# MIRACLES and ENEMIES

THE DISCOVERIES:

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# **OVERVIEW**

The unthinkable is happening.

A handful of "elite" Christians have joined atheists and witches to attack five major archaeological discoveries.

How could this be? What biblical discoveries could unite *spiritists, atheists and a handful of self-proclaimed Christians to side together*?

The truth is, these finds, like no others in history, are drawing thousands of men and women to Jesus Christ. Their life-changing impact is phenomenal!

Against these discoveries Satan is *waging a war* that is far more than normal. *Its intensity is supernatural*.

As we approach history's final showdown between Satan and Christ, the devil is pulling out all stops to discredit God's final message of hope. Can you think of a more subtle way than by inciting self-righteous Christians, atheists and witches to **quote and support each other** in the same spirit?

But is it possible that some churchmen could really fall for this? Indeed. Remember how first century church leaders attributed Jesus' work to Satan? It's happening again! They will not even know they are working against God. Remember Jesus' prophecy: "The time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." (John 16:2)

This **exciting report** will reveal to you what's really happening behind the scenes... the supernatural entities that are working, on both sides, and the results. It's an amazing story of tragedies and triumphs.

### A Prophecy for Today

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

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

I am convinced that the discoveries listed below will play a big part in this, by revealing the Lord's hand and His might in His past acts...

"as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over. That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD that is mighty..." (Joshua 4:23,24).

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

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

#### Each Event an Omen

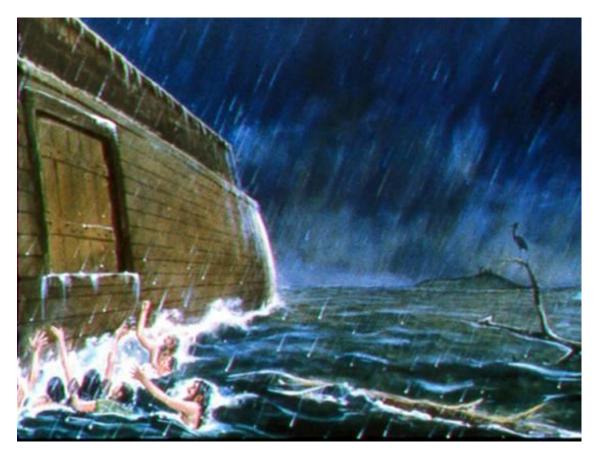
Each was a UNIQUE intervention in history. And in prophecy, EACH IS SPECIFICALLY LINKED TO THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST TO TAKE OVER THIS WORLD!

# 1. Noah's Flood and the Ark

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

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

Jesus Himself states that the Flood - and the Ark - are *a sign for people who shall be alive to witness His return*. (Matt. 24:37-3 9).



# 2. Sodom and Gomorrah

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

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





# 3. Red Sea Crossing

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

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

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



# 4. Mount Sinai

Another mighty intervention was when the Creator Himself descended upon a mountain, shook the earth with His Presence and before an entire assembled nation spoke and wrote on everlasting stone His Ten Commandments. Unique! **Again**, the location of this awesome event has been confirmed - could we say, **at the right time**?

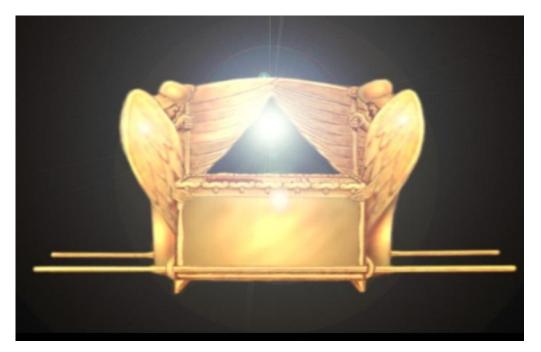
Likewise, a biblical *prophecy links this event* to the return of Jesus Christ, at which time the heavens shall be shaken: *"Whose* 

*voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised saying, Yet this once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven"* (Heb.12:1821,26. Compare Joel 3:16; Haggai 2:6,7; Matt. 24:29,30; Rev. 6:14).



# 5. Ark of the Covenant

This golden chest was the most sacred object known to man, being the special place on earth upon which the Divine Presence rested during the theocracy of Israel. Unique, indeed. Then it was lost for some 2,500 years. The eventual *finding of this Ark*, it was long considered, would be an *omen of the Messiah's appearance*. Now it has been discovered and under the most unusual circumstances. (See pages 66-78)



Five major discoveries. Each one hidden until now. Each an example of God's past unique interventions.

Discovered at the very time *when the prophecies declare He is preparing to intervene again*! Wouldn't you call that perfect timing? Might not these discoveries be considered a sign that the end of man's control is fast approaching - a most serious warning from our Lord that time is running out? - a call from our Creator for us to get our act together, VERY QUICKLY?

Certainly His Word is truthful. It CAN be taken literally. The Bible does have a habit of telling the truth. This means you can trust God's promise to help you get ready for the new earth He is planning. You can be confident that He loves you and that He wants you to live with Him for eternity.

But, of course, He will force nobody. But He will give the evidence. Then it's up to each of us.

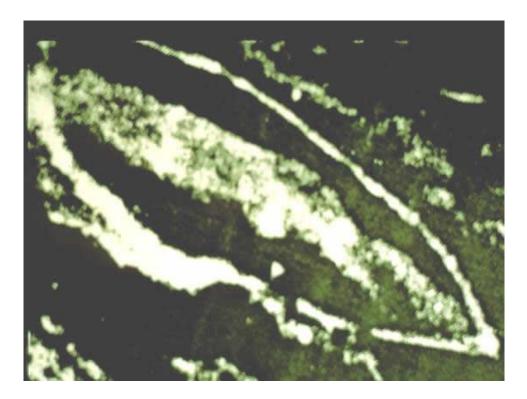
Note: To examine the actual discoveries evidence, may we recommend these books:

- \* **The Ark Conspiracy** Noah's Ark: cover-ups, betrayals, and miracles
- \* Ark of the Covenant The legend they have to hide. The shocking truth, hidden for 2,000 years
- \* **Discoveries: Questions Answered** Hundreds of questions answered on all of the discoveries, in one giant volume. Certificates, private letters, and facts never before revealed. Input by numerous people. Our most explosive publication ever.

# **EXPEDITION MIRACLES**

## 1. "Please move the mountain" (re Noah's Ark)

Back in 1959, a Turkish pilot had taken stereo photos during a routine aerial survey for the Geodetic Institute of Turkey. On these photos a mapping cartographer noticed a boat-shaped object.



The object was immersed in a field of lava in mountain country 12 miles south from the base of Mount Ararat.

Amateur archaeologist Ron Wyatt was curious. He suspected there was more to this site than just rocks. So in August. 1977, Ron and his teenage sons Danny and Ronny travelled to eastern Turkey.

What they saw was impressive. It matched the size of Noah's Ark given in the Bible. And it was in the right location - "the mountains of Ararat". But that was not enough. Solid evidence

was required. This object needed to be examined scientifically. But how? It was totally buried.

"I don't know what to do," said Ron, upon his return home. "The object is totally buried. It's just too big for me to uncover." (A comparable size would be that of a medium-sized U.S. Navy aircraft carrier.)

He spoke to a small group of trusted friends. They decided to pray for an earthquake - one that would somehow expose the object for what it was, but would not injure anybody.

On November 25, 1978 at 10.57 local time, an earthquake PUSHED THE OBJECT OUT OF THE GROUND. Its walls were now up-thrust some twenty feet out of the earth.

Nobody was killed.

The villagers were no strangers to earthquakes. This one was considered "abnormal." It was "preceded by the sky turning **silver!** Everyone was in the streets, looking up at the strange phenomenon; they were all outside. So nobody was killed." (*The Hon. Tahir Elhan, a Turkish judge. Cited by Fasold, pp.329-330*) This earthquake was described as "not normal," but a **mu'cise! A miracle!** (*New Redhouse Turkish-English Dictionary. Istanbul,Turkey: Redhouse, 1984, P.787*)

From its tomb, Wyatt's "Ark" was upthrust; the field was known locally as Mahsur - which means "raised from the dead! (*Ibid.*, *p.723*) A sign for this generation?

The hill itself had long been called Mahser, which means **"The last judgment."** (*Ibid., p.723*) Resurrected as a sign of the end times?

First that "lure", the silver sky. Then, when everyone was safely outside, the earthquake - as requested. Think about that!

This was

- (a) a direct answer to prayer and
- (b) a fulfilment of Jesus' promise that with enough faith, one could move a mountain.

In the nearby village people shook their heads. "It's a bad omen," said some. "Let's get out of here!" And twenty households got up and left.

Soon after this, the name of the village was changed. Its new name meant "STIR-UP". "That boat thing," moaned a local farmer, "it came up and RUINED MY FIELD."

Within months, Ron Wyatt was on site. When he had visited the previous year, the object was distinctly visible, but the sides were even with the surrounding terrain. The recent earthquake had dropped the solidified mudflow from around the object. This had revealed the sides and "rib timbers". (In succeeding seasons, the covering mud would erode away, leaving behind exposed ends of columns projecting out from within the walls.

While popular expeditions continued to focus on Mount Ararat proper, Ron kept returning to this rejected site, some twelve miles to the south. He would return more than thirty times.

My own expeditions would follow. We came away with cartloads of evidence. It was indeed a boat - and it matched the details of Noah's Ark precisely.

(For discussion of the large body of evidence see *The Ark Conspiracy* and *Discoveries: Questions Answered.*)



BEFORE THE 1978 EARTHQUAKE: ai du Early air view showing break in right side. (The London Daily Telegraph)



AFTER THE 1978 EARTHQUAKE: Risen abruptly from the ground (or the ground has sunk); the metal detector equipment in place (Ahmet Ali Arslen)

# 2. "Please supply the clinching evidence" (re Sodom and Gomorrah)

As Ron Wyatt explored the ashen remains of buildings in the Israeli desert, he knew these were the ruins of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. But he needed something more - evidence that would convince a skeptical world.

The Bible says that these cities were destroyed by fire and falling brimstone (sulphur). But up until now, the evidence of this was not visible. The loose ash had covered everything.

But on Ron's next visit, his *prayer was answered*. He went in to find that RAIN HAD JUST FALLEN!

In the desert? Yes, rain is a rare occurrence in this area. There is as little as  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch of rain a year (or 6.25 to 12.5 millimetres).

The rain had splashed away the thin film of ash that normally blows on top of the evidence, concealing it from sight.

But now, there they were: embedded in the ash were balls of burnt sulphur - brimstone - probably millions of them! Here was actual evidence that fire and brimstone once rained upon this area!

*My experience was similar.* Of my eight expeditions to Gomorrah, I believe it was the fifth one that I took some professional cameramen in with me. I wanted so badly for the world to see these unique sulphur balls. And, since I knew that prayer worked – for me it had worked on many occasions – I had *prayed again* before leaving Australia. This would also be my wife Josephine's first visit. I so much wanted her to see them, too!



It was dark... and about 9 pm. Our 4-wheel drive bumped its way across the desert and entered the ruins. We turned right into a cul-de-sac and stopped.

I was seated next to the driver. In the darkness, I threw the door open and slid to the ground. From her seat behind me, Josephine did likewise. She had a flashlight in her hand. She shone it straight down and screamed!

"Look! It's been raining! See the impressions in the ash?"

Then she shone the light between my feet.

"There it is! A sulphur ball?" Was she excited!

The cameramen got out and ran around to our side. I picked up the sulphur ball – about the size of a kid's marble – and examined it.

"Does anyone have a spoon?" I called. Brett the driver fumbled in his bag and handed me one.

"Matches, anyone?" They came fast. Everyone was so-o-oh excited. This was everyone else's first expedition.

I placed the sulphur ball on the spoon. And struck the match. A purple- bluish light began to grow bigger. It lit up the area around so we could lay out our ground sheets.



Here was something that long, long ago had come out of the sky burning. The ash had then smothered the ball and the fire had gone out. And now 4,000 years later here we were re-igniting and finishing off the fire.

It seems that as these burning balls of brimstone fell from the sky, they set everything ablaze. And they burned right through everything. And as they burned, after a while, molten material surrounding the sulphur cut it off from the oxygen, preserving it in the interior of the ashes.

As I bent to pick up a block of ash, I noticed small yellow balls embedded in it. Each ball was (or had been) surrounded by a black crystalline shell, and around that was a reddish-black ring in the ash.

Prying one of these out, I recognised it as sulphur. Smelling it, I KNEW it was sulphur. Here was the physical evidence. All through the ashen remains were round balls of sulphur encapsulated in burnt (crystalline) sulphur.

As we scanned the site, at first not knowing what to look for, we saw these sulphur balls literally everywhere.



But now rain had washed away the loose ash and caused a section to fall way, revealing these sulphur balls embedded through the ashen material.

The reddish-black crystalline material surrounding the sulphur balls showed that they had once been on fire.

What we call a "burn ring" surrounds each capsule -suggesting that the ash itself was vitrified.

It appears that as the ashen material erodes and these sulphur balls become exposed to the surface, they fall out of their capsules. Thus they can be found lying all over the ground. However, we were not able to see them before because they had been covered with the loose layer of ash.

The biblical report claims that "the Lord **rained** brimstone and fire" on the cities. And we might ask, how does rain fall? In drops, of course!

And this burning brimstone DID fall in drops, which landed in the pattern that rain would fall.

This burned sulphur covers the remains of the five cities discovered.

Of course, anyone can deny a find like this, but that does not alter the fact that Ron Wyatt and team have discovered the ashen remains of what must be the cities of the plain - and Jonathan Gray and team have in person confirmed this discovery.

The clinching evidence, I believe, is the pressed powder balls of brimstone inside burn capsules, and surrounded by burn rings embedded in ash - a phenomenon which, as far as can be determined, is found NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

#### 3. Marooned in the desert

"Oh...no!" moaned Brett.

We sat there dumb... all of us. The motor had died.

Here were six explorers in one of the deadliest regions on the planet – Israel's Dead Sea Valley. You just don't sit there in the desert and wait... if you want to stay alive.

Yet, no matter how many attempts we made to get our four wheel drive vehicle to splutter into life again, it stubbornly refused.

This has to be the eeriest region on earth... an oven by day, and at night just stark, empty silence.

This area reeks of some ancient curse. The deepest spot on earth, it dips down between Israel and Jordan, 1300 feet below sea level, to what is known as the Dead Sea. Virtually nothing grows here. The shore is utterly desolate and in summer it bakes like an oven.

Around parts of the shoreline there poke up the stumps of ancient trees, encrusted in salt. There is a beauty here. It haunts you. It is bizarre.

One is hard pressed to believe that this whole area was once like a beautiful garden... exceptionally fertile.

The sun was blazing hot. The plain was a furnace. The temperature was 49 degrees Celsius (120 Fahrenheit) in the shade... if you can ever find shade. In summer, one could explore no longer than about 30 minutes at a time. The dehydration was rapid and fierce. We felt it. We were drying out.

My mind drifted back to a previous visit, when after just half an hour I had found myself several times searching for a rare spot of shade - to sit down and drink... drink... drink. And on some of those breaks it had taken me an hour before I felt ready to brave the heat again. Heat reflected up from the ashes of some ancient great fire.

Now here we were again – Dane Griffin and David Wagner of the USA, Peter Mutton and Brett Murray from Australia, my wife Josephine and myself.

We lifted the trunk. We fiddled. We tried to start the motor again. We kept fiddling... turning the ignition key... wiping away the sweat... letting the motor cool...

