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## Simon Magus & The True Church of God

**B**eloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. **For there are certain men crept in unawares**, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Jude 1:3-4)

Certain men have crept in unawares– this could only be because the Druids are practicing a “**system of elaborate fraud and imposture**”

Imagine this people are **ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into a license to disobey!** The most abominable part is this – they are even using God’s government to implement their evil scheme! Now, God’s Church is headed toward the worst abomination any Church era had done. *This is how the transgressors are coming to the full!*

To better understand this subject, let us read what Mr. Flurry wrote in the Royal Vision of who the real source of this system is:

**SATAN THE DEVIL HAS ENACTED A GREAT**

**PLOT** over the centuries to cover up the history of God's Church. We need to understand this plot because it is a **WARNING** to God's people today. Throughout history, God's people have had to battle to hang on to the truth. The Apostle Paul repeatedly warned God's people against turning to another gospel – a gospel of men rather than the gospel of God (2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6). Jude spoke of the same danger. 'Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints' (Jude 3)...'For there are certain men crept in unawares,' verse 4 says, 'turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness,' or lawlessness. Men who were not converted were creeping into the Church and causing serious problems...

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG SHOWED HOW THESE PROBLEMS IN THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME, WERE LARGELY SIMON MAGUS'S DOING. **Mr. Armstrong proved how Simon Magus was at work in the Corinthian church, and how Paul's, John's, Jude's and Peter's writings show that all these apostles had to battle this man's influence...**

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**SATAN THE DEVIL HAS INDEED ENACTED A GREAT PLOT EVEN TODAY!** Mr. Flurry said that there was a **PATTERN**: “**It was the same group of people basically causing all the problems. This powerful Simon Magus kept right on coming, and rebels kept growing and multiplying and continually causing problems in God’s Church.... We need to understand this because it makes it so much more clear what God’s Church is dealing with today. MR. ARMSTRONG’S INSTRUCTION IN THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL.**” Indeed, it is really critical. But can we see that **PATTERN**? Consider what Brad Macdonald wrote on the October 2014 issue of the printed copy of Trumpet magazine regarding the Druids, entitled, “Who Were the Druids?“, he basically justified Druidism as if there’s nothing wrong about it.

*Elder writes: “Upon the introduction of Christianity the Druids were called upon, not so much to reverse their ancient faith, as to ‘lay it down for a fuller and more perfect revelation.’ No country can show a more rapid, natural merging of a native religion into Christianity than that which was witnessed in Britain in the first century A.D. The readiness with which the Druids accepted Christianity, the facilities with which their places of worship and colleges were turned to Christian uses, the willingness of the people to accept the new religion are facts which the modern historian has either overlooked or ignored.”*

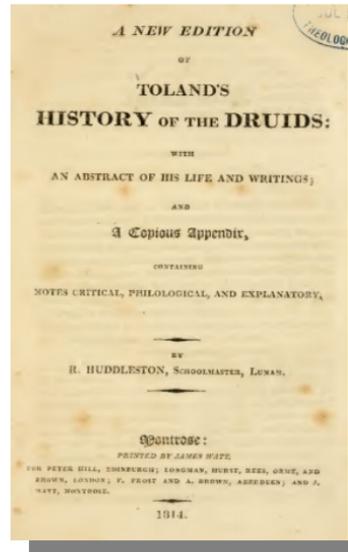
Now we may ask; could this same group of *Simon Magus* inside God’s Church be implementing another plot? Well, could *Simon Magus* be a *Druid* in the first place?

