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We note with pleasure the growth and improvement of this American monthly, now in its seventh number. It is a sign of the Times that such periodicals are springing up in various parts of our land, and that many religious journals are paying attention to the topics we have been discussing for the past decade. In the meantime, we ourselves are going forward into still newer, and resultant fields. The very process curtails our own list of constituents. Therefore, to such as have reached their depth, and now prefer to pasture in the fields rather than scale with us towards the summits in advance, we are glad to note the rise of these new and active editors of topics long ago canvassed fully in the *Our Race* publications. We therefore ask each of our own constituents as desire this and similar publications, to procure them through us, as the discounts we obtain will continue to help us even if we lose friends from our own advance lists.

C. A. L. TOTTER

THE GOSPEL OF HISTORY.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. SHALL WE PUBLISH IT?
A VOICE FROM THE BUSH. MEANTIME SUBSCRIPTIONS
TO THE IXth SET OF LEAFLETS ARE DUE.

“WHO WAS MELCHIZEDEK?” *Shem!*

TIME TO RENEW.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

We have reached a state of acute financial paralysis, and consequently are very glad that this particular Leaflet completes the VIIIth set and that therefore a renewal of subscriptions of one dollar each all along the merely regular subscription line is now due. Of course, however, all those who have helped this cause by advanced credits far beyond the nominal terms and on the strength of which alone the work goes on, will understand at once that their own names will have been already passed on to the IXth set, no matter whether their donations have been sent intended and used for past things or not. This goes always without saying, and there are names upon our list from whom we have not heard for four or five years who are still carried in this way as they bridged the necessity of those days and bore us onward into the enemy's country. We say this again and again so that our friends will understand it fully, but we earnestly request all those whose own limited means (sent in by faith in the cause and out of but slender resources) do not admit of going further than the regular subscription when due, do their diligence to advance their renewals, or to intimate their intention so to do, at once. We need the wherewithal to go ahead even with the Leaflet and have never needed it more, nor ever had a greater need of a large surplus wherewith to go on into much broader and thus far unaccomplished fields. Had this work been popular the sale of our surplus back numbers would long ago have given us all we needed to proceed on with and this letter would not have been necessary. We have worked here at this end of the line on a cash basis, cash always in sight; we have never ordered done by our printers and others involved in this outlay, a solitary thing without knowing in advance that we had the means to cash the charge upon its own demand at sunset. We have no use for that misguided faith, so called and miscalled, that assumes a debt and orders a credit and trust in God to pay it, for surely the God of all never honors such a debt no matter whether circumstances eventually pay it or not. We look upon all that sort of thing as a

phase of high-handed and unwarranted presumption, or else, of course, as fundamentally dishonest, and so, we take it, do the sort of people who stand upon our own active lists. We therefore ask for immediate renewals for the to be new and future current IX set of Leaflets, from all who are conscious that they are not already advanced or ought to be thereunto. This will furnish us with some \$500 spot cash from 500 people, and enable us to continue our own irregular and desultory work upon the Leaflets and get along as *we* best can.

It is always irregular for lack of sufficient means at hand: it is forever desultory for lack of adequate appreciation—not among you, but among your neighbors. You yourselves know how that is. Appreciating this line of investigation and its results yourselves, we do not doubt that you have endeavored, time and again, to interest others, and met the same sort of failure we ourselves have experienced from the start. Indeed, we long ago gave up all hope (and so have saved *ourselves*, of late, no little additional loss of time in these premises) of gaining for our own effort any equivalent in this direction. The fact is, there is no reward in sight from this sort of publication. We never gained a *permanent* subscriber who is won temporarily by you, or by ourselves, as a mere proselyte into our ranks; they always drop off at the end of a set or of a series, having no root in themselves of love of truth *per se*; or else seeing it they will not follow on to know it more intimately. It is of one's own volition, it must have been so in your own case, and so it is of some superior or rather interior incentive, that one seeks, and never ceases to seek to recognize, truth as such. The quality seems to be intuitive, but it is even superior to all that.

We deem it certain that 99% of those who now compose the nucleus of this little "Gideon Band" have been led into it as if by themselves—but in reality from a Higher Source!—and now fully understand its aim and method. Help us along therefore at once by your renewals. Remember that the Leaflet is a continuous Monthly, but not an Annual in the sense of running from January to December. Its sets are 13 numbers each, (single, double or triple, according to topic or necessity) and end with the 13th number without reference to the Annual idea (see all this explained in Leaflet No. xcvi-xcviii, pp. 88-90 Current Series.) That we always give good and over-pressed measure will be seen by noting that 13 Leaflets of 16 pages each, cover 208 pages, but (see last page of this Leaflet), this current set over-runs this measure by 46 pages, nearly 3 Leaflets.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE GOSPEL OF HISTORY.

As to the promised, and some time to be we trust, forthcoming Series of Studies, upon the work of which we are now engaged, and to which we have devoted this tenth year of our labors to complete, we have the honor to say that it has now, as the half year closes,

been blocked out in its preliminary form from beginning to end, and that during this current month, May, '99, we have but just completed the first draft of its entire manuscript. We have shown the matter to but a few—all of them in our own active band of friends—and all who have thus seen it have realized its scope and novelty at a glance, and have admitted the truth of our own convictions and former statements relative thereto, to wit: That it will be of more value—if it is ever issued—than all the other Our Race Publications combined,—while they all will underlie it as a foundation.

