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BRIEFS: B.C.S ON THE MOVE

London Crusaders are Pacesetters

Additional Report by Ayaru George

In keeping with the divine injunction that the end will not come until this News of the Kingdom has reached the farther most part of the earth, New Kingdom Crusaders, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit have risen to this divine challenge. They have made tremendous strides and have in the process penetrated areas that were previously styled. No - GO AREA or taboo for the gospel of Christ.

It is with this spirit of winning the entire world for the Holy Spirit that the 'LONDON CRUSADE FELLOWSHIP' as they call themselves decided to invade Europe with the message of the New Kingdom as enunciated by the Holy Spirit personified, the Comforter now on earth with man, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu. The evangelical tour took them to most parts of Europe, like AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, AUSTRIA, GERMANY, SPAIN AND VIETNAM. Below are the briefs.

AUSTRALIA:

Some London based Crusaders under the auspices of the All Ordained Fellowship visited Australia in 1992. This Holy Spirit crack team was made up of Pastor W. M. Kaseba and Deaconess I. M. Udondem. They moved from Melbourne to Sydney. Here the mission of the Holy Father and His Divine Teachings were imparted to the people.

Lectures were delivered at the University of Sydney, interview conducted with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and they also fellowshipped with the Roman Catholic Church (Redform Church). Finally, the Holy Spirit took all the glory, six brethren were baptised thus resulting in the setting up of the first ALTAR of Brotherhood is Australia.

FRANCE:

On the invitation, of a certain Pastor of 'Le Bethel' a church

in the year of Our Lord 1993, June, Apostle V. Briggs; Prophet Joe Y. Arthur and others went to France for the second time. The Pastor and his family were baptised during their first visit. The testimony now is the Holy Spirit had since revived the church which was on the verge of collapse. More members have been baptized and two branches; are opened outside Paris. More to this, the French government has given the church a legal identity. The team further strengthened the members with the teachings of the Holy Spirit. It is generally believed that at the fullness of time, the Father will do His Work.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND:

In Dublin, the capital of Republic of Ireland, Her Excellency, Mrs. Wadibia Anyanwu, the Nigerian Ambassador, was baptised. This followed the visit to that country by six Christ Natural Crusaders in August 1993. Based in Lon-



Crusaders as they propagate the goodnews to the people.

don, they are Apostle Briggs, Prophet J. Y. Arthur, Pastor J. Aluko, Prophetess C. Kyei, Deac. I. M. Udondem, Elder M. Daganness.

On receiving her salvation and the teachings of the New Kingdom, she was amazed at the recondite wisdom, and surprised that God had since visited His world with a New Name - Olumba Olumba Obu. Sister Wadibia Anyanwu had since started witnessing for the Holy Spirit. As a sign of appreciation she gave flight tickets to some brethren to visit Vietnam with the aim of propagating the teachings of Leader O. O. Obu. She promised more aids in future as God would grant her the will. These children of the Father also distributed tracts at the City Centres.

AUSTRIA

Still in the spirit of liberating the whole world through the teachings of Leader O. O. Obu, Apostle V. Briggs, Prophet J. Y. Arthur and four others stormed Vietnam with the mission and teachings of Leader O. O. Obu. This, they have done twice in 1993. The

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MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On December 30th, this year the entire members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star will converge at Calabar - The Headquarters of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and the various Pentecostal Centres to commemorate the physical manifestation of the Holy Spirit on Earth.

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SHEIKH MANDOUR: The Islamic Scholar Who Saw Christ

The Sheikh Mandour stories will continue to make headline news for some time to come. This is because of the controversy involved in it. One; hardline followers of the doctrine of the Holy Prophet Mohammed will find it difficult to believe that a professed Moslem will have the gift of The Holy Spirit to the extent of seeing and communing with the Lord Jesus Christ. Two: fundamentalists and fanatics have over the years created artificial bridge between Christianity and Islam. How then could an Islamic

Scholar of 27 years standing suddenly become a spokesman for the Christian faith.

However, God no matter the appellation used in referring to Him and the method used in reaching Him is the same and all His creations are the same. He (God) could therefore reveal Himself to anybody at any time. The Sheikh Mandour story is similar to that of Saul who

later became Paul; except that Saul was openly persecuting the early Christians prior to his anointing and commission. Such is the controversy surrounding the Sheikh Mandour story that makes it a refreshing read anyday.

Due to popular demand therefore, the Sheikh Mandour saga is revisited and it forms our COVER STORY for this month. Page 5.

INSIDE

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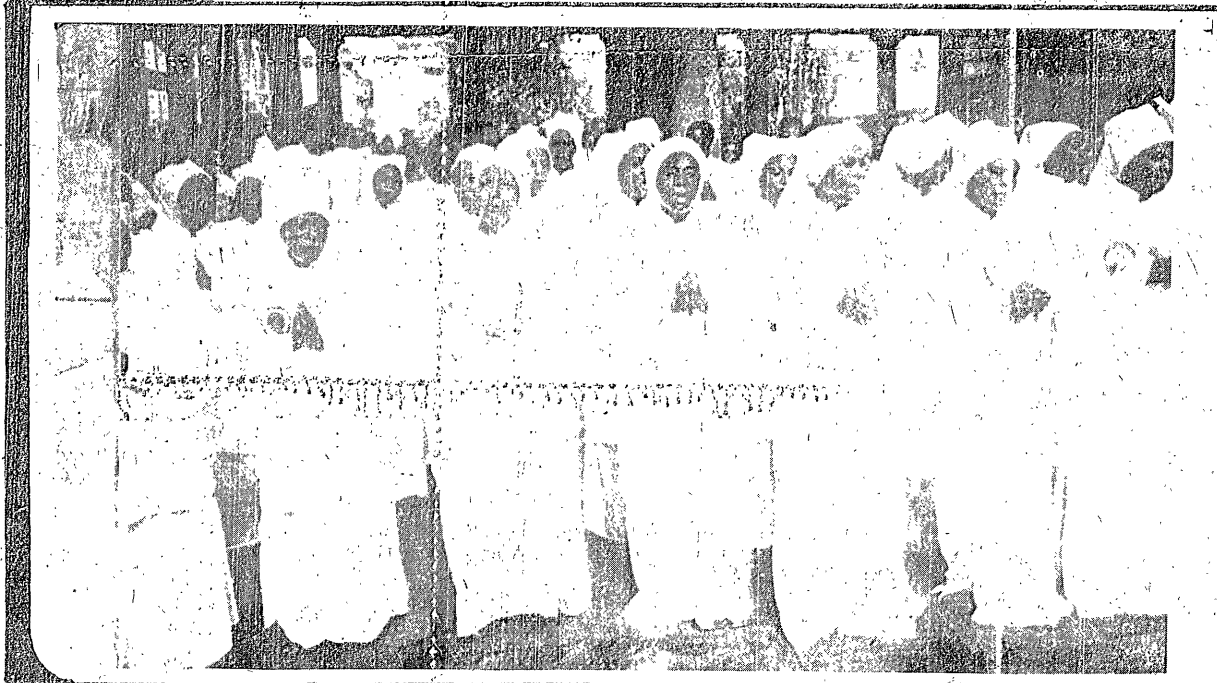
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Liberia

HERALD PHOTO

A brother (Chorister) is here introducing the songs to be rendered to the audience while others watch on.



Here the members of London Natural Choristers Fellowship march to the hall to render their heart moving renditions.

In times past traditional rulers were demi-gods in their 'dens' but now, the arrival of the Holy Spirit has changed the situation. They now operate on the doctrines and teachings of the Holy Spirit. Here, traditional rulers pay homage to the Holy Spirit personified, Leader O. O. Obu



OPINION

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DETERMINISM IN CHRISTIANITY

symptom of that spirit is consciousness. If the body which has come into existence through the habitation of the spirit, the light, the spark of life is separated and dismantled from the spirit, consciousness stops or is removed from it and a body without consciousness is a dead body. The duality of the nature of a living man makes consciousness absolutely necessary for the animation of the body. The Soul, the spirit is life-wire and vital and greater component of a living being but it is different from the body, and as long as the soul is there the body is alive and animate. But, there is no possibility of making the body animate in the absence of the soul. Wherever the soul is, with or without the bodily dress it carries with it consciousness such as man has been experiencing in dream state during astral projection.

The dilemma of man is that the spirit wars against the flesh and flesh wars against the spirit within an entity called man. Man is trying to attend eternity bliss and supernatural knowledge by means of an imperfect instrument the flesh, the body composed of a combination of material elements. But man's progress towards those goals is being blocked by the material, corporeal body. That is the drama of the fall in Eden.

To what extent is man responsible for this? To what extent was the happening a predetermined act of God? Why did God endow man with a free-will? What precautions were taken by our Creator so that the flesh might not overcome the spirit - His image, His spark of life, His likeness. Or, what precautions were taken by our Maker so that MAN might not abuse the free-will? Was the possible abuse of the freewill unanticipated by the maker? Or was it permitted within His purposeful intent and plan and His all encompassing love?

The body is composed of senses, and the senses are always hungry after their objects i.e.

what to feed upon. Thus the senses are dragging man from one illusory, flickering but intoxicating, momentary pleasure and place to another. At the same time innate nature of man, the inner man is warring against the sensuousness of the body and bodily senses and their momentary pleasures and striving for the real, actual and lasting pleasures of the spirit - harmony with the Creator, the Maker and attainment of joy, happiness, peace and bliss of the spirit. Thus the kingdom of God, we are told is not that of eating and drinking, but of joy and peace that comes from and is in the Holy Spirit.

In the minds of those who are too attached to sense and material enjoyment, the resolute determination for devotional service to the Supreme Lord does not take place. As a result of the push and pull between the two competing forces in MAN, man is being human in tilting to the cheaper, sensuous, self-defeating, momentary but pleasurable side. The lesson of the Fall therefore appears to be to train MAN to his nature and position as a pure soul and to restrict bodily activities by certain rules and regulations, a code of morality. The body with its senses and appetites must be controlled in order for us to reach the highest perfection and without regulative principles, it is not possible to perfect man's life. Thus the scripture says: "Eventhough was a Son, He learnt obedience by submitting to the things He suffered and through this means He attained perfection and became the pillar of hope and the Lord of salvation and eternal life to all those who believe or trust in Him" (Hebs. 5:8).

Now, returning to the first belief, explanation or doctrine - Determinism we have seen is a belief that a man's behaviour is predetermined by his maker or nature and this depends on the supposition that every effect has a material (CAUSE and such causes are incompatible with free-will and will freedom of action on the part of

man. Man is being manipulated and moved by something else be it in doing good or doing evil. Any sense of freedom, or option on his part is therefore an illusion. Man is believed therefore to be predetermined, controlled and programmed either by chemical or psychological factors, that is by material biological, physiological structure and composition as well as by his power of the mind and thought. Arising from this man is not the god and tremendous being or thing the Bible paints him to be and says that he is a personality who could make a free first choice and unilaterally change the course of history.

If this first explanation is the right one, then one is bound to conclude that man was made to be the way he is, man is capable of doing nothing to alter the nature and position fixed for him by his Maker, man has always been fallen and in the same dilemma created to be so. This also means that there is no moral answer to the problem of sin, evil and cruelty which man faces for by nature's design man was created to stay fallen. The answer to the problem of the fall, sin, fallen nature of man, evil and cruelty can only be provided by the original designer, the Maker who alone can effect a change in the divine destiny. Already the Fall of Man has resulted in division and alienation not only between God and man,

but also between man and himself. The dilemma of man therefore is part of what being MAN or human is. And if this is what man intrinsically is, then MAN, Human, can only be different if and only when his Creator, The Father, Maker, GOD, Holy Spirit, decides and determines to make him to be different from what he is now to His glorification and honour and according to His divine will, plan and purpose. These then are some of the implications of the over burdened team and doctrine of Fatalism, Determinism and or Predestination.

To be concluded

contd. from p. 18 ABAS EVANGELISM

med the chief that their pilgrimage to Biakpan was the first of it's kind and that they viewed it right to pay him and his chiefs a courtesy call.

In his closing remarks at the chief's palace Bishop Ellerbe said he first visited Biakpan in 1979 and that since his visit he respected and regarded Biakpan as his native land. He advised the chiefs to rule their subjects with the fear of God.

Highlights of the two days visit, were the visit by ABAS members to the Holy Father's orchard farm, a sing song night, speeches and lectures from eminent personalities, bathing at the Bethesda water and the visit to the New Jerusalem.

Other activities were house to house ministration and the inauguration of the Biakpan chapter of Association of Brotherhood Academic Students (ABAS) and the



Apostle Humphrey, Int. President, ABAS

election of it's Executive.

The newly constituted Executive has the following members: Brother Joseph Aya, President, Bro. Essiene Kanu, Vice President, Brother Ben Elot Secretary and Brother Ime Okon Udo Assistant Secretary. Others are Sister Mary I. Edet Financial Secretary, Sister Millington Treasurer, Sister Alice Okon Ben, Mother and Brother Ini Amos, Public Relation Officer. Also elected were Brothers Benson Inyang and Sunday Duke as Choirmaster and Welfare Officer, respectively.

Thank You Father.

NIGERIA IS ASSAULT FREE

The Sole Spiritual Head of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, Leader Olumba Obu, has said that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the only source through which the current problems being experienced in Nigeria could be solved.

He made the assertion recently in Calabar, while delivering a sermon titled 'Time to know God, to the congregation of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

The Holy Father who traced the causes of the problems in Nigeria to the seeming disregard for the presence of the Holy Spirit personified by Nigerians, maintained that once people recognise the Holy Spirit, all will be well.

The Holy Father, further asserted that due to the presence of Brotherhood in Nigeria, the territory of Nigeria

can not be invaded by any country, irrespective of their military might; since no war plane can successfully locate Nigeria.

