

Freedom Life Centre News



A Ministry Arm of
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Toowoomba, Australia

*"...to proclaim freedom for the
captives..." (Isaiah 61:1-3)*

Testimony

It Happened at Elimbah..

Farming has been my occupation for 55 years on the same farm and my father before me since 1915. Fay and I were married in 1955 and we toiled together growing citrus. When citrus declined in profitability we grew small crops between times of citrus harvesting. Ginger was one crop we expanded on until the collapse of the overseas market and the factory was unable to pay because of the stock pile of the processed product.

We then began growing cucumber for the Golden Circle Cannery, which proved profitable until disease practically wiped out the crop. Farming proved to be a very poor financial return over much of our time on the land and at this stage the outlook was grim. We were not complaining, we had clothes for our family of 6 children and none of us went hungry, but we felt we could not work any harder or longer hours and were slipping behind financially. In fact we didn't know which way to turn.

We heard of a group who were to meet at

Mooloolaba to study the Book of Acts. This caught our attention and even though we had little idea what it entailed, we decided to attend the ten-day course as we were at a loss to know what next to do.

Feeling very dejected we left our two young sons in charge of the farm and as we walked through the door to leave the phone rang. Our minister had called to tell us that a dear friend had lost his life by his own hand. With this news we were really the "poor at heart" as we continued to Mooloolaba to join with the group of about thirty others.

Fay seemed to enjoy the study from the start, but for the first couple of days I couldn't settle and thought I should be at home slashing, disking, irrigating, you name it. I wondered why on earth I was there. As time went by I gradually joined into the spirit of meetings and was able to take part in discussions.

About at that time Rev. Harry Westcott began to give us a message and he, out of the blue, asked if anyone was in financial difficulty. If so, raise your hands. I thought that's us, so Fay and I and four others raised our hands, and we were asked how much money we required. Each of us

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reluctantly stated our position and Harry then proceeded to take up an offering for us. I felt like running a mile, but it was too late to back out. However, Harry then told us to look on the offering as seed to plant and it would grow and increase. This made me very happy, as I will accept seed from anyone, planting seed is my greatest pleasure. We then received prayer individually and the rest of the message I have forgotten.

Later we received ministry from Rev. Col Warren and his team, and Col said they would get back to us on the subject of our farming interests. It was nearly time to finish the course and I thought Col must have forgotten us {I didn't know Col very well at that stage}. Little did I know that the team were praying about our situation. We were told by Col that a spirit of poverty and a spirit of barrenness were over the farm and that there was unforgiveness in my life, which came as a shock to me. We received much prayer and support for ourselves and over the farm, it was a time of great blessing. At our final service a young lady came forward with her guitar and played the chorus "Glorify thy name in all the earth," which broke me up and still has a great affect on me when sung. We finally made our way home filled with the spirit of the Living God and our heads in the clouds.

On arriving home and in discussion with our sons, we decided to plant eight acres of cucumbers on a neighbour's farm, who was not using that land. The crop was magnificent and produced 100 ton for the factory plus many cartons for the market and many bins of oversize for the cows, as we couldn't keep up with the picking. Then we began harvesting sweet potatoes, which was a marvelous crop and also top price in the market.

By that time the citrus was due to be harvested and the crop of Emperor mandarins had the limbs bowed down to the ground with the amount of fruit, and again the market price was very high which was most unusual.

In six months from the time we received prayer for the covering and protection of our farm, Fay tallied the books and we had made \$40 000 which covered the amount we were behind. Praise God "He set the prisoners free" true to his word. Soon after that time "Nov 1984" we started growing strawberries. Our income increased each year for the next 15 years of our farming career. Two of our sons now farm here and are enjoying prosperity on the same farm, their strawberries are much sought after even in this last season of over supply.

Our favourite scripture passage is 2 Chronicles 7 - 14. "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." The word of the Lord was true in Solomons time and just as true today.

(This testimony was received from Fay & Noel Harrison. It is always good to hear what God is doing for His people.)

From Dr Warren's Pen ██████████ THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD

Many have read Psalm 19 without fully understanding the fullness of what it is saying.

1. From Psalm 19 we learn that in some way the heavens are recording the glory of God. Note, The literal Hebrew translation says the heavens are recording God's glory. What does this mean?

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2. In some way we are told that the stars reveal knowledge. What does this mean?

3. In some way the word that is given by them reaches to the whole earth. What is meant by this?

In this Psalm, the first six verses tell of how God has spoken to the whole world from the beginning of creation by bringing a message that all could see in the starry heavens. The next eight verses tell how God has spoken through the Scriptures. David, who wrote the Psalm, is indicating that the message of the stars and of the Scriptures are the same.

It seems that the message of the stars could come to us from their names and positions in the constellations which God also named.

Significantly, other languages have the same names for the stars, indicating a common original source.

A study of Romans 10:15 shows it is a direct quote by Paul from Psalm 19:1-4.

Romans 10:18 *"But I ask, Did they not hear? Of course they did: **"Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."***

Paul knows that the Psalmist is referring to the message of the stars, and is declaring that all have heard from the beginning, because God wrote His message in the stars even before the Scriptures were written. Therefore there is no excuse for anyone to not know God's message of redemption, for it is written in the stars by their names and their positions in the constellations.

It is interesting to note that David wrote the nineteenth Psalm at approximately 1,000 B.C. He at that time was aware of the message of redemption written in the stars.