Our labors upon this particular new Series extend back over several years and they and it are the outcome of all our own best work along the lines now familiar at least to those who have followed us in the previous issues. But it is a matter of great difficulty to convey even to them, that is even to you, any adequate idea of what these new Studies will be, yet we shall now attempt the task and try to disclose our secret according to former promise.

We suppose that we have demonstrated to all of you who have followed the course of these Biblical Studies, that astronomy is the back bone of chronology, that chronology is the marrow therein of history, and that inspiration, in dealing prophetically in the Old Testament and historically in the New with the data involved, is itself involved—(as to its integrity if its claims thereto are to be admitted as established) in the adjustment or Harmony of all the elements that enter into the demonstration. Now all of these things center upon the Messiah, whose life is detailed in the New Testament. We must establish him not only historically as Jesus of Nazareth—therefore “the Branch” and as “the Son of Man,” but prophetically as “after the order of Melchizedek”—fulfilling all the prophecies on time and in place.

Much of this work we have already done, or demonstrated, Study by Study. But the task has involved the citing of much astronomy, and the exploitation of no little deep chronological argument, and the compendious array of all the historical facts in each case (the flesh and blood of all such truth) that we could reach. All this has been clothed down upon the skeleton thus articulated and it has made a due impression upon all of us. Therefore (early in the progress through this already long Series of Studies) it became apparent, unto *us* at least, that the ultimate best use to which all of this newly acquired knowledge could be put would be a complete Harmony of the Four Gospels, chronologically adjusted to the actual Secular and Sacred history involved, and made rigid with all that we as a group have hitherto contended for at such expense, and with which we are now reasonably familiar.

The Four Gospels have never yet been *Harmonized*; and this for very good reasons. There have been, perhaps, some 365 efforts thereat, no two of which have agreed! and all of which are based upon several fundamental misunderstandings of the Plan of the Ages as set forth in Moses and the Prophets, and they have been magni-

fied—in error—these conflicting harmonies, by sundry confusions and personal errors as to the estimate and worth of the secular elements involved and recorded by Herodotus and the school of the historians. How, in view of the universal confusion in such premises, could our predecessors have understood even the material facts recorded of Christ and his Apostles by the Four Evangelists? Their points of origin were all wrong, their scales were warped and full of lapses, their times and seasons were even suffered to be changed by Divine decree! (Dan. vii. 25.) Furthermore, those who heretofore have set themselves the task of harmonizing the Gospels were certainly not Anglo-Israelites. We know of none who were of this group except Mimpriess, and John Wilson himself, whose work we recognize as the altogether best in the earlier premises: but they even themselves knew nothing of the True Chronology as radiating from and reflecting back upon the 62-week Avocation and One Year Ministry, (which *via* Daniel is the key to the whole position), and beyond all this they have followed, naturally, the line of the Authorized and Revised translations that often do not (upon Biblical examination) agree even well with such *originals* as are now in our hands, and according to which, of course, they have of necessity claimed to hew out their work. Most of these translations have been sectarian compromises, and, therefore, have dissected the truth right through the bone rather than rightly at its joints!

Moreover, we venture to say, that not one of these harmonies, no, not one of them, has ever even claimed to weigh or dreamed of the necessity of considering the Arithmographic nature of the original text as a test of accuracy in the premises; nor comprehended the fact that the differences where Matthew, Mark, Luke and John employ shaded words in the same sentence, come from reflections out of an original Hebrew or Syro-Phœnician word, and that the true translation and interpretation into English, in an interwoven harmony, must involve the *sense* of all. Indeed, we doubt not that our own mere statement, that we, of all others, forsooth, claim now to have harmonized and interwoven these four Gospels according to the Greek text, and to have also re-translated and interpreted them with a complete and exhaustive line of references even to each word *in loco*, and often even down to jots and tittles, and finally that we have rightly divided the whole manuscript chronologically so as to satisfy astronomy, history, prophecy and fulfilment, and have done the work with due regard to arithmography itself—of which the world knows little or nothing—we doubt not—do we say—that such a statement will of itself be a sufficient strain upon the purse-strings of the average professional “Bible student” so called, to choke at once the wallets of their style of interest more tightly against us in particular than ever before.

Between us, however, and merely on the guarantee of former work with which you are all familiar, we have done all of this: and far more than this, and we assure our friends, and we also warn

the enemies of truth, that we are better satisfied with the present stage, even of this unpublished Series of Studies, than with all our own former published work put together, with which the one class (yours) are familiar, and which the other class (theirs) dares not—*cannot*—controvert.

