

## A FEW BIBLICAL FACTS AND THEIR DISTORTIONS

Over the years we see that the Bible has been translated several times into many languages and this is a commendable task. There are however the many distortions that have crept in sometimes accidentally, sometimes the translator doing his/her best and settling for what they thought was right, and lastly the heinous offence of deliberately twisting this magnificent book of life for reasons of power gain. When I say Bible, read that in many cases this also applies to the Koran, and many other religious texts. While I write mainly for the Christian tradition, I here quote my main teacher, my mentor and friend Archbishop Herman Adrian Spruit in saying “Christians do **NOT** have a monopoly on this information.”

### **THE ORIGINAL BIBLE IS PERFECTLY ACCURATE IN EVERY DETAIL, LEAVE US NEVER DOUBT OR FORGET THIS UNCHANGEABLE FACT.**

Let us take the book and discuss some facts within. Right from the beginning we see the words “In the beginning God made the heavens and the Earth”. The true writing of the ancient scripts have it thus: - “In the beginning The gods (**note gods is plural**) were created along with the heavens and the earth”. I can almost hear the sounds of readers aghast at this but look closely at the meaning of this. First you will notice that one reference of mine has God with a capital G, the other has a small g. Naturally the Capital G is The God we worship and adore. In pagan religions they have one big God and many small gods. Christianity recoils in shock horror at this, but before we condemn anything but the Christian tradition, let us look a bit closer at our own beliefs. What are Angels and Archangels, Cherubim and Seraphim, Thrones Denominations and Powers but lesser gods compared to us of humanity. Viewed from this angle we can now see the original text of the Bible could be perfectly right, as indeed it is.

In reference to God, we always see that God is referred to as He. What an insult, as God in the capacity of a divine Unmanifest is above any gender existence, but for the sake of normality and clarity I shall use this term however erroneous it is.

We see that God created the world in six days and He rested on the seventh. When the texts were translated from the original there was a word that could not be explained satisfactorily. God created the world in six days of ???Brahma???. As the translators could not understand what the word meant, it was so simple to just omit it. This omission gave a completely different meaning to the text. If one goes to the ancient Hindu texts, they will inform you that a day of Brahma is in Earth terms 8,640,000,000,000 years. What a different picture this presents us with. Instead of 24 hours we deal now with enormous lengths of time, more in tune with the scientists’ estimation of things. With this new knowledge, if we now compare this to the result of the scientist’s estimation of the age of the universe, they will find they are within spitting distance of each other. This means that science with its big bang theory and the theory of creation now align, almost perfectly with each other. Remember the Scientists estimated the age, and I think they did this rather well considering all things, but the Bible gives us closer and more accurate timing while upholding the scientific view, as indeed the scientific view now also upholds the Bible.

The next point I wish to discuss is Adam and Eve. Once again, we suffer that agony of misunderstanding the ancient writings. Adam correctly refers to the Adamic Race, a race of people that lived in the Garden of Eden, or as the Australian Aborigines say in the Dream time land. This land was in the Astral and etheric planes and not physical. This existed as part of the Hypoborean then Lemurian Continent, later to become a part of the Atlantean kingdom. Here the race of people was neither male nor female, for they were like smoky wisps of existence. There is much in Australian Aboriginal folklore about this time, especially the serpent. Actually, the correct state of the early Adamic existence should be referred to as androgenous Astral and Etheric

beings. In this state the normal life span was up to 1080 years of age. This gives a differing slant now on the possibility of Methuselah being as old as written.

God's creative plan for educational evolution and growth was flowing along nicely, and it was now time for this race to start to evolve into physical beings. This being so it is now time that God places the race into a state of suspended animation known correctly as pralaya, (puts Adam to Sleep in the Bible). Once again, the Australian Aboriginal's supposed myths inform us of the time of the big sleep of the Serpents in dreamtime when many things were changed when they had awakened.