The path of the sun is through the Zodiac. The constellation figures along the Zodiac represent Christ the sun of righteousness and the work of redemption he is going to perform. It has been there for all to see from the beginning of the creation of the starry heavens.

These star clusters were known by name. How were they known?

Job 9:9 He is the Maker of the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the constellations of the south.

Job 26:13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

Genesis 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Amos 5: 8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:

*Ps. 147:4 He counts the number of **the stars; He calls them all by name.** Why did God Name the stars?*

Gen 1:16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He

made **the stars** also.

Is.40:26 Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

An interesting investigation shows that the Romans and Greeks have corrupted the meanings of the figures of the Zodiac and established them in works of mythology. The constellation figures represent Jesus in biblical understanding, but the corruptions have them representing gods.

A significant event supporting the fact that cultures which had never heard the gospel, yet have known the story of redemption is recorded by Dr. Spencer on his radio programme "Mazzaroth". In the 1960's when preaching on Romans 10:18, he concluded that all men had heard the Gospel in one way or another. After the service an elderly woman introduced herself to him. She had been a missionary in Japan in her youth. She said to Dr. Spencer: "

"I was sent far up into the hills to teach a class of women who had never seen a Christian of any kind. They had never heard the Gospel. They had never heard the name of Jesus from anyone. It was before the days of radio and television, and few of them could even read. They were totally without the knowledge of the Gospel of Christ as far as I knew. Yet when I had finished telling them the beautiful story of the Redeemer, whose shed blood had paid the price for their sins, an old crone stood to her feet and said 'Missy! That is the same story I have been telling my village for years, but this is the first time we have ever heard the Redeemer's name.' Upon careful inquiry, I discovered she had been repeating the names of the stars along the path of the sun from the ancient Japanese charts of the Zodiac. These she said told exactly the same story that I had shared with them concerning the Lord Jesus Christ".¹

Looking at the constellations

Malcolm Bowden quotes Rolleston who notes that "all constellations began with Aries in Latium, Egypt, Arabia, India and China" (p.11).

"Astronomers also measure their star positions from the "First Point of Aries". In the Chinese names, nine of them were obviously connected to the present system. The Sanskrit was also said to have a complete correlation. The Buddhist system, which started with Aries, had eleven with similar names (p.27). Traces of the Zodiac were also found in China, India, Egypt, South Seas, Etruria (Etruscans) and Mexico (P.15)² "

Bowden quotes Depuis in L'Origin Des Cults who collected a vast number of traditions prevalent in all nations of "a divine person, born of a woman, suffering in conflict with a serpent, but triumphing over him at last, and finds the same reflected in the figures of the ancient constellations."

He quotes Rolleston as saying that "the Zodiac is attributed to Seth (the son of Adam) and to Enoch. She suggests that the Jews kept the word and the prophecy, the Arabs preserved the names of the stars while the Greeks and Egyptians transmitted the figures to which they belong". (p.11).

Persian and Arab traditions and Josephus ascribe its invention to Seth and Enoch (Bull:10). The Jews called Enoch the Great Scribe who wrote the books on sacred wisdom, particularly astronomy and he is quoted in Jude 14-15".

What then of astrology?

What has just been said has nothing to do with astrology. We have been warned in scripture of the danger of

dabbling in this satanic area. The nations that surrounded Israel were involved in the occult practice of worshipping the heavenly bodies and God warned them to have nothing to do with these practices.

There is no question that God has foretold prophetically the story of redemption in the stars, but that is vastly different to using the stars to try to foretell the future. God knows the end from the beginning; thus for him to tell the story of redemption via the stars so that all people could know, was another example of his love and almighty power.

Is. 46: 9 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.

It is important to realise that the many nations that have the same or similar meaning for names of the stars and the constellations from ancient times to now, must have had a common starting point; otherwise there has to be a strong reason for accounting for this occurrence. What is that reason? Until otherwise shown, there is only one reason. They all came from a common ancestor and source. This is exactly what the Bible declares.

It is also important to note that the story told by people in these nations is that of redemption, with the serpent eventually destroyed by the lion.

¹ *How God preached the Gospel to Abraham*, Barry Setterfield, Journal article.p.8.

² *The Gospel in the Stars*, Malcolm Bowden, Journal Article. p.9.

Prayer Points

The members of Freedom Life Centre value your prayers and would ask for prayer support in the following areas:

- * for continued good health and safe travel for Col and all our team members
- * planning for all seminars will go ahead smoothly
- * that people who attend the seminars will be blessed and encouraged to use their gifts for the glory of God.

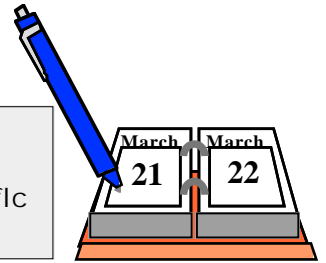
Thank you from our Ministry Coordinator Lindy Collie

A heart- felt thankyou to all of you who pray for the teams ministering deliverance here in Toowoomba. Please pray not only for us but for those that we minister to both in person and by phone. Please pray that our individual team members will continue to nurture their relationship and protect their time with the Lord {Father, Son and Holy Spirit}. Pray for a continuing topping up by the Holy Spirit, that out of that fullness they might be enabled to continue to respond in grace and love to the calling on their lives.



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Dates for your Diary

If you are interested in hosting a seminar or having Freedom Life Centre visit in your area, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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John 5:44 How are you able to believe receiving glory from one another, and the glory which (is) from the only God you do not seek?



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