In the course of our task at re-translation we have come across, as original discoveries, perhaps a hundred brand new renderings,—translations that interpret so radically and are so at variance with the Revised and Authorized versions themselves, and so new to the whole field of Biblical translation, and yet so patently necessary to be adopted according to the original texts, that we ourselves have been filled with wonder that the eyes of all our predecessors have been so blinded in the premises. Some of these new renderings are as radical as the discovery of the facts of the Sixty-two-week Avocation, and the One-year-ministry, *solus lunaris*, etc., and they all clear up the atmosphere about disputed texts, and hitherto misunderstood ones, and around many doubtful texts, to such a degree as to startle the wonder and to convince the mind at first sight. But mind you they *do* fit the Greek as well as the heart, and they satisfy the common sense, and note this that we aim in our ideal plan, if so be we obtain the means to do the work aright, to have all the proof upon each topic set forth upon the spot, and to have it in sufficient strength to defy hostile criticism.

We desire to print this elaborate work in interlineated Greek and English, with a free, but literal and accurate, word for word resultant translation down the margin. We shall touch upon some of these rectifications (new translations whereby better interpretation is obtained) all in due time (D. V.) in later Leaflets, and this well in advance of the publication itself, but what we are now most anxious to do is to guarantee the scope and value of this work, its complete novelty and its endless features of use to those who heretofore have followed and trusted us, so as to secure by their further patronage, if it be even at a special sacrifice, an extra degree of aid from them in providing the means to prosecute at once the really Herculean task of the final preparation of the publication which now lies in manuscript before us.

In its ideal form this work should be published in four volumes, each about the size of the average previous Study. It should be printed in Greek and interlined word for word in (not only translated but self-interpreting, easily-understood, accurate and thorough) Biblical English, much after the manner of the *Emphatic Diaglott*. But even here we promise a vast improvement, for in conjunction with Mr. Frank U. Downing we have invented and now have pending in the Patent Office, a new system of interlineation, the introduction and use of which will inevitably mark a radical era in the history of Biblical study. As a school we are not Higher Critics. The school we belong to is that of the Highest Criticism—and we

ourselves have established its definition. It is superlative and never goes behind the returns nor ever doth it seek to explain them away, but to harmonize the whole array in its own premises. All of those to whom (in the strictest confidence) we have shown our models, specifications and drawings, and all to whom we have shown our manuscript and explained its comprehensive system, (and you have two letters lately printed guaranteeing this, Leaflet No. C. pp. 143-144) have agreed at sight that this method, with its innumerable collateral improvements, is so far beyond any former system or conception of system, that its utility is made out at sight and beyond all peradventure seen to be the best.

Now if this work ever sees the light of publication—(and this D. V. depends upon you alone, in that we know of none others who are interested in furthering our own unworthy labors)—we believe that it will simply force attention to the cause for which we all stand—and this all along the lines; and along new lines to you also; and these new lines are such as will force the Higher Critics into supreme confusion. They must eventually go to the wall! They have reckoned without their host; so if we do our work well it will be in our day: and, with the confusion now perfectly apparent in every subdivision of the Christian church as to the integrity of the Bible, the necessity of some such finality of argument as it is now within our power to furnish to all concerned should be perceived. That we have for you all this special ammunition we warrant to the superlative degree, and you know that we do not boast, in that we know that you know of our work: judge therefore our word by what hath gone before.

Moreover, this harmonized and interwoven re-translation clears away at the very first reading scores of the pillars upon which many, yea, most all of the sectarian differences now rest in such mistaken and stubborn opposition to each other. The fact is, we think that we have discovered and developed the lines upon which the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth can be grasped at last by the reader himself, and that the result is "The Gospel of History," set forth in place in due chronological order, and hammered down onto its original ultimates. Would you like to help us get ready to publish such a work? If so, help us so to get ready!

But pray do not misunderstand us at all. The translation we are now offering is not new in the sense of being an effort merely to change the good old-fashioned Authorized Version, nor even to alter the Revised Version where its own judgment warranted a variation of familiar style and word. We have retained all we could of that ancient style and form so grounded down into the heart of Our Race, save where absolute and patent inaccuracy in either or both versions has forced us to correct for cause and so to renew the original by a better interpretation—drawing this nearer by ascension to the true recension! And here a word or so in explanation is in order. We have aimed at the sense first, i. e., the interpretation and so the

translation. There are translations and translations: they may all be accurate in a certain sense, yet but one of them may interpret as well as translate, that is, convey the sense! while all the rest may serve but to confuse the reader. We have aimed at interpretation quite as much as at translation and yet to hold the recension closely to the literal Greek, and better yet to the spirit of its own Hebrew or the Syro-Phœnician antecedent text seen only as through a glass darkly. In these premises we need merely guarantee to you that those of your own order who have already seen our manuscript or have had some of these corrections put before them, have recognized their force at once, and have seen and said that we must be right—the fact is, truth is always recognized at sight—and we have seen men see it! We mean by this that we have watched the eyes of those to whom we have revealed some of those things and seen them light up at the flint—we need no better proof of truth than this, and if so be you have been under the fig tree ye need none else. If you come this way we will (D.V.) convince you ahead of publication with a single one of them as a sample of the rest. We wish we had a baker's dozen of our representative constituents here to-night to see officially what we have, and to guarantee it further unto you; and if we secure your patronage towards our aim we will invite a picked out representation and near-by full Anglo Saxon Jury so to do before we go to work at issuing results.

