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# The Next World

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Perhaps the last thing one should write during a lifetime should be about the next world. Where are we now, and what comes next? Is this all there is? These are questions asked from the beginning, and the answers form our own religious reality, "the Plain Truth" in our worldview.

What is reality? We cannot make it up. All we can do is quote our sources because we have not existed in the past in every other place on earth. We weren't there.

Our own reality may be a strong belief in predestination, that a Higher Realm has designed the past, present and future, and we have little to say about what happens.

For instance, a voice spoke out of nowhere, from the "Higher Realm", and the universe came forth from nowhere, right? And then grass appeared out of nowhere and produced the first grass seed, along with wheat and rye.

On another day, mature salmon appeared out of nowhere and began swimming upstream to plant their first eggs. On another day, chickens came before their eggs.

The Voice spoke again saying, "Let us create man in our image", and Adam took shape and began to breathe. He came from the soil, right? And we might assume all living things came from the soil, not just man, because everything returns to the soil. "Ashes to ashes and dust to dust."

The Voice inspired Noah to build an ark to escape a great flood, and it spoke to Abraham promising his offspring all of Palestine from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates river. Is this our worldview?

In the first century, the Jews lost their homeland, and the Higher Realm, which cannot be seen, was expected to intervene and solve problems with those they could see. When would this occur? Every date they have set for 2,000 years have ended with another great disappointment, and life goes on without ever discovering they are using first century software on 21<sup>st</sup> century computers. Horoscopes are still around, and many still believe in Tarot cards, magic words, magic numbers, hocus pocus and sacred names.

Jumping forward to today, we finally face the reality that life goes on as usual after learning the world is actually round instead of flat

Those who denied that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, were destined to continue setting dates for their Messiah to come and rid them of the Roman occupiers during a jubilee year to get their land back, land which Joshua had given them.

## Fast Forward 2,000 Years

Life moves on, and electricity has now lit up the night around the globe, and we can view the wonder from a signal broadcast from a satellite to our smart phones.

Today we wonder. How many inventors awoke one morning with new insights and solutions broadcast "out of nowhere" to their receptive brains?

Today we wonder. From where do dreams come, and where is the Higher Realm? Is it somewhere in our universe or in an invisible fourth dimension? Is it situated somewhere in the dark matter throughout the universe pushing the galaxies apart?

After each new insight, there are always ignorant villains mocking the progress: "It'll never fly, Orville!" "So that's called a what? A laser? Sounds like you're just wasting your time! What's it is good for?"

But now we know. Lasers are everywhere and used, for instance, in 3D printers to cure layer after layer of polymer to create 3D sculptures or scaffolds that can house stem cells of a tooth, ear, eardrum, liver, etcetera each having its own blood vessels. During the process, the cells absorb the scaffold while attaching themselves to living organisms.

In 2012, an entire car was "printed" with a laser during a 3D Printing Expo in a Chicago and driven off the showroom floor in four days.

Now NASA says they will need 3D printers on Mars and the explorers there will only need to take about 40 different kinds of "printer inks", such as plastic, metal, wax, carbon, and plaster, in order to create walls for housing, shelving, storage containers, super magnets for electric motors and chargers for electric tools, and other necessities.

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Computer Aided Design (CAD) programs can create 3D scans of objects and broadcast them to a 3D printer on Mars within minutes.

A 5D (five-dimensional) storage device has just been announced. Allegedly, a laser will place 360 terabytes of data on one glass disk. One terabyte is equal to 1,000 gigabytes or 100,000 megabytes. Perhaps then, with enough storage space, the entire body will eventually be scanned with all its moving parts over time, that is, in the fourth dimension.

My first hard drive back in 1987 was 40 megabytes; others had only 20. In comparison, our brain stores about 200 megabytes. The new disks will last for 13.8 billion years. Holographic storage was exhibited back in 2000.

The downside is that, in science fiction, planets can become too smart to exist. Thank heavens that Jor-El was able to send his son, Kal-El (Superman) to earth before Krypton exploded and vanished!