He maintained that during the Nigerian Civil War, He pronounced that there will be

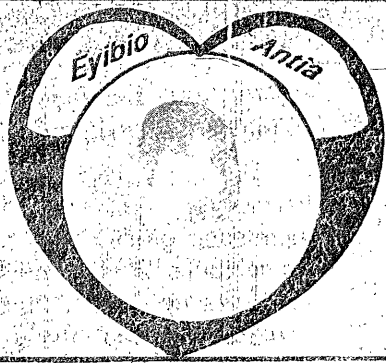
no hostilities in Calabar and that this manifested.

He further enjoined all the inhabitants of the world to refrain from all sinful acts, if they needed peace.

Thank You Father.

God give us men. A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands. Men whom the lust of office does not bill; men whom the spoils of office can not buy; men who possess opinions and a will. Men who have honour and will not lie, men who stand before a demagogue and scorn his treacherous flatteries without winking. Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog, in public duty, and in private thinking.

Rev. Dr. James Ukaegbu, on the occasion of the 28th anniversary of Nigerian Independence Celebration at African Church Cathedral (Bethel).



THE WHOLE TRUTH

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" Holy Bible.

WAS JESUS CHRIST A CHRISTIAN?

It is known that this piece will generate a lot of heat within the Christian fold. This is because, they have lived on assumptions for ages now. It should also be readily understood that there is no stage at which ignorance could not be tackled and arrested.

I therefore make bold to state that, that a majority of the people have groped in ignorance to promote a course does not make that course right or justified.

Was Jesus Christ a Christian? Such is the question that has been haunting me for the past three years. At first it appeared an abnormal question to ask. At least, not after being schooled in the history and doctrine of Christianity for the past two decades and more years. I kept suppressing the question, but the more I suppressed it, the louder it became within me.

Viewed from the perspective that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and He who was with the Almighty God before the world was, they must have had a form of religion among themselves. Nothing is mentioned of that religion but we know that they have always been in consultation with themselves through the use of the phrase "Let us..." do this or that. (Refer to the creation story in Genesis). Therefore, at the level of the Trinity it is Brotherhood that is practiced arising from this harmony of the Spirit.

When the Almighty God decided to send His "only begotten Son" to the world, He caused many people to prophesy about it. Isaiah and Micah were prominent prophets of old who heralded the proposed visit of Christ to the world.

They painstakingly mentioned through whom He will come, His name, His mission and His eventual death. The issue of religion must not have been important and no attention was therefore given to it. God Almighty in His infinite wisdom must have known that for Him to propose any future religion for His Son, the world would be torn apart. The prophets maintained that, "He will save his people from sin." A cause in the propagation of Brotherhood.

The instruments through which the "WORD" was made flesh so that He could visit this plane of manifest did not have anything to do with any other religion apart from that of their forebears. In effect, Mary and Joseph as Jewish peasants were like all other Jews engrossed in their daily practise of the tenets of Judaism. It was to this religious environment, that Christ was born. This therefore makes it impossible for Christ to have become a Christian.

The hard to comprehend lesson is that while at birth, He did not propagate Christianity and when He joined the faith of His carnal parents, "this boy of twelve" was busy lecturing his elders and Doctors in the Torah Mosaic Law.

An excursion into the ministry of Our Lord Jesus Christ would reveal that the love for man

was uppermost in His mind. His raising the dead, making the lame to walk, making the deaf to hear, feeding the hungry, releasing the captives and giving salvation to the distraught, freedom to the oppressed, joy to the sad ones and peace to the turbulent were all exercises aimed at promoting the Brotherhood of man which hitherto had been lost as a result of the transgressions of Adam and Eve.

There is no better way to demonstrate the interest of Christ in the promotion of the Brotherhood of man than when John the Baptist at the instance of Christ's baptism said "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). That was Christ's mission. This assignment cut across religious boundaries.

At the peak of His redemption ministry, Christ gave an all embracing commandment to the whole human race. He enjoined man to love one another even as He has loved us. The call for man to love his fellow man is an appeal to all and sundry bordering on the need for the establishment of the lost BROTHERHOOD OF MAN. It cannot be ascertained how many men then and now have heeded this passionate appeal from the Lord of light.

It would be recalled that up to the time Christ was finally crucified after the gruesome bouts of tortures and castigations nothing like Christianity existed and none was considered a Christian during His life time. It was only after his death that His followers were christened Christians thus culminating into the establishment of Christianity as a religion.

Were Christ interested in the founding of Christianity, He could not have promised His disciples, the coming of a Comforter who will lead them to the accurate knowledge of Truth.

As zealous and serious followers, Christianity was established as a religion by them. But were the disciples and apostles able to follow the footsteps of their Master? Since Christianity started with the whites, was it part of Christianity to engage in large scale slave trade? Was it part of Christianity to embark on the Crusades? Was it part of Christianity to categorise the human race thereby considering some races better than the others?

It is sad when it is recollected that "In the 1760s, and for many decades to come black slavery was sanctioned by Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Reformed Church men and theologians" says the Book SLAVERY and Human PROGRESS. Indeed "No modern church or sect had sought to discourage its members from owning or even trafficking in black slaves."

For example, Encyclopaedia Judaica states that "... it was only after lengthy struggles and theological discussions that the Spaniards recognised the native races they found in America as men endowed with souls."

Again Clergymen Robert Jamieson, A. R. Fausset and David Brown in their Bible Commentary assert "Cursed to Canaan", Gen. 9:25. This doom has been fulfilled in the destruction of the Canaanites, in the degradation of Egypt and the slavery of the African's the descendants of Ham" - COMMENTARY, Critical and Explanatory On The Whole Bible. This is the extent of the hypocrisy of the later day Christians.

Apart from these, can we compare the life and deeds of Christ while on earth to the deeds of his early followers at His crucifixion? Can we compare the deeds of the early apostles to the deeds of the early days Christians to that of our present generation?

When Christ was alive, He moved from place to place disseminating the good news, ministering to the needy and in the process win more souls, for the Kingdom of God. Today, the situation is different. Christians no longer go on ministry work.

In the Netherlands and everywhere in the world, Christianity has lost the initial zeal. A Newspaper once said "Nobody is startled anymore when a church is demolished. Church attendance is decreasing in a frightening way. This is true not only in Catholicism but also in the Reformed and Calvinistic church. If this secularisation continues, within a few generations, nobody will attend church any more."

This is an alarm raised in good faith. If the fears expressed here manifest, will it bring about the end of Christianity or the end of the teachings of Christ? Candidly expressed, it will bring about the end of Christianity for it was established on a wrong premise pursued from an unco-ordinated list of tenets and so will be buried for lack of propagating the truth as laid down by the person whose name they answer.

However the teachings of Christ will prosper, because the Comforter that was destined to propagate it is here on earth with men, and has established the Kingdom of Jehovah God and His Christ where righteousness reign, by leading men to the accurate knowledge of Truth.

And as to the question earlier asked, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Created Brotherhood, manifested Brotherhood, taught Brotherhood to his followers and will continue to remain a Brotherhood. This then is THE WHOLE TRUTH.

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NEWS

A Family in Search of God

By Ayaru George

A young Jamaican couple makes its final stop in B.C.S. after decades of fruitless search for spiritual satisfaction.

A young Jamaican, tall, amicable, unassuming and down to earth in nature, has for over thirty years stayed at Manchester while still searching for a God he could not find.

Various called John Samuel, Lynval Boyd Samuel and Kofe John alias, John the Baptist, he appreciates being called John Samuel.

In a brief chat with "Herald" recently, John Samuel told the story of how he had searched for God for decades at Manchester where he works as a Moss side and Hulme Community worker, through supplications, meditation, reading of the Holy Scriptures and prayers but to no avail. The "Interfaith" church denomination which he belonged, could not solve his problems.

Answering a question, Brother Samuel now a baptised Brotherhood member, said that his first ever realistic approach to find God was through Bishop James Ellerbe who on appointment met him at the Interfaith church meeting where they discussed the principle of one God. Elaborating on this church denomination, Brother Samuel stated that the Interfaith

church was formed by the Black Ministers from Jamaica.

Asked why the Bishop came there, he explained that interest brought the Bishop in, probably to discuss the monotheistic nature of God

world over. After consultations with his wife Malaika, they agreed to find their way through Bishop Ellerbe into the New Kingdom in Africa.

This zealous youth who said he lost faith in the former church he belonged, affirmed that on reaching the World Headquarters of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star at

He however admitted that his spirit has been urging him to baptize in Africa. "I know it is the wish of Him that I have been searching for, I and my family have been baptised. It is a fulfilment of my former dream. Eventhough my flesh is of Jamaica, my spirit has been that of Africa. On the question of finding God, my joy is a well inside me. Father

ways of life in England. He further said that his wife, Malaika and the children Maria, and Elias have already shown remarkable signs of joy for being on African soil.

On life in England, he said that children do not go to church to learn about God. Government and parents have no time to talk of teaching the children about God and that is why the children grow wild and wicked. Small children carry hard drugs. They are known as "Runners" because the Government can not imprison them.

He described Europe as "a den of iniquity and crime" adding that because of the magnitude of crime wave there, a certain sort of prison for juvenile cases has been created. There too, things like "black magic" is in operation and the ironical malady in the place is that the police is involved.

John said that he has no option than to seek for the spiritual safety of his family in Africa where, according to him, he has found God because the Holy Spirit has revealed to him to seek for the safety and protection of his wife and children in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

He prayed the Father to take control of things in his family, adding that as he has found solace in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star all his trust is in Olumba.



Bro. John Samuel and family. Now spiritually fulfilled.

and win more converts to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. He went further to say that it was after his personal discussion with him that he was invited to the Bethel at Manchester in June 1993 where he was briefed on the activities of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star the

Calabar, he discovered that fellowship in the organisation means "Love, Truth and Oneness." On the issue of finding God as a fulfilment of his heart desire,

Brother Samuel maintained that they were yet to find out what Brotherhood of the Cross and Star can offer.

Olumba is God and I have found Him."

Eventhough the Brotherhood style of worship is unique in many ways, Brother Samuel is after his salvation so as to enable them bring up their off-springs in the fear of God thereby shunning the evil

ABAS Making Strides in Evangelism

By Ayaru George

ABAS members embarked on pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Biakpan as part of their evangelisation drive.

Members of the Association of Brotherhood Academic Students (ABAS) used their recent two days pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Biakpan to prove that Academic knowledge could be an effective compliment to religious activities by all true seekers of God. Apart from the normal Brotherhood activities which featured prominently, the "ABASITES" had invited two prominent children of the Holy Father to lecture them on aspects of the reign of the Holy Spirit on earth.

Bishop James Ellerbe, leader of the Worldwide

Universities Ministries who spoke on "The World Order of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star prescribed" stressed the need for all adherents of the Holy Father to be involved in evangelical duties, and advised the ABAS members to recognise Brotherhood of the Cross and Star as the only source of salvation for man.

While reflecting on his first visit to the Kingdom in 1975, Bishop Ellerbe disclosed that since He was called into the Kingdom he has embarked on a worldwide evangelism and that his target has been the seats of learning, such as the

universities. According to him some overseas universities have been instructed to introduce the teachings of Christ into their school curriculum if they craved for a successful career. He maintained that the establishment of ABAS by the Holy Father has further added spice to the history of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

He urged the ABAS members to distinguish themselves while carrying out their assigned duties by avoiding laxity, in order to project the image of the ABAS as the light of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. He lauded the ABAS members for their contributions to the spread of the teachings of the Holy Father in institutions of higher

learning and urged them not to relent efforts.

In another lecture titled "Hail Him, the Iron Rod Ruler of all Nation" delivered by Deaconess Ikiroma - Owiye, she traced the history of creation and leadership and added that the earthly rulers were only confined to specific environments while the Holy Father rules the entire universe.

In his welcome address, the International President of ABAS, Apostle Godspower Humphrey reminded the "ABASITES" of their role in evangelization, and maintained that their's was the only fellowship whose duty cut across, those of other fellowships and stressed the

need for them to emulate the good works of the Holy Father.

The pilgrimage also featured a courtesy call on the land chief of Biakpan, Onun Kanu Abara and his chiefs, and the preaching of some gospels to the traditional rulers.

While receiving members of the pilgrims, in his palace Onun Kanu Abara expressed gratitude to the ABAS for the visit and thanked the Holy Father for giving them the inspiration to embark on the evangelical visits.

In his response to the land chief, the ABAS international President, Apostle Godspower Humphrey infor-

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COMMENTARY

OUR CHANGING HERALD

We cannot say which of the developments in Herald of the New Kingdom has captured your attention. It could be the new concept, the new approach, the general change in operational modalities or the change in our cover price.

Either way, these changes are as a result of the need for us to keep up with the fast changing situation in the world. As we approach a decade in the service of our Father, it is only wise that we serve you with the best of news, features, testimonies, the Father's Gospels and Bible Class.

Besides, your favourite paper has also been upgraded to the status of a NEWS MAGAZINE. A cardinal change that will ensure adequate research into the fulfilled and yet to be fulfilled prophecies of the Holy Spirit. It will also feature a comprehensive trend in the changing world religions towards the fulfilment of the estab-

lished New Kingdom of God now on earth.

Again, the times are hard. This you know. But you may not have known that, your favourite paper had all along been absorbing the shocks of the hard times alone. Cost of production materials have reached unprecedented levels, the cost of printing is now beyond even the reach of commercially oriented publishers while the general running cost is a different ball game.

All these happen to us, through a celestial paper. Since we are operating within the same secular economic environment, we can do no more than adjust our cover price to what you now have in order to meet up with the enormous responsibilities. In doing this, we are conscious of the extra sacrifice our readers are bound to make but we promise, you a juicier newsmagazine.

To buttress our fact, in this edition, we unveil the hidden mystery in the commis-

sioning of Sheikh Mandour by the Holy Spirit. We also bring to limelight a comparative link between Sheikh Mantlour and Apostle Paul of old. Apostle F.E.U. Obot in his critical appraisal of the role of man as destined by the Almighty God asks if man could have fared better given adequate room to act or is he just a pawn in the chessboard of God. Our versatile and Profic Amadi Emery, from the angle of intensive research confirms that Reincarnation is real while Elder Monday Isi writes and shades more light on the Deity of Leader O. O. Obu. Above all, the Father's Gospel in this edition is unparalleled.