Cool? It remained blistering hot.

Brett tried... Dane tried... David tried... Peter tried... I did my bit...

Nothing worked...

Thirty minutes later, we were still stumped. This was it. We had tried everything we knew. Nothing worked. The motor was dead.

We scanned the horizon. In this vast emptiness there was not another human in sight.

Yes, it was true... I knew that people in this very desert had died of thirst in mere hours. A comforting thought!

We looked at each other. Well...?

Was this archaeological expedition to become our last? The prospect was grim.

Then a voice broke the silence. "Let's pray."

It was Brett who suggested we ask the Creator to intervene. And I do recall that the prayer was intense, direct and brief.

As soon as it was done, Brett got behind the wheel and - for the umpteenth time - his heart beating wildly... turned the key.

"Brrrrrr...RRRRR!" No wait. The motor leapt into life, sounding so normal, one would never believe what we had just endured.

"Why didn't we ask Him first?" Josephine chirped up. "We could have saved ourselves all that trouble."

## 4. "Help me to glorify you" (Red Sea crossing)

We were on the Gulf of Aqaba shore of the Red Sea, diving for the remains of chariot cabs, axles and wheels, intermingled with skeletal parts of horses and men, strewn over the sea bed - the remains of Pharaoh's army. Before entering the water, *Josephine prayed* to the Lord, "Would you please help me to find something that will glorify you?"

Then she began by snorkelling along the surface. A large part of her life had been spent with coral reefs, so she found it comparatively easy to identify objects as natural or not.

Suddenly she saw it. "That's coral. But it's NOT coral!" she thought.

Descending quickly to inspect the object, she stared at it. Indeed, it was a length of coral, with one end cemented to a stone.

As she tried to raise it, half of the length snapped off.

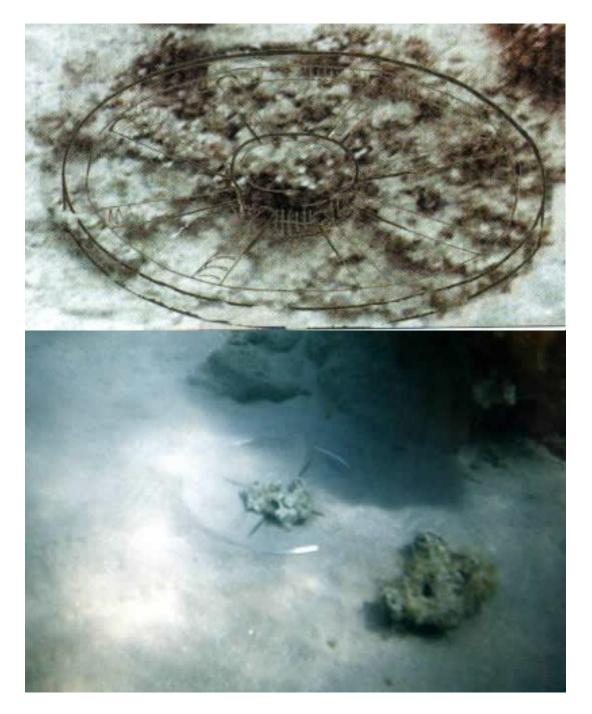
Her heart skipped. Inside that coral was iron!

On-shore examination confirmed the coral to be dead; it was very old. The object inside was the precise length, width and shape to be the dislodged spoke of an ancient *Egyptian chariot wheel*. We would take it for testing.

"This whole area is *a massive graveyard*!" exclaimed Dane, after four dives. "But the underwater land bridge is so vast. It's so difficult to find what we're looking for, amid all this coral. The coral is coating over a lot of the evidence."

"I was snorkelling over almost flat seabed," Brett cut in. "And

suddenly came this sharp drop of about seventy feet. It was scary. On both sides of the 'bridge' it dropped off quite steeply."



David undid his belt. "I photographed what is apparently a *horse's head*," he said calmly. "The coral matt held it tight. Also the *vertebrae of a horse*. And some *wheels*. They've collapsed outward. Bad condition. Photos would not prove good evidence."

This was the latest of three expeditions I had accompanied or led to the bottom of the Red Sea.

Our six-member, international team went down to investigate Ron Wyatt's claim that he had found the long-sought Exodus crossing site, complete with parts of the drowned Egyptian army.

He had found *chariot parts, four, six and eight spoked wheels and skeletal remains of horses and men*, scattered over the sea floor. One wheel had been retrieved and presented to the Antiquities Director in Cairo, Mr Nassif Mohammed Hussan.

#### 5. His hand went out

It was late 1978. Ronald Wyatt was in Jerusalem. He decided to go sightseeing in the immediate area around the hotel in which he was staying, near the Damascus Gate. He was accompanied by a local official, who invited him to inspect a property which he managed.

As they passed close to the base of an ancient stone quarry, known to some as "the Calvary escarpment", the two men were discussing Roman antiquities. For a moment they stopped walking.

Suddenly, to his total shock and dismay, Ron's left arm went out and pointed to a site being used as a trash dump, with a dead cat lying on it. And his mouth said:

> "THAT'S JEREMIAH'S GROTTO AND THE ARK OF THE COVENANT IS IN THERE."

Immediately he thought, "Why did I say that?" His action had not been consciously done. In fact, that was the first time he had ever thought about excavating for the Ark.

I like the way Ron recalls it: "I was speaking to this archaeological gentleman when my mouth said something my brain didn't go along with, or had no idea about."

While Ron stood in stunned silence, the other man, quite out of character, also reacted strangely.

"That's wonderful!" he exclaimed. "I want you to excavate. We'll furnish you with a permit, fix you up with a place to stay, do your laundry. Yes, we'll even supply your meals."

Was Ron hearing right?

The man looked at him. "And we'll furnish you with all the

diggers you need."

Ron Wyatt didn't know what to think. He had done archaeological work in several places, but never had he experienced anything like this. Somehow he sensed this had to be a "supernatural" experience. In his mind, he knew it could be of God... or of "someone" else.

It was like a thunderbolt out of the blue.

"Look, thanks. But I'll have to decline your offer for now," mumbled Ron. "I'm ready to fly home."

But he also needed time to think. He had to figure out if there was any reason to believe the Ark could be in that location.

In Tel Aviv, just before catching his plane, Ron went for a drive with a head of the Department of Antiquities. He told him of his experience and showed him the permit from the land owner. Immediately the Israeli official granted him an exploratory permit.

Let me explain here that it is the practice to grant an official excavation permit only to a full-time archaeologist, who should be connected with an acceptable sponsoring institution, such as a university. I saw a report from the *Jerusalem Post*, in which Avi Eyton, a recent head of the Antiquities Department, confirmed this procedure.

In the above respects, Wyatt did not qualify. But the permit was not only granted — it was **offered** to him!

Evidently, the offer must have been built on confidence and trust from the earlier work Ron had done.

Here was a miraculous situation. First Ron's strange outburst about the Ark of the Covenant. Then the authority's enthusiastic response to a foreigner, especially as it related to the most holy artefact that Israel possessed.

Was a divine hand involved?

So Ron Wyatt and his sons Danny and Ronny returned home. And then began some serious research.

In January, 1979, Ron returned to Jerusalem with his two sons. They were to come back time and again, having little idea where they were even supposed to work.

Over the next few years the team was to spend hundreds of hours digging at that location, and ultimately into a cave complex they found inside Golgotha hill.

Our full report on the progress of this dig and its result is in our book *Ark of the Covenant*.



#### 6. The "man" who knew

Eventually, radar was brought in to help detect voids behind solid rock walls. Within the cave system, there was one particular location where Ron knew he was only so many feet away from the Ark of the Covenant chamber. However, getting through many, many feet of solid limestone from point A to point B was easier said than done.

Numerous were the frustrating false leads.

Of all projects he had undertaken, it was on this particular one that Ron's sense of unworthiness was most ever-present. He was vividly reminded of the biblical examples of men who accomplished a work for God but at some time or other failed in some manner. As when Moses defaulted on a divine command and it cost him the privilege of leading the Israelites into the promised land.

Eventually, Ron felt that his efforts since then didn't seem to be paying off. Was he being taken off the job and didn't know it?

Then Ron had an experience that changed his life.

With the team was a colleague whose trustworthiness had not been tested so it was decided not to investigate the region of the cave where the Ark stood.

One was drilling the shaft. Ron was down in the excavated trench in front of the cliff face. He was changing the paper on the radar scanner. The third man, Dr Bob Holt, was sitting close by in the shade of a large bush eating his lunch.

Suddenly there was heard a voice above them.

"God bless you... in what you are doing."

Ron wheeled around and saw, high up behind him, a tall, slender man with dark hair. He wore a robe and head covering similar to that worn in biblical times, except it was all pure white.

"God bless you for what you are doing," said the stranger.

Ron was startled. He hadn't told anyone. Virtually nobody knew what he was doing.

Ron tried to make polite conversation. "Are you from around this area?" he asked.

There was a pause... Then, "No." And more silence.

"Are you a tourist?" queried Ron.

"No," was the reply. And more silence. Then the stranger said, "I am on my way from South Africa to the New Jerusalem."

Ron was so startled he couldn't speak, but just stared at him.

Once again the stranger spoke, "God bless you for what you are doing here." He then turned and walked away.

After a moment, Bob Holt, the team member who was eating lunch — but who couldn't see the visitor on account of the bush — shouted, "Ron, do you think we've been talking to an angel?"

Ron opened his mouth. "At least..." And his words died.

He was stunned.

Regaining his composure, Ron stumbled up the bank and questioned the locals who worked along the only path anyone could take into the area.

"Did you see him?" Ron shouted.

"Who?"

"That man!"

Nobody had seen anyone of that description either enter the area or leave.

The workmen and the vendors along the only entrance path, Ron knew well. There was no doubt about it. The stranger in white had been seen by no one else.

Ron was glad his lunch-eating companion had at least heard the conversation. At least he knew for sure that it had really happened.

That night he ran to the phone to tell his wife Mary Nell, back in the USA. As he spilled out the story, his voice was still shaking with excitement.

Mary Nell says of that conversation, "I remember his call like it was yesterday. Ron is very lowed keyed. He never acts excited or angry. His voice rarely gives away his true feelings. But I knew something had happened even though his voice was calm. He explained that, just hours earlier, he had silently given up, frustrated, tired and simply worn down. He had lost his belief that he was working within the Lord's will. And then there was this conversation! It was heard by the other man as well, so he knew for sure that it really happened."

Just when he was worn down, and about to give up...

#### THEN THIS STRANGER APPEARED!

Whether Christ or angel, the experience was enough to encourage Ron that his efforts had not been in vain.., and that he was still in God's will. I can tell you that from that moment onward nothing has ever damped Ron's zeal or belief in that or any other project.

These are just a few of the many miracles that took place on the various expeditions. Was God watching over it all? You'd better believe it.

#### 7. Lost - and the stranger who knew (told by Ron Wyatt)

During the excavation in Jerusalem, a man came by one day around noon and watched for a bit and then he said, "Look, can I help ya'?"

I said, "Sure."

So we let him carry buckets of dirt and debris from the top of the dig (the dig was down in the cave. As I had to go round up some things, I was working up there). We let him carry the buckets off to where we were dropping the palings.

And so he started asking a few questions and we had a conversation about a few things.

And he said, "You know, I'm going through a religious training school over on the other side of Jerusalem and I wish you could come there and talk to the rest of the students and our teachers. Is that sort of thing possible?"

And I said, "Sure. If you'll give me a time I'll try to get over there."

And so he excused himself and said: "I'll go make a phone call and then find out what would be a good time." So he was gone for a few minutes.

He came back and said, "How's Wednesday evening?"

And I said, "That would be fine."

And so he gave me directions how to get to the place where this school was located, on the back of a piece of paper which I stuck in my pocket.

Wednesday came. I knocked off a bit early, got washed up and

I got a "rent-a-wreck" car.

I was proceeding across Jerusalem on the streets that were on the little sketch and I got to one place and I couldn't find the street. I was going back and forth along this road looking for that street and it just simply wasn't there!

So after about a half a dozen passes, I said, "Lord, if You want me to talk to these people You're going to have to help me find them, 'cause I simply can't find the street here."

I decided to go down the street I was on and make one more pass. if I didn't find it, I would simply go back to the hotel and try again some other day.

I turned around and started back up the street, and there was a little old man tottering along the edge of the pavement. He was having a terrible time keeping his balance. He wasn't drunk, he was just simply, you know, one foot on the dirt and the other one on the black-top and some stones and stuff there and so he would wobble out in the road a bit.

I stopped forgetting about my problem. I said, "Sir, can I take you home or wherever you want to go, 'cause you're going to get killed out there like you are."

And so he said, "Yes, Thank you!" And so he got in the car.

I said, "Now, I'm lost already, so you'll have to tell me where to turn."

And he said, "Well, I'm going to a little shop at the foot of the hill up here."

And I said, "OK. You just tell me where to turn and I'll take you there."

And so we went up the street a little ways and he said, "Turn

here."

And so I turned down that street and we got to the bottom of the hill and here was this market and I said, "Are you sure this is where you want to go?"

And he said, "Yes." Well, the market was all boarded up. It had sheets of plywood over the windows and doors, and weeds and saplings were growing up all around the thing - it was quite obvious to me that it hadn't been used in several years! That's why I asked him "Are you sure this is where you want to go?"

So anyway, he got out of the car and he turned around and stuck his head back in the window and said: "The young man you are looking for is up that road at the top of the hill." [pointing] "You'll go through one gate and it's the first house on the right."

Well, I had never said a word to him about a young man or anything like that....

When he pointed I looked to make sure I saw what direction he was pointing.

When I looked back to say "thank you" he was gone ....

Well, we had a REAL good meeting that night! God's angels have been given orders to do anything they can to facilitate the finishing of God's work.

# DISCOVERY SEMINARS: MIRACLES

The following is a report from our newsletter, *Update International*:

## 8. Three things miraculously merged

Our *third USA tour* exceeded expectations. Seminars with Gary Martin, Emma Russ and Jonathan Gray, welding the Discoveries with practical health education, proved to be powerful combination.

At Oakhurst, in the *Fresno* region of California, a radio interview had been arranged for 2 pm on the final day, but a communications hitch caused it to be deferred until 4 pm. But the delay was PROVIDENTIAL.

Far away in Monterey a woman was driving to pick up her aunt for a family reunion. the aunt was flying all the way across the continent from Atlanta. Instead of flying into the big San Francisco airport, the aunt was coming in to land at the unlikely destination of *Fresno*.

Hurrying to meet her aunt, the niece switched on the radio. The time: 4 pm. And there was Jonathan's interview, announcing the meeting that night.

Driving at 80 miles an hour, and trying to avoid crashing into the big truck in front of her, the niece wrote down the details.

"At the airport, she told her aunt, "We're not going to Monterey. We're going to Oakhurst. No time for dinner. I hope you don't mind."

After the meeting, they were both ecstatic - and asked for the

organiser. "Where do you worship?" they asked. "At *North Fork*," was the reply.

"Oh, my God!" exclaimed the aunt. "North Fork! North Fork! Last night I had a dream - and the name NORTH FORK was given me. I couldn't make sense of it... until now. Oh, we were meant to come here!"

Three events...

- (a) a dream about some place with the name North Fork,
- (b) then a surprise radio show, then
- (c) then an unplanned detour from the airport to a Discovery seminar...

led these people to the precise place of worship God had in mind for them. Well has it been said that many things we attribute to chance are due to the *overruling providence of God*.