This publication will be, if we realize it in the ideal form, that is, as planned out in the manuscript, a Diaglottic Analytical Harmony of the Gospel of Jesus the Christ, consolidating Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Paul (and we hope inclusive of certain necessary parts of the Acts) into their chronological and minutely interwoven sequence, omitting nothing and adding naught,—the aim being the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, in correct order as a composite. The M. S. has been worked out upon blank "forms" specially devised by us and so arranged as to give the immediate reference to every word, Greek and English, involved; and at the top of every sheet of this form we have been constantly cautioned by the following memorandum:

"Originals followed; Versions compared; Translations weighed; Confusions avoided; Additions minimized; Repetitions omitted; Variations preserved; Evidence consolidated; Difficulties eliminated; An Interpretation obtained, and the Word Vindicated. The whole interlineated: the Greek text exact and the English result 'free' but terse, idiomatic and exact. N. B.—Chronology Guaranteed superior to any former system."

You can therefore well imagine what an undertaking all this has been, and what a strain has thus been added to the undertaking by so dire a lack of even ordinary means sufficient to employ in the premises any clerical and skilled help: for there is much that might and ought to have been turned over to assistants. All this worry has been confused by the Our Race business from which it sometimes

seems we ought to have been freed. However, the hardest part of the work is now done so far as we personally are concerned, and we are duly thankful. The rest of this work and responsibility devolves upon us all as a collective group. Shall we all, like the followers of Gideon, now break our pitchers, raise the proper shout, show our lights and win the fight? (Judges vii, 19-23) In our opinion the time is at hand and the opportunity is ours to do more at once for Biblical science in a supreme effort than any one has ever done before. Give us the chance to vindicate your faith, and we will faithfully prove what we say and put into your hands a form of truth that is of inestimable value.

It is our intention to subdivide this work into Parts, Periods, Lessons, Chapters, Sections, Paragraphs, Verses and Lines, and to specify Time and Place all along the interwoven harmony, with constant reference everywhere to the New Testament as at present familiarly subdivided into Gospels, chapters and verses, so that the reader may verify everything for himself, and go to the Diaglott or elsewhere as he sees fit to find where our data come from. Now it would be a great disappointment to all of us if in realizing what is now in hand we essay at anything short of this best or ideal form in which we have mapped out our work for publication, and as we are without any personal means to do the rest of the work, all the resources must come from you as heretofore, and surely 90% of the final reward and satisfaction must return to you, for when you shall have consummated our work the latter will be swallowed up in the value of your own far greater gift to all the lovers of the Scripture.

The work will have to be typewritten from our own manuscript three times, first, in English, second, in interlineated Greek, and third, in the interwoven resultant interpretation. There are at least 2,520 pages of manuscript which will have to be gone over these three times at no little care by typewriters skilled in the Greek as well as in English, and for the Greek we shall probably have to purchase a Greek adapted special typewriting machine. No doubt much of this will have to be gone over again in case of variation for good cause. Next, there will come the completion of our patents, now well in progress in Washington, and the designing of the dies for our new-style type—an essential feature of the work, new in all particulars and radical upon several important lines. Next, the founding of an ample "font" from these dies for use in "composition" must be paid for. All this before a line can be set up in type from which to print. We are satisfied that the work itself, of composition or typesetting, will be better, more quickly and more cheaply realized in the long run by employing a special lino-type setting and distributing machine than by hand. And this machine must be made for us to order. After all this will come the labor of the composition itself; no matter how done from the type, whether by hand or by machine, it will be a heavy item of expense and its proof reading and scholarly supervision another, and the electro-

plating of the pages in their finally approved condition still another. After all of which, and only then, will it be in order to publish the result, which, of course, involves the further and final expense of getting out an edition of at least one thousand each of four studies in a series if we work upon the ideal plan, to wit: paper, press work, binding, etc.

Now you will perceive that all of this is a business undertaking of the maximum magnitude for us, for we are poor, both you and I, and can hope for, that is, count upon, no more reward from outside sales thereafter than we did for the Daniel chart. That was relatively a piece of expensive work and cost our constituency some \$1,260, paid for by a moiety of our group, and, save for a few monthly sales now, came to its current end soon after its issue: and so may this, though we doubt the latter as the matter has a far wider constituency outside and appeals to a broader class of readers. But to continue. The getting ready to get out this series is to be our supreme effort if we rise to the emergency, and as we did in the former case, somehow we feel confident that we must attain to one or other of the various degrees in which this one can be set forth.

By the way, listen to this quotation from a letter from far off New Zealand, *re* that very Daniel Chart. I opine that it will put not a few of us, who have found that chart too hard to master, to the blush:

A VOICE FROM THE BUSH.

NEW ZEALAND, Jan. 19, 1899.