In all, this package is meant to introduce you to what you will be expecting from now on. The plea to our numerous readers is to always stay with the best by staying with us.

Thank You Father.



MAN: WHEN WILL YOU LEARN YOUR LESSONS ?

By Celestine Ukpang

Sin is the bane of humanity. Man is still unwilling to repent the catastrophe that befall him daily notwithstanding.

The genesis of man's creation clearly states that man was created by God in his likeness. Man was loved, cared for and cher-

things created by God. Through him (the first man), it is possible for us to identify by name all the creations of God.

In fact man had a direct link to God. God used to converse directly with him until he fell out of favour. He was later chased out of his golden place of abode though still charged with the task of replenishing the earth with his kind. For this assignment he received hundred percent protection from God. These children were products of sinful parents and so followed the footsteps of the parents. When God witnessed the nefarious activities of man and with his promise never to leave man comfortless, He sent Noah to them. Noah preached for 120 years which would have been enough for them to change. They remained adamant without thought of what will befall them after his exit. They were all intimidated of what their punishment would be. They instead mocked and jeered at him. They called him a drunkard and defecated into the Ark.

Despite the pleas of Noah for his people to turn a new leaf they were stiff-necked and resolved to continue perpetually in sin. With their obstinacy they perished. The eight people that made up the new generation should have

learnt from the past, but they were like foolish and forgetful rabbits who are caught daily in traps with fresh cassava sliced and spread on top of the traps. They soon relapsed into sin. Noah leading with drunkenness coupled with incest.

In the days of Moses the children of Israel preferred death to life. They involved greatly in transgressions. They refused to heed to the advice of Moses and his kindly warnings. Not even the punishments suffered by their grand parents could act as a deterrent to them. Moses could not be spared by God, he could not enter into Canaan because of his undue annoyance.

Still, man has refused to learn his lessons. King Nebuchadnezzar fell from grace to grass, a consequence of his over indulgence in idolatry. The Pharaoh of Egypt despite the various plagues wrought by God in his Kingdom persisted in sin until he and his army perished in the Red Sea.

Sodom and Gomorrah was an excellent specimen of study in immorality. Their pervasive nature pushed them to solicit for carnal relationship with Angels of the Most High God. For these act and others too numerous to mention they were visited with fire and brimstone. The children of Eli were killed for sinning always. King David attracted the wrath of God for committing adultery while King Solomon experienced the other side of God for committing idolatry.

Still man has learnt no lesson.

The all powerful Sampson endowed with strength from above to stand in for the Israelites against the Philistines, died as a result of revealing the source of his power to his wife. In fact, all these events should be enough for man to learn his lessons. The Jews, Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes and the High priests did not only end up blaspheming against the name of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit which is sin unto death, they invoked the blood of Christ upon themselves, their children and children's children. What a sinful lot.

Now, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu the Supernatural Teacher and Comforter is here with all His divine teachings. He has taught man all the ABCs of God and what will be the end of a disobedient man to his creator. Man, instead of heeding to His injunctions and plead with Him to cause a change in their lives for the better, they insist on calling Him names. Unknown to them, He custodies the solution to all problems. Most, if not all the world problems can be solved by Him. The Only thing is for man to bury his pride, approach this fountain of knowledge, power, and wisdom to proffer the solutions to the world teeming problems. Unrepentant man is yet to make its mind, and this is so for he has refused to learn his lessons. MAN! when will you learn your lessons?

Thank You Father.

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NEWS

Christian Holiness Church Sees the Light

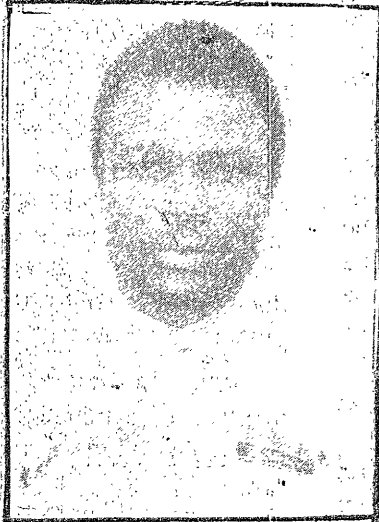
by Ayaru George.

It is ordained that man must seek his creator while in the prime of his youth. This search ab-initio has taken man to various places of worship all with the aim of ascertaining the right place where his spiritual needs could be met without much ado.

It was therefore not surprising when Pius Johnny Ubani of the Christian Holiness Church, Ikot Ubon walked into the Pentecostal Hall at the World Headquarters of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, 34 Ambo Street, Calabar, and did not only submit himself for baptism after a heart arresting testimony but also handed over the Christian Holiness Church with all its assets to the Holy Spirit personified, Leader O. O. Obu. Bro. Pius Johnny Ubani claims that he

single handedly founded the church in the year 1985.

In a brief chat with our Reporter as to what has propelled his decision Brother Ubani said "I have come face to face with the LIVING GOD in the person of Leader O. O. Obu, the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe." Brother Ubani further asserted that



"the initial spirit with which the church was founded has been averted as a result of the introduction of weird doctrines by members and since the Holy Spirit is now on earth, He should take absolute control of all true churches."

Probing further, on the disposition of other members as regards his decision, Brother Ubani confirmed thus "the other members are anxiously waiting for the formal take over of the church and then they will declare en-masse for the New Kingdom of God now on earth."

It will be recalled that other churches have been handing over their churches to the Holy Spirit. With this trend, the Holy Spirit will soon bring about the manifestation of one fold, one shepherd.

Thank You Father.

which must be carefully accomplished. He urged the brethren to be guided by the golden rule in their daily activities since according to him, this was the key to success. He reiterated the need for the reconstruction of the school building and sought the support of all brethren.

The elected members of the Calabar area executive are; Elder N. J. Ete Chairman, Elder Bassey Eya, Vice Chairman, Elder M. J. Ibok Secretary and Sister B. Usang Treasurer. Also elected are, Elder Okon Essiene, Financial Secretary, Sister Comfort Batta, Assistant Financial Secretary and Elder Ekaette Ffiong Mother I and Sister Comfort Esiene; Mother II while the post of the P.R.O. and Provost went to Uchena

Oitawa and Monday T. Inyang, respectively.

The five members through the chairman, expressed gratitude to all the participants of the occasion and prayed the Father to reward them abundantly.

In his closing remarks the Chairman thanked the Holy Spirit for a job well done and prayed him to guide all the brethren safely to their different places of abode.

It would be recalled that the Elders International Fellowship had earlier proposed to reconstruct the Ambo Primary School, launched during Elders' Week Anniversary in June, this year.

Thank You Father!

Calabar Elders Launch School Building Fund

- Calabar Area Elders organises a fund raising ceremony to assist the parent body in its building project.

The Calabar Area Elders Fellowship of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, recently launched a N2.5 million reconstruction fund for the building of 34 Ambo Primary School at Nyok Esu Bethel Calabar.

The launching which attracted many dignitaries from various zones of the fold that make up Calabar Area including the members of the Holy Family, the King of Kings and the Holy Queen Mother, who were represented by Christ

Witness Ukpong, Ime Etuk and Christ Servant Edward Ete.

Speaking at the launching, Christ Witness Ime Etuk thanked the Holy Father for giving them the inspiration to embark on such project; which he hoped when completed would be an edifice of learning for the present and future generation of the kingdom.

Speaking further, Christ Witness Ime Etuk glorified the Father for his wonderful works

and urged all brethren present at the occasion to contribute meaningfully towards the project, adding that God rewards a cheerful giver. He called for the Father's blessings on all brethren.

Earlier in his opening address, the chairman of the occasion, Elder Ndareke Akpan, thanked the Father for granting them the opportunity to attend the launching and prayed for his continuous guidance.

He maintained that the position of an Elder in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star carries a lot of responsibilities

Eziama Pentecostal Centre Celebrates 1st Anniversary

BY ANSISONG BEN

For the brethren of Eziama Pentecostal Centre, Aba, Abia State and all Bethels and healing homes under the Pentecostal Centre, 31st October, 1993 was a day for sober reflection as they marked their first anniversary.

The day long activities marking the anniversary started with a divine service conducted by the Father through the Imo and Abia States Leader's Representative, Pastor M. C. Okorafor. The pastor whose sermon was titled "Source of Ultimate Power" drew his texts from John 14: 12, Matthew 10: 25 and Mark 16: 17 - 18, and urged brethren to have faith in Jesus if they need power and solutions to their problems.

The spectacular occasion created an opportunity for the launching of an expansion project of the Pentecostal Centre. Donors at the launching were the Holy Queen Mother who was represented by Elder Edward Ete and Elder G. B. Ntuk, Apostle Okilo and Elder Darlington. Over N31,000.00 (thirty one thousand) Naira was realized.

In his speech, Apostle Okilo said that he was always happy to be in the midst of brethren. He advised all members to always seek to work according to the will of the Father, to avoid sufferings and tribulations.

The chairman of the occasion, Apostle Iduru urged all

brethren to do their best possible in leading the Father to all nooks and corners of the world. He concluded by saying that through the anniversary another chapter has been opened in the history of the Eziama Pentecostal Centre.



Apostle C. Iduru (Chairman) He therefore thanked the Holy Father for making their proposal to come into a reality.

Those present at the occasion were, Apostle C. Iduru who chaired the occasion, the special guest of honour, Apostle Chief Melford Okilo, the Co-launcher Apostle S.M.E. Zite. Others were the Director of Nairrod Investment Limited, Elder Darlington Nnanna, who was the Chief Launcher, Pastor (Dr.) O. Ekeanyanwu and the first Full-Time Worker of the Pentecostal Centre, Christ Student Emmanuel Egbé amongst other dignitaries.

Thank You Father.



Brethren at the launching

DETERMINISM IN CHRISTIANITY

IS MAN PROGRAMMED, PREDESTINATED AND PREDETERMINED?

By Apostle Fabian E. U. Obot

Fatalism, Determinism or its most used and commonest form - Predestination has become a household word among Christians and is an ingrained belief held by many of them which appears to connote that man is a mere pawn in the hand of his creator, who is indeed the actual and remote controller. It may not be less than ten in every hundred brothers/sisters who directly or impliedly touch on this "fundamental area of belief" when testifying about their call, when sharing their beliefs and experiences with their fellow "Believers", or during their interfaces with those who profess other faiths. The same is true when "believers" make the bid to convert and win sinners and unbelievers for Christ. To some Christian brothers and sisters, this article of belief is such a great cornerstone of religious belief that every act of commission or omission, effort or non-effort, gain or loss, success or failure, health or sickness, joy or sorrow, love or hate, friendship or enmity is explicable by this concept.

It is for this reason and against such a background that I find the justification for the curiosity to examine and give more than the surface and casual but definitely, less than very critical attention to this matter.

Fatalism is defined by Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary as the belief that events are decided by fate and as acceptance of all that happens as inevitable. The dictionary defines Determinism as the belief that one is not free to choose the sort of person one wants to be, or how one behaves, because things are already decided for one. Predestination is defined as the theory or belief that everything that happens has been predetermined by God and that man cannot change it. It is further defined as destiny that cannot be changed; a doctrine or belief that God has decreed in advance that certain souls will be saved and others will not.

The dilemma of MAN is that there is on one hand a belief by some as stated above that man is fated, determined in advance or predestinated by his creator and maker to the state, endowments, capabilities, fate and circumstances in which he finds himself be they positive or their negative opposites as success or failure, joy and happiness or sadness, worry and anxiety, holiness or sinfulness, fortune or misfortune, honour or dishonour, love or hate, faith and belief or unbelief, material wealth or poverty, health or sickness, peace or unease and fear, rulership or servitude, including salvation or perdition and damnation.

Often, the story of Abraham and his descendants including the story of Joseph among his brethren, and Moses leading out the Israelites from Egypt, the story of Esau and Jacob in obtaining and securing God given blessing through Isaac, the story of the birth and mission of John the Baptist as the precursor of Christ and the story of the earthly Incarnation and Mission of our Lord Jesus Christ are used to support and prove this doctrine and belief. Also used is the categorical scripture text in Romans Chapter 8, the passage which states that those God in Christ fore-knew, He forecalled, those He forecalled He justified and saved as predestinated to be His children and He also glorifies them.