### 9. Countless life changes

Months before we even arrived for the first *British tour*, there were people trying to stop it from proceeding. Britain was being shaken just at the thought that we were coming. It was a foreboding picture. So we committed it to the Lord.

And when He took over, the results were beyond our expectations.

The way opened for us to speak to millions in Britain and an unknown number in Europe.

In only three weeks Jonathan packed in 95 public presentations. Could this have been a record?

During that same brief time, as the media continued to chase us across the land, he did 27 media interviews. Millions throughout Britain got the message of the discoveries, via TV, radio and newspaper.

Indicative of the exposure was the comment of one taxi driver who picked up a man on his way to one of our London meetings: "Oh, I've heard of this discovery. It's in this morning's newspaper."

Our final meeting had the largest audience. One radio presenter who had earlier interviewed Jonathan requested permission to record the final meeting for transmission *across Europe to a potential audience of 40 million families*.

The meetings ranged from churches to hotel conference halls to universities. Audiences varied from law students (at Guildford College of Law) to prisoners behind bars for life (7 prison meetings). In London , an archbishop attended. At the other extreme was a skeptic who said: "It was great! What can I do to get more people to know this?" A frail, elderly *Roman Catholic* man travelled to Derby and checked in at a hotel so he could attend the ten sessions held over two days. At the end of the final programme he was almost in tears, *his heart broken with the love of God*.

In London an *Orthodox priest* decked in robes and chain bought videos and most of the books.

The leader of the *Islamic Party* of Britain attended the Sheffield meetings. And a Muslim newspaper covered the discovery story.

"When will the earth be cleansed by fire?" asked a *New Age* lady. "Would you come and address our group on this information?"

Two young *Indian* men who bought videos said, "We want to take these to our uncle in India. He is a [Hindu?] priest and an intelligent man. He will see this as the truth."

"We came to see the 'Valley of Eight' presentation," said two Muslims. "What can we buy that talks about it?" "Why are you interested in that subject?" asked the book-table attendant. "We have land there," was the reply. They bought book and video.

A secular young lady and her husband were deeply moved. They were looking for direction to their lives. "Can we help you?" they pleaded. "Can we contact the media about this?"

One lady exclaimed: "I saw news of the Ark discovery on TV last year. I've been waiting for 18 months, waiting for a tour like this to be brought to England."

A gentleman came to the Eastbourne meetings after hearing a radio interview that morning. At the conclusion of the first meeting he rang up other radio stations and national newspapers, urging them to run with it. As Jonathan entered the auditorium to present his final session, the audience was already seated. And there he was, standing at the front, addressing them. "I did not expect to see what I have seen," he announced. He had Jonathan's books in his hands and one by one he was promoting them to the audience! His step daughter worked for a publisher and he announced that he would push for the publisher to print and distribute these books worldwide.

In the great metropolis of London we had six sessions. The final meeting, the largest, was attended by several *opponents* - and they *became supporters*. I saw tears streaming down faces - and knew that the Lord had taken charge.

Oh, there is nothing more thrilling than this work!

One of the tour staff writes:

"In Leicester 200 people attended. Jonathan linked the Red sea discovery with Revelation 15:2-4 (mark of the beast and New World Order), at the end - and it was powerful. This being his ONE chance in this town to get the facts out, he was giving it all. So much so that I cried out in my heart that the Lord would keep the people from rioting, for I could just see the mob 'stoning' him.

"The Lord was good. He kept them so calm you could hear a pin drop, and then, when it came to responding, you should have heard the chorus of such positive and reassuring words, that you could say God had truly touched their hearts."

A spokesman for BBC World Radio asked permission to translate and distribute in Russia.

A Chinese dentist in London asked permission to translate them into Chinese.

An agnostic lady leaving one meeting stated: "You almost

persuade me to be a Christian. I did not expect to hear what I have heard. *My life is changed*."

"We are on a permanent high," said the tour organiser. "There are many changed lives, and now so many doors are opening up. This is the first time I have seen something that has had such *a national impact.*"

As a spin-off from the British tour, seven other countries requested seminars.

## 10. Lawyer: "Good evidence"

A Los Angeles radio station told us of a lawyer who was interested in the Discoveries.

By the time we visited his office, he had already been on the phone, urging many people to attend our programme. He even cancelled a speaking appointment so as to attend Saturday night with his wife and secretary.

At his invitation we returned to his office Monday morning.

He announced: "I am a lawyer. I LOOK FOR EVIDENCE. AND THIS EVIDENCE IS BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT. IT IS **GOOD EVIDENCE**."

Then he said, "I am going to get you on an international television station - 90 million viewers. After such an appearance you can count on 100,000 book orders a day."

"But I cannot afford to print so many books," was my faithless rely.

"No problem. I have some millionaire clients who are looking for a project like this to support. They will underwrite the cost of all the books needed to satisfy the demand."

We decided to wait until production of our forthcoming video and book on the Ark of the Covenant should be completed.

## 11. Exploding interest

Our second seminar series in New Zealand attracted audiences up to 300% larger than before. All materials sold out in record time4.

Leading radio personality Leighton Smith extended 1ZB's scheduled 1 hour interview with Jonathan to 2 hours. And, with the switchboard running hot, talk regarding the Discoveries continued on air again with the afternoon programme.

At meetings, people approached to report their lives had been turned around as a result of the previous series. Praise God!

### 12. An honest agnostic

In South Australia, a group of people invited Jonathan to a home to present the Discoveries on video. When he arrived, the house was packed. Among those present were a Russian agnostic and his wife. He proceeded to ask the skeptical questions one might expect. These, Jonathan did his best to answer.

When the presentation ended, Jonathan glanced at him. He just sat there with his mouth wide open. Half an hour later, as Jonathan was leaving, this man headed straight for him.

"I was meant to be here today," he said. "This is the *most wonderful day of my life.* There's a power in this."

There's an honest man!

## 13. Scoffers suddenly switch

These Bible-based discoveries continue to show their amazing power. During a speaking tour of New Zealand, in many large halls there was standing room only.

In Napier, people squeezed in to sit on the floor up to the screen and through the aisles. Dozens more stood at the back for two hours.

Learning of the attendances elsewhere, the hosts for the coming Christchurch (South Island) meetings changed to a bigger hall for Jonathan's three sessions there.

At the first Christchurch session (the Noah's Ark one) a man sat *noisily scoffing*. His wife had to keep nudging him to quieten him down. But at the end, the skeptic came out exclaiming, "Wonderful! *So it IS* Noah's Ark!"

Another eminent South Island skeptic tried hard to negate the influence of Jonathan's seminars. He went so far as to pay the fare of another man to fly all the way from the North Island just to speak against the Ark discovery.

This paid speaker spent the first half hour of his talk showing pictures of Turkey. "I won a prize for this picture"; "And this photo was given an award," he told his audience. (Yes, a good photographer he was.) Then he showed hand-drawn *sketches* of the various alleged "Ark on big Mount Ararat" tales... *nothing* of evidence. Then he showed a *photo* of the true site. And he admitted it was a boat!

A man in the audience asked him, "If that's a boat, what's it doing 6,300 feet up in the mountains?"

"Er... er, I don't know."

"Can you explain why this boat is the exact length of Noah's Ark?"

"I can't," he replied.

How embarrassing for those who sponsored his special visit. "Egg on their faces?"

# **MIRACLES AT HOME**

### 14. The impossible \$4,000

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

But from time to time a critic comes out of the woodwork.

In January, 1996, a laymen, Ted S., loaned two of our videos to Dr Gerhard Pfandl at Adventist church headquarters in Wahroonga, NSW, Australia. About a week later, Ted asked Dr Pfandl, "What do you think?"

Dr Pfandl's reply was: "VERY CONVINCING!"

Then, almost immediately, an anonymous circular was sent out to hundreds of church constituents, in which the writer lied about the contents of the videos.

It took Margaret Gray three days of detective work to track down its author. The anonymous writer was the very same Dr Gerhard Pfandl.

Pfandl's opening remarks betrayed his motive: Because of the Discovery seminars his church was losing money to Jonathan Gray (not true).

On that one page of just 10 paragraphs we found 14 untruths.

We prefer not to bite back at the critic, but rather to just get on with the work. We always pray for such persons when we know their names. But sometimes, for the sake of others who are sharing the materials with friends, questions need to be answered. This was such an occasion.

## We ask for a miracle

Pfandl's circular had been posted to every church pastor and elder in every church throughout Australia and New Zealand. To do the truth justice, and for the sake of the many who were sharing the discoveries, these pastors and elders now needed to be given the truth - and quickly. But how?

Fortunately, we had a friend at headquarters, who graciously secured for us the postal addresses of all these pastors and elders of every church in the two countries.

However, when we calculated what it would cost to print and post the true facts to all these people, it came to *an impossible \$4,000*. At that time our young ministry's average weekly nett income was *a mere \$100*.

So the truth could never go out except by a miracle. So we got down on our knees, and asked, "Dear Lord, if you want us to reach all these people with the truth, will you please supply the means?"

We did nothing but pray and prepare for God's answer. We solicited no funds from anyone. No one else knew our need.

But - are you ready for this?...That very week, our ministry income skyrocketed to **\$4,000**. Read that again... \$4,000. That's right, \$4,000!

You tell me, did God answer our prayer?

So we sent out the rebuttal to all those addresses immediately.

Now, are you again sitting down? The very next week, another

unsolicited \$4,000 came in. You remember how Jesus says in Matthew 5:41 that if asked to go one mile, we should be willing to go a second mile... well, lo and behold, this is exactly what Jesus Himself had just now done... We asked for \$4,000. And not only did He provide it, but He did it twice.

And get this. As soon as that was done, the very next week our income **dropped back to its usual \$100 or so**... and continued that way.

One pastor who subsequently attended Jonathan's public seminars and was able to compare both sides announced that this experience was the most "traumatic" of his career - to discover that his church leadership had lied to him.

Gerhard Pfandl later confided that he regretted having attacked the discoveries.

Subsequent reports that came back that thrilled our hearts We knew God was with us - and that we should now be fearless and relentless in our efforts to spread the news of the wonderful discoveries and to warn the world of the soon coming of the Saviour

### 15. Incredible answer to prayer

Due to the cost of several BIG projects underway, we had to put on the back burner any attempt to produce a video on the Ark of the Covenant discovery - despite increasing pressure to do so. People were asking: "What's the hold-up? Is it time or is it money?"

When a friend rang to suggest that we mention our project needs in the Newsletter, Josephine said, "No, we have never asked for money. If this is God's work, He will impress someone of the need."

Our deadline for printing the next Newsletter was Tuesday. Josephine asked the Lord to give us a sign, specifically for the Ark project.

That very Sunday morning, a man whom we had never met phoned us from the USA. He turned out to be a millionaire Jewish Christian who was asking if he could help specifically for an Ark of the Covenant video.

"Do nothing till I come to Australia and meet with you," he requested. "I have the resources and the desire to get this translated into many languages and distributed worldwide."

Can we ever doubt God's leading?

## 16. Generosity overflowing...

We stand back stunned to see the Lord working.

From all directions, people we have never heard of have been seeking us out, offering, pleading and begging, to help in the work.

For example:

1. From almost the moment we began writing our *Ark of the Covenant* book, 7 *volunteers* began enthusiastically working (with 4 computers) on jobs associated with it.

2. After 6 months of coaxing us to let him produce the Ark of the Covenant on interactive CD-Rom format, one keen man finally received the nod, and recruited one of Australia's leading multimedia companies to assist us at no upfront cost. It was to become a world-class production.

3. For several months a talented artist was telling us he wanted to produce illustrations for our work, free of charge. He begged... and patiently waited. We finally accepted his offer. He was overjoyed, the more we gave him to do, profusely thanking us. (We thought it should be the other way around.)

4. We also received an offer for the designing of colour brochures on each of the discoveries - for free!

Was God leading in all of this? What do YOU think?

## 17. God's precise timing: example 1

We received a continual pattern of evidence that the writing of the book *Ark of the Covenant* (600 pages) was not our project, but was being directed by God.

Such enormous research was required (in addition to reporting on the discovery itself) that we shrank back from the job. It became a matter of earnest prayer. For many of the chapters we had virtually no information at all - and did not know where to turn.

For example, Joseph of Arimathea. Here was the man who lent his own new tomb for the placement of Jesus' body.

Since the Jewish Council were determined to blot out the memory of Jesus, the last thing they wanted was for a rich man to honour Jesus with a decent burial. So how did the Sanhedrin react to this? What became of Joseph? In all my life I never knew - nor did I know anyone else who knew - whether there was any record concerning this. . Where could one find out?

His story was to be the next chapter for the book. That week this chapter must be written - and we didn't know how to go about it. Josephine and I asked the Lord to intervene.

That morning we were to go shopping in Adelaide, an hour away. While there, I went to the post office to collect any mail that might be there. Among the items was one large envelope from England. I opened it. It was sent by a man named Arthur Eadie. He said, "For many years I have been collecting old documents concerning Joseph of Arimathea. I don't know if these are any use to you, but felt impressed to send these to you."

Now, do you get this?:

- 1. This man did not know we were writing this book.
- 2. He did not know we were asking God for this very material.

3. The postmark was 2 weeks old. The envelope had travelled for two weeks all the way from England to Australia, *to arrive at the very same time we were praying for it*.

What does our wonderful heavenly Father promise? "*Before they call I will answer*." I ask you now: *Does God keep His word*?

### 18. God's precise timing: example 2

Ron Wyatt reported to us that on his fourth entry into the cavern, Ron Wyatt met four "young men" in there. Apparently they were "guarding" the sacred Ark. The back wall was aglow. The cave had been cleaned up.

Ron had told me of this experience quite some time ago, and although there was no longer any doubt in my mind that this experience occurred, I had decided not to tell anyone.

Not until the *Ark of the Covenant* book was being written. But I felt strongly that to publish this I should have confirmation.

So, on the morning of January 3, 1997 I asked the Lord for this confirmation.

Bear this in mind, that nobody knew the *Ark of the Covenant* book was being written. Nobody.

However, that very same morning, soon after my prayer, the phone rang. It was a friend in Queensland, Vada Kum Yuen. She said, excitedly, "Darryl [her husband] has just come across a statement in this book, *Spirit of Prophecy*, by Ellen White. It says something amazing: "*Four heavenly angels always accompanied the Ark of God in all its journeyings, to guard it from all dangers, and to fulfil any mission required of them in connection with the Ark.*" (Vol. 1, p. 399)

Not long after, another friend, Denis Stanley, rang, quoting a statement to the same effect, from a different book *Spiritual Gifts*. (*Vol.4,p.102*)

Now, get this - neither of these people knew of the other - but *that same morning that I prayed*, each phoned me, each quoting from a different book...but with the same confirming testimony.

In all my life, no one has ever rung me with that precise information either before or since. It happened only on the day that I asked God for it.

Is our God absolutely amazing or what!

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**NOTE:** The Surprising Discoveries team is now recognised worldwide as one of the most *careful, thorough and accurate* research teams in the world.

That is why hundreds of radio stations around the world continue to chase Jonathan Gray to speak on their shows.

We are required to deal with *unshakeable evidence*, because our twice weekly newsletter which goes out to tens of thousands, is carefully scrutinised by some of the world's keenest skeptics, including trained government intelligence officers, atheists and the like.

