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THE NORSE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA

Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD,
or *being* his counsellor hath taught him?

With whom took he counsel, and *who*
instructed him, and taught him in the path
of Judgment, and taught him knowledge, and
shewed to him the way of understanding?

(Isaiah 40:13 & 14)

America was discovered, under the impulse, inspiration and command of Christ, in the year 1000, by Leif Ericson, the young Norseman (Icelander). No alleged discovery, either before this time, or since, is authentic or authoritative; neither has any other claimant to the discovery of America any place whatsoever, as such, in history.

The most notorious fraudulent claim to the discovery of America, is that put forward by the Roman Catholic pope and hierarchy, on behalf of one Cristobal Colon, otherwise known as Christopher Columbus, who is alleged to have accomplished this discovery in the year 1492. This impostor never set his foot on the soil of the United States of America; and it will be shown, that the voyage of Columbus was made possible for him solely on the basis of the records left by the Norse discoverers.

In the history of six millenniums of the world's events, the golden thread which guides the mind's eye of the earnest student, is the relation of the people of God, Spirit, to the pagan and heathen peoples of the world, those whose minds are darkened, having no knowledge of God, and therefore, no vision of the universe as it really is, namely, the spiritual reflection of infinite Life, Truth and Love.

It was foreseen, by the prophets of old, that a people would, be chosen, from among the inhabitants of the earth, who should occupy a definite portion of the earth's surface, wherein to develop and to practise the worship of God, in spirit and in truth. It was further foreseen and foretold, by the prophets, that the Messiah should appear of marvellous spiritual understanding, possessed of infinite wisdom, and of a character of dazzling spiritual power and goodness, who should proclaim, in this land prepared by God through previous centuries, the deep things of God, and the mysteries of the spiritual, or only, universe. So, Abraham was chosen, from among his brethren, in Ur of the

Chaldees, to come out from his father's people, and lay the foundation of a great nation, the nucleus of a spiritual people, whose numbers should be as the sand of the sea. Obeying God's command, for which he was called the Faithful, he established the spiritual nation, a people of God, who should inherit a great land, and therein, bring forth the promised Messiah, "which is Christ the Lord," Christ, the eternal Son of God.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Palestine, the land of promise, was under the Roman yoke. Little did her conquerors reckon, that they had laid sacrilegious hands upon a land, appointed and anointed by God, as the place where the greatest spiritual event of the ages was to occur; neither were they aware of the severe penalty which was to be theirs, because of the share they had, in conjunction with the apostate Jews, in not only "crucifying the Lord of glory," but in their blasphemous attempt to silence the voice of Truth, and thus to rob the world of that Light which God had promised, from the moment when He said, "Let there be light".

The first appearing of Christ, in Palestine, changed the complexion of the world. The dense paganism of the peoples of the earth, was pierced; the deep darkness of materiality, which covered the earth like a pall, was somewhat dissipated by the spiritual light of dazzling brightness, which came through Christ Jesus; and so powerful a factor was the name of Christ to be in the world's events, even "as long as the sun," that the very calendar was changed, to conform to it.

But only one half of the earth's surface was, at that period, known and inhabited. As Totten puts it, the old world may be likened to the obverse of the Seal of the United States; the reverse is America, which was yet to be revealed. What would be the purpose of the revealing of the New World? The name itself suggests the passing of the old world, which is vividly portrayed in John's Book of Revelation:

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for
the first heaven and the first earth were passed
away: and there was no more sea. (Revelation 21:1.)

Two thousand years, or two millenniums, were required to reveal the place of Christ's first appearing; and two thousand years have passed since then — two millenniums of preparation for the promised and inevitable second appearing of Christ, to reveal the "new heavens and new earth," the reverse of the Seal of the United States of America, or the Western Hemisphere, wherein popery, or anti-Christ, combined with apostate Judaism, are excluded from the virgin soil of America, and will eventually take their place in the limbo of the forgotten and unknown, for "there shall be no more sea."

The world's major events move in cycles of millenniums, or periods of one thousand years. These are the "days" of the revelation of spiritual creation, to which Peter refers, when he says:

One day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years,
and a thousand years as one day. (II Peter 3:8)

The first record of translation occurred one thousand years after Adam, when "Enoch walked with God, and he was not; for God took him." Abraham came out from Ur of the Chaldees two thousand years after Adam, or two thousand years before Christ. The Israelites divided, under Rehoboam, three thousand years after Adam, or one thousand years before Christ, and set up the two kingdoms of Israel; namely, the ten tribes, or Kingdom of Israel, in Samaria, and the two tribes, with Levi, as the Kingdom of Judah, in Jerusalem. Four thousand years after Adam, the first visible appearing of Christ occurred, in Palestine; and the calendar was set anew, to coincide with this event.

Three more millenniums were required, in Hebrew symbolic number language, to complete the history of events, until the full revealing of the Kingdom of Heaven. The number three (3) is associated with the things of heaven. So, the last three millenniums of events, until the final overthrow of anti-Christ, relate to the establishment of the Kingdom of God, "on earth as it is in heaven."

The first phase of this work of establishment, which Christ Jesus inaugurated, was the Discovery of the place which he promised to prepare for his followers. This phase required one thousand years of preparation for its accomplishment. Let us look, for a moment, at the nature of this preparation, and of the events which transpired during the first millennium after the first appearing of Christ.