DEAR BROTHER:—Your kind letter, etc., just received. Many thanks. I have just time to scribble a reply before the steamer leaves again, the same tide taking her out. I presume the charts you refer to are Daniel's. Well, listen to this: "There is a poor, ignorant old Irish lady some twenty-seven miles back in the bush, who has been reading and reading Daniel, wishing to understand, but *could not*. A friend of mine hearing this lent her his Daniel chart which he had from me. Shortly afterwards the woman's son, meeting my friend said: 'Have you any more such charts about your place?' 'No.' 'Well, it is a good thing, for since you lent that chart to mother we can't get anything out of her at all. She's always over that confounded chart.' Well, result. The old lady thoroughly mastered it and pumped it into the old man as well, but, best of all, all this was such a surprise to my friend—a very worthy fellow—that he, too, has gone to work to understand the book for himself. He won't be beaten by an ignorant old Irishman. Hitherto, he has considered the chart too deep. I merely mention this because it proves your point. That is, it is simple enough for those who *will* learn." Comment: The light is to all. There is no such thing as ignorance to the willing. The self-made are a thousand times better than those who have been made because they know all the steps by themselves, and the final fact is, that it is the by-way and the hedge-

man that gets the invitation that counts. I, too, am Irish, and I fancy this very good and persistent old Irish lady is of the "rale auld stock!" God bless her! But to continue as to the new Series:

We do not ask at present for subscriptions, as such, to this work, because we have no idea as to what the price per volume may turn out to be, but we do request the immediate formation of a sufficient working fund to prepare the plates so that the eventual price per volume may be as little thereafter involved in the original outlay as possible. Once in possession of the resultant electro-plates the mere publication of the work itself will be, we hope, of only the usual nominal character. But we must do all the preliminary work as a group *pro bono publico*, and contribute to it as generously as possible. We shall secure little or no assistance outside. This has not discouraged me during the past ten years, nor you in the essential part you yourselves have taken in the battle of those years. This battle has been and still is with Amelek, to wit: the Higher Critic, and it is for Israel, to wit: Our Race. Let us realize that it is not sundown yet (Exodus xvii. 12), and that the victory will be worth as much further sacrifice as you and I may feel able and willing to incur. My notion of our mutual part in this work from now on, is that we have the opportunity to unite in such a revision of the translation and interpretation of Scriptures as has never before been conceived of, and that by providing a sufficient working fund here to effect the matter we shall, in effect, constitute ourselves with the least expenditure of friction—a united body of Bereans, and when the result is in our own hands shall have better facilities to confer together for the truth than any of our predecessors have ever had—and, therefore, if we, by consensus of opinion, see fit by evidence to improve step by step this novel effort we can do so, and control the whole matter, and can improve upon it as our ideas widen through each other's assistance. Let us at it at once and so confer also upon our neighbors an inestimable gift.

The work itself has told upon me personally in much the same way that that of Admiral Dewey has told upon him, perhaps even more, in that this particular fight has been a steady one, in a novel field for any one, and particularly in an odd one for a soldier. It has been waged against all sorts and classes of unexpected but united opponents, and in the thick of petty annoyance for a decade, whereas Dewey's has been in fields natural to his own profession, and not only been eminently successful, but what is far better to one involved in such a strife, has been recognized. For him we all rejoice, and as for ourselves we personally have no particular concern, in that *we* went into this particular matter without any great expectations and have already realized, in spite of outside opposition, far more than we did expect. But the fact still remains that the work has told upon us, and that now, having won the position we describe, we need ample funds, not only to realize its consummation, but to enable us personally to obtain skilled assistants for its final revision and publication, and so be enabled to get the work into your own

hands at least. Now my dear friends—I do not write and urge and argue in these premises as one misrepresenting facts—but as one endorsed both by your own oft-times repeated written evidence, and by the direct endorsement of those who have seen the matter itself. I wish I had the duplicate of all the means we have heretofore put in all this Our Race work so as to be able to hold my peace, as I have held it along its evolution—and so be able to expend the whole of it in realizing what we now have in sight. Then you would all get a copy of the finished thing and I should be happy in your own surprise and rejoicing. But it is reserved for you to do all this, and to the degree in which you respond to this call for funds you do it for your neighbor who has fallen among the (Higher Critical and Atheistical—and Agnostic yea Antagonisti, and what not else) thieves—of truth.—We have recovered all of it by detection. Shall we get it out of pawn? If so “come over into Macedonia and help us,”—and come at once!

Yours truly,

C. A. L. T.

AS TO THE PRELIMINARY EXPENSES.

It should be understood that in the present Leaflet we are not addressing the public, nor advertising a book as if now for sale or about to go to press, but are addressing you (*en famille*) upon a task practically completed so far as the author is concerned, save as to its careful revision, and which it is now our mutual duty to prepare for issue, not only for our own sakes but for that of the unwilling public itself. The latter will not help us an atom in the interim; it never has heretofore in any of our work, even after it has been completed, much less will it do so now, towards the realization of so ambitious an undertaking as the one we announce. We therefore, and all alone, must do the whole of what remains, ourselves: and it will be a very expensive undertaking if we decide that it shall be done as well as it ought to be done, for certainly we ought not to attempt it at a less degree than our united best. Therefore a preliminary statement of what we may do, according to the degrees of interest awakened by this statement, is now in order.