At this stage the Bible says that God took a rib from Adam and made Eve. The word for rib is the same as the word for life. Now if the beings were Astral in dreamtime land Eden, they would not yet be physical and therefore could not possibly have ribs. Considering the limited physical understanding of the times, any person would think that if God took the life from Adam he would be dead, so Rib was the logical choice given such limited understanding at that time within our human race. The thing is that God took the Female side of life from some of the sleeping race and made this race into two separate genders. All future births within the race from this point on were then male or female, not androgenous as they were previously, and thus they developed to the physical state. As this Adamic race became physical, so also did the area for them to exist on. The planet had to undergo a change also. The place where the Garden of Eden was during the change to physical was the place known as Lemuria but would soon be overshadowed by Atlantis. We must now read Adam as all the male members, and Eve as all the female members of the Adamic primary physical race. This also now gives to us an explanation of how Adam and Eve's supposed Sons (descendents) found wives. If Adam and Eve were the only two as supposed by present day church fathers, where did the son's wives come from??

In the Garden of Eden (dream time world) the beings were still Astral and Etheric and therefore did not need to find food to feed the physical body, but when they entered the primitive physical world the enmity between creatures and human began as they hunted for food and existence. Primitive people also had primitive survival urges and greed, and so we as a human race needed to learn to evolve by lessons to one day be fit to reach the feet of our God. This would naturally occur by reincarnation until we were at the level where we could be presented back to the Holy One. God being compassionate never left us without guidance, be it from the prophets of old or other means. This fulfils the words of the scripture "Brethren I will never leave you comfortless". As humanity became more and more physical, the life span decreased to what is now an average of three score years and ten = 70. In actual fact the average life span over all our reincarnated lives will even out at 72 years.

Some of this following reincarnation text was written by C of A Clergyman Scott in U S A.

Reincarnation is generally thought to be pagan philosophy in the main, but it is accepted in nearly all religions and beliefs throughout the existing world. When one looks at it with an open mind it can be seen to be obviously part of Christian theology and makes perfect sense. In spite of the fact of many attempts to remove reincarnation from the bible it still survives through the texts in many places.

Let us see some of these texts supporting this: - John Chapter 9 "And his disciples asked him saying, Master who did sin, this man, or his parents that he was born blind". Now it is perfectly obvious that it is not possible for a man to sin before being born unless he has existed in previous lives. Think on this point --- who would know more about the teachings of Jesus, the people who sat at his feet learning from him daily, or the present day bigoted modern scholars who cannot properly speak the language of Jesus, cannot understand the idioms of the times, have studied and

settled on one of the many conflicting stories which suits their level of understanding, yet still think they know all simply because they have a certificate from a University to say so. These are the egotists who then have the infinite cheek and supreme audacity to label the disciples as unlearned and ignorant, but how can any intelligent scholar seriously believe that the disciples of Jesus were unenlightened. Would Jesus, who was obviously a person of much learning, select dumb individuals to carry on such important work as his message to the populace? To contemplate such a thing would give Jesus the status of nothing less than idiot, which he certainly was not. How could people be personally called to participate in an intimate relationship of spirit with the living Master Jesus and not know whether reincarnation was accepted or not. Look and think about the following verse. This undoubtedly assumes a clear understanding of reincarnation.

Mathew 11:14 “And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come”. Jesus clearly asserts here that John the Baptist is Elias reincarnated.

Mathew 16 “Whom do people say that I, The Son of Man am”. The reply is “Some say thou art John the Baptist, some Elias, and others Jeremiah, or one of the Prophets”. Could this allude to anything but reincarnation? An interesting point here is that reincarnation was a common belief among the Essenes, the Jews and most other groups and sects throughout the world. All of these groups and sects Jesus entered into perfect harmony with their beliefs. If reincarnation was inaccurate and not a fact, surely Jesus would have made it a major point to correct his Disciples thinking in this manner?

Luke 41 “And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the baby leapt in her womb, for lo as the voice of salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe in my womb leapt for joy”. This verse teaches us two important things. One is the soul does in fact enter the body prior to birth. And secondly it is not possible for an unborn infant to react to the sound of a voice with joy unless there is a recognition of something that brings joy, an emotion surely associated with prior or present human experience. John the Baptist recognised Jesus through his previous association with him in previous lives.

Reincarnation was not only accepted but taught by the earliest Church Fathers. The pupil of John the Apostle who was named Polycarp taught Clement of Alexandria, who taught Origen who actually left evidence in his writings. At one time Origen was recognised as the greatest theologian and Saint in Christendom. Later the Orthodox and Roman churches realized they needed to revise Origen's (and also Thomas) status to that of heretic, for the doctrines of Origen and Thomas didn't fit in with the churches new crowd control measures and especially the future intentioned efforts of the church in the dumping of women Clergy which eventually came about.