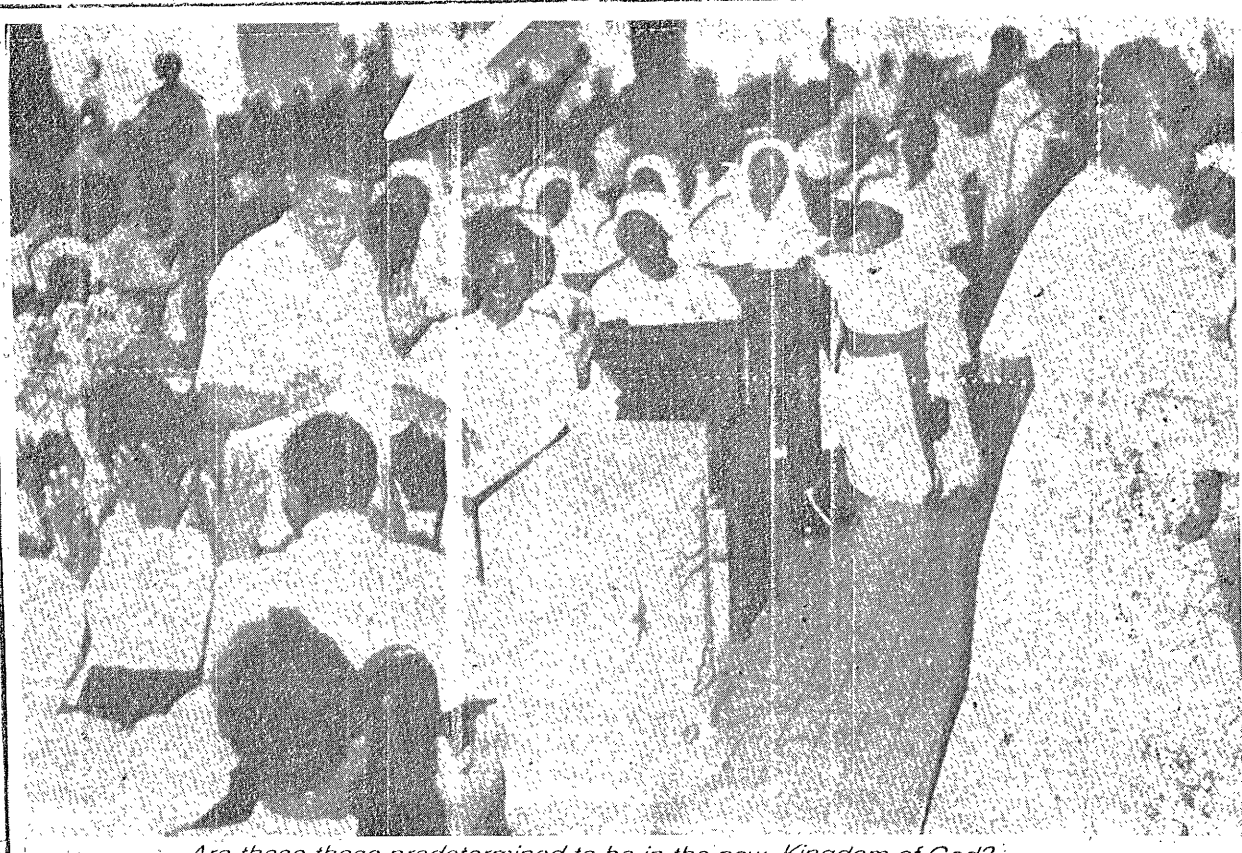
On the other hand, and contrary to above

doctrine and belief, MAN is said to be responsible for the fate that has befallen him and his descendants, which he has brought upon himself by the act of Disobedience, Original Sin, and consequent Fall from the MAN which God had designed for him and created him to be. And that the state has been worsened with time due to subsequent acts of disobedience by MAN against his creator and maker through cumulative and unabated sinning. This second explanation puts the responsibility of man's present state and condition squarely on MAN. It answers the question - Could MAN - Adam, change the course of history in the direction the history mankind now is? If so, what implications has his ability to do so on the doctrine and belief of the all powerfulness (Omnipotence), all-knowingness (Omniscience) and all presence (Omnipresence) of God? The second explanation puts MAN's dilemma down to a moral cause.

The second explanation and position picks up from the doctrine and fact that MAN is God's image and likeness which takes after or issues from a loving, holy, righteous and moral God - his basic inner being and substance. Like God, he is endowed with free-will and is born out of

(iv) Has the commandment with its function greater functional and utilitarian value and advantage to God and His plan and purpose for over all good than its absence and omission?

In the second position or doctrine, christianity teaches that man is predestinated according to God, the maker's plan, will, honour, purpose and glory for man in creation but that man is not predetermined and programmed to the position of mere pawns, robots and puppets in the hand of his creator. Examined against all other animate and inanimate creatures, man has internal nature and structure uncommon to other creators. This is seen in the area of concept formation, reasoning faculty, his moral notions, his reflective thought, the ability to analyse and arrange his conscious experience and use it as a source of abstract knowledge, his language usage and acquisition, his linguistic distinctiveness, his imaginative power and use, his development of culture and technology and use of them, his development of the art and practice of worship and religion, his discovery and use of symbols, his faith and power of the spoken word. All these reasonably suggest if not prove that man is absolutely determined and programmed



Are these those predetermined to be in the new Kingdom of God?

God's morality holiness, righteousness and love. Man then is a moral creature made in the image of the Creator. There is a law in the universe, which if broken, means that man is culpable. With the love and righteous gift of free will by God, man could choose between right and wrong, to love his maker, creator, God and Father and obey His commandment, or revolt against Him and take the responsibility for doing so. Then of course certain questions arise from this:

(i) Why was the commandment part of God's relationship with MAN? Was the Commandment absolutely necessary?

(ii) Did God the Creator foreknow that man would not keep the commandment ab-initio?

(iii) Could God not make man - His image, error-free?

in every act of commission or omission. To believe so would deny, rob man of and deter him of self-development, self-improvement, progress, repentance, conversion and change for the better. Man is however predestinated and programmed in accord with God's divine will in terms of relevance and consonance with the creator's ultimate, universal good, plan and purpose.

The second explanation seeks to explain the dilemma of MAN upon the duality of his nature, BODY and SOUL or SPIRIT. Man is innately spirit in content and nature - God's substance, God's nature, God's likeness, but he is encased within the bodily dress. The bodily dress is a combination of material elements. Beyond the combination of material elements, there is spirit, the

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COVER

The Islamic Scholar who Saw Christ

(A Repeat Of History)

by Eyibio Antia

Sheikh Mandour has a double commissioning and anointing for he did not only meet Christ in the dream but also in the physical.

The Sheikh Mandour story would not have graced the front page of Herald of the New Kingdom again but for its relevance to the present unfolding drama in the religious world and the fulfilment of the predictions of Our Holy Father, Leader O. O. Obu.

The ordinary mind might not easily discern the full import and consequences of a situation where a renowned muslim scholar does not only testify to the glory of God but is propagating the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ to all parts of the world. This, he does without selecting his audience for according to the Sheikh the message is "for my muslim brothers and for everyone else all over the world."

The Sheikh's meeting with Our Lord Jesus Christ could be compared to the meeting of Saul with Christ. Saul later called Paul was a Jew and very much learned in the Torah (Mosaic Law). Sheikh Mandour is a professor in Islamic religion. Saul was one of the worst and devoted persecutors of the early Christians. Sheikh Mandour is a star in Islam and, according to Champion newspaper as confessed by him "his hitherto disposition to other religions except Islam was hostile and not encouraging" Christ appeared to Saul while he was embarking on one of his persecuting sprees of the early Christians and Christ said "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?" (Acts 9:4).

Similarly, the Lord appeared to Sheikh Mandour when as he said "I was on a journey giving public lectures in a certain Arabian country. My message then was based on Christianity according to my own understanding. I was refuting certain Islamic precepts as against certain Christian injunctions."

Apostle Paul after his encounter with Christ was commissioned to take the name of Christ to the Gentiles, Kings and the people of Israel. "Go, because I have chosen him to serve me, to make my name known to

Gentiles and to kings and to the people of Israel. And I myself will show him all that he must suffer for my sake" (Acts 9: 15 - 16).

On the other hand Sheikh Mandour is commissioned to evangelise his muslim brothers and announce to the unbelieving world that Christ has come to judge the entire world.

The next striking similarity is that the two learned men were caught in circumstances beyond their human understanding. Paul was confronted, struck blind and made to remain so for three days without food and drink until made whole through divine revelation of God to Ananias who healed and baptised him with the Holy Spirit.

In the words of Sheikh Mandour, he appeared perplexed and could not readily know why he was sent on such a mission. Hear him "my choice by God to go on this mission was miraculous and by divine grace because my hitherto disposition to other religions except Islam was hostile and not encouraging."

The only difference being that Paul was struck blind in the process while Sheikh Mandour involuntarily went into a trance while the Lord told him "... now that you have heard and believed, start not to hide the truth for it shall set you free".

It should be noted that the Almighty God in arresting Paul then and Sheikh Mandour now wanted and want them to use the exact zeal they mustard in variously persecuting and bastardising Christianity to spread and reconstruct it. This is indeed a big lesson in divine drama.

Herein lies the herculean task once faced by the Jewish law expert and now faced by our once firebrand professor of Islamic jurisprudence. As that event unfolded itself in those days and the world was taken a back so it is now that Sheikh Mandour has been given this assignment.

It is not easy. The entire christendom is shaken, the

muslim world is almost rocked to its foundation, the entire world is watching with awe but the will of the Father must be done. In obedience to this divine call and, in keeping a date with his destiny, Sheikh Mandour had since started.

He started holding various press conference, informing the whole world of his commission by Our Lord Jesus Christ. He sent a message to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia demanding the restoration of the fundamental rights of Moslems to know the Koranic view of Christ" For his temerity in going this far, the Saudi Monarchy clamped down on all human rights group in the kingdom. The Sheikh never spared a breath in making waves, spreading the news whose major thrusts have been "a call on all believers of God, Jews, Moslems, and Christians to live together and to co-operate with one another in a brotherly way." That Christ revealed to him that he is coming back again to rule the world, both Christian and Muslims, including the Jews saying "there is no need for any form of segregation since the human race is one."

The Sheikh further pointed out to his audience that "The Quran is a witness to the fact that the BIBLE is WORD of God. It is that sent by God to guide the people of the world. It is God's deed by God."

While Sheikh A. M. Hussein Mandour was busy spreading the good news at the risk of his life from Islamic fundamentalists and fanatics little did He know that He that commissioned him in his trance was here on earth with Him. With little efforts on his part but through God's providence and divine intervention the Sheikh had since come face to face with the JESUS that appeared to Him. On beholding the Lord of Light, and the Lord of this New Age, he was quick to identify him with that aura, that light that surrounded His person while in that trance. This Being is Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe and Leader of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

In a press conference



Sheikh Mandour, An unexpected mission.

organised for the purpose of enlightening the local community in Calabar; Cross River State of Nigeria, Sheikh Mandour had this to say "...Our Lord Jesus Christ revealed Himself to me in the year 1989. I discovered that fulfilment of Lord Jesus Christ on earth in the Kingdom of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and in the leadership qualities of the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, hence I am here in Calabar to pay homage to him." Now that I have seen the Spirit of Truth, I will now go into the world to say the same in order to save souls for Christ before the end of time as being written in the Holy Book of Koran chapter 147:1.

On my arrival in Calabar having entered in Him (Leader O. O. Obu) I saw that supreme light surrounding Him which is the identity of the Supreme Being and seeing him (Leader O. O.Obu) physically, I identify Him as the true person I saw in the Spirit."

These now are the points to note. The Holy Father has continuously hammered on the fact that those who are to reveal His Deity and announce the establishment of the New Kingdom of God now on earth are yet to come. As a fulfilment of this prophecy Shiekh Mandour is

here. His choice of a muslim of such influential disposition is to enable his muslim brothers know the truth and that he could see the light and propagate same, there would be no need for others to continue wasting time. The erudite Sheikh in responding to a question from a Vanguard Newspaper Reporter on why Jesus Christ decided to reveal Himself to him a muslim and not a Christian he said "It is going to be an evidence against the muslims if they do not believe the truth."

The truth here being that the entire human race is one. There is no need for racial segregation and religious discrimination. We are from the same parents and besides we come from the same spiritual source. Now that the truth is revealed and the various religions accept the authenticity of the Bible as the word of God, it should be noted that "God created man in His own image and likeness" and then "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being". This breath is the common factor in all the human race. At this point, God did not breathe into the nostril of a muslim, a christian, a Jew, a Krishna devotee or Hindu. There is therefore no need for man made boundaries.

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Brotherly love must excel. In Acts 17:26-27, it is stated that "all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation. That they should seek the Lord if haply they might feel after him and find him though he be not far from every one of us."

The key phrase here is "one blood." All of us are one. We have a common factor that links us. What it implies here is that we come from a common stock. That is the message of Sheikh Mandour, as commissioned by the Holy Spirit. Apostle Paul had earlier written in Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all

one in Christ Jesus". This further confirms that the entire creation of God is one. There is no need for division.

In commissioning Sheikh Mandour, the Holy Spirit is using him to bring about the realisation of one love, one God, one Shepherd and one fold.

Again, that Sheikh Mandour has been recruited from the other religion to speak for and articulate more the truth in another religion does not suggest the later superiority over the other but to further educate the miseducated world that God is one and those who worship Him irrespective of the various names given to Him and the methods used are still worshipping that

same God. This is yet another lesson to the world in the Sheikh Mandour experience.

Any person or group of persons who would not listen

to this clarion call of the Holy Spirit through this erudite muslim scholar is digging his grave and his blood shall be upon him. This is so for the

Holy Spirit has directed that there should be no more division among the Gentiles, Moslems, Christians, Hindus and indeed the entire human race.

Thank You Father.



Sheikh Mandour, meeting face to face with the "Christ" in human form.

LIFE AFTER LIFE

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In this treatise, your opinion may or may not be necessary. This is so because of the fact that the Comforter is already on earth and is leading many to the accurate knowledge of truth. Your opinion, if it must be expressed at all must be directed by the wisdom of the Comforter the spirit of truth.

Without much ado, do you believe in life after death or in life after life? Or aptly put, do you believe in reincarnation and resurrection? In addition, do you believe that your dead friend or relative may actually be living in another part of the world or even in this country just as they were before their demise?

To buttress this fact is the essence of Christ coming. Christ came to the world not only to shed His Blood and redeem mankind, or tribulations resulting from the sins of man but to equally manifest God's love for mankind in the physical realm, to demonstrate the power of man to have dominion over death and so attain the height of immortality as well as to lift human race from darkness to the light of eternity. With these facts carefully articulated, one would not be doubtful of his ability to model his

life in the direction of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who, we now know overcame death and whose steps we must follow.

Succinctly put, Our Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated this feat when He was crucified on the Cross. This led to His death but He resurrected after three days. To this end, the significance of His resurrection is palpable for if He did not resurrect, it would have been impossible for Him to raise Lazarus and so vindicate the claim that He conquered death. John 11:1-14 is replete with facts to further consolidate this stance. It is on record that the death of Jesus Christ was to usher in immortality to man when He said "What I did, all men shall do.... The dead shall live again".

However, this could be possible if one conforms to what is written in John 11:25-26. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me shall never die." In that regard, it is not secret that one's right to eternal life is predicated upon unshakable faith in Jesus Christ and the absolute practise of His injunctions to man.

Similarly, eternal life could manifest through reincarnation as was exemplified in Elias (Elijah) whom we popularly know as John the Baptist (Matthew 11:13-15) "For all the prophets and the law

prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias which was to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

According to the Holy Father in one of His sermons, there is life after death, that we reincarnate as babies and grow systematically to accomplish our assignments which may not have been completed before we departed from the mother earth. He disclosed that a dead person may actually be living physically in another state or country doing his normal business as well as raise a family.

