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DISCOVERIES INTRODUCTION

"Quick, into the car! Let's get outta here!" yelled my companion.

My heart pounded furiously.

Sayim slammed down the pedal as fast as he could. Trevor looked as scared as I felt.

"Well, we did know what we were getting into," I gasped, slipping; low in the back seat. "We were warned they would stop at nothing."

"Thugs, robbers and killers," muttered Trevor.

Archaeology was not normally like this, thank God! Indeed. I recalled my American friend's assessment of this project. Ron Wyatt had discovered this site. It was a pretty significant find, as were several others we were documenting. I recalled Ron saying that were he not already involved in documenting and presenting these archaeological treasures, he would give both eye-teeth and my right arm up to the elbow to be involved in it!"

Exactly my sentiment.

But, speeding from that village of grave robbers and killers, one sensed those words coming back to haunt one.

Never mind, I sit this morning in a quiet, safe room overlooking Port Vila in the South Pacific. Tonight I shall share these discoveries with yet another capacity audience.

Not for money, I hasten to add, but for the sheer joy of it. Love of the people. Gratitude to my Boss above who protected these sites from being found until the right time. And awe at the discoveries themselves and what they can mean to the world.

In a word, I am overwhelmed at the privilege of sharing this important news.

There is a universally positive response to these discoveries; and I believe they have been miraculously preserved until now to grab the attention of the entire world. And why do I think that? I'll tell you.

Coming Events

Many thinking people - scientists, statesmen and others - sense that our planet is on a deadline with destiny. And students of prophecy have noted that more than fifty biblical prophecies appear to be converging now. These predictions hint at a soon coming interruption of human history.

Increasingly, the question is being heard, Has the final countdown begun?

A New Wave of Discoveries

But what on earth has this to do with archaeology? you ask.

Well, recently - and quite unexpectedly - a series of archaeological finds has taken place, which are of a totally different character from those of the past.

Perhaps one should explain that, in the past, archaeology did no more than show that biblical stories could have been based on fact. That is, they were at least true to the periods claimed for them, such as in describing customs as only a contemporary could have known them. And that was about as much as one could hope for.

But now we are being hit with a new type of discovery that verifies actual events. Major events. These new finds comprise DIRECT physical evidence - for the first time ever - of the MAJOR EVENTS in which the Creator is said to have intervened in history.

After the human race went its own willful way, several times God personally broke into history - with a direct, spectacular, major intervention, showing His Hand.

Today we are finding physical relics that appear to have been set in place WHILE EACH EVENT WAS STILL HAPPENING!

For long centuries, the sites were forgotten. These remains became treasures lost in time.

Linked to prophecies

But here is the stunning part: five of these relics, or events, were linked to prophecies of the future. You could call them time capsules.

As we share these surprising discoveries with men and women everywhere, we notice their power. They are changing peoples' lives. These physical finds don't just prove old Bible stories true. Each one has a practical relevance to the present. And each points to a coming event.

QUESTIONS: GENUINE AND PHONY

Not since the Protestant Reformation has there been such a widespread and bitter debate as that now raging concerning the "DISCOVERIES".

It is the privilege of every person to hold an opinion and, when informed of the evidences, to give honest criticism. However, untruths and "half-truths" MUST be countered with the real and "whole" truth. We believe that the Lord has revealed the DISCOVERIES for a purpose - HIS purpose. We have seen numerous lives changed after seeing the evidences. For this reason, we cannot allow others to speak words of deceit against them without making the truth available.

When Christ was on earth, the people were charmed with His teaching, but they were also greatly perplexed. They marveled that "pious" leaders whom they had always followed, did not believe in Him. They say these men trying to bring discredit upon Jesus. They knew not what course to take.

We are happily witnessing that the interest of the people in the DISCOVERIES is increasing. We are also aware that a number of people seem to be greatly confused. We understand why. We don't question these dear folk's honesty but rather know that these people have respected some leaders for their intelligence and apparent piety. Yet those men fight against the DISCOVERIES.

It might be asked, Why do some people "rubbish" Ron Wyatt and the DISCOVERIES? Why do some people lie about him? Why do some people want to kill him? Why do some people want him left in prison to die?

I see a pattern common to them all: the character and the spirit comes through.

We all know that when something phenomenal occurs, such as a gold rush, people converge from all directions. Some are plain, decent people. Others are drawn from motives of fame, power, riches, jealousy or revenge –and they will lie, slander or kill.

But when something phenomenal occurs in the spiritual realm, the viciousness is worse. It is often more subtle, emanating from men with charisma, who put on a show of protecting the truth, polished politeness and righteous indignation. Why is this? Because Lucifer, the father of deceit, used such tactics in heaven, and knows how to use them on earth.

Do not be surprised at the intensity of the hatred toward the DISCOVERIES and the MEN.

There is a class of people who have become paranoid with hatred toward Ron Wyatt (the discoverer) and Jonathan Gray (who has verified the DISCOVERIES). In this hate campaign the truth has low priority.

They are mostly religious people. Perhaps that surprises you? Did you know that Jesus told us to expect hatred and opposition from religious people? (John 15:18-21 and 16:1-3).

My own personal opinion is:

1. They want to be the ones to discover the things Ron has discovered; or
2. They think Ron is a nobody, an amateur archaeologist not suited for the task.
3. They say, why should God give the discoveries to Ron and bypass qualified archaeologists?

However, pride, jealousy or lack of strength or stability in the character disqualifies them. Therefore God couldn't use them. The Lord has His criteria for choosing. And He is the best judge of character.

Identifying the opposition

It is appropriate to state here that opposition to Wyatt began with one John Morris of the Institute of Creation Research in California, followed by Morris' Australian colleagues "Creation Science" ("Answers in Genesis").

I shall be the first to say that the efforts of these people in the field of Creation have been a source of help to many. It is a wonderful work, greatly needed in the community. And in this we support them.

Unfortunately, in more recent times they have lost their goal and become obsessed with attacking other Christian ministries far and near.

Oh, if only these men would listen to our appeals! How we would love to support them!

The reason we must mention them is that a good number of questions we shall answer in this book are based on allegations made by these people. Although evidence has been sent to them, they continue to ignore it, bandying around an old anti-DISCOVERIES article they issued in 1992."

Some, who have been taken in by this, recite the sane untruths and "half truths" parrot fashion.

One example is archaeological writer David Down (see Question 16). This dear man **publicly refers to "Creation Science" as his source of information** against the DISCOVERIES.

At the same time "Creation Science" lifts up Down as an argument against the DISCOVERIES, because he "does not support the Wyatt/Gray claims".

What gobble-de-gook: each appealing to the other as an authority, when NEITHER has done any personal on-site excavation to prove the DISCOVERIES false!

It can be said that most of the hostility emanates from this "Creation" group and its disciples David Down and the Standish-Pennington brothers. We mention them here because a number of their "objections" will be dealt with in this present work.

Some of their allegations are quite damning. They cast doubt on the integrity of Wyatt and Gray, as well as the DISCOVERIES.

I hope you'll pardon me saying this. No matter how, honest you are, if you believe theft spiel concerning the DISCOVERIES, you've really been had!

Skeptic convinced

The Standish-Pennington brothers admit that their skepticism was fueled by "Creation Science"; and they think that the "Creation Science" allegations are new to us.

They're not new. In 1992 (seven years ago as I write this), Jonathan Gray had their article with those same arguments in his bag, when he went to confront Wyatt. The "Creation Science" attack against Ron Wyatt had biased Jonathan against the man. But he committed the matter to the Lord, claiming the promise that if he was willing to obey, the Lord would make known where the truth lay. Nevertheless, Jonathan set out with a briefcase full of objections against Wyatt's claims. He would confront the man, interrogating him mercilessly. He would also communicate with a number of Wyatt's opponents. And, finally, he would lead his own expeditions, with a wide range of crews, including scientists. Jonathan came away convinced.

On the other hand, despite all appeals to them, the Standish-Pennington brothers did not go to check it out - they simply repeated publicly the untruths they had read. In using the "Creation Science" article against Ron, they even got the date wrong - writing that it was published in 1994.(3) This is symptomatic of the sloppy research undertaken by the opponents of the DISCOVERIES.

Nevertheless, numerous people are honest enough to change their position after they dig deeper for a more; complete picture.

Here are the letters from two such people:

** I have just finished reading your book Ark of the Covenant, and wish to thank you for yours and others' efforts.*

I have seen and heard of you and Ron Wyatt over the years, and due to criticisms from "Creation Science," Brisbane, I disbelieved discoveries mentioned. I was convinced that you were both crooks! But I like to give people the benefit of the doubt, and decided to investigate your claims. Our small family are now fully persuaded that your findings are all very real. We are recommending your books to any we know.

Please accept my apologies for passing judgment against you, without first investigating.

** At best I was an agnostic with a leaning towards atheism -probably one of those neither hot or cold models God would "vomit out of his mouth" - until I heard these messages he has blessed you to deliver. Thank you barely touches the depths of my gratitude.*

Now, concerning the questions in this book. We shall categorize them as follows:

Peripheral Objections

So many of the points raised in objection to the DISCOVERY claims are peripheral ones - such as whether or not Wyatt has a permit to excavate in Jerusalem; whether or not burning brimstone would make holes in a spoon; whether or not Jesus ever leaves the heavenly sanctuary and comes to earth (questioning whether Jesus ever appeared to Ron Wyatt); whether or not there is an underwater land bridge at Nuweiba.

Ron Wyatt and Jonathan Gray are both promoting strongly worldwide that there is a good weight of evidence for the discoveries.

The peripheral objections do not disprove these claims. Nevertheless, we shall address them in this book.

Speculative Objections

Some objections that have been raised are really outside of being able to be proven one way or another, so to talk about them is speculation. Yet we shall not ignore them all.

Serious Objections

A number of questions with direct bearing on the credibility of evidence will likewise be met, and a reasonable answer provided, together, where possible, with scientific analysis, eyewitness testimony or other documentation.

It will be demonstrated that the overwhelming weight of evidence supports not the detractors, but the discovery claims.

Impact of the Weight of Evidence

A perceptive modern writer has this to say concerning weight of evidence:

"Those who desire to doubt will have plenty of room. God does not propose to remove all occasion for unbelief. He gives evidence, which must be carefully investigated with a humble mind and a teachable spirit, and all should decide from the weight of evidence. God gives sufficient evidence for the candid mind to believe; but he who turns from the weight of evidence because there are a few things which he cannot make plain to his finite understanding will be left in the cold, chilling atmosphere of unbelief and questioning doubts, and will make shipwreck of faith. ' (2 MCP 672.3)

Opposition Advances the Truth

"God means that testing truth shall be brought to the front! and become a subject of examination and discussion, even if it is through the contempt placed upon it. The minds of the people must be agitated Every controversy, every reproach, every slander, will be Gods means of provoking inquiry and awakening minds that otherwise would slumber. " (5T 453)

"The efforts made to retard the progress of truth will serve to extend it." (5T 454)

The Work Prospers

The Lord is bypassing men in seats of power who sit back condemning others. And He is raising champions all over the world to spread the news. Not organized by any human leader, they are finding one another.