Think on this --- Do you believe in a cruel and unjust God, or one that is just and compassionate. What kind of God would create one person crippled, poor, blind, diseased etc, or allow a two-year-old child to be killed in an accident if that is the only life they will ever get? Would that be just? What about people who live in cultures where they have never been exposed to Christianity. Does God burn them up in hell forever? Only through an understanding of reincarnation can God be just and compassionate. We all have different levels of opportunities to live according to our previous choices and actions. God will forgive us our trespasses, but we still have to repay our debt. It is the same as if you stole money from me, and I found out this, forgave you and still welcomed you into my house as friend, but you had to repay the money. This is the system of reincarnation working and the true meaning of “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth”. Also the phrase “Vengeance is mine saith the Lord” tells us that God has all perfectly in hand. Here God asserts his system will dispense pure and perfect justice if left to him. Thankfully supreme Justice in the control of God rules the Universe through this law of

Karma and Reincarnation. If this were not so the world would be utterly chaotic, unjust and a complete shambles.

Let us now look at this man Jesus. At birth he was destined for the Avatar's role of God's representative on earth.

I have heard criticism and disbelief of the bible stating Mary bore Jesus with virgin birth. Well here is one more tale to roll the ball along further. Mary was also born of a virgin birth and she delivered Jesus by a virgin birth. This double virgin birth was necessary to isolate the imperfection of the human race and give Jesus the purest vehicle in which to do his work. John the Baptist was also a virgin birth, but not a double virgin birth. This was solely the privilege of Jesus. We see Jesus referred to as the only son of God. This is not so as we are all sons and daughters of God. The true statement should read Jesus is the only living PERFECTED son of God. What a difference the omission of the word perfected makes to the context of the sentence. The difference here is that Jesus was the only person from the human evolution at this time to qualify for such a task as being the Avatar of God for the piscine period. In future others will gain this privilege as God requires them for his master plan for humanity. As we enter the Aquarian period another will be chosen to carry forth further work for the Holy One. This candidate will be a female.

All the myths that Jesus was a pauper are fictional rubbish, in fact he was born to a billionaire family. His uncle (Joseph of Arimathea) was a trader with the Druids in England for tin. Think carefully about this --- when Jesus was crucified he was put into a tomb that was originally built for his uncle Joseph of Arimathea. Could a pauper afford to pay to have a tomb hewn out of solid rock? This would be a very time consuming exercise and therefore very costly even in this day and age with modern tools and equipment. When Jesus was nailed up on the cross, the soldiers cast lots (gambled by throwing dice) for his cloak as it had no seam and was very valuable. Only the very rich could afford to have cloaks woven to fit, for they cost a fortune then. Who financed his (and his retinue's) food, lodgings and wanderings through all these lands, and passages on the boats and other expenses of their daily lives? This hardly describes the life of a pauper. The stories of being a pauper were inventions of the church to make him appear more mysterious to get around without assistance. The perpetration of these lies do Christianity no good as they will eventually be found to be untrue and cause great mistrust from people. Such mistrust is already plaguing so many churches for their past lies and deceit.

The greatest teacher Jesus had was an old Druid Arch Mage. This man took Jesus in hand from the age of 12 knowing who and what his destined path was. As point of interest this old Druid later reincarnated as the Great Merlin Taliesin of King Arthur fame, and in spite of many stories he was not just a mythical being.

We hear constant reference to the Disciple whom Jesus loved. This has been propagated as being John, James, Judas (not Isacriot) or Peter, depending on whose book you read. It is obvious from all these differing opinions that the translation is far from clear, and there is much doubt about this section of the good book, otherwise there would be no conflicting stories. All of these tales are utter and complete twaddle. The disciple whom Jesus loved was Mary Magdalene, who had shared many prior lives with Jesus. Of course Jesus was not meant to have any sort of physical relationship with Mary Magdalene in that life, and they were both evolved spiritually enough to understand this, abide by it, but still work closely together as a team.

A point for your own thought here --- whom did Jesus first appear to after he was resurrected. It was his beloved Mary Magdalene. Would Jesus have appeared firstly to a woman if they were so unimportant as many mainline churches constantly infer.