I have some testimonies to share with you... then an important question to ask:

# **A SELECTION OF TESTIMONIALS**

Below are just a small sample from more than 1,000 testimonials that we have on file''A great w

#### "I committed a terrible act"

A few years ago I committed a most terrible act, and *carried the guilt so heavily that I left God*. But in the last few months I have been watching your videos. *Now I love Jesus so much*, I want Him to come. I am so happy and I sit with the Bible on my lap for the first time in years. Canada?

#### "Skeptics converted before our eyes"

We have shown this video to many small groups and seen *skeptics converted into believers before our eyes*. Australia

#### "Brought me back"

I have been away from all Christian contact until recently when I was given one of your letters on the Ark of the Covenant. It touched me deeply.

*I had cut everything off to do with God*. Now when I thought that I was *totally dead spiritually*, your reports stirred within me a longing for my Lord once again.

As I sat reading your reports about the Ark of the Covenant, *tears ran down my face uncontrollably*, as I remembered that there WAS a God in heaven who cared for me!

If it wasn't for God sending your report when He did, I may not have been here, *back with my husband*. USA

#### "A great work on their hearts"

I have a back list of p*eople who aren't Christians*, who eagerly await their turn to view these videoes, and God is doing a great work in their hearts. Australia

#### "It results in quick conversions"

While we were watching these videos at a friend's place, a young man was so touched. He now believes in God. These videos are wonderful, as *it results in quick conversions*. NZ

#### **Skeptic convinced**

I read through '*Holy Relics*' by Russell Standish, as it looked a smaller book and therefore easier to get through. I was almost convinced that Wyatt's discoveries were merely sensational, working on the general gullibility of the unwary public. I then decided to investigate what Jonathan Gray had to say in *Discoveries: Questions Answered.* I was very embarrassed and ashamed of myself. I learned my lesson. I believe there is enough evidence for these finds.

Gary Southwell, South Australia.

#### **Another skeptic**

I have just finished reading your book, and wish to thank you for yours and others' efforts.

I have seen and heard of you and Ron Wyatt over the years, and due to criticisms from "Creation Science" Brisbane, I disbelieved discoveries mentioned. I was convinced that you were both crooks! But I like to give people the benefit of the doubt, and decided to investigate your claims. Our small family are now fully persuaded that your findings are really very real. We are recommending your books to any we know. Please accept my apologies for passing judgment against you, without first investigating.

G. Harris, Queensland

#### Still another skeptic

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

Thank you barely touches the depths of my gratitude. G.Foster

#### **Blessed my life**

I am grateful to you for strengthening my faith. In this last book, I especially appreciate the examples you gave that showed how the conventional dating methods contradict themselves in so many ways and are not reliable at all. I want you to know how much your work has blessed and enriched my life.

Bonnie Smith, USA

#### Ark of the Covenant

I desperately want to serve God. My pastor cousin said for me to ask for a sign from God. A week later He gave me something better. He guided me to your site and the truth about the Ark of the Covenant. Could you please send me a copy of the book. My friend Hans sent me a letter you sent him about the Ark. I couldn't stop crying. It made me feel closer to God. Ethan, email

#### **Changed prisoners' lives**

I ordered a copy of *Ark of the Covenant*, to be mailed to a monk who was at the Huntsville prison in Texas, and he (being

Greek Orthodox) read over it and passed it on to a group of men in the prison.

This monk wrote to me to say that this group of men, from reading your book, *turned back to the Lord* STRONGLY and were trying to patch up things with their wives!!!

Sharon Gerber, Texas, US

### Given to the pope

I hope Cardinal Pell is reading and/or has sent your book *Ark of the Covenant* as I requested to Pope Benedict. May the *Ark of The Covenant* be brought to the attention of the world and in particular Islam and Judaism. Kind regards, Ralph Sorrell

### Has changed my life

With the evidence and the way you wrote your book you have seriously nailed my faith to the wall for ever. This is the most powerful and significant experience I have had in my entire life. Lars Kjoes, Norway

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I work as a Psychologist. In my opinion the whole presentation and sequence of events is compelling and convincing. L.P. Marsden, Qld

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After your Ark of the Covenant seminar, when the lights went on, I saw half the people were crying. It was the evidence, it is powerful. Lance, Calif, USA

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I am in Israeli ex-S.S. agent

Your lecture on the Ark filled in missing gaps in what I already knew. N..Z.

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Wow! What an explosive book!

I'm forever grateful to him for including so many references - of books, as well as scientific letters and papers from all over the world, because without these any skeptic would not believe its validity.

A thank-you is not nearly enough. Reading this book has changed my life. Philip, S.A.

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I would like to order another two copies of Ark of the Covenant. It is a wonderful book. All the people I know who have read it have said the same thing. Truly it is of God. Qld

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Congratulations to you and the team on the presentation of the book. SUPERLATIVE.

As one reads, one can sense the divine presence and inspiration behind the writing. The mix of scientific explanation (factual evidence) and narrative expression is captivating and has the ability to place one personally at the scene. Vic.

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The Ark of the Covenant is the most inspiring and uplifting of all the subjects I have heard since I became a Christian. NZ

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I have shown this to over a hundred people, and quite frankly, it's overwhelming. I have not met one person who is not moved by it. I can't think of anyone who would not be blown away by it, regardless of whether you're secular or Christian.

Nova Pack, Attorney, U.S.A.

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It's the best book I ever read. At the end of it I got down on my knees and cried, and renewed by consecration to the Lord. Qld.

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In all my life I have never shed so many tears as when I read chapters 34 to 38 of Ark of the Covenant.

My life is forever changed. My wife, a philosophical thinker, also read the book. She has now come to terms with the fact that there is a God, there is a Saviour, and she has now accepted the Second Coming. Michael, Germany

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My father was a minister. But I had absolutely no interest in religion until I saw Jonathan Gray's videos. It turned me right around. Vic

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My belief in Jesus Christ was one of sceptism. I was reluctantly point by point and page by page won over to the author's views and beliefs. Towards the end of the book I became a convert. SA

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A single copy of Ark of the Covenant has been going from church to church for several years.

Where ever it goes, heart warming amazing things have happened. Lives have been saved, people's faith restored, non believers drop to their knees and pray. Carry on your good work; the Devil will always wish to stop it. South Africa

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# EXCITING REPERCUSSIONS FROM ARK OF COVENANT DISCOVERY

#### 1. ISRAEL

There is something very exciting going on in Israel. More than 400 Orthodox rabbis have become secret followers of Jesus. .More than 50% of the Knesset members are also secret followers of Jesus.

This is a direct outgrowth of the Christian archaeologist Ron Wyatt's exploration in Israel. Ron found the mercy seat and a blood sample tested showed only female chromosomes, proving it was the blood of Jesus.

When the Jewish rabbis in Israel learned about the mercy seat discovery they sent six rabbis to investigate.

ALL SIX INSTANTLY DIED OF STROKES WHEN THEY TRIED TO ENTER THE SITE OF THE MERCY SEAT which is directly below the middle cross where Jesus was crucified. Perhaps the earthquakes allowed Christ's blood to fall directly on the mercy seat.

The conversion of these rabbis followed a session with Christian apologist Henry Gruver which was attended by a large group of orthodox rabbis.

Anyone wishing to learn more about this can get the Judah audiotapes from Henry Gruver's Joyful Sound Ministry at P.O. Box 144, Woodbine, Iowa 51579. Their phone number is +1-712-647-3104.

- Jim Howenstine, email

#### 2. KENYA, AFRICA

At the request of Duncan Rhodes, the editor of *Nexus* magazine, Jonathan wrote an article on the Ark of the Covenant discovery,

A copy of the article ended up in a scrapbook in a Kenya bookstore and was purchased by the President of a group of 23 pastors. Through the contact details at the end of the article, this man invited Jonathan to Kenya to teach his pastors things that they had not been taught in Bible School.

For four days Jonathan and a Fijian natural health therapist David Musodole travelled to reach this group.

While Jonathan taught the pastors the fundamentals of God's last-day message, David taught their wives the principles of healthful living.

After 20 sessions, the ministers, with 4,000 members under their charge, had accepted the truths presented. One of them, Pastor Samwel, donated land for a clinic to be built. He went out evangelizing. Among those who attended his meetings 95 children whose parents had died from AIDS came to him. We ended up having to raise money for an orphanage, which now houses 145 children.

From the subsequent preaching of this man alone, up to 9,000 more people accepted the truths. ...ALL THIS AS FRUITS OF THE DISCOVERIES.

These are just some of the fruits of the discovery of our Lord Jesus' blood on the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant.

Do you think Satan is happy about that? Guess whose side the critics are on?

# THE DISCOVERY OF BLOOD ON THE ARK

On January 6, 1982, after more than three years of excavations, amateur American archaeologist broke into a cave some 20 feet below the streets of Jerusalem which contained artefacts from Solomon's temple. Among these was the Ark of the Covenant.

The cavern was immediately below a first century crucifixion site. From the crucifixion site above, a crack ran straight down into the ceiling of the cave.

A black dried substance had poured down through the crack and had spilt onto the Ark. Wyatt suspected this was dried blood.

He was to return to this cavern four times.

On his final visit, Ron Wyatt took samples of the blood that had come down through the crack in the chamber ceiling. Within the crack itself, there was evidence that copious amounts of blood had poured down. Some blood was splattered on top of the splitopen lid of the stone case enclosing the Ark. And blood had also sprinkled down onto the Mercy Seat (the lid of the ark).

The blood samples were taken from the lid of the stone case which surrounded the Ark and from the crack in the cave ceiling.

With help from an official of the Israel Antiquities Authority, Ron had the blood analysed. And samples of the blood were also taken to the United States for eventual testing. Through his work at hospitals, he had contacts. This simplified matters.

The dried samples were soaked in a saline solution for three days. Using an electron microscope, it was possible to find the chromosomal content of the blood. The blood was found to be human, but very peculiar.



## **Chromosome determination**

Normal human blood has a total of 46 chromosomes. When a child is conceived, 23 chromosomes come from the mother and 23 come from the father.

One of these pairs is the gender determinant. For this pair, the mother always provides an "X" chromosome (so-called on account that its shape somewhat resembles the letter "X"). And if the father provides an "X", the child will contain the chromosomes "XX" - and will always be a female. But if the father provides a "Y" chromosome (shaped to some extent like the letter "Y"), the child will have a chromosome combination of "XY" - and will be male. The other 44 chromosomes (comprising 22 pairs) are known as autosomes.

All eggs produced by the female organism will be identical, containing "X" only. For her to produce a male offspring, the addition of a "Y" is necessary.

The blood analysis from the Ark chamber showed a total of only 24 chromosomes. Of these, 23 were derived from the mother. And there was one "Y" chromosome. This indicated that the blood belonged to a male.

No human blood like this had ever been known to exist. Nowhere on the earth!

# A virgin birth?

For thousands of years the Scriptures have thundered out to us that the Man whose blood was spilt for the world on Skull Hill was born of a virgin - that is, he had no human father.

Is a virgin birth impossible? I guess the answer boils down to the existence of a God all-powerful. One who made the atom should know how to control it. If such a Being as Yeshua Messiah existed before His entrance into this world, would He need a human father? He needed only to take humanity through the vehicle of a human mother. A virgin birth would be natural for such a Being.

If God became man, then one would expect Him to have an unusual entrance into this life. Certainly it is the only type of birth consistent with the identity and character of such a Deliverer for a lost planet.

Come to think of it, wasn't everything about this Person a miracle? God becoming human flesh was indeed UNIQUE. You could call it an "IMPOSSIBLE" event.

The virgin birth of this Son of God was nothing less than a miracle. And the blood of such a miracle could be considered miracle blood!

Medical science, with all its wonderful advances, is unable to comprehend the way in which the Creator works. Often, if men cannot understand, they will say it is not true. In such matters we come face to face with a Creator's ability to do anything and man's inability to comprehend.

A certain pride is mingled with the consideration of divine truth, so that men feel impatient and defeated if they cannot explain every portion of Scripture to their own satisfaction. It is too humiliating to them to acknowledge that they do not understand.

The most learned geneticist would be hard-pressed to predict the chromosomal composition of the blood of the Son of God.

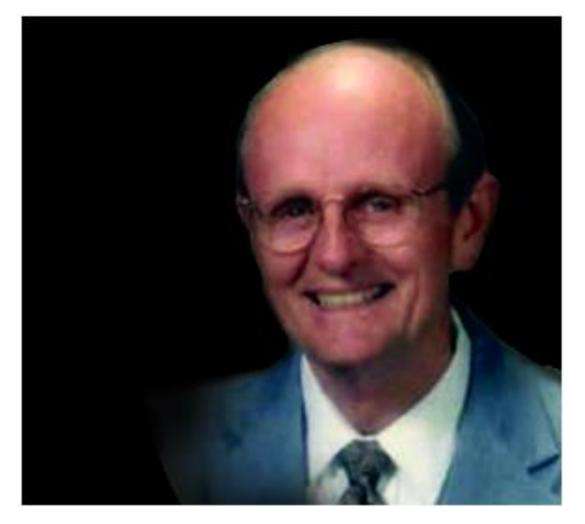
We are considering here the reality of a God-devised plan for His Son to walk the planet, born of a virgin, and whose blood cells would comprise a total of only 24 chromosomes... 23 from an earthly mother, and one "Y" chromosome from God. Impossible? Then answer me: Which is omnipotent - natural law, or the God who created natural law and can override it to His purpose?

# **BLOOD TESTS VERIFIED BY EXPERT**

Henry Gruver is a man who has worked and ministered for the Lord in over 70 countries around the world.

Here is his testimony about the testing of Christ's blood.

Around 1990 in Phoenix, Arizona, at the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship (FGBMF), Southwest Regional Convention, I was at the table with Demos Shakarian, founder of the FGBMF.

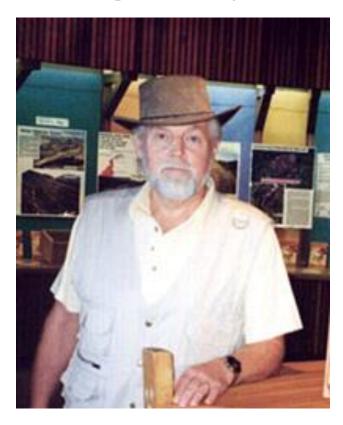


Henry Gruver



Demos Shakarian International President of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship

Demos had assembled a special meeting with Ron Wyatt.



Ron Wyatt

An attorney and a document specialist were present. The purpose of the meeting was to validate the certificates he had received from the laboratories, proving the authenticity of the samples taken from his discoveries.

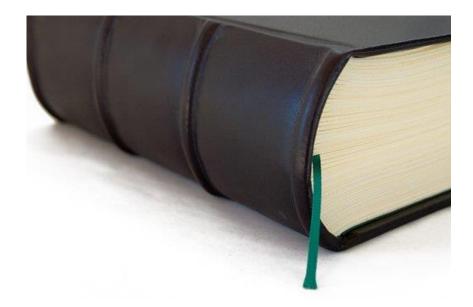
Ron had with him a blue, three-ring binder containing those certificates in plastic document protectors. It included certificates from six labs – three in the USA, one in Jerusalem, one in Germany, and other certificates of his lab testing throughout the years.

One of the lab result certificates pertained to the chromosomes of the dried blood Ron discovered in the cave beneath the cross holes that had flowed down onto the ark of the covenant. Another lab result pertained to Ron's discovery of Noah's ark, and confirmed that the specimen was in fact a piece of "petrified, laminated wood" with "rosins" in between, which are "presently unknown to man."