Like an increasing light, the DISCOVERIES are awakening mankind. As opponents of this work see how God is prospering it, the influential circles in which it is moving, wider and wider, faster and faster, they fear. They cannot stop it. So they hate it. Divine power impels it. Efforts made to sabotage it only fuel the fire for it to go faster. Praise our wonderful Lord!

These are indeed wonderful, life-changing DISCOVERIES.

So here are the questions and answers

IDENTIFYING THE SOURCE

To some questions will be appended a small number, either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8. This refers to the source of a particular objection raised.

The sources are as follows:

1. *Creation Ex Nihilo, Sept-Nov, 1992.*
2. *Creation Ex Nihilo, March, 1999.*
3. *D. Pennington, The Archaeological and Other Claims of Ron Wyatt, 1999.*
4. *D. Pennington, The Ark of the Covenant - Amazing Discovery or Monumental Hoax?*
5. *R. Standish, Talk, Melbourne, Feb. 23, 1999 (audio taped).*
6. *C. Standish, Talk, London, March 6, 1999 (video taped).*
7. *P. Nethereott, Jonathan Gray and the Book of Mormon.*

8. *R. Standish, Talks, U.S.A., August 4-6, 1999*
(taped).

DISCOVERIES GENERAL INFO

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. WHY NOT IN THE NEWS?

If these discoveries are for real, then why has it not come over national news on radio and T.V. all around the world?

These wonderful discoveries have been in newspapers in Britain, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific countries. This news has also been broadcast across Europe on radio. It has also been on T.V.

In countries like Turkey, where the finding of Noah's Ark took place, it has been broadcast on local T.V. and in the newspaper. The Turkish authorities did make a major announcement back in 1987, when they dedicated the site as a national park, and later when it was upgraded to the status of national treasure, and it has been in the news at various times.

On printed material, video tapes and the Internet, it has gone to many, many homes in countries from North to South AND is still spreading rapidly.

So just because you haven't seen or heard nor read it, doesn't mean others haven't!

And here is a solemn warning: it is possible for a great movement of God to be in full steam, and for persons surrounded by it to be totally oblivious to what's happening.

Unless we are daily advancing in living out the Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the final outpouring of God's Holy Spirit in what the Bible terms "the latter rain". It may be falling on hearts all around us (preparing them for Jesus' return), but we shall not discern or receive it.

2. WHY NOT FOUND BEFORE?

Why have these things not been found before?

It is my belief that we are living in the last days of this planet's existence as we know it. And that Christ is coming very soon. God is going to bring human history to a close with a tremendous show of His power. So, in this age of skepticism, just before it happens, He is going to reveal these previously hidden evidences to give proof that His past interventions were real. He was keeping it for now.

There are 6 billion people on this planet, and for the first time in history, a large number of those people can be reached through television satellites and mass communications. We have instant translation capabilities, as well. Technology is such that, when it is God's time, He can get this information throughout the entire world. I truly expect this to happen soon.

Today, too many professors and clerics are currently denying the truths of God's word. This IS the age of skepticism. What better a time than now for the Lord Himself to bring to the man in the street the evidence he needs to know, and to believe!

Jesus Christ linked Noah's Ark with a message for the end times (Luke 17:26,27); He also linked Sodom and Gomorrah with a message for the end times (Luke 17:28-30). And Paul links the Red Sea crossing to the end times (I Cor. 10:1,11). Could this be the reason why such things have been re-discovered at **THIS TIME IN HISTORY?**

3. WYATT CLAIMS TOO MUCH?

World's greatest archaeologist - or what...? His claims are not moderate; they are huge ...(and) make Indiana Jones look like a wimpy school boy. Surely it is impossible that ONE MAN could discover so many of THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER RELIC'S ON EARTH. How come Ron Wyatt makes so many claims?

We shall let one of our readers answer this:

** One frustration I have is to hear Christians saying, " Oh Ron Wyatt claims too much. He says he has discovered the Ark of Noah, the Ark of the Covenant and Sodom and Gomorrah, as well as the crossing point of the Red Sea, Mt. Sinai and the cleft rock." It does seem a lot to claim, but people tend to forget that these are the last days and God appears to be giving the world one last chance to repent.*

We owe Ron and people like yourself a great debt in expending money and physical effort in finding and proclaiming the evidence of biblical accuracy as it has never been proclaimed before.

How has one man been able to make all these archaeological discoveries? I put it to Ron Wyatt himself:

"I can only give my opinion on that" he replied. "The credit is not to me. It's all to God. If ten different people *found ten* different *major* archaeological finds, people could say, 'Well, they were lucky, or smart'. But for one person to find all of these things is not a human possibility. Not even the most brilliant and celebrated. But God 'uses the simple things to confound the wise'. In choosing a simple, average person, He leaves no room for doubt as to 'who' is actually doing these things."

"But why you? You've had no formal training in archaeology!"

"That's right. Perhaps He chose me because I was willing - I really don't know. But I can say that there is no one on earth who could be more grateful than I am to be allowed to work with these things."

But why is he doing it?

"It's not for treasure. I take the Bible LITERALLY and go after evidence that will prove His interventions in history ... evidence that will vindicate Him."

4. DISCOVERIES BY AMATEURS

Ron Wyatt is only an amateur archaeologist! How is it that he, a rank amateur, has succeeded beyond the wildest dreams of any archaeologist in history?

So what? Some of the world's great archaeological discoveries had been made by amateurs.

When Heinrich Schliemann said he'd discovered Troy, the scientific community snubbed him. For years!

And there was John Lloyd Stephens who discovered wondrous things among the Mayan ruins of Central America. Another amateur.

It was Champollion the "amateur" who got Egyptology going!

One could say that our knowledge has deepened more through the efforts of amateurs like Fawcett, Schliemann and Heyerdahl, than through the efforts of franchised experts.

On July 29, 1997, an Adelaide amateur astronomer-announced the discovery of a new comet. Up to that date, 71 comets had been discovered by AMATEUR astronomers during the twentieth century.

The cause of science is not served by automatic ridicule of amateurs. Any person who so behaves is an enemy of science. He might be listed in *Who's Who*, but he doesn't know what's what.

Both Schliemann (who discovered Troy) and Carter (who found Tutankhamen's tomb) were criticized by the academia of their day. It is worth noting, however, that while the world remembers the names of the two men Schliemann and Carter- no one remembers the names of their critics!

No one will dispute that there are better qualified men. Men with strings of letters after their names. And archaeologists who have been for years in the field.

Why Wyatt? Well... why not Wyatt?

Who are we to question God's wisdom and choice?

It could also be asked, Why did the angels who came to announce Christ's birth bypass the Jewish Sanhedrin, the leaders of the nation? Why did they announce such an important event to a bunch of humble shepherds?

But isn't that how the Lord always works?

What strange methods has God used throughout history!

"Peculiar" strategy

The ways of God often seem peculiar, even bizarre. No general alive would approve of His strategy for fighting a war.

Imagine it, if you can! He told them to just march around Jericho City and blow trumpets. But it worked! The walls, with their massive towers, teetered and heaved, and crashed outward to the earth. "The wall fell down flat" (Josh. 6:20), permitting the taking of the city. The walls were caused to fall outward! Now walls of cities do not fall outward; they fall inward.

Another strange strategy occurred in the days of King Jehoshaphat, when the country was invaded by an army that would make anyone tremble. But the king, with God's encouragement, sent out a choir at the head of the army to praise God for victory - before the battle even started! What a seemingly ridiculous act! But it worked. When the enemy heard the singers claiming victory, they were so alarmed and confused that they simply turned on each other, destroying themselves (2 Ch-on. 20:15-22).

Then there was Gideon's army of 32,000 men. The Lord told him that, was too many. So Gideon (although fearful and perplexed at the instructions) kept sending men home, until he had only 300 left.

In the dead of night, these men approached the Midianite camp from three directions. On a signal, every trumpet sounded. Then, breaking their jugs so that 300 blazing torches were displayed, they rushed in shouting, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon" (Judges 7:16-18).

Awakened by the noise and the lights on every side, the enemy thought an overwhelming force was upon them. Fleeing in panic, they mistook their own men for enemies and destroyed one another!

What strange methods! Again and again it happened. Time after time, by doing that which appeared not very sound, by violating all the rules of war, God made it plain that there was no way man could have done it. He Himself was at work.

In the words of another:

"In the instruction the Lord gave Gideon when he was about to fight with the Midianites, ... precise, methodical, formal men would see nothing but inconsistency and confusion... They would have held for long controversies to show the inconsistency and the dangers that would accompany the carrying on of the warfare in such an extreme way, and in their finite judgment they would pronounce all such movements as utterly ridiculous and unreasonable. How unscientific... would they have thought the movements of Joshua and his army at the taking of Jericho!" (RH May 5, 1896)

God's ways are not our ways.

Time after time, by violating all the rules of war, God made it plain that there was no way the Israelites could have won the victory. He Himself was at work.

And today through Ron Wyatt He violates all the rules of archaeology - to prove that not man but He, has done it.

Josephine Gray reflects: I still recall this scene vividly. It was the first time I met Ron. He sat across his living room from Jonathan and me talking and answering our questions, especially on the Ark of the Covenant, for my sake.

The conversation came to a point where his voice crackled as he said, "I do *not* know why God chose an old man like me..." a pause... obviously very touched by God's willingness to use him... "*perhaps because I'm willing to work... to do anything.*"

I read somewhere that "*Elijah humbled himself until he was in a condition where he would not take the glory to himself. This is the condition upon which the Lord hears prayer, for then we shall give praise to Him.*"

I believe Ron had gone through Elijah's experience and God knew He could trust Ron to give all praise, honor and glory to Him.

Ask Ron about the DISCOVERIES - he always says God did it.

Qualifications? Degrees? Ron Wyatt's work bears evidence that he is qualified by the most important degree required, the degree of COMMON SENSE. And the only distinction he wants is in service to others.

Said Paul:

"Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen... That no flesh should (boast) in his presence" (1 Cor. 1:26-29).

Thus, Ron Wyatt, Jonathan Gray and all the team give God all the glory - because they know that without Him it wouldn't have happened.

A final word: God is NOT interested in a man's ABILITY. God is interested in a man's AVAILABILITY.

5. SCIENTIFIC WORLD'S APPROVAL?

Isn't it proper to approach the scientific world to gain their approval before going public?

Robert Gentry is the scientist who in 1962 discovered polonium halos, which prove that the earth's basement rocks of granite did not solidify over millions of years, but in minutes. Gentry spent over 20 years battling the scientific establishment for their acceptance of the discovery - to no avail. Finally, in 1986, he went public with his book

Creations Tiny Mystery (Earth Science Association, Knoxville, TN).

