MIRACLE IN STONE

Brother Russell first drew our attention to the message of the Great Pyramid, as he firmly believed that this building is the "Altar" and "Pillar" spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, and which, according to the prophet, was destined to be for a "Sign" and for a "Witness" to the Lord of hosts in "that day"—Isa. 19:19,20.

The Great Pyramid, however, proves to be a storehouse of important truth, scientific, historic, and prophetic, and its testimony is found to be in perfect accord with the Bible, expressing the prominent features of its truths in beautiful and fitting symbols. It is by no means an addition to the written revelation: The Scriptures are a complete and perfect revelation, and need no addition.

But it is a strong **corroborative witness** to God's plan; marking the harmony with that of the written Word. Its construction was planned and directed by the same divine wisdom, and it is the pillar of witness referred to by the prophet.

In the 1960s, 70s & 80s we visited many parts of Egypt including Memphis, Luxor, Abydos and several times at the Gizeh plateau, the site of the GP. Get Of the 7 ancient wonders of the world, the GP of Gizeh, because of its immense size, has been universally recognized a preeminent.

▲ All the other wonders of the world, including the gardens of Babylon and the colossus of Rhodes have succumbed to the ravages of time. Only the GP remains testifying to a wonder far superior to all others.

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• As with all things this plan was in the mind of God long before the first stone was cut.

The intended to mark his purposes long before man would appreciate its wisdom.

• Every line and passage was part of a divine diagram.

☞ For 4000 years it has kept silent watch over the delta of the Nile & each generation has asked "why was it built?" Though the name Kufu is connected with the construction, it was not his tomb. Ancient documents record he was buried some distance from the P. and his family tomb has been opened in recent centuries.

☞ The base covered more than 13 acres (5 hectares). ☞ Each side was 760 feet (231 m) and when completed it was 485 feet (146 m) tall. ☞ The GP contains more stone than all the cathedrals, churches and chapels built in England since the time of Christ. The bulk of the P is more than 90 million cubic feet of stone.

The original outer casing stones were white limestone blocks polished and fitted to an angle of 51°51'.
 Though most of these are missing today, the workmanship displayed in the few remaining casing stones are impressive.
 These blocks each average 16 tons (16,250 kg).
 The fine joints are no thicker than a piece of paper, including a fine film of cement.

➡ The foundations were oriented almost perfectly North. It has reoriented only slightly due to continental shift in the following centuries. ➡ Its structure incorporates the value for Pi, the constant by which the diameter of a circle may be multiplied to give its circumference, accurate to several decimals. The slope & shape of its sides quite precisely incorporate the fundamental proportion of the Golden Section, designated by the Greek letter Phi. The height of the P taken as the radius of a circle when combined in the formula for a circle using Pi yields the exact circumference of the base.

To say it another way: twice the height of the P divided by the distance around the base = Pi 3.14159. No other P has this unique property, nor could without the exact slopping angle of $51^{\circ}, 51', 14''$

The P has been shown to be an almanac to indicate the length of the year including its .2422 fraction of a day. The base side length in cubits corresponds to these days in a solar year to the same fraction.

The architect knew the precise circumference of the earth &

the radius of the moon.
If the base of the Pyramid were exactly equal to the diameter of the earth,

the height of the Pyramid would extend from the center of the earth
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to the exact center of the moon,

if the moon were tangent to the earth.

The distance to the sun is indicated by the ratio of the side-angle to it height of 10^9 . The height multiplied by this factor = 91,651,673 miles. This falls just between the sun's furthest and nearest distance during a year. (91,341,000 & 94,448,000 miles)

There are 25,694.3 years in the procession of the equinoxes. It is the longest earth observed time cycle. This is exactly the sum of the 2 longest measures on the P.

• It is the sum of the base diagonals in inches. That is also the measure of the outside perimeter just at the level of the K Chamber, whose coffer has a perimeter of exactly the 100^{th} part of the same measure. It is 256.943".

This celestial data was not rediscovered till the 17th century & some was not confirmed until the geophysical year 1958. Many would say the ancients were not capable of the precise astronomical and mathematical solutions in these matters. But the evidence is inescapable.