When Ron opened his blue, three-ring binder, the document specialist asked for permission to remove the certificates from their plastic folders. Ron reluctantly granted permission to remove them from the document protectors, as long as he didn't tamper with the documents or perform ink tests on the signatures.



The man removed them from the plastic and looked at each certificate carefully. He had a very large, thick book with him that was eight by eleven inches and about six inches thick.



In it he had brought with him the names and data for all the labs in the countries where Ron had lab tests done. He was able to look up each lab in his book, as well as the record numbers. He had all the signatures in his book, and compared them with the ones on the certificates.



He was also able to validate the record numbers from each certificate. He looked at each signature with a magnifying glass like a jeweler uses.



When he finished examining each one carefully, he said, "I would verify the authenticity of these documents to the top court in this land." And he was a registered document specialist in the nation at that time.

Demos Shakarian just smiled when he heard that, and then he invited Ron to be the keynote speaker at the upcoming meeting of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. But Demos wanted me to give my testimony of meeting Ron Wyatt for the first time in Jerusalem, and then introduce Mr. Wyatt at the convention.

I got to know Ron over the years. In fact, I traveled with him in Turkey, the Middle East, and the United States. Ron would never take any of the credit for his amazing discoveries. He always gave all the credit to Jesus Christ.

Ron once said, "If you don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you can't be saved."

He was a thorough man. For example, one time in Kaddeshbarnea, it had just rained, and Ron discovered a stone the size of a goose egg, which had carvings in it. He told me to hold it, so I did. Ron then pulled out of the ground a stone that was smaller than a basketball, but bigger than a soccer ball. With his finger he cleared the dirt out an eyelet in the round stone.

He asked me if I knew what I was holding, and I could only guess it might be a boat anchor. Then Ron told me to observe the cuttings in the stone. They were the same as the one I had in my hand, except mine was smaller.

Ron explained that it was a tent anchor carved by the Hebrews during their 40 years journey in the wilderness. He said, "This helps me track the wandering of the Hebrew people through the wilderness." He then noted the date and exact time he found the tent anchors, the longitude and the latitude where they were standing, and a description of the stones. He was very thorough, and he was consistently like that all the time.

He had earned the respect of the Israeli Antiquities department. In 1985 his excavation permit expired, but he needed to renew it, so that he could continue the archeological dig, and get into the room containing the ark. When his permit had expired, he took his crew to Ashkelon swimming.

In the water, Ron stepped on a smooth object. So he went under the water and pulled it up. It was a vase! So he went back under the water and discovered many other vases. He registered this discovery with the Antiquities department. When they looked into it, they found that this was the ancient burial site of the Philistine fish god. This fish god had the head of a fish and the body of a man. And the vases contained bones and artifacts that verified the time of the dynasty of the Philistines.

The head of the Antiquities department had these examined, and due to this miraculous discovery, Ron was given a permit to continue the dig for the ark. He was able to get [back] into the cave, where he discovered the ark.

I have no doubt Ron discovered the ark, and that it's down there. I have Ron on video telling the details of the ark discovery. In fact, I have around 40 videos of him. In fact, the Lord spoke to me in prayer years ago about this through Psalm 85. He said, "Truth shall spring out of the earth." In G-d's timing, that ark will be found again. **Henry Gruver** 

#### Henry personally confirmed his written testimony to Jonathan Gray in a 30-40 minute conversation on December 3, 2013.



http://yeshua-the-messiah.blogspot.co.uk/2012/12/ark-of-covenant-found-part-2.html

Jonathan Gray's comment: I can also personally testify that on my second or third visit to Ron's home in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1996, Ron invited my wife Josephine and myself to go downstairs and see for ourselves a laboratory certificate confirming the blood test results. Yes, these certificates do exist.

**IMPORTANT:** The fact that the authenticity of the blood reports have been validated means that the discovery of the **Ark of the Covenant has also been validated**, as we all know that the blood sample for the test was gathered from the Ark and the crack of the ceiling of the cave above the Mercy Seat.

# DISCOVERIES BECOME PROGRESSIVELY MORE SOLID

Twenty years ago, the critics said, Give it enough time and Ron Wyatt's archaeological discoveries will be discredited. On the contrary, the more that time passes, so many more people go to the sites and find evidence, and confirm our claims.

Here are some who are actively promoting the discoveries or confirming them:

#### FIRSTLY:

\* Dr Salih Bayruktutan, geologist of Erzurum University, Turkey, and a member of the government Noah's Ark Commission: Says: "I believe this is the ARK - and I am going to the site again next week to collect more samples."

\* Dr Ekrum Argugal, famous archaeologist. "It is the Ark. It must be preserved. Yes, it must be preserved."

\* Dr Dan Bahat, who gave Ron Wyatt his digging permit for the ark of the covenant discovery in Jerusalem: "It is the holy ark."

#### **SECONDLY:**

Here are some folks who are actively promoting the discoveries or confirming them:

\* Hershel Shanks: Editor of *Biblical Archaeology Review* stated in *Newsweek* Magazine that "Jebel el Lawz in Saudi Arabia is the most likely site for Mt. Sinai." This is the mountain Ron Wyatt found. It has to be in Saudi Arabia because the Bible said it is in Midian and Midian is in Saudi. (Very simple.) \* Mahoney Media has spent millions of dollars on a documentary about the Red Sea crossing and Jebel el Lawz locations that RonWyatt found. http://www.theexodusmovie.com/

\* Dr. Robert Michelson (you can search under his name on the <u>http://www.wikipedia.com/</u> web site) a research scientist from Georgia Tech, is a promoter of the Noah's Ark site and has made many trips out to the site, including a trip with us in 2009. He gives a three hour presentation of the site.

\* Leading SDA pastor Doug Batchelor: Shows the brimstone from the sites of our discoveries in his evangelistic programs and talks about these locations along the Dead Sea. He says, "Of course Josephus said he saw them in his day, so we should too." Amazing Facts sells a DVD about the real Mt. Sinai, the one Ron Wyatt found, on their website, called *Mountain of Fire* or something like that.

\* The Garden Tomb Association in Jerusalem where our teams have worked recently published and are now selling a book by General Charles Gordon, who found the Golgotha site -- the place of the skull, where he states that the Ark of the Covenant is hidden in the ground in Jeremiah's Grotto in Skull Hill (on their property), and the table of showbread too - just as we have been saying. General Gordon is the person they pay all the respects to as the founder of the Garden Tomb site.

"Here at Skull Hill, close the Slaughter House of Jerusalem was Titus 1 to 2m. The Roman Eagle took the heart of Zion by throat, for close was the breach. Jeremiah wrote Lamentations in the cave. **The Ark of the Covenant is there**." (General Gordon on Gologotha - Gordon's Letters to Sir John Cowell 1883", p. 55. ISBN 978-1-904459-51-4. Edited by Rosalind Meryon, The Garden Tomb Jerusalem, 2012. 65 shekels - about \$20 US)

"Golgotha on Hill was Jeremiah's Grotto. 1. This hill is outside gates near city where many roads pass. 2. From long time back the Slaughter House of City has been there. 3. It is N. of City. **Shewbread table is in it**." (Ibid., p. 47) http://www.arkdiscovery.com/gordon.htm

\* Dr David Kim, Saudi Arabian Prince's Christian Korean doctor, has been allowed 12 visits confirming Ron Wyatt's discoveries of the Red Sea crossing, the Mount Sinai in Arabia encampment, and more.

Dr Kim learned Arabic fluently, was given a special letter to look around any place, and rode in a car that was specially marked by royalty.

He made 12 trips behind military fences in Saudi Arabia and climbed the true Mount Sinai. (The Saudis call it Moses' Mountain.) The Saudis now have missiles all around it.

As we reported in *Discoveries: Questions Answered* (page 238), the entire top of the mountain is blackened, as if charred by some tremendous heat. It looks like it is made of coal. It looks exactly as if the very top portion of the mountain had been evenly scorched.

Notice the Bible account: "And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire" (Ex.19:18). It "burned with fire", "unto blackness" (Heb.12:8).

On the top of the mountain, Dr Kim confirmed that the outside of the rock is black (from radiated heat), while the inside of the rock is normal. This burned top is consistent with the biblical record that when God came down upon Mount Sinai, His presence was a consuming fire.

Dr Kim has now been interviewed by David Gates. The interview is on Utube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ubKUip6pz0</u>

\* Kevin Fisher of <u>http://www.arkdiscovery.com/</u> testifies, "I have personally found metal fittings on the side of the ark containing aluminum metal and titanium metal, as shown from lab testing. I have found the brimstone and cremated bone in Gomorrah. Was able to locate a chariot wheel in 2009 using a ROV device underwater."

## OLD JEWISH WRITINGS HINT AT THE SITE

The following quote is from 2 Baruch about the Ark of the Covenant being swallowed up by earth until the end times ("last times):

"6: 1 And it came to pass on the morrow that, lo! the army of the Chaldees surrounded the city, and at the time of the evening, I, Baruch, left the people, and I went forth and stood by the oak. 2 And I was grieving over Zion, and lamenting over the captivity which had come upon the people. 3 And lo! suddenly a strong spirit raised me, and bore me aloft over the wall of Jerusalem. 4 And I beheld, and lo! four angels standing at the four corners of the city, each of them holding a torch of fire in his hands. 5 And another angel began to descend from heaven. and said unto them: 'Hold your lamps, and do not light them till I tell you. 6 For I am first sent to speak a word to the earth, and to place in it what the Lord the Most High has commanded me.' 7 And I saw him descend into the Holy of Holies, and take from there the veil, and holy ark, and the mercy-seat, and the two tables, and the holy raiment of the priests, and the altar of incense, and the forty-eight precious stones, wherewith the priest was adorned and all the holy vessels of the tabernacle. 8 And he spoke to the earth with a loud voice:

'Earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the mighty God, And receive what I commit to you,

And guard them until the last times,

So that, when you are ordered, you may restore them, So that strangers may not get possession of them.

9 For the time comes when Jerusalem also will be delivered for a time,

Until it is said, that it is again restored for ever.' 10 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up." http://www.pseudepigrapha.com/pseudepigrapha/2Baruch.html http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2 Baruch

The following is from a very old book by Rev. S. Baring-Gould, M.A.

"Before the destruction of Jerusalem, he [Jeremiah] hid the ark of the covenant in a rock **which opened for the purpose and closed upon it.**" (*"Legends of the Patriarchs and Prophets and Old Testament Characters From Various Sources"* p.376. Published by Wm. L. Allison Company, N.Y.)

#### DOES SATAN HATE THESE DISCOVERIES?

#### You can be sure of that!

We have to remember that Satan will not be sitting by doing nothing while these wonderful discoveries are brought out. He is the father of lies and has his agents doing his bidding, attacking that which God has done in bring out this evidence of truth.

For example, the Standish brothers, whose sad story is reported among the enemies below, lived in Australia where Ron Wyatt was popular and grew jealous of Ron's success. Russell Standish's *Holy Relics* book is very sad and full of error and omissions.

# THE ENEMIES

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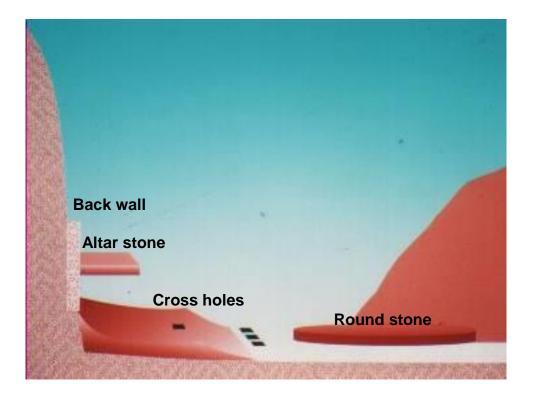
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## WHOM SHOULD ONE BELIEVE?:

...over 40 eye-witnesses who have been there and done the work at the risk of their lives

OR

...one who has never been there, and sits in a comfortable chair accusing them of being liars?



The layout of Jesus' crucifixion site with the 4 cross-holes

## **EVIDENCE THAT THE OPPOSITION IS NOT FROM GOD**

# **1. Critic's "thorough research"** trips him up.

We thank the dear Lord for champions like Bill Parks of Oregon, USA, who rise up and fight for the sake of truth.

The way he trapped a critic called Mike with the "ONE" crosshole, is a classic example of how the Lord works. This critic claimed to have "done thorough research". He made accusations against the Discoveries on the Internet. Bill corresponded with him by email. And then it happened.

Here is Bill's final letter to this critic:

"Mike - On different occasions you had declared you have made 'thorough research' into the Discoveries of Ron Wyatt, Jonathan Gray, and others.

"To me 'thorough research' means that you have honestly and carefully studied these Discoveries, first, from the videos, books, writings, etc. and by independent research have found them to be FRAUDS - as you have stated, using that word fraud.

"Mike - I baited you. I put out the email on the finding of the ONE cross-hole to see what you would do. You did exactly as I thought. YOU HAVE NOT MADE THOROUGH RESEARCH, getting first hand information and not second and third hand OPINIONS.

"You asked - "*Did they find one or 3 holes*?"

"At this point, your credibility dropped from zero, where I had put it, to minus ten zero. IF YOU HAD THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED, you would have found in Jonathan's main book *Ark of the Covenant*, on pages 254 and 255, words and pictures that say:

"Below this pack of earth, four feet lower down, was another, lower level of bedrock. Clearing this, they uncovered THREE MORE SQUARISH HOLES, CHISELED into this lower rock in front of the platform.'

"That makes FOUR CROSS-HOLES!

"Mike, I am taking you off my email address book and will ask you to send no more. Mike, you are in danger of the judgment! I have no more time to waste with such obvious poor 'research'."

# 2. The Liar who came to grief

This sad story carries... oh, what a lesson! It has occurred in Europe.

A certain gentleman linked to a church in Britain had for some time been travelling to Romania two or three times a year with slides of Tutankhamen archaeology (which does confirm Bible history but nothing else).

Then Clive and Margaret Murray (our British agents) began to visit the Romanian people. And among other things, they took the Discoveries to share.

The leaders of the same denomination as the first man in our story gathered to decide whether they should use these wonderful Discoveries as well.

The gentleman with the Tutankhamen pictures saw that the Discovery programme was going to cut into his own glory. So he started telling a few lies about Clive and his wife, and also that Ron Wyatt was a trickster! ...and so on. He told the ministers in Romania not to accept Clive.

The Romanian leaders were perplexed. They *called a meeting to pray for divine guidance* on the matter. Was this man who denounced the Discoveries telling the truth? Or should they "run with" the Discoveries? Which direction should they go?

#### The answer was quick in coming.

Clive reported back to us. "Now listen to what happened to him last week: In Romania he was offered accommodation, as is the norm (you always accept what they offer). He refused this offer and booked into a hotel; he also arrived a day earlier than expected. "Early the following morning he was attacked, robbed and badly beaten about the head. He is now in 'intensive care'. His wife is by his side.

"The email I had from one of the executives of the Romanian Church Conference also stated that he is guilty of breaking one of the Commandments!!! that all meetings that he had planned have been stopped.

"The police discovered that someone else - a girl - was in his hotel room. She confessed why she was there.

"So, here's another warning - to those who publicly try to make of naught the work of R. Wyatt and Jonathan Gray: they are fighting against a power they cannot comprehend. Remember, 'four angels killed fifty thousand Philistines.'"

Because of this event, the Romanian Church Conference accepted the Discoveries and decided to use them as a main thrust in their outreach.