We are determined not to waste 20 years in seeking the support of the establishment. Who knows, we may not even have that long to go to the world at large.

In Jesus' time, when certain officers commented that no man had ever spoken like Jesus, some of the leading citizens (Pharisees) responded, *"Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?"* (John 7:46-48).

It's the same question: HAVE HIS CLAIMS RECEIVED THE APPROVAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT?

Jesus' response would undoubtedly have been:
"NO WAY! FOR THE LEADERS OF THIS PEOPLE CAUSE THEM TO ERR" (Isa.9:16).

Jesus certainly did not go to the "experts" first to gain approval of His work. He took it to the public from the start. And we cannot improve on His example.

Who Decides if it is the ARK?

Whit do real archaeologists say about this? - do they think it's the Ark? Well, there's no better answer than the one Richard Rives gives: "Leading archaeologists and scientists say that the earth is millions of years old and that you and I descended from a monkey."

There are over 500 people who have a sheepskin scroll with a Ph.D. on it who got their doctorate degree by writing, about the Piltdown Man (later discovered to be a hoax)!

There comes a time when people have to learn to think for themselves. We've become lazy - we want to be told what to think; we want someone to lay it all out for us. Life gets comfortable - if we learn that Noah's Ark really existed, we may have to adjust some of our other thinking and that may not be a really pleasant prospect.

There is the great example that we *should never* forget the people of Christ's time wanted a Messiah that was a regal king- a glorious leader who would give them a wonderful kingdom on earth. They wouldn't accept the Messiah that God sent to them. He didn't match their expectations or their wants. And so it is with Noah's Ark. The "learned men", like the leading religious leaders of old Jerusalem, expect and want a "glorious, barge-shaped ship" high on the peak of Mt. Ararat - they won't accept the fragile remains He arranged to be preserved in the manner and location that HE chose. "Well, if these important people say it's not the Ark, then it must not be." And after all, what does it really matter if the Ark is really found? It matters.

Something else that we must remember - there were many, many common, simple-minded people in Christ's time who accepted Him as the Messiah based on their OWN decision; based on what THEY knew to be truth. They didn't need the "learned men and religious leaders" to make their decisions for them. What kind of a God would we have if He created us with a dependence on others to make our decisions for us? Do we really believe that we must have a scientist who is trained in and ingrained in evolutionary science to tell us what is truth? I hate to tell you folks, but it would be like finding a lost grain of sand in the ocean to find a scientist who would step forward and say that Noah's Ark had been found. One scientist that Ron took to the site, went on the television and said he believed this was most likely Noah's Ark - in fact, he said that he personally believed that it was. Yet, he later told Ron that the facility he worked for told him he could either work for them OR work on Noah's Ark. Today, this man is a vehement opponent of the site. Did the facts change? NO. Only his statement of opinion. This is a decision that the common folk will have to make for themselves.

5a. CHRISTIAN ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Is it true that no reputable Christian archaeologist gives credence to any of the discovery claims made by Wyatt and Gray? ("Creation Science"/"Answers in Genesis" allegation - circular, March 1999)

The editor of *Biblical Archaeology Review* approves of our Mount Sinai discovery. On February 23, 1998, *Newsweek* quoted this man, Hershel Shanks, as saying, "Jebel el Lawz is the most likely site for Mt. Sinai, but we need a serious archaeological investigation."

What about the Noah's Ark site? In October, 1998, Dr. Bill Shea of the Biblical Research Institute, Maryland, U.S.A., accompanied an expedition to the top of the mud flow above our Noah's Ark site, to the area we have always claimed to be the original landing site of the Ark before it slid down to its present position. Dr. Shea told Jonathan that it is "logical that the Ark touched up there (at the top of the range) first and could have settled further down later" (phone conversation, April 20, 1999). See answer to Question 104.

It would be appropriate to mention leading Turkish archaeologist, Dr. Ekrem Akurgal. He has definitely said regarding Ron's discovery that it was Noah's Ark. See Question 97.

6. DECEIVED?

Could Ron Wyatt and Jonathan Gray be deceived about the discoveries?

Probably the best response to this was given by Margaretha Tierney, of Australia:

"It is not possible that Ron and Jonathan are deceived in everything. They would have to be short on mentality. And of course, it is not only Ron and Jonathan you would have to include, but Marty Platt and the others on the team. The coincidence is way too high that everyone involved in the work is lacking in some

area of their mental capacities. And you must include Josephine Gray and Mary Nell Wyatt, as they have also been to many of the sites. If they are not all mentally deficient, then they are all liars!"

Barry White, of New Zealand, in a letter he sent to a critic, asked:

"These men are deceived? Impossible. They know exactly what they are doing. They are either right, or they are deliberately misleading others. They are not deceived -that is a demonstrable fact."

7. DECEIVERS FOR FAME, RICHES?

I have been told that Wyatt is in this work for the money - and fame; and so is Jonathan Gray?

For the most part, both men have financed the work out of their own pockets.

Ran Wyatt sold a farm; he and his wife own nothing except the equipment for their research and their two fairly old vehicles. Jonathan Gray and his wife placed all they possessed on the line. They no longer have any real estate, or medical insurance. Jonathan once drove a Porsche. Now it's a little Mitsubishi Mirage. And they're all totally contented with what they have.

In a letter addressed to a critic, Barry White, an accountant, responded to the above charge:

"Their lifestyles have nothing lavish about them, infact quite the opposite.

"Fame and glory? If you had any conception the price these men and their families have paid for standing up and being counted about these discoveries you'd repent of that accusation in an instant. If fame was what they were after, the heat of the fires they've been in would have consumed their ardour long ago. The allegation is nothing but a cheap, ignorant, and cruel joke.

"I know Jonathan very well, and if there is a chink in his armour, I've not been able to find it. When you spend enough time with someone, you get to know what they are like - when others are not around looking - what they are like on the inside. No-one can put on a mask forever; sooner or later, they let their guard down. Lies take more lies to cover themselves, and sooner or later you can trip them up when they contradict themselves, because no human mind can remember everything they said sometime ago.

"The fact is, whether you believe it or not, Gray and Wyatt are not only sincere, they are genuinely humble (certainly not arrogant enough to attack someone they have never met or something they have not personally checked out) and, both have been mightily blessed and used by God for HIS glory."

8. WYATT DECEPTIVELY GOT BIG MONEY?

D. Pennington writes: "Wyatt is going around Australia and other places holding seminars at which he sells large numbers of tapes and videos, running into tens of thousands of dollars worth. Such behaviour and deceptive conduct in the corporate world would soon attract the attention of the law." Can you comment?

Pennington makes giant leaps of assumption.

In September, 1998 and February, 1999, Ron Wyatt visited Australia at the invitation of a group of people in Melbourne. Not one cent of income did he keep; he offered it all to the Melbourne hosts to recoup their costs.

Likewise in New Zealand. In Thames, where Ron's largest New Zealand meeting was attended by an estimated 1,300 people, Ron did not sell one video. And he still wanted to return a donation Jonathan gave him, so that Jonathan could cover some of his expenses in organizing the meeting.

Even if he did receive remuneration for materials he had produced, what is deceptive about that? It is a biblical principle that "the labourer is worthy of *his* hire", particularly since, to go on tour overseas, Ron has had to forfeit *his* paid income in the U.S.

9. FALSE ADVERTISING CLAIMS?

J.Randall Price, in his book In Search of Temple Treasures, has about a page on Ron Wyatt, in which he asserts that in a promotional brochure put together by an advertising company on Wyatt's behalf, the following claims were made, which have been checked out and proven untrue:

1. Wyatt's claim that he had attended Michigan State University. FALSE.

2. Wyatt's claim that he was a Veteran of the Korean War. FALSE.

How about that?

Sometime ago, Ron Wyatt was invited to speak in Anchorage, Alaska. A Protestant minister there, who had read Price's book, publicly warned his parishioners not to attend, since Ron had claimed to be a Korean veteran and was not.

Ron Wyatt then publicly invited the minister to come to the meeting himself and he would be given opportunity before the presentation to present that objection to the audience. The minister could not really get out of it, so he came.

The minister stood up and spoke, calling Wyatt a fraud for making such a claim.

Ron pulled from his pocket his plastic discharge card and asked the minister to examine it. The man sheepishly admitted that Ron was a Korean War veteran. Anyone in service during the years of the Korean War (1951-55) is classified as a Korean veteran.

Why did Price write that he couldn't find any evidence that Wyatt was a veteran? He didn't look!

What about Wyatt's claim that he attended Michigan State University? If you contact that university - and I am sure that, after reading Price's book, some have done that - they will tell you straight that Ron Wyatt never went there. And they are right. But Ron has never claimed to have been there.

The truth is, Ron attended not Michigan State University but Western Michigan University. Now there is a difference!

10. "PROPHET" CLAIM?

Is it true, as D. Pennington writes, that Ron Wyatt "is claiming the mantle of a prophet"?

In reply, Ron says just this, that according to his wife Mary Nell, he is simply "non profit".

Ron is a humble, very humble, and loving Christian man. He stresses the need for walking closely with the Saviour and reading continually the inspired writings.

11. "NEW AGE", SPIRITISM?

How do you respond to charges of "New Age", Witchery, Spiritualism and Mormonism leveled against you? (by D. Pennington, citing P. Nethercott).(4)

Jesus our Lord was accused of doing His work by Beelzebub, the prince of devils.

We rejoice in the honour to be treated as Jesus Christ was.

Is it wrong to quote pagans?

Jonathan has been accused by one or two arrogant men of quoting from "New Age" or occultic sources.

We here declare that humanism, the occult and the New Age movement are antagonistic to biblical truth. We oppose them and shun them.

Jonathan occasionally cites such hostile witnesses - and turns the case against them.

For example, in *Dead Men's Secrets*, (page 67) Jonathan writes:

"Erich von Danicken caused a sensation in the seventies when he claimed that sophisticated ancient relics were the result of a space visit to earth. Now it is time for the truth.

" Von Danicken, like others, assumed that early man struggled for endless millions of years as a primitive dumb and stupid creature, unable to accomplish anything on his own.

"Then we find man quite suddenly (in the last few thousand years) nurturing a technology so intricate, so sophisticated, that it suggests intellectual maturity from the start.

"You don't have to be smart to sense there is something wrong here."

Jonathan speaks concerning legitimate finds mentioned by such people, but then shows how these finds more reasonably fit into the Bible scenario of history. Out of their own mouths facts are given from which the biblical explanation of history is confirmed.

Testimony from hostile witnesses is often the BEST testimony.

We follow a biblical precedent

The apostle Paul set a precedent when, to those Greeks who were steeped in pantheism, he cited someone they would accept. In Acts 17:28, Paul declared: "For in him we live, and move, and have *our* being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."

And whom was Paul quoting? None other than the pagan Greek philosopher Aratus!