As for Mary Magdalene being a reformed prostitute, what profound pathetic piffle this fabrication is. In some of the old dialects the word for prostitute and priestess is one and the same. (*There is a good reason for that but that is another story*). The translator thinking they were doing the right thing transcribed this word as prostitute, thinking there are no such thing as women priests therefore it must be prostitute. This was not so, for there **WERE** women priests in the original Christian Church. It was the Patriarchal Misogynistic Popes, Bishops and other church elders who were totally responsible for getting rid of women clergy and there is ample proof of this in spite of the constant denial of the Vatican and other church hierarchies. Some of this proof is inlaid in tile throughout the very old European Churches and cannot be destroyed without wrecking the heritage listed buildings. This is quite irksome to the church fathers, but even they dare not desecrate these buildings. The next best thing is that they were covered up by tapestries, and a Papal bull issued that these tapestries must not be removed as they are consecrated and sacred. In spite of this there are those who ignored the papal order, climbed up and peeped behind them. Inlaid in mosaic tiles are pictures of women bishops and they are named, and bold statement to their gender is also written in tile. When these old churches were built, do you really think the Church elders of the day would sanction any builder to desecrate their new church by the installation of any untrue fanciful imaginary event such as this? I hardly think so.

With the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Nag Hamadi texts, the Bible (*or what's left of it*) is being proven to be right in its general context. There is much missing from our Bible as these new discoveries now prove. As the people in general learned to read, the Gospel of Thomas was torn from the bible so the populace could not be informed of the importance of reincarnation and balancing of numbers of men and women in holy orders. The story of 12 disciples has long been pushed to the fore. The true facts were edited from the Bible, but the truth will out and we find that there were 24 disciples, 12 male and 12 female. This gave 12 disciple units comprising of male, female, and a resulting energy from the pair, in other words each disciplic unit was a minor energy trinity. This was most important in many healing rituals and why they had so much success in this art.

See Mark 6-7

Jesus summoned the 12 disciples, and it clearly states here that he sent them out in **pairs**. People assume this to mean two males making the pair, but it was a male and a female to a pair. They went on a test of faith. They went penniless and without provisions, and the Bible makes an important point of telling us this. Why would they insist on making such a big point of this? Because this was not the normal way for them to go, for usually they had all in abundance.

Here is the list of the Apostles with their appropriate polarity partners:

To prevent much confusion this list gives the mother of Jesus her correct name of Miriam.

Simon Peter -----	Tamar, the second wife of Zebedee.
James bar Zebedee-----	Martha, sister of Mary, Ruth and Lazarus.
John bar Zebedee-----	Salome, the midwife to Miriam.
Andrew bar Jonah-----	Joanna, sister of Elizabeth the wife of Herod's servant Chuzza.
Mathew (tax collector) -----	Deborah, sister of Simon the Caannonite.
Bartholomew-----	Ruth, sister of Mary Martha and Lazarus.
Thomas-----	Mary Cleophas, wife to Cleophas.
James bar Alfaeus-----	Mary sister of Martha, Lazarus and Ruth.
Thaddeus-----	Elizabeth sister to Joanna (not the mother of John the Baptist).
Simon Caanonite-----	Mary of Magdala, priestess NOT prostitute.
Judas-----	Sophia, sister to Phillip.
Phillip-----	Miriam, Mother of Jesus. Past lives Marah and Nephertiti.

There is reference to this existence of female disciples in the gospel of Thomas, which says in one text, "And Jesus gathered to him his disciples, the women to the left and the men to the right". Another text from the same gospel says, "And Jesus placed his Women disciples behind him, and his Male disciples in front of him". Another text says, "And Jesus gathered to him his Disciples, both Male and Female". Hardly the statements of a disciple describing something that does not exist. An interesting thing here is that the Gospel of Thomas also blows up many other myths perpetrated by the church over the years. The Gospel of Thomas found in the Nag Hamadi texts has been conclusively proved to be the ONLY gospel written while the disciples were still alive. This is one fact that ALL the greats of science, and surprisingly the church, agree on, for the proof is irrefutable. The Gospels of Thomas and other gospels also prove that Peter was NOT the leader of the disciples after the demise of Jesus. There is evidence that James the younger Brother of Jesus was the new leader. Because James was of such good repute he was called James the Just. The modern Roman hacked version of the bible places Peter as the founder of the church in Antioch, and later in Rome, but the Nag Hamadi texts prove this is a fabrication, put out when Thomas was branded Heretic to discredit his writings. He had to be discredited and his gospel removed from the bible to support the long term plan of the less than honest church fathers of the day. (Many of the Orthodox churches state quite clearly in their texts, that it was definitely Thomas that started the Antioch Church, and later the Roman Church). Both of these statements are wrong, as it was a trio of disciples that started both the orthodox and Roman churches, the trio being Thomas, Peter and Paul.