In fact, many instances abound today to attest to the fact that there is life after death or life after life. But for now let us consider from some modern stories or events and decide for ourselves the efficacy of this discourse.

The headline story of punch, December 3, 1992, page 11, Man, 71, comes back from dead after 19 (nineteen) months in grave." Here, the story had it that one 71 years old Kwame Amengo, from Ghana resurrected nearly two years after burial. According to the story, "the man just came, knocked on the door of his cottage life he had been away on a trip," family friend Osei Tsiboe said. "Everybody started screaming and jumping for joy, Kwame was alive." Kwame

himself said "I was sent back to the world to do good for mankind. "When God said He did not want me in paradise because my time was not due, I pleaded with Him to send me back to join my family and He agreed." DEAD HUSBAND HEALS WIFE". This is a headline story of Daily Times, June 26, 1993 page 12. Here, one Eunice, from Okafia Igbere, Igbere in Abia State had a protracted sickness which defied every treatment and she was finally abandoned to her fate. But one night she called on the dead husband to come to her aid, reminding him of the needed protection from him to ensure the survival of their only child and the immortalisation of his name which would not be if she and the only child died. "After pouring out her heart to the empty room, she laid down, tried to sleep. Immediately, there were knocks and calls on her door. Eunice! ... open the door for me," the voice demanded.

The story adds that she managed to get up and opened the door. Then, her dead husband walked in and

said, "I heard all what you said, now bring that basin and follow me," she complied. Somewhere on the road, the husband reached for some herbs and gave to her to eat. After eating the herbs, she was completely healed.

The story went further that on reaching a certain point of the road, the husband consoled her by saying, "now, let's return home, we have gone far enough and you are now quite well. I am watching over you and nothing will happen to you." They started returning home but somewhere on the road, the husband vanished. According to the paper, this story has been the talk of the town.

Generally, there are lots of other revealing stories published to authenticate this claim. There have been these other stories where a dead woman went to buy fish in a market, "Ghost walks in Lagos," in the same publication of Daily Times, June 26, 1993 etcetera.

Now, the wonder that there is life after dead or life after life is an indisputable fact. Or, what do you think?

It is on record that the death of Jesus Christ was to usher in immortality to man when He said "What I did, all men shall do... The dead shall live again"

OPINION

The Mystery of O.O.O. II

Bro. Monday A. Isi

contd. from last Issue of 3rd Covenant.

Sceptics are still doubting the Deity of Leader O. O. Obu and His mission but evidence abound here and there as to who He is.

In the first article I promised to continue to unravel the mystery of the OOO with reference to some hidden passages in the Bible which reveal Him as the One.

The holy name OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU should be seen and expressed as one name and its vibratory potency can then be tremendously felt when used in that context. That is why when all the alphabets in the name are added together they produce a spirit number which is equal to 7. You will recall one 'O' has a value of 7 ascribed to it. So by the time one pronounces the three Os, one would have activated, as it were, the creative force of the holy name OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU into three. Therefore the computation is to multiply the total figures in the holy name by three, that is, $61 \times 3 = 183$ and this when reduced to its single number gives 3 as follows: $183 = 1 + 8 + 3 = 12 = 1 + 2 = 3$. Again when we add the figures of three OOO which is $7 + 7 + 7 = 21 = 2 + 1 = 3$. Is it not marvellous that when both results are reduced to single figure the answer is 3? This goes to show that He is the unchanging same whether as OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU or OOO.

Number 7 is seen here as the dominant figure in the mystery surrounding this holy name. Some mystics believe that 7 is the creative force. In fact, Cheiro in one of his remarkable descriptions of the unique characteristics of the Number 7 people noted:

"Number 7 people have very peculiar ideas about religion. They dislike to follow the beaten track, they create a religion of their own, but one that appeals to the imagination and based on the mysterious. These people usually have remarkable dreams... they have the gift of intuition... and a peculiar quieting magnetism of their own that has great influence over others."

What further description could aptly summarise the mysterious nature of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star on this earth plane and

the indefatigable nature of its author than this?

There are curious passages in the Bible which have come to confirm Number 7 as the hidden numerological identity of the Comforter. The scripture tells us that Our Lord Jesus Christ came in the name of God the Father. God told Moses that He would send One who would speak what God commanded Him to speak. Our Lord Jesus Christ in John chapter 5 verse 43 confirmed that He came in the name of His Father. Again in John chapter 14 verse 26, Our Lord Jesus Christ told his disciples while he was yet with them that the Father will send the Comforter, the Holy Ghost in His (Christ's) own name. Our Lord Jesus Christ in all His preachings truly demonstrated that He was the mouthpiece of the Father. He did not hide this fact and attributed every word He spoke as coming from the Father.

In our own generation there is one who has come in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ and has revealed our Lord Jesus Christ more than any other person. The question is how do we identify the one that will come in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ? It is the one that has the Number 7 as His spirit number or identity.

A few days before he died, our Lord Jesus Christ made a futuristic statement about the fate of Jerusalem. In Matthew chapter 23 verses 37-39, he lamented the atrocities which the inhabitants of Jerusalem had committed against the prophets of God and rebuked the city and said:

"Behold your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, ye shall not see me henceforth till ye shall say, BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD." (emphasis mine).

Our Lord Jesus Christ knew that he was going to be killed in the next few days and definitely was not expecting a second triumphant entry into Jerusalem after he had received a glorious entry when the

people sang hosanna in the highest, as recorded in Matthew chapter 21 verse 9. But here He was talking of another personality. That person is, *He that cometh in the name of the Lord*. The question is who is, He that is coming in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ? Of course, the answer as earlier stated is the Comforter. The Comforter is also known as THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH as recorded in John chapter 16 verse 13. But one significant thing is that the common denominator to reveal the secret of the hidden identity of the Comforter is that both - HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD and HE THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH have the Number 7 as the spirit number when the alphabets in them are added up. Curious enough this is the same Number 7 as that of the holy name OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU.

Accepting the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ as propagated by the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star means accepting the Comforter whom our Lord Jesus Christ said will come in His own name. Has our Holy Father not been preaching Christ from January to December ever since His ministry started on this earth plane?

Brethren, since our Lord Jesus Christ spoke those ominous words against Jerusalem, of a truth Jerusalem has been ransacked by various hordes of invaders over the centuries starting with the Romans in A.D. 70. Right now the Jews and the Arabs have been fighting major and minor wars. Indeed, since our Lord Jesus Christ left Jerusalem till date, that city of David has known no peace! Our Lord Jesus Christ warned in Verse 36 of Matthew 23 that what he had spoken would all come to

side of this... whereas the compound numbers from figure 10 to 52 belong to the spiritual side of life.

The double numbers when used show the mysterious influences that come to play in the hidden current of destiny of the individual. Therefore the figures representing the three OOO, that is, 777 when added together = $7 + 7 + 7$ produce 21. The interpretation of Number 21 according to Cheiro is that it is symbolised by the picture of the universe and it is also called the Crown of Magi.

"It is a number of advancement, honours, elevation in life and general success. It means victory after a long fight, for the crown of the magi is only gained after a long initiation and tests of determination. It is a fortunate number of promise if it appears in connection



The mystery man in the midst of His followers

To confirm the prediction of Our Lord Jesus Christ that until the inhabitants of Jerusalem say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, before they could see His face again, the Holy Father in one of His sermons on 29th December, 1991, said and I quote:

"The trouble in Israel will not end until this gospel is preached there and they accept it and give glory to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and sing hossana."

Immediately, I heard these words, my mind went to the hidden prediction of Our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in Matthew chapter 23 verse 39. Yes, the problems of Israel and indeed the Jews will be over when they accept Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

pass in this generation.

It is up to the Jews to recognise the Comforter in our midst and embrace Him in order to lift that curse on their race and enjoy peace. Definitely, He has come three in one - as He that cometh in the name of the Lord - as *He The Spirit of Truth* - and as Lord God Almighty - all conforming with the secret spirit Number 7.

So far we have dealt with the single or spirit number of the holy name OLUMBA OLUMBA OBU which equals to 7. The three OOO in symbolism becomes a compound name because there are three 7s. The meanings ascribed to the numbers 1 to 9 which form the continuum of the single number series, belong to the physical or material

with future events."

Now the explanation given to the compound number 21 speaks eloquently of what OOO portends and stands for. It means that those associated with it have gained victory after a long fight and struggle and obtained a crown of success. Is it not a fact that a true Brotherhood must have faced numerous odds, tribulations and made sacrifices before overcoming? And God has promised in Revelation chapter 3 verse 12 that Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God... Therefore what is laid for everyone of us, as St. Paul said is a crown of success. With OOO we have definitely overcome.

Thank You Father.

BRIEFS

B.C.S. in Borno, Yobe

by Ayaru George

Recent developments in the activities of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, Borno State has confirmed to all and sundry that the Holy Spirit is indeed the moving force in all her activities.

To buttress this assertion the Leader's Representative for the State Bro. J. O. Chikwem poured encomiums on the the Holy Spirit as he enumerated their achievements.

The State Leader's Representative hinted that the state has seven functional Bethels located at strategic areas of the state. They include the Pomomari Central Bethel, University of Maiduguri Bethel, the Railway Bethel, and Peace Healing Home.

Others are Gamboru-ngala Bethel, Biu Bethel and Banki Bethel. He went further

ADAMAWA STATE:

The Holy Spirit in His effort to capture the whole Nigeria is now in Adamawa State. On the 6th of November 1993, during the morning devotion testimony hours, Prophet Moses Udofia was appointed the Adamawa State Leader's Representative. Brother Blaise S. Aguh was appointed the Deputy Leader's Representative. The two appointments took effect from November 6th.

In another development, the Holy Father has also baptized the Governor of the State, Brother (Alhaji) Sali Michika, the Commander of Nigerian Airforce in Adamawa State, Brother Okechukwu and the Director of DIFFR! Sister Stella Muphat.

UNITED KINGDOM:

Professor Ranger's daughter was in Calabar recently to see for herself the Operations of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. She and her brother, were received with love and we believe she will carry back to her father a fruitful reply about this kingdom of God on earth.

Professor Ranger is the professor of African Studies

to thank the Holy Father for the provision of permanent site for the Railway Bethel, erecting of temporary structure at Banki Bethel, whose roof was blown off by rain-storm and the acquisition of land at Damaturu the capital of Yobe State. Also acquired is a permanent site for Peace Healing Home. The Father's Representative was full of praises for the Holy Father for the brotherly affection that now exist in the State. In his words "The Father has removed all divisive tendencies, unnecessary struggle and quarrels from the minds of His children and replaced them with bliss."

Also mentioned were the activities of the full time workers who had taken the Father's message to the two governors of Borno and Yobe States respectively and also to the Shehu of Bornu.

The Leader's Representative finally prayed the Holy Father to continue to lead them aright.

Thank You Father.

and African Religion at Oxford University, England.

Same in England is Professor Walls of Edinburgh University who through connection with Professor Tassie of University of Jos in Nigeria, is responsible for the Research Programme of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in the Western World.

It has been reported that he (Professor Walls) has been ill. We of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, pray for his speedy recovery to enable him continue with his assigned duties.

LEWIS TOWN:

The Holy Spirit has captured Lewis Town through His Christ Servants, George and Daniel, the two sons of Bishop Jeremy Goring, the United Kingdom Leader's Representative. Following the acceptance of the Father's teachings, the authorities of Lewis Town have given the two sons of Brother Goring a house in the town. George and Daniel, had long converted the house to the Holy Father's to facilitate His services, according to Christ Servant Solomon.

Thank You Father.

Nigeria is on the march again, searching for a stable, acceptable and peaceful government. The military have once again sacked the civilians Moments ago the civilians chased away a military dictator. When will this "RAT-RACE" end? The answer lies in the willingness of Nigerians to allow the Holy Spirit choose their leader for them.

NEXT PRESIDENT MUST BE A CHILD OF GOD

BY EYO CHARLES

There is absolutely no doubt in any one's mind any longer that the present socio-political crisis are divinely directed.

The prevailing leadership stalemate is caused by the act that man's rule has terminated in Nigeria. And this problem will not be resolved by man until the mantle of leadership is formally handed over to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will thereafter directly and physically exert total control in Nigeria - the seat of His physical manifestation.

indeed, the socio-political problem which clogged the wheel of our political progress after a universal remarkable poll success was the handiwork of the Holy Spirit whose influence, power and presence in the corridors of power in Nigeria and elsewhere is felt lavishly.

Nigeria's case has to be extremely particular, so that a hard lesson should be learnt by the other nation-states on what measures to expect.

Nigeria, where God resides, should have known better and give honour, respect and proper recognition to whom it is due. Our country pretended and tended to trivialise the presence of the Sole Spiritual Head, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, who has all the answers to the universal problems including Nigeria's social, economic and political crisis. That is basically the consequence of these problems. But God cannot beg to be recognised.

What were the things required? Simple. Just for Nigeria to refer ALL her problems to Him ALWAYS, and then see how things would work out for her as the spiritual model state.

In any case, Nigeria is extremely lucky to have the God-Head Trinity dwelling here with all solutions to all

human and spiritual predicaments. guided by the Holy Spirit in ruling Nigeria. However, it does not mean that this child should be a baptised Brotherhood child or (take it or leave) this child can be a Brotherhood child. But the paramount point is being a link to the eventual handover to the universal reign of the Holy Spirit as the main control in the body-politics of Nigeria. This child will be a deeply Christ-conscious fellow who will be very knowledgeable in the promptings of the Holy Spirit. He will similarly possess all the divine qualities found in Leader Obu which are most sought after.

Nigeria is extremely lucky in that this "man" who is the source of all powers and wisdom had repeatedly proclaimed that as far as He is in Nigeria, there would never be any war again; that since His teachings borders on love, unity and oneness; Nigeria can never be broken up. Therefore, be warned you the instigators otherwise you would be sliced into pieces by the dreaded angels who readily minister to His directives. Police actions are what He said would chastise Nigeria.

