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I dedicate this book to the architects of the Bible, our ancestors the Phoenicians, the founding fathers of Oriental Christianism and its martyrs though.

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the earliest phase of the Bible, contribution of Mesopotamian mythology is undeniable through adaptation of legends and epics. Later on, its participation development of monotheism was minimal. beneath what could have been expected. However, the PHOENICIA CODE supplied the inspiration. Beside whole the alphabet. Phoenicia permeated the doctrine with the Trinity, the Resurrection and human sacrifice through the Eucharist. This impact was felt later in the Koran, the Bible's third testament, Christ Emmanuel is the culmination of the cult of El, the Supreme Phoenician God.

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Phoenician Priest giving communion of bread and wine,
Thirteenth CBC Louvre

Bible & Word

In the beginning, God was the Word, the logos.

John 1 / 1 In the beginning was the Word (logos), and the Word (logos) was with God, and the Word (logos) was God.

He donated to Adam the gift of speech and asked him to name everything. Unlike pagan gods, ever silent, God has the power of the word and the expression of beliefs. Is He the word of life or the word that kills?

Since decades, we have been suffering from events tied to biblical and koranic messages. Philosophies deprived of spiritual dimension became eroded with time -- e.g. the collapse of totalitarian systems.

God created everything including oblivion, however we should not forget; this raises the interest of the subject.

Of the World

Is humanity victim or guilty party? The world suffers from violence, racism, terrorism, war, segregation imposed on minorities and women. Such a situation invites us to reconsider the established order. Inherited traditions must be clarified and understood. It is better to fret in doubt than to rest in error!

Governance oscillates between democracy and totalitarism, secularism and religiosity; is religion the solution for the world or a cause of disruption?

Overpopulated, the earth counts billions of people, a dangerous data regarding pollution, famine, epidemics and limited resources of the planet that regulate humanity. Redemptive progress did not afford regulation, this parameter depends on man's control through wars. Moreover, explosive demography can potentially take religious beliefs as an excuse. Many analysts attribute all conflicts to the

Many analysts attribute all conflicts to the failure of economic systems, yet it is simplistic; economy is rather a regular consequence of confrontations.

The Religions of the Book

Universality of religious belonging takes precedence over patriotism. Just as the Islamic expansion, Crusades are an irrefutable evidence of gathering disparate nations to serve a religious ideal.

We became accustomed to experience violence and terrorism issued from fanatic concepts of all stripes; examples abound, alas!

Islam has existed for 15 centuries; according to the criteria of evolution the present time corresponds to its Middle Age, so the rise of radicalism is interpreted as an obligatory passage for Christianism. This is an erroneous assumption that preaches utopian hope of appeasement by evolution and smooth interpretations of the Torah and the Koran.

The creation of the State of Israel in 1948, on the same territories as 4 millenia ago, provides a proof of this thesis: nothing will change with time. The medieval period of the Torah goes back to 45 centuries, while the determination to return to the Promised Land perdured.

The Koran is of the same nature as the Torah, God's messages are addressed directly to men through the prophets. Any diverging interpretation or revisionism is considered apostasy and desecration. There is no

prescription or redemptive evolution. Beside, many fundamentalists are university graduates integrated in the free world. Universality and determinism of Islam make it an inescapable fate that inevitably weighs on humanity.

Of the Origin

The Phoenicians, fathers of the alphabet, are puzzling by the lack of a written heritage compared to the Greeks. While Greek philosophy was based on humanism, the Phoenician principle was founded on god EL. There was no need to materialize the doctrine of EL. Through research, we find it iealously quarded by the keepers of the Torah and its custodians from immemorial time. Origins and tenets of the three theistic beliefs have drawn heavily from Phoenician religion -- "Elism" -what may allow to call the Torah: the worship of EL.

Throughout this essay, we will attempt to substantiate this thesis in a perspective of reconciliation. A return to the Phoenician spirit can create a favorable environment to deist principles; if not, man should seek a solution elsewhere in the universe.

Words of God

God is expert in Semitic languages, He definitely renounced English! First, he addressed the elect people in Hebrew. However, He had to wait for the invention of the Phoenician alphabet to write the Ten Commandments. Meanwhile, Christ spoke Aramaic fluently and experienced no difficulty during his excursions to Tyre and Sidon.

Later, Koranic postulate taught us that Arabic is the official language of Heaven. All languages evolved except Arabic which must stay conform to divine speech till the end of time.

Here is an overview about the Words of God in Semitic register that illustrates the style of questions requiring consistent answers. Through "Bible and God," we will try to approach the Lord to know him better.

If the scripture was partly inspired, permeated or influenced by its environment from Egypt to Mesopotamia, we may relativize its rigidity and favor permissivity among religions without betraying identities. The their dav when oppose morality doctrines literality all to fanaticisms will be out of place.

Bible & God

Of GOD

God does not exist! We looked for him in the Torah and the Koran in vain, just like Dieu or Gott, a pure invention in trillions of Bibles circulating for centuries. A misleading decoy of the Septuagint and the Vulgate that substituted to him Theos and Deus. There is no mention of God in the Torah!

Fortunately, modern methodology offered a rigorous translation -- La Bible Chouraqui -- which allows to clear this anomaly in spite of its crude loyalty to Semitic syntax. We will adopt this version over others to return His true name to God.

Although biblical names often correspond to qualifiers of the divine, every reference to God (G) or Lord (L) is followed by His original name in the Torah: Elohim, EL, YHVH and Adonai.

Elohim XXXX th -- XVIII th CBC

Ge 1 / 1 In the beginning G Elohim created the heaven and the earth.

Elohim -- plural of El -- the creator, was both fair remote and distant; he disappeared after the creation. He is the God of the Word par excellence, he created by the word without establishing a real dialogue with man. Elohim is the God of the patriarchs from Adam to Isaac. Being Himself a plural name from Phoenician origin, He was a victim of polytheism to the dismay of elders who had to share Him with neighboring peoples.

EL XVIII th – XIII th CBC

If Elohim was a generic name of deity, the following verse underlines the true name of God in the Torah: EL.

Genesis 32 / 28. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel Wrestler of Él: for as a prince hast thou power with G Elohim and with men, and hast prevailed.

The cult of El, has been purified and consecrated by Jacob. EL was the captive of Jacob during the "nocturne fight" and made a deal with him by calling him ISRA-EL. The first altar erected by Jacob was a betyl Beth--EL: house of EL, the last altar was named: EL Elohim of Israel.

Genesis 33 /20. And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel."EL Elohim Israel".

One could call Him directly: Eli, Eli (My God, my God), Adonai & Eli (My Lord and God). As a suffix, His name was attached to the names of people and places to put them under His protection.

EL-ohim: plural of EL (Hebrew)
EL-oim: plural of EL (Phoenician)

EL-Shaddai EL Almighty EL-Roi: God EL vision EL-Elyon: EL Most High Gabri-EL: force of EL Micha-EL: like EL

Isma-EL: INC LL
Isma-EL: EL listening
Isaac-EL: EL smiling
Isra-EL: captivate EL
Samu- EL: name of EL
Rapha-EL: Healing of EL
Dani-EL: Justice of EL
Beth-EL: house of EL

Carm-EL: garden of EL Ezek-EL: EL reinforcement Emmanu-EL: with us EL

EL-I: EL mine

ELi-azar: EL my rescue

Yahweh XIII th CBC

Yahweh revealed himself to Moses during the exodus. He was retrospectively added to Genesis in the Pentateuch.

YHVH, the sacred Tetragrammaton, is a sequence of four unpronounceable consonants. Out of respect, the reader bows to the Name and reads "Adonai" my Adon or says "barokh ha Schem": Blessed be the Name. This secular usage, burdened with numerous deportations, lost forever the accents (minor vowels) of correct pronunciation: IHVH, YHVH, YAHWEH, YAHVEH, YEHOWEH, Jeovah etc..

Yahweh liked to talk, so did Adam. Yahweh is the living word in oppositon to mutism of pagan deities. Yahweh is pragmatic and authoritarian, He continuously blamed men and intimated them orders. He combined the four elements: water and earth (clay) to mold Adam, air (breath) to give him life and fire (spirit) to develop his consciousness. Then, He created Eve from Adam's rib.

Yahweh is an exclusivity of the Torah: God of hosts, jealous, vindictive, punitive, apocalyptic. Yahweh reigns with power over man and the latter adores Him out of fear. It happened to Yahweh to repent for the sanctions He inflicted to men: physical, chemical, sonic (Jericho) and ionic (Sodom & Gomorrah). Biological warfare

gave Him more remorse.

- 2 Samuel 24 / 15. So the L IHVH-Adonai sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.
- 16. And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the L IHVH-Adonai repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand...

Out of fear, one does not pronounce his Name and calls Him Adonai: My Lord. Hence, Adonai is the nickname of Yahweh, we do not formulate Elohim Adonai. Logically, He should be invoked directly by Elohim, EL, Adon or Yahweh, by the Trinity or Allah, as we would say by Zeus or Jupiter.

In Phoenicia, it was a custom to give God a generic name; the specific name was intended for insiders only to avoid disturbing him at any time. This is why prayers were signed by the name of God:

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

In the name of Allah, the Gracious the Merciful. Hallowed be thy Name.

Blessed be the Name: barokh ha Schem. His name is simply EL.

Baal and Adon

Hosea 2 / 18 ... and shalt call me no more Baali (my Baal).

19. For I will take away the names of Baalim (Baals) out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

The Bible reminds us of the permanence of Baal's cult among the Jews, against what the prophet Elias rose up on Mount Carmel. The cult of Baal lasted until the seventh century in Arabia.

Surah 37: SAFFAT (The Ranks)
125. Will ye cry unto Baal and forsake the Best of creators,...

Thanks to Athalie of Sidon, Queen of Judea, the worship of Adon reached Jerusalem with the mourners' brotherhood in Bethlehem. Adonis, god of beauty and resurrection, gave Yahweh his pseudonym Adonai: My Lord -- Adon in Phoenician, Adonis in Greek.

In Semitic languages, it is common to combine the divinity with names of people or places to put them under divine protection. Even today we find a multitude of cities with the names of El, Baal and Adon. EL Baal

Carm-EL Baal-bek Baal-mev Joub-EL Baal-Shem Hague-EL Hanni-baal Maid-El Jebe-EL Baal-Echmoun Sebe-EL Herm-EL **ADON** Hrai-EL Adon-is Jerna-El Kerna-El Adon-ai

Teena-El

Saadna-El

Aïndraf-EL

The same combinations can be found in Arabic: Abd-Allah, Chukr-Allah, and Greek: Theo-dorus or Theo-philus.

With Emmanu-EL Jesus Christ, God became the father, God the father. He invited us to address Him directly in the Pater Noster, Our Father. The last supplication of Emmanuel on the cross was for his father El.

Mt 27/46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Adon-im

Adon-ias

Bd-Adon

Elohim, El, Yahweh nicknamed Adonai, are the four divine names. Yahweh being never pronounced, the three invocations came exclusively from Phoenicia: from the Phoenicia CODE. Without scholarly mastery of Hebrew, translations have cleverly hidden the truth under the generic name of God.

Invocation of the divine has two main variants: EL and Yahweh; their approach to mankind is totally distinct. Yahweh is exclusively Jewish. More universal, EL is common to beliefs of the cradle of deism: Byblos' alphabet spread his doctrine of friendship and tolerance to be exported everywhere. Out of love and forgiveness, Emmanuel embodies this purpose par excellence.

EL is universal, His love and kindness touch the modest and the humble. His common sense is free from complex theologies.

Faith in Emmanuel is a deliberate and responsible choice without any constraint of holy war or Jihad. EL is freedom, His appeal is clearly universal, no people elect or excluded.

Having distinguished EL from Yahweh by their names and personalities, we will now assess their respective impact on the process of creation.

Bible & Genesis

Genesis according to Elohim

Genesis has been raising a permanent interest since six millennia. In a quest for truth, we cannot ignore this chapter, yet science still finds it intriguing. We are amazed by the clarity and concision of this story from an oral tradition among nomadic tribes. It has no equivalent in the myths of the Levant which left imprints on the Bible.

Defying the law of evolution, one wonders where these nomads have drawn such knowledge from: revelation, a lost science or an extinct alien intelligence? Such a simplification is not an accident but an elaborate process at the basis of monotheistic beliefs in a purist

abstraction which ensured their perennity.
Strangely consistent with our current knowledge, genesis disturbs many refractory scientists. Knowing that the text reaches back before the creation of Adam, one wonders how a mysterious fable could transmit such a capital heritage with sobriety and a pseudo-scientific methodology. At the same time, its engaging message leaves us free to dig into words and within lines.

Ge 1 / 1. In the beginning G Elohim created the heaven and the earth.

From the beginning it goes back to "time zero" when only ELOHIM (plural of EL) existed, before the matter, the heaven and the earth.

2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of G Elohim moved upon the face of the waters.

Certainly, one could say it was a black hole with a primitive magma, but the message would be lost forever, thus simplification was not fortuitous.

- 3. And G Elohîms said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- 4. And G Elohîms saw the light, that it was good: and G Elohîms divided the light from the

darkness.

Light is the lightest and fastest particle to escape at the first phase of creation. We can feel the early intervention of man who attributed to God speech, sight and enchantment. He gave names to light, sky, day and night. Then God organized the elements and erected the canopy of heavens without pillars.

6. And G Elohîms said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

Till the medieval era, geographical knowledge represented the earth as a floating disk topped by a suspended sky; what challenged architects in the construction of the domes of worship monuments.

11. And G Elohim said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

At this stage, man set vegetal decorum without using the word "Life", speaking only of "greening" as if chlorophyll was an obligatory passage to hemoglobin.

14. And G Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for

seasons, and for days, and years:
19. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

After the first three days, another concept of day and night was introduced in a temporal dimension like in Relativity. God established a timetable and set up appointments before there were men to honor them!

Life: Accident or Miracle?

20. And G Elohim said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

The adventure of life began in water. Without transition it went from fish to bird in a shocking anachronism: the reign of oviparous from scales to feathers. Our basic sciences had probably no secret to the prehistoric nomad who logically would have focused on his flock. Just like the law of evolution, Elohim created mammals then finally placed man at the top of the pyramid.

26. And G Elohim said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and <u>let them</u> have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Under a current semitic lexicon of a "collective singular" in the original text, Adam means mankind, the verbs that follow are in the plural to confirm it.

- 27. So G Elohîms created man in his own image, in the image of G Elohim created he him; male and female created he them.
- 28. And G Elohim blessed them, and G Elohim said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Men and women were created the same way at the same time, without mention of an original sin, on the contrary, Elohim commanded them to be fruitful and multiply, as reiterated below:

Ge 5 / 1. This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that G Elohim created man, in the likeness of G Elohim made he him;

2. Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Of God's Rest: The Sabbath

Ge 2 / 2. And on the seventh day G Elohîms ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Did the All-powerful get tired after an exhausting creation? This would make him vulnerable. The institution of a weekly rest is still in force. The questioning about the fourth day makes us very doubtful about the Sabbath.

Psalm 90 / 2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art G Él.

4. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

A day is no longer equal to a day. The concept is conveyed by the Koran two millenia later.

Sourate 22: AL-HAJJ (THE PILGRIMAGE)

47 ... Verily <u>a Day</u> in the sight of thy Lord <u>is like</u> a thousand years of your reckoning.

Surah 70: Al-Màárij (The Ascending Stairways) 4. The angels and the spirit ascend unto him in a <u>Day</u> the measure whereof is <u>(as) fifty thousand years</u>:

It calls fundamentally into question the institution of the 24--hour Sabbath or Lord's day in all theistic religions.

Genesis according to Yahweh

The concept of the beginning of time disappeared in this radically different and humanized version.

Ge 2 / 5. And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

The narrator was already warned about the imminent creation of man, so in a pragmatic way he developed a utilitarian sense.

- Ge 2 / 9. And out of the ground made the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- 10. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.
- 11. The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;
- 12. And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.
- 13. And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.
- 14. And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

The paragraph referred to a specific historical period and a defined geographical area: we were in Assyria, there were already towns, gold mines and onyx quarries. Altogether, there were humans, but Yahweh wanted his own man, a consolation for his loneliness in the universe. Yahweh did not shape the man in His own image, no trace of this idea; we wonder if man conceived the Lord in his image.

God conceded to Adam the gift of speech, so that he could give names to everything; it is also

transcribed in the Koran. "People of the Book" is a recurring phrase in the scripture, but before the book, what could man hope from his creator?

Ge 2 / 15. And the L-G IHVH-Adonal Elohim took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Ge 3 / 23. Therefore the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Created elsewhere, Adam is not from the clay of Eden, he is a nomad living from picking and hunting. Naturally, he described animals before birds and did not venture further into water to talk about fish. The order of the creation is radically reversed.

Ge 2/16. And the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Therefore, Yahweh decreed his terms: the first commandment was to forbid man to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil but not the tree of life which was in the middle of the garden. Ge 2 / 18. And the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

The man became bored as well and was not fully satisfied with his relationship with Yahweh. Sensitive to his lament, subsequently God created the woman for him.

Ge 2 / 21. And the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22. And the rib, which the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

The woman was created from the man as a cure for his loneliness and a valuable subordinate in fields' work. The Bible described the first surgical operation in history: painless, under hypnosis. Yahweh did not forget to close the skin after the removal of the rib.

Ge 2 / 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

At this stage, it was premature to talk about father and mother, it would suppose already the existence of a populated earth.

The Temptation

Ge 3 / 2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, G Elohim hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Confusion reigns in the description of the two trees; unless the garden had two midst centers! With the devil's temptation, death struck humanity through the woman. Then, certain rituals have been meant to free man from the guilt of the original sin.

From their hiding place, Adam and Eve heard the voice of Yahweh calling them. He even spoke to the woman, an exception throughout the scripture. God pointed out the hardness of life henceforth and sentenced men and women differently.

Ge 3 / 19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou <u>eat</u> <u>bread</u>, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

-- although bread, an elaborated food did not exist at the beginning of time.

Ge 3 / 21. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim make coats of skins, and clothed them.

-- although they were already dressed with fig leaves.

Ge 3 / 22 And the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: "

What means that man was not eternal; he was certainly mortal. It is not the sin of Eve which inflicted death to mankind!

Ge 3 / 24. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

This indicates implicitly the not forbidden tree; why guard it and from whom? Why such a fear that a divine army and Eden's guardians were needed?

Of Controversy

A comparison of the two accounts of the creation allows us to distinguish Elohim from Yahweh.

Elohim is the EL of the first creation, distant, generous, kind and fair with women. His message is compatible with science. EL is a purist creator by the verb without material support. He created out of love in His own image. EL did not attempt to trap men or penalize women. The Yahwist creation is largely contaminated by the constraints prevailing in Assyria about 4000 BC. The concept of the biblical six day genesis is closer to the "Poem of Creation" and representation of the Babylonian tree of life.

The cosmogony, according to Yahweh, is based on the 4 natural elements in a disorder incompatible with that of EL or of science. He was curious of his creation and constantly in need of communication with the only being able to dialogue. He attempted to know what names Adam gave to things and animals. He followed him to his hidden place in paradise. Yahweh knew loneliness, boredom, war, intrigue, jealousy, revenge, punishment and sanction.

He disturbed the man and trapped the woman who was to be chastized and submitted to male domination.

Ge 3 / 16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Since the original sin, humanity has experienced the feeling of guilt.

Minutes of the Original Sin

Being omniscient, Yahweh did create the sin and Eve at the same time. His preference for men inspired Him later to purify them by circumcision excluding women: hence his covenant with Abraham. Yahweh dominated the man and crushed the woman.

Two objective facts attest the innocence of Adam and Eve:

* The confusion in the text between the tree of life and the tree of knowledge: both are in the middle of the garden, unless one is grafted on the other.

- Ge 2 / 9. And out of the ground made the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the <u>tree</u> of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- 17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.
- Ge 3 / 3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, G Elohim hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."
- * After the expulsion from Paradise, Yahweh did guard the tree of life for fear that Adam come back to consume and thus become immortal.
- Ge 3 / 22 And the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: "
- Ge 3 / 24. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

It is a conclusive evidence that Yahweh created the man mortal by definition, Eve had nothing to do with this sanction. Ge 6 / 2. That the sons of G Elohim saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3. And the L IHVH-Adonai said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Just before the Deluge, when the sons of God raged among men's daughters, Yahweh reduced the lifespan to limit the reign of evil. As longevity was about a 900 year average, He reduced it to 120 years.

The original sin seems likely to be a crisis of an adolescent succumbing to loneliness and boredom, his purity being spoiled by sexual maturity. Passage from childhood to adulthood is a crime of puberty. The consequence of the original sin is the sublimation of clerical celibacy and, a fortiori, the consecration of holiness by abstinence.

Of the Verdict

We sincerely believe that Yahweh was the victim of a message transcription that reflects the disquieting concern of human psychology. EL never bothered man nor woman.

Ge 1 / 28. And G Elohim blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Scholars know well Elohist and Yahwist traditions yet they always mingle them. We insist that EL and Yahweh are two distinct beings, each of them bears his name and assumes his own behavior. Without any doubt, our favorite is EL, Who created out of love in his image.

Given the conflict between Yahweh and mankind, it is essential to assess His relationship with the woman who was the first to disobey.

Bible & Woman

Has The Old Testament harmed the woman? Indeed, her status has suffered since then. Torah's contemporary civilizations were largely patriarchal; yet some famous women have enjoyed illustrious reigns from Mesopotamia to Egypt as Nefertiti, Queen of Sheba, Semiramis, Europa, Elissa-Didon, Cleopatra, Zenobia, etc.... From Australia to Peru, traditions shared the Mediterranean high idea of woman, as shown by the cult of several major goddesses, women's priesthood in Phoenicia, women's island in Greece and women's polygamy from China to pre-Islamic Arabia.

Elohim's genesis made no gender discrimination while the Yahwist version defined forever an inferior status for women in religion and social practices. Eve was created after Adam, from him and for him. She was meant to enliven his solitude and help him in field works. When Yahweh reproached to the man his sin, naturally Adam put the blame on Eve; she was interpellated and reprimanded.

Ge 3 / 13 And the L-G IHVH-Adonai Elohim said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done?...

16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

After being chastised, she pledged allegiance to man forever. She was the cause of his misfortune, and misfortune fell back on her. Since the original sin, mankind has been born in sorrow and has known death. Eve committed the irreparable and was the devil's accomplice, so she became impure. One stigma of her impurity is concretely materialized by blood.



Eve and blood

Historically, the oldest concept of the "spirit" is mesopotamian. It stated that the soul is a breath of life: when you stop breathing, you are dead. Born from observation, this naturalistic religion depicted another way of death by bleeding, hence the eloquent conclusion that soul's habitat is the blood. Mortality results from blood loss, hence life loss! Thereupon, consumption of blood was forbidden.

Leviticus 17 / 14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

Deuteronomy 12 / 23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

Mankind's relation to blood has always been difficult. With its bright red, the sight of blood remains impressive and often linked to death. The fratricide of Cain was a first demonstration. Difficult deliveries ended in hemorragic death of the mother or the child. Life accidents and war wounds were often fatal. Congenital diseases in Mediterranean basin (hemophilia. thalassemia) and various infections parasitoses (plague, malaria) led to hemorrage. However, disease meant curse at that time. Only epilepsy was considered a source of inspiration or possession by good or evil spirits; a characteristic example of crisis is simulated in voodoo ceremonies.

Female periods are lunar, they were coupled with sacred prostitution, debauchery and satanic rituals. Menstruation was an obvious sign of impurity.

Leviticus 15 / 20. And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean.

- 21. And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.
- 22. And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

Sterility brought another discredit upon women.

Barren women implored God to have filiation, thus rehabilitation: it was the case of Sarah wife of Abraham, of Rebekah, of the mothers of Samuel, Samson and John Baptist.

Woman is the victim of her own nature; blood linked her to tragic events, to damnation, impurity and death. This mark has weakened her from the outset and finalized her inferiority to man.

Genesis 6 / 1. And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

- 2. That the sons of G Elohim saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
- 3. And the L IHVH-Adonai said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

At that time the sons of God raged among men's daughters, God had no daughters!

Holocausts were practiced outside the temples to avoid soiling them, blood was collected for cleanliness and hygiene then burnt to purify offerings. These customs have been extended to food that must be kosher to be suitable for consumption.

Another critical factor that weighs on women is dishonor by extra marital pregnancy. Unlike man, the act of flesh leaves visible signs on her.

Numbers 5 / 21 ... The L IHVH-Adonai make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the L IHVH-Adonai doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;

22. And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot:

Women do not have access to priesthood or purification by circumcision. They were kept out temple celebrations. On the contrary, Phoenician priestesses were purified with water at the entrances to temples and women used to rub themselves against the Black Stone -- the Kaaba -- in pre-Islamic Arabia.

Women's revolution

The Gospels magnified Mary to the highest degree and went further by sanctifying Mary Magdalene. They instituted equality through baptism: women were purified as well as men. In the first century, conservative apostles, from Hebraic tradition, continued discrimination and perpetuated the practice of circumcision.

The apocryphal gospels revealed the attitude toward women, prevailing till the fourth century, which denied them access to paradise:

Gospel of Thomas

118. Simon Peter asked that Mary get away from them, since women are not worthy of life!

-- Jesus said: here, while I will attract her to make her male so that she also becomes a living spirit like you males! For every woman who will be made male will enter the heaven kingdom.

It was completely contradicted by the Assumption (soul and body) of Virgin Mary like Jesus without profanation of heaven. If the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was recently established, it found its substrate in the Koran.

Surah 3: AL-IMRAN

42: And when the angels said: O Marium! surely Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the world.

Byzantine verbal sparring was unleashed to determine the sex of angels. It was inconceivable that the constituent body of the divine army could be female. This tradition remained anchored in ecclesiastical mentality relegating women to an inferior status, without any substantial foundation in the New Testament.

Of Polygamy

The Torah mentioned polygamous practices of the prophets from Abraham to David. Solomon adulated women; his gynoecium was provided with 700 wives and 300 concubines, including Sidonian princesses.

- 1 Kings 11 / 1. But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites:
- 3. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

According to tradition, woman was impure half the time: 14 days per lunar month. To avoid sinning, it was forbidden to approach her within this period.

Leviticus 15 / 19 And if a woman have an issue, and her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.

28. But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

Polygamy was there to overcome this inconvenience, thus man could permanently enjoy an available pure partner!

Emmanuel abolished polygamy and sublimed marriage. Elohim, "male and female created them", He did not create several women for a man. Yahweh created one Eve from Adam's rib, so Adam had to be monogamous, otherwise he would have missed several ribs!

Woman & the Koran

The Koran has the merit to report the thought shared by Jews and Christians in the seventh century. It restored Yahwist Genesis and advocated polygamy: 2, 3, 4 wives and more.

Surah 4: An-Nisa '(WOMEN)

- 3. And if you fear that you cannot act equitably toward orphans, then marry such women as seem good to you, two and three and four; but if you fear that you will not do justice (between them), then (marry) only one or what your right hands possess; this is more proper, that you may not deviate from the right course.
- 34. Men are the maintainers of women because Allah has made some of them to excel others and because they spend out of their property; the good women are therefore obedient, guarding the unseen as Allah has guarded; and (as to) those on whose part you fear desertion, admonish them, and leave them alone in the sleeping-places and beat them; then if they obey you, do not seek a way against them; surely Allah is High, Great.

It quantifies with precision a woman to the half of a man in heritage and witness situations.

Surah 4: An-Nisa '(WOMEN)

11. Allah enjoins you concerning your children: The male shall have the equal of the portion of two females;...

Surah 2: Al-Baqarah (COW)

282. ... and call in to witness from among your men two witnesses; but if there are not two men, then one man and two women from among those whom you choose to be witnesses, so that if one of the two errs, the second of the two may remind the other;...

Carnal act is considered a pollution that prevents men to pray. The Koran did not specify whether the act makes women impure or if it is their permanent state.

Surah 2: Al-Bagarah (COW)

222. And they ask you about menstruation. Say: It is a discomfort; therefore keep aloof from the women during the menstrual discharge and do not go near them until they have become clean; then when they have cleansed themselves, go in to them as Allah has commanded you; surely Allah loves those who turn much (to Him), and He loves those who purify themselves.

It is forbidden to touch the Koran without being circumcised (purified), that privilege is intended for men while women can read it without touching it.

Surah 56: Al-WAQI'A (event)
78. In a book that is protected
79. None shall touch it save the purified (circumcised) ones.

Several Suras illustrate the absolute well-being of men in paradise, enhanced with unrestricted earthly pleasures. Men enjoy number of women whose virginity is renewed daily. There is no mention of women's paradise nor of their expected rewards.

The Koran finds it indignant to assign femininity to angels. The only distinguished woman is Mary, mother of Jesus. An entire chapter bears her name; her virginity is approved as her state of immaculate conception. She was the unique woman to have dialogues with Allah all through the Koran.

Around the tenth century, initiation was restricted to men in esoteric sects issued from Shiism.

After Yahweh's conflicts with the woman, we wonder whether the man got safe.

Bible & Man

Man is the central person of the Bible and the continuity of God on earth. Elohim created mankind in his likeness, in the image of EL, while Yahweh modeled Adam from clay, then created Eve in Adam's image. All God covenants are exclusively established with men.

The pact of speech XXXXth CBC

Soliloquy of Elohim in the vacuum was converted into dialogue between Yahweh and Adam. With some excitement, Yahweh brought creatures to Adam and was curious to know how he would name them. This version distinguishes one man in particular, the custodian of the creation. It is a transition from humans' anonymity to the historic man of the Bible.

Very soon, drama occurred with the fratricide. The death of Abel is the triumph of evil, man is bad by nature, he is brought into rightness by the word of God.

Yahweh repented the creation of Adam who did not suit Him; he burdened men with more prohibitions while they kept transgressing the rules.

Ge 6 / 6 And it repented the L IHVH-Adonai that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

The Pact of the Rainbow XXXth CBC

And the evil reigned at the time of the giants when the sons of God ramped among men's daughters. Thus God had no daughters. The wrath of Yahweh occurred in a stiffling purification, sparing only Noah the Just. To limit the damage, the Lord fixed man's life to 120 years. The purification of the earth by water strengthened the reign of good. And God made with Noah the covenant of the rainbow.

Genesis 9 / 13. I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

The covenant of circumcision XIXth CBC.

A new era was initiated through Abraham with the covenant of circumcision.

Ge 17 / 10. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

11. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

Borrowed from an African tradition during his Egyptian stay, it marked the transition from youth to adulthood. The choice of circumcision is obscure and surprising. In a noble sense, it highlights the gift of procreation, although debauchery takes the same way to achieve man's decline.

It's embarrassing that sanctions and alliances of Yahweh concentrate on this shameful region. It can be considered a reasonable measure of hygiene against transmissible diseases. Yahweh introduced the concept of the original sin, the knowledge of good and evil, especially evil. He clothed Adam and Eve with animal skins over fig leaves to grow the shame of nudity. Twenty centuries later, he resumed his purifying of man where he sinned. However, circumcision has not changed the shame of being naked or the feeling of decency.

The covenant instituted dogmatic elitism of circumcised upon uncircumcised, and beyond on women depriving them from purification or redemption. Circumcised became "elected in Lord" to the detriment of others, opening the way to abuses.

Since the origin, Yahweh has promulgated the submission verdict of women's men's domination with all that it entails. Woman will remain permanently impure until the end of pollutes Menstruation man procreation member and the remedv circumcision passes through there. Can we assume that man was born impure? If Yahweh intended to remedy such a shortcoming, he would have created him without a foreskin!

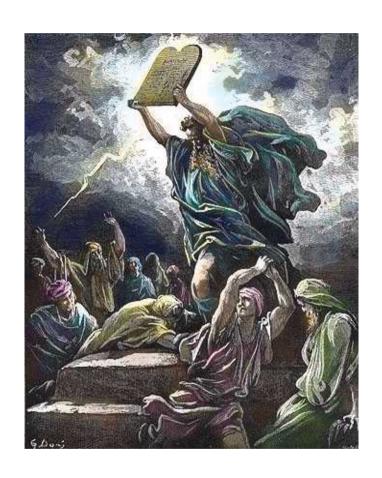
With Lot, Abraham's nephew, Lord kindled the fire over Sodom and Gomorrah. It was another sanitizing way by crematory fire of hell. Yahweh was betrayed by man, He punished him along his lifetime without awaiting the Last Judgement. He unleashed natural plagues against the fallen and took part in the wars of the elect.

The Ark of the Covenant XIII th CBC.

It is sad to have to accept these killings and collective punishments by water or fire. Despite his arbitrary anger, Yahweh finally established law and justice with Moses. The Ark of the Covenant contained the divine law – the Mitzvot -- summarized in the Ten Commandments.

With David and Solomon, Yahweh used to don his harness of heavenly wars to reign over a small area repeatedly swept by earthly devastations.

Over the time, Yahweh changed his mind about man, He diversified His pacts and alliances without specifying whether they were cumulative or exchangeable. Nevertheless, His dissatisfaction was evident.



Emmanuel

After the reign of Yahweh, El returned to reconcile with mankind. The circumstances of Emmanuel's birth symbolize ideally a new departure for humanity. Women were restored in equity through baptism and monogamy. No more chosen nor spoiled people. Old laws were outdated and replaced by the love of El. The law of retaliation left room for forgiveness. Purity no longer resided in a foreskin, so circumcision was abolished in the new order. A symbolic deal came out from baptism.

Allah

Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful is the image of Yahweh. The Koran claims the tradition since Abraham. Its appeal is universal: it establishes a preferential relationship with men. circumcision affects all nations. It commands man to keep the right path and sums him to convert the world to Islam by word or sword, hence the concept of holy war: the Jihad. In islamic society, man has an absolute hegemony, he concentrates all powers: religious. moral. political. economic military. In this theocracy the imam is the continuation of God on earth par excellence.

Given the gap between the human and the divine, it is interesting to observe the intermediary beings.

Bible & Angels

Angels inhabited the Torah and disappeared after the Resurrection. Genesis did not relate their creation:

Genesis 2 / 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Genesis 3 / 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

In both versions the allusion to the hosts of heaven and cherubs occurred after the creation of man. There was a need for a staff to operate the machinery of the sky: to move clouds, to open bottles of rain or ablaze, to give signs by shooting stars, to regulate motions of heavenly bodies, to draw up Jacob's ladder, to park the chariots of Elias and Ezekiel and to take care of the maintenance of Eden. All this occurred in peacetime, what about the excitement during war, holy war!

Of course, man conceived the heavenly kingdom in the image of human governments; he classified the angels in various castes according to the tasks they were assigned: angels, archangels, hosts, messengers, cherubims and seraphims. The number of faces or wings were their specific marks.

Ezekiel 1: 6. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

Surah 35: Fatir (The Originator)

1 Praise be to Allah, Creator of heaven and earth, who made the angels messengers having two, three, or four wings

Eusebius of Caesarea a bishop and renowned Christian historian of the fourth century, wrote in The Evangelical Preparation, Book I, Chapter IX, (Migne, 1843):

" According to Philon of Byblos, we discover the description of the cherubim by the Phoenician theologian Sanchoniathon" (XIIIth CBC), as follows:

"He described ... four eyes, two placed in front and two in rear, two of these eyes were half closed; four wings at the shoulders, two raised as in flight, and two lowered."

Regarding the eyes, this allegory means that God sees while asleep, and sleeps while awake. Wings had the same symbolic sense: he flies though in repose, and rests though in flight. Mythology inspired the great architect Hiram of Tyre to make the ten bronze basins used for ablution next to the Temple of Solomon.

- 1 Kings 7 / 29. And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim: and upon the ledges there was a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen were certain additions made of thin work.
- 30. And every base had four brazen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver were undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.
- 33. And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, were all molten.



Cherub--headed incense burner Four eyes & four wings Carthage

The futuristic creator conceived the basins as saucers resting on four wheels, though no chariot was metallic, of hemispherical shape and without hitch. Even so fitted with wheels, they were motionless, just inspiring a dynamic. This design was of great help to Ezekiel; in his similar vision four centuries later, he described a pool of Hiram in motion, moved by divine power. The analogy is of staggering precision: a metallic chariot, in hemispherical shape, corresponding to a tank resting on four wheels surmounted with the same imposing decoration. He depicted the cherubim as follows:

Ezekiel 1 / 10. As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

19. And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.



The Vision of Ezekiel

We wonder who was the most inspired. Hiram had designed two cherubims diametrically opposed, the first presented a human face the second, seen from behind, had wings as an eagle. The climax of the parade is magnified by the presence of Lord's hosts. It is nevertheless surprising that the Almighty needed such an escort for His protection.

Christianity related the four faces of cherubims to the evangelists: the angel for Matthew, the lion for Mark, the ox for Luke and the eagle for John who romanced this allegory in the Apocalypse.

In Mesopotamia, these pristine beings, defying time and space, were easily mixed up with the legendary demigods or the giants: the Nephilim. The insidious disappearance of angels is concomitant with that of the devil. Nowadays, few people are possessed and most strange events are in fact diseases, physical phenomena or chemical processes.

The sex of Angels

These timeless beings have intrigued scholars by their hermaphroditism and intermediate status between the human and the divine. The matter became so widespread that a Council in Constantinople was devoted to them, still famous by its sterile diatribes. The constituent body of God's army, these warriors of excellence, could only be male. The problem was solved in the apocryphal gospels, women can not enter heaven, therefore angels were male.

Gospel of Thomas

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- -- Jesus said: here, while I will attract her to make her male so that she also becomes a living spirit like you males! For every woman who will

be made male will enter the heaven kingdom.

The Koran wondered about them, how dare we attribute to Allah the paternity of female angels?

Surah 37: SAFFAT

149. Now ask them their opinion: Is it that thy Lord has (only) daughters, and they have sons?-150. Or that We created the angels female, and they are witnesses (thereto)?

153. Did He (then) choose daughters rather than sons?

Surah 43: AZZUKHRUF (The Ornaments)

19. And they make into females angels who themselves serve Allah. Did they witness their creation? Their evidence will be recorded, and they will be called to account!

Tongues of fire

Angels, these winged creatures haunt all mythologies. The Psalms suggested they had been created from a blazing fire.

PSALMS 104 / 4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire.

The idea is shared by the Koran, which added a category of spirits: the jinns or genies also created from fire, they go underground even underwater. The latter species was enslaved to build the Temple of Jerusalem.

Surah 55: AR-RAHMAN (The Beneficent)

15. And He created Jinns from fire free of smoke:

Surah 38: SAD

37. As also the evil ones, (including) every kind of builder and diver,-

Wisdom can be classified in this category as a being created before the creation. It owes its personification to Solomon. The "book of Wisdom" is the religious principle of Islamic esoteric factions as the Druze.

Proverbs 8 / 22. The L IHVH Adonai possessed me (Wisdom) in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

The different tasks of the angels are well illustrated in this excerpt from the lyric book of JOB. First Speech: the functioning of the sky!

Chapter 38.

- 38:1 Then the L IHVH-Adonai answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
- 38:2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?
- 38:3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
- 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.
- 38:5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
- 38:6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof:
- 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of G Elohim shouted for joy?
- 38:8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?
- 38:9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,
- 38:10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,
- 38:11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

- 38:12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;
- 38:13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it? 38:14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.
- 38:15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.
- 38:16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?
- 38:17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?
- 38:18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.
- 38:19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof.
- 38:20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?
- 38:21 Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?
- 38:22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,
- 38:23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?
- 38:24 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?

- 38:25 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;
- 38:26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;
- 38:27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
- 38:28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?
- 38:29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?
- 38:30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.
- 38:31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?
- 38:32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?
- 38:33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?
- 38:34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?
- 38:35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go and say unto thee, Here we are?
- 38:36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?
- 38:37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,

38:38 When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?

38:39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions,

38:40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?

38:41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto G EI, they wander for lack of meat.



Incense burner topped with 4 cherubim, Tarquinia-Tuscany

Bible & Christ

Theogamy -- the union of a divine with a human being -- was admitted in the Fertile Crescent, it engendered demigods. This idea is clearly outlined in the Bible just before the Deluge.

Genesis 6 / 2 That the sons of G Elohim saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

This prepared smoothly the birth of Emmanuel, son of EL, in the minds of the time.

Christ was a great delusion for the Jews. His modesty and desolation were far from the glory and majesty of Caesar.

As a dissenting rabbi, he returned to the image of the founding father Abraham as an excellent shepherd. After Joseph -- Minister of Pharaoh --, Moses -- Prince of Egypt -- and the legendary splendid Solomon -- son-in-law of Pharaoh --. Jesus made a humble homecoming. In fact, the mission of Moses was only accomplished when he became the shepherd of his people through the desert like Abraham. Emmanuel, the pastor, was the opposite of Yahweh, God of hosts, angry, jealous and vindictive; warrior. substituted pardon to the law of retaliation. The Gospels attributed to him supernatural powers but his character remained human far from the glorious descriptions of Yahweh.

With Christ. reach we the pinnacle through transfiguration sublimation and of material cult. complete abandon Eucharist separates the body from blood so the sacrifice was kosher, but Emmanuel exorcised the tradition by the consumption of blood. He freed the Bible from worship constraints: the Temple of Jerusalem, the Sabbath, circumcision and discrimination against women and slaves. He abolished precepts of polygamy, racism, chosen people, power and money. He reduced the old law to a unique command: love, God is love. He spoiled his Judaism by opening the vocation to all humanity without segregation.

Emmanuel Jesus Christ

ISAIAH 7 / 14. Therefore the L Adonai himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. "Él-with-us".

Matthew 1 / 23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. "Él with us."

Christ freed man from expecting happiness in the afterlife, the well-being is in us: do to your neighbor what you do to yourself.

He is the cornerstone of the PHOENICIA CODE and the accomplishment of the cult of EL. He was announced in the Torah under the name of Emmanu-EL: EL with us, EL among us. He is the third person of the Trinity or triad of the PHOENICIA CODE:

*His Phoenician name is Emmanuel, EL with us.

*He was born in the cave of Adonis at Bethlehem. He is the son of El, God the father in the Phoenician triad.

*He is the Messiah, "anointed" with oil, ritual of Echmoun (oil) in Sidon.

*He abolished circumcision, which was not a Phoenician practice.

*He establishesd baptism for all. He opened to

women the path to priesthood and paradise. In Phoenicia, men and women were purified with water before praying.

*He consecrated bread and wine according to the Phoenician worship.

*He embodied the fate of Isaac who was to be sacrificed in the Phoenician way of human sacrifice. This memory is perpetuated in the Eucharistic sacrament.

*On the cross, he called EL, his father: Eli, Eli Lama sabaqtani? My El, my El, why hast thou forsaken me?

*He resurrected on the third day retracing the fate of Adonis.

Christ is undoubtedly the central person in theistic religions. He is the heart of the revelation. The Torah spoke of him in the future and the Koran in the past. Emmanuel is the strangest adventure of God among men. Emmanuel is with us, among us and in us. He is the hinge between the promise of God and man's salvation as a passage from earthly to heavenly Jerusalem.

The Torah preached his event, the Gospels reported his advent which seemed to loop the loop. At his death, he clearly said that the Scripture had been completed, the detail became cumbersome for the rest of the story.

From the literal to the moral

The genius of the Gospel is to be a rapporteur of the divine word, not the speech itself. It is primarily a biography of the last three years of Emmanuel's life. Jesus freed believers by inviting them to a minimum of rituals: baptism and Easter. Trying to complete the old law, he broke it and filled the gaps by love. The legacy of the Old Testament is due to the conservative Jewish apostles to be distinguished from Gentiles: pagans converted to Christianity. Jesus taught one prayer, the Pater Noster, only quoted by two evangelists: Matthew and Luke.

MAT 6 / 7. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

6:10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

LUKE 11 / 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

11:3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

11:4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Written later, Luke's version has been partly amputated, an evidence that early Christians did not remember this prayer by heart and did not recite it as often as we think. The ultimate Imploration of Emmanuel on the cross met the same fate.

Mt 27 / 46 "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?"

The evangelists had well received Christ's message not to alienate men with literal meanings but imbue them with moral values. The teaching of Emmanuel is substantially parabolic, away from divine dictates. It shows a way without imposing a law. Nothing is fixed, faith is a dynamic equilibrium that man renews without the need of decrees.

The Koran was embarrassed by the status of Issa Christ, in fact, he merely followed the Gospels. Its methodical application to challenge the divinity of Christ tended to confirm it. It consacred the purity of Mary at her conception, so that she could carry Issa, fruit of the Holy Spirit and word of Allah. Dogmas of the Immaculate Conception, the Trinity and the Incarnation are thus confirmed. Jesus' human nature has been compromised by his birth, he was not born like others.

With the permission of Allah, the Koran attributed to Christ all divine qualities: omniscience, forgiveness of sins, miraculous healings, resurrection of the dead and creation of beings from clay.

To bring Jesus to a strictly human dimension, the Koran argues that he fed real food with his mother, which is incompatible with divine nature. Also it wondered about his death and his elevation to God: was he dead or alive?

Of Mysteries

Controversies have proliferated about his paternity, his childhood, his life between the ages of 13 and 30 years, his celibacy and his siblings. His Resurrection and miraculous powers are no less enigmatic. At his baptism, he was a stranger to his cousin John Baptist, whose Essenian teaching made no doubt.

John 1 / 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Another observation about the crucifixion is noteworthy in three Gospels: has Christ announced it by anticipation, or the narrators by posticipation?

Matthew 10 / 38. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

16 / 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mark 8 / 34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Luke 9 / 23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

14 / 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

In canonical Gospels, he is attributed siblings, the epistles talk about Jacob, the patriarch of Jerusalem, as brother of the Lord. It would have been easy for his detractors, the Jews and the Romans, to leave a written proof instead of blurring doubt. While sarcasms and rumors in Eastern societies had been perpetuated for centuries, no trace was left about this subject. Apocryphal Gospels provided only partial answers. During his childhood, he played only with neighbors' children and at the foot of the cross none of his siblings was present, etc.. It would have been comfortable for the Koran to report evidence of the marriage of Mary and siblings of Christ in order to humanize them

definitively. It is still a mystery.

He remained unmarried and died as a martyr of human injustice and religious fanaticism. He left us his cross as a symbol of supreme sacrifice, he offered himself in absolute love. He kept out of politics and power, he lived as a marginal at the head of a small clan of no interest, hence the interest!



Bible & Phoenicia

Phoenician mythology combines ingredients of the Thoranic religion as it was designed, developed and implemented gradually over time. For this adventure, the Jews have not found better allies than the Phoenicians and vice versa.

The Phoenicians had the skills to develop business and navigation. They have never formed a great nation, they lived free and independent in small nuclei scattered along the Lebanese coast. Despite some strifes for domination, they were pacifists out of necessity. They often let invaders come in preferring a constructive pact rather than a destructive resistance.

Navy armament was facilitated by the treasure of cedar forests. From the fourth millennium BC, they provided the fleet of several nations especially Egypt. Their astrological knowledge was essential to identify sea lanes to reach their counters through the Mediterranean and beyond. The goal was not to conquer or colonize but simply to implant counters in all of Mare Nostrum.

Marketing and trading were the basis of their assessment of diverse values. To this end, they miniaturized industrial chains to facilitate barter and search for new attractive articles. Trade required communication skills in foreign languages which led to the simplest alphabet, fruit of a vast research.

vehicle This broadcasted inevitably ideological heritage and religious concepts. They managed to sale myriad of ridiculous exvotos, from clay or bronze, loaded with great ideas and hopes of prosperity or healing. the mother of the revolutionary Byblos. alphabet, was able to spread the cult of EL, Astarte (Aphrodite), Adon (Adonis) and Baal, etc...

For 30 centuries, the Jews had been nomadic tribes traveling in the Middle East from Mesopotamia to Egypt, where they stayed for 430 years. Only after the exodus, the tradition from oral became written; we can assume that it included approximations and foreign influences.

Phoenician genesis adopted the six day creation which began by the release of light. Its particularity lies in the initial abyss where the wind (breath of life)) and desire (love of EL) prevailed. Originally an egg – god MOT -contained the seed of every creature in an inert state, it was animated by the desire of EL. Thanks to EL, the egg opened and released the light: sun, moon and stars. The concept of a solid egg survived in Christianity with Easter's egg, symbol of resurrection. In the seventh century the Koran alluded to it:

Surah 23: Al-Müminün (The Believers)

- 12. Man We did create from a quintessence (of clay);
- 13. Then We placed him as (a drop of) sperm in a place of rest, firmly fixed;

Surah 77: Al-Mursalát (Emissaries)

20. Have We not created you from a fluid (held) despicable?-

21. The which We placed in a place of rest, firmly fixed,

From Egypt to Mesopotamia, religious barriers watertiaht. lt would not not presumptuous to attribute to the Phoenicians transmission of beliefs by closeness, familiality, mobility and the alphabet. Presumably, they exported as many gods as they imported, but the Bible mentioned only the names of their gods: Elohim, Baal, Adonai and especially EL. Lucidity prevailing in that pragmatic civilization made them avoid deifiying persons and animals. However, Minotaurs were carved at the foot of statues with human faces and composite bodies that symbolized the unity of life.

The obedience to Egyptian, Babylonian or Persian gods contained the yoke of slavery and political subservience to dominant and arrogant authorities. At different periods of occupation, major regional powers imposed their idols in the Temple of Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 33 / 15 And he took away the strange gods Elohim, and the idol out of the house of the L Elohim,

In this region, nations were identified by their ethno-political context. The strength of the

Phoenicians was their weakness. Without resistance, their neighbors embraced EL's worship which insidiously penetrated them as a dream of liberation.

Later, the Jews adopted spontaneously and recurrently Baal's worship and dedicated temples to Aschtarté. They practiced fasting for Adonis, lamented his death and rejoiced in his resurrection.

The worship of Elohim – plural of EL-- lasted for 22 centuries from Adam to Isaac; Jacob stripped the plural to avoid any polytheistic confusion. He himself lived the "nocturne fight" with EL and received his blessing and his name of Israel. He built an altar to EL--Elohim Israel: El, God of Israel. Jacob founded the pure obedience of EL and his worship lasted for 5 more centuries.

During the exodus, in the thirteenth CBC, Moses revealed Yahweh to his people, and forbade them to pronounce his name! So he baptized Him Adonai by the name of the Phoenician Adon.

The seminal work of Dr. Contenau <u>The</u> <u>Phoenician Civilization</u>, informs us about <u>Phoenician philosophy as follows:</u>

"One thing exists if it has a name. The name implies the existence and identifies a subject; appoint a thing is creating it, stating that an act has already been done. If you call god by his name, you evoke him. Since coming to the call

of his name is obeying, it follows that man can become, to a certain extent, the master of god. The way to counter such a problem is to hide the name of god in a paraphrase. This was applied by Hebrews for whom the Name of God was ineffable."

Therefore, the custom was that the secret Name was pronounced by the high priest only on festivals or disasters. Israel borrowed this idea from the Phoenician cult.

In excess of zeal, the Phoenicians loaned Baal to their permissive neighbors, against what the prophet Elias rose up; he fought him on Mount Carmel -- garden of EL: Baal had to disappear in favor of EL. To avoid any confusion about Aschtarté, whenever she was mentioned in the Torah, it was specified: the divinity of Sidon.

Judges 10 / 6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the L IHVH-Adonai, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods Elohim of Zidon, ...

1 Kings 11/33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess Elohim of the Zidonians,...

1 Kings 16 / 31 ... that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

However, many details referred to the perseverance of Jewish idolatry from Phoenician origin. The most famous case was

that of Solomon, toward the end of his life when he devoted himself to Aschtarté at the expense of Yahweh.

1 Kings 11 / 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess Elohim of the Zidonians,...

Paradoxically, the Torah provided a written evidence of the devotion of King Hiram of Tyre to Adonai Elohim. Was it a natural exchange or a transition of the same religion?

1 Kings 5 / 7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD Adonai-IHVH this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

2 Chronicles 2 / 11. Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD IHVH Adonal hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

12 Huram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD IHVH-Adonai, God Elohim of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD IHVH-Adonai, and an house for his kingdom.

Throughout the Torah, all the prophets, till the Maccabees at the dawn of our era, had banished Baal's cult and denounced the idolatry of Aschtarté. Ezekiel flays the worship of Adonis

(Thammouz) during exile. Nothing was done against Elohim; El was already the divine essence of the Bible.



Idolatry of Solomon

History of a thousand year old alliance

Long before the founding of the kingdom, the organization of Israel was inspired by Phoenician cities; the reign of judges – Shophets -- was modeled on suffetes' administration in Tyre.

1 Kings 5 / 12 And the L YHVH-Adonai gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

Renowned for their trade and pacifism, the Phoenicians established friendly relationships with the Jews despite a few conflicts. The territories of Samaria and Galileo were alternately under the regency of Tyre or the kingdom of Israel.

1 Kings 9 / 11 ... that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galileo. 2 Chronicles 8 / 2. That the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

Phoenician royal princesses were Queens of Samaria and Judah; they brought to Israel some border towns as dowries. Alliances were common among the two peoples and their dialects were very close. These exchanges persisted until the time of Jesus who lived,

preached and performed miracles in the heart of Phoenicia, from Cana to Sidon.

The Phoenicians worked as builders for Solomon, for over forty years, they built the Temple, the palace, the fortifications as well as various properties of Solomon in Lebanon.

- 2 Chronicles 8 / 1. And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the L IHVH-Adonai, and his own house,
- 2. That the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.
- 6. And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion. 8 / 18. And Huram sent him by the hands of his servants servants ships. and that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

Obviously, the trade of Israel depended on Tyre. They taught the Jews how to count, (they have been quick to learn!)

1 Kings 9 / 27. And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the

sea, with the servants of Solomon.

2 Chronicles 9 / 10. And the servants also of Huram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum trees and precious stones.

The maritime trade exposed the nomads to a new culture and gave them a taste for gold, diamonds, gemstones, purple, ivory and so on. During the reigns of David and Solomon, both peoples lived in friendship with the support of King Hiram of Tyre.

1 Kings 5 / 1. And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

The Bible never used these terms about another king. To illustrate the continuity of this relationship, a few centuries later, Phoenicia was called again for the construction of the Second Temple.

Ezra 3 / 7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

The Alphabet

The alphabet was the major Phoenician invention. They desecrated writing for trade purposes, it became the tool for education, democratization and communication between people until today. They were very advanced; from Thales to Pythagoras, Greek philosophy was called Phoenician then Egyptian from Plato on. Political and economic model came directly from Phoenicia. The Phoenician alphabet was as necessary for the transcription of Greek philosophy as for the Torah.

The attribution of the authorship of the Bible to Moses was subject to controversies. However the first three millenia of biblical stories, from Adam to Joseph, represented a little volume ratio. Oral tradition allowed to transmit main facts only, writing became widespread only under David and Solomon: two books of Samuel, two books of Kings and two books of Chronicles. In this period, characterized by Phoenician omnipresence in fortified Jerusalem, the effect of literacy on the Jews could be felt.

2 Chronicles 2 / 11. Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the L IHVH Adonai hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

It was specified that king Hiram "answered in writing", to be read: the Hebraic alphabet used to be Phoenician at that time. King Hiram of Tyre is the author of the first written authentic "faith in Elohim Creator" through the history of mankind.

We notice the concomitant apparition of literature and poetry just after long tumultuous episodes. This may reasonably be the result of translation and education due to the teaching of the Phoenician classical heritage to their assiduous Jewish students. The strictly secular "Song of Songs" was inspired by the serenades of Adonis, the Lamentations are those of Aschtarté of which King Solomon was connoisseur. King David provided an irrefutable proof of this teaching, stating that Israel imitated the Phoenicians in every thing and learned their works.

Psalms 106 / 34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the L IHVH Adonai commanded them:

- 35. But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.
- 36. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.
- 38. And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

Of Liturgy

Sacred art was rich in songs and poems beside music and dance. Surprisingly enough, the shepherd king David improvised as a poet, singer and dancer in front of the Ark of the Covenant.

As a liturgical heritage, we still to recite the famous mantra "my Lord and God: Adonai and Eli". It would not be surprising if the Books of Psalms, Wisdom and Proverbs were an adapted translation from Phoenician literature.

The Ugarit tablets, dating from the fourteenth CBC. prove the existence of a written corpus "striking in its similarity to the Bible. They have delivered psalms, proverbs, hymns and lamentations," according to Jerusalem Biblical School archaeologist, the Dominican Humbert JB (1997):

"The discovery in Ugarit of another Canaanite literature (before we only knew the Bible!), threw a vivid light on a religion similar to ancient Judaism. Many ideas were distorted. The famous Jerusalem was then a small quarter, and the Powerful Lord temples were not larger than a sacristy. Israel proved to be a remote province under its powerful neighbors' influence, its inhabitants were only trying to imitate others' arts and morals."

Of Dogmas

Our thesis is based on the analysis of the main dogmas. It would have been simple to consider the divine nomenklatura only. Our research must go beyond adapted legends common to peoples of the Fertile Crescent from Genesis to the Deluge. We have to invest the core of dogmas through their natural evolution.

* The Trinity: the Cult of EL

The Phoenician triad, "father, mother and son", introduced the concept of the Trinity without raising questions. The problem was to remove insidiously the woman, symbol of fertility, considered by the Jews unclean and ever forbidden from paradise. The feminine principle has been replaced by the Holy Spirit who crystallized fertility through the incarnation of Jesus. The dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit is none other than the fetish of Aschtarté. Christianity enshrines an image of the Holy Family similar to the divine family of EL, Aschtarté and Adonis.

Wheat and beer represented offering ingredients in Egypt, in Phoenicia it was the eucharist of bread and wine.

Ge 14 / 18. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high G Él' Éliôn the Supreme Él.



The dove of Aschtarté Le Louvre

* Human Holocaust: the Cult of Baal

Human sacrifice was an exceptional practice in the cases of cataclysm, epidemic plagues or wars. Isaac, who was intended for this sacrifice, was replaced by a sheep: the lamb of God who took away the sin of the world. The tradition is common to the three biblical religions. The Eucharist uses the same symbolic theme of human sacrifice through Emmanuel: the body and blood of Jesus are represented by bread and wine.

Jeremiah 19 / 5 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind: Judges 3 / 5. And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: 6. And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods Elohims.

Psalms 106 / 38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

If Isaac had escaped the mishap, the daughter of Jephthah was indeed the victim, alas!

Judge Jephthah sacrificed his daughter to Yahweh.

Judges 11 / 30. And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the L IHVH-Adonai, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

31. Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's IHVH-Adonai, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering. 34. And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

35. And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter!

thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the L IHVH-Adonai, and I cannot go back.

36. And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the L IHVH-Adonai, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the L IHVH-Adonai hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon.

37. And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.

It is a clear allusion to Aschtarté's congregations. Priestesses went on pilgrimages to mountains to celebrate the Adoniass which ended in mating rituals with immaculate virgins.

Judges 11 / 38. And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

- 39. And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,
- 40. That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

King Ahaz sacrificed his son to Yahweh.

2 Kings 16 / 3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the L IHVH- Adonai cast out from before the children of Israel.

The penetration of Phoenician worship into Arabia lasted longer than the Mesopotamian as evidenced by the Koran in the seventh century.

Surah 37: SAFFAT 125. Will ye call upon Baal and forsake the Best of Creators,...

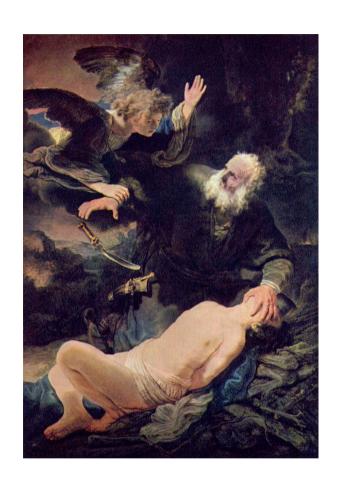
The Koran denounced the worship of Baal and its incumbent human sacrifices in the Pre-Islamic Arabian tradition of burying girls alive in the desert.

Sourate 6: AL-ANAM (The Cattle)

137. Even so, in the eyes of most of the pagans, their "partners" made alluring the slaughter of their children,...

Surah 81: AT-Takwir (Darkening)

- 8. When the female (infant), buried alive, is questioned –
- 9. For what crime she was killed;



* The Resurrection: the Cult of Adonis

The resurrection confirms the eternity of God and regeneration of mankind in a new life. The phenomenon happened in Byblos, the holy city of Adonis. Osiris and Gilgamesh came to Byblos in search of the resurrection precept for humanity's salvation. Festivals dedicated to Adonis were named "Adoniass".

Ezekiel 8 / 14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's IHVH-Adonaï house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz (Adonis).

"The quotation alludes to women's custom who lamented, for several days, in search of god. Women with disheveled hair, others shaved, others bruising their chest with signs of violent consternation, roaming the streets looking for someone or sitting in a circle around a coffin which was a sarcophagus intended to receive the painted wooden statue representing the body of god Tammuz (Adonis). The dead was mourned for several days and then buried. "Tiele", Comparative History Of Ancient Religions.

Plato quoted Socrates' metaphor about the gardens of Adonis.

"If an intelligent farmer holds seeds and wants fruits, would he seriously sow them in midsummer in the gardens of Adonis for the pleasure of seeing these gardens become superb in eight days? Phaedrus, 276 b, trans. Robin.

In <u>The Banquet</u> or <u>The Caesars</u> XXIV, trans. Lacombrade, Julien illustrated the ephemeral aspect of this plantation:

- What do you mean by the gardens of Adonis?
 Silenus replies:
- --Those that women plant in honor of the lover of Aphrodite, filling flower vases with soil. They remain green for a moment and fade soon.

During the processions to temples, the gardens of Adonis were placed around the altar. Preceded by a period of fasting, the Adonias lasted three days devoted to Adonis' death, burial and resurrection. Easter Holy Week concludes on the same mode.

Adonias' rituals were the preserve of Aschtarté's priestesses whose cult was closely related to the passion of Adonis. They organized mourning and lamentations. The banquet ended with sacral couplings in early July (Thammouz). The interval of nine months corresponding to pregnancy ended up in births in the following spring, thus Adonis regenerated life.

Of Temples

Without dwelling on the architecture of temples, enclosures and Tabernacles, we notice that the Phoenicians built the Temple of Solomon. Is it not surprising that the only temple dedicated to the glory of Yahweh was conceived and executed by the Phoenicians like the temple of Melkart in Tyre or of EL in Byblos? Cedar and materials, architects and masons came from Phoenicia. Thanks to metallurgical mastery, they realized the two bronze twisted columns at the entrance: Boaz and Jachin.

The unique deist religion, so lealous and conservative, allowed outsiders to violate its privacy in the most sacred Holy of Holies. The great architect Hiram of Tyre was murdered after the completion of the Temple. His leaend is the basis of the Masonic tradition, as he raises in each Mason Master. Did the Phoenicians have the prerogative to create religions and structure brotherhoods around resurrection for eternity? The location of temples was chosen on a hill beside a spring. The interior was adorned with hangings of purple and precious ritual objects. Elsewhere, the holy of holies was symbolised by a stele used as tabernacle: the Naos, sheltering a statuette of EL in a geode. Another type of temple was the betyl: beth -- EL = house of EL. Archeologists often found human remains under religious monuments reminding the cult of relics of early Christians.

Of Rituals

The ritual of purification with water and anointing with oil are not foreign to our heritage with subtle variations in baptism, confirmation and ablution.

In funerary art, the deceased was installed in a

fetal position in an ovoid urn to reinstate the original egg of god MOT. The urn containing remains or ashes, was buried in labyrinthic wells like catacombs to avoid desecration. Later sarcophagi were used, and this custom spread out of Phoenicia.

Having adopted the Yahwist tradition of creation from clay, religions of the Bible advocate a return to the earth, what simplified burials.



Ceramic Ibero-Punic Elche, the Island of Rabbits. A procession with palm holders.

Conclusion

The whole cult (the name of God EL, dogmas, architecture, liturgy, offerings and other rituals) was integrated in the Torah as a cohesive unit, without equivalent in any religion of that time.

We can say that the Phoenicians established EL as God of the Bible with his incumbent concepts: the Trinity, the Eucharist (human sacrifice), the Resurrection, water purification and oil anointing.

Israel was deported for centuries in Egypt and elsewhere; the trace it left is minor: a single hieroglyphic quote. If Egyptian and Mesopotamian influences are evident in the Bible, they did not go beyond the Deluge; their impact is generic, unspecific and inconclusive. It is by far less important than the Phoenician heritage compiled by the Bible as the alphabet, alliances and the building of the Temple. The name of Yahweh never merged with other deities than EL, Elohim or Adonai.

The Phoenician contribution is finalized by the Gospels in the dogmas of the Trinity, human sacrifice and the Resurrection. Biblical religion is the culmination of ELISM: the Phoenician religion of EL.



Punic Priest in celebration Carthage Museum

Bible & Koran

The Koran is the third testament of the Bible. The Torah is the Koran of the chosen people, the Koran is the Torah of nations. Judaism is the Islam of the chosen people and Islam is the Judaism of nations.

Except for the original sin, the Koran adopted the concepts of the Torah and continued its tradition. Allah, God of the Jihad, is none other than Yahweh: God of hosts.

Unlike other sacred books, the whole revelation was the work of angel Gabriel dictated in Mecca and Medina, in two radically different styles in form and substance. Authenticity and integrity of the Koran have been widely disputed. What has survived is a synthesis gathered under the third caliph, Osman, who ordered to burn all copies. Only the version of Ali escaped and was hidden; it was three times longer. Despite controversies, Gabriel had a perfect knowledge of the Judeo-Christian canon. The first part of the suras is spiritual, promising a paradise of pleasures, the second is rather a menace in case of deviation or waiver.

The Torah gradually developed over a thousand years; the early faith was not exactly the same at the end. The same progressive methodology was followed by Koranic revelation in the divine path of initiation. The merit of the Koran is to be written in a clear and straightforward manner, which does not hide its own contradictions; for example a surah may cancel another.

Sourate 17: AL-ISRA (The Night Journey) 106. (It is) a Qur'an which We have divided (into parts from time to time), in order that thou mightest recite it to men at intervals: We have revealed it by stages.

Allah

Through the Koran, Allah benefitted 99 qualifiers known as the Beautiful Names. The invocation of God is always done by a triad "In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful". One could see an allusion to the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is quoted on four occasions.

Surah 2: Al-Bagarah (The COW)

87. ... We gave Jesus the son of Mary Clear (Signs) and strengthened him with the <u>holy spirit</u>....

253. ... to Jesus the son of Mary We gave clear (Signs), and strengthened him with the <u>holy spirit</u>....

Surah 5: AL-MA-Idah (The Table Spread)

110. Then will Allah say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Recount My favour to thee and to thy mother. Behold! I strengthened thee with the holy spirit, so that thou didst speak to the people in childhood and in maturity....

Surah 16: AN-NAHL (THE BEE)

102. Say, the <u>Holy Spirit</u> has brought the revelation from thy Lord in Truth, in order to strengthen those who believe, and as a Guide and Glad Tidings to Muslims.

Surah 19: MARYAM (MARY) Pickthal

17. And had chosen seclusion from them. Then We sent unto her Our Spirit and it assumed for her the likeness of a perfect man.

Surah 66: AT-TAHRIM (The Prohibition)

12. And Mary the daughter of 'Imran, who guarded her chastity; and We breathed into (her body) of Our spirit;...

The Holy Spirit is associated with Christ and Mary as to confirm the concept of the Trinity. Outside of Koranic recitation, the traditional way of praying Allah is by the name of Allahum, a declination of Elohim.

Of Genesis

Genesis in the Koran followed the Yahwist tradition. First, Allah created from nothing by the word, then He varied his media: He used any form of earth (dust, mud, clay, terra-cotta...), water, semen, blood clot or leeches.

The Koran related the creation of jinns or genii -- a unique caste in the scripture -- from tongues of fire.

Sourate55: AR-RAHMAN (The Beneficent)

14. He created man from sounding clay like unto pottery,

15. And He created Jinns from fire free of smoke:

PSALMS 104 / 4. Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Believers are reminded of the creation throughout the text to get a sense of absolute dependence on Allah.

Of Abraham

Abraham is the founding father of monotheism to whom Islam refers. He lived in the vicinity of Mecca and abolished idolatry from the pagan temple. When he was going to sacrify Ishmael on Mount Arafat in a Phoenician manner, Allah spared him at the last moment. It's the same episode as in the Bible except for the permutation of Isaac, father of the Jewish people, by Ishmael, father of the Arab nation. In return, Abraham received the priviledge to perform miracles.

Surah 2: Al-Baqarah (The COW)

260. When Abraham said: "Show me, Lord, how You will raise the dead, " He replied: "Have you no faith?" He said "Yes, but just to reassure my heart." Allah said, "Take four birds, draw them to you, and cut their bodies to pieces. Scatter them over the mountain-tops, then call them back. They will come swiftly to you. Know that Allah is Mighty, Wise."

Of Rituals

The Koran restored circumcision. Mohammed only received a singular purification when the angel opened his breast and took away a black mark from his heart:

Surah 94: Al Inchira (The Consolation)

- 1. Have We not expanded thee thy breast?-
- 2. And removed from thee thy burden

The prayer is to be performed five times a day, early in the morning until late in the evening. Thus, faith is omnipresent in everyday life. The ablution with water or pure sand, of the face, extremities and genitals, is required before praying.

Surah 4: An-Nisa '(The WOMEN)
43. O ye who believe! Approach not prayers with

a mind befogged, until ye can understand all that ye say,- nor in a state of ceremonial impurity (Except when travelling on the road), until after washing your whole body. If ye are ill, or on a journey, or one of you cometh from offices of nature, or ye have been in contact with women, and ye find no water, then take for yourselves clean sand or earth, and rub therewith your faces and hands. For Allah doth blot out sins and forgive again and again.

It restored the halal dietary like the biblical kosher, adding to it the prohibition of alcohols.

Of Pilgrimage

From the time of idolatry, Islam kept the Black Stone, the Kaaba; what would have been better than a stone fallen from the sky? Pilgrimage to this meteorite is the fifth pillar of Islam. This celestial body is the sacred stone on which Abraham is supposed to have made offerings to Elohim.

Sourat 22: AL-HAJJ (The Pilgrimage)
26. Behold! We gave the site, to Abraham, of the

(Sacred) House, (saying): "Associate not anything (in worship) with Me; and sanctify My House for those who compass it round, or stand up, or bow, or prostrate themselves (therein in prayer).

27. "And proclaim the Pilgrimage among men: they will come to thee on foot and (mounted) on every kind of camel, lean on account of journeys through deep and distant mountain highways;

As in Judaism, there is only one holy place: The Kaaba in Mecca, equivalent to the Holy of Holies in the Temple of Jerusalem. Like synagogues, mosques have no sacred character.

Of the Islamic Society

The Koran instituted the domination of the circumcised (purified); they are the only ones allowed to touch it.

Surah 56: Al-WAQI'A 78. In Book well-guarded, 79. Which none shall touch but those who are clean: (circumcised)

It established a status for women almost similar to that in the Torah including polygamy. It quantified the female to the half of a male. Surah 4: An-Nisa '(The WOMEN)

11. Allah (thus) directs you as regards your Children's (Inheritance): to the male, a portion equal to that of two females:...

Surah 2: Al-Baqarah (The COW)

282 ... and get two witnesses, out of your own men, and if there are not two men, then a man and two women, such as ye choose, for witnesses, so that if one of them errs, the other can remind her....

Slavery was a common practice and was part of the spoils of war.

Other disposals were likely to regulate the life of Mohammed with his wives, cousins and opponents. The Koran recounted in details the jousts of the Jews of Khaibar and the Christians of Mecca and Najran. Muhammad was the head chief of tribes for the governance, alliances and wars.

The Koran has a civil and a criminal jurisdiction to conduct the social contract of the Islamic community. Muhammad prophesied solutions to any problem, this practice made Islam a theocratic system par excellence.

About the Gospels

The Koran acquiesced the event of Jesus, son of Mary, acknowledging all his marks of divinity as recounted in the Gospels.

Surah 3: AL-IMRAN (The Family Of Imran) 49. "And (appoint him) a messenger to the Children of Israel, (with this message): "I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, in that I make for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by Allah's leave: And I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I quicken the dead, by Allah's leave; and I declare to you what ye eat, and what ye store in your houses. Surely therein is a Sign for you if ye did believe;

The editor of the Koran revealed his perfect knowledge of canonical and apocryphal gospels in particular that of Bartholomew concerning the childhood of Mary and Jesus. This allows substantial parallels.

Surah 7: Al-ARAF

40. To those who reject Our signs and treat them with arrogance, no opening will there be of the gates of heaven, nor will they enter the garden, until the camel can pass through the eye of the needle: Such is Our reward for those in sin.

Mark 10 / 25. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Like Christianism, the appeal of the Koran is universal; it abolishes elitism. It carries on the spirit of the covenants from Abraham to Moses, and the third testament of the Bible.

The conversion to Islam by word turned into a compelling obligation by sword. The Koran decreed a divine mandate to convert the world through holy war: Jihad. If the principle of sacred war is very old, the conquest in the name of religion is an institutional result of Islamic law.

Strangely fabulous

Beyond the Gospels, the Koran relayed Christian fables and folk beliefs, giving them a divine meaning in the Surah al-Kahf: the Cave. Strangely, it praised the exploits of St. George and Alexander the Great: Zul—Qarnain, considering him as a messenger of Allah.

Surah 18: Al-Kahf (the Cave)

83. They ask thee concerning Zul-qarnain. Say, "I will rehearse to you something of his story." 84. Verily We established his power on earth, and We gave him the ways and the means to all ends.

91. It was so, and we embrace Our understood what they have.

Judaism requires the determinism of obedience, Islam orders the fatalism of submission.

Bible & Jerusalem

Jerusalem: terrestrial or celestial?

After centuries of wandering, King David chose Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Doing so, he abandoned the tent in favor of a concrete house with the help of his friend King Hiram of Tyre. During his conquests, he amassed a fortune, he bequeathed to his youngest son the task to build the Temple. We owe to Solomon the site of this monument which is still disputed in modern history.

The Temple

The Temple was the unique sacred place where the Ark of the Covenant was bathed in the nebula of Yahweh. There, worship was celebrated with offerings and sacrifices. Devoid of sanctity, synagogues were places for meeting and teaching the Torah's scrolls.

The plan of the Temple was predicted in prophecies as the destiny of the son of the widow, Master Hiram, to take part in the work. A detailed plan was revealed by Yahweh through generations. The prophets have humanized the Lord and tried to tame him to consult his oracle at any time, his presence was permanent in the Holy of Holies. Like Jacob-Israel at the end of his "nocturne fight" with EL, the vocation of the temple was to capture Yahweh.



Temple of Jerusalem

Temple and Masonry

It was a fusional period between Phoenicia and the kingdom of Israel. All Tyre was mobilized for the major project of the millennium which lasted seven years and employed 150 000 experienced artisans on land and sea. The Bible related sophisticated techniques of construction and a highly developed the organization of labor for that time.

- 1 Kings 5 / 14. And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.
- 15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains;
- 1 Kings 6 / 7. And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.
- 1 Kings 6 / 18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen.
- 1 Kings 7 / 9. these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.
- 10. And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

Grand Master Hiram

- 1 Kings 7 / 14 He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.
- 15 For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.
- 2 Chronicles 2 / 13 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Huram my father's, (Hiram Abi)
- 14 The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord Adon David thy father.

2 Chronicles 3 / 17. And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

Master Hiram has been for the Temple of Jerusalem what Michelangelo and Bernini have been for St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He was architecture. Master in all arts: sculpture. jewelry. His metalwork and construction technique with "pre-cut stones" adopted by operative masonry and implemented in cathedrals. His theological knowledge enabled him to reproduce in the sanctuary a series of symbols wich became speculative masonic emblems.

A victim of his genius, the great architect, Hiram of Tyre, was murdered after the completion of his work, so that he took away with him the secrets of the Temple as it was the custom throughout history. His legend is the basis of the Masonic tradition; he resurrects in each Master Mason. This is another Phoenician corporation, which has survived.

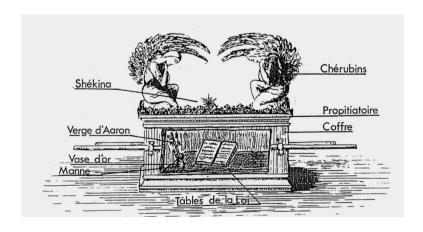
In the aftermath, Solomon had his own palace built for thirteen years; he simply called it the "Forest of Lebanon".

The reform of Jewish faith was due to the genius of Master Hiram. During the reign of Josiah, in the seventh CBC, the lost scroll of the Torah was found in a secret lodge of the

Temple, well preserved from profanation. The discovery brought about a major religious reform that ended the approximation of oral tradition. Furthermore, Ezekiel's vision of the chariot of Yahweh was due to the design of Master Hiram.

A few centuries later, the Phoenicians were asked again to build the second temple.

Ezra 3 / 7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.



Jerusalem in the Koran: Al-Quds

The Koran glorified the craft and knowledge of the Phoenicians who built the Temple.

Surah 34: Saba (Sheba)

- 12. And to Solomon (We made) the Wind (obedient): Its early morning (stride) was a month's (journey), and its evening (stride) was a month's (journey); and We made a Font of molten brass to flow for him; and there were Jinns that worked in front of him, by the leave of his Lord, and if any of them turned aside from our command, We made him taste of the Penalty of the Blazing Fire.
- 13. They worked for him as he desired, (making) arches, images, basons as large as reservoirs, and (cooking) cauldrons fixed (in their places): "Work ye, sons of David, with thanks! but few of My servants are grateful!"

Surah 21: Al-Anbiya (The Prophets)

81. (It was Our power that made) the violent (unruly) wind flow (tamely) for Solomon, to his order, to the land which We had blessed: for We do know all things.

82. And of the evil ones, were some who dived for him, and did other work besides; and it was We Who guarded them.

Surah 38: SAD

37. As also the evil ones, (including) every kind of builder and diver,-

The Jinns who worked for Salomon were Phoenician masters in all arts on land and sea: "builders and divers". The description of Solomon's palace by the Queen of Sheba was fabulous.

Surah 27: An-Naml (The Ant)

44. She was asked to enter the lofty Palace: but when she saw it, she thought it was a lake of water, and she (tucked up her skirts), uncovering her legs. He said: "This is but a palace paved smooth with slabs of glass." She said: "O my Lord! I have indeed wronged my soul: I do (now) submit (in Islam), with Solomon, to the Lord of the Worlds."

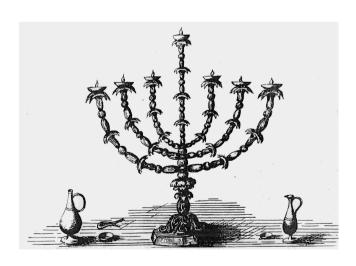
Jerusalem was the destination of Muhammad leading the caravan of Khédija, the widow who became his first wife. Guided by angel Gabriel in his ascent to heaven, his first leap took him

from Mecca to Jerusalem, a necessary step to the beyond. This is why prayers were directed to Jerusalem until the sixteenth month of the Hijra. So, earthly and heavenly paths cross in Jerusalem.

Surah 17 AL-ISRA (The Night Journey)

1. Glory to (Allah) Who did take His servant for a Journey by night from the Sacred Mosque to the farthest Mosque, whose precincts We did bless, in order that We might show him some of Our Signs: for He is the One Who heareth and seeth (all things).

The route retracing the Night Journey of Muhammad became a part of Muslims' pilgrimage.



Place of concord or discord?

Mohammed landed on the esplanade where Al-Aqsa would be built later over the ruins of Solomon's Temple. We are in the embarrassment of two divine orders. For believers, the two locations overlap.

Now, to rebuild the Temple would mean to destroy Al-Aqsa and, beyond the site, determine the primacy of the divine principle: Yahweh or Allah? The Temple of Concord became a place of discord.

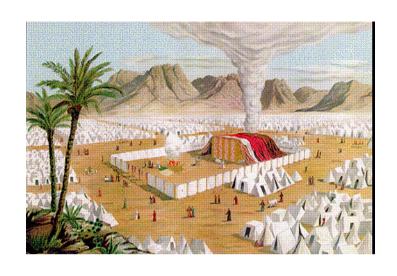
With time everything moves on earth, even continents, magnetic field and poles, so why not move the temple a few meters further, just enough to touch the Wailing Wall? Precisely, those few feet embody the encroachment of Allah on the land of Yahweh. That is the problem.

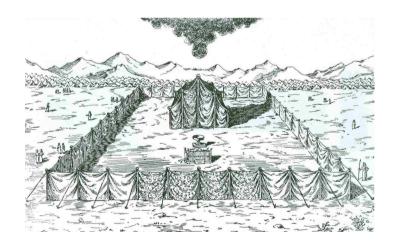
The Mobile Temple

Ezekiel 4 / 1 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem:

Blessed be the time when the Ark of the Covenant traveled freely following without any constraint the journey of Israel in Sinai. Ezekiel's vision illustrated the omnipresence of Yahweh in the universe, His chariot flew over all the Promised Land. Was it necessary to wall Yahweh in a few square meters against His will according to Solomon's decision? Solomon who finally turned to the cult of Aschtarté. Who can believe this misadventure?

Christ's teaching broke this tradition. Christ finished his journey in earthly Jerusalem and Emmanuel aspired to heavenly Jerusalem, so Peter's successors resided indifferently Rome or Constantinople. The place has lost its of favor the importance in symbol. We consider the Mobile Temple in the tent of Moses, in the vision of Ezekiel and the worship of El as a solution. Through the Eucharist, Emmanuel made his body the Temple, the sacrifice and the Holy of Holies.





Bible & History

The scripture is a compilation of legends and epics borrowed and adapted by the chosen people according to their nomadic lifestyle and deportations across the Fertile Crescent. This disparate blend ended up cluttering the life of the believer who is bound to adhere or to be excluded. Without free understanding, the spirit of the adept becomes sterile.

The beliefs, rituals, traditions, practices, prophets, Saints are the decorum of religions that give moral guidance and examples of life. Rigidity must be broken in favor of faith in God.

Throughout the history of religions

All religions tend to offer an ideal for believers from the origin to the end of time. From Genesis to Apocalypse, we have considered possible scenarios without finding a brilliant future. Yet we cannot imagine that the wonderful adventure of life would lead to nothing.

Earliest human societies were established around a watering place which divided them into two categories: urban communities beside rivers and nomads in search of oases. Gods were living with them, it was easy for sedentaries to possess multiple idols at home, hence their polytheism, while nomads were content with a single god easy to carry.

Later, man became aware of these inconsistencies, and reforms of monolatry touched Persia with Zoroaster and Egypt with Akhenaton.

Of the Concepts

The concept of the six day genesis in the Bible is close to the "Poem of Creation" and the Babylonian representation of the tree of life generating divine lines: gods, demigods, dyads and triads. Genesis offers different origins from liquid plasma to the solid egg of the Phoenician god MOT.

The Deluge of Noah is none other than the legend of Gilgamesh. The Ten Commandments and the Pater Noster had their equivalents in the Code of Hammurabi and the Pharaonic Book of the Dead. The Last Judgement also came from the Nile banks.

All these traditions came from epics, legends, hymns and psalms with a number of writings as the books of Wisdom and Proverbs. The struggle of Caen and Abel, between good and evil, was based on the legend of Seth and Osiris.

The resurrection was the monopoly of Adonis. In Far Eastern religions, perennity was granted by reincarnation. Elsewhere, transmission of a genetic heritage provided continuity and ensured dynastic passage to posterity.

In the Middle East, gods fell from the sky while in the Far East man must climb steps to reach perfection by levitation.

Each of the prevalent religions had its sacred calf as the golden calf during the exodus. "The Cow" is the first surah of the Koran. Within Christianism, the lamb is the symbol of Jesus, while the bull represents Luke the Evangelist.

The symbolic repertoire includes sacred mountains, rivers and planets: the star of David and the islamic crescent.

Water is the main element of purification in ablution, baptism or flood. Oil anointing is less widespread. Fire purified offerings; it sublimated Sodom and Gomorrah in a collective cremation.

Body scarifications like circumcision were the custom. Exceptionally, recourse to Canaanite human sacrifice culminated in Jesus' crucifixion.

Of Rituals

Daily offices became solemn on holy days and spring festivals. A variety of rituals were devoted to life stages from birth to death. Most religions practice fasting and expect a savior. A code of conduct must be followed to achieve eternal salvation.

Art is the pleasure of gods, and the best of man. Literature, poetry, music, dance, painting, sculpture and architecture were dedicated to worship. In all cultures, temples are meant to please the gods, it seems to be a universal principle.

History vanishes and geography remains

Genesis' stories came from oral tradition dating back to Adam in the vicinity of Assur, 6000 years ago. The three millenia old Pentateuch was attributed to Moses. There has been no prophecy for the Jews since the destruction of the Temple and the loss of the Ark of the Covenant, while from Adam to Solomon, revelations occurred even without these oracular means!

The Bible survived the many exiles and persecutions of the Jewish people. It is the founding tradition of the three deist faiths; despite disruptions, there is some continuity in the adventure of God among men. Subtle variations of messages do not allow mixing the different religions. The spiritual dimension saved the divine and human heritage. Traditions lacking such spirituality have disappeared.

It took an immense effort of abstraction to various stories drawn merae the contiguous civilizations to fit the mold of a coherent faith ensuring the survival of Judaism. In spite of five centuries in Egypt, the Ministery of Joseph, prince Moses, and Solomon son-in law of Pharaoh, the influence of the Jews resulted in one citation on the Méneptah stele. equally insignificant Their record is Mesopotamia. While the Gospels brought a revolution by their opening to the world.

A synoptic study of the Bible with the surrounding civilizations shows compelling coincidences. Nevertheless, the connoisseur is disappointed by their lack of consistency and achievement. Only Phoenicia can refine the whole message; the Phoenicia CODE brings cohesion to the Bible.

About Geopolitics

Phoenician interventions are perceptible throughout the Torah, affecting the earthly life as the afterlife, the human as well as the divine. Of course, the Promised Land is the land of Canaan, a Phoenician land. The political context of Canaan was determined by the strategic interests of main regional powers. It was already the Levant and the site of maritime industry for arming ships for trade or war. Great nations sought to include this coastal strip in their area of influence, making no case of Hebrew tribes who were simply deported en masse as slaves; it was not the case for the Phoenicians. Their city-states were subject to periodic devastations by their powerful neighbors.

Before the stabilisation of the kingdom of David, the Jewish administration rested on the "Sophets" or judges, similar to the suffetes in Tyre.

The founding period, at the dawn of the first millennium BC, has been widely reported in the Bible. King Hiram of Tyre supported David and Solomon with great friendship. The new kingdom was constructed by the Phoenicians.

An unprecedented political osmosis led entire regions to transit from the regency of Tyre to Jerusalem and vice versa. These cities have kept their Phoenician names until today. Towns starting with Caphar (town) as Caphernaum and Beth (house) as Bethlehem, abound in Israel and Lebanon. The access to the Red Sea, the farthest point from Phoenicia, is named Elat (female of EL).

1 Kings 9 / 11. (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galileo.

2 Chronicles 8 / 2. That the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.
2 Chronicles 8 / 6. And Baalath, and all the store

cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

Welded by hymens from grassroots to royal rank, this pact was stronger than ordinary treaties. It began a millennium earlier with Esau, the eldest of Jacob-Israel, who married a Canaanite and committed a sacrilege by abandoning his tent for a concrete house.

Judges 3 / 5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: 6. And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods Elohims.

This sustainable social compromise went beyond the reign of the Sidonian Jezebel and her daughter Athaliah Queen of Judea. There were biblical edicts prohibiting marriages with foreigners in order to limit the dilution of the chosen people.

Israel's economic prosperity clearly depended on Phoenician merchants. The yesterday's nomads acquired mercantile spirit and became familiar with luxury items.

1 Kings 9 / 27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

1 Kings 10 / 22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

The Jews reached a new cultural dimension with the development of literacy; Solomon sent verbal messages and Hiram corresponded by letters (a passage from the oral to the written stages). Suddenly, the Torah mentioned music, dances, songs, psalms, hymns, proverbs, wisdom and lamentations.

A thousand citations relate respective stays in Egypt and Mesopotamia. Lebanon is equally mentioned with its cedar woods, famous cities like Tyr, Byblos, Sidon, and the pantheon of Aschtarté, Adonis, and EL.

One can hardly imagine that faith was unscathed; this secular fusion invaded insidiously the belief.

Ezekiel 8 / 14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's IHVH-Adonaï house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz(Adonis).

The most eloquent devotion to Aschtarté was that of Solomon. Though, the impact of his interviews with Yahweh was not persuasive! It is surprising that EL was never banished, He was the God of Isra- EL already.

People's movements across the region did not create hostility, they took place without paperwork or linguistic barrier as the path of Christ to Sidon, 30 kilometers far from Beirut.

Matthew 15 / 21. Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

Marc 3 / 8. And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came

unto him.

Luke 6 / 17. And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

Christ himself made some references to the Phoenicians.

Matthew 11 / 21. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

Luke 10 / 13. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.

Bible & Geography

About the Elements

God is quite well in the sky. He conceived the dome of heaven without pillars, work that captivated men in grand bliss. The first covenant with Noah was the rainbow, it drew the contours of this magnificent vault in a fascinating polychromy. God moved in space draped in clouds and light, He came as fire in the burning bush. Ezekiel described the flying chariot of Yahweh who crossed the sound's barrier at each landing in Judea, Samaria and Galileo.

Ezekiel 3 / 12. Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the L IHVH-Adonai from his place.

13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.

The sky was decorated with angels, celestial ladders, flying tanks and comets as premonitory signs of major events. In Egypt, Persia and Mesopotamia, priests drew up maps of the sky for astrologers whose science led finally to the cave of Adonis in Bethlehem. Very pragmatic, the Phoenicians learned the bulk of astronomy for navigation. Each religion of the Bible chose a fetish star: the star of David, the shooting star of Bethlehem. and the crescent of Arabia.

God had difficulties to separate primitive waters: one above, one below and one in the middle which was channeled to dry the land and contain the oceans. For convenience, each civilization placed its capital in the center of the disc of the earth. Very soon Adam heard the footsteps of Yahweh in the Garden of Eden; God clearly liked dry floor. He crossed the Red Sea with Moses and the Dead Sea with Elias after splitting the waters.

Amos 9 / 3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

At his baptism, Christ got immersed in the Jordan as a man, but walked on water as a God. Everywhere, cities were built around a watering place which ended up in sacred rivers: the Nile, the Euphrates, the Ganges, the Jordan and

Adonis River in Byblos.

It was easy for God to reveal himself to the world and reign in glory. However, He remained confined in an area outside of which he did not venture despite his hosts. Yahweh has been fighting until today to retain a portion of his Promised Land. The Great Wall of China was an insurmountable obstacle, and llamas reincarnate around Tibet.

Psalms 104 / 32. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

Thus, geology was a punitive instrument. Religious heritage includes sacred mountains like Mount Sinai, Mount Carmel, Mount Arafat, etc.. In this perspective, man imitated the creator in Egypt and Mesopotamia in building the pyramids or the Tower of Babel.

The Mediterranean

The people of the Bible kept wandering for three millennia before King David. Thus, Mount Carmel and the city of Acre depended once on Samaria once on the land of Canaan; Mount Hermon and Cana were assigned alternately to Tyre or Galileo.

1 Kings 9 / 11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galileo.

Elias, persona non grata in Israel, took refuge in Sidon according to divine recommendation.

1 Kings 17 / 9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

Jesus evolved between the north of Jerusalem and the south of Beirut. His travels were recounted in the Gospels without mention of fronteers or language barrier.

Matthew 15 / 21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

Marc 7 / 31. And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galileo, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.

LUKE 6 / 17. And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

The Phoenicians did not believe in fronteers, their cities were as wide as their trade, their alphabet and the sea: they were citizens of the Mediterranean.

To spread the Gospels, the visionary strategy of St. Peter paid off, he assimilated the divine mapping which indicated Rome as the Mediterranean capital.

Later, Islamic conquests extended the reign of Allah from the Persian Gulf to the Atlantic Ocean.

The New World

Despite his unconditional preference for the Middle East, God depended on the schema traced by man and followed his movements closely! EL, Aschtarté, Baal and Adon traveled all over the seas aboard Phoenician schooners. God had to wait for Christobal (Christ-Baal) Columbus to reach America. He was indifferent about the redskins, too innocent to receive revelation, being soulless (a jurisprudence of the infallibles). He had to eliminate many of them, to create souls for survivors to accept their gold!

Isolated populations are not entitled to the Holy because God does not move for so little. Unless new dramas upset the universe, the Bible has already been brought to space by some farsighted cosmonauts. Halleluiah!



Psalms Chapter 104.

You're great

104:1 Bless the LORD IHVH-Adonai, O my soul. O LORD my God Eloha-Adonai IHVH, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. you're great, majesty, magnificence wearing!

104:2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

104:3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

104:4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

104:5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

104:6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

- 104:7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.
- 104:8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.
- 104:9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.
- 104:10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.
- 104:11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 104:12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.
- 104:13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
- 104:14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;
- 104:15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.
- 104:16 The trees of the LORD IHVH-Adonai are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;
- 104:17 Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
- 104:18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.
- 104:19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

- 104:20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.
- 104:21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God Él.
- 104:22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.
- 104:23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.
- 104:25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
- 104:26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.
- 32. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

Bible & Power

The Judaic Clergy

Formerly, Yahweh communicated directly with the patriarchs, this grace was tribally transferable and devoid of any faculty of prophecy. Moses instituted the first clerical hierarchy which he assigned to the Levites. EL had dislocated Jacob's hip in the "nocturne fight"; in memory of his disability, the sciatic nerve must be rooted out of any animal to make the meat kosher. Thus was born the caste of Levites, the most skilled in butchery.

The prophets were priests gifted with potential clairvoyance and visions based on dreams' interpretation: dream flirted with revelation. Yahweh was omnipresent and available, He could be bothered anytime and His answer was required promptly to solve the most pressing issues.

The name "prophet" was commonly used in the basin of the Fertile Crescent; it was emphasized in the episode about the priests of Baal slaughtered ruthlessly by Elias on Mount Carmel.

- 1 KING 18 / 40. And Elias said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elias brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.
- 1 Samuel 9 / 9 Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.
- 1 Samuel 9 / 18. Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is.
- 19. And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

In the early days of the kingdom of Israel, Yahweh granted the kings and court counselors audiences: kings--prophets surrounded by prophets! Later, the court was endowed with prophecy attendants and kings no longer granted appointments to Yahweh.

The clergy is the human institution which administers the affairs of God on earth. So.

management errors are not attributable to God or to believers but rather to the ambition of clericals.

Like pagan institutions, the clergy was organised according to a pseudo-military hierarchy. Seemingly disinterested from power, the clergy staged a well-oiled system to control the community. Theologies and sophisticated rituals were the preserve of those ministers. The scripture was obscured by the imagination of visionaries.

According to Eusebius of Caesarea in the <u>Evangelical Preparation</u>, Book I. Chapter IX (Migne 1843), Philon of Byblos concluded about Sanchoniaton as follows:

"He reached his goal and managed to refute and ruin fables and allegories which had enveloped primitive times. ... But priests who lived after him, wanted to wrap his subsequent work in darkness and went back again to a fabulous style ... more to give rise to dispute than to clarify the truth."

The life of the believer is a long process: from the guilt of the original sin he goes inexorably toward the Last Judgement. His fate is sealed without any choice, his salvation lies in a Jansenist-like fatality.

Interpretations take precedence over the Scripture itself. The clergy confiscates the word of God and forbids criticism. The reading is generally literal, but may be occasionally

modulated by heart, mind or good faith. The philosophical approach of God is the privilege of higher castes; common men have to obey in order to avoid excommunication.

Offerings are the main source of income for the humble servants of God. The clergy is bathed in bloated abundance at any period. Opaque management of the treasure could benefit the concerned parties and their families. This collective responsibility affords absolute immunity to the elusive men of God.

The Christian clergy

To those who had some ambition, clerical ministery opened the way to social promotion. Authority gave rise to vocations within influential families, the progress in grades being easier with a title of nobility. Some noble prelates were promoted to dignities without being ordered pastors. In early centuries, the papal charge was carried by deacons, not by priests. The heavenly kingdom is not of this world, so no legacy is possible.

The training is rigorous and advancement in hierarchy depends on the ability to submit to superiors and control inferiors. Believers can be distinguished by rendered services or generous donations.

With the New Testament, the role of prophets faded, the source of revelation dried up and angels were in retreat. Unlike hosts and warriors prophets of the Torah, Christ renounced weapons and promoted the word as argument of belief. Devotion to angels, martyrs and relics was condemned by major theologists until the Middle Age. The current practice is contrary to the teaching of the Fathers who, rightly, did not allow sharing the Divine Holiness, thus sparing abuses.

Miracles are deemed necessary for mankind, so the church established the cult of the Saints. This initiative culminated with the deification of icons, statues or music. Nowadays, these materials are supposed to generate miracles with flow of water, oil or blood, for lack of a crystal ball to predict the future. As vocations were getting sparse, canonizations miraculously multiplied!

Martyrdom being outmoded, chastity became the queen virtue and Christian morality is specifically condensed in a sex codex.

The Islamic clergy

The caliph is the omnipotent head of the tribe; he holds political and military powers; his jurisdiction is legitimately issued from the Koranic law. The Imam watches over the doctrine, observes the teaching of Arabic, presides rituals and manages the affairs of the mosque in an autocratic way. He is not supposed to perform miracles or make prophecies.

The first caliphs were chosen among the close relatives of the prophet. The second and third one were murdered, the fourth was fought and overturned. Therefore, the nature of the theocratic caliphate changed to an hereditary system. Alternations resulted from coups d'etat and tragic practices have been perpetrated till this day.

Historically, religious personnel enjoys an official status, so collisions and mutual instrumentations abound. As a warned actor in social life, the imam gives political impetus in Friday sermons in order to realise the ideal Islamic city.

The struggle is unequal between the credulity of the masses and the overwhelming symbolism used by the clergy. The scripture is a tool of indoctrination in peace time and regimentation in wartime. Mandated to compel humanity to follow the straight path, the Muslim has two means of conversion: word and sword. The use of force is lawful in the Koran to bring people to Allah, hence the call for holy war: the Jihad. The martyr of the Jihad is garanteed access to paradise.

Surah 8: Al-Anfal (The Spoils of War)

39. And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah altogether and everywhere; but if they cease, verily Allah doth see all that they do.

Surah 48: Al-Fath (The Victory)

28. It is He Who has sent His Messenger with Guidance and the Religion of Truth, to proclaim it over all religion: and enough is Allah for a Witness.

The clericals of all stripes are so apprehensive of revolution that they refrain evolution. The mystery of faith is so great, do not overdo it.

Bible & Power

The clergy is the best intelligence department ever invented. The Bible and its morals withhold the public between doomsday rewards and punishments.

The hosts of God, the castes of angels, the kingdom of heaven, the throne of God in the Torah served as model of governance for the ideal city. The excessive devotion of the faithful is reflected in donations and legacies to the benefit of religious institutions. This economic aspect weighs heavily on political decisions.

From a God King we go to the King God then the king by divine right. In primitive traditions, it was natural to mystify the kings. It is well illustrated in the baptism of Clovis when the chrism fell miraculously from the sky. The Bible is a tool of power par excellence. Very cleverly, God's counselors crowned princes and dethroned others.

The Sacrosanct Empire made the Pope Emperor of God on earth, although affairs were not always sacrosanct. Like in the Roman Empire, the ruling apparatus adopted alternation between Rome and Constantinople. It was the origin of the schism between Catholics and Orthodox.

In the Islamic Empire, power transmission experienced a radical mutation; the piety of early caliphs was replaced by the princely blood of the Umayyads. The schism was consummated, and Shiites concealed the descendants of Ali and hid his Koran.

The Islamic conquest purged Arabia from non-Muslim presence and cleaned up the Middle East and North Africa by the Jihad. The expansion touched Europe through the Strait of Gibraltar. While Crusades are a standard of holy wars, they were also a strategic reply to previous islamic "croissanades".

The Kingdom of Jerusalem was founded by the Franks in 1099 in a hostile terrain where the main allies were Lebanese Christians, the heirs of the Phoenicians. During its two centuries of

existence, the territory of the kingdom has progressively narrowed to Lebanon only. Decline and continuous pressure pushed the Franks to Cyprus then to Malta. Later, the Ottomans began their conquest from Bosphorus to take Europe in a vise.

The fall of Constantinople began the modern world. Scholars and artists were scattered throughout Europe, especially in Italy. It led to the Renaissance of the West and the decline of the East. Artistic, cultural and scientific movements started florishing at the time of the discovery of the New World. All this happened in pain under the close vigilance of the Inquisition.

The sequence of events freed Cartesian minds from monarchical and religious yoke. After three centuries of gestation, the French Revolution was born as a result of a massive effort of humanist ideology; Human Rights are its founding charter and secularism its instrument. Under the hegemony of Christianism, the West moved toward democracy and secularism. A divergent trend was observed in other beliefs toward radicalization of religious character as the creation of Israel and Islamic Republics. Those differences imply constant collision between clergy and political power.

However, men misused the liberation of the modern spirit with secular devastating sects. Materialism and racism have made the twentieth century the Middle Age of secularism.

Paradoxically a modern times' prophet, John Paul II, has broken the ice of the Cold War and adjusted the orientation of democratic currents to humanism.

Neither elect nor excluded peoples, neither holy war nor Jihad. Emmanuel, out of love and pardon, taught embarrassing freedom and scary responsibility.

Matthew 22 / 21 ... Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

Bible & Science

Parallelism

The big bang is the base of genesis in modern cosmogony. Literature abounds on the subject and our own analysis has been developed in the chapter Bible & Genesis. The creation according to Elohim, on a Phoenician model, remains a mystery. However, data of this story are surprisingly compatible with most modern discoveries.

A priori inert, the matter changed and organized in the universe within a dynamic process of expansion and contraction. After the "time zero" of the Big Bang, 250 thousand years passed before the release of the "weak light"; meanwhile, the condensed matter was suspended in an ellipsoid cloudy mass.

cosmogonies, ancient the Phoenician mythology of god MOT is the unique version evoking this oval shape. Its originality lies in the existence of a primitive egg containing all the seeds in a quiescent state before the leak of radiation. **Zenon** Ωf Kitium liaht Phoenician". founder of Stoicism in the IV th CBC, incorporated this precept under the "Seminal Reason: Logos Spermatikos" where all forms of life in the universe were in harmony in a dormancy state. Dr. Henri Atlan stated: "As if, iumping over 2500 years, molecular genetics aive operational content to the "Seminal Reason" of the Phoenician Stoic physics." The distinction between "light, flame and almost met the theory of gradual leaking of the light from weak to strong over 130 thousand vears.

The research focuses on ancient texts in a new replay within history and basic sciences. In a specific register, the NASA studied the so called " Chariot of Yahweh " in the vision of Ezekiel. The engineer J. Blumrich identified a space ship with electromagnetic propulsion; he patented some of its elements: The Omnidirectional Wheel, 1974.

U.S. Patent [19] J. Blumrich / 3789947.

The wealth of informations meticulously listed, respecting a chronological order that research has just validated, leaves us speechless.

Primitive man recounts without complex and researchers remain perplex.

Men apprehend the concrete before reaching the abstract. We must draw from the collective memory the common origin of the knowledge that inspired our ancestors; they expressed it in an amazingly simple manner, not by chance. The origin of old assumptions remains entirely enigmatic. We should carefully read the texts and establish a code to decipher messages from the beyond. We hope that the PHOENICIA CODE will contribute to this discipline.

There is a gap between instinctive faith and arid science, one preaches by decree an eternally blissful hope, the other advocates an endless austerity. Belief is replete with fertile and poetic imagination while reason is limited by skepticism, one deals with the beyond, the other with the below. However, their antagonism vanishes in biophysics and biochemistry which do not only quantify phenomena but describe their transformations.

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At this stage, we may ask what need was there for the emergence of life, a reproductive life. The human race, aware of its substantial existence - resulting from the organic chemistry of carbon - has not found another tangible chemistry of life yet. Is it fate or accident? However, the miracle of Creation took place: man exists. Life is a creation within creation, man is a miracle of life in life. Does this gratuitous biology of the carbon have meaning, a direction or a finality? The DNA Codon, the simplest expression of a molecule capable of replication, requires a sequence of three codified amino acids well disposed and well oriented. Would it be an image of the Trinity?

Sciences began as the sum of the perceptible through the five senses before going beyond

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Phenomena such as electricity, radioactivity, infrared or ultrasound are beyond our senses but we domesticated them indeed . would we be

able one day to tame life in the same way?

limited

wonderful

faculties.

Scientific methods are based on irrefutable certainties in an infallible logic, however, Relativity struck the minds and upset the purists. There are as many theorems and axioms as mysteries and dogmas. Of course, everything must be demonstrable and repeatable. However one thing is certain, since its appearance life has continued without interruption.

Our behavior depends on chemical principles affect moods, feelings and memory. Science has unveiled manv phenomena including lies detection. It can even describe our state of awareness or our level of knowledge; not yet good or evil. Substances may act on attraction and pleasure, why not on dreams or intuition one day. The etymology of alcohol comes from "al-kohl" makeup; it lends a new the person by modifying mask to appearance. The name of "spirits" is no less eloquent as they operate by mind alteration.

Einstein's Relativity was a revolution; by introducing the speed factor, he did not only measured time but managed to contract it. Time, the fugitive moment between a known past and a conditioned future, would we be able to master it on the way to prophecy? Having crossed the wall of time, Leonardo Da Vinci and Jules Verne would count among the prophets.

Is life a variable parameter among species on the scale of evolution? Aging -- the differential flow of time affecting living species -- is a genetic constant. Biologically, human constitution is scheduled to live an average of 120 years on earth. The oldest text that predicted this genetic lifespan belongs to the Bible.

Genesis 6 / 3 And the L IHVH-Adonai said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

In the pre-time, was the primitive mass finite or infinite? Was the mass of life quantifiable from the beginning? In the concept of reincarnation, the amount of souls (lives) is always the same, it has no capacity to increase or decrease. Disciples of Zenon the Phoenician developed his theory and sought how to quantify the souls, the lives. According to Antipater of Tarsus, the fourth master of the Stoic school in the IId CBC. "The soul increases and decreases with the body." He was followed in the third century by Plotinus. leader of the Neoplatonists. "The believed that grow soul must proportionately to the growing of the body": a key concept in the study of the Vitom.

The Vitom

Once taught the theory of Atomism by Master Mochos of Sidon, Democritus gave the definition of the Atom. In the same way, the researcher must define the <u>Vitom</u>: unit of life. Unicellular life is biologically eternal. It is much more difficult to establish a rule for complex beings, since death of one part or extraction of an amount of living cells does not necessarily lead to death. Strangely enough, all the organs of a living being are not vital!

The Vitom is the energy generated by a single codon of DNA necessary for its own replication.

For its duplication, a codon requires a Vitom; for less complex molecules, a fraction of Vitom is sufficent; a multiple of Vitoms is required for viability of an RNA-DNA strand, a cell, an organ or more. We simply call the "Vitom" a "unit of life".

What need was there for life to organize in such an elaborate manner and take the path of religious evolution? If dogma romantically absurd, scientific concepts obiectively Since immemorial inert. pseudoscientific communities have been in quest of elixir and gold chemistry in secrecy and mystery -- as well as alchemists and Grail searchers.

If we focus on the moment of death or irreversible coma, no mean can quantify the immediate pre-mortem or post-mortem states. Facing death, religion and science share the turmoil, the first tries to comfort it, the second to repel it.

If faith is unshakable, belief must be sanitized by knowledge, and science needs a goal to escape sterility, it needs life. Their destinies converge toward an ideal through the theory of evolution. It is regrettable to see scientific inquisition against Faith as a sect of Carbonara behind the plasma of carbon.

Reason leads to science and instinct to faith with the human condition as destiny. The search for god in the same manner through places and times is an evidence. Scientific rationalism and ways of research must vary and adapt to evolution. May we follow the logic of the Vitom and its own algebra like going from decimal to binary or ternary systems.

In the abstract, rigorous logic allows to find multiple solutions to a pure mathematical problem; we may admit that philosophical or theological data are subject to a myriad of interpretations. Bridges should be left open from Darwin to Teilhard de Chardin.

If there is a single revelation, it should be the Genesis according to Elohim; if science tries to override it, it will embarrass itself.

Science results from reason as existence is the daughter of life. Science is the valuable tool to purify faith from beliefs.

Bible & Future

The revelation was gradual and cumulative. The guardians of the tradition, during their wanderings from Egypt to Babylon, yielded to the influence of these religious poles. The impact of the Phoenicians, advanced and literate, was evident on the nomadic tormented people. Constant friendship, brotherhood and royal alliances with Tyre and Sidon allowed the Phoenician imprint on biblical concepts.

Despite their message of peace, dialogues between religions are still uncompromising and strained, as if each one monopolized the truth. The truth is the heritage of human exploration since the dawn of time and holy books cumulate the experience of ancient civilizations. We should relativize common biblical data to reach reasonable compromises. It became usual to take the Bible for excuse to kill, examples abound. Christ was the illustrious victim of fundamentalism.

Scientists and believers tend to be sectarian, this does not allow an easy dialogue. If scientific disputes have no consequences, religious discords penalize the world through political manipulation.

Science can moderate beliefs and bring a dose of tolerance. It is better to be aware than to wait for a revolution with inevitable disasters. Woman is the future of man just as science is the future of belief; will faith be the future of science?

Discoveries are often perceived as a threat by the clergy, while science should be adopted as a discipline of faith. The prophet of modern times did not err when he predicted a spiritual millennium or a third religious worldwar, it is already at our doorstep!

About Truth

The expectation of believers is a virtual promised well-being; they would like to get a taste of it before eternal salvation; they search in vain, perhaps it is not of this world!

God is liberty, love and pardon. It needs a lot of humility and tolerance to admit the fallibility of subliminal messages in their reception, transcription or interpretation. We can regret pagan modesty when osmosis permitted to borrow each others' gods. Pagan pantheons teach tolerance and a "sacred" lesson to deists. Hence, we should remember the Phoenicians and keep in mind the Phoenicia CODE. If death for God is redemptive, let's all go to hell!

Jerusalem and its famous Temple of Solomon are a lethal religious heritage. Emmanuel became the Mobile Temple. The idea of a Mobile Temple can solve this eternal problem. The most beautiful lesson of the Koran challenges us to apply it:

49: AL-Hujurat

16. Say: "What! Will ye instruct Allah about your religion? "...

About Evolution

Since the Roman Empire the fundamental strategic event has been the French Revolution based on secular Human Rights. It has revolutionized traditional values and substituted merit coming from education to nobility. Titles of Prince, Lord and Sir, have been replaced by skills of Master, Philosophiae Doctor or Professor.

Demographic growth will become a source of conflicts due to the depletion of natural resources starting with water. We must empower democracy at the expense of demography and give quality precedence on quantity.

The Phoenicians, the Greeks and the Romans experienced democracy, it took us centuries to achieve it. Fundamental changes of attitudes toward traditions take place very slowly. After the French Revolution, the nostalgia of old times required two periods of empire and a restoration of the monarchy.

However, free spirits will not allow spoliation by fundamentalists. It is better to fight a hard reality rather than be lulled into illusion, even if it needs miracles.

On Hope

Lebanon has been the cradle of the religions of the Bible, yet it illustrates the eloquent failure of this hopeless adventure.

Initially, everything started from Phoenicia; could it become a place of harmony and peace? When peace returns to the country of EL and enables archaeological search, it will be easier to answer questions by drawing out the truth from the rubble.

Hence the idea of a third way, as nobody holds the truth, the whole truth, it is the responsibility of clericals to make a radical reform around the substantial essence of God to bring peace to the world. It is unnecessary to be learned in obsolete doctrines, the PHOENICIA CODE sets the basis of a new thought around "ELISM". Emmanuel captured the essence of EL, he operated a return to a pure and sublime credo: the PHOENICIA CODE.

The diversity of religions and cultures is an asset to avoid sinking into the tyranny of a single thought.

Phoenicia gave birth to the Torah, the Gospels and the Koran, why not peace one day? The scriptures would no longer be the religions themselves but the history of religions in the service of faith. Farewell mysteries, dogmas and miracles, come people of the book, reconcile believers around EL in peace and tolerance. That day will announce the end of fanaticism.

Ah, if Lazarus fell into the hands of the media! We would learn a lot about the afterlife and the PHOENICIA CODE.



PHOENICIA CODE

Emmanuel, our brother, who art in heaven,
You art the origin and source of life.
Your will is humility.
Your peace is Liberty.
Your love is Fraternity.
Your pardon is amiability.

In my distress I implore Your help: Emmanuel, Adonai & Eli Eli, Eli Lama sabaqtani? Eleazar, Eleazar. Amen

EL with us, my Lord and God Eli, Eli, why hast thou forsaken me? EL my rescue, EL my rescue. Amen

The call of EL is simple and universal: Neither people elect nor excluded. Neither holy war nor Jihad.

YAHVE	ALLAH
Judaism	Islam
Creator	Creator
Unique	Unique
Plural Elohim	Plural Allahum
HOLY SPIRIT	HOLY SPIRIT
Elohim,	Allah
El Adonaï	Gracious Merciful
God of Hosts	God of Jihad
Holy War	Holy War
Punitive God	Punitive God
Law of retaliation	Law of retaliation
Chosen People	Proselytizing by
Exclusive God	word or sword
People of God	Nation of God
Torah	Quran
Word of Yahweh	Word of Allah
literal Submission	literal Submission
theocratic system	theocratic system

EMMANUEL	EL
Christianism	PHOENICIA CODE
Creator	Creator
Trinity	Triad
Holy Spirit Symbol the dove	Goddess Aschtarté Symbol the dove
Father, Son & Holy Spirit The Holy Family	El Adonis & Aschtarté The Divine Family
Paternal	Paternal
God of Love	God of goodness
Pardon	Tolerance
Universal Principle free proselytizing	Phoenician Principle free proselytizing
Fraternity	Friendship
Gospel	Alphabet
Act of Faith	Profession of Faith
Separation of powers	Suffetesjudges Power

Judaism	Islam
Adam	Adam
Circumcision	Circumcision
Man Supremacy	Man Superiority
Women Impurity	Women Inferiority
Polygamy	Polygamy
No female clergy	No female clergy
No female principle	Mary Immaculate Conception
Slavery naturally allowed	Slavery Spoils of War
Holocaust Dîme	Holocaust Zakat
Easter Eternal soul	Ramadan Resurrection
Fixed Holy Temple Jerusalem	Fixed Holy Places Mecca & Jerusalem
Ark of the Covenant	Black Stone: Kaaba
Kosher Food	Halal Food

Christianism	PHOENICIA CODE
Adam	Adam
Baptism for all	Ablution for all
Man Woman Equality	Man Woman Equity
Man Woman Equality	Man Woman Equity
Monogamy	Monogamy
Religious Nuns	Aschtartés Priestesses
Mary Immaculate	The Goddess
Conception	Aschtarté
Abolition of Slavery	Slave: tradable
Eucharistic Sacrifice Bread and Wine	Human Sacrifice Bread and Wine
Easter	Adoniass' Fasting
Resurrection	Adonis' Resurrection
Mobile Temple Eucharist Bread & Wine	Mobile Temple Bread & Wine
Tabernacle	Tabernacle
No forbidden foods	No forbidden foods



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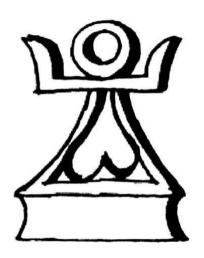
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