By quoting this pantheistic poet, Paul was not endorsing pantheism. Rather, he used that man to build a stronger case (in the minds of his Greek listeners) for the truth.

The main audience for whom Jonathan has written this book is the secular public who have been reading von Danicken and other humanistic, occultic and New Age writers, all spewing out their anti-God views of man's pre-history. Jonathan reaches these people where they are, and turns them around to face the God of the Bible and His claims upon them.

12. RESPONSE TO THE *SKEPTICS*

What is your response to the skeptics?

Attitudes are influenced by parents and environment. And later we may find we've picked up some wrong ideas. That's often hard to face. *So* the least we can do is show some understanding. Jesus died for these individuals too.

We prefer not to bite back, but just get on with the important work we have to do. We always pray for such persons when we know their names.

However, sometimes, for the sake of others who are sharing the discovery materials with friends, questions need to be answered.

In the face of any criticism both Ron Wyatt and Jonathan Gray are very calm and at peace with God.

Any personal attacks on the men's characters do not hurt them. We all knew that when we came *with* the "Surprising Discoveries" that we were going to swim against already established traditional ideas.

We know God is on our side and we are FEARLESS and RELENTLESS in our efforts to spread the news of the wonderful discoveries and to warn the world of the soon coming of the Saviour.

The work has to be done and one has to **be careful** not to get TOO distracted into "arguments" -not to be side-tracked - as it could slow progress.

GOD IS WATCHING OVER us. And none can hurt us unless allowed by the Lord Himself! We know that.

13. WHY THE CONTROVERSY?

Why is there so much controversy concerning the finds?

These are NO ORDINARY DISCOVERIES. These discoveries provide evidence of specific events of history where God intervened in human affairs. Yes, that's right - on this very planet where Satan claims exclusive dominion. This is his territory. Satan's territory!

It is on this very planet that the great war between the forces of evil and those of Prince Immanuel is being fought out. The battle is for the control of the minds of the men and women of this planet. It is allow war.

All along, Satan has known where these evidences lay hidden. God, meanwhile, has been preserving them, to be revealed at the right time - as the final showdown approaches, between God and Satan. Satan would have dearly loved to destroy them before they could be shown to the world. But God's protective hand has been over them.

Can you imagine how Satan feels about this? So the forces of evil will muster every deception, including "respected" people, "leaders", to achieve their ends.

If the HATRED toward the discoveries from some quarters seems almost supernatural at times, it is because there is a SUPERNATURAL power also behind the discoveries.

14. "CREATIONSCIENCE" GROUP'S OPPOSITION

Why do "Answers in Genesis" ("Creation Science" group) attack your work so viciously?

In a word, it is NOT about evidence, but politics.

Here are the facts:

Jonathan Gray once held "Creation Science" ("Answers in Genesis") in high respect. He admired and supported their work in the field of creation. Consequently, when he read their treatise against Ron Wyatt in *Creation ex Nihilo*, Jonathan was persuaded. The article, penned by their staff member Andrew Snelling, a geologist, was skillfully written. Snelling's arguments appeared convincing.

Jonathan never expected to embark on his own field investigation. How that transpired is another story. But he was shocked at what came to light- and ashamed at *how* gullible he had been *in* accepting Snelling's word.

How it Began

On August 19, 1984, Col. James Irwin, the Apollo 15 astronaut, flew into Ankara, Turkey, together with Ron Wyatt and introduced him to several people who would soon become very important to Ron's work. One of these was Orhan Baser, who was to become government liaison between Ron and the Turkish government. Orhan Baser secured permission for Ron to employ two of the White Electronics company's top metal detectors on the boat-shaped object in the mountains of Ararat.

Jim was present when Ron and other members of the group used the 2 metal detectors along the sides and atop the entire length of the boat-shaped object. The results were a pattern of linear readings which showed an organized grid of metal within the object. Along the sides, they got readings every 9 feet. It was completely outside of the realm of possibility for this pattern to be natural. In a video-taped interview with Ron, Jim stated: *"Yeah, we got some real positive readings ,didn't we, as we went up and down the long direction of the formation The spacing made it appear like, very much like it was, you know, a man made object "*

Jim wasn't convinced it was the Ark, but he knew it had to be something. He was dedicated to searching on Mt. Ararat, and he and Ron agreed that this was an absolutely necessary part of the whole picture. If the boat shaped object WAS the Ark, there were many who wouldn't accept it until the possibility of it being on Mt. Ararat had been ruled out. There was no "competition" between Ron and Jim, although there are those who would like you to believe there was. Jim was one person that Ron felt he could trust - a gentleman and a man of his word. And he helped Ron immensely.

Another Group Expresses Interest

After Ron and Jim visited the site and did the first metal detector scans, the word spread among the other "Ark-hunters" who had gathered in the hotel lobby, and when they returned, another group expressed the desire to visit it, too. This was a group headed by Marv Steffins and included Bulant Atalay and their helicopter pilot, "Whatcha" McCullum. Ron went with them after lunch and they were thrilled to death when they saw the results of the metal detector scans. It seemed as if Ron had found some allies, but it didn't quite turn out that way.

An Unfortunate "Almost" Altercation

It was also at this time that another well-known "Ark-hunter" with very impressive letters after his name, heard about all the interest in the boat shaped object while in the hotel lobby. Ron told all the other Ark-hunters about the equipment White's Electronics had provided him and offered its use to any present -perhaps a naive thing to do, but nonetheless, it's what he did. At that point, this well-known Ark-hunter stood up and in a VERY loud voice told Ron, 'YOU CAN'T USE METAL DETECTORS IN TURKEY!' a ploy obviously designed to have the metal detectors confiscated by local authorities. And while this isn't something I'm happy to write about, it happened- Ron took this man by the collar and told him in no uncertain terms that if he did not keep his mouth shut, he would knock his teeth out. The man only replied to Ron, "YOU'RE CRAZY!" to which Ron then replied, "I'M NOT CRAZY ENOUGH TO LET YOU DO WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO." Ron, as well as the Arkhunter, both knew that even with permission from Ankara, the locals could still confiscate the equipment, and by the time Ron was able to get back in touch with Ankara, it would be too late to use it.

It was an unpleasant and unfortunate thing to happen, but it did.

If you think that was a bad thing for Ron to do, remember, Ron had recently been betrayed by a trusted friend and left in a Saudi jail to die with his two sons.

One is reminded of the disciple Peter (thrusting his sword) and Moses (striking the rock), both of whom, in righteous indignation, acted impetuously.

But Peter died a faithful disciple of the Lord Jesus awaiting the Second Coming of Christ. And Moses is in heaven now. Thanks to the grace of God we all grow.

Anyone who has been to eastern Turkey will know the ever-present sense of danger. So many of the people are wild and unpredictable.

With this in mind, let's review the situation:

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| 1. | Ron knew permission was needed for the use of the metal detectors | John Morris knew permission was needed for the use of the metal detectors. |
| 2. | Ron got permission. | As a Christian, J.M.could have asked Ron concerning the metal detectors privately and quietly. |
| 3. | Ron stopped J.M. from openly making an accusation. | J.M's motive for standing up and speaking in a LOUD voice was to expose Ron's "evil" and sabotage the project. |
| 4. | Ron knew that: (a) Locals could stop | He did not care what happened to Ron. |

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| <p>his work Confiscate equipment (c) Could hurt him (d) Jail him (e) Kill him (There had already been attempts to kill him on a previous visit.)</p> | |
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Thanks to God, none of that happened. Ron could have hit J.M. He didn't. The Lord gave him self-control.

You choose as to who you think did evil. We believe God made His choice and that man is with whom He casts His blessing.

As it happened, J.M. never said another word about it. In fact, he even asked to go to the site, which Ron thought was strange since this fellow had already stated that he had "investigated" the site thoroughly on 2 occasions.

There was no more trouble from him on that trip, but **THIS MAN LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE WOULD DO ANYTHING FROM THAT TIME ON TO DISCREDIT THE SITE-** and that is exactly what John Morris has tried to do.

So it was that, after he was made aware of the evidences found at the site, he continued to raise money to continue searching on big Mt. Ararat, a project which was his favorite.

A Big Problem for the "Experts"

And this is where "Answers in Genesis" (*Creation Science* group) comes in.

Much of the material used by the Australian "Creation Science" group to attack Ron Wyatt and Jonathan Gray's work is based on claims by this John Morris. **JOHN MORRIS AND AUSTRALIAN "CREATION SCIENCE" HAVE A WORKING CONNECTION.**

Contrary to the "Creation Science" claim that Dr. John Morris would be ecstatic at the Ark's discovery, no matter by whom, nor where on the mountains of Ararat, this was not true.

For a large part of his life, Morris had been promoting the Ark to be on big Mt. Ararat. He was staking his reputation on it.

John Morris' searches of big Mt. Ararat had effectively found nothing of Noah's Ark. He had written books and lectured widely raising funds for his adventures which have found nothing.

A man toils through life writing paper after paper culminating into magnificent theories. Then one day someone comes along and finds a fundamental assumption is wrong, the Ark isn't on Ararat, and a large part of his life's work collapses just a few years before retirement. What do you expect his reaction to be?

With all of the evidence thus far, the "Arkhunters" who had dedicated their efforts to finding the Ark ON Mt. Ararat were getting very frustrated and peeved with the attention given the site on what is called locally,

"Doomsday Mountain". It was time for "damage control", to try and discredit the site as much as possible. And, if they couldn't discredit the site, they would discredit the man. Ron became very unpopular.

If Ron's unexpected find in a different location was genuine, then Morris' claim was not. So Morris became violently anti-Wyatt. And Morris' colleagues in Australia, the "Creation Science" group, threw their weight behind Morris to try to discredit Wyatt.

Jonathan's on-site and other investigations proved to his satisfaction that the "Creation Science" objections were grossly misleading.

We shall address these objections in the "Noah's Ark" section of this book.

"Creation Science" has since added Jonathan to their "hit list" for coming to Ron's defense. .

That answers the question as correctly as can be stated.

15. "CREATION SCIENCE" ATTACK.

Is it true that "Creation Science" ("Answers in Genesis") has proved the Noah's Ark find to be a "fake"? Carl Wieland, managing director, wrote to me that "we have Personally investigated a major claim of Ron Wyatt (re the `Noah's Ark' claim),and found there to be one fake claim after another involved." (Letter, to Zelka Stark, August 5,1998)

Since he has "personally" investigated it, you might ask Carl to show you his excavation permit from the Turkish government. Not one member of "Creation Science Foundation" ever went to the site before they pulped out their anti-Wyatt attack in 1992. (1)

The writer of that article *Amazing Ark Expose*, Dr Andrew Snelling, claimed that most of the data, inferences and interpretations used to support the claims about NOAH'S ARK DISCOVERED, made by various on-site researchers and scientists, were not to be accepted.

Snelling based much of his material on claims by John Morris, a fierce opponent of Ronald Wyatt, the claimed discoverer of Noah's Ark. (Concerning the trustworthiness of J.M's testimony, see Question 29, section. "f").

