



A COVENANT FOR THE ANIMALS SOON!

*"And in that (millennial kingdom of Christ) day will I (the LORD, Jehovah, God) make a covenant with the beasts of the field (all animals), and with the fowl of heaven (all the winged creatures, birds, etc.) whatever type creature (which God made all) that creeps (walks along the ground, reptiles, etc.) on the ground: and I (Jehovah) will break the bow (of today's hunters, scopes, etc.) and the sword (weapons of slaughter, such as the knife, hunter's rifle or automatic weapon used by them to slaughter innocent animals) and the battle (hunted on large scale in "season" on the part of merciless hunters to trap and snare tens of thousands of these poor hapless creatures of God which he made for man, not to murder, maim or harm in any way - but for man's pleasure!) **OUT OF THE EARTH, AND I (JEHOVAH) WILL MAKE THEM TO LIE DOWN SAFELY** (without any fear of DEATH by the hunter who kills (murders) for sport? and an ego trip or manliness? - for shame that this has been in all these 6,000 years)." Hosea 2:18. - C. L. Thornton, Zion's Tower of the Morning*

Charles Taze Russell, Pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle and International Bible Students, in the early 1900's wrote, on the subject of Justice, sub headed RESPONSIBILITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE, the following:

"Those who are the children of God are expecting shortly [in that Kingdom near at hand] to be made the judges of the world. As the Apostle says, **"Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world?"** (1 Cor. 6:2,3) Moreover God is seeking now to develop in our hearts and lives, in our characters, those principles which He desires. Therefore, unless we are JUST in our very hearts, unless we appreciate this principle of justice and rejoice to practice it, we shall not be fit for the Kingdom. **We should not be unjust even to an animal. Every creature has its rights; and we should give each creature the rights which belong to it.** The results are with [being considered by] God. Thus doing, shall we not be preparing our minds, our hearts, for the glorious condition which the Lord has in store for His faithful people."

In other words, as we see it, if any of mankind will not have respect for God's creative works which God's hands have skillfully and beautifully made so they would destroy God's creation or God's earth in any way, would **possess the seeds of a destroyer.** Him will God remove from the earth and from man's dominion over the wildlife of Creation when **"all things shall be put under his (man's) feet."** (Hebrews 2:8) In the beginning the animal creation was cursed because of man and for the lessons from the animals that he would get. **"And the LORD (Jehovah) God said unto the serpent, because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle and above every beast of the field."** and **"Cursed is the ground for thy sake and in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life -- and thou shalt eat of the herb of the field."** (Genesis 3:14,17,18) We are here given an inkling that what has been happening to animal creation as well as to the earth is relevant to man's disobedience and that it is **"for his sake"** that the lessons in the afflictions of animal creation and of the earth, **"cursed is the ground for thy sake"** are also a part of the lessons of the "permission of evil" - that **"the sons of man (Adam)"** might be **"exercised therewith"** - to eventually in God's kingdom to get the lesson! (Ecclesiastes 1:13) That curse shall be removed from all creation as well as disease causing pain and suffering as with man. (Revelation 21:4) We cannot speak concerning the longevity of the lower creation as we are not told. But we do know, today, that there can be limitation in the proliferation of animal kind. We also know that disease can be controlled and eliminated -- the same diseases that afflict the animal creation.

Satanic sacrificial slaughter of the innocent animals of God's creation will abruptly end and those who in this life have committed cruel acts **shall be punished** for their deeds. Those who have taken innocent animal life in the hunt for the sake of needless kill in "murder" (called slaughter) will be liable for their crime and will undergo corrective judgment in the Kingdom. Respect for creation implies respect for man **and respect for God who created all things.** Life prospect is

contingent upon "obedience God" and a recognition of "His son." And this is likewise the test of the Kingdom age. ***"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain (Kingdom),"*** saith Jehovah of Hosts. (Isaiah 11:9)

"The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid (of the goats - a helpless yearling); the calf (helpless one) and the young (more developed) lion and the fatling (of cattle shall lie down) together; and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6) While this shows "the peaceable kingdom," it also reflects upon the animal creation "made for man." It shows that the disposition or mind or the carnivorous nature of the animal creation would be entirely changed or "reprogrammed" by none other than God Himself.

Consider this unusual account in Exodus 11:7: ***"But against the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD (Jehovah) doth make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel."*** God has power to control the animal mind en masse. Also, just after the flood, ***"the whole earth was (still) of one language (lip) and of one speech."*** ***"Let us go down, and there confound (change) their language that they may not understand one another's speech."*** (Genesis 11:1,6,7) Their minds were reprogrammed en masse.