Since the Anglo Saxons having learned the word *Dry* from the Irish and British for a magician.— This etymology of the Saxon *Dry* from the Celtic

Draoi or Draoid, pronounced Drid and Druid is confirmed by Dr. Smith in his History of the Druids, and by Dr. Jamieson in his History of the Culdees, The absurd custom of deriving everything from the Greek and Latin is now, and indeed very properly, losing ground. The Celtic Druid literally signifies a magician; and hence the translators of the New Testament into Gaelic, finding no other word in that language fit for their purpose, rendered **Simon Magus, Simon the Druid**. (Note II.—Page 57, History of the Druids by John Toland)

What an eye-opening piece of information John Toland exposed—**Simon Magus is also rendered as Simon the Druid!** And in all possibility, it was actually Simon Magus who started this religion of Druidism:

“But there was a certain man, called *Simon*, which before time in the same *city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria*, giving out that himself was some *great one*: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, *This man is the great power of God*. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with *sorceries*.” (Acts 8:9-11)



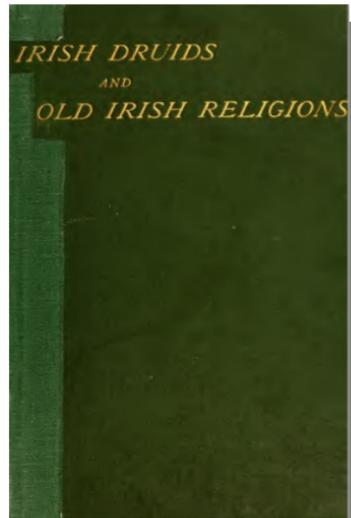
Even anthropologists observed that a great deal of *Druidic* beliefs has been infused to the so-called Christianity:

*It was Dr. Lanigan who asserted, "The Christian*

*missionaries early opened schools in opposition to Druids.” It was the opinion of Arthur Clive that **much Druidism “blended with the Christian learning of the seventh and subsequent centuries.”*** (p. 5, Irish Druids and Old Irish Religions)

For emphasis, it is said that that same *Druidism has blended with the Christian learning in the early centuries*, well we don't have to wonder because even Simon Magus himself was able to *infiltrate* God's own Church in the first century:

“But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.” (*Acts 8:12-13*)



Basically, Jude described this same group of people of *Simon Magus* or *Simon the Druid*, as those who has crept in unawares inside God's Church who were responsible in SEPARATING THEMSELVES:

“But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be

they who *separate themselves*, sensual, having not the Spirit” (Jude 1:17-19).

In *JFB Commentary* we can read:

**separate themselves**—from Church communion in its vital, spiritual reality: for outwardly they took part in Church ordinances (Jude 1:12 understand it, ‘separate,’ **cast out members of the Church by excommunication** (Isaiah 65:5; 66:5; John 9:34 them out of the Church;” 3 John 1:10 ‘themselves,’ which indeed is read in some of the oldest manuscripts as English Version has it. Arrogant setting up of themselves, as having greater sanctity and a wisdom and peculiar doctrine, distinct from others, is implied.

Notice carefully that Jude emphasized that we can identify this group of people through their DEEDS – they “**cast out members of the Church by excommunication**” and we must remember that they do not have God’s Holy Spirit. And what does “**excommunicate**” mean?

- ❑ To deprive of the right of church membership by ecclesiastical authority.
- ❑ To exclude by or as if by decree from membership or participation in a group.
- ❑ To oust or exclude from a group or membership by decree

So, these men *deprive, exclude and oust members from the Church Participation*. This sounds like suspending and disfellowshipping members the in the Church even during the first century. In the *Revised Standard Version*, it is rendered this way: “It is these who **set up divisions**, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.” It appears that this people were actually those were responsible in *setting up divisions* among the Church membership.