# **Today's Worldview**

Jumping forward to today, we finally face the reality that life goes on as usual after learning the earth actually goes around the sum, and sun dials should always point to the north celestial pole.

Last September, in 2015, scientists allegedly received a "gravity wave" produced by two black holes colliding into each other 1.3 billion years ago. This undoubtedly means the scientists don't seem to agree with the idea that the earth is only 6,000 years old since the universe is far more ancient (More on this at: <u>http://code251.com/ageofuniverse.pdf</u>).

Still the Higher Realm, which cannot be seen, is expected to intervene and solve all problems with others who can be seen.

Perhaps the Higher Realm is a highly advanced form of life. Perhaps it is able to hear and record every word we say and able to play each word back at some point in the future (Mat 12:36). On the other hand, the greater we create the Higher Realm with our imagination the greater we create that realm in our own false image.

When will the Messiah appear to rid the Jews of their Roman occupiers in a jubilee year to give them their land back, which Joshua had given their ancestors at the beginning? Or when will the Messiah return?

Those who have denied that Jesus was Christ, the Messiah, were destined to continue setting dates for the event, and all dates they have set have been a great disappointment.

#### The Legend of the Fountain of Youth and the Search for Living Waters

Many explorers have been motivated by their own images of the fountain of youth and legends about the water of life. Their quest has continued for thousands of years perhaps before or after the epic of Gilgamesh just after Noah's flood.

Elijah sent a man with leprosy to dip himself in the Jordan river seven times to be healed of the affliction.

In Ezekiel 47:1 and Zechariah 14:8 a river of living waters was to flow from the temple in Jerusalem.

In the first century, during the second temple, Christ told a Samaritan woman at a well that he had water that would take away her thirst forever. During the second temple in the first century, Christ smeared some mud on the eyes of a man blind from childhood and told him to go wash in the Gihon. This spring ran down to a pool in Jerusalem.

In the first century, during the second temple, there was also the <u>Pool of Bethesda</u> in the book of John. The first person to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water was healed of his or her affliction.

The legend of the fountain of youth lived on. King Arthur was wounded in battle and quickly returned to Glastonbury to drink of the water of life located there. The story is <u>HERE</u>.

In 1513 the Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon was told that a fountain of youth was located in Bimini, and it could restore youth and turn a man into a boy.

# The Divine Plan to Reach the Gihon Spring

These legends are nothing new. In the Promised Land there was an ancient priestly king whose temple stood over the <u>Gihon spring</u> during the time of Abraham. A Jewish legend says this king was Noah's son, Shem, who lived 600 years.

Likewise, a mysterious, hidden context of the Isralites' exodus from Egypt is connected with reaching the <u>Gihon Spring</u>. This voyage from the exodus to the temple has been foreshadowed by the holy days.

It is doubtful that anyone completely understands how the Passover, Pentecost and other holy days are foreshadows of reaching the <u>Gihon Spring</u> in a future golden age.

Jewish religion is based upon holy days and events in Jewish history. The <u>exodus</u> from Egypt was celebrated every year on the <u>Passover</u>. The Passover in year one is when the Israelites left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea during the days of <u>Unleavened Bread</u>, and they received the Ten Commandments on the 50<sup>th</sup> day, at Mt. Sinai, on the day of <u>Pentecost</u>.

At the beginning of year two, the other holy days were revealed. The feast of <u>Trumpets</u> would follow Pentecost. Therefore, in the late summer, at grape harvest season, twelve scouts were sent to explore the Promised Land, and they came back with a sample of giant grapes and with a bad report about giant men being too mighty for anyone to defeat.

Through lack of faith, they could not enter and fulfill the next feast called "Trumpets" or begin the jubilee cycle at the next feast called the day of <u>Atonement</u> or reach their golden age and finally celebrate the last feast called <u>Tabernacles</u>.