MORE AFTERMATHS: Two men in Romania decided to translate our book *Ark of the Covenant* into their own language... A radio station wanted to translate our *Surprising Discoveries* Videos 1 and 2 into Romanian... and two devout Roman Catholic ladies went off to Romania loaded with Discovery books and videos. God bless them!

## **3. Ambushed - but God** shows His hand over the Discoveries

After arriving in Papua New Guinea to present the archaeological discoveries there, Jonathan spoke at the Moresby University, then flew to the northern coastal town of Madang, where a week-long open air convention had been organized.

To attend, some had actually walked up to 600 kilometers. Increasing steadily, the audience would swell by week's end to an estimated 2,000.

#### Attempt to stop the meetings

This angered certain religious leaders who, from the pulpit, urged their members to break up the meetings. There were also threats to kill.

Reportedly, a truckload of thugs arrived on the first night, but the size of the crowd deterred them. So it was decided to attack Jonathan after the crowd had dispersed. So they waited.

Half of those attending were new Christians, drug addicts, some of the worst criminals and street people. There were also members and pastors of various denominations. Audience reaction was electric. Some described the information as "lifechanging".

However, the plotters used one of their members, who worked for the water board, to cut off the water supply for a day or two, and then later poison the water, causing eight people to die - a father, a medic, a married couple, two children, and two young women. There may also have been others who died after leaving the camp. Just as Jesus prophesied: "Whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." (John 16:2) The morning after the convention ended, organiser Geoff Whitehouse dropped Jonathan at Madang Airport, considering Jonathan would be safe in the waiting room until the plane took off.

Geoff worked for a mining company, so continued his journey along a pot-holed road to the highlands.

The terminal was a low, modest looking structure. The passenger area would be about the size of a large house. Several rows of seats faced the check-in counter.

Jonathan plopped down on a seat and looked at his boarding pass. He was going out on a Fokker F28; Flight PX129, operated by Air Niugini.

## The ambush

At first he did not notice them. Several men were standing at the end of the row, watching. Then it happened.

Suddenly a man snatched his bag containing "discoveries" evidence, as well as the draft for the forthcoming *Ark of the Covenant* book.

"My bag!" Jonathan pursued the man out through the door of the terminal building, which opened onto the small car park. Outside the car park gate, Jonathan saw the man running, the bag swaying from his left shoulder.

"Thief! Stop him! Stop him!" Jonathan called to observers. They all just stood, some in the car park, others on the road outside. Jonathan kept running.

The bag snatcher was a hundred or so meters ahead. He was now along a side road, running fast. And then something weird happened. The man slowed and just plopped down the bag in the middle of the road.

Still running, Jonathan barely glimpsed the group of other men standing there.

Jonathan was now about ten paces from the bag. Suddenly his skull took the impact. It felt like a blow from a 4- by 6-inch block of timber, flat against his head, from behind. It was so violent, it sent him reeling leftward.

The thought came rushing, "I'm losing consciousness." He knew that should he fall to the ground, these men would kill him. "Must go on. Must go on," he thought ... and felt a surge of energy to go forward and reach for the bag... just seconds away. Retrieving the bag, he turned.

Then it resumed. Blows to the head. Heavy and hard. From behind.. .from the left... And he suddenly realized it... these were stones!

Perhaps eight or nine natives dressed in Western style shirts and trousers. This was organized and he was helpless to escape...

#### **Miraculous intervention**

But by some miracle, he felt NO PAIN.

Unexpectedly, the attack stopped. The attackers just stood and stared. A thug with a stone as large as a baseball suddenly dropped it, as Jonathan walked through them.

Back in Australia, a doctor examined Jonathan, and exclaimed, "*Did an angel intervene?''* 

A Jewish ministry leader in the USA, Sandy Howard, and a friend in Australia, John Paige, would both phone when Jonathan later returned home, to announce that although thousands of kilometres apart, *each separately had received a strong impression to pray for Jonathan* at about the very same time the attack was occurring.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul... bless his holy name... who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies." (Psalm 103:1,14)

#### **Culprits confess**

There soon surfaced the shocking news that the religious leaders mentioned earlier had been involved in organising the attempt upon Jonathan's life. One of the "ambush committee", a church deacon, had confessed.

He wrote:

I was present at an urgent board meeting called by the district Pastor to discuss the means they could employ to harm the visiting speaker. The district Pastor who chaired the meeting that late night behaved unusually. Often, at certain times of the discussions, the Pastor would stand up and would shout. He would show his fist, then he would punch the empty air, and he would hit the table.

All the leaders acted out their part in the attack. The Secretary of the church Conference used walkie talkie to monitor Jonathan Gray's movement.

The youth director led and mobilised the youth and Pathfinders, along with the leading Pastors of the Conference church and laid in ambush for them at the airport.

After the incident at the airport, the Treasurer of the Conference publicly boasted that it was he who had led the ambush and that the Union Mission had praised them for the good work done on their behalf.

**The attackers searched everywhere** for the organisers of the camp who had invited Jonathan to speak - Pr. Harold Peiko (Jonathan's interpreter) and also Pr. Livingstone Kul, Tepi Yaato, and Geoff and Lydia Whitehouse, **to kill them**. But fortunately, through sickness (perhaps from the water poisoning?) every one of them had been rushed either out of the country or to a remote location.

## The result

Fired up by the camp and by the persecution, groups of lay workers went abroad to preach the Gospel (the three angels' message of the New Testament).

Crowds came to hear them in the streets. Among these were drug addicts, violent criminals and no-hopers. Hearing the message of God's amazing love and forgiveness, their hearts were touched. So that when the religious persecutors also came in force to these meetings to break them up, the **druggies**, **criminals**, and outcasts formed themselves into a ring of protection for the speakers and the crowds and chased the church thugs away.

This *outburst against* the discoveries, contrary to the hopes of the attackers, was to *ignite a fire* among thousands of people that could not be quenched.

Because of the ambush against Jonathan and the continuing persecution, many members of the attacking church were so *shocked* that they joined the ranks of Harold Peiko's laymen, who have now grown to 200 church groups.

One astute person has observed: "The more intense the

*opposition, the greater must be the value of the work* that is being done."

You might well ask, what is there about these Discoveries that attracts such a frenzy of attacks?

### A smarter attack method planned

But it eventually became obvious that direct physical attacks were failing. A more a sophisticated method of attack was needed. So it was that, when the ambush failed, two brothers would become the agents for a more subtle approach to stop the Discoveries news going out. You might call it the Standish "**DISCREDIT** *the Discoveries*" campaign. (We shall examine this in Chapter 10.)

### A lost tribe

After the Bible camp at which the Discoveries and the Gospel message were presented, other young workers, with great enthusiasm, formed bands of five or more boys and girls to go out wherever the Lord chose to send them - especially the unreached places in PNG.

One group of men, women and a four month old child on breast, decided to go to the Kainantu area in the East Highlands.

In this thick jungle of no man's land, they found **a wild naked tribe** called Sende, who were nomads without knowledge of the outside world or the Gospel.

Along the Kerema River, they came across a man who had fled from this wild tribe after his parents died. The group decided to name him Daniel.

After walking through this thickest of jungle without food, eating bamboo shoots and wild fruits, they reached a clearing.

They couldn't see the people, but they saw leaves moving; as the natives disappeared.

Daniel shouted at the top of his voice in their native dialect to call them back. Slowly they came closer. They were naked and they used a flat chipped wood to hold before themselves to cover their nakedness. Wherever they sat down, they planted this sharp, flat chipped wood before them as cloth.

As the group approached them, they became friendlier and calmer. The group tried to witness the truth about Christ with Daniel as their interpreter.

Suddenly, a whirlwind blew around them, as the Holy Spirit was poured among them and for the first time, they began hearing the Gospel message very clearly in the main Pidgin dialect.

After the group had been a week studying with them, the tribal leader said, "We've just heard you saying, *'This Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached to whole world for a witness and the end come.'* You know why the Lord hasn't come yet? It is because; we, the Sende people, haven't heard the Gospel. Now, since we know the truth, surely He will come."

Before leaving, the young missionaries baptized five men and women. Later, the PNG Laymembers Association who had organized the Madang camp meeting, under their leader, Harold Peiko, sent a young evangelist, with his wife, a secondary school teacher, there as missionaries with a bale of clothing and literature. They planted a church there with a literacy school.

#### Another lost tribe

Another team of young volunteer workers decided to walk back through the mountain ranges of Rai Coast, south of Madang.

After several days, they reached a big, long village. Right in the

middle of the village was a beautiful and colourful flower garden. To their surprise, an old man with white hair was sitting in the midst of these gardens. Every day, the villagers came around to **worship him as their god.** 

The team decided to stay there, and witnessed to them about the Living God who created them. Many turned their hearts to the Lord, and they helped build a church to worship the true God.

## The angels' song

Clancy Osinane, the 15-year-old daughter of the one of the persecutors, left her father's home to join those who were being persecuted. For almost three months she accompanied some of the young people on their mission trip.

Groups such as this were scattering out everywhere. No one would know where they had been until they returned.

It was later, when she turned up, that her father was so furious, he stripped off her clothes until she was totally naked, beat her up and threw her out of their home into the bushes. She was half unconscious and bleeding terribly all over.

By coincidence, that same week, one of the persecuted laymen's groups there decided to have a spiritual retreat, so they took all of their members up the mountain into the thick bush, and were there, studying, praying, fasting and singing.

Down at the foot of the hill, when Clancy regained consciousness, she slowly struggled to climb that mountain at night. For five hours, with pain and in tears, she struggled to grasp the shrubs and grasses to climb.

At midnight she reached the crest of the mountain. When she entered the camp place, everyone was gone into the bush, two by two for prayer sessions. With her last panting breath she tried to throw herself over the big log which was lying in the pathway, and that's when she fainted and fell unconscious.

Next moment she was awakened by the sound of **a soft and beautiful song of harmony** - so melodious that it brought healing to her soul. She saw **a bright ring of light** surrounding her, **and, all in white, were glorious shining beings singing** a song repeatedly.

And this is the song they sang to her - a song of her bitter experience:

My love for You, Lord, is so High, My love for You, Lord, is so Dear, My love for You, Lord, is so Wide, That I'll never, never go back, And I'll never, never look back.

When I am suffered for Your name's sake, When I am lonely, along the way; My love for You, Lord, is so High, My love for You, Lord, is so Dear, My love for You, Lord, is so Wide, That I'll never, never go back, And I'll never, never look back.

Clancy and other fellow lay people were to go through that time of suffering for His name's sake. This is also a song of encouragement to go forth, not to turn back.

This song composed by angels is on the lips of every lay person, young and old, and it is now sung everywhere in church, camp meetings and on evangelism trips.

# 4. Demon throws Discoveries book across room

Sunday, July 6, 1997, was a day Kerry Kressie will never forget. On the previous evening, Kerry, her husband Brian and their children, travelled 100 miles to attend Jonathan's seminar on the Ark of the Covenant in the Emerald Town Hall, Queensland, Australia.

They enjoyed the program immensely and took home a large quantity of books and videos.

Among these was **Jonathan's book** *Ark of the Covenant*. This book reveals startling archaeological evidence concerning that artefact and its spine-tingling link to the crucifixion of Jesus – as well as the coming defeat of Lucifer. It is a story for which a group of would-be assassins ambushed Jonathan, soon after. We believe it *infuriated the Legion of Lucifer*.

Anyway, the very next night Kerry picked up that book and opened it to read. Instantly, some unseen force *flicked it out of her hand and threw it against the wall.* 

A savage sounding voice said, "Ma! What do you want to read that for? There's nothing in there that will do you any good!"

Shaken, Kerry again picked up the book. She opened it. The voice was again heard: "*NOW, YOU JUST STOP THAT*!" Again the book was flicked from her hand and hurled across the room.

This time Kerry placed the book on the bench. She told her husband what had happened, and he suggested she pray about it. "Oh God," she asked, "Please protect me." After that, before picking up the book to read, she would pray, "Lord, please bind up Satan. Get him out of here and send your angels into this house."

But Lucifer's forces did not leave willingly. As she stood at the wash basin, in the presence of her husband, she was suddenly lifted up five or six feet, carried across the room, and then dumped onto her back. When she tried to pray, she felt that someone was choking her; she had to struggle for breath. A strong force also pushed down on her stomach. It felt like someone was sitting on her.

"Dear Jesus..." she began. Suddenly some hostile force was jacking her mouth wide open and pulling her tongue out toward her chin. Her six-year-old daughter Emily watched in horror.

Then the child knew what she had to do. "*In the name of Jesus, you let my mother go*!" cried the little one. And the force on Kerry's mouth let go.

Now Kerry and Brian are more determined than ever to launch an assault on Lucifer's kingdom and help rescue others.

A man in Victoria phoned to tell us about a vivid dream he had just had. In it, a curtain was opened and he saw a blue covered book. It looked like the book *Ark of the Covenant*. And a voice said to him, "*Share this with everybody*." So that's what he's now doing.

In this behind-the-scenes war, the hatred is vicious. The Legion of Lucifer has just one insane obsession: to denigrate, discredit and destroy everything to do with Jesus.

It is a battle for the mind. Your mind. My mind. And it's intense. How easy it is to get caught in the trap they set! That's what Lucifer wants. He was the inventor of that slander. And he hates you too. (No matter - God loves you, and that's all that counts.)

# 5. Hater of the discoveries is a ... WHAT?

Kaila, a young American missionary in New Zealand testifies:

"We walked up the driveway and right away I knew there wasn't something right. The first clue was that there were 3 or 4 toilets with plants growing out of them. Putting that aside, we went up the ramp that led to the patio door. I knocked on the door, waited a little bit, and knocked again.

"Suddenly a woman answered the door. I told her what we were up to, just a couple of Christians going around offering a free book about the Ten Commandments.

"Then she totally took me by surprise as she answered with a man's voice; it was really deep. She told me that she was not interested. She then happened to see the name of our leader Jonathan Gray (we had a sticker placed at the back of the book with details on it in case anyone wanted to get in touch after reading the book), and *her voice changed a bit deeper and scarier, it sounded like an angry demon within*.

"She said that he was a crazy man and that she totally disagreed with the things that he taught, and that he was a fraud, and then *she started to attack the discoveries* and said he's out to deceive people.

"So, the person that was with me (Raewynne Wales) asked her politely what her religion was. To our amazement *she told us that she was a witch.* Then everything made sense and we politely ended the conversation and got out of there as fast as we could.

"This goes to show that the devil is not pleased with the work that we are doing here, and it also shows that we are doing something right by God since *we have made the devil so angry*. Praise the Lord for the work that He is accomplishing here in Thames!" Kaila Bushor

The attackers, then, are in cosy company... with Satan and witches!

## WHY HAVE ATTACKERS BEEN DYING?

### 6. The obstructive bishop

As Ron Wyatt continued the Ark of the Covenant excavation in Jerusalem, a series of events transpired that, to put it mildly, were remarkable.

Permission to continue work rested in the hands of a bishop. At the particular time in question, word came from the bishop:

"YOU ARE NOT TO CONTINUE."

This news was shattering. A penetration of this site was crucial to the continuance of the project. Ron told some dedicated friends back home. They began to pray. The prayer went something like this: "Lord, if that bishop is going to hinder your work, would you please remove him?"

A week later the man dropped dead. He, too, was are fighting against a power he did not comprehend.

Within a month, a new Director was appointed. And this gentleman sent word:

"YOU MAY CONTINUE."