In the Patriarchal society of the day women clergy were surely rising above their station having too much power and too much to say. They certainly had to be put in their place. This meant that women clergy had to be dumped and must not be allowed to lecture or advise the males. Of course this meant discrediting Origen and Thomas to the point where their writings were classed as heretical and lies. How could the church have power over women and the populace while such gospels as Origen's and Thomas's were in existence?

Time has a great way for bringing out the truth, and the Nag Hamadi texts and the Dead Sea scrolls have done just that. These being discovered in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was a Godsend, as technology was at the stage where these could be authenticated accurately. This is crushing news for dishonest churches, but great stuff for the truthful ones. There has been a move from some quarters to delay the transcribing of these articles, but God's will must prevail and the truth will out.

In Luke chapter 10 it says that Jesus appointed another 72 disciples. This consisted of 36 male and 36 female disciples. Each of these disciples had exactly the same power as the first 12, namely they were all consecrated to what would be equivalent to the post of Bishop. This enabled any one of them to carry on a proper and genuine line of Apostolic succession of Clergy. This brought the number of disciples to 84. This 84 together with another 24 people connected with the work of Jesus, John the Baptist, Father Joseph, Mother of Mary etc, numbered 108 in total and were secretly known by the Essenes (Jewish Druids) as the company of Gold. Among the 72 disciples was the uncle of Jesus Joseph of Arimathea, and it was from him that the first and true Anglican Church was born late in 38AD, the same year that Thomas, Peter and Paul started the Antioch church. With these facts in mind it means that Antioch was the first Christian church from which all Orthodox Christianity stems, The Anglican church was the second, and the Roman church was the last church to begin. While the Roman church has authentic lines from the disciples, it is NOT the original Christian church as it claims to be. This privilege belongs to the Antioch line of churches.

One person incorrectly judged by all is Judas, who is erroneously labelled as a traitor to Jesus. Please bear with me and ponder on this: - Jesus was teaching every day in the square of the

villages. Every person (and most of the Soldiers) within each of these villages knew Jesus by sight and could point him out. Why then did the soldiers need Judas to point him out? The reason for Judas to lead the soldiers in at this time is simply that Jesus instructed him to do so knowing that he had to fulfil his job of God's Avatar at a certain time under certain celestial influences. The other disciples did not understand any of this and harassed Judas, and he then hung himself in shame convinced that he must have made a mistake and done the wrong thing somehow, but in fact he did exactly what Jesus instructed him to do. *The reasoning for this is quite another story.*

Another mistranslation comes in as Jesus was hanging on the cross. He is reported to have said, "My God, My God you forsake Me". In the native language of Jesus (Aramaic) forsake and glorify are pronounced the same. This means that Jesus could mean "My God My God you glorify me" which indeed he did. Can you imagine a Jesus so cool and calm during the most horrific and worst of all these hours of turmoil, now suddenly turning on God at the last minute with such an accusation? I find such a statement repugnant in the extreme, and utter garbage. Jesus was in fact referring to the glorification of himself being raised to the most exalted post of Avatar and carrying God's Christ energy for the Planet Earth and its inhabitants for at least a 2160 year period. If you can think of a higher glorification given to any human from the Holy One, I for one would surely like to know of it.

I have been hit with the argument that a text says, "It is easier for a camel (camel in Aramaic means thick rope) to go through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter Heaven". What is so mysterious about that? It does NOT say a rich person cannot enter heaven. In the general run of things, rich people are usually so obsessed with their making money, which is how they get and keep their riches. These people shall indeed find it difficult to enter heaven, for their greed will drag them back. The rarer found rich person that does not have the disease of loving or worshipping money shall enter into heaven as easily as anyone else. Money is NOT the root of all evil, but the LOVE of money and the GREED associated with such misplaced love, is assuredly the great gigantic problem for such a person.