The pseudo-scientific attack on Wyatt has since been refuted successfully by a number of other researchers. Yet Carl Wieland still churns it out to the unsuspecting public.

Carl and his "Creation Science" of Australia have never worked at any of the discovery sites. Their total basis for attack is on someone else's word.

How reliable is his article?

We shall let John Mackay, director of Creation Research Centre in Queensland, reply. (CRC is a rival organisation which was mentioned in the same anti Wyatt article.) Mackay observes:

"Andrew devotes several paragraphs to Creation Research to which we will reply. His statements about Creation Research are so full of error we are surprised he put his name to them..."

"Andrew made comments in his 'AMAZING' article, critical of the work of others apart from Creation Research. Our only hope is that Andrew's statements about them are more reliable than his false and misleading claims about Creation Research." (Paper, "The Ark Controversy. A Comment from Creation Research", undated.)

Vada Kum Yuen of Elijah Ministries, Queensland, comments concerning a later attack by the same Carl Wieland/Andrew Snelling group:

*The March issue of Answers in Genesis Prayer News. We know the North Queensland story to which this paper makes reference. We have taken the trouble to find the relevant Jonathan Gray articles with which this AIG paper takes issue. AIG has **grossly misrepresented the facts.**"* (This comment is from former strong supporter of "Creation Science", who give thousands of dollars to promote a seminar for them and for subscriptions of their magazine into educational institutions.)

It's not so long ago since many were accusing Andrew Snelling and his "Creation Science" colleagues of fraud, deceit, mishandling, and gross incompetence. As recently as August 22nd, 1992, the *Sidney Morning Herald*, referring to a talk by Andrew at the Macquaire University, printed "...the talk contained at least 20 instances where Dr Snelling was **blatantly wrong.**"

What we are saying is that "Creation Science" ("Answers in Genesis") research on matters outside their field is far from brilliant!

Three first-hand witnesses testify that "Creation Science" ("Answers in Genesis") has been mishandling the truth:

"... false and misleading" "... grossly misrepresented the facts" "... blatantly wrong"

We're dealing here with either incompetence or fraud in the handling of truth.

An example of OUTRIGHT DECEIT which Jonathan experienced personally at the hands of Carl Wieland was when he released his book, *The Ark Conspiracy*. On page 98, Jonathan wrote that members of astronaut James Irwin's "High Flight" team had gone into Saudi Arabia after Wyatt claimed to have found biblical relics in there. And what they found proved Ron Wyatt was TELLING THE TRUTH. Carl Wieland (of "Creation Science") responded in a letter to the *Brisbane Courier Mail* that our claim was untrue - that "High Flight" had not gone into Saudi Arabia and confirmed Ron's discovery. So then we sent to Carl Wieland a transcript of the actual *High Flight Newsletter* announcement, that proves our claim ABSOLUTE TRUTH. Ignoring this new evidence, Carl Wieland repeated his same misinformation in his very next *Prayer News*... pretending this evidence did not exist!

Every lover of TRUTH should be extremely cautious concerning anything "Creation Science" ("Answers in Genesis") says about the Noah's Ark find.

Concerning their attack against Ron Wyatt, we can prove to you that THIS WAS A FRAUDULENT AND HYPOCRITICAL "REPORT" - and as such IT CANNOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. This will be evident as you see documentation in the "Noah's Ark" section of this present book.

Out-dated

With sanctimonious pronouncements, they still bandy around that old, worn-out article! As Ian Rodley, of New Zealand, observes:

*"It appears to me that they are saying the same thing.; (word for word) as back in 1992, and **have made no effort to follow up any evidence on any of the discoveries since then.** " (Letter, June 11, 1996)*

Amateurs Themselves

Remember this: Andrew Snelling' like Ron Wyatt, is not a trained archaeologist. Come to think of it, neither is Carl Wieland.

A History of Vilifying Others

Andrew, Carl and their Australian associates have a proven history of trying to justify themselves against even the tiniest criticism. They have distributed vast quantities of propaganda throughout the world at horrendous cost to justify themselves. They have also sadly proven quite ardent in their attack on other Christians who hold scientific or historical opinions different from themselves. Will they ever learn to get on with the ministry of the gospel of the Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ and let Him be their Justifier?

John Mackay was once managing director of "Creation Science". He resigned from the organization because Carl Wieland insisted on keeping on the staff of "Creation Science" a woman reputed to be dabbling in Spiritism. Because of his Christian convictions John Mackay left "Creation Science", *"along with all of our original staff and several other founding members, each of whom has been attacked personally in exactly the same way as I get attacked publicly."* (Letter to Jonathan, January 29.1999.)

Some years later, when John Mackay was booked for a tour of Britain (sources in Britain inform us), "Creation Science" went ahead of him, denouncing him, cancelling his meetings!

More recently, Wieland threw off and divorced his wife, then rapidly married the woman concerning whom we have spoken.

It is alleged that Andrew Snelling was sacked by Carl Wieland and colleague Ken Ham for opposing Carl's recent divorce.

We say all this with sadness; however the facts need to be known, so that no honest person need be misled by their continuing hate campaign.

We have long held back from revealing such things. It is distasteful to us. But the sin continues. And it is public.

Before writing this, we prayed earnestly. And we were guided to 2 Peter chapter 2.

You may recall that John the Baptist was "preparing the way of the Lord" (for His first coming). John was opposed by Herod. And John did not spare Herod for his immoral behavior. He spoke out publicly, even though it cost him his own life.

We know that the working of the Holy Spirit worldwide over these discoveries, changing multitudes of lives, saving broken homes, is a greater evidence than the discoveries themselves, that God is using them to "prepare the way of the Lord" (for His second coming). What it amounts to is this: it is opening up the greatest opportunity for outreach and reaching the world it has ever had in its entire history!

As John the Baptist spoke up, can we do less? When a message from God that is saving people is spoken evil of?

Now notice that chapter: 2 Peter 2:

- v. 1: "false teachers....
- v.2: By reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
- v.3: And through covetousness [they covet the discoveries] shall they with feigned words [pretence] make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their **damnation slumbereth not** [the time is now overdue to expose their deceit]...
- v. 9: The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations [trials]...
- v. 12: But these, as natural brute beasts...speak evil of the things that they understand not...
- v. 13: Sporting themselves with their own deceivings...
- v. 14: Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls [unstable souls will be beguiled and fooled by their writings!].

We could go on. But you get the picture. This is what God thinks of the situation.

But don't they do such a great work defending Creation? Listen. There are many cases where men who have defended Christianity against skeptics have afterward lost their own souls in the mazes of skepticism. They caught the malaria and died spiritually.

They had strong arguments for the truth, and much evidence, but they did not have an abiding faith in Christ.

Genuine repentance our God will forgive. But when sin is knowingly persisted in and covered in a cloak of "Christianity", we dare not be silent -BECAUSE HONEST PEOPLE CAN BE MISLED AND MEN AND WOMEN WHOM GOD WANTS TO USE IN PROCLAIMING THESE DISCOVERIES COULD BE LOST UNLESS THE TRUTH IS KNOWN.

As for the "Creation Science" ("Answers in Genesis") tirade against the discoveries, we shall state three facts:

1. It was politically and spiritually motivated.
 2. It contained a massive amount of wrong information.
 3. It is outdated and discredited by considerable new evidence.
- (See also Question 14.)

Letter from a reader

Margaret Gray's article on "Phony Archaeology" in Update 24. This was particularly interesting to me personally due to my own memorable experiences with certain CSP personnel a number of years ago. It was such a wonderful thing to find a Creation Science group and so many fine Christians working together in it. Then came the "big bang", carefully engineered. A true eye-opener as to how Satan infiltrates, confuses and blinds people.

The article will be very useful to photocopy and give to others as a counter-balance to the CSF (Answers in Genesis) position.

I well remember reading in their publications, early in the piece, about the "mad" Ron Wyatt and was fascinated by all his "claims". But then one always has to wait and see.

S. R, Vic

If there were an occultic presence in that organization (albeit covert), it would help to explain the **obsessive hostility toward the DISCOVERIES.**

Where Then, can one go For Creation Materials? Is there any alternative?

Here is an organization that DOES NOT CONDONE WITCHES ON ITS STAFF. Untainted. Honest.

We have investigated Creation Research and found their videos and books to be excellent. Creation Research of Australia is headed by John Mackay, and is doing a wonderful work in getting the truth into public schools all over the world. They can be reached as follows:

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(This recommendation was not solicited and we should point out that Creation Research is neutral in this controversy. Their expertise is in other matters.)

IS IT RIGHT?

TO JUDGE, TO EXPOSE ERROR & TO NAME NAMES

From time to time we get letters taking us to task for being critical and naming names. This article shows that we have good Biblical precedents for doing this...

Many today believe that it is wrong to expose error and to name names. Liberals have always seemed to believe this, but in recent times it has been widely espoused by evangelicals and charismatics. Now we are seeing the same fatal error being declared by those who profess to be Bible believing fundamentalists. Those who are faithful in exposing error according to the Bible are now being widely denounced and are accused of being unloving and unkind. In this article we intend to present the teaching of the Bible on this vital subject.

IS IT RIGHT TO PRACTICE BIBLICAL JUDGMENT

One of the most misused verses in the Bible is 'Judge not, that ye be not *judged*.' (Matt. 7:1). Every scripture verse should be read in its context, if we are to properly understand the true meaning. In vs. 2-5 of this same chapter it is evident that v1 is referring to hypocritical judgment. A brother who has a beam in his own eye should not be judging the brother who may have a mote in his eye. The lesson is plain, you cannot judge another for his sin if you are guilty of the same sin.

Those, who cling to 'Judge not, that ye be not judged' to condemn those who expose error should read the entire chapter. Jesus said, 'Beware of *false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing...*' (v15). How can we know false prophets unless we judge them by the Word of God? If we know the false prophets, how can we fail to warn the sheep of these ravening *wolves*? All through the Bible we find proof that they should be identified and exposed.

"*Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes or thorns, or figs or thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit*" (vs. 16,17;). Did the Lord mean that we could not judge the tree(person), by the fruit of their life and doctrine? Certainly not, for you cannot know with out judging. All judgment should be on the basis of Bible teaching, not according to whims or prejudices.

IS IT RIGHT TO EXPOSE FALSE TEACHERS

False teachers are free to spread their poisonous doctrines today because there is a conspiracy of silence among many Bible believers. Wolves in sheep's clothing are thus enabled to ravage the flock, thereby destroying many.

John the Baptist called the Pharisees and Sadducees(the religious leaders of his day) 'a generation of vipers' (Matt. 3:7). Today, he would be accused of being unkind and unchristian.

Jesus said to the religious Pharisees, 'O generation of vipers, how can *ye, being evil* speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh!(Matt.12:34).