The P lies at a geographic center of the earth, in as much as a longitude line thru it intersects more land mass while the latitude line maximizes a line thru water surface of the earth.

← Piazzi Smyth demonstrated that on an "Equal Surface Projection" the amount of land surface east and west of the P are equal as well as north and south.

This uniqueness of this point on the earth, moved the USAF to design a map of the earth with this center marked with concentric circles to maximize flight patterns over land mass to any other point on the globe. \blacksquare

If these things were known to the architect of the universe, the Bible Student looks deeper to discover other features of the plan known to the same designer.

The ancient Egyptian historian Manetho wrote:

"There came up from the East, in a strange manner, men of an ignoble race who had the confidence to invade our country & easily subdue it by their power without a battle. All this invading nation was styled HYKSOS, that is Shepherd Kings."

He then relates how afterwards they departed for Judea & built a city there, named Jerusalem. This was long before the Exodus under Moses. The evidence points to Shem's line, pre-dating Abraham, possibly Shem himself, or his title Melchizedek, was the leader. Only such a patriarch would be so inclined to supervise the building of such a monument to memorialize Divine Wisdom.

☞ It was noticed while considering the central position of the P to the delta, yet its northerly orientation as pertains to the whole of Egypt, the striking similarity with the prophecy of Isaiah 19:19-20

"In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the <u>midst</u> of the land of Egypt and a pillar (lit. A memorial stone) at the <u>border</u> thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign (Heb. Owth, lit. An evidence or recorder) and for a witness unto the Lord in the land of Egypt."

The Heb. word owth is the same used in Gen 1:14 for stars being for signs and seasons.

Another unavoidable correlation was noticed in Job 38:4-6

"Where wast thou when I laid the **foundations** of the earth? Declare if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the **measures** thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the **line** upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the **corner stone** thereof?"

← Here is a description of the earth. But the lines, foundations and particularly the corner stone are the geometry of a P.

It is most striking how the Scriptures describe Jesus as a chief corner stone. Matt 21:42

"Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner" (Psa 118:22)

Acts 4:10-12

"Be it known unto you all and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom God raised from the dead... This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other."

• Only a P shape has a chief corner stone. All other corner stones are subordinate to the head & conform to its angles.

♥ What significance there is in Peter's words: 1 Pet 2:7-8

"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious but unto them which be disobedient, **the stone** which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word."

Natural Israel and much of the nominal Church overlooked their Messiah born at Bethlehem. Then only lowly **shepherds** and foreign **kings** acknowledged this grand event.

← The prophet Micah knew Jesus was to come from Bethlehem. One may draw a line on a map directly between Bethlehem and the P. ← This line will descend in the exact same distinctive passage angle of $26^{\circ}18' 9.7"$ to which Decending passage lies to the base. ← The significance of this connection is seen more when we remember that our Lord, when a child, was carried "down" into Egypt from Bethlehem; and that the Pyramid, which marks the "midst" of Egypt, is the symbol of our Lord—Matt. 2:1-15.

Furthermore, that line taken as the diameter of a circle, produces a circumference with the even number of cubits, as years between the P construction in 2140 BC and the true birth of Jesus.

But the internal confirmation of the plan of the ages is even more striking.
Looking at the P in a cross-section, we observe a correlation with the Divine Plan of the Ages.
First Dispensation, Patriarchal Age, Jewish Age, Gospel Age, Millennial Age Those who recognize some of these features call it "The Bible in Stone."
The Bible speaks of 3 ultimate destinies of men.

The GP has 3 chambers, 3 ultimate destinations. Each chamber is reached thru a passage. Each of the destinations of the Bible is reached thru a way. The 3 ways are:

- 1. The broad road that leads to destruction, Matt 7:13
- **2.** The narrow way that leads to life, Matt 7:14
- **3.** The Highway that leads to holiness, Isa 35:8

The Bible speaks of man's general passage and common destiny as an hereditary descent to destruction. All mankind were plunged into a downward course of suffering because of father Adam's disobedience. Rom 5:12. Paul calls it a broad road to destruction. All of Adam's children must die. It is the "Present Evil World."