If man is concerned about the animal creation as to life and well-being, no less does God have concern as shown in the statement that ***"one of them (the sparrows) shall not fall on the ground (in death) without your Father ('s notice.)"*** (Matthew 10:26) And further, ***"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?"*** (Luke 12:6) The reason for their present disposition will become self-evident in that the play acting of their lives will be seen to be "lessons from the animals." See Leviticus 11 (Refer to Frank Shallieu's detailed 1950's lecture re Leviticus 11, titled, *"Food for thinking Christians"*); Deuteronomy 25:4; and compare to 1 Corinthians 9:9,10: ***"He saith it altogether for our sakes!"***

They will come to see that the seemingly terrible bloodletting sacrifices in the day of Moses, etc., of these innocent creatures were to point up the terrible cost involved in the death "of God's dear son." They depicted his blood cost to buy back you and me from the death curse, in that wonderful sacrificial ***"ransom for all" to be testified to all in (their) due time (now, during this Gospel age and to the rest of mankind in the Kingdom Age)"*** (1 Timothy 2:6) That ransom leaves no one out! ***"It is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins."*** ***"We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Christ once for all."*** (Hebrews 10:4, 10)

What a terrible cost to God! How great is His love for us! How great was the love of His Son! As to the character of God, we are told in the book, *"Divine Plan of the Ages"* that the ***greatest of human creation in compassion, love and humaneness is exceeded in those qualities by his Creator.*** The

Atonement Day sacrifice of the goat picturing the called of the Gospel Age Church, and other sacrifices, etc., in our Father's great wisdom, provided powerful and indelible lessons which were both necessary and which shall never be forgotten to all eternity.

We may therefore conclude, that to *allow such sacrifices* is for the wise purpose of the *instruction of man which could be accomplished in no other way* to make an eternally indelible impression! Further, that the cruelties and needless slaughter of the innocent animals *by evil or ignorant men* ("man" - Disney's "Bambi," 1942) is additionally *a part of "the permission of evil."* God *did not make these creatures to suffer in violence!* They are a part of living creation in whom there is life and breath and a part of the all things that were created for His pleasure. Such suffering is abhorrent to God's very nature as is all evil practiced by man! *Thank God that this time of violence and suffering will shortly end* and God's will shall be done in the earth!

We further note, that when the work of Christ in the Millennial Age is finished, when he shall have *put an end to evil* and when, there, *the evildoer is destroyed* and there shall be no more death, he shall then give back the kingdom to God. (1Corinthians 15:24-28) God has stood apart from evil since the transgression in Eden beginning and during the Great "Seven-thousand year" day. *"And on the seventh day God rested."* (Hebrews 4:4-7)

There shall be no need to carry on the sacrifices of the future Kingdom age "Third Temple" of Ezekiel chapters 40-48, beyond that time. The terrible *blood-death sacrifice* of Christ and the share of the church shall have been *fully typically demonstrated* or depicted before all mankind at that Jerusalem Temple. *Those sacrifices will not go into the "Eighth Day"* in its exact beginning, when Jehovah God shall fully assume His Kingdom which stands forever and shall receive from the hands of Christ a final tested and acceptable mankind -- *"I will be their God and they shall be my people."* (Daniel 2:44)

"The cow and the bear (not tearing at the cow) shall feed (together): their young ones (cub and calf) shall lie down (placidly) together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox." (Isaiah 11:7) This is a key scripture in noting the marvelous change about to take place in the Kingdom age. It tells us that the *eating habits of the animal creation shall be changed* to eating the herb of the field (and having implications also that *mankind in general shall no longer eat flesh*) for the animal creation will no longer be carnivorous. Genesis 2:5 That condition pertained mainly to the nearly 4,000 years of man's disposition from the flood of 1656 BC to the present time.

We are told that from the flood time forward *"the fear" and "dread"* of man *came upon the animals*, the fowl and the fish of the sea. From that time forward for man, "ani - mal" (moving) living things *would then become food*; "even as the green herb (*which was your meat before*) have I given you all

things. But flesh with the blood "*with the life there of,*" was **not** to be eaten under penalty of death. This text is similar to the one in Leviticus 17:10-12. It was **not saying** that you should not take blood transfusions but that blood was sacred in that *it represented life given in the "ransom for all" blood. "For it maketh atonement for the soul (or being.)"* It was not to be treated as an "*ordinary thing*" for it was representing the "*holy*" blood of the most costly sacrifice -- the great antitypical "blood-death" of all those of *the sacrificed animals that pictured him*. They all pointed to Jesus. He is the savior of the world, of which we speak at each Christmas time, through his blood-death. This earth is *the great stage of an eternal lesson for all future creation*. (Hebrews 10:4-6) It says in Genesis, the penalty for such violation in eating blood would be carried *at the hand of "every beast,"* (death by a beast was also used by God to slay the disobedient ones. See 1Kings 13:24-28; 2Kings 2:23,24.) "a man" and of "every man's brother." There are no family ties when it come to disobedience.

God further states, whoever would murder another man, would himself be put to death -- for man was made in "God's likeness" and must be treated differently than that which was allowed to happen to animal creation for the *purpose of indelible lessons as well as to temporarily satisfy a need*. The latter statement was a throwback to Cain's sin and Lucifer's murderous act against Adam. (John 8:44; See also Genesis 9:2-6) Here, we note the "*First Covenant*" with the animals. "*And I (Jehovah) will establish my covenant...with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go forth from the ark, to every beast of the earth...and the water shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh...the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature.*" (Genesis 9:9-16) The carnivorous animals, mentioned by Isaiah, *will eat straw or herbal vegetation* as did Adam and those of the early period before the flood.

"And the little baby shall play on the hole of the Asp (Cobra snake without any fear of being bitten) and the weaned child (a little older and able to get around) shall put his hand on the cockatrice' (poisonous snake's) den (again without any fear of being bitten)." (Isaiah 11:8) "And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new!" (Revelation 21:5). The disposition of all wildlife shall be changed in that the minds of all the lower creation shall be "*reprogrammed*" to be *pacific* and subject to mankind who shall have then become their king and ruler and *whose dominion they shall have received*. (Daniel 4:12) Daniel 4:16 tells us why man behaves as he does today *because "a beast's heart" was permitted to dwell within -- the permission of evil!* His sanity will not be restored until *the "seven times" -- or fixed times -- of 1,000 years each or at the exact end of the 7,000 years* of the "Great Seventh Creative Day" are completed and *shall have accomplished the lessons intended* and *when he shall have been fully restored* in the likeness of Adam before the transgression and "neither can (shall) they die anymore." (Luke 20:36; Acts 3:19-21)

The Word of Jehovah God to Isaiah finally says, as was mentioned before, ***"They (all mankind) shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain (Kingdom of God)."*** How nice to know that mankind, even while in the process of restoration in the Messianic Kingdom, ***will not be allowed*** (or permitted) to either hurt or destroy for the "angels of God" ***will enforce peace*** in the earth and who will be made ***aware of the very thoughts of man so as to prevent death, harm or destruction.*** Evil towards man or beast that is tolerated now ***will not be tolerated then*** but will be ***controlled by the force of the "iron rule" through the use of all the Hosts of God and Christ.*** (Revelation 2:27) The judgments of God shall be abroad in all the earth and ***"the inhabitants of the world shall learn righteousness!"*** (Isaiah 26:9)

We conclude by saying concerning all creation, Christ is the "Prince of Peace." This is not just a nomenclature at Christmas time. ***It is as real as life itself!*** God does not waste words! Of this Prince of Peace for ALL mankind and ALL creation, God declares in no uncertain terms: "Of the increase of his government and ***of his peace there shall be no end(!)*** upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, ***to order it(!)*** and ***to establish it(!) with judgment(!)*** and ***with justice(!)*** FROM HENCEFORTH EVEN FOREVER!!! The zeal of Jehovah of Hosts shall perform this!!! (Amen! Amen!) (Isaiah. 9:7)

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A News Note --

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As we were preparing the above text, we learned from a report on WWJ, News Radio, Detroit, that the Parliament of the British United Kingdom legislated the banning of fox hunts and all hunting in general of deer and other so-called game or wildlife as being cruel and barbaric (such as bull fights). Some even referred to it as murder. It was passed by an overwhelming majority of 403 votes. How nice to know, England has set a standard of godlikeness in human behavior for the world and is unknowingly paving the way for God's proposed kingdom blessings for all creation!

(The following is a poem expressing love for Jehovah's animal creation and acknowledges the cruelties of the day from the standpoint of the "battle." Though it is not fully realized the time shall indeed come when they shall no more be permitted.)

“And in that day will I (the LORD, Jehovah, God) make a covenant with the beasts of the field, and with the fowl of heaven whatever type creature that creeps on the ground: and I (Jehovah) will break the bow and the sword and the battle OUT OF THE EARTH, AND I (JEHOVAH) WILL MAKE THEM TO LIE DOWN SAFELY.” (Hosea 2:18)

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You Say The Battle Is Over

[See Hosea 2:18]

And you say that "the battle is over,"
Finally the war is all done.
Go tell it to those with the wind in their nose,
Who run from the sound of the gun!
And write it on the sides of the great whaling ships
Or on ice flows where conscience is tossed;
With the wild in their eyes, it is they who must die!
And we who must measure the loss!

And you say that "the battle is over,"
And finally the world is at peace.
You mean no one is dying and mothers don't weep;
Or it's not in the papers at least.
There are those who would deal in the darkness of life;
And most men are ruthless, but some will still weep!
When the gifts we are given are gone!

For the blame cannot rest on the heads of the few;
It's become such a part of the race!
It's eternally tragic, that which is magic
Be killed at the end of the glorious (?) chase!
From young seals to great whales, from water to wood,
They will fall just like weeds in the wind!
With perfume to fur coats and trophies on walls;
What a heck* of a race to call men!

And you say that "the battle is over"
And finally the war is all done.
Go tell it to those with the wind in their nose,
Who run from the sound of the gun;
And write it on the sides of the great whaling ships
Or on ice flows where conscience is tossed.
With the wild in their eyes, it is they who must die!
And we who must measure the loss!
With the wild in their eyes, it is they who must die!
And we who will measure the cost!

* Changed.

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