To many evangelicals and some fundamentalists this would be unacceptable language today, but it is Biblical language and it came from the mouth of the son of God.

Standing face to face with these false teachers Jesus Christ, the Son of God, called them, 'hypocrites.' '*blind guides.*' '*whited sepulchres,*' 'serpents' and, 'ye generation of vipers' (Matt. 23:23-34) Yet we are today told that we are to fellowship with men whose doctrines are just as unscriptural as those of the Pharisees.

Some who say they are Bible believing Christians insist on working with Roman Catholics and other assorted heretics. Yet, according to many, we are not supposed to rebuke them for their compromise.

In our day these false teachers have come into the churches with their books, literature, movies, psychology, and seminars, and have turned the Father's house into a den of thieves. It is time that men of God stood up and expose their errors for all to see.

THE BIBLE ADMONISHES US TO EXPOSE ERROR

We are to TRY them, '*Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*' (I John 4:1).

We are to MARK them and AVOID them, '*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; avoid them*' (Romans 16:17).

We are to REBUKE them '*Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith*' (Titus 1:13).

We are to have NO *FELLOWSHIP* with them. '*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them!*' (Eph.5:11)

We are to WITHDRAW from them '*Now we command you, brethren, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly and not after the tradition which ye received of us.*' (II Thiers. 3:6).

We are to TURN AWAY from them. Concerning the last days, he says that some will have '*a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away*' for such people are '*never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*' (I Tim. 3:5-7).

We are NOT TO RECEIVE them into our house, '*if there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house. neither bid him Godspeed, for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds*' (John 10:11).

We are to REJECT them, '*A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject*' (Titus 3:10).

We are to SEPARATE from them, '*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you:*' (II Cor. 6:7).

IS IT RIGHT TO NAME NAMES

Many mistakenly believe that it is wrong to expose error and to name the guilty teachers, but they are wrong according to the Bible.

Paul named Peter publicly. Peter was guilty of unscriptural practice, '*But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed....* But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, '*If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of the Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?*' (Gal. 2:11•14). The whole issue revolved around salvation by the law or by grace. When the integrity and purity of the gospel is at stake then we have no choice when it comes to the matter of exposing error and naming names.

Paul named Demas for loving the world, '*For Demas hash forsaken me, having loved this present world*' (2 Tim. 4:10). Those who forsake the cause of Christ for the worldly living and pleasures should be named and exposed.

Paul named Hymenaeus and Alexander, Paul told Timothy to '*war a good warfare: Holding faith and a good conscience; which some have put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymeneus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.*' (1Tim.1:18-20). God's true servants should war a good warfare and name those who have departed from the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Paul is not here discussing the faith of salvation by the faith as a system of doctrine. These men had made shipwreck of it and Paul exposed it and called their names.

John named Diotrephes, 'I wrote unto the church; *but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, received us not*' (3 John 9). He related how this man had prattled against him 'with malicious words' (v.10). He further said. '*Befoved, follow not* that which is evil, but that which is good. He that *doeth good is of* God, but he that *doeth evil* hath not seen God.' (v.11). It is not wrong to name those whose doctrine and practice is contrary to the Word of God.

All this modern day talk about love, used as an excuse for not exposing error is not really Biblical love but is really sloppy agape.

Moses called the name of Balaam. Numbers 22-25. Peter exposed 'the *way of Balaam.... who loved the wages of unrighteousness*' (II Peter 2:15). Balaam was a prophet that was in the work for money, just like some of the TV false prophets today. They beg for money and live like kings while multitudes of innocent people send them their hard earned money. They are always building colleges, hospitals TV network satellites, and amusement parks that have a water slide for Jesus. And then we are supposed to keep our mouth shut about these religious charlatans. How can we be silent and be true to God?

Yes it is right to expose error and name those who are in error. It is right to '*earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*' (Jude 3). It was once delivered and has never been recalled for revision. We had better beware of false teachers..... who privily shall *bring in* damnable heresies' (I Peter 2:1). Faithful messengers will warn the sheep of these heretics, and identify them by name. It is not enough to broadly hint of their identity, for the young lambs will not understand and will be destroyed by the wolves.

- *The Revivalist* Nov. 1989

16. DAVID DOWN.

What do you say to David Down's attack upon your work?

David Down is a disciple of "Creation Science" ("Answers in Genesis"), which explains his critical attitude toward the DISCOVERIES. He is also a Seventh-day Adventist cleric who edits a magazine on archaeology.

Concerning the discoveries, he cites the "Creation Science" group as his authority.

Down is reported to be a genial sort of man, but from time to time he has published a number of reckless statements concerning our discoveries which show that he has not really bothered to learn the facts. If he made himself aware of these facts his attitude might well be different.

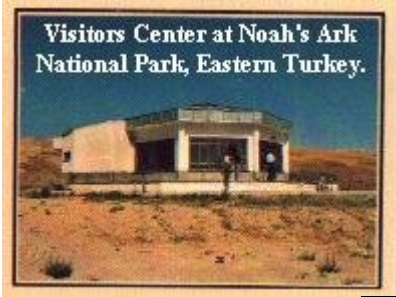
Unfortunately, Mr. Down has never approached us, nor accepted invitations to do so. When organizers of Jonathan's seminars asked if he had examined our reports, his response was, "I'm too busy." When tour promoter Nancy Hardy invited him to attend a seminar and see for himself, his excuse was, "I have no time."

Here is a sample of his reasons for rejecting the discoveries:

DAVID DOWN CLAIMS:

IN REALITY:

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| <p>1. Red Sea Crossing Commenting on our video which shows chariot parts and skeletal remains scattered over the floor of the Red Sea, he writes. "Moreover, the video has the wheels being discovered in the Gulf of Aqaba, not the Red Sea." (<i>Diggings</i>, May 1996.)</p> | <p>The Red Sea of Moses' day was the same Red Sea we know today - the main body of the lower Red Sea, the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba.</p> |
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| <p>2. Noah's Ark</p> <p>"Needless to say, recent visitors can only find a dusty shack on the spot" ("Archaeological Fiction", <i>Diggings</i>, 1995".)</p> | <p>Here is a photo of the Visitor's Centre opened in 1989. Large posters were put up around the walls in 1997 explaining the excavation finds in a way that is easily understood by people of any language.</p> |
| <p>3. Ark of the Covenant Cave</p> <p>"There is a cave beneath Gordon's Calvary but it is occupied by a wholesale banana merchant. He knows nothing of this discovery." (Report to SDA headquarters, Wahroonga, NSW, early 1996.)</p> | <p>Our underground chamber is a good distance away, in the opposite direction! Down's banana cave, on street level, is open to any stray cat that chooses to wander in. You would hardly hide valuables in it!</p> |
| <p>4. Ark of the Covenant</p> <p>"Claims that it has been spirited away by the Israelis are without foundation." (Report to SDA headquarters, Wahroonga, NSW, early 1996.)</p> | <p>Never have we claimed that the Ark of the Covenant has been spirited away to anywhere, but that it remains in the cave, as ever.</p> |

When officials of the SDA Church Division Headquarters in Sydney, Australia, asked Mr. Down for a report on the discoveries, they published his "findings" (which include points 3 and 4 above, believing he had made a thorough investigation).

We can only say that if this is the caliber of research by men to whom the general public looks for guidance, pity help us all!

Later, Dr. Gerhard Pfandl of SDA head office in Sydney confided to a fellow pastor in Port Moresby, "I should not have listened to David Down." Why? David didn't do his homework, but acted from impulse, not from principle.

THE STANDISH-PENNINGTON ATTACK.

What is the truth behind the public attack by the Standish-Pennington brothers?

Like Down, these brothers are disciples of "Creation Science" ("Answers in Genesis"), and therein lies their problem.

Colin and Russell Standish are brothers and David Pennington is married to their sister. So we shall call them the Standish-Pennington brothers.

Colin Standish revealed that his anti-discoveries prejudice stems from the "Creation Science" article against Ron Wyatt: "I did read the extensive article in the Australian Creation Science magazine which gave strong evidence against Noah's Ark having been found by Ron." (Letter to Margaret Gray, dated October 14, 1993.)

It should be a matter of great concern to all honest readers that the Standish-Pennington brothers have enthusiastically followed the fraudulent example of "Answers in Genesis" ("Creation Science"). They are repeating the errors which they learned from "Answers in Genesis" ("Creation Science"), without thinking. There brothers, passing on what are mistaken, biased, antiquated arguments, have become experts at claims not at all valid.

Jesus knew that His efforts to reform a corrupt priesthood would be in vain; nevertheless His work must be done.

Even though we know that our pleading with these leaders will be in vain, we must continue this warning, having faith that others listening will come to a correct knowledge and walk in the light.

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| <p>"We should `prove all things'." (C.Standish, meeting in London March 6, 1999)</p> | <p>"The onus is not on Russell and myself to prove the claims false." (C.Standish letter to M. Gray Oct. 14,1998.)</p> |
| <p>"I can't watch your videos. I don't have a video player" (R. Standish, meeting in Melbourne Sept. 30, 1.998: when offered discovery videos after admitting he had not viewed the evidence.)</p> | <p>"I was watching a video tape about an apparition of the Virgin Mary." (R.Standish, meeting in Melbourne Feb.23,1999.)</p> |

... **OOPS!**

On February 25, 1999, Russell Standish asserted to a group of people in Melbourne that Ron Wyatt did not 'have a permit to excavate in Jerusalem, so must have acted illegally.

Our friend Ross Patterson showed Russell evidence of Ron's permit.

One would expect an honest man to say, "I'm sorry." Not so. Russell immediately switched to something else.

IT BECOMES YOUR LIE WHEN YOU QUOTE A LIE.

This is serious.

On March 6, 1999, in London, Colin Standish publicly admitted he had never met Ron Wyatt. Yet he went around searching for people who hated Ron, to get their testimonies. And these he broadcast.

So here comes another census taker who believes he can answer the question, Has the Ark been found? -by taking an opinion poll over the telephone.

Great! Just what we need. Another expert that's never been to the site telling us all about it.

We used to esteem and physically support the work of the Standish brothers. They stood firmly against the inroads of the New Theology and apostasy into churches. That was a courageous stand.

Sadly, there is a prophecy that toward the end, many a "leading light" will go out.

Now the Standish eye is evil toward Ron Wyatt, trying to make others think that an innocent man is a cheat and a liar.

The Nethercott Factor

The Standish-Pennington brothers had been murmuring behind the scenes for some time, but this flared into public attacks quite recently. Their public outburst was fanned by an Australian named Paul Nethercott.

Nethercott's prejudice, like that of the Standishes, stemmed from the same old, worn-out "Creation Science" article against Ron Wyatt. Nethercott entered one of Jonathan's meetings at Ipswich, Queensland, waving the said article in the air.

It is necessary to state here that Paul comes from a family with a history of mental problems. People who know him take that into account.

One gains the impression of a man ill-informed but obsessed with a passion to attack, rather than a desire to know the truth.

