candidate for involvement as: "Vulnerable. Hurting. Disillusioned. Disappointed. Seeking. Searching. Hungry for spiritual fulfillment. Lonely. Depressed. Stressed-out."²⁵

The organization is in fact a dangerous cult that attracts candidates, usually at a low ebb in their lives, then through slow, imperceptible, mind control techniques draws the candidate into their web from which it is difficult to escape. One reason for this difficulty is that Jehovah's Witnesses practice "shunning." There is no honorable way to leave. Those who have escaped without going through some sort of deprogramming often experience problems with "anxiety, fear, and disorientation, as well as difficulty reintegrating into society at large—symptoms often associated with victims of mind control."²⁶ According to David Reed those mind control techniques are as follows:

- ◆ Repetitive instruction, with books, magazines, and meetings all hammering home the same information.
- ◆ New members told to break ties with outside friends and limit fellowship with non-member relatives.
- ◆ A ban on reading critical works.
- ◆ Denunciation and shunning of ex-members.
- ◆ Verbal attacks undermining the authority of all outside institutions—religious, educational, medical, and governmental.
- ◆ A unique vocabulary with "loaded" language reinforcing the sect's rules.
- ◆ An orchestrated superiority/inferiority-guilt complex.²⁷

I marvel that **ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel**: Which is not another; **but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ**. But **though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed**. As we said before, so say I now again, **if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed**. Galatians 1:6-9.

We need to pray for those who are caught up in this cult, that they may break free and return to the truth of sound doctrine. **ΑΩ**

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⁵ Ibid, p. 205; Should You Believe in the Trinity? .p. 22.

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including the "Morning Star" conjunction of Jupiter and Venus in August of 3BC, and culminating in the "Evening Star" conjunction of Jupiter

It is possible that the apostle John was referring to Christ's birth date with the depiction of the woman of Revelation chapter 12. The context of Revelation 12 certainly is referring to the birth of Christ. It was common practice at that time to know the times and seasons by the stars. The woman depicted in Revelation 12 could therefore be the constellation Virgo.

The birth of Christ would have occurred at a time when she was being clothed with the Sun and the Moon was situated under her feet. That time occurred on 11 September in 3BC, between the hours of 6:15pm to 7:45pm local (Bethlehem) time. At that time the Sun was alongside the woman's torso in Virgo, and the Moon was situated just beneath her feet.

An interesting thing about this date is that it was Tishri One on the Jewish calendar, the Jewish New Year, The Day of Trumpets.

A Roman census took place between August and October of 3BC. This "census" taken in 3BC was like an oath of obedience and is recorded in the Res Gestae of Augustus Caesar. The purpose was for conferring an award upon Caesar called the Pater Patriae in early 2BC.

Read LUKE 2:1-3.

Jupiter, the "King" planet, would appear to stand still over Bethlehem in its "retrograde" motion around the "King" star Regulus in the constellation Leo, the "Lion of the tribe of Judah," for approximately twenty days in mid September 3BC. The brightness of this display may account for the "star" the Magi saw. The only time during this period when the Woman (Virgo) is clothed with the Sun, and the Moon is under her feet, is **between 6:15PM and 7:45PM on 11 September 3BC.**

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having

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The Day and Hour Of Jesus Birth

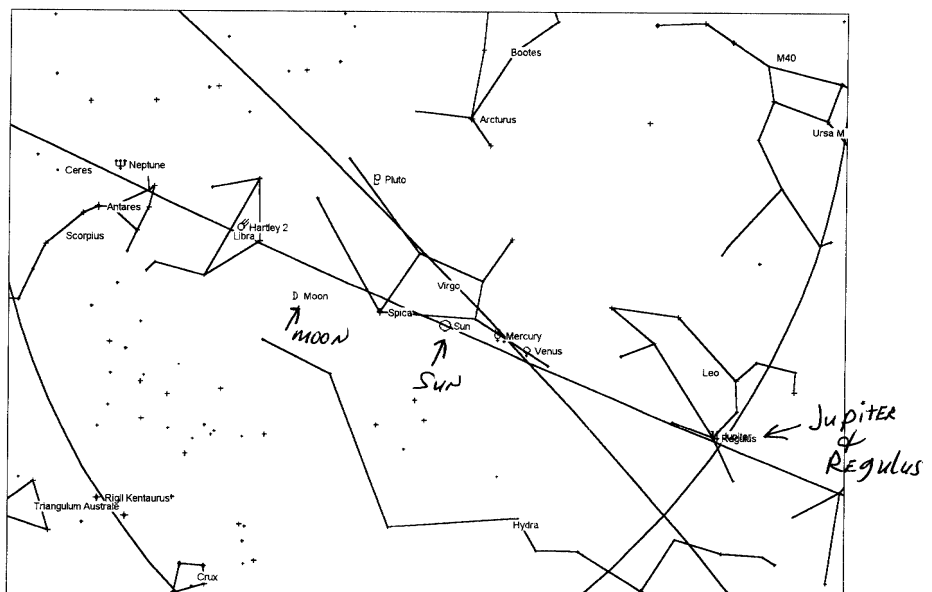
The Magi knew that the Hebrews considered the constellation Pisces to represent Israel. The wandering star (planet) that we know as the planet Saturn designated Jerusalem, while Jupiter indicated royalty. On 29 May in the year 7 BC, Saturn and Jupiter came together in Pisces. This happened again on 3 October 7 BC, and a third time on 4 December 7 BC, each in Pisces.

It's interesting to note that the conjunction that occurred on 3 October in 7 BC occurred on the Jewish Day of Atonement. The usual occurrence of a conjunction of these stars was once in 804 years. But this happened three times in a single year.

In the spring of 6 BC there occurred in Pisces a triple conjunction of Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars.

When was Christ born?

There are biblical, astrological and historical reasons to believe that the birth of Christ occurred in 3B.C. Several significant conjunctions occurred beginning in May 3BC,



seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. Revelation 12:1-3.

Around 25 December 2BC Jupiter would appear "stopped" in the constellation Virgo. The Magi may have been drawn to Bethlehem, after their stop at Jerusalem, at this time to pay homage with gifts to the new King. Jesus would have been a toddler at that time.

Daniel was essentially a Magi himself. The Magi would recall the teachings of Daniel to earlier Magi regarding the prophecies of the expected Messiah.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. **So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.'"** Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, **the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.** Matthew 2:1-12.

The Sabbath Years

Sabbatical years would begin in September/October in one year, and run until September/October of the following year.

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry we find (John 4:35) that he refers to fields being "white already to harvest," yet he tells the disciples that harvest is still four months away. The only time when this could occur is during a Sabbatical year, when it would be unlawful to harvest until the Sabbatical year

was over in September/October. The grain in the fields would have been the grain that had fallen to the ground at the time of the previous harvest. There was a Sabbatical year in 27/28 AD. Therefore Jesus spoke these words in late May or early June of 28AD. Jesus would have been 30 years old at this time if he was born in 3BC.

"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" John 4:35.

Luke 3:23 says that Jesus was about 30 years of age at the beginning of His ministry. Irenaeus, in his *Against Heresies*, confirms that Jesus was in His 30th year at the beginning of His ministry.

Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli, Luke 3:23.

In Luke 4:16-19, Jesus, quoting Isaiah, indicates that the beginning of His ministry was a Sabbatical year when He proclaims the "acceptable year of the Lord."

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 'to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.'"** Luke 4:16-19.

Read LEV 25:8; ISA 61:1, 2; LEV 23:23-32; and NUM 29:1. Ω

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