Again, Leader Olumba Olumba Obu has said that no country can attack Nigeria if people adhere to His teachings. With Leader Obu, therefore, Nigeria has acquired the superpower status which is incomparable to any known claims. It were better for the United Nations (UN), headquartered in New York, not to rub her buttocks on the chair any more but to grant a permanent seat on the Security Council to Nigeria. Nigeria is an exalted spiritual giant-state soon to be universally seen.

She has the veto power. Any nation which threaten her for any reason: economic, military or political is inviting problems to herself.

An Ibibio adage says that a father cannot be around in the playground and masquerades beat up his child. Therefore, antagonistic and jealous nations please beware. This country cannot be turned into a testing ground for Western destructive weapons. We are not Somalia, Panama, Libya, Iraq or Bosnia.

In the face of the current problem which seem to defy solutions Leader Obu has pronounced that He has given Nigeria His "child" as the president of the country. This means that this "child" will bear fruits of righteousness and would also be led pr

You will agree with me that this has been the visionary, humane, merciful, courageous, loving forgiving leader Nigeria, and indeed the whole world have been clamouring for. They abound in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

I risk to reiterate what Leader Obu has said several times at different spiritual lectures that He alone would appoint presidents and leaders to various countries and positions in the world very shortly.

Like we have stated previously, the collapse of all worldly rulership has begun. Not only in Nigeria.

The scripture says: "all those who came before me were thieves and robbers. And all those who enter into the sheep-yard through the windows the sheep do not recognise them". Therefore, the right person to rule Nigeria will now enter Nigeria's corridors of power through the Beautiful Gate. A situation where thieves are deadly struggling for what belongs to somebody else is ludicrous and offensive to the eyes.

Let Nigeria not joke again with Leader Olumba Olumba Obu.

Thank You Father.

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OPINION

THE DIVINE PERSONALITIES OF THE TRINITY

by Pastor E. T. Halliday

The various evidence deduced from the Bible notwithstanding, men still doubt the manifestation of the personalities of Divine Trinity to the physical realm.

"There are three that bear record in heaven, the FATHER, THE WORD (SON), and the HOLY GHOST, and these THREE are ONE". (1 John 5:7). This is Trinity, the three dimensions of God. Three in one and one in three. The Trinity-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has been with Man from the beginning of time, not only with the microcosm called Man but also with the macrocosm of humanity. This took various forms at various times as force, power, influence, fire etc. but more relevantly as discreet divine personalities, first as the Father, then as the Son and now as the Holy Spirit.

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God", (St. John 1:14). God is Spirit, God is Human, God is the Word, God is Christ, and Christ is the word nor would any Christian prove contrary that Our Lord Jesus Christ was not God. The word created all things. "Without him (the Word) was not anything made that was made" (St. John 1:3). The Word then said "Let us create man in our own image and likeness" (Genesis 1:26) "and the Lord God formed man and breathed into his nostril the breathe of life (His Holy Spirit) and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). Without His Spirit (Holy Spirit) man is spiritually and physically dead. His Spirit has been in man from creation. In Spirit form no one can normally see Him and therefore whenever He visits humanity he takes on human form and dwell, no matter how short, on earth among men in flesh and blood. He also exists in all other forms and in all other planes of creation, at all times.

PERSONIFICATION OF THE FATHER

The fact that the Father has been here with man in human form has quite often been overlooked by Man or Man has chosen to ignore

such manifestations/personifications even though records are available in the scriptures.

In the Old Testament, He was seen as power, as cloud, as fire. But our first parents Adam and Eve heard His voice and His walks in the garden of Eden and went into hiding (Genesis 3:21). He visited them in human form and held discussions with them. They heard His voice. He even made them fur coats (Genesis 3:21). This continued until the fall of man when thereafter personifications ceased for a while.

PERSONIFICATION OF THE SON

Perhaps because of the ignorance of man in the ways of God, the personification of God as the Son was not only most announced and publicised, it was also the most unacceptable to Man and bloody. This particular personification of His deity was against the comprehension and thoughts of Man at the time. It did not receive their assistance and acceptance. Such is the will of God.

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth" (St. John 1:14). "He was in the world and the world knew him not. He came into His own (Man) but His own (Man) received him not" (St. John 1:10-11). His mission then was to redeem mankind with His blood and, in 2 Cor. 5:18/19, to reconcile Man with the Father.

Eventhough historically the Jews believed in Moses and Adam and ought to have been acquainted with the personification of the Father mentioned above, they were indignant when, before them, the Lord claimed Sonship. This indignation led to the bloody aspect of His advent. Yet it was true. Today even the Jews themselves are beginning to think again while His personification as the Son is now enjoying the general acceptance of humanity.

This divine personification of the Son is so well known to Christians over the years that it hardly needs further men-

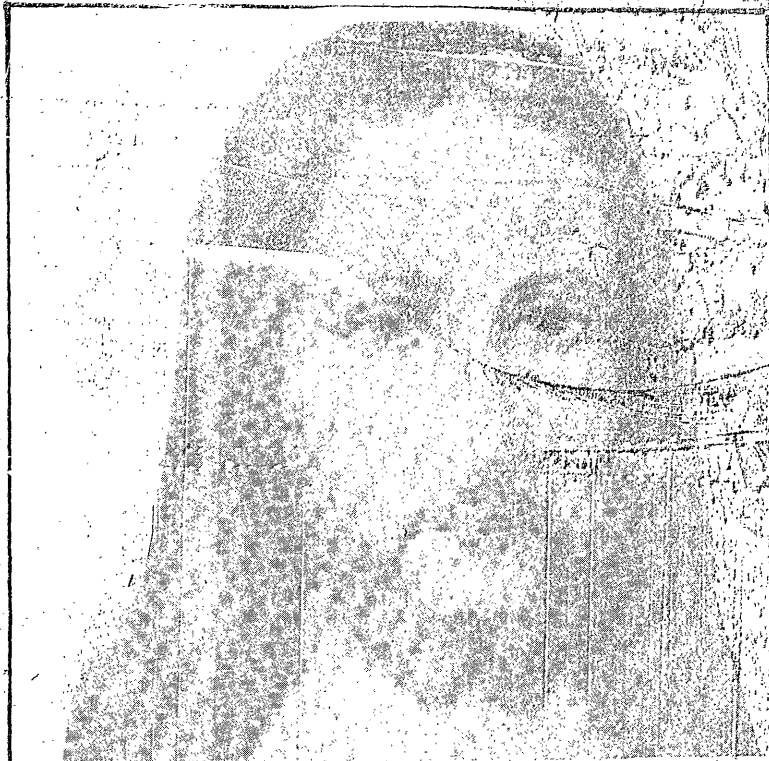
tion. His advent, birth and mission were sufficiently prophesied in holy scripts and through prophets. Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel all prophesied about His advent but it was that of Daniel that had the greatest importance, namely, that from the day which the order should be given to rebuild Jerusalem till the death of the Messiah there would remain only 70 weeks of years, that is 490 years. So that the Jews knew not only the family from which the Saviour would spring (Jer. 23:5) but also the city where he would be born (Micah 5:2) the period when he would be born prophesied

Yet this made no impression on Man.

Throughout his ministry as Son hardly any believed or recognised Him as God. This wisdom or knowledge is not given to all. The personification was a problem to the Jews and early Christians until today the problems with the personification of the Holy Spirit.

PERSONIFICATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Like in the case of the Son (the Messiah) the advent of the HOLY SPIRIT (the Comforter, the Teacher) was promised and prophesied but this time by none other than



Our Lord Jesus Christ - an integral part of the trinity.

by Jacob (Gen.49:10) and the year in which he would die (Dan.9:24-26). Angels conveyed the same messages to inform Man that God the Son, will be born. "And the angel (Gabriel) answered and said unto her (Mary) thou shalt bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus, he shall save his people (the Jews) from their sins" (Matt.1:21). The messages were clear. The Father Himself declared in Matt. 3:16-17 and Luke 3:21-22 "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" in a spectacular baptism scene of Our Lord Jesus Christ in which the three dimensions of the Trinity were all present namely, the voice of the Father, the Son in the water and the Holy Spirit dove descending on the Son.

Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Towards the end of His Ministry here on earth, He told his despondent disciples "I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter that HE (the Comforter) may abide with you forever on the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive" (St. John 14:16-17). The Lord and Master was promising His disciples that another Comforter, Teacher, like He Himself, in human form (hence the pronoun HE instead of IT) will come from the Father.

Further, about His assignment, Our Lord Jesus Christ said "but the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost ... shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said to you" (St. John 14:26)

and "but when the Comforter shall testify of me, ye shall testify of me, for ye have received of me, and shall show it unto you" (St. John 16:13-14). It is clear that the work of reconciliation is to be maintained and by changing it may lead him to God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ had made it clear to the Jews that the Kingdom of God has been taken from the nation of Israel and given to another nation which would bear fruits (Matt. 21:43). This time around therefore his nationality cannot be Jewish. This and the colour of his garments had been, 500 years earlier, prophesied in the old testament by Isaiah the prophet when he said "who is his (the comforter) from Edom with his ... wherefore ... their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments and I will stain all my raiment" (Isaiah 63:1-6).

In Genesis 36:1, 8-9 we are told that Edom was another name for Esau who, through his marriage united the other seed of Isaac (that is Esau himself) and Ishmael, that other seed of Abraham the Father of many nations and Esau himself became the Father of the Edomites and "other nation" of Abraham, a nation of first borns (Esau and Ishmael have always been first-borns).

Further, Our Lord Jesus Christ in Spirit, 64 years after his ascension revealed, on the Island of Patmos, to John the beloved that "He was clothed in vesture dipped in blood and his name is called the Word of God", this "Spirit of Truth" later in Rev. 13:16 referred to as the "KING OF KINGS AND LORD AND LORDS" when He comes would come from Esau's lineage in fulfilment of the prophesies in Hosea 2:24 beautifully referenced by Peter in 1 Peter 2:10 and by Paul "I will call them my people which were not my people; and her beloved which were not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, ye are not my

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 people there shall they be called the children of the living God. (Rom. 9:25-26). He will not only put on red-looking vesture but will also be accused of or associated with blood.

Edom was situated at the top tip of the Gulf of AKABAH in the Sinai at one time part of Egypt and hence the African connection. It later became part of Judea and hence, also, some reference to Him as "THE LION OF JUDAH" (Rev. 5:5). Our Lord Jesus Christ furthermore revealed to John in Rev. 12:5 that a woman (not specifically a virgin as in the case of Our Lord Himself, Matt. 2:23) would bring forth a male child which would rule all nations with an iron rod. The child this time would be caught up with God. He would not crash land. He would be born of woman in like manner to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Regarding his name, Our Lord Jesus Christ revealed to John that "Him that

who names him; the Son who writes it; the Holy Spirit (personified) who receives it. Those that follow him are "clothed in fine linen, white and clean" (Rev. 19:14). These are they who Our Lord Jesus Christ spoke of in John 15, 27 that would "bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning", "...and his name shall be in their foreheads" (Rev. 22:4). Those then were the prophecies. God would send the Holy Spirit, as a Comforter and Teacher, to remind us all of what the Son said and did, to maintain the work of reconciliation, and to unite all the sheep into one flock. He would be called a name which shall remain a secret within the Trinity. He would be from the house of Esau and would not only wear red garments but would be associated with or accused of blood.

The big question now is have these prophecies been

divine revelation, Our Lord Jesus Christ replied "I that speak unto thee am He" (St. John 4:26). Our Lord choose to reveal His identity to her but hid it from others until the end of His ministry. It is only those whom the Trinity choose to reveal themselves to that would know their identity "because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven, but to them, it is not given" (Matt. 13:11). That is not all that flesh and blood can learn from that wonderful encounter between the Son and the Woman of Samaria. She ran to the city in utter amazement saying to everyone "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" (St. John 4:29). Paraphrasing, therefore, we say to mankind to come and see a man who round the clock, January to December, continues to remind us of all what the

invitation. They went and returned thereafter acknowledging "Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" (St. John 4:42). Again when Phillip told Nathaniel, in St. John 1:45, that "we have found him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets (and in this case, Our Lord Jesus Christ also) did write; Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph" (in this case, the Comforter, the Holy Spirit Teacher) many today like Nathaniel would be doubting and asking the Nathaniel question "can there be any good thing come out of Nazareth (Nigeria, in this case)?" (St. John 1:46). The reply of Phillip was simply "come and see" (St. John 1:46). That reply is very pertinent today in the case of the manifestation of the Comforter. Those who came, saw, and believed. Come and see for yourself and be wiser thereafter.

CONCLUSION

God is a mystery. If any man thinks that he has known God, it is not God. He does His things the way He wants and not in the way to satisfy human thoughts. He has put His Spirit into man (microcosm) and has visited mankind (macrocosm) from the days of creation in various forms. When it was necessary for him to drastically change the course of human history, He came himself in one or the other of his three dimensions in human form before now. Lastly and forever His present visitation as Holy Spirit in human form heralds in the family of God, the kingdom of God here on earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God

shall himself be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be anymore pain, for the former things are passed away" (Rev.21:3-4). It makes no difference to God whether his words or deeds enjoy the acceptance of mankind or not. His purpose is for ever sure. There can be no mistakes. As the Father, He spoke and the words manifested as creation. But man degenerated and drifted. And so as the Son He came to gather the sheep of the house of Israel and to save them with His blood. He was rejected because of His claim of Sonship. Today the Holy Spirit is now with us, as a divine person not only to teach and lead us to the knowledge of all truth but also to gather all nations into one fold... the Brotherhood of man under one shepherd, thus fulfilling the promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ "And other sheep (Edom) I have, which are not of this fold, them also I must bring. And they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd (St. John 10:16). With the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, Esau is recompensed, Africa is awakened and Ethiopia is rising again. He has come to teach and to reign. With hindsight we pray that He is not also rejected by His own people.