There are several ways in which the matter now at last in fair primary manuscript can be finally prepared so as to be realized effectively in print, at a reasonably short notice, and they vary in expense from a maximum for the very best style, that is, for one which embodies all the details and elements of the manuscript itself in its ideal form and intention, down to the minimum, which is,

STYLE A. To wit: A merely straightforward, interwoven harmony in English, free of all attempt at Greek interlineation, omitting all references, and without any effort at chronological and geographical annotation, save, of course, that the harmony itself will be in absolute chronological order. In fact, the whole resultant will be in order upon order. Even in this lesser case, then, we shall place the Gospel in your hands under a light never before attempted and re-

alized, and yet in such a way that the previous Our Race Studies themselves, (particularly Nos. 10 to 16) will have already afforded you a very thorough preparation towards a fair comprehension thereof, and will constitute a copious accompanying form of notes. To realize this latter and simplest form of issue will now require at my very closest estimate the possession and expenditure of a preliminary Working Fund of at least \$5,000. Certain phases of the ideal work will still have to be done even upon basis "A," such as a full typewriting and a careful revision of the whole manuscript, and the employment to some degree—it ought to be the full degree—of outside scholarly proof reading, and clerical assistance skilled in Astro-chronologico-historical knowledge,—that is, we must obtain the assistance of parties already educated along our own lines of work, all of which must be amply paid for, and we have such parties in mind.

Now, even were we personally rich enough to see to all of this expense ourselves and without any preliminary recourse to you, and had we decided upon (as we certainly should) the very best realization, yet to be specified, we are still somewhat of the mind that it is in this minor style "A" that we should send out the preliminary work, so that you who are to receive it, and are most interested in it, could give to it an immediate reading, some additional careful thought and study, and send in to us your own personal criticisms at once, or in due course thereafter, so that we ourselves could have the additional benefit thereof, before we went on and further into the more elaborate realization of the matter as ideally mapped out. In that case it (this Style A.) would be considered as an edition for private circulation only, with a view to constitute the whole Our Race Constituency as a body of workers towards the end in view. Perhaps this simplest form of the work could be realized from the press and into the hands of the subscribers to the Working Fund provided we received \$5,000 for the Working Fund of this first issue of 1,000 copies—while the Working Fund itself, (if so be it continued to grow) would afford the means to press on towards the more itemized idea in course of time.

Now failing the receipt of even this degree of help in any substantial form—to balance and complete what has been already done—we ourselves shall have to work along as heretofore (without the now much to be desired assistance of others) at the slow revision and verification, and with but little further chance at amending the manuscript itself, save perhaps (in the process thereof) at least accomplishing a single careful typewriting. For the solitary copy of the manuscript now in existence is far too valuable (considering all of its details) to be risked into the hands of the printer merely for the purpose of obtaining such a fourth-rate realization as this would be, and we should not know what to do, save perhaps that as help came in, along the usual lines of your gratuity, we might hope to complete the more fully developed ideal in at least a typewritten revision. Under such circumstances, this would be more important

than anything else, and we should have to wait for further means to go ahead upon some more definite plan, to realize the thing we wish to print. Here, however, the work is, ready to be completed and published properly. Can we afford to delay it?

Style B. Should, however, the interest in this subject meet with an even better degree of response than the above, so that in due course of time we might be able to count upon a Working Fund of double that amount, or some \$10,000, then of course the plates wherewith to issue the first edition of 1,000 copies (of what will be Series VII., we presume covering four books as usual) will be within reach, and the issue follow upon definite completion.

In this case we should employ all the various accessories needed as to revision, verification, typewriting, skilled assistance, accurate proof reading, etc., and the whole work could be issued in as many volumes as may be necessary to print it entire and in our best or ideal form for mutual reference and study in the future. But even in this case it would still, and all of it, have to be done in English only. The paralleled Greek would have to be omitted. Nevertheless the entire plan of the manuscript as it now stands blocked out, with references line by line, geography, chronology, charts, diagrams, indices, etc., would be included. This, to our own mind is the least way in which we ought to aim at doing this work, and it would include as an adjunct the best form of style "A," either in the margin or else as an appendix. We are now relating what it will cost to issue an elaborate thing, but not a complicated thing. We have just what you need, and its very elaboration has had in view the intention to reduce the difficulty of understanding it,—this we hope to have accomplished by an expensive system of setting it forth, in order to eliminate the difficulty of comprehension; that is, the sum and substance of what we wish to convey to you is that if done as we have planned the method will be such that the reader gets just what he wants at the spot.

