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Chapter Eighteen

The Riddle of 'Time, Times, and the Dividing of Time'

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The Metaphor of the Indeterminate Time Period 'Daniel 12:11-12'

"And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Blessed is he that waits and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days."

What a riddle! What does it mean? Well, it is not particularly difficult to understand the mystery of the God author's indeterminate time period. We can assume that the whole collective of all the books of all the bibles that we are calling the God story, is in fact a parable. Not literal truth and not historical fact witnessed by actual people who then wrote down what they saw and heard, but the work of a collective of philosophers and thinkers of the ancient. All parables have a deeper message hidden within the narrative which very often uses riddles and cryptic sayings that deliberately hide the secret meaning.

The God authors created an abstract model of the universal human condition and then hid it inside the God story. In very dark times only 'the select few' could have understood the model, and 'the many' would have been called to the story believing it to be literally true. In those days of superstition and myths, stories with a six-day creation, a talking snake, a virgin birth, and people who can rise from the dead, would have found an audience, and gained enough of a following for a religion to be formed.

This hiding of a deeper message inside a story certainly got a religion off the ground which then split into three main faiths which spread throughout most of the world. Hidden inside the God story is the God model safely secured until a future age that allows for it to be revealed to whoever wishes to understand. This factor of hiding and then revealing creates an intermediate mystery factor, and all the way through the God story there is a much-repeated prophecy that on the 'Great day of the Lord' all will be revealed. However, the prophecy also warns of a great

upset in the world of religious faith when it is realised that the God story is only a parable.

Even so, the promise of a day of the Lord and a second coming of Jesus is the belief of the Christians, and when the 'mystery of God is finished' as prophesied in the book of Revelation, it throws up the great question among all the faithful, 'when the time of the end be?' The God authors themselves were mortal human beings with no power to foresee the future. Just as the setter of a crossword puzzle can confidently predict someone solving it, to know the precise moment when it happens is not possible. The God authors created a mystery-puzzle and predicted its solving, but they died not knowing exactly when their secret message would become known. The question remained though, and all the faithful throughout all the ages all wanted to know the answer. The God authors had to produce some kind of an answer to write into their story. A time-period of the duration of a mystery that finally comes to an end would have to be measured somehow or other, but how can such a thing as a riddle being solved be determined?

Well, we are close to solving the riddle. The seventh day is when God rested after creating the world in six-days, therefore the number seven is used as a non-numerical number usually attributed to God within the God story. Three and a half is half of Seven and this is the indeterminate number that the authors used to state time it would take for their mystery to be solved. We remind ourselves that our exploration is to solve a philosophical conundrum deliberately set up by its authors. An abstract model of each one of us that parallels the story that uses metaphors, symbols, and cryptic sayings is likely to include numbers with no numerical value other than their use as inference and suggestion of facture within the model.

God's number of seven begins its metaphorical life as the seventh day, and Bible scholars might be aware that in the rabbinic tradition of Judaism there are seven different names for God and there are the seven laws of Noah, so on and so forth. At the Omega end of the God story the number seven is continued with the seven golden candlesticks, and the

voices of the seven angels in the book of Revelation. It is understandable therefore that the authors used the 'half of seven' as a way of creating a metaphorical time factor that the mystery disciple of Jesus must tarry till the deeper truth of the God story is realised.

The prophet Daniel's indeterminate time factor from the time of the taking away of the daily sacrifice and the setting up of the abomination that makes desolate of 1290 days, is a tad over three and a half if measured in years. We know that the taking away of the daily sacrifice and the abomination of desolation refers to Cain killing his brother. Abel was a keeper of sheep and Cain was the kept sheep-beast that he offered up to God as a daily sacrifice. When Cain killed his shepherd-brother he disabled the daily sacrifice and suffered the abomination of the desolation of his broken soul.

The meaning here is that each one of us is born innocent in the image of God but when we kill our higher moral self which is symbolised by Abel, we become broken and incomplete. Cain needs his Abel and Abel wants his brother to return to the fold and so he returns as Jesus to offer his body and spilled blood as a ransom to buy back the lost soul of Cain so that the two brothers can become as one person again. Broken man is made whole once more and is no longer incomplete without the higher moral self that Abel symbolises, and so the model goes on, repeating many times throughout the God story of Alpha, 'the fall' and Omega, 'the recovery.' And how long will it take for the model to begin to emerge from within the story? It will be for time, times, and the dividing of time! And whoever waits for the time period that exceeds 1290 days and experiences the 1335 days, then the new Jerusalem of Cain and Abel united again becomes achievable.