Well there is a striking similarity of what the Druids have implemented then, when any man did not follow their

instructions or policies – that man will suffer *excommunication*. Now, let us read what *John Toland* wrote in his book, *History of the Druid* about *Druidical excommunication*:

*Most terrible were the effects of the **Druidical excommunication** on any man, that did not implicitly follow their directions, and submit to their decrees: **not only to the excluding of private persons from all benefits of society, and even from society itself;** but also to the deposing of the princes who did not please them, and often devoting them to destruction. (pp. 58-59)*

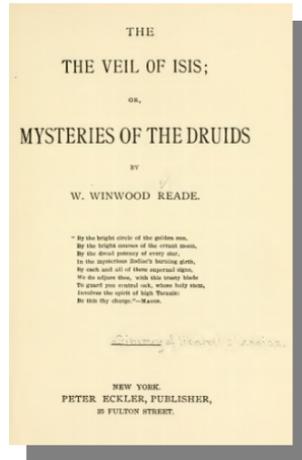
People were not allowed to speak to any excommunicated man. This is another PROOF that there could indeed be *Druids* amongst the Philadelphia Church of God ministers through the practice of *excommunication* by **abusing God's government** with the NO CONTACT POLICY that was implemented among the Church membership. Now, notice carefully what happens further during and after a *Druidical excommunication*:

**It was seldom that anyone was found hardly enough to rebel against their power. For such was reserved a terrible punishment. It was called Excommunication.** Originating among the Hebrews, and descending from the Druids into the Roman Catholic Church, **it was one of the most horrible that it is possible to conceive.** At the dead of night, the unhappy culprit was seized and dragged before a solemn tribunal, while torches, painted black, gave a ghastly light, and a low hymn, like a solemn murmur, was chanted as he approached...

Then the *poor wretch* would wander through the woods, *feeding on berries and the roots of trees, SHUNNED BY ALL AS IF HE HAD BEEN TAINTED BY THE PLAGUE, and looking to death as a salvation from such cruel miseries.*

**AND WHEN HE DIED, NONE DARED TO WEEP FOR HIM;** they buried him only that they might trample on his grave. (pp. 58-59, *The Veil of Isis or Mysteries of the Druids* by William Winwood Reade)

The description written by Mr. Reade resonates a very disturbing similarity to what is happening now inside the PCG; if someone will be found rebelling against the power of an abusive minister even due to a very small matter of not following minor orders (which is most of the time not Biblically based) – they shall be branded as rebels against God’s government, either he will be suspended or disfellowshipped, then he will be **SHUNNED BY ALL AS IF HE HAD BEEN TAINTED BY THE PLAGUE** and **WHEN HE DIES** (either spiritually or physically), **NONE WILL DARE TO WEEP FOR HIM.** Now ask yourself, *has this not happened?* It has happened and is still happening! Just consider a PCG member, Janet Privratsky who committed suicide because of the **NO CONTACT POLICY.**



To better understand why this is all happening, let us consider further what Mr. Reade wrote in his book:

The priesthood of the Druids stands almost alone in the history of the past. It was directed by men, with minds elevated by philosophy and learned in the human heart. **But read the religious history of other nations, and you will discover how frightfully the power of the priests has been abused....**The priests invented a thousand

Gods; the priests told a thousand lies; the priests instituted a thousand absurd and horrible customs. Who first taught nations to be idolaters, to be murderers but the priests. Who instituted the festival of the Juggernaut, the Inquisition, the massacre of St. Bartholomew, but the priests.

Calvin, a priest of the Reformation, ordered his victims to be burnt with green wood—a truly Christian refinement of cruelty!

Aaron, a priest, manufactured a golden calf and taught the Jews to insult their God. And it was Caiaphas, a high priest, who committed that murder of which the more virtuous heathen Pilate washed his hands.

Look everywhere, look everywhere, and you will see the priests reeking with gore. They have converted popular and happy nations into deserts, and have made our beautiful world into a slaughter house drenched with blood and tears.

Englishmen! **they are planting images, they are performing ceremonies in your houses of worship which you find it impossible to understand. They are hidden from your eyes by a dark veil; it is the veil of a Pagan goddess; it is the veil of Isis.** (*p. 138, The Veil of Isis or Mysteries of the Druids*)

The author believed and concluded that what made the priests at different times in different generations acted the way they did, like abusing their power, is chiefly because of *the veil of a Pagan goddess* which is THE VEIL OF ISIS (also known as ASTARTE).