Style C. Finally and best. Now to add the Greek to all of this, that is, to double and consummate the idea by realizing it in an adjusted interlineated Greek and English, word for word in juxtaposition style, according to our invention, which multiplies the details of interlineation, and its object will be still more expensive. But the effort will afford us the very best opportunity to issue the whole matter as we would ourselves had we the means in sight. Of course it will naturally double the foregoing estimate and force us to raise the required working fund from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Now remember that we are discussing what in reality is a gigantic undertaking, and one that were the manuscript owned and understood by a standard publishing house, would undoubtedly be published at any cost, and certainly at no curtailed figures. Our own figures look like an enormous thing for us to undertake, nevertheless we are satisfied that if we had submitted this manuscript with all of its plans and specifications, to one of the leading publishing companies in this country, and they had perceived the necessity of organizing a

set of paid help in supervising and in procuring special apparatus to realize it, they would not touch it at less than \$50,000. They would expect to spend that before a book had been sold. They, however, would sell thousands where we would sell a score. Now it is well known that we are not working for profit, else we would not have undertaken any of the previous Our Race work at the figures at which they sell to so few. Upon this ideal plan we could secure the Greek typewriting machine (a special one of peculiar interlineating capacity), a font of our own Greek type, obtain our own designs therefor engraved from the very best type-engraver in New York, and a lino-type machine for setting up this special Greek in the very simplest way. This machine alone would cost some \$5,000, and we could be responsible for all of the expert help, and the means necessary to realize in the outcome all that was hoped for in the preceding cases and degrees inclusive.

Now as to the major and minor details of this latter and best plan, there are very many of them, and we must for the present be silent, save to say that there are hundreds of new and practical features to the work, all tending to make it a perfect compendium of information both for the Bible scholar and the private reader of the Scriptures, but best of all to make the private reader independent of the scholar. We think that we have completely solved all of the chronology involved, that we have discovered the key to the absolute harmony to the whole Gospel, and have succeeded to the most minute degree in the task of interweaving the testimony of all the witnesses to each event, topic by topic—via the Greek itself—and in consolidating the whole into one fluent gospel. In fact, adopting Luke's Prologue as our basis of operation and starting out with a similar plan, we have aimed at realizing in its simplest way the consolidation of the four gospels.

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“WHO WAS MELCHIZEDEK?”—C. C. C.

FROM all that I have been able to gain from a study of the pros and cons on this question it is my personal conviction that Melchizedek must have been Shem, who for 151 years must have been the contemporary of Abraham, who himself must have been the contemporary of Melchizedek. He certainly was at that time the oldest man upon the world that now is, and he had no beginning of days, herein, having been born in that former one, the world that was. This Shem then was without father or mother, and in that it is also written that he, whether he was Melchizedek or not, or rather that Melchizedek, whether he was Shem or not, was without end of days, I take it as certain that he was translated at the end of his sojourn quite as much as Enoch was. We see no other way to satisfy that particular statement. The topic is a broad one and has been widely exploited along these lines. I am only adding to its weight this new idea so far as I know in the exegesis, that he must have been translated in order to satisfy what Paul says of him in Hebrew v, 6, to vii, 21. The only other reference beside that in Genesis xiv, 18-20, is found in Psalms cx, 4, etc.

Now the term Melchizedek of Genesis 14-18 is not the name of the man at all, but of the office that man held, to wit: “King of Righteousness,” and Shem in those days must have been the highest king, spiritual king, or high priest over all the faithful that there was on earth, simply from primogeniture and direct inheritance. He was the only successor of Noah and our father who also preached righteousness in his day as the eighth from Adam and so was the antecedent King of Righteousness in his own order.

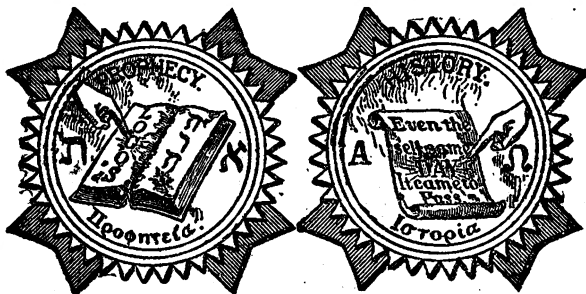
Now Abraham honored this Melchizedek, this Shem in his office with tithes, which were his due, and this high priest set bread and wine before Abraham in token of blessing; in fact he instituted in type exactly what Christ later on in a “similar order” of the priesthood put into anti-type for all future time and for all the true sons of that Abraham who Melchizedek honored. Moreover, it is expressly said in this solitary Abrahamic-Melchizedekan-Noahic reference (Genesis xiv, 18-20) that he was “*The High Priest of the Most High God.*” So he could have been no other than Shem by name and Melchizedek by office, in that the latter also and the former must have then been The priest of the Most High God by direct patriarchal inheritance.

Further that he lived at (Jeru) Salem is expressly stated, where he was also the temporal king (as Christ, the anti-type, will also be in due time) and where therefore it was fitting for him Melchizedek as the type to be located. Now this “Jesus,” the anti-type of “Shem,” per name did die. Nevertheless death got no hold upon him, as Messiah hath no end of days, nor yet any known beginning thereof.

He died verily—*i. e.* laid down his life—temporarily and took it up again—for there was no Sin *found* in him although he bore all our Sin, yea the [Sins of the whole world, and he rose again in human form and literal body and continued as “Christ” or “Messiah,” the perpetual anti-type of Melchizedek, that is the office: and per reversion and similitude, as the latter in office was translated at his Ascension, so I take it that the former must have been and in fact I maintain that in his office as a type it is written that Melchizedek himself was so translated in that he is without end of days, else Christ is not so, nor Enoch, nor Elijah. I furthermore presume that this Melchizedek—Shem, will be the future temporal High Priest, under Christ the Superlative, and Eternal one in high places, quite as much as David will be the literal King of Salem under the same one headship, and to a similiar degree, the two former being One *in* the One over all—so there shall be but ONE reality who is both King of Salem and King of Righteousness with two vice-regents, the one temporal and the other spiritual, much in the same manner as Pharaoh was King and yet unto Joseph did they bow the knee.