#### The True Destination

The goal was to enter the Promised Land and, eventually, reach the place where Abraham had paid tithes to the priestly king of Salem (a place later called the City of David). Allegedly, this was the very place where Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac and where God would eventually place his name and enter his rest.

Eventually, when Solomon became king, he rode through Jerusalem on the king's mule to be anointed at the <u>Gihon Spring</u>. After his third year, he built the temple and <u>dedicated</u> it during the feast of "<u>Tabernacles</u>".

During the dedication, fire fell from heaven onto the Altar, and the priests bathed in a pool formed by the <u>Gihon</u>. They were purified, cleansed and anointed before slaughtering, roasting and boiling 142,000 sacrifices. Blood from the sacrifices flowed down the <u>Gihon</u> into the Kidron valley below, and the feast was celebrated 14 days instead of the usual seven. This tempts us to define this special feast as the fulfillment of Tabernacles and the fulfillment of the holy days from <u>Passover to Tabernacles</u>, which began at the exodus and lasted until the temple.

These golden years from the exodus to the temple were the beginning of the Old Covenant with Israel, a period likely pictured by the "mount of blessing" in Joshua's time.

The second temple was rebuilt over the Gihon, and the water still flows today after the second temple no longer exists. It flows through Hezekiah's tunnel, which has recently been uncovered, and it <u>has no connection</u> with the Temple Mount, where the Golden Mosque now stands.

#### **Repetition in The New Covenant**

Now here's another kind of fulfillment of the Holy Days and fulfillment of the water gushing from the temple. These days appear to have a dual meaning for the New Covenant with the church.

Christ told a Samaritan woman at a well that he had water that would permanently take away her thirst forever. Perhaps she took him to be a prophet because it had been written that there would come to pass an even greater gushing of water expected during the second temple (Zechariah 13:1, Ezekiel 47:1, and Zechariah 13:7; 14: 4, 20-21).

There are other signs that Christ was the fulfillment in the New Covenant.

He is the temple in Revelation (Rev 21:22).

He is compared to the water that had sprung from a rock in the wilderness (<u>I Cor 10:4</u>), much like the temple with its <u>Gihon Spring</u> gushing from its threshold (Rev 22:22).

He placed mud on the eyes of a man (who had been blind since his birth) and told him to go wash in the <u>Gihon</u> streaming from under the temple floor, and his eyes were healed.

He was the Passover Lamb.

He was the true bread from heaven.

He was the serpent on a stake, which could take away the "sting of death" for those who looked upon him.

His fulfillment would happen during the restored second temple, in a time when the Messiah would be rejected of his own and be sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zech 12:3) and when Jews, proselytes and other representatives from all nations would visit Jerusalem (Zech 8:20-23) three times in the year for the Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles (Zech 14:16).

## Fulfillment of Pentecost and Tabernacles

The <u>Gihon Spring</u> can be compared to the day of Pentecost, when the church was founded in Jerusalem (after the feast of Tabernacles in 30 AD, Jn 7:37). Jews had come to Jerusalem from every nation under heaven (Acts 2:5). These included witnesses who had seen 5,000 people being fed from a few fish and loaves in Galilee. There was the man blind from birth and a man crippled 40 years, since his birth. He was there.

On Pentecost, the Spirit began abiding in the Jews, proselytes and other representatives as in a tabernacle. Undoubtedly, this was to fulfill the feast of Tabernacles and Holy Days during the New Covenant.

This was prophesied during the Last Great Day of the feast of Tabernacles in the previous fall (John 7:37-39). Before Pentecost, the temple veil was torn in half to allow access to those of the new covenant (Heb 7:12-14; 9:12), and the Law was written upon their hearts instead of stones.

After Pentecost that year, these all returned back to every nation under heaven with their messages gushing forth from them (Jn 7:38).

This was even before Paul was called to reach those nations years later, and, even before this, the 12 apostles were sent forth two by two throughout the land to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel to heal the sick and to <u>raise the dead</u> (Mat 10:6-8).