The GP depicts this in the **Descending Passage** system. It is a long, low and steep passage leading from the entrance straight to the Pit. It is a fitting picture of the struggles and difficulties of man's life because it is low and cramped. Man cannot stand upright before God. Man has no sure footing in this passage just as he lacks stability in his life without God. Man often accelerates his own natural descent into the grave by his lack of wisdom in his life.

The **Pit** represents the death state described in Eccl 9:10. The Bible calls death the pit of destruction, Psa 55:23; Isa 38:18. It is large, there is no way around it and the entire floor gravitates toward the Pit Shaft. The Pit room symbolizes the natural end of man's downward course. "The wages of sin is death." Rom 6:23

The **First Ascending Passage** branches upward from the Descending Passage. It represents the first opportunity God gave to Israel to escape their downward course into death. This passage is low and very uncomfortable to ascend. One must stoop over to walk it, picturing Israel's bondage under the perfect Law of God.

➡ However, the passage is blocked at its entrance by a large piece of red granite. Granite is only used in 2 places in the construction of the GP. It symbolizes in each location a superior form of life or principal, that of the divine compared to the human life or principal shown by limestone. Here, the granite plug pictures the divine standard of God, the Law. Thus the plug, denying entrance to the First Ascending Passage, represents the Law's power to deny imperfect men full access and reconciliation to God. The Apostle Paul states that the Law which he thought to be unto life, he found to be unto death. Rom 7:10. Israel discovered the Law as God's perfect standard and they as imperfect people were unable to keep it.

>The Well Shaft 🖝

After some 16 centuries from the giving of the Law, there was a man who was able to obey it. He proved to be both the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the entire human race. The only real hope of salvation from death is thru Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection.

The Well Shaft is the only original means by which one may leave the Descending Passage and gain access to the upper chambers of life. Jesus Christ is the only means by which man may have access to and obtain life. Acts 4:12. After a pause in a grave like cave called the **Grotto**, the passage ascends and breaks open to the upper passages. By the single act of Jesus' sacrificial love, his death, he has opened up the way of salvation to all men. He abolishes death "and hath brought life and immortality to light thru the gospel." 2 Tim 1:10.

The 2 upper chambers picture the Bible's 2 salvations or kinds of deliverance provided ultimately thru the 1 sacrifice of Christ.

Each condition is reached by a separate course or passage. Both begin with the same entrance point. One leads to a symbol of the **divine nature**, the other to that which represents **paradise** on earth.

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Now we want to consider the First Ascending Passage. It is blocked by God's Law for a perfect human being.
 So it is steep and most difficult to climb.

• But some important things will be seen at the end of this way. So now let us look at the end of this way.

First we notice one can stand upright freely. Before him there are two ways.

And notice the gaping well mouth on the right. We will return to it shortly.

• One can continue straight onward, or he may choose to continue the climb, \bullet but with much more freedom.

☞ If you chose is to climb, there are some helpful ramps on the side.

• But for now let us see what is straight ahead.

We must look at the Queen's Chamber from the other direction \bigcirc in order to see what is inside. \bigcirc From the Queen's chamber we can look back at the Step in the last 1/7th of the way that makes that portion much easer to walk, just as the Millennium becomes easer than the previous 6000 years. (305 + 216 = 1521)

• On the West wall is a nitch with 5 stages. • So the course of history has been marked by 4 universal world empires. Then a little stone becomes the 5^{th} and final Kingdom.

✓ You will notice this room has just 7 side surfaces. So the perfection of the Kingdom is indicated. The Queen's Chamber represents perfect human life on earth. The earthly salvation is commonly referred to in the Bible as the Kingdom of God and is variously described as a paradise on earth. (Isa 2:4; 35:1-1-; 65:17-25; Micah 4:3-5; 2Pet 3:13; Rev 21:4) With its gabled roof, the room has just 7 surfaces, picturing the 7th day of rest & man's perfection by the end of the 7th millennium. By virtue of Jesus' sacrifice and successful probation in Christ's Kingdom, each of mankind will stand perfect, unblemished before God. Isa 1:8

When the Kingdom of God is fully restored, mankind will forget those old oppressive powers, but their lessons will be remembered.

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• Now let us return to the point of decision in the Grand Gallery.

At the beginning of the Grand Gallery is a gaping hole in the floor where the well mouth meets the juncture. If this juncture represents the event of the death & resurrection of Jesus, where the Law age ends and the Gospel Age begins, does it also show the date of this momentous event?

• By using the juncture with the Grand Gallery to represent the date of the crucifixion & resurrection of Christ, then measuring back the $33\frac{1}{2}$ yrs of his life in inches, it is found to correspond exactly with an extended line from the Queens Chamber floor, as there is a step toward the end of that Horizontal Passage.

These inches represent the 33½ yrs of our Lord's earthly life, during which he was subject to the Law (Luke 2:27; Mt 5:17). Jesus was "made of a woman under the Law" he was made flesh. Gal 4:4 John 1:14. Therefore these inches are shown in the Law passage.

Yet he was not born like fallen mankind on the downward course to destruction. He was a perfect man for just 30 years before he was spirit begotten. The spirit begotten is noticeable that the base of this line of a triangle is just 30".

This could not be so with any other length or angle of the passage.

By understanding the Queens Chamber representing human restitution, we project this idea back to the time of Christ and realize he was born perfect, representing all that man will recover.

So it was that Jesus lived just 30 years as a perfect human being, then another $3\frac{1}{2}$ years as a consecrated New Creature. Then when his sacrifice was finished on the cross, a "new and living way" was opened for us (Heb 10:20).

For now, let us just mark these two points as 🖝 BC 2 and 🖝 AD 33. Remember the points.

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Now let us look up the gallery.

The **Grand Gallery** pictures the age of the High Calling. But it is also the Gallery of the Gospel Age, a Gallery of the Christian journey. It is just as steep as the Ascending Passage, but its ramps and holes help the traveler progress its lofty but dark course. The Christian age is one of faith but provided with precious promises by which one may persevere & be victorious. It is 7 times higher than the way behind us.

So here is the contrast between the bondage under the Law and liberty in the Law of Christ. >>>

• When we finish our course, we will look backward and praise our Lord who led us all the way. From here one may look back and pictorially recall how the Church was helped and guided thru every one of its 7 stages. The passage way is distinctly marked by 7 levels till its apex is reached.

• Yet there are some special trails and difficulties at the end of the age. A Great Step marks the end of the course.

The church must endure some sifting and separation of wheat from tares. Others must overcome the disappointment of 1914.

If we take the beginning of the Gallery as the year 33 when the Gospel Age opened for the Church and measuring up the Gallery an inch for a year, the front of the Great Step marks the date **1846**. This is the date of the cleansing of the Sanctuary prophesied by Daniel 8. It is the date where a nucleus of saints began to assemble all the threads of truth and grace, clouded by Babylon for centuries. This began a period of uplift for the Christian walk. Evang. Alliance.

Continuing to measure right thru the step to intersect a line of the **South Wall** of the Gallery, we find the date **1914** indicated. This is prophetically the end of the Gentile Times, the 7 times of Lev.26 and the "overturning" of Ezekiel.

Yet many are grateful that the door of the High Calling remains open for some time.

• Still there is a glorious hope and something beautiful lies just ahead.

But first let us pause in the Anti-Chamber and again notice that our Lord's time is always right. Draw a circle from wall to wall in this chamber.

Then notice something peculiar about this circle.

Its circumference has the precise number of inches as days in a year, with its fraction (365.242). Its circumference also extends just from the center of the Anti-Chamber to the far wall of the King's chamber.

It's radius (half the diameter 116.26") is just the distance on each side of the Coffer to the walls. The Creator who moves the earth and sun, also moves the Church toward her promised glory.

► Now let us enter the King's Chamber. Like the Tabernacle's Most Holy, there is only one simple piece of furniture, representing God's Covenant with his people.

The room is framed with exactly **100 stones**. Some forming the ceiling are the largest in the P, up to 70 tons each. 2 air passages were constructed to support life here unconditionally. They penetrate the entire distance to the surface.