It needs something more than flesh and blood to reveal the mysteries of God as Our Lord Jesus Christ told Simeon Peter, therefore in the unfolding of the mystery of the personality of the Holy Spirit we are grateful to the Holy Spirit for allowing us share in the knowledge of this mystery as students having one ETU-BOM!

Thank You Father



The Holy Father - Divine Godhead of the Trinity

overcometh ... I will write upon him my new name" (Rev. 3:12) and also "...He had a name written that no man knew, but he himself" (Rev. 2:17). Five hundred years earlier, Isaiah said of him in Isaiah 62:2 "And the gentile shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name".

It is clear that he was not going to be called Jesus, or Emmanuel a second time. Those names would not be new. They were not even new in the days of Our Lord Jesus. His new name is a secret within the Trinity - the Father

fulfilled or "do we look for another?" Our Lord Jesus Christ told Simon Peter when he (Peter) revealed the Son that "flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 16:17). It takes more than flesh and blood to do so.

It is only the Father and the Trinity that can do so about themselves. The woman of Samaria told Our Lord Jesus Christ at the onset of His ministry that "I know that the Messiah cometh, which is called Christ; when he is come, he will tell us all things" (John 4:25). That was all she knew about the Son - "He will tell us all things". In a direct

Christ said, and continues to lead us into the knowledge of all truth; teaching us by examples and expounding to us the mysteries of the Kingdom; healing the sick, raising dead and performing other mighty works; that possesses the characteristics of Omnipresence, Omnipotence and Omniscience all of which belong exclusively to Divinity; that wears red garments and is accused of sucking blood; not from the house of Israel but from another nation Nigeria; is not this the promised Comforter, the Holy Spirit personified?

The men of the city of Samaria did not reject the

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PROFILE



Apostle (Eze) Isaac Ikonne

Herald: Your Highness, is your position hereditary or on rotational basis?

Ikonne: My position is hereditary. My father was a Clan head, but the Holy Father has promoted me as a paramount ruler.

However the condition is that, you must have a lineage to the throne.

Herald: Which other churches did you attend before joining the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and what enticed you into joining the fold?

Ikonne: I was a founding member of Saint Eugene Catholic Church Aba before joining Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

I was baptized into the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in 1987, when I could not be healed of an ailment that affected me despite the fact that I was a member of Fourteen Secret Cults.

I enrolled in these cults due to my quest for power and protection. I always believed that my position as the Enyi 1 of Aba was being envied by people. Surprisingly I wallowed in this sickness for a long time but no help was forth coming. It was only the Holy Father, Leader O. O. Obu that healed me at no cost and through the power of His spoken words. This, of course was after I had been baptised into the fold by Pastor Eze Chiya-lawe.

Herald: What have been your activities and contribution to Brotherhood of the Cross and Star?

Ikonne: One cannot quantify what He benefits from the Holy Spirit, and so it will sound immodest to blow one's trumpet. However, if you wish the Father through me has built a Pentecostal Centre in Aba. To His glory, many Bethels and healing homes have been erected aside from others who take a queue from me and embrace the Kingdom. Of recent the Father has acquired for Himself through me the former Apostolic Church land at the cost of N100,000 (one hundred thousand naira) only, I intend to erect a befitting cathedral that will almost cost (N30,000,000) thirty million naira before completion.

Herald: What divine teaching of the Father do you apply in your rulership?

Ikonne: I put unto practise the teachings of our

father on love for one another and to do unto others what you want other to do unto you.

Herald: How can you assess the Holy Father considering His activities on earth?

**The days of foolishness are gone.
The days of uncomformed cultural values are no more here. We move in the light and we are the light.**

Ikonne: I strongly believe that Leader Olumba Olumba Obu is the God head, having found mercy and salvation in Him.

Herald: What is your advice to other traditional rulers and the world at large.

Ikonne: I advise all the inhabitants of the world to join Brotherhood of the Cross and Star and embrace the teachings of Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, for only in Him can mankind receive salvation. And He is going to judge and rule the world.

Herald: Supposing you are made to choose between being a traditional ruler and an Apostle of God which will you choose?

Ikonne: When I did not taste of the Glory of God, it could have been difficult to make that choice but now that I am aware of the goodness of God, it will be funny to ask that question.

Herald: Your Highness, how do you combine your apostleship with the traditional stool. I mean with all the cultures, pouring of libation and other heathen practices?

Ikonne: The days of foolishness are gone. The days of uncomformed cultural values are no more here. We move in the light and we are the light. We must show this light for others to follow. For me, no pouring of libation, no heathen practices. They are against the teachings of the Holy Spirit.

Herald: What plans do you have as Chairman of traditional rulers fellowship of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in the direction of propagating the Father's Work?

Ikonne: The Father intends to erect through us at the New Jerusalem Biakpan an ultra modern guest house where all Traditional Rulers will always meet during our pilgrimage to Biakpan. The house will have all the modern facilities. We pray the Father to let this plan work out well.

Herald: Apostle, what effects has politics over the affairs of the traditional Rulers especially now that politics is banned in the country?

Ikonne: People every where need good leadership. Traditional Ruler have no hands in politics. We need the Holy Father to help salvage the people. None else can set the people free. I know that whenever it pleases the Father that his son will come up as a leader in Nigeria and then we shall have peace.



Traditional Rulers of the New Kingdom

PROFILE

FOURTEEN SECRET CULTS COULD NOT HEAL ME BUT O. O. O. DID....

Apostle (Eze) Isaac Ikonne Enyi 1 of Aba

Every reporter knows what it takes to corner a very important personality (V.I.P.) for an interview. Their generally tight schedule, unending appointment, and at times unkept promises, might put off the zeal in any eager reporter. The case of Apostle Isaac Ikonne (EZE) the ENYI 1 OF ABA was not an exception. Apart from his understandably tight schedules, as a traditional ruler, his other toga as an Apostle of the Most High God did not make things easier for the Apostle and Eze is either settling disputes, admonishing some, attending to one traditional function or in the Altar propagating the news of the New Kingdom. Against this background it was a herculean task for the Herald Team made up of Jacob Ukpai and Nsiong Ben to round up the Apostle. By divine grace, Apostle Isaac Ikonne came face to face with the Herald Crew after a one week wait.

Calm, calculated and completely relaxed Apostle (Eze) Isaac Ikonne talks on how he uses the divine teachings of the Holy Spirit to rule his subjects, the yearnings of his people, and the need to see, follow and embrace the teachings of the Holy Spirit personified in Leader Olumba Olumba Obu, the Sole Spiritual Head of the Universe.

Excerpts:

Herald: Your highness, can you please let us into your back ground?

Ikonne: I was born in Osusu village of Aba South Local Government Area. to Chief and Madam Ikonne Mwachukwu; on 4th January 1929, about 63 years ago. I had a very little education, having spent only one year in primary school before my mother died. As a result of my mother's death I had to stop schooling. I am married and the Father has blessed the union with some children. I have no other hobby except farming which is also my occupation.

Herald: When were you conferred with the chieftaincy title of Enyi 1 of Aba?

Ikonne: I was installed the Enyi 1 of Aba by the sixteen communities that make up Aba in 1973.

Herald: Before your conferment with the title, what were you doing?

Ikonne: Actually at the beginning, life was not rosy I passed through hardship. I started as a labourer, then a petty trader until I became a proprietor of a technical driving school in 1951 after which I became an estate agent, until 1960 which period I became an importer, and exporter.

Between 1960 - 1964 I, was elected a councillor to represent Southern Ngwa County Council After my tenure as a councillor, I engaged in various types of business.

Herald: Presently, how will you assess your position in life?

Ikonne: I thank the Holy Father for His bounties. By His special grace and mercy, I am His Apostle, He made me a traditional ruler and is running I & T



Construction Company through me as the Executive Director. Using me, He is the Vice Chairman of Aba textile mill, a contractor and Chairman of Public Relation committee, Abia State Traditional Rulers Council. The Father is everything. I am only His tool and witness.

Herald: How has it been on this hot seat for the past 20 years?

Ikonne: Unknown to me I was always drawing my inspiration from the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Father teaches us leadership by example. I try as much as possible to lead this same way. Because of this style of leadership, my subordinates and my subjects find in me a worthy example and just follow up. No problems whatever.

Herald: Anybody at the helm of affairs must encounter some problems, what are those problems you have been facing, and how have you been able to resolve them?

Ikonne: What you call problems, must have been the programmes the Holy Spirit wanted me to carry out. Initially, there was the question of factionalisation in Aba but with time the Father took control of the situation and we are now working as a team. Apart from a few cases of misunderstanding, here and there among my subjects in Aba metropolis, there is no problem. As you can see the people troop here in large number for peaceful resolution of their problems.

Herald: What have been your general experiences on the throne?

Ikonne: My experience is that of a traditional ruler with a difference. It's not I that do the works here but the Holy Spirit. I learnt early enough to hand over all the burdens, to Him.

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BRIEFS

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mustard seed is planted in Austria. Two brethren were baptised. The mustard seed had sprouted and it must bloom.

GERMANY:

Akin to the missionary journeys of old, some brethren visited the Sarbruken and Hamburg bethels in Germany. This visit was for revival and exhortation purposes and to further promote love and oneness among the brethren. It is hoped that the Father will make them grow from strength to strength.

SPAIN

Despite the language problem in Spain, the duo team of Pastor Aluko and Sister Degness moved to Spain to spread the Father's Gospel. They worshipped with the Anglican church called "St Georges Church." After the church, the brethren had audience with the priests and tracts were distributed to him and his congregation.

VIETNAM

The ministry to Vietnam by Prophet J. Y. Arthur and the other children of God was most fulfilling. The Glory of God was revealed and the Holy Spirit was overwhelmingly at work. For two weeks running these brethren poun-

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ded the streets of Vietnam visiting temples, hospitals, churches, and other public places revealing the New Kingdom of God now on earth to a bewildered people. They visited the Director of Religion's Studies... who pro-

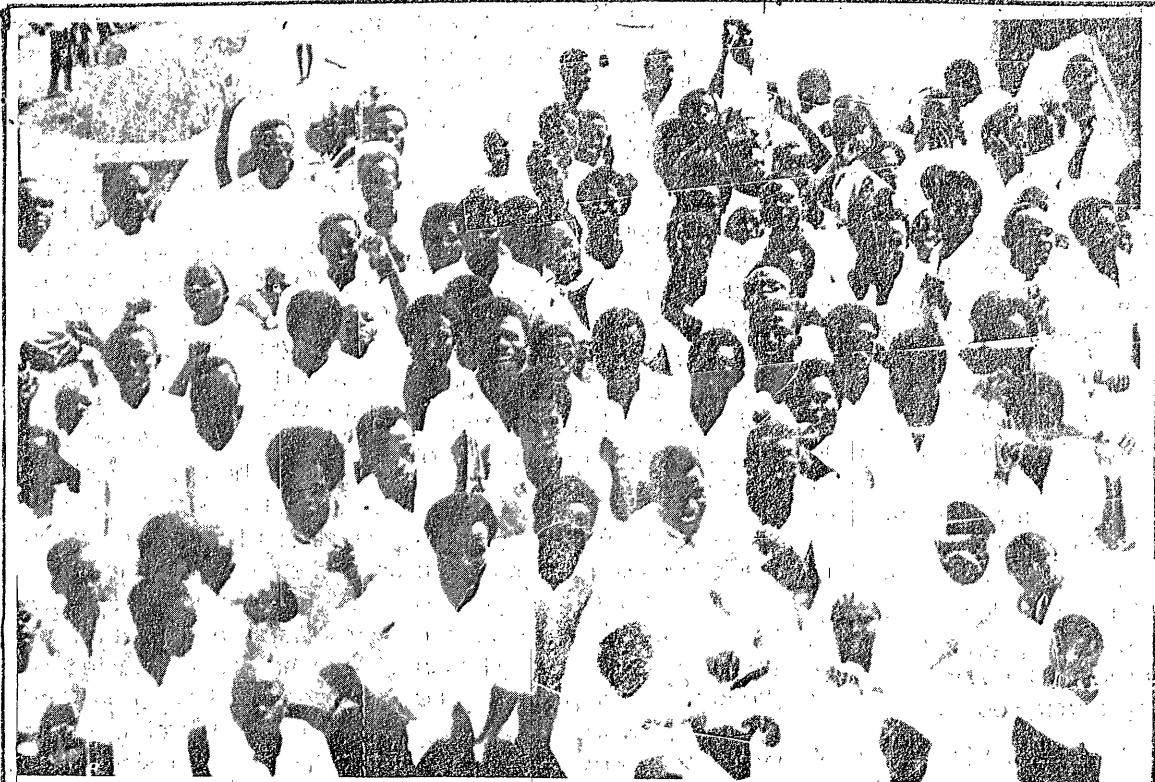
At Viet Duc hospital the children of God were conducted round the wards by the hospital's authority, Dr. V. V. Minh gave the medical history of all patients after which the missionaries sprayed the Holy Father to heal them. The

God as symbolised in the use of the BIG EYE that sees all things. The teachings of the Holy Spirit on Oneness of all creations of God was also imparted to them.

The brethren also took time

Father also donated some money here. Ho Chi Minh Square, the Presidential Palace now called the "Reunification Palace" and the American War Museum also received the blessings of the Holy Spirit as His children also visited them. In all cases, the people were blessed by the Father while showing practical love to them as taught by the Holy Spirit. The Ambassadors of God also visited St. Paul's Hospital.

Issues bordering on the love and oneness of all creation, topped the agenda after which they Holy Father donated the sum of 10,000 Dongs. At Pagodas the brethren were taken to a temple called "Chelaxa Lai" where the Holy Father donated 10,000 Dongs for their up keep. In all, it was a rewarding ministry as the ministers of God had exchanged addresses with them for future communications. Whatever was not achieved physically is accompanied in spirit by the Father. Vietnam is now conquered.



In the new Kingdom of God, now on earth, singing contributes in the soul-winning process

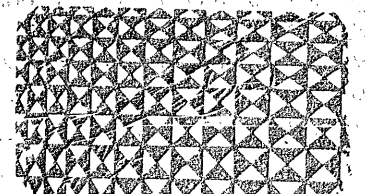
mised to translate the Father's Gospels into Vietnamese language and distribute to all institutions and others in the community. The Holy Father donated money for their research programme.

Father donated the sum of 100,000 Vietnam Dongs for their research programme.

The Caodai temple was visited. Their cardinal belief being the supremacy of One

off to visit the Ngoc Son Temple and interacted effectively with the Monks and Nuns while at the same time chipping in the good news of the New Kingdom to the perplexed men of God. The Holy

Thank You Father.



POEM

OLUMBA HIS PRAISE

(1) Thanks be to our Father

The Sole Controller and distributor of all powers
The Only unique Teacher and originator of all events
The cause and effect of all things done by man.

(2) Thanks be to our Father

The Sole provider and supplier of all our needs
Through His name, everything is made available and possible

His name is salvation to those that hope in Him.

(3) Thanks be to our Father

With Him there is no physical distance

He knows His children wherever they may be

Hence He needs nobody to tell Him about another.

(4) Thanks be to our Father

His understanding and wisdom is infinite

He tells the number of stars and call them by their names

All things are naked and opened unto His eyes.

(5) Thanks be to our Father

Who fills heaven and Earth

Darkness hide not from Him, but nights shine as the day

With Him there is no difference between darkness and the light.

(6) Thanks be to our Father

Who understands all the imaginations of the thoughts

The very hairs on our head are known to Him

He needs no advice nor counsellor.

(7) Thanks be to our Father

He is everywhere, He is Here, He is there

His pronouncement is final

When He speaks, it is done and when He commands, it stands.

(8) Thanks be to our Father

There is nothing hard for Him

A mere pronouncement, the Gulf war ended

Who can do this except God the Creator?

(9) Thanks be to our Father

He makes the Judges of the earth mere vanity

When He says "you are discharged and acquitted"

There is no jupiter on earth to counteract His order.

(10) Thanks be to our Father

His devastating powers, love, peace, mercy, humility and goodness

Leave ordinary mortal panting for breathe

Yet He does not boast nor brag about his virtues.

(11) Thanks be to our Father

He is everlasting God that fainteth

not nor weary

It serves no useful purpose searching for Him

He gives power to the faint and renew their strength.

(12) Thanks be to our Father

There is no impossibility in His Dictionary

God Almighty who was and who is and ever shall be

His promise is ever sure and dis appoint not.

(13) Thanks be to our Father

The Almighty Father, the final arbiter

The more you look the less you see. I am that I am is His Name.

(14) Thanks be to our Father

His Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence reveals Him as God

Be it in America, London or India He is seen simultaneously The truth has finally come to the world.

Thank You Father.

by Bro. Uwem A. Etuk

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1ST LESSON: LUKE 8 : 21

And he answered and said unto them, my mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

2ND LESSON: MATTHEW 12 : 50

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 6 : 45

It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

THE NEED TO HOLD FAST TO GOD

Brethren, this is an everlasting gospel, and the above texts form the summary.

I have always said that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is not a prayer house, it is not a church nor a fellowship centre. It is not a political association nor a thing established by man. Also Brotherhood is neither a commercial centre nor a play ground. It is the Kingdom of God. This gospel is meant to be an eye-opener to the whole world. Hold fast to this gospel for it shall stand as witness against you on the last day.

It is said that not all Israelites are true indigenes. Moreover, it is not all the descendants of Abraham that are his real children. The true children of Abraham are a separate set of people who fall within God's promise. Therefore, it is not every person that will inherit the kingdom but those that receive His word and practise same. Wherever you go to get the word of God is irrelevant. Whether you like to remain in your house, or in the Bethel, it is a matter of choice, provided you practise what you have been taught. Therefore, claiming to have done one thing or the other for God, is not important. Those who are regarded by God are those who receive His teachings and practise them.

Hence whatever position you may occupy, either a Pastor, Christ's Servant, Elder or Child of God will not save you. The only source of salvation is practising the gospel.

This further explains the reason why Jesus Christ said

that He cannot do anything by His will, but as He hears, so He judges for He does not pursue His own will but the will of His Father who had sent Him.

The gospel will have to be disseminated to all the inhabitants of the world.

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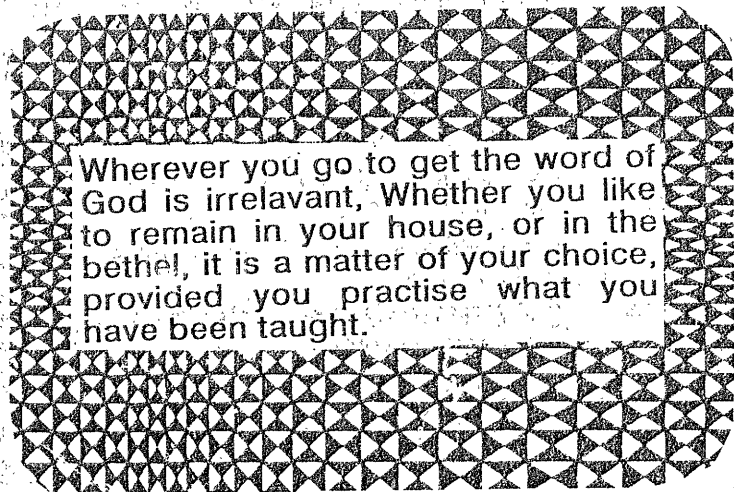
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QUALIFICATION TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Brethren, you can now realise that qualification into this kingdom does not depend on preaching nor blowing your trumpet in the name of preaching.

It does not also depend on your status or class in the world but solely on practising the gospel. Therefore, your position as a millionaire, royal highness, president, etc. will not help you. Your high educational qualification will not save you if you fail to receive and keep the words of God, preached to you daily.

It is said that, God shall teach them all things and they that hear His voice and keep His commandments will follow Him. It is not stated in the scripture that the angels, shall teach man all things, nor is it stated that, it is man that shall teach the inhabitants of the world all things. It was not also mentioned that they shall be taught in a University or any institution of higher learning. It is said rather that God shall teach them and those that keep His words will follow Him.



If Christ Himself openly declared that He can do nothing on His own but as He hears so He judges because He does not seek after His own will but that of the Father, who are you then, an ordinary man to behave the way you

like? It is said that, whoever enters into a room through the window is a thief.

To preach a gospel for five hours or more cannot fetch you anything. Whoever does so, labours in vain because God is the only Teacher and Preacher. It was God alone who taught our Lord Jesus Christ, Moses, John the Baptist, and all the disciples of Christ.

He therefore, is the only Teacher and He has been teaching since the beginning of the world. Therefore, any person who fails to obey Him and practise His injunctions should pray fervently for himself. Every other teaching is without benefit to man and of no effect.

Christ spoke through Paul when he said, that the Lord has not sent him to go and baptise but to preach the gospel. He also added that, in the process of preaching he was not to apply his own personal knowledge or experience in order that the cross of Christ may not be in vain because the gospel of the cross is foolish in the ear of unbelievers. But for those of us who have been saved, it is the power and wisdom of God.

This is not the time for anyone to continue in false preaching. You should always avail yourself of the opportunity of getting the Father's gospel from the Everlasting Gospel Centre. The Centre

has quite a lot of Father's gospels for you to pick up and read so that you will know what and how to preach.

This has become necessary because any knowledge you acquire in the world is not

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applicable in this kingdom. There is no other source of salvation for all His creation apart from practising the gospels as preached by the Father Himself.

You should recall the case of that young learned man who tried to tempt the Lord when he asked Him what to do in order to earn eternal life. So, Christ listed the things he should do in order to be saved. He told him to honour his father and mother, love his neighbour as himself not to steal, covet or commit adultery and so on. The lawyer informed Him that he had done all that from his birth. When he pressed for something new, Christ told him that, if he really desired to be perfect he should go and sell all that he had and distribute the proceeds to the poor and then come and follow Him. When he heard this, the young man did not waste time to even look at our Lord Jesus Christ. He left our Lord Jesus Christ and since then had not come back to the Lord. Therefore, we have no other duty to perform than to practise the word of God. Except you receive the word of God and practise same, you cannot be His disciple.

2ND LESSON: MATTHEW 12 : 50

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother

MANY ARE CALLED BUT FEW CHOSEN

It is said that, many are called but few are chosen. All the inhabitants of the earth, human beings, animals, fish, birds, insects, plants etc. are God's creation. The question now is, who shall receive His grace? They are those who receive His words and keep them.

David had wanted to build a temple for God but he was forbidden by God because his hands were not clean. Therefore, this is not a playground or an arena for unhealthy competition of any kind. This is a place where all the inhabitants of the earth should come in and practise the word of God and not the words of man or those of angels. Whatever is preached

here (in the Kingdom) represents what was spoken by Christ. He openly declared:

He said, I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak and He will show you things to come. (John 16:12-13).

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This also explains the reason why He said to the people:

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement: (John 16:7-8).

He is the only one who witnessed and testified about the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

The people again requested of Him to show them a sign from heaven. He replied that, if He had told them the things of this world yet they could not believe, how much more would they believe hea-

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venly things. This is the fullness of time where heavenly things have been brought down, in a big way. This also explains the reason why Our Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples that, blessed is he that sees but does not believe. Brotherhood started from zero point, in a very humble beginning and in an insignificant manner. It did not start with what people could

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)

He also said that, whoever blasphemes against the Son of Man shall be forgiven but whosoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit shall never be forgiven neither in this generation nor in another to come.

The question is, has the promised Comforter not come? The Holy Ghost is in your heart, He abides in you and teaches you all things. Those that receive and keep His words will have eternal life.

There is a local adage which has it that, the ram detests sending a messenger to the market for shopping. The reason, according to the ram, is that a messenger would not represent its best interest.

It is not to your credit or advantage to boast of how long you have been in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. Having been in Brotherhood for so long, the question is, how many gospels have you practised? You can now realise that the number of years you have spent in Brotherhood does not count; what counts in this kingdom is how best you can practise the gospels.

GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 6 : 45

It is written in the prophets. And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

HE IS THE ONLY TEACHER

It is profitable and very important for you to hear from the horse's mouth. If you claim to be the Father's representative or anything for that matter, except you come to the Father and receive the word of God you are sending yourself to hell. If you call yourself a pastor or bishop

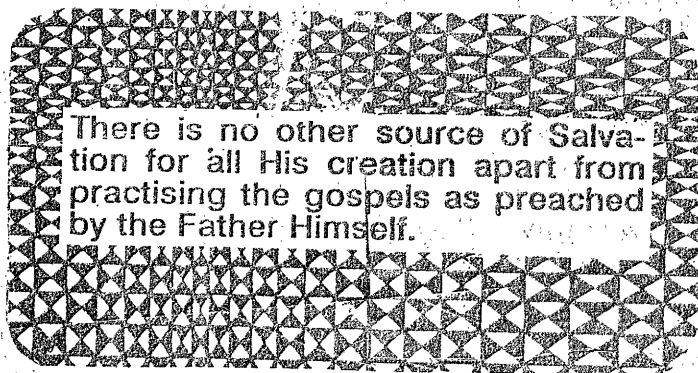
for Brotherhood of the Cross and Star does not recognize the clerical hierarchies and designations. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star recog-

not warn us, after all, that we should not call anybody teacher for there is only one Teacher? We are all brethren.

The only Teacher has arrived and He abides with all of us, we are His students. But the problem is that it is not all students that pass examinations and finally get promoted. The true students are those that practise His injunctions.

May the Lord bless His Holy words. Amen!

Thank You Father.



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B.C.S. CHORISTERS DISPLAY AT LONDON CABARET SHOW

B.C.S. Choristers Demonstrate their artistic Prowess at a sing-song night.

Report by Sister Akwa Serwah - London.

If the intention of the organisers of the recently concluded London CABARET SHOW, a sing-song night at Covent Garden was to demonstrate that people of various races, colour and religious affiliations could co-exist as children of one parentage, then they succeeded greatly because the show attracted participants and spectators from different parts of the world who; apart from being residents of London were holidaying in London at that time.

For the show, many artists from around Great Britain attended with assorted musical instruments to demonstrate their artistic prowess and also entertained the audience. And those who attended had an eventful day as almost all the spectators interviewed gave credit to

the organisers and wished that it be held often.

Meanwhile, the spiritual blessing needed for such an occasion to be complete was provided by members of the Christ Natural Choristers' Fellowship in London, who used the occasion to announce and glorify the presence of the Holy Spirit personified - Leader Olumba Olumba Obu on earth. The Choristers used the occasion to demonstrate the kingdoms natural talents in arts. For, though other artists used sophisticated instruments, with their natural voice only, the choristers stole the show by their renditions. At a point they were the focus as both the organisers and the participants surrounded them to enjoy the melodious renditions.

Speaking at the end of the occasion, the Chairman of the Choristers' Fellowship in London, Elder Nta E. Henshaw expressed gratitude to the Holy Father for the opportunity granted them to attend the occasion and prayed for His abundant blessings on all.

Among the Choristers who attended the event were the Chairman, Elder Nta E. Henshaw, Bro. Leonard Daniel, Bro. Tony Akan Etuk, Bro. Nicholas G. Itam, Sister Akwa Serwah, Sister Jenifer, Sister Ozuwurah Okoh, Sister Elizabeth Aboagye, Christ Servant Emeri Ekaette and Brother Victor Nkom.

The CABARET SHOW is a sing song event organised annually to bring people of various races with talents together. This year's show was held at Covent Garden in the heart of London. It is usually called city of Westminster.

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entire creations of God

behold with their eyes but in spirit. So, if you believe that unless you meet with the Holy Father in the vestry and unless you are personally preached to, you would not develop your faith in Him, then you are deceiving yourself? Is it not written that God alone will teach them? Those who would receive His words and keep them are His children. It is an act of foolishness for you to sit down and wish to be ordained a prophet, pastor or elder.

Our duty on earth is not to desire for any of these things but to practise the gospel. There is only one Teacher, one Pastor and one Saviour. All of us are only brethren. Can a blind man lead another blind man?

Christ confirmed this when He said:



London Choristers performing during Covent Garden show.