Likewise, the <u>Gihon Spring</u> continued to gush out from the temple, down through the Kidron Valley and out toward the Dead Sea. The water of life and the leaves of the tree of life were to heal the nations (Rev 22:1-2).

## The Higher Realm Still Active

The above views suggest that the Higher Realm is highly involved with our present world even thought it is far from perfect. Neither was the world perfect in the time of Daniel, but he still knew the Higher Realm sets up kings and puts them down (Dan 4:25) for it is the Highest Realm or "The Most High". Sodom, Egypt, Israel, Assyria, Babylon and Persia are among the kingdoms brought down.

By the first century, the temple was brought down the second time. It had been burned twice, once in 587 BC and once in 70 AD. Both times were on a Sunday, on Av 9. What are the odds this could happen just by random chance or by coincidence?

Moreover, Jerusalem was plowed twice, in 71 and in 135 AD, both times were again on Av 9.

This is the essence of Revelation. Eventually, the good overcomes the evil and brings them to justice. Jerusalem fell and was plowed as a field, and this was prophesied to happen ahead of time in Micah 3:12.

#### New Truths

Those who are Christ's have the Spirit of Christ, but there are also Antichrists who deny that Jesus was the Messiah and are not inspired.

Normally, we should double-check our sources to see what is true, but Apostle Paul also had many new truths not recorded in the Old Testament. Instead he claimed that Christ taught him these things during his visit in Arabia.

How did he know he should visit a man in Macedonia? He saw in him in a vision and heard a voice.

How did he also know that, at the end, the dead would be raised first, and then those still alive would be changed?

How did he know a "man of sin" would eventually set in the temple before Christ's return? These ideas are not in the Old Testament.

How did he know, "That which goes down is not that which comes back up"? This would mean that those eaten by lions or burned at the stake could still expect to eventually dwell among those of the Higher Realm, even though, they had never seen the dead resurrected from ashes or dung. Previously, in the Old Testament, the just were to be wrapped like a mummy and have a proper burial.

If Paul were directed by a voice from the Higher Realm, then other bishops, such as Polycarp, Irenaeus and the Pope might also claim to follow this same voice. The list could be extended endlessly.

#### The Next World

Actually, everyone deserves to inherit a world of people just like themselves, but

everybody wants to live in a perfect world, in a state of Nirvana, or in a Utopia or in some kind of Paradise, but nobody wants to become perfect in order to live there.

Even terrorists who kill others to "overcome the world" want to inherit a perfect world in the next life. But murderers, liars, thieves and rapists would most likely contaminate and disrupt an otherwise peaceful and joyful world created by the Higher Realm (Revelation 2:7; 3:5; 3:12; Rev 22:15). The good should overcome the evil and bring them to justice, but, in reality, the pendulum continues to swing both ways down to our present time.

#### Top Down Governments and Feudal Systems

Here is something that never seems to change. Monarchs and tyrants live in castles, ride in golden carriages pulled by white horses, and they gain power over the lower class, which is considered to be Astroturf.

It is nothing new. Volumes have been written on how Ptolemy, Cleopatra and Marcus Antony, Julius Caesar and Herod captured lands and assigned quotas to large landowners who managed the slaves and collect taxes on everything produced. Don't pay your property tax, and monthly bills and discover just who actually owns your house and yard.

Not much has changed since then, but there is still hope that the Higher Realm will intervene and come to the rescue and be more generous.

Hopefully, it will not be a rigged feudal system where a royal class owns all the fields and overtaxes the people to pay for their lofty castles while the rest of the vulgar uneducated commoners live in rundown shacks while reaping just enough income to stay alive for another season.

Being provoked turns into a rebellion, a revolt and another revolution, and this cycle seems endless.

Hopefully, there will evolve a system of the people and for the people, which will include the "lower class" and "middle class". The European class system was supposed to remain in Europe and not cross the ocean to America. But, in the meantime, we should prove what we believe to be true and follow it, and it shouldn't matter what the upper class thinks.