This is a deep topic. It cannot be studied piecemeal but must be kept together as an entirety. The fact is, all such topics must be solved in this manner—rightly divided, but never severed into *disjuncta membra*. The monuments lately discovered clearly refer to one who is identified as Melchizedek and as a king at Jerusalem, and this at the date contemporary with Abraham and so contemporaneously with Shem, who in those days must have held the oracles of God, and records of the past, and known the plan of the ages in so far as revealed. And we presume, of course, that he explained them even if he did not transmit them directly to Abraham. Upon Shem's translation the order of Melchizedek passed to Eber the Xth, who held it, and from whom in due time it passed directly to Isaac XI, since Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, and Abraham, all died in the meantime and before Eber. (See Study No 6, page 48, and former pages.) Now furthermore, as the *Spirit* of Christ, in Noah, preached to the old world, now in prison, but then in the world that then was, so we understand that the same Spirit preached the truth in Shem, (the then current Melchizedek) to Abraham, who thus in at least one specific sense “rejoiced to see his day and was glad.” Now it is of this particular Melchizedek alone, (that is personally, the one who met Abraham) that it is stated he was “without beginning or end of days.” So we must recognize him as Shem by name, and as the only one of them (the Melchizedeks) necessarily and subsequently translated, as well as by the patriarchal dignity Shem had. And we must reason that as he had no beginning of days in this world so he has had therein no end thereof. Finally, in the superior Logos-sense of John, Christ, who is after Melchizedek's order, hath no beginning of days nor end thereof; and, from the human standpoint (when Paul wrote) probably had no recognized father or mother (Joseph and Mary being dead) and yet lived and so tides over not only these but unto all other ages.

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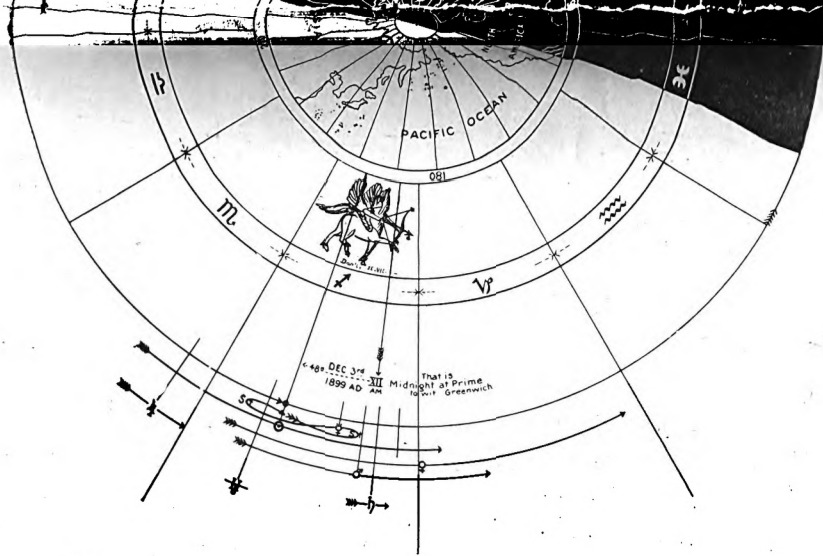
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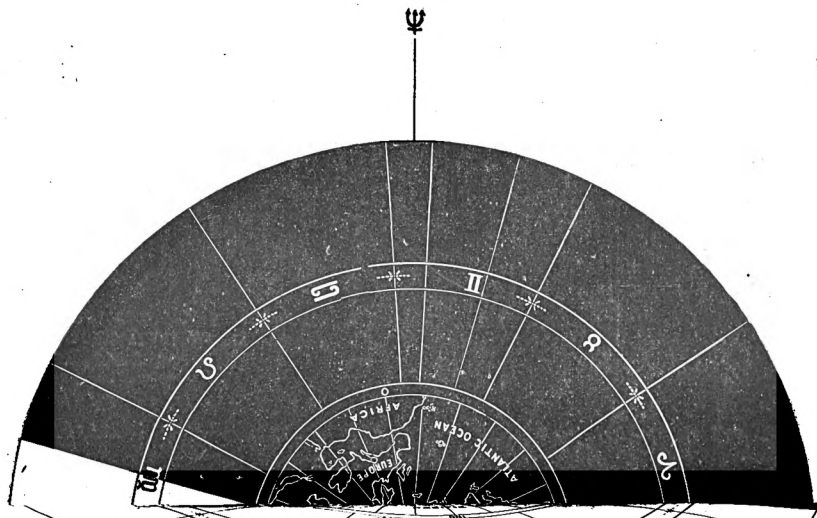
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