# 7. Betrayed by a "friend"

After discovering the remains of an Egyptian army on the bed of the Gulf of Aqaba arm of the Red Sea, Ron Wyatt knew that the true Mount Sinai had to be, not where tourists were being taken in Egyptian territory, but across the gulf in Saudi Arabia. The biblical account said that the Hebrews arrived at Mount Sinai AFTER crossing the sea (where the pursuing army of Pharaoh's was drowned).

Ron tried hard to get into Saudi Arabia. After 4 1/2 years of repeated attempts to get a visa, he decided to investigate the area, anyway. Little did he dream what lay ahead for him and his two teenage sons, Danny and Ronny.

I should mention that it is next to impossible to get into Saudi Arabia. The Saudis do not want tourists. They have all the money in the world, so to speak - and they do not want their Muslim population (especially the women) exposed to western civilization. Generally, the only way to get in is to obtain work in the kingdom. And that requires an invitation from a Saudi citizen.

Ron confided his plans to two trusted friends. One of these was the astronaut, Colonel James Irwin. He asked James, "If you do not hear from me after two weeks, you will know we are in trouble - so please do what you can to help us."

They crossed from Jordan through the mountains, hitching, hiring small vehicles and tramping into the area they suspected held the clues.

What they found in the desert of north west Arabia was mindboggling. It fitted the biblical account in detail.

But later, as they attempted to leave the country, they were arrested and taken to a jail in Haji, near the border. There they were charged with espionage.

They found themselves in a prison cell, with mattresses stained with urine and human excrement. Cockroaches were running over the floor.

After two weeks, James Irwin was worried. He put pressure on friends in high places in Holland, Jordan, Iraq and other countries. These, in turn, rang the Saudi Arabian leaders. The word came down from the king of Saudi Arabia, "Those three men in the jail at Haji, put this carpet in their cell." The jailers were astonished. One of them commented to Ron, "We've never known anyone with so many important friends."

When they were told that their three prisoners were not spies but archaeologists, they took a helicopter south to check out their story, and saw the claimed evidence for themselves. Eventually, after 75 long days, they were released.

Ron reports that only then did he learn that his second "friend", Rene Noorbergen, a former college professor and author, had phoned the Saudi embassy and told them that the Wyatts were Israeli spies!

Now they realised that Ron and his sons were *not* spies, the Saudis were angry at the false accusation. It could have led to serious political consequences, had they executed them. Now they wanted to help Ron prosecute this man, but Ron declined. He just wanted to go back home.

In the USA, the event made nation-wide television.

Ron was later informed that, by getting Ron out of the way, Noorbergen had hoped to gain the freedom to credit to himself one of Ron's other discoveries - and already had a book ready for publication, making that claim. However, to cover themselves legally, the publisher contacted Ron. Meanwhile, Ron Wyatt rang Rene Noorbergen. Shocked at suddenly hearing Ron alive, Noorbergen suffered a heart attack - right there, on the phone. And *not long after that, he died, cursing Ron*.

He, too, was are fighting against a power he did not comprehend.

# 8. The sad end of an Australian opponent

Another opponent of the Discoveries was a man with his own ministry, Col Martens. He expressed opposition to this work even though he had never been to any of the Discovery sites, never seen the video footage, slides or photographs, never been to any of Jonathan's Discovery report meetings, nor ever approached us to discuss these matters.

Yet he demonstrated an eagerness to denounce the Discoveries.

He did not come to the person concerned, but tried to spread discontent among others. He set out to attack any effort Jonathan made in outreach.

Unable to successfully refute the Ark evidence, he proceeded to lie - accusing Jonathan of numerology - fortune-telling by numbers.

At best, he revealed himself ignorant of what Jonathan was saying.

When hearing of the Sinai-in-Arabia evidence, he was quick to accuse: "All those things might have been planted."

Jonathan's response was, "That man needs to feel God's love. And your prayers."

Some time later, he fell prey to a terminal illness. *Those who saw him dying said that he was unhappy and troubled.* He, too, was fighting against a power he did not comprehend. We hope he made his peace with God.

# 9. The TV presenter and the treacherous team member

In October, 1994, the Australian ABC Four Corners show aired a programme ridiculing the Noah's Ark find.

No scientific expedition was shown on that programme - and certainly not an excavation! Here is the truth.

It is what did NOT go to camera that is most enlightening.

Two months earlier, during a phone conversation, Mary Nell Wyatt said to Jonathan, "We've had some people here from Australia. They were filming for a TV programme. And I don't think their intentions are good.

"They were very secretive, although pleasant and nice at first. Their questions were solely about the subject of Noah's Ark and they were not offensive to me in any way.

"But they wanted to interview Ron badly, so I arranged to take them to the hospital to do their interview. Once there, their questions took on a much more offensive nature.

"They wanted to film from our just opened museum, so the next day I met with them at our museum in Gatlinburg. They were still very secretive and continued to avoid telling me exactly who they were with and why they were there. The two cameramen filmed everything in the museum and even watched the videos, or at least portions of them pertaining to Noah's Ark. Then the cameramen set up and filmed the interviewer doing a very sarcastic segment on Ron's belief in Noah's ark. By now, it was becoming very clear that they were not here to gather evidence - they were here to try to discredit the site. We soon found out exactly what was going on when we found the *producer's notes* that he accidentally left behind, which made it quite evident that they came to *'discredit this guy'*, meaning Ron."

A few days after leaving here, the TV crew flew to Turkey and met one of the Discovery team members David Fasold, as well as the Australian atheist Dr Ian Plimer and Turkish Noah's Ark Commission member Dr Bayraktutan at the Ark site.

Fasold and Plimer apparently had become friends even though on opposite sides of the "Ark" question. And they had made a bet, the loser of which had to buy the other a steak dinner. Mr Fasold would try to prove to Dr Plimer that the site was the Ark, while Dr Plimer would try to prove it was nothing but a geological formation, all in a couple of hours on the site, with no scientific testing. In reality, it was just a contest of wits.

Returning home, Dave phoned Ron. He appeared angry.

"These people," he fumed, "filmed me with the metal detector looking for the metal lines, but the moment I hit the spot, they cut the tape, making it appear that I was fumbling like an idiot when there was nothing there. And they refused to core drill in the places where the structure showed near the surface." Into the 8 feet of mud and rubble which lies over the wreck, they drilled a brave 2 foot hole to prove there was no Ark.

Dave had with him a photo of some of the ship's ribs, exposed when some of the mud was shaved off. In the intervening 4 years, the extreme weather had "mottle cracked" the surface, making it harder to see the shave-off. But the ribs were still there.

"I can't see them," David on the programme was heard to say, while Dr Bayraktutan was calling out, "Yes, they're here. They're here.!" (3 or 4 times).

But the TV reporter declined to have these videoed. Yes, this

was a nice piece of selective reporting! So the Ark did not exist... naturally.

Using the same method, it could be shown that the city of Sydney did not exist. Just go out on a boat to the Heads, point a camera in the opposite direction - and you could see that Sydney does not exist. Their failure at the Ark site was wilful ...not accidental.

For thousands of years, the powers of evil have wanted to destroy those evidences which witness to God's dramatic interruptions in human history. But God has been protecting them - to be brought out at the right time as His great attentiongetters... just before His greatest intervention of all, the Second Coming. Likewise, the enemy has groups of men marshalled ready to fight these evidences, when they come out, in a bitter fight, using every dirty trick.

John Swinton, the former chief of the *New York Times*, in giving a toast before the New York Press Club, made a monumentally important and revealing statement:

"If I allowed my honest opinions to appear in one issue of my paper, before 24 hours my occupation would be gone. The business of the journalists is to destroy the truth, to lie outright; to pervert; to vilify; to sell his country and his race for his daily bread. You know it and I know it and what folly is this toasting an independent press? We are tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are the jumping jacks, they pull the strings and we dance. Out talents, our possibilities, and our lives are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes." (A U.S. Police Action, Phoenix, Arizona, 1992, p.18)

Richard Slant, former president of CBS News, stated: "Our job is to give people not what they want, but what WE decide they ought to have." (Ibid., p.19)

But back to Dave Fasold and the demonstration in Turkey,

which Dave recognised as a scam.

Well, would you believe, just six weeks after that, Fasold was "suddenly" persuaded to help the TV crew complete their story. Dave, down the drain by an estimated \$250,000 on account of his Ark research, travelled all the way to Sydney, Australia, to very casually dump his ten years of careful scientific work at the Ark site (including tangible finds).

The question would be asked, "Had he done this merely for ...LOVE ...or money?

The examination of the site and the verbal debate between the friendly adversaries was filmed and shown on the well-known Australian TV programme *Four Corners*. No match for the cunning geologist, David Fasold lost the bet. He then went on the TV show to announce he had been wrong about the Ark site. Atheist Ian Plimer now had a real trophy - "the once determined advocate of Noah's Ark" was now on his side.

Meanwhile, Dave's powerful **pro-Ark** documentary was sold to New Zealand television. And then on November 19 Dave showed some of his evidence **for** the Ark on Australia's Channel 7.

# Sequel to the drama: Victim no. 1

It is recalled that during the *Four Corners* show ridiculing the discovery of Noah's ark, several times THE PRESENTER had an expression on his face which bordered on a smirk.

Just two years later, this man, in the prime of life, died suddenly of *a massive brain haemorrhage*. He was only 42. Five other men who had set themselves up to impede or stop the Discovery projects were also, up to that time, reported to *have died in a similar manner*.

# Sequel to the drama: Victim no. 2

Some time after his Australian TV "denial" of the Ark find, Fasold was on Californian TV claiming that he, not Ron, was the main discoverer of Noah's Ark.

During the final week of December, 1997, events took another dramatic turn. David rang our office in South Australia and spoke to Glenn Coopman.

Fasold: "I need to speak with Jonathan... I guess, not many people know this, I need to tell you that *both myself and my wife have been diagnosed as having brain tumours*. Despite treatment, my wife is getting worse and the doctors say that she has two months to live... So you see I really need to speak to Jonathan and have this sorted out... I guess [laughing] God is paying me back for something, hey?..."

Glenn: "Thankyou for sharing this with me. I am very sorry to hear about your wife and yourself. I will have Jonathan return your call as soon as he returns from his trip overseas. Can I just say, whilst I have the opportunity, how much I enjoyed reading your book on Noah's Ark. Can I commend you on your scholarship. But now can you please explain why, in a recent ABC programme, you rejected the proposed site of Noah's Ark as the real Noah's Ark?"

Fasold [laughing]: ..."Well you have a close look at that programme... they can do anything these days with editing... They would ask me a question when I was wearing a red shirt and then you would see me answer the question wearing a green shirt."

A few months later, about mid-year, we received word that *Fasold had died*.

Allegedly, in an email to an acquaintance, David's last words were:

### "I suppose now that everyone's going to say that I am one of those guys who turned on Ron Wyatt and ended up dead."

It brings to mind the divine promise: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." (Gen.12:3) God has spoken. His word is irreversible.

From Turkey, our friend Dr Bayraktutan informed us that after Dave's death, his ashes were placed on the Ark formation, at David's request and with his wife's permission.

# 10. The Standish slander and its sad sequel

Since the Papua New Guinea ambush had failed to stifle the Discoveries news, a more crafty approach was needed. Two religious plotters now organized public meetings and a book aimed at discrediting the faith-building finds.

Australian Russell Standish declared, "Brothers and sisters, **NO ONE** *has tried harder* than Colin and myself to verify the Discovery claims." Sounds good, right? The truth is, Russell

- \* *did not go to even one of the Discovery sites* before attacking,
- \* did not speak to anyone involved in them,
- \* did not watch any of our videos,
- \* did not read any of our books,
- \* did not attend any of our seminars.

Instead, *he went searching for people who didn't like Ron Wyatt the discoverer* - then packed his book *Holy Relics* with WHAT **THESE ENEMIES** SAID. It was a fake campaign - but so cleverly engineered that shallow thinkers could fall for it.



The initial source he cited in his attack against the Discoveries was a "Creation Science" group run by a Carl Wieland.

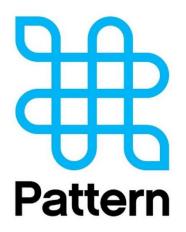
When Carl Wieland insisted on employing on the staff of Creation Science a woman reputed to be *dabbling in spiritism*, the former managing director John Mackay, holding to his Christian convictions, left Creation Science, "*along with all of our original staff and several other founding members, each of which has been attacked personally in the same way as I get attacked publicly*." (Mackay's letter to Jonathan, January 29, 1999)

Subsequently, Wieland threw away and divorced his wife, then quickly married the witch consulting spiritist.

We say this with sadness. However, the facts need to be known, so that no honest person need to be misled. The sin is public, yet the Standishes are pleased to get their anti-Discoveries poison from this group - which, like the Standishes, had never investigated any of the Discovery sites.

Not only that, Carl Wieland's group has a proven history of vilifying others. When John Mackay (who now operates a respectable ministry called Creation Research) was booked for a tour of Britain, it is reported that Carl Wieland's mob *went ahead of him, denouncing him, cancelling his meetings*. Yet this is the group Standishes chose to believe.

### Before we go further, do you see a pattern here?



#### THE PATTERN: These have the same attitude toward the Discoveries. They work on the same side.

Thugs that violently ambush page 50	* The threat: " <b>Stop talking</b> <b>about the Discoveries</b> , or we <b>will kill you</b> ."
Satanic spirits page 51	* An evil spirit said " <b>Don't read</b> <b>that</b> ", as it wrenched the <i>Ark of the</i> <i>Covenant</i> discovery book from the lady and hurled it across the room.
"Holy Relics" book page 61 onward	* The book's theme is: "We are opposed to the Discovery claims. <b>Don't listen to them</b> ."
Standishes (pages 61-77)	<ol> <li>They got their ideas from a group that employed spiritists. (p.61)</li> <li>They allied themselves to a man admitted to be unbalanced and deceitful. (pp.64-67)</li> <li>Their book is gleefully quoted by non-Christians as an excuse for rejecting the Bible. (p.73)</li> </ol>

### Why the attacks?

One reason for the anti-Discovery attacks was voiced to us by a church member. She wrote: "My church is afraid of you. When the Discovery meetings come to a town, the people are flocking to hear it. My church has spent so much money on evangelism and does not get the same results."

On our second New Zealand tour *our audiences were 300% larger*. Russell Standish began to speak against us. But from then on *his audiences began to shrink*. This became the pattern everywhere.

His brother Colin revealed that the Standish prejudice was fed by a "Creation Science" article against Ron Wyatt: "*which gave strong evidence against Noah's Ark having been found by Ron.*" (Letter to Margaret Gray, dated October 14, 1993) So they simply began repeating the mistaken, biased, outdated arguments which they learned from "Creation Science" (whose director had employed spiritists). Then added some errors of their own.

Yet they claimed they were defending the truth. Do you remember Jesus' warning concerning church leaders, "*that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service*"? (John 16:2)

Jesus knew that His efforts to reform corrupt religious leaders would be in vain; nevertheless His work must be done. Even though we know that our pleading with these leaders will be in vain, we must continue this warning, having faith that others listening will come to a correct knowledge and walk in the light.

**Colin Standish** says: "We *should* `*prove* all things'." (C.Standish, meeting in London March 6, 1999)

**Russell Standish** contradicts him: "The onus is *not* on Russell and myself *to prove* the claims false." (C.Standish letter to M. Gray Oct. 14,1998.)

**To one person** Russell says: "I *can't watch* your videos. I don't have a video player" (R. Standish, meeting in Melbourne Sept. 30, 1998: when offered discovery videos after admitting he had not viewed the evidence.)