One Metaphor Becomes Many

To keep the secret of the God parable, the different authors of the different books of the Bible will use Daniel's indeterminate time period of 1290 days with varying adjustments of expression. One metaphor becomes many to keep the way of the 'Tree of Life' model safe and secure until the coming of the 1335 days.

Examples of the sign of 3.5 times of 3.5 years metaphor of the indeterminate time period set by the God authors that their Tree of Life model (The Truth) must remain in the moral and intellectual wilderness because of ignorance, denial, and rejection by the world....

The sign of Moses in the bulrushes 3 days hiding from Pharaoh.

The sign of Noah's forty days and nights of rain.

The sign of Daniel's 1290 days (welcome to the 1335 days).

The sign of Jonah 3 days in the belly of the whale.

The sign of baby Jesus 3 years hiding from Herod.

The sign of Jesus forty days and nights in the wilderness.

The sign of Jesus buried in the tomb for three days.

The sign of the woman and her man-child hiding in the wilderness for 3.5 times.

There are more versions of these metaphors in the Bible.

All variations of the 'three' or 'three and a half' time metaphor, although Jesus forty days and nights in the wilderness and Noah's flood of forty days of rain is stretching it. These are all the same thing though, indicating the unknown time that the God authors model of the universal human condition of the broken man must remain hidden from the 'all living' of all humankind that is symbolised by the lost sheep-beast of the broken soul of Cain.

The Mirror Effect

We should understand that the God model via the God story is just a way that we can see ourselves reflected back on ourselves. We look into a mirror and only see our reflection not another person 'out there.' We do not actually see our face because it is on the front of our head and so our intelligence tells us it is only reflection. Likewise, when we look into the God story and interpret it as a parable with its deeper meaning, what we are meant to see is a reflection of ourselves. There is no god 'out there' only the inner god of our conscience reflected back on us, but only for the few that are chosen to understand such things. As we already know, interpretation in the mind's eye of the beholder.

Three and a half times however it is abstractly measured, is not the beginning or the ending of anything. It is not the actual beginning of The God mystery until the ending of it. The God mystery began before we were born, and even when the truth of the 'Tree of Life' model is realised, it might not be accepted and therefore the time without God which symbolises the time we are unable to know our deeper inner selves will never end. The mystery disciple might tarry till the Jesus model comes, but then rejects it as a piece of nonsense preferring the limited light of the story and the false promise of a false afterlife that will never be. The best way to understand and measure the metaphor of time, times and the dividing of time is by seeing it as the time we each as individuals are outside of ourselves and void of the deeper inner knowledge that might be achievable. If the God story is understood as a parable and we do see ourselves reflected in it, then all good and well, and maybe three and a half times without God might end. But we do not necessarily need the God story or the God model to find ourselves.

There are other ways to achieve self-knowledge and to short-cut our way to understanding who and what we really are. What is wrong with sitting alone in a comfortable armchair, and in the cold light of day have a bit of a consultation with our own conscience which knows all that we have ever done since we were born? It sees everything, knows everything,

understands everything. It is harsh judge if we go against it, but a kind forgiver if we respect it. It will teach and instruct us and tell us where we have gone wrong so that we can become wise like gods. But most of all, if we keep our conscience then it will keep us safe from harm's way.

The advantage of the Tree of Life model (the Bible's God hidden God message) is that it gives us an actual philosopher's definition of the human condition. It is specific in that it tells us that unless we give wilful priority to the voice of our conscience, the negative default of evil will take over. This negative state of morality symbolised by the Cain character is insidious and creeps in gradually unless we become aware of the process of slow moral deterioration. The genius of the God authors is that they created characters within memorable stories that enable us to see ourselves in the parts those characters play.

The moral of the Cain and Abel story is that the two characters are each one of us. Cain does not do so well without Abel, and Abel does not want to lose Cain. Just like one leg is not so good without the other and better they were working together, and the body be made whole and complete. Without our conscience, likened to their God, the authors model is telling us that we are whole and complete if we listen to our conscience rather than be broken and incomplete without. And if at any time, with or without the God story and model we do decide to become wise, the kingdom of the deeper inner self is always at hand should we decide to reach out and take it.

How Long is a Piece of String?

How long is a piece of time?

The indeterminate time period of three or three and a half (and even that time has been cut short or else no flesh should survive), allowed the God authors of any of the books of the Bible a lot of licence to avoid giving a

direct answer to the question of how long until the great day of the Lord when all mystery will be revealed. A future event of enlightenment when the God model finally begins to emerge from the God story is an unknown thing and therefore cannot be determined except to say that it will happen when it happens. We also bear in mind that many along the way in past times may have solved the Gas individuals but had to remain silent of their enlightenment because of the oppressive and powerful churches of darker ages.