Once the *evil priests of Astarte* have planted their *graven images*, anyone seeing and hearing what is being performed inside the Church will “**find it impossible to understand**” what is going on because of this very dark VEIL OF ASTARTE that

hides it from our eyes, and only God will be able to remove that veil and expose this *mysterious evil system* in our midst.

And here's a very intriguing part – see for yourself the connection between Simon Magus and Judas Iscariot (the first century *son of perdition*):

“Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? **He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon:** for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.”  
(John 6:70-71, see also John 12:4 and John 13:2, 26)

Could it be that Simon Magus is the real father of Judas Iscariot?

In all likelihood they were indeed a *father-and-son* tandem of the first century who dare try to destroy God's Church then. And just like what the *father-and-son* tandem of Joseph Tkach Sr. and Joseph Tkach Jr. did to the Worldwide Church of God in recent Church history; Would another *father and son tandem* be behind the final abomination of desolation inside God's Church, (i.e., the Philadelphia Church of God)?

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## Who were the Druids?

Out of nowhere, the PCG through one of their ministers and Trumpet.com columnists, Brad Macdonald wrote an article regarding the subject about the Druids. One may wonder about the reason behind such a decision to do so. Why a sudden interest? Upon reading his article, you will notice a toned down approach on the history of the Druids. Could it be because of the association of the Druids with the PCG's favorite IRISH DANCE performances? Or could it be because of their impending justification of the work in Britain and Ireland? Whatever the case may be, one thing is certain though, they were already greatly affected by a Book of Remembrance. Well, Brad's article about the Druids is a solid proof indeed, and it is already fulfilling the prophecy in Jeremiah 4:15;

“For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.”

The word “affliction” in Strong's Concordance could also mean, “wickedness”, which would make the verse to be read this way:

“For a voice declareth from Dan (Ireland), and **publisheth wickedness** from mount Ephraim (Britain).” –

Notice that this article has already been included in the *printed copy* of the October 2014 issue of the Trumpet magazine.

## **Who Were the Druids?**

by Brad Macdonald

You may have noticed how often the Trumpet encourages readers to study *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Of all the literature we publish, this book is the most important for understanding world events and Bible prophecy. Together with the Bible, it forms the prophetic foundation of this magazine.

*The United States and Britain in Prophecy* explains the origins of the United States, the British Commonwealth and the Jewish nation of Israel. Herbert W. Armstrong, the book's author, showed that these nations are the descendants of ancient Israel and therefore the inheritors of the extraordinary promises God made to Abraham, the father of Israel's patriarchs.

Among the many proofs of Israel's modern identity and location, Mr. Armstrong explained how the "lost 10 tribes of Israel" left the Levant in the eighth century B.C. and migrated through Europe and into the British Isles. From there, descendants of the tribe of Manasseh later departed for America ("new Israel," as many of them called it) and formed what became the United States of America.

Many people contest the idea that the Bible can provide insight into the identity of nations and international relations. But the facts in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* are validated by science, by rational argumentation, and by convincing empirical evidence.

Here we will look at some tangible evidence, not only historical documents, but actual artifacts—multiple giant features that one can visit and

touch—showing that the lost 10 tribes of Israel migrated from the eastern Mediterranean, through Europe, and into the British Isles.

### **Meet King Jeroboam**

When King Solomon died around 940 B.C. Israel was a united, rich and powerful kingdom. Solomon left Israel to his son, Rehoboam, who dealt harshly with the people, even dramatically raising taxes. King Rehoboam's cruel leadership provoked a revolution. In 1 Kings 12, the chapter that describes these events, the term "Israel" refers to 10 specific tribes. Verse 19 says that Israel "rebelled against the house of David unto this day."

The rebellion was led by Jeroboam, a prominent leader from the northern tribe of Ephraim (verse 20; 2 Chronicles 10:3). Following the revolt, Jeroboam was made king "over all Israel."