Nethercott spent time on the Internet saturating himself in Mormonism and New Age data. Having read Jonathan's *Ark of the Covenant*, he decided to lump them all in together, putting out a booklet on his fantasies. (7) Clearly, he was not able to understand what he read.

He sent it far and wide. With Jonathan's name on the cover, Nethercott knew he could make money.

"I Don't Know if God will Forgive me"

Josephine Gray read Nethercott's vitriolic attack on her husband. So she wrote to him, then phoned him direct.

"Did you know you have misrepresented and misconstrued what Jonathan wrote? You lied about him. Did you know that?"

Silence.

"You know that you falsely reported what Jonathan wrote. Tell me, do you think God will forgive you for deliberately telling lies?"

"I don't know," replied Nethercott.

"You mean to say you don't know?"

The Standish-Nethercott Plotting

Enter the Standish-Pennington brothers.

Soon Colin Standish and Nethercott were corresponding.

Colin's brother Russell had already been bandying around a leaflet personally denigrating Jonathan. He had not himself checked its "facts", but, hearing of Jonathan's forthcoming meetings in New Zealand, he urged someone to "duplicate and give it out to as many people as possible". The aim was to cause Jonathan's meetings to fail.

Later, after the said meetings had been blessed with huge success, pressure was put on the organizers to supply Russell with the list of names from Jonathan's programme, so Russell could use them for meetings he had in mind. Russell was greatly upset when the organizers declined to do so.

Colin Standish and Paul Nethercott now began to conspire, secretly, corresponding concerning Jonathan. Colin, a man with finesse, never imagined what was about to happen.

Says the book of Proverbs, "Answer a fool according to his folly, LEST HE BE WISE IN HIS OWN CONCEIT" (26:5).

Nethercott was in the seventh heaven that a man of Standish's stature was taking him seriously. He quickly photocopied Standish's private letters to him and gloatingly sent various people copies.

In these letters, C. Standish was conceding he had no evidence against Jonathan, but he was still pleased to call Jonathan's claims "phony". He asked Nethercott to supply evidence that he might use against Jonathan.

"Please do not run this letter around to people," he told Nethercott. (To do that might jeopardize his planned attack against Jonathan.)

Well, that was like giving a child a toy and saying, "Do not play with it." The letter was promptly duplicated by Nethercott, passed around and eventually found its way to us.

Margaret Gray wrote to Colin in kindness, warning him to be careful. *"Jonathan is the last one to hear about what you are saying behind his back Your letters are going through so many hands. Nethercott has*

just proved that you cannot trust him," she wrote "So how can you fall so easily for what he is feeding you)? It should be obvious to you by now what kind of person you are linking yourself to.

"Again I warn you: Even the Lord said, 'He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage' (Prov.26:6).

"Justin case you are not aware, I have met and spoken to Paul Nethercott several times. You only have to look at him to know there is something wrong with the man. It is well known amongst the people that he comes from a family with a history of mental problems. That is the type of person whom you have requested to supply you with information."

Margaret had already said to Colin: *"Just a word of caution before you go writing against what Ron Wyatt and Jonathan Gray are saying: read everything they have written and watch everything they have produced. Check everything thoroughly. Then go to the sites and have 'hands on experience'. Leave nothing to hearsay. Don't take anyone by their accusations or what they write to you. It could be your very downfall."*

Colin continued plotting with Nethercott against **Jonathan... yet he still was waiting for evidence against him!**

Margaret again warned him: *"Just so the religious leaders of Jesus' day were 'waiting' for Jesus to trip up so they could pounce on Him. They followed Jesus' movements through spies to provide evidence.*

"Even the law of the land tells us that a man is not guilty until proven guilty. And the law o God says (James 4:11): 'Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law but a judge'."

"You are contemplating evil against your brother and you haven't got the evidence yet..."

Margaret warned Standish that if he linked up with Nethercott, "I see some serious problems brewing for you."

The Pennington-Nethercott Liaison

Now the Standishes' brother-in-law D.Pennington got into the act. He snatched up the Nethercott misinformation, put his name to it, and sent it out. Pennington acknowledged that large sections "are based on research carried out by Paul Nethercott, and have been independently verified by the author." (4)

The major part of Pennington's paper was virtually unchanged, word for word, from Nethercott's paper.

Margaret noted:

"At the best, Pennington's research is sloppy, showing a careless handling of the truth. He misrepresents and misquotes Jonathan and omits statements that show a different picture. He alleges that Jonathan says things which he doesn't. By selective reporting and taking statements out of context, he tells half truths.

" Why? Because Pennington adopted the research paper of an unstable mind, if not of a fool.

"Many have said they were disappointed -couldn't understand Pennington. "

Here is one example, where Pennington attempts to prove *"the association between Gray, Wyatt and Mormonism "*: *"Amazing Similarities Between Jonathan Gray and Joseph Smith [Mormon founder]... Both speak of prophets and seers."(4)*

Wait a minute, doesn't the Bible speak of prophets and seers?

Commenting on the "shimar" cutting tough materials (of which we wrote in our book *Ark of the Covenant*), Pennington writes: *"In the Appendix of the book, Jonathan admits to getting this idea from Masonic tradition."* (*"Masonic tradition is the source of all Mormon Temple rituals and Mormon doctrines on the Holy Grail."*) (4)

The truth is, Jonathan credited his source as *Louis Gimberg's Legends of the Jews!*

Never mind, this is heavy scholarly critique going on here and now Ron Wyatt doesn't have a chance because unlike Pennington he is "an amateur". (4) So now Wyatt is guilty of "WRONG spelling. For *exannple artefacts is spelt with an 'e' not an 'l',*" smirks the Doctor.

(That means even our *Oxford Paperback Dicjionary* must have it wrong: "artifact alternative spelling of ARTEFACT" - p.41.)

One can read these harangues with amusement or dismay, but seriously... if in spite of best intentions, our learned friend can't get small details right, can we trust him on bigger things like the DISCOVERIES?

Several people to whom Pennington sent his paper recognized it was not his own research at all, but that of Nethercott.

Nethercott's Bogus Newsletter

Soon after this, a document which purported to be the March 1999 issue of *SOUTHLAND COLLEGE NEY'SLETTER* went out from Queensland, addressed to supporters of Southland.

The President of Southland College, Dr. Barry Harker was distressed to receive a copy in the mail.

Dr. Harker promptly issued a statement, from which we quote excerpts:

"Although I did not write or authorise the document, it contained my address and phone number. Unlike all newsletters that I send out, it was unsigned. The envelope in which it arrived had no return address. However, the hand-printed address on the envelope and the contents of the purported newsletter indicate that Mr. Paul Nethercott was the author of the document and the person who had sent it to me.

"As the document was deceitful and seriously misleading, I wrote to Paul on 10 March strongly suggesting that, by 17 March 1999, an unconditional apology to be sent to all persons who had received the bogus newsletter and that I be provided with the names and contact details of those to whom the apology was sent

"On Wednesday, 17 March I received another document from Paul addressed to 'Many of the Foundation Members of Southland College'. The contents of this second document were similar to the first but Paul had replaced my contact details with his own name and contact details on the first page...

"While these documents may accomplish some mischief in the short term, it is unlikely that they will have any lasting negative effect upon the development of the institute.

Nethercott Promotes Standish

In April, 1999, Nethercott issued a newsletter which included a plug for Standish's book:

"Russell Standish now looks to be in the hot pot. He is currently writing a book dealing with all the false doctrines being circulated by the independent ministries. The book is called 'Every Wind of Doctrine'. If he publishes this book and deals with the issues accurately he will be attacking just about every private group in this division and overseas. Many of his faithful supporters till now would be denounced in the book as deceivers and false teachers. His own magazine 'Remnant Herald' itself is typed out, distributed and printed by Gray's support group (Ron and Ula Cable).

Standish Advises Nethercott

While his brother Colin was plotting with Nethercott to attack Jonathan, Russell wrote Nethercott two harsh letters telling him off for his "obnoxious", "contrary to fact" accusations against some other people. He told Nethercott to "return to fidelity".

Deceitful Liaison

So here is Nethercott, a man mentally imbalanced, his writings known to be "deceitful and seriously misleading" (Dr Barry Harker), "obnoxious" and "contrary to fact" (R. Standish). And still the Standish-Pennington brothers link themselves solidly to this man. Because they resent the DISCOVERIES message so much, they snap up Nethercott's anti-discoveries paper and promote it gleefully. One is in awe!

Guess who else peddles the Nethercott fantasies? Of course, "Answers in Genesis" ("Creation Science"), of whom Pennington-Standish are avid disciples!

They're all falling for each other. Believe what they say? You might as well believe in the tooth fairy!

Nethercott Denounces Standishes

But, as we noted above, Russell Standish had just rebuked Nethercott on another matter. This would prove just enough to burst the bubble. Infuriated by Standish's second letter to him, Nethercott now scrawled insults to the Standishes all over Russell's letter and posted it out to all and sundry, branding them as "heretics" and "Satan".

Russell lamented the other day, "Paul Nethercott is the best asset that Gray and Wyatt have"

The Lord "overturns"

Standish-Pennington planned to wipe the discoveries away in the minds of everyone they could reach. But they were themselves confounded. THAT'S HOW GOD WORKS.

Nethercott wanted only to discredit us. But the Lord overturned it, to give the blessing to those whose hearts were turned toward Him.

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision" (Psalm 2:4).

Why The Standish Plot?

We don't know why a man would want to attack the **discoveries before** investigating, unless it be pride.

The Standish brothers were given every opportunity to investigate the truth. Wherever they went - Zambia, Britain, the U.S., New Zealand, every state of Australia, the Pacific countries - people confronted them, begging them to look at the evidence.

But their hearts were locked in disbelief.

One can only conclude that they're digging in their heels against Ron Wyatt, and that no weight of truth will make any difference. Their minds cluttered with intellectual weeds, these brothers have become mischief-makers who speak falsely.

In the brothers' home town, their own father - an honest and decent man - though he was sick, made no excuses and accepted an invitation to attend Jonathan's seminar. He later said he was in excruciating pain and thought he would never be able to sit through the meeting. But he did - and said, on the way home,

"This man has the evidence."

But the Standish-Pennington brothers had doctorates, and, as they said, "Ron Wyatt was only an amateur!" Is that why they turned it all down and badmouthed it without bothering to investigate?

It is not our purpose to humiliate our opponents. But there is an important lesson to learn.

Do not always take your "doctor" to be an archaeological god. They can only be as accurate as their own personal knowledge.

We should not follow the example of or allow the influence of such men to rule over us. Yes, we are all human beings, and we all make mistakes. But making an occasional mistake (and repenting of it) and making a mockery of the truth are two different things. You know the difference.

The discoveries are providing a breath of life to countless people worldwide. But they will be an instrument of death to those who oppose them.

RESPONSE OF THE PUBLIC.