The whole collective of the God authors could not have predicted an actual beginning of the age of mindfulness that would allow the model to emerge from the story and they died not seeing the event. Even so, they knew that their God story was a mystery parable and that it would one day be seen as such, and that the God riddle would eventually be solved and "The Mystery of God should be finished" in accordance with the book of Revelation's prophecy. As far as the indeterminate time period is concerned however the metaphor might vary throughout the God story, we might ask ourselves how long is a piece of string or how long is three and a half pieces of string? Likewise, how long is a piece of time, and how long is three and a half pieces of time?

The double narrative of the God story as a parable and a riddle is meant to enlighten us when the God authors 'Tree of Life' model is finally revealed. The God authors were philosophers and thinkers of the ancient world, and they were obsessed with self-knowledge. But the world around them was a very dark place and so they had to hide their 'Tree of Life' model inside their God story. The fruit of the Tree of Life is not so much forbidden fruit but rather, we forbid ourselves access to its secrets by not searching for them.

The God model is just that, an abstract model of the human condition of the struggle between the good in us and the bad in us. No one can determine exactly when each one of us loses our innocence and takes on guilt and then kill out accusing conscience as the story of Adam and Eve, and Cain and Abel symbolise. How many people have come into the

world and gone through the process of the abandonment of conscience before dying without ever being enlightened? As far as self-awareness is concerned, for most of us the three and a half times of inner darkness might never end.

Revelation 10:7

“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he has declared to his servants the prophets.”

Two mysteries, the mystery of the inner-self and the mystery of the hidden Tree of life model that mirrors the same. According to this assumption we remain in darkness for three and a half times, and the God mystery model that might enlighten us also remains hidden from us for three and a half times. It is impossible to determine when each one of us losses innocence and takes on guilt and then kills an accusing conscience, therefore our darkness time that lasts for three and a half times might be for the rest of our lives.

The best way to understand the ‘time’ riddle is to see it as having no particular beginning or ending, instead it is the duration of a period of inner darkness that we may or not escape from. The character of the prophet Daniel said, “from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination of desolation set up there shall be 1290 days (roughly three and a half years). We cannot measure the beginning of each person’s killing of the ‘Abel’ of the higher moral self, nor how long we each remain in the moral wilderness, which is why three and a half times is metaphorical and indeterminate. But as the killing of Abel by Cain is a definable narrative in the form of a mystery-riddle, we can assume that three and a half times begins with the ‘setting up of the Adam and Eve, and the Cain and Abel stories. Unless Abel sacrifices Cain’s evil control

over him on a daily basis then Cain will sacrifice Abel instead. Abel's sacrifice to God was acceptable, but Cain's sacrifice of Abel was not.

The three and a half times riddle begins with Daniel's 'from the time of the taking away of the daily sacrifice and the setting up of the abomination desolation of desolation' symbolised by Cain killing the brother-keeper of his higher inner-self and begins his desolation of spirit in the moral wilderness. Therefore, in the sense of God story-riddle we can determine an actual beginning of three and a half times as being the beginning of the God mystery-story and the duration of it is as long as it takes us to solve the riddle that allows the secret God model to emerge from the God story.

When we become savvy to the God story as a parable, and are able to solve the God riddle, we will be able to access the secret of the Tree of life model and become enlightened and as wise as gods (or as wise as the God authors who created the model). It looks as though we can get our heads around the 'time' riddle as being the duration of time that the God model remains hidden from us and the end of three and a half times is when the voice of the seventh angel sounds which marks time when the mystery of God is finished. So, solve the God riddle and bring three and a half times of the darkness of the God mystery to an end!

We need to understand that the perception of the God authors was that we are all in a state of moral darkness because we do not listen to our inner voice conscience or even acknowledge that we have such a thing as a conscience. To listen to conscience and to be led by it means that we have a soul, but to abandon it means that we become soulless. This is the meaning of the Cain and Abel story in that with conscience intact we as individuals are whole and complete but without, we are divided to become broken and incomplete. The Jesus model symbolises Abel who comes back as the Messiah to try to reunite the two halves of Cain and Abel so that 'all living' of all humankind can be made whole again. With Abel becoming the dominant of the two, the sheep-beast persona of the wayward Cain re-enters the fold to be kept by his shepherd brother.