The system exists on every level. For example, during the 1900's it was discovered that super magnets could produce free electricity, and Nicholi Tesla wanted to wirelessly transfer AC electricity to everyone free of charge, but the utility companies gained control and bound every home and business to an electric grid. The result? Everyone is now swamped with monthly bills.

#### The Holy Day Pattern of the Second Covenant

Some keep the Holy Days without understanding their fulfillment <u>during the first</u> <u>century</u> (the second covenant) and ignores the prophecy that proselytes and a Jewish remnant scattered among all nations under heaven would return to Jerusalem three times every year (Deut 16:16) to keep the Passover, Pentecost (Acts 2:5), and feast of Tabernacles (Zech 14:16; Jn 7:37) during the second temple (Zech 14:20), while sacrifices were still being offered (Zechariah 14:16-21).

As said, the second temple was restored from 520 to 515 BC under the Persian king Darius (who was also called Artaxerxes and Ahasuerus in Greek and Hebrew) (Ezra 6:15; 7:7; Esther 2:16).

The voice spoke through Moses during the first covenant, after the exodus. He was the "son of God" in Babylon's fiery furnace (Dan 3:25), the one who wrote on a wall in the very night Babylon fell, in 539 BC.

Christ allegedly existed from the beginning (Jn 1:1; I Jn 1:1). He was the Passover and the bread from heaven during the wilderness. He was like the image placed upon a stake in the wilderness. Those who were snake bitten could look upon the image, and it would take away the "sting of death" (Jn 3:14)., the High Priest who went behind the temple veil once and for all. Those who looked upon him steadfastly could walk on water.

#### Time Patterns, Repetition and Design Prove there is a Designer

TABLE 1 below unveils a mysterious time pattern perhaps created by the Higher Realm.

Alexander of Macedonia conquered Egypt and Palestine and permitted the Jews to continue observing their sabbaticals after 331 BC, 294 years (49 x 6) before Herod conquered Jerusalem in 37 BC.

Cyrus of Persia conquered Babylon in 539 BC, and Herod conquered Jerusalem 502 years (251 x 2) later, in 37 BC. The Gospels began in the days of Herod (Mat 2:1), in 37 BC.

TABLE 2. One view from Adam to the temple has 2761 years (251 x 11), and a second version has 2989 years (427 x 7).

These two views would differ by 228 years (2989 - 2761 = 228).

This is the same difference as 479 minus 251 from the exodus to the temple (479 - 251 = 228).

Later, the Jews reduced the Persian period 166 years and subtracted 62 years between Adam and the exodus from Egypt. (166 + 62 = 228). (Note: 1004 BC + 251 = 1255 BC = 251 x 5 = in the time of Pharaoh Rameses II).

Archbishop Ussher's version of chronology has Solomon dedicating the temple and bringing in the Ark from the house of Abinadab in 1004 BC. In our revised modern dating, David captures Jerusalem and brings in the Ark in 1004 BC.

If sabbaticals began with Adam in 3957 BC, there would be a sabbatical 1757 years (251 x 7) after Adam, at the fall of Babel, and one in 2989 years (427 x 7) at the founding of the temple in 968 BC.

However, there is evidence that someone added 52 years to the 427 years between the exodus and the temple (427 + 52 = 479 as in I Kings 6:1) and subtracted 52 years from 1708 years  $(1708 - 52 = 1656) (427 \times 4 = 1708)$  from Adam to the flood, and this has caused almost every archaeologist to look for the exodus in 1447 BC instead of in 1395 BC (1447 - 1395 = 52).

Other archaeologists have also dated the exodus as 1395 BC (1447 – 52 = 1395). Other researchers here at (link one) and (link two) also believe the exodus was 427 years before the temple, in the time of Amenophis II. The 427-year pattern is not quite as evident between Adam and the flood and the pattern between the exodus and Solomon's temple. Nevertheless, there are still 427 x 7 years from Adam to the temple  $3957 - 968 = 427 \times 7$ ).