This was the moment Israel split into two kingdoms. The northern kingdom, situated in the region of Samaria, the Bible continued to call "Israel." This kingdom consisted of 10 tribes and was led by King Jeroboam. The southern kingdom, named Judah, consisted of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, as well as the Levites. Judah was led by King Rehoboam, and its headquarters remained in Jerusalem.

These two kingdoms, though family, became archrivals.

King Jeroboam didn't bask in success for long. Securing the allegiance of 2 to 3 million disgruntled Israelites was easy; he now faced the challenge of keeping it. His people were accustomed to looking to Jerusalem, to the temple priesthood and the Davidic monarchy, for

leadership. Under kings David and Solomon, the government displayed strong, stable leadership, politically, religiously and culturally.

Israel's new king knew this would have to change, and quickly. Jeroboam's immediate goal was to sever his people's connection to Jerusalem, lest they gravitate back to Judah and its capital (1 Kings 12:26-27). To do this, Jeroboam invented an independent political and religious system in Israel.

Read for yourself what King Jeroboam told his people: "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt" (verse 28). The king told his people, "Stop looking to Jerusalem, embrace this new political-religious system I have developed for you!"

So, what did King Jeroboam's counterfeit political-religious system look like?

### **The Religion of Jeroboam**

Like all good counterfeiters, King Jeroboam relied heavily upon the original product for inspiration. Basically, he took Israel's existing religion and refashioned it to his own liking, adding in doses of paganism that he had gleaned from Egypt (where he had lived) and surrounding Gentile nations. His strategy was effective. To the Israelites, King Jeroboam's political-religious system was similar enough to the one in Jerusalem to be believable. The people embraced it and never looked back.

You can see some of the specific beliefs and practices of Jeroboam's religion in the accompanying table. Let's notice some especially pertinent details.

1 Kings 12:31 says that Jeroboam “made an house of the high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.” The Hebrew word for house here means palace or temple. Jeroboam didn’t want his people looking to the temple in Jerusalem, so he built a counterfeit temple in Samaria. Notice, he then filled that temple with “priests of the lowest of the people.” King Jeroboam recognized the tremendous value of the temple and the Levitical priesthood, which God created and King David established in the united kingdom of Israel. Jeroboam created his own priesthood of ministers, musicians and poets.

Verse 32 continues, “And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar ....” Jeroboam established his own holy day system, but it was patterned after the holy day system practiced in Judah. It was a perverted form of the true religion.

Notice. In Leviticus 23:34 God had established the timing of when Israel was to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, commanding, “The FIFTEENTH DAY of this SEVENTH MONTH shall be the feast of tabernacles ...” King Jeroboam kept his feast of tabernacles one month later. (Keep this in mind.)

King Jeroboam also replaced worship on the Sabbath with worship on Sunday. For proof, see Hosea 2:11. Here, God sends the Prophet Hosea to denounce Israel for practicing the religion of Jeroboam, which included replacing God’s Sabbath and holy days with “her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn

feasts.”

King Jeroboam promoted idol worship, and created a number of pagan idols, many of them taken from Egypt and the surrounding Gentile peoples. He turned his people to these false gods, even claiming that these pagan gods were responsible for releasing Israel from Egyptian captivity (1 Kings 12:28).

King Jeroboam reigned for 22 years, during which he deeply entrenched his political-religious system in Israel. We know Jeroboam’s religious system survived because biblical passages such 2 Kings 17 show it to be alive and thriving more than 200 years after his death! Verse 22 describes Israel’s condition toward the end of the eighth century B.C.: “For the children of Israel walked in ALL THE SINS OF JEROBOAM which he did; they departed not from them.”

In verse 10 we read that practitioners of Jeroboam’s religion at this time “set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree.” The Hebrew term *forimages* means “a column or memorial stone.” Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon says it means “something set upright, specially: a) a pillar ... b) a statue, the image of an idol, e.g. the statue of Baal.” The Israelites also worshiped in “groves in every high hill, and under every green tree.” The term *groves* refers to a place marked by trees. Often, as the scripture clearly says, they would gather under one large tree. (Groves can also refer to the pagan goddess, Asherah.) They also constructed worship places at the summit of “high hills.”