The appearing of Christ through Jesus, with its accompaniment of marvellous works of healing, and the crowning event of the resurrection and ascension of Christ Jesus, crystallized the opposing forces of good and evil in the world. The spiritually minded among men, heard the voice of Christ, and repeated his works of healing and saving, raising the dead, and preaching the Gospel; but there were others, who resisted him, and, having crucified Jesus, these began a campaign whose object was to crush out from earth, all knowledge of the truth which he proclaimed. So, the early Christians, who, by their lives, were living witnesses of the fact, that the Kingdom of God had actually come to earth, were persecuted, and became known as martyrs, or those who suffered persecution for their faith. This persecution came from Roman paganism and apostate Judaism. But there was, in the north countries of Europe, a people, descendants of the ten tribes of Israel, who had found refuge from Rome in the cold and rugged lands of the North, far removed from Mediterranean civilization, with its paganism. To these "lost sheep of the house of Israel," it is recorded, Christ Jesus and his apostles, in person, preached the tidings of the Kingdom of Christ on earth, and prepared them for their great mission, in the centuries to follow, of discovering the unknown portion of the earth, where Christ was to appear the second time. Thus, the

Norse peoples were primitive Christians, taught by Christ Jesus himself; and they embodied this marvellous teaching, in the so-called "mythology" of the Norse countries, which, up to the founding of the Icelandic republic, in the tenth century, was spread among the people, through their skalds, or itinerant lecturers and poets. This symbolic folklore was later put into writing by a Norse scholar, Snorre Sturlason, in the form which has since been known as the Edda.* This great work is equivalent to St. John's Book of Revelation. Towards the close of the first millennium; that is, near the end of the tenth century after the first appearing of Christ, Roman Catholicism, which had crystallized itself into a visible organization under Constantine about the year 325, forced itself upon the Scandinavian, or Norse countries. Under the impulse of the false doctrine of the "divine right of kings," Harold the Red Head proclaimed himself despot of Norway; and the proud, Christian Vikings, to whom religious and political freedom were dearer than all else, left their homes, and settled in Iceland and in Greenland, where they founded colonies. Here, they established states in accord with their primitive Christian teaching; and Iceland became the foremost nation of learning, culture, and pure religion, in the world.

Towards the close of the tenth century, the pope proclaimed that the end of the world would occur in the year 1000. Thus, under the impulse of Christ, the voice of anti-Christ, the pope, was forced to utter the doom of his own world, at the dawn of the New World, in the Western Hemisphere.

In the first year of the second millennium after the first appearing of Christ, Leif Ericson, the young Norseman (Icelander) set out to find the Western Land. His father, Eric the Red, had founded the Greenland colony, of which he was virtually ruler, or governor. Leif, impelled by a divine inspiration, procured a ship and a crew — the Norsemen had invented the keel, which made ocean navigation in those days possible to them — and set out to find the Western land. He landed at three points; namely, Labrador, Newfoundland, and Cape Cod, finally settling on the shores of Massachusetts, where he remained during the winter of the years 1000-1001, having built for himself and his friends, a substantial house. The Norsemen found an abundance of grapes and of corn, so that their wants were cared for; and they made their acknowledgement to the great Giver. The Indians, or Skrælings, gave them some trouble, but they held their own; and later expeditions came to the colony which Leif had established, and which he had named Vineland, for the grapes he found there. In the year 1007, the first white child was born on American soil, the son of Thorfinn and Gudrid his wife, and was named Snorre Thorfinnson. Gudrid returned to Europe, and related the news of the discovery of the new land; and in the year 1075, Adam of Bremen, the noted historian of his day, published this news, as related by Gudrid, among the scholars of Europe. However, the full details of the discovery were already in the archives of Iceland, where Columbus, in the year 1477, had access to them, and from which he obtained his knowledge, not only of the existence of the western continent, but, as his biographer, Henri Vignaud says, of the number of days'

sailing required to reach it.

The Norse expeditions continued for 350 years, or until the black plague decimated Norway, and made further emigration and exploration impracticable. This period was sufficient, however, to place the Norse stamp upon the western hemisphere, as well as the name America, which is derived from the name Eric, and not from that of the impostor, Amerigo Vespucci.

Thus it is discerned, that the discovery of America was a divinely directed event, and occurred at the proper moment in the history of world events, or in its correct relative chronology. The forced assumption of discovery on the part of Columbus, apart from its obvious fraudulency as already stated, was outside of the proper chronology of this epochal and divine event, and is therefore wholly spurious, and of no moment, in the true history, either of America or of the world.

America was discovered, or revealed, for the purpose of establishing forever on earth, the Kingdom of God, as it was proclaimed by Christ Jesus. The full revelation of this Kingdom which is imminent; and, as the Roman Empire and apostate Judaism of the period of Christ's first appearing were punished for resistance to the Son of God, and their unholy enslavement of his promised land, so to-day, let those beware, who, by their subversion of the Constitution of America, by defiance of her laws, by elimination of the Holy Bible from her public schools, and by their accompaniment of armed men on her Protestant soil, seek to bring this holy land, America, under the yoke of the old world which Christ, two thousand years ago, through the exalted words of John, the beloved disciple, characterized as that which should pass away.

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* Idle statement needs correction. The compilation of the Elden or Poetic, Edda, was at one time credited to Saemund the Wise, Snorre's grandfather; but scholars later decided that this work was done by a group of men. The Younger, or Prose Edda, was written by Snorre Srurlason, and is a commentary on the Elder Edda.