#### TABLE 1. Time Pattern Related to 37 BC

From	Years	
3957 BC (corrected date of Creation)	to $37 \text{ BC} = 3920$	$= 931 + 49 \ge 4 (80 \text{ jubilees})$
3026 BC (corrected: Adam's death)	to $37 \text{ BC} = 2989$	= <u>427 x 7 (61 jubilees)</u>
3761 BC (Hebrew rabbinical Creation)	to $37 \text{ BC} = 3724$	= 931 x 4
968 BC (Temple founded)	to $37 \text{ BC} = 931$	= 931 years (19 jubilees)
3761 BC	to $37 \text{ BC} = 3724$	= 4 jubilees x 19
2830 BC (Adam's death)	to $37 \text{ BC} = 2793$	= 57 jubilees
3761 BC	to $37 \text{ BC} = 3724$	= 19 years x 196 (4 jubilees)
3761 BC	to $37 \text{ BC} = 3724$	$= 532 \ge 7$
331 BC (Alexander's sabbatical grant)	to $37 \text{ BC} = 294$	= 6 jubilees

TABLE 2. The 427-year and 251-year Patterns to the Temple (3957 - 968 BC)

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#### The Second Temple Taken Out of Context

After the temple was destroyed in 587 BC, a voice spoke to the prophet Ezekiel about a restored second temple surrounded by 12 restored tribes of Israel with a restored Levite priesthood, sacrificial offerings, restored tithing and restored holy days. After Ezekiel died in 571-70 BC, the tribes still had not returned.

Therefore, many have claimed the prophecy will still happen in the future, perhaps in our time. They say the prophecy is unconditional, not based upon repenting and returning to the restored temple after Ezekiel's time.

Conditional? Yes because the Higher Realm told Ezekiel to show the house of Israel the vision of the temple with the 12 tribes surrounding the temple, and, "If they (the 12 tribes) be ashamed of all they have done, show them the form of the house... and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight" (Ezekiel 44:10-11). This includes the duties of the Levites in the temple around the altar. The voice in the vision said that all 12 tribes had to repent and return to Palestine to fulfill the prophecy. It was conditional.

Some agree that Ezekiel's vision (in chapters 40 to 48) was in 574 BC, in the 14th year after the first temple was burned (Ezek 40:1).

Others reject the view that it was a prophecy for the century in which Ezekiel lived. Ezekiel died 571 BC (the 17th year), and the prophecy was in 574. Therefore, they claim the vision never reached the twelve tribes to entice them to return. There was a lack of time.

Nevertheless, they retain the idea that the restored temple would restore the Levite priesthood and sacrificial offerings just like we find in Zechariah 14:20 and Ezekiel 46:4).

What actually happened is that the restored second temple was founded in 520 BC and finished in 515 BC, in the year Esther was crowned queen over Persia (Ezra 7:1; Esther 2:16) (Archbishop Ussher said Darius was Artaxerxes in the Greek Septuagint version).

Nevertheless, Messianic prognosticators say Ezekiel 40 is about Christianity being temporary and coming to an end when their Messiah comes to rid their Promised Land of foreign occupiers and to fulfill the jubilee by getting their land back, which Joshua had given their ancestors. He would then restore the temple in our future.

Ezekiel must be read carefully in its context to see how this view conflicts with the Christian era described in Hebrews 9 and 10 and Galatians 4 and 5.

Haggai and Zechariah wrote during the years after the second temple was founded in 520 BC and spoke of the two witnesses, Joshua the high priest, the four horses, a King riding on a donkey and being rejected and sold for 30 pieces of silver. It would be a time when living waters (the Gihon) would gush forth from the temple (Ezek 47:1; Zech 13:1; Rev 22:1) to heal a man who had been blind 40 years, since his birth (Jn 9:6). And there was another type of "Living Waters" going forth in the first century.