Verses 16-17 provide further documentation:

“And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.”

The Israelites were deeply immersed in the practice of “divination” and “enchantments,” which means sorcery, witchcraft, fortune-telling, and looking to heavenly signs and omens. In fact, their religion had become so depraved they were practicing human sacrifice using their own children.

By the late eighth century B.C., the religion of Jeroboam was so entrenched—and the Israelites were so unrepentant, even rejecting multiple warnings from God’s prophets—that God was left with no choice but to intervene and punish Israel severely. “For the children of Israel walked in ALL THE SINS OF JEROBOAM which he did; they departed not from them” (2 Kings 17:22). The primary reason for Israel’s punishment was the unrepentant, pervasive practice of the religion of Jeroboam!

But remember: Despite their rebellion and although they didn’t look like it at the time, these people were God’s chosen people, a once-great cluster of tribes that God Himself had established and loved and had been working with for nearly a millennium! 2 Kings 17 discusses Israel’s besiegement, capture and destruction by the Assyrians in 721-718 B.C.

“Until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight,

as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel CARRIED AWAY out of their own land to Assyria unto this day”(verse 23).

The Bible couldn't be clearer! Millions of Israelites, a people deeply steeped in the religion of Jeroboam, were literally “carried away” to the land of Assyria. At this time, the Assyrians lived north and east of what we call the Black Sea. The Israelites settled here for a time, but continued to move into Western Europe (as did the Assyrians). Eventually, the tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh and Dan settled in the British Isles.

How can we prove this? Well, among other proofs, there is tangible evidence of the religion of Jeroboam being practiced in Western Europe and, even more so, in the British Isles!

#### Celtic Druidism

The Oxford Dictionary defines a Druid as “a priest, magician or soothsayer in the ancient Celtic religion.” The common perception today is that the Druids were a relatively small and insignificant class of people, and that ancient Druidism was an obscure religion, not widely practiced and without influence. This perception is false.

In *Celt, Druid and Culdee*, Isabel Hill Elder writes: " The popular belief that Druidism was the religion of ancient Britain and nothing more is entirely erroneous. Druidism was, in fact, THE CENTER AND SOURCE FROM WHICH RADIATED THE WHOLE ORGANIZED CIVIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE OF THE COUNTRY...The truth about Druids...is that they were men of culture, well educated, equitable and impartial in the administration of justice" (emphasis added).

*Druidism was in fact the defining religion of the Celts, the people who lived in the British Isles, including Ireland, before the arrival of the Romans in the first century A.D.*

1 Kings 12:28-33 records that King Jeroboam established centers of religious worship in Ephraim (in the border city of Bethel) and in Dan. Here, among the tribes of Ephraim and Dan in particular, Jeroboam placed his pagan priests on “the high places which he had made.” Isn’t it interesting that a few hundred years later, both Britain (Ephraim) and Ireland (Dan) were the centers of Druidism? This pagan religion was practiced in parts of Western Europe, but, just as it did during the time of Jeroboam, it thrived in, and emanated from, Ireland and Britain!

Druidism arrived in the British Isles in waves; however, historians agree that it was entrenched and thriving by the third century B.C. Prior to the arrival of the Romans, Druidism, though localized, was an elaborate and well-developed system of government, law and education. Druids were the leaders of local societies; the guardians of the law, politics and culture; and the chief musicians and artists.

The Encyclopedia Britannica introduces the Druid as a “member of the learned class among the ancient Celts. They seem to have frequented oak forests and ACTED AS PRIESTS, TEACHERS AND JUDGES.” Isn’t it interesting that Druid priests were also judges, teachers and even poets and musicians? This was similar to the Levitical priesthood established in Israel, which we know King Jeroboam counterfeited (1 Chronicles 23:3-5).

There are various forms of Druidism, and there

are differences in the practices, customs and beliefs between the various forms. Most, however, recognize eight annual feasts. (God established seven annual holy days in ancient Israel). The four primary Druidic festivals are Samhain, Imbolc, Beltane and Lughnasadh. The four minor feasts revolve around the movement of the sun (winter solstice, spring equinox, summer solstice, and fall equinox).

For many Druids, Samhain was the most important festival. This festival was celebrated on November 1, though some people celebrated it for seven or eight days. Recall what King Jeroboam did with the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles that God inspired, which generally falls sometime during the months of September and October? He postponed it by one month!

Historical records show that the Druids worshiped in stone and timber circles, or henges, which were often situated on a high hill. Ireland and the United Kingdom today are littered with stone henges of all shapes and sizes. (Timber henges are rare due to decomposition.) There are well over 100 such ancient stone circles. Elder discusses these: "The gigantic monoliths placed in circles and the piles of stones were alike unhewn. These piles, called si'uns or cairns, and in the north of England known as laws or lows, were usually placed on the summit of hills and mounds. ... The similarity of si'un with the Hebrew word Zion (fortress), the Mount of Stone (as the name Zion in Celtic means), is striking."

Most stone henges have been dated to before Israel's Assyrian captivity. How can we explain this? Historical record shows that many Celts

traced their ancestry all the way back to Egypt and the Israelites' captivity in Egypt (circa 1600 B.C.). After the Exodus, some Israelites, mainly from the tribe of Dan, separated and set off for the British Isles. The Bible also records that the patriarchs and early Israelite leaders such as Moses and Joshua also used stone monuments and altars (e.g. Genesis 31:45-46; Joshua 4:19-21). This history requires another article, but the point is: There was a series of smaller Israelite migrations to the British Isles more than a thousand years before the arrival of the lost 10 tribes and the religion of Jeroboam (e.g. Judges 5:17).

Druids also worshiped in groves, or clumps of trees. Oak trees were especially appealing and an important part of religious worship. In *Age of Fable*, 18th-century author Thomas Bulfinch wrote: "These sacred circles were generally situated near some stream, or under the shadow of a grove or wide-spreading oak. In the center of the circle stood the Cromlech, or altar, which was a large stone, placed in the manner of a table upon other stones set up on end. The Druids had also their high places, which were large stones or piles of stones on the summits of hills. These were called Cairns, and were used in the worship of the deity under the symbol of the sun."

The Druids worshiped in the same manner as the Israelite practitioners of Jeroboam's religion. Among the various Druidic symbols, the snake and the cow were especially important. In *Mysteries of the Druids*, written in 1861, Winwood Reade wrote, "[T]he Druids worshiped the heavenly bodies, and also trees, and water, and mountains, and the signs of the serpent, the bull and the cross." The serpent and

cow featured heavily in Jeroboam's religion as well (2 Kings 18:4; 1 Kings 12:28-30). Archaeological excavations in Britain have uncovered the remains of sheep, goats and cows at Druidic sites. These animals were obviously used in sacrifices. But notice, these are all "clean" animals. The Druids—and King Jeroboam before them—could have learned the truth about "clean and unclean meats" from only one place: RIGHTEOUS ISRAEL! (see Leviticus 11).

Roman records, specifically the writings of Julius Caesar, indicate that at least some Druids conducted human sacrifices. As we read earlier, this too was a practice of the religion of Jeroboam.

It is also fascinating to consider the way the Druidic ministry was organized in various orders. In *How the Gospel Came to Britain*, Brian Williams writes: "One class was concerned strictly with the priestly or sacrificial office. There was another class which were considered prophets and were occasionally employed at the altar, but with a special duty of the composition of music and sacred hymns. A third strictly secular class was occupied in composing and reciting poetry for the encouragement of virtue and condemnation of vice. A fourth class was devoted to astrology, sorcery and occultism. The priesthood was hereditary, but the chief Druid was elected."

Again, compare that with the Bible's description of how King David organized the Levites in 1 Chronicles 23 and 24. Under God's direction, David divided the Levites into departments, or "courses." These included "officers and judges,"

“porters,” singers and musicians, and departments responsible for even more specific functions. King Jeroboam counterfeited all of this, and Israel’s descendants in the British Isles centuries later still practiced his corrupted forms!

Archaeological excavations in the British Isles have uncovered the remains of Druid priests. Along with the skeletal remains, priestly garments—intricately designed clothes of amazing patterns and colors, studded with precious stones—have also been found. From whom did the Druids, and Jeroboam before them, learn about priestly garb? Again, from the high priests in righteous Israel! Passages such as Exodus 28:15-21 show the high priest wearing a white robe and a golden breastplate set with 12 precious jewels.

Records show that the Druids perpetuated their religion and government through a well-developed system of education. There were educational institutions, or colleges, spread throughout the British Isles. Elder wrote that when the Romans invaded there were “40 Druidic centers of learning” and that these “40 colleges were each presided over by a chief Druid.” During the time of Julius Caesar, people were traveling from Europe to the British Isles to be educated in Druidic colleges. But where did the Druids, and King Jeroboam before them, get the idea of institutionalized education? Once again, from righteous Israel! The Bible clearly reveals that Samuel the prophet established a sophisticated, well-ordered system of education in Israel during the late 12th century and 11th century B.C. (1 Samuel 19:18-24; 2 Kings 2:3-15). Samuel had three colleges, and probably hundreds of students, “sons of the prophets.”

King David himself was educated by Samuel and probably attended one of these colleges.

### **The Arrival of Christianity**

What happened when Roman Christianity began to arrive in the British Isles in the late first century? Was Celtic Druidism eradicated? Was it absorbed into British Christianity? The answer is: BOTH!

Elder writes: “Upon the introduction of Christianity the Druids were called upon, not so much to reverse their ancient faith, as to ‘lay it down for a fuller and more perfect revelation.’ No country can show a more rapid, natural merging of a native religion into Christianity than that which was witnessed in Britain in the first century A.D. The readiness with which the Druids accepted Christianity, the facilities with which their places of worship and colleges were turned to Christian uses, the willingness of the people to accept the new religion are facts which the modern historian has either overlooked or ignored.”

In *The Offshore Islanders*, historian Paul Johnson describes how Britain’s Christianity has always been distinct from Roman Christianity. Johnson calls it a “Celtic Christianity,” and it was prominent—in various forms and often localized—throughout the British Isles, especially Wales, Scotland and Ireland, before the large-scale arrival of Roman Catholicism in the late seventh century. Celtic Christianity was essentially a blend of Celtic religion and tradition and Christianity.

A lot of people would agree that this history is remarkable and fascinating. But it is also a

wonderful opportunity. Before you set this article down and move on, take a few moments to think on what we have just witnessed. You have just seen the convergence, in astonishing detail, of secular history—tangible, quantifiable, undeniable facts about the Celtic religion—with the biblical narrative. Doesn't this prove the veracity of the Bible?

Think too about our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. This book isn't a careless, lightweight, amalgamation of a few Bible stories and scriptures. It is not the impromptu thoughts of a modern Christian minister or the compilation of a few conspiracy theories. The message of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* is a thorough, well-researched, logical explanation of Scripture that has been repeatedly proven accurate by actual historical events and by mountains of tangible, quantifiable evidence.

If you haven't already, you really should request and read this book. If you thought this study of the Druids was interesting, you will be astonished by the journey Mr. Armstrong will take you on in *Britain's 4,000-Year-Old History*.

*Source: <http://www.thetrumpet.com/article/12058.24.168.0/britain/who-were-the-druids>*

Notice carefully one of the source from which Brad got his information about the Druids, it could most probably have come from the *Book of Remembrance*, particularly the one written by Winwood Reade which he has incompletely titