

THE PLEASANT VIEW PLUMB LINE

THE LINCOLN/KENNEDY MYTH

I am not certain how many of you have given much (if any) study to “Biblical Criticism.” Simply stated, literary “criticism” is “a written evaluation of a work of literature.” Thus, “biblical criticism” is “a written evaluation of the Bible.” There are two types of “biblical criticism”: high criticism (which seeks to destroy the Bible at all costs) and lower criticism (which treats the Bible as it would any other literary work and seeks only to verify its authenticity—without any preconceived ideas and/or hidden agendas).

It goes without saying that those who despise the Bible hold to the “higher critics” as the only legitimate thought on the matter. However, the methods employed by such critics are deplorable AND they would never use such tactics and approaches on such literary works as Shakespeare or even the ancient works of Plato or Homer. Yet, because they have contempt for the word of God, they use every tool at their disposal to cast doubt on a book that has stood the test of time and has more authenticating evidence than any other in history!

To show the absurdity of their work and the foolishness of their philosophy I would like to submit the following, which I found on the Internet. It is titled: The Lincoln/Kennedy Myth and its authorship given to “Professor L.C. Atom.” I have an idea that the name of the “professor” is contrived (having no way of knowing who the original author is it is impossible to give proper credit). The piece below is to be read as if you were living in the distant future and is to serve as a review (more like an attack) of the “legendary” account of the life and circumstances of Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy in light of “recent archaeological discovery.” Even today, no one can deny the uncanny circumstances and parallels of these two men, many of which is simply cannot be explained with any satisfaction! How these “uncanny circumstances and parallels” are treated in the “review” below is exactly how certain biblical accounts of events and individuals such as the creation, the global flood, the lives of Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, and Jesus, just to name a few, are treated by higher critics of the Bible who seek only to cast doubt and to destroy the validity of it in the minds of the masses.

The Lincoln/Kennedy Myth by Professor L.C. Atom

My recent archaeological digs in the ancient city of Washingtonia has revealed much insight into the Lincoln/Kennedy controversy. While many respected archaeologists have suggested that the Lincoln and Kennedy stories refer to two different persons who may or may not have been historical, I have finally proven beyond any doubt that the two stories are myths. These myths not only refer to the same person, but this Lincoln/Kennedy individual never actually existed.

The evidence for my conclusions is overwhelming. Archaeologists have known for a long time that there are seven letters in each name. However, my research has also shown that each of the so called presidents also had the legality of his election contested. The myths also portray both of these persons as involved with the issue of civil rights. (This is probably some secret mystery that involved the ancient religion of Democracy. Many idols to the gods of Democracy were found in ancient Washingtonia).

Additional proof that the Lincoln/Kennedy myths are variants of the same earlier myth are as follows: both men were supposedly slain on Friday and in the presence of their wives. Lincoln was elected in 1860 while Kennedy was elected in 1960. (An obvious corruption of the earlier myth!)

Both men are said to have had successors who were named Johnson. The successors were both Southern Democrats who had previously served in the U.S. Senate. Any rational archaeologist must conclude that the two Johnsons are the same individ-

“...then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel...” (Amos 7:8)

GOING TO THAT GARDEN

I. Going to the Garden of _____ -

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II. Going to the Garden of _____ -

Association _____

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III. Going to the Garden of _____ -

Association _____

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I DON'T KNOW IT ALL, 'BUT'

I. I Don't Know Everything About _____

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II. I Don't Know Everything About _____

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III. I Don't Know Everything About _____

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ual. Further proof of this may be seen in their birth dates. The Johnson of the Andrew/Lincoln myth was born in 1808 while Johnson of the Lyndon/Kennedy myth was born in 1908. Also both names Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson contain thirteen letters. (Again another obvious corruption of the earlier myth).

In the myths both of these men were supposedly killed by Southerners. Even though modern archaeologists have not yet discovered the ancient language from which the two cognate terms "Booth" and "Oswald" come, I believe we are very close to making this discovery. For example, John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald each contain fifteen letters. Also, we have just uncovered additional evidence which reveals that in both myths Booth and Oswald were murdered before their trial could be arranged. Also, not only were these men both Southerners but they both favored unpopular ideas.

Additional evidence that we recently uncovered reveals that according to legend Lincoln had a secretary named Kennedy who advised him not to go to the place where he was killed. While Kennedy had a secretary named Lincoln who advised him not to go to Dallas. And last but not least, the legend also says that both men were taken to their buried place by the same horse drawn vehicle. This is an obvious anachronism since we know that people in the middle of the 20th century did not use horse drawn vehicles!

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness" (1 Corinthians 1:18-23).

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

-Ronnie Scherffius

GATHERING IN THE SUMMERTIME

Many of the things that we do in life are the direct result of circumstance, meaning that we find ourselves in a certain circumstance and then we react. We become associated with people by circumstance. We make friends by circumstance. We even meet our spouses, usually, by circumstance. There is nothing wrong with using circumstances to bring about good in our lives and the lives of others and I believe that we can even see that many of the activities of Jesus were direct results of circumstance. It cannot be the case, though, that we become completely dependent upon circumstance for things to be accomplished in our lives, because to do so would often result in sore disappointment. Some things must be done out of vision or purpose. We must have the foresight to take initiative at times and control the circumstances in our lives. Solomon spoke of that very vision and purpose: “He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame. Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot” (Proverbs 10:5-7). If we are going to be the wise sons of which Solomon spoke, we must step out in faith to do the work of the Lord, gathering in the summertime, and seizing opportunity rather than always leaving things to chance. What, though, is so wise about having the foresight to grab life by the horns and make things happen rather than waiting for them to?

First, notice the **principle of gathering in the summertime**. This principle is directly related to seizing opportunity. The farmer carefully watches his crops, and when the time is just right, he harvests. What if he were to wait for the crops to harvest themselves? He would wait too long and the harvest would be lost. We must be watchful in our work as Christians, and when opportunities arise, we must not rely merely upon certain circumstances but we must act. Jesus stated a similar point when on one occasion He wanted to emphasize the immediate need Christianity can provide: “Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” To His apostles Christ emphasized the urgency of our evangelistic responsibility. An urgency that demands initiative and not passivity. We must be bold in our pursuit of souls and proclamation of the gospel of Jesus. Such is demanded by the principle of gathering in the summertime.

Second, think about the **purpose of gathering in the summertime**. Why must we always be in a state of preparation to take advantage of the opportunities that arise? Because those open doors are not always present and even when they are they can often shut. There are various things that can and do happen in life that can minimize our chances to gather in the summertime: decreased physical abilities, severed friendships, lost jobs, change in residence, etc. It is absolutely true that today is always the best day to seize opportunity because we never know what variable can alter and take away those opportunities tomorrow. “And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” (John 9:1-4). Jesus understood that His time and opportunities were limited because He would shortly die, therefore He used every second available to do His work. He knew the purpose of gathering in the summertime.

Then, realize the **promise of gathering in the summertime**. In Solomon’s statement of Proverbs 10 there are a series of profitable statements made regarding the person who gathers in the summer: he is a wise son (vs. 5); blessings are on the head of the just (vs. 6); the memory of the just is blessed (vs. 7). All of these statements point to a glorious promise that awaits the true servant of God who makes sure to gather in the summertime. “Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once. He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough. A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent” (Proverbs 28:18-20). This comparison and contrast between the ardent worker and the absent worker make the promises of gathering in the summer very clear. And these blessings of God will be granted to those who accept in obedience God’s promise of gathering in the summertime.

Are we proven to be wise, just, and blessed as prudent servants of our God? If so, we will seize opportunity, overcome mere circumstance, and commit ourselves to gather in the summertime.