It lies just beyond the center axis line of the P & so represents a special provision beyond the central plan for mankind. But while it is beyond the N/S axis, it is exactly on the E/W axis.

The coffer is a lidless granite box, cut from a single block. It is larger than the passage leading to the room. So it was placed in the room before the upper portion of the P was completed. All the granite here was prepared and transported from Aswan, over 300 miles (480 km) away. Otherwise this stone is found only at Mt Sinai, the mount of Moses. <<

But the room did not always look like this.

Take your mind back 4000 years. There was no external light in the room, only the light you bring with you. The room was entirely constructed of Red Rose Granite and seemed to shimmer in the divine presence. It represents the Christian's hope for a heavenly resurrection, promised to those faithful to their covenant of sacrifice in this present life.

• But here too there are remarkable indications of the finger of God.

The Kings Chamber's symmetry is seen that $\frac{1}{2}$ of its width, when taken as a unit of measure, gives the proportionate measures of all parts of the chamber thru multiplication of square roots:

Half the width $x \sqrt{4} = width$ $x \sqrt{5} = height$ $x \sqrt{9} = end diagonal$ $x \sqrt{16} = length$ $x \sqrt{20} = floor/ceiling diagonal$ $x \sqrt{21} = side diagonal$ $x \sqrt{25} = cubic diagonal$ = 100 = Stones in the room

The sum of the \bigcirc length, the \bigcirc breadth and \bigcirc height/depth of the coffer is equal to 1/5th the sum of the same dimensions of the Kings Chamber itself.

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To this point we have seen the P symbolizes the progress of the plan and some amazing drawings in stone by the divine architect.

Let us now look to see if the measures of these passages indicate the creator's purpose in the dispensations and their times and seasons.

So let us begin at the same BC 2 date line and proceed back in time, ● down the Law Age to the point of intersection ● and thence forward in time to the Horizontal portion.

• Here we reach a point in history that corresponds to \bullet in the ceiling line \bullet to 1440, the date that Guttenburg introduced the printing press. The first book printed was the Holy Bible. 1521 \bullet and 1524 are indicated at the peculiar floor juncture.

Luther was summoned to the trial in the city of Worms. An edict was prepared against him. He stood his ground. He was excommunicated & fled for hiding at the Wartburg Castle. There he began his translation of the Scriptures into German, which eventually found their way to the Gutenberg Press, all in the year 1521. In 1524 another edict was issued against him, but the Reformation was already well on the course of history.

Continuing on to the Pit, there are as many inches as years exactly to 1874. It is most interesting to note that if the passage way continued on the same incline, the same Pit-wall-line extends 40 more inches, marking the date 1914.

We should not be surprised that a line from the 1874 date \bigcirc across the pit and on thru the blind passage measures just \bigcirc 1000 inches of years, beyond which the Plan of the Ages does not extend.

☞ Now I want to take a quick look at our chronology as presented in Volume 2. There we learn that Jesus was born just 1¼ years before the common BC - AD line, in what we call BC 2.

If those making our calendar had made a correct determination, all BC dates, before the line, would be noted as a year shorter.

On the other hand our calendars would already read 2005 today.

The 7000 year (day) from Adam is divided between **4127** from the birth of the first Adam to the birth of Christ, the second Adam.

Then **2873** years after his actual birth to the end of the creative 7th day.

Just hold those two numbers in memory for a moment.

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 \bullet Now let us again recall the Plan of the Ages \bullet with Adam on one end and full Restitution on the other end of 7000 years.

☞ So now let us project the same on the Pyramid again with Adam on the right.

Now let us draw a line just 7000 inches 🖝 along the platform base. 🖝 🖝

Now recall the date of the Second Adam 🖝 born into the world.

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Where does that point fall below • on the 7000 year line?

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☞ It falls precisely between 4127 and 2873 inches.

When we contemplated the implications of this and many more synchronisms, it made our nerves tingle with awe and wonder.

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No other chronology than that which we have validated in the Scriptures could find such confirmation in these angles, line and dimensions.

No other history will be so corroborated in stone.

No other Plan addresses a salvation for all mankind, for all the seed of Abraham as the stars and sand of the sea, as is shown here.