Here is where I am bound to get much criticism. I shall state here that there is no such thing as a Miracle in the Bible. The resurrection, walking on water, raising the so called dead, are all facts, but they are not miracles. There is no such thing. Jesus had great knowledge of Cosmic law, and it was this knowledge that allowed him to do these feats. Just imagine 500 years ago if you landed a helicopter in the middle of the populace. You would be a god to many people. But you know it is knowledge and technology that allowed this, and what seemed a miracle to many is basic principles of cosmic law governing physics. Jesus had knowledge of cosmic law of the psyche so far above our understanding as yet. While the principle of resurrection I can easily explain, it takes someone of great physical purity and mental capacity far beyond my capabilities in these directions to actually perform such a feat. The same applies to walking on water, but there are Yogi Masters (*although very few in number*) who can do this today. To have such knowledge and wisdom while aged in his early thirties, Jesus must have indeed had divine teaching, pure body and mind, and much training to raise him to these higher necessary levels of his already purified mind and body.

The reference "To the end of the age." An age represents 2160 years, which is the time span of a Zodiacal age.

Another reference is "Unto the Ages of Ages" This represents 25,920 years, which is the time span of the full procession of the equinox.  $2160 \times 12$

Further references to Ages of Ages of Ages refers to an even greater time frame. At the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, we are coming to the end of the ages of ages of Ages cycle. This will mean dramatic

changes for the earth as predicted in Revelations. (See also *"Mary's message to the world"* published by C of A Bishop Paul Clements of the Dolphin publishing). These changes will probably take place over a period of 20 years. This is because the earth being a living entity of much higher level than us will be raised spiritually and will start to enter what is known as obscurity. This is the earth travelling towards the etheric plane ready for the earth's consciousness to be initiated by The Holy Ones to far greater things. Those who have earned the right will rise with the planet to higher planes of consciousness also. This is what Jesus referred to when he said the gates are closing, and those not ready will wait for eons of time before the gates will open again (the next Manvantara). The few that will progress to higher levels (approx 20% of present population) will remain upon earth reincarnating, but those who have missed their chance will enter pralaya and wait until another planet (Mars) is ready for them to incarnate upon. This means that as the book of revelations says the population will decline rapidly in numbers upon the earth in what will appear to be an apocalypse of great proportions. This change must come about to segregate the entities into their proper place for the time of this change over to higher levels of consciousness for the earth, and those who merit it living upon the earth. In spite of many of the so called educated Wise predicting doomsday, the earth will not be destroyed for God will not allow it.

An obscure fact (to many people) is that the Bible is full of references to psychic matters, and many references are taken to be literal, when they are meaning the mental and spiritual side of things.

Let's look at Mark 4-24

Jesus here teaches that to listen well. **"The measure you give is the measure you will receive, with something more besides. For the man who has, will be given more, and the man who has not will forfeit even what he has."** Apply this previous text to spiritual love, and you will find the more you try to give it away, the more it grows within you. This also alludes to esoteric and Cosmic knowledge, for if one listens and learns the esoteric teachings, one must become more spiritual if they also practice what they learn. The person who ignores the teachings will forget what they learn and therefore lose much in wisdom

After the death of Jesus, the disciples were taught much. The disciples had another quality that Jesus required, taught, and developed in his followers. That was their Clairvoyant abilities. Clairvoyance simply means Clear Seeing. The greatest exponent of this was Jesus, for he foresaw all of his own crucifixion and what followed. I have heard statements that Clairvoyance is the work of Satan. Am I then expected to assume that all the great prophets, John the Baptist and Jesus worked for the Devil? What a stupid, ridiculous, ludicrous suggestion. Much teaching was given to Disciples through the medium of Clairvoyance, and the prophets of old were also instructed through this medium by the Angelic hierarchy. To this day and age there are some Orthodox religions that have one of the minimum requirements for the post of Archbishop is that they must have clairvoyant ability. This is not publicised openly, but nevertheless this rule does exist and is closely heeded in many Orthodox circles to this very day.