But how long will it all take to be realised? The answer is "it will be for time, times, and the dividing of time, or three days buried in the tomb, or the prophet Jonah being three days in the belly of the whale, or the sign of Noah with forty days and nights of rain, or Jesus spending forty days and nights of fasting in the wilderness, and all of these variations are derived from or Daniels 1290 days, and blessed are those who tarry till the coming of the 1335 days thereafter when the time, times, and the dividing of times of darkness have ended. In these days, the books will be opened, and the mystery of God will be finished.

However, must take heed of another prophecy! "In the days of the opening of the books, one shall be taken, the other shall be left." Or, among the God faithful it might be more likely that for every hundred Jesus followers, one might be taken and ninety-nine left. Enlightenment is a wonderful thing, but when the faithful mystery disciple 'whom Jesus loved' has tarried for three and a half times till Jesus comes, realises that he was not a real person and that there is no god in the God story, and certainly no afterlife, how many of the faithful might be taken? And after Daniel's 1290 days are ended, how many will want to enter into the 1335 days of the time after the God mystery is finished?

We have more or less explored very feasible way of trying to make sense of the metaphor of the time riddle even to the point of over explaining. We can end our exploration by saying that the time between the Alpha and the Omega of the God mystery is indeterminately set to run for time, times, and the dividing of time, and will remain so until the voice of the seventh angel sounds. Or it will end when we begin interpreting the God story as a parable and bother ourselves to learn how to solve the riddles that are the clues that we need to finish the mystery of God. It will be a work of exploration that is long overdue, and if successful its findings might well become the actual voice of the metaphorical seventh angel of the book of revelation!

For those of us with little head space for the conversion of the God story to the abstract model hidden inside, the simplest way to understand the various metaphors of the indeterminate time period is to imagine a bunch of philosophers of the ancient world creating a mystery story and predicting that one day it will be solved. But how will it be until the mystery of their God story is finished? the answer! "It will be for time, times, and the dividing of time!" They could not say exactly when the God riddle would be solved because although the God authors were very clever, they were also fallible human beings and could not see into the future. They had given some kind of an answer though, and they answered the unanswerable question with an indeterminate time period. It was a clever way of giving and answer that is not an answer but without telling a lie.

The Final Analysis of the 'Times' Riddle

However, the various metaphors measure it, the ending of the indeterminate time period that the God riddle remains unsolved is not necessarily subject to a sudden one off revealing to the entire world. For some it will come suddenly like a bolt of lightning ("and every eye shall see") for others It will come in the clouds and be much more of a gradual realisation. We should also be aware that the end of the God riddle has already been achieved by some in past times, but they had to keep the secret for the sake of providence. Had they made public their awareness and illumination of the God model, a powerful and wicked church would have accused them of blasphemy and heresy, and they would have perished. Therein lies the patience and faith of the saints that they had to be faithful to the meaning of the God story as a parable but had to remain patient until future times of better mindfulness and weaker churches would allow the God model to be openly revealed. Of course, although they (the real saints) might have been faithful to the end, they lived and died before such times would arrive.

Three and a half times is the duration of the period before the woman who symbolises mystery and the captivity of Babylon the great falls and "the mystery of God is finished."

Three and a half times is a never-ending event of past, present, and future determined by the how long it takes each new person born into the world to become enlightened buy the God authors' model.

Three and a half times of mystery will end for some, but they will immediately reject the model preferring their traditional story belief. In such a case three and a half times will end and then begin again as the story-dependent God believer find themselves unable to give up the beliefs of a lifetime to embrace the God model. And so according to prophecy, "some fell on stony ground."

The ending of three and a half times of the mystery of God is a past, present, and future event. It will come and go again for the many who are called to the story but will come and remain for the more insightful. There will be those among the collective of the mystery disciples (Christians) who have tarried until the end and having become wise will gain understanding of the mysteries of the kingdom. They, being illuminated by the deeper meaning of the model will continue to receive enlightenment and being born again in the spirit of the meaning of Christ story of the recovery of the conscience of the inner self will remain faithful to the end.

We have just about explored to death the meaning of the various metaphors of the indeterminate time period that the God mystery must remain hidden. Even when the mystery of God is finished and it is safe for the model to be revealed, the many that are called to the Jesus story will likely go into denial of it. They believe that their saviour was a real person and that when they have died, they will be reborn again. This of course is the false prophet of the false prophet. But for the few select that are chosen to understand the mysteries of the kingdom of the abstract model, they will go on to open the rest of the books of the Bible by learning how

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to access the hidden fruit of the Tree of Life created by the authors. For them, three and a half times of mystery will end and will stay ended.

End of Chapter Eighteen.

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