What is the general reaction to these discoveries?

We find that there is a universally positive response. The discoveries grab people's attention.

Of course, there is the occasional cynic. Cynical people you're not going to change, because cynicism is part of their identity.

Overall, any criticism acts as a catalyst and the public is overwhelmingly positive toward the discoveries. God is raising up champions to defend the truth. The truth cannot be suppressed. The "news" is spreading like wild fire.

Our work is non-denominational and non-profit. Secular groups and churches of all denominations invite us to present the evidences. Wherever the programmes are held there is spiritual revival - lives changed and marriages saved.

The discoveries are stirring people like nothing else we know... waking them up.

17. NO WITNESSES EXCEPT RON WYATT?

Is it true, as Russell Standish alleges, that the following are "things that no-one else but Ron Wyatt has been able to see... no-one"... so the only evidence for them is Wyatt's word? such as:

- the oil lamps from the Ark of the Covenant cave;
- the chariot wheels in the Red Sea;
- human skeletons in the Gulf of Aqaba;
- horse skeletons in the Gulf of Aqaba;
- Ron Wyatt's excavation license for Israel;
- The passage way through which the Ark was taken to the cave;
- The blood cells moving; and so on. (5)

If Russell had bothered to read our more recent newsletters, as well as ALL of our published materials, or if he had been bothered to contact us, he would know that many independent witnesses to the following include:

- for the oil lamps: Bob Murrell, Jonathan and Josephine Gray, Randy Osborne, Richard Rives, Marty Plott, Jim Pinkoski.
- for the chariot parts: Aaron Sen, Bill Fry, Paul Springall, Dr. Nerida Thitchener, Dr. Jerome Niswonger, Tom Andrews, Ross Patterson, Josephine Gray, Jonathan Gray, Kerry-John McLeod.
- for skeletal human remains: Jonathan Gray, Bob Murrell, Bill Fry, Aaron Sen, Dr. Lennart Moller
- for skeletal horse remains: Jonathan Gray, Marty Plott, Bob Murrell
- Ron Wyatt's excavation licence for Israel: Dr. Bill Shea, Bob Murrell
- The passageway to the Ark: Bob Murrell, Randy Osborne, John Rauch, Dale Earnsbarger, Fenton Froom
- The blood cells moving: Mary Nell Wyatt, Elizabeth Rives, Richard Rives, David Musudole, Jonathan Gray, Josephine Gray.

This is only a partial list of eyewitnesses.

Since Russell is so mistaken concerning these, perhaps it raises questions concerning the truth of anything else he claims to have researched.

20. "SENSATIONALISM"?

I met a man who said that the discoveries are just sensationalism. How do you answer that?

The discoveries are what he said, but not in the way he thinks.

For Jesus God's Son to come and die for me is sensational. That He actually rose from the dead is sensational. The message going to the world, that He is coming again, that's sensational!

21. BY FAITH ONLY?

Why should one need any discoveries? We are supposed to live by FAITH. But when you broadcast these discoveries, it takes away the need for faith.

It's a shame that many Christians think they "know enough of God simply by faith", without realizing that there is such a blessing in learning of another facet of God - and His awesome control in the revealing of a plan He mapped out so long ago for us who are living in the most historic time of all ages. And this evidence of past events now seen in the discoveries is proof to me that God had us in mind when He delivered Israel from Egypt, Noah from the Flood, and the perfect hiding place for the Ark of the Covenant. He is revealing this for us to increase our trust that He will ultimately deliver us in the time Jesus foretold will be 'like no other' in history. He knows we will need it!

Our faith is not to be in these things discovered. Our faith is to be in a Person - God.

These created things are found in order to make us rejoice and praise God more - not to put our faith in these physical remains.

One thing more. These things are a personal testimony by the discoverer and those who have confirmed the discoveries. And everyone's testimony for Jesus carries the power of salvation.

22. WON'T PEOPLE MAKE IDOLS OF THEM?

What do you say to Russell Standish's claim that the sites are best left un-found, because people will only make idols of them?

We have never promoted the discovery sites to be worshipped. Nor do we know of anyone who worships them. These findings lead people to give glory to God.

23. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OR CHRIST?

Shouldn't you be focusing on Christ, rather than the discoveries?

We share your concern that the focus of all true Christians is a better understanding of Christ and what He accomplished for fallen man, and the possibility of our cleansing and rehabilitation in His name and blood. But all of the things we have brought to light through archaeological and scientific research and documentation, were mentioned by Christ during His earthly ministry. While you personally might fail to profit by a presentation of this material, we have found that thousands of others have had their faith kindled, strengthened and made more persuasive.

24. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DISCOVERIES?

Is there any practical value to us personally, of these discoveries?

Just last week, Jonathan was asked this question publicly in a seminar in Bundaberg, Queensland. His answer was this:

"Firstly, the DISCOVERIES prove the Bible to be true - that it can be trusted When God says that something happened and we see evidence that it did, it builds our faith that other things God tells us are also true.

"If a person consistently tells the truth, you can be sure that when he makes promises to you, he can be trusted Likewise, when these DISCOVERIES consistently prove that the Bible is telling the truth, you can believe the Word when it says that God will care for YOU, that He loves you. You can believe God's promises. It gives you HOPE: it builds your FAITH and it boosts your confidence to face the future.

"All over the world these DISCOVERIES are changing thousands of lives, mending broken homes, and lifting people onto a higher plane."

Just as Jonathan was explaining this, another young man raised his hand to speak.

"I watched your videos," he announced "They changed ME. I must thank you for assisting me with the knowledge of God, so that I was able to come to our dear heavenly Father. Thank you so very much; I just maybe a star on your crown in heaven. Thank you. Praise God."

The audience was visibly moved. To hear such an unexpected spontaneous testimony from this stranger in the audience was indeed a thrill. And it proved that point.

But do these DISCOVERIES have any other relevance for us today? The answer is YES... a **prophetic significance**.

There have been some EXTRAORDINARY INTERVENTIONS of God in history.

The stories of such events have been told and retold over the ages - but without any hard evidence that they ever occurred, or precisely where.

It now appears that this was God's plan. He allowed men either to think that the true sites were somewhere else (as in the case of Mount Sinai), or He "blinded" men to the evidence right before their eyes (as with Sodom and Gomorrah).

One can only marvel that He was PRESERVING, PROTECTING, these sites THROUGHOUT HISTORY, for a purpose. Other historical sites were being discovered - and looted. If the true locations of these major events had been known all along, there would be likewise no evidence left now. So they were being kept- ready.

We live in an age when people simply don't believe that these past interventions by God ever happened. And we have arrived at the point in history just before the greatest intervention of all.

So, before He intervenes again, the Creator will give each person the opportunity to know the truth. He will bring out the evidences He has been keeping safe, just for this time.

A Prophecy for Today

There's a prophecy that the Lord will do something to call all the non-believers (Gentiles) and show them that He really is the Lord.

*"... the Gentiles... shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies... Therefore, behold, I will **this once...** cause them to know **mine hand and my might**; and they shall know that my name is the LORD " (Jer. 16:19-21!). They shall say, "WE SEE IT WITH OUR VERY OWN EYES."*

I am convinced that the discoveries we are examining will play a big part in this, by revealing the Lord's hand and His might in His past acts... *"as the Lord you God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over. That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD that is mighty..."* (Joshua 4:23,24).

In His love and mercy, the Lord God will provide evidence: of **His hand and His might in history**, just when it is needed - just **prior to His mightiest intervention of all** -the Second Coming.

Those evidences have been preserved for such a time, to grab the attention of the whole world. You could call them God's great attention-getters.

Each Event an Omen

Each was a UNIQUE intervention in history.

And in prophecy, EACH IS SPECIFICALLY LINKED TO THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST TO TAKE OVER THIS WORLD!

1. Noah's Flood and the Ark

Never was there an occasion when the whole world was wiped out by a Flood... never before nor since. It was an act of judgment and preservation of the faithful.

Now, suddenly, the survival vessel from that event has been FOUND.

Jesus Himself states that the Flood - and the Ark - are a sign for people who shall be alive to witness His return. (Matt. 24:37-39).

2. Sodom and Gomorrah

Never have cities been hit by balls of fiery brimstone: and been transformed totally into ash -except these. Another unique event. Again, it was an event of judgment - and mercy.

Now, suddenly the remains are identified.

Again, Jesus offers this event as an example to people who will be alive to witness His Second Coming (Luke 17:28-32.). It is also mentioned as an example for the time of the Last Judgment (Jude 7; 2 Peter 2:6-9.).

3. Red Sea Crossing

Only once was the sea ever parted to bring down a super power with its mighty army and arrogant king. A unique event.

The Bible says that the Israelite deliverance through the Red Sea and the associated events are "ensamples" for those people "*upon whom* the ends of the world are come" (1 Cor. 10:1,2,11).

Is it not significant, as we enter these "end times", that along with Noah's Ark and Sodom and Gomorrah, the Red Sea crossing site is now revealed to the world for the first time?

4. Mount Sinai

Another mighty intervention was when the Creator Himself descended upon a mountain, shook the earth with His Presence and before an entire assembled nation spoke and wrote on everlasting stone His Ten Commandments. Unique!

Again, the location of this awesome event has been confirmed - could we say, at the right time?

Likewise, a biblical prophecy links this event to the return of Jesus Christ, at which time the heavens shall be shaken: *"Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised saying, Yet this once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven"* (Heb.12:18,21,26. Compare Joel 3:16; Haggai 2:6,7; Matt. 24:29,30; Rev. 6:14).

5. Ark of the Covenant

This golden chest was the most sacred object known to man, being the special place on earth upon which the Divine Presence rested during the theocracy of Israel. Unique, indeed. Then it was lost for some 2,500 years.

The eventual finding of this Ark, it was long considered, would be an omen of the Messiah's appearance.

Now it has been discovered and under the most unusual circumstances.

God's Perfect Timing

Five major discoveries. Each one hidden until now. Each an example of God's past unique interventions. Discovered at the very time when He is preparing to intervene again! Wouldn't you call that perfect timing?

Might not these discoveries be considered a sign that the end of man's control is fast approaching - a most serious warning from our Lord that time is running out? - a call from our Creator for us to get our act together, VERY QUICKLY?

Certainly His Word is truthful. It CAN be taken literally. The Bible does have a habit of telling the truth. This means you can trust God's promise to help you get ready for the new earth He is planning. You can be confident that He loves you and that He wants you to live with Him for eternity. But, of course, He will force nobody. But He will give the evidence. Then it's up to you.

25. HOW FINANCED AND BACKED?

Are you connected with any scientific, political or religious organization? And how do you finance your work?

Our work is totally self-supporting, not linked to any religious, political or other group. Each team member pays his own expenses. Finance comes, in some cases, from other part-time work, or from sales of books, videos and so on, as well as, to a smaller extent, from donations.

This way, we are free to speak without restraint according to conscience.

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