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When our Lord rode into Jerusalem the crowds hailed him as "The King that cometh in the name of the Lord." Luke 19:37-40 The Pharisees urged him to rebuke them. Jesus answered, "*If these should hold their peace, the STONES would immediately cry out.*"

• So it is today, the very stones of this GP are crying out to confirm the wisdom and foreknowledge of our Creator and author of the Plan of the Ages.

Matt 21:42 "The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: **This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes**"

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This curious phenomena invites the search further back in time.

Determining the date of the construction of the P has been a subject of some speculation. While archaeologically it has always been assumed to be constructed before the year 2000 BC, the date for centuries was not known. Then in the 1800 several astronomers noticed the orientation of the descending passage to the North Star. These included Sir John Herschel, Dr. Brunnow, Astronomer-Royal for Ireland, R.A. Proctor of Cambridge University and Professor Piazzi Smyth, Astronomer-Royal for Scotland.

These men homed in on the date **2140** when Alpha Draconis was the Polar Star and was in direct alignment with the Descending Passage.

In the same year Alcyone of the renowned group of the Pleiades would have passed directly over the meridian to the south of the zenith just at midnight of each day.

Given the other astronomical orientations of the P, this year was assumed to be the correct year for completion of this monument. But no independent confirmation. Then in the year 1865, Smyth noticed two vertical **scored lines** in the descending passage.

When we measure from the North wall of the Grand Gallery as indicating the date 33 AD backward down the floor line to the point intersection with the Descending Passage, and thence up to floor to the **scored lines**, we find that the total number of inches equals the period of years from Spring 33 AD, back to Autumn 2140BC. This confirmation is further supported by the fact that the lines themselves at that very date pointed directly upward to the Pleiades each midnight, just as the Descending Passage in the same year pointed to Alpha Draconis.

But what about earlier Biblical events like the date of the Flood or the Creation of Adam?

Continuing to measure backward we come to a change in the construction of stones called the Basement Sheet. A vertical line at this beginning exactly matches the date of the Flood (2472). Measuring from a point directly below this flood line along the P Platform to the Lower front edge of the casing stones, and back up the face of the casing to the ancient Entrance and back down to the flood line =1654, the same years between Adam's fall to the Flood.

In many respects the Pit room represents the time of trouble. It is the lowest and last chamber in the way represented by the downward course of mankind. In it are shown the demise of the old order and systems. By the end of the millennium, even those that will persist in evil will be destroyed.

Now to measure directly across the Pit from the 1874 point to the opposite wall, thence down to the floor of the Unfinished Blind passage and thence to its end, there are exactly 1000 inches. Do we see here and indication of the Millennium, which leads to unfinished purposes in the Ages to come.

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Now what about the points where the passage changes direction to horizontal and why? It seems to telescope into the descending passage. The ceiling line marks the date 1440 and the floor line marks 1521. The Date 1440 is well known in history. Bro Russell notes the printing press as the

most significant invention to affect the information age and civilization. A special issue of Life magazine noting the 100 most significant events in the last 1000 years notes the Gutenberg press as the most significant.

Printing was a prerequisite to the reformation in that it enabled truth to be widely distributed and considered. Now the passage takes an abrupt turn from its steep decline at a juncture marked as 1521.

That year saw the course of European history change. The Reformation arrested the downward course of mankind and brought responsibility to the attention of society.

But Information also brings trouble when not correctly used or absorbed. The French Revolution marked the end of an era for the Papal Empire and was a sign or precursor to the great time of trouble.

But the demise for the old order is also the sign of the new day of life and opportunity destined in God's plan.

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It is seen that a line from the wall of the Pit, marking either 1874 or 1914 depending on how the passage is extended, passes vertically up thru the Queen's Chamber and up to the Wall of the Grand Gallery, right thru the point we once measured up the Grand Gallery also marking 1914. Beyond these dates, we have entered upon a new day.

The illustrations may not be totally convincing to every mind and we have not begun to explore the many features of this monument. But if you will reread volume 3 and the Edgar writings you will begin to sense that every inch of this monument eloquently proclaims the Wisdom and Power of our God.