**To other people** the same man says: "I *was watching* a video tape about an apparition of the Virgin Mary." (R.Standish, meeting in Melbourne Feb.23,1999.)

... OOPS! So he WAS able to watch videos if he wanted to!

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

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

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

IT BECOMES YOUR LIE WHEN YOU QUOTE A LIE. This is serious.

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

So here comes another census taker who believes he can answer the question, Has the Ark been found? - by taking an opinion poll over the telephone. Great! Just what we need. Another expert that's never been to the site telling us all about it.

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

Sadly, there is a prophecy that toward the end, many a "leading light" will go out (spiritually die). Now the Standish *eye is evil* toward Ron Wyatt, *trying to make people think that an innocent man is a cheat and a liar*.

# **The Nethercott Factor**

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

Nethercott's prejudice, like that of the Standishes, stemmed from the same old, worn-out "Creation Science" article against Ron Wyatt.

Nethercott entered one of Jonathan's meetings at Ipswich, Queensland, waving the said article in the air. It is necessary to state here that Paul Nethercott comes from a family with a history of mental problems. People who know him take that into account. One gains the impression of a man ill-informed but obsessed with a passion to attack, rather than a desire to know the truth.

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

Anyway, he sent it far and wide. With Jonathan's name on the cover, Nethercott knew lots of people would buy it and he (Nethercott) could make money.

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

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

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

Silence.

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

"I don't know," replied Nethercott.

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

# The Standish-Nethercott Plotting

Enter the Standish-Pennington brothers. Soon Colin Standish and Nethercott were corresponding together.

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

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

Colin Standish and Paul Nethercott now began to conspire, secretly corresponding concerning Jonathan.

Colin, a man with finesse, never imagined what was about to happen. Says the book of Proverbs, "Answer a fool according to his folly, LEST HE BE WISE IN HIS OWN CONCEIT" (Prov.26:5).

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

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

"*Please do not run this letter around to people*," he told Nethercott. That is, "Don't let others know that you and I are secretly plotting together against Jonathan." (To do that might jeopardize his planned public attack against Jonathan.)

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

Margaret Gray wrote to Colin in kindness, warning him to be careful. "Jonathan is the last one to hear about what you are saying behind his back, Colin .... Your letters are going through so many hands. Nethercott has just proved that you cannot trust him," she wrote. "So how can you fall so easily for what he is feeding you? It should be obvious to you by now what kind of person you are linking yourself to.

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

"Just in case you are not aware, 1 have met and spoken to Paul Nethercott several times. You only have to look at him to know there is something wrong with the man. It is well known amongst the people, that he comes from a family with a history of mental problems. That is the type of person whom you have requested to supply you with information." Margaret had already written to Colin: "Just a word of caution before you go writing against what Ron Wyatt and Jonathan Gray are saying: read everything they have written and watch everything they have produced. *Check everything thoroughly*. Then go to the sites and have `hands on experience'. Leave nothing to hearsay. Don't take anyone by their accusations or what they write to you. It could be your very downfall."

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

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

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

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

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

# The Pennington-Nethercott Liaison

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

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

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

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

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

Here is one example, in which Pennington attempted to prove "the association between Gray, Wyatt and Mormonism ":

"Amazing Similarities Between Jonathan Gray and Joseph Smith [Mormon founder]... Both speak of prophets and seers." (Ibid.)

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

Commenting on the "shimar" cutting tough materials (of which Jonathan wrote in his book *Ark of the Covenant*), Pennington wrote:

"In the Appendix of the book, Jonathan admits to getting this idea from Masonic tradition." ("Masonic tradition is the source of all Mormon Temple rituals and Mormon doctrines on the Holy Grail.') (Ibid.)

The truth is, Jonathan did **not** get his information from masons, but credited his source as Louis Gimberg's *Legends of the Jews*!

Never mind, this is heavy scholarly critique going on here and

now comes the accusation that Ron Wyatt doesn't have a chance because unlike Pennington he is "an amateur". (Ibid.) And, to top it off, now Pennington says Wyatt is guilty of "WRONG spelling. For example artefacts is spelt with an 'e' not an 'i," smirks the Doctor.

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

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

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

### Nethercott's Bogus Newsletter

Soon after this, a document which purported to be the March 1999 issue of SOUTHLAND COLLEGE NEWSLETTER went out from Queensland, addressed to supporters of Southland. The President of Southland College, Dr. Barry Harker was distressed to receive a copy in the mail.

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

"Although I did not write or authorise the document, it contained my address and phone number. Unlike all newsletters that 1 send out, it was unsigned. The envelope in which it arrived had no return address.

"However, the hand-printed address on the envelope and the contents of the purported newsletter indicate that Mr. Paul Nethercott was the author of the document and the person who had sent it to me. "As the document was **deceitful** and seriously misleading, I wrote to Paul on 10 March strongly suggesting that, by 17 March 1999, an unconditional apology to be sent to all persons who had received the **bogus** newsletter and that l be provided with the names and contact details of those to whom the apology was sent ....

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

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

#### **Nethercott Promotes Standish**

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

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

# **Standish Advises Nethercott**

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

# **Deceitful Liaison**

So here is Nethercott, a man mentally imbalanced, his writings known to be "*deceitful and seriously misleading*" (according to Dr Barry Harker), "obnoxious" and "*contrary to fact*" (according to R. Standish).

Yet, despite this, the Standish brothers *still link themselves solidly to this deceiver*. Why? Because they resent the DISCOVERIES message so much. So they snap up Nethercott's anti-discoveries paper and promote it gleefully. One is in awe!

Guess who else peddles the Nethercott fantasies? "Creation Science", that employer of spiritists, whom Standishes trust!

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

# **Nethercott Denounces Standishes**

But, as we noted above, Russell Standish had just rebuked Nethercott on another matter. This would prove just enough to burst the bubble.

Infuriated by Standish's second letter to him, Nethercott now scrawled insults to the Standishes all over Russell's letter and posted it out to all and sundry, branding them as "heretics" and "Satan".

Russell lamented soon after, "Paul Nethercott is the best asset that Gray and Wyatt have."

# The Lord "overturns"

Standish-Pennington planned to wipe the discoveries away in the minds of everyone they could reach.

But instead they were themselves confounded. THAT'S HOW GOD WORKS.

Nethercott wanted only to discredit Jonathan. But the Lord overturned it, to give the blessing to those whose hearts were turned toward Him. *"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision"* (Psalm 2:4).

People everywhere pled: "Examine the evidence" - but Russell said "No"

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

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

But their hearts were locked in disbelief.

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

# Standishes' own father admits: "Discoveries have good evidence"

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

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

It is not our purpose to humiliate our opponents. But there is an important lesson to learn. Do not always take your "doctor" to be an archaeological god. They can only be as accurate as their own personal knowledge.

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

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

# Atheists - agnostics - infidels praise the Standish book

Now came a new development. And when we first saw this we

were stunned! Were atheists... agnostics... infidels... really swooning over the Standish book *Holy Relics*? Believe it!

Gleefully, they were pleased to quote it as a good reason not to become Christians. After all, they recognised that this *Standish book was on their side* - since Russell Standish was claiming that the discoveries proving the Bible true were fraudulent, this evidence for the truth of the Bible had not been found after all!

How pleased Satan must be, Mr Standish. Your book is not winning any souls to the Lord. Rather, it is encouraging the non-Christians to remain so. As Jesus says, "You will know them by their fruits." And the fruit of the Standish book? You need look no further than the atheists... agnostics... and infidels.

# The dream: "Russell Standish is in danger"

Peter Date was **one of Russell Standish's original support group** in Australia. Now he runs a ministry which is a blessing to untold numbers of people in third world countries. Peter began to correspond with Russell and his brother, pointing out to them the errors in their book *Holy Relics*. He showed them how they were misquoting the Spirit of Prophecy, by cutting out words to give a different meaning from what was really taught. For two years he tried to get a response.

Margaret Gray had already written to Standishes: "*I see some serious problems brewing for you*" then she warned, "*You are in danger*." (see *Discoveries: Questions Answered*, Appendices 19 and 20)

Further on, she had a disturbing dream. In the morning she looked pale. Her words were: "*Russell is in danger*."

Meanwhile, another man, B.T. related to our colleague John Paige that he had remonstrated with Russell Standish about the truth of the discoveries, particularly in respect of the Ark of the Covenant discovery. Russell's response was, "Even if they prove it to me, I still won't believe it."

John says, sadly, "**I feared for Russell after that,** although he had done so much good work in earlier years. I recall the prophecy about once-faithful pastors, after 40 years or more of service, going astray at last. How dreadfully sad."

Finally, Peter Date wrote:

"Pr Colin and Pr Russell, each of you have consistently not replied to every letter I have sent showing the errors in research you have made.... I have tried to do this in the nicest, kindest way so that with integrity you could admit your errors.... I recognise your right not to reply but as you can understand it does not look good.

"...By your silence and your non-acknowledgement of your error in research, it makes it look like you are dealing with this important subject unfairly."

So it was that, after two years, for the sake of honesty, **Peter** was now about to GO PUBLIC and expose Russell Standish.

That week, Russell was killed suddenly in a motor accident. And Peter decided not to expose him.

### An inescapable parallel

Saul, first king of Israel, was ordained by God.

- \* He started off well.
- \* Then he got jealous of David and kept on attacking him.
- \* And he consulted with a witch.
- \* ...and died.

### Russell Standish was ordained by God.

- \* He started off well.
- \* Then, in order to attack us, he consulted with a group

whose leader dumped his wife and married a witch.

- \* And he wouldn't listen.
- \* ... and what was his end?

**QUESTION:** I was asked just a few days ago, Why did only Russell die? What about Colin?

**ANSWER:** Only God knows all the answers - and I'm pleased not to be the judge. However, we do know this: that it was Russell who spear-headed the attack. His brother Colin left the investigation to him. So the book was really Russell's job. We sincerely hope Russell made everything right with God before that final minute. Meanwhile, God is merciful in giving Colin more time to repent.

The false accusers will have to answer to God. Those who ignore the divinely given Discoveries evidence and choose to mouth the slanderers' lie will have no excuse before God.

In heaven, Lucifer made false accusations. The angels who believed the slanderers' lie were expelled from heaven.

Jesus was accused of doing His work by the prince of devils. We are honoured to be treated as He was.

We have seen this promise true in every case: "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD." (Isa.54:17)

### A TYPICAL OBJECTION RAISED BY STANDISHES:

### NO WITNESSES EXCEPT RON WYATT?

QUESTION: Is it true, as *Russell Standish alleges, that* the following things listed are "things that no-one else but Ron Wyatt has been able to see... no-one" ... so the only evidence for them is Wyatt's word? such as: - the oil lamps from the Ark of the Covenant cave;

- the chariot wheels in the Red Sea;
- human skeletons in the Gulf of Aqaba;
- horse skeletons in the Gulf of Aqaba;

- Ron Wyatt's excavation license for Israel;

- **The passage way** through which the Ark was taken to the cave;

- The blood cells moving; and so on.

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

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

This is only a partial list of eyewitnesses.

So Russell Standish, who has never been there, is stating that the 40 or more witnesses who have seen these things are all mistaken or all lying? Doesn't this *raise questions concerning the truth of anything* else Russell claims to have researched?

\* \* \* \* \* \* \*

### Satan plans accusations and divisions

[From the fourth volume of *Spirit of prophecy*, Or *The Great Controversy*, 337-340 (1884).]:

"As the people of God approach the perils of the last days, Satan holds earnest consultation with his angels as to the most successful plan of overthrowing their faith. Therefore he directs his angels to lay their snares especially for those who are looking for the second advent of Christ and endeavoring to keep all the commandments of God." (TM 472.1)

"We must cause distraction and division. We must destroy their anxiety for their own souls, and lead them to criticize, to judge, and to accuse and condemn one another, and to cherish selfishness and enmity. For these sins, God banished us from His presence; and all who follow our example will meet a similar fate." (TM 475.2)

### The following documentation relating to this present report is available in the Grays' book Discoveries: Questions Answered

* C. Standish to Nethercott, letters - See Appendices 16,18
* <i>M. Gray to C. Standish, letters</i> - See Appendices 17,19,20
* Nethercott's bogus "Southland" letter - See Appendix 21
* Southland College president's letter - See Appendix 22
* Nethercott's Newsletter April 1999 - See Appendix 23
* R.Standish to Nethercott and
Nethercott's surprise response - See Appendix 24
* E.G. White pertinent comments - See Appendices 25,26,27

#### This book, Discoveries: Questions Answered examines

- \* **hundreds of questions** relating to the Discoveries, including
- \* the arguments of the skeptics, in minute detail.

Containing about as much information as a normal 1,000 page book, it includes

- \* private correspondence,
- \* scientific reports,
- \* photographs and
- \* privileged investigation of unpublished material.

(For the e-book version, go to <u>http://www.beforeus.com/shopcart\_ebooks.html</u> Scroll down to Item No. 38. For the physical book see <u>http://www.beforeus.com/shopcart\_hc.html</u> Scroll down to Item No. 50.)

Any critic who has not examined this information in depth is unqualified to pose as an authority on the Wyatt discovery claims. We can confidently challenge any critic on earth to try and refute this evidence.

# WHAT IS THE FRUIT?

**QUESTION:** What is the fruit of the Discoveries? **ANSWER:** Countless lives transformed, marriages repaired, love for God increased.

**QUESTION:** What is the fruit of anti-Discoveries attacks such as *Holy Relics*?

**ANSWER:** Discouragement, which has driven people backward spiritually, even into their old destructive lifestyle.

For example, a young man in Hamilton, New Zealand, was given a copy of *Holy Relics*. Immediately after reading it, he slipped into discouragement and returned to his former life of drug abuse.

Jesus says: "You will know them by their fruits."

1 Thess.5:21 - "*Prove* all things. *Hold fast to that which is good*."

**QUESTION:** The fruit of these Discoveries: is it bad or good? The testimonials from hundreds who have been drawn closer to God speak for themselves.

Standish says: "*Don't hold* to it. It's not good." God says: "*Hold fast* to it. It's good." **QUESTION:** Whom shall we obey? Standish or God?

The Discoveries will show

- \* who is on the Lord's side and
- \* who is on the side of atheists and witches.

# RON WYATT'S DEATH-BED TESTIMONY

Net World Daily interviewed Ron Wyatt on his deathbed. They asked Ron: "Is there anything you want to change regarding your discoveries? Do you want to retract anything, or add anything?"

Knowing that his next waking moment would be to face God, Ron said, "No, it is all true. There is nothing to change."

A man's deathbed confession is recognised as most reliable testimony. I shall repeat: **KNOWING** that his next conscious moment would be to face judgment, with nothing to gain by lying, but everything to lose, he stood solidly by his claims.

In our book *Discoveries: Questions Answered*, page 308b, you will see World Net Daily's full page testimony regarding this death-bed interview.

# WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DISCOVERIES?

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

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

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

"A man whose honesty can be demonstrated in matters where we are able to test it is likely to be accurate even where the means for testing him are not available. Honesty is a habit of mind, and we know from happy (or unhappy) experience that some people are habitually honest just as others can be depended upon to be dishonest. Wyatt's record entitles him to be regarded as a man of habitual honesty.

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

"All over the world these DISCOVERIES are *changing* 

thousands of lives, mending broken homes, and lifting people onto a higher plane."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We live in an age when people simply don't believe that these past interventions by God ever happened.

And we have arrived at the point in history just before the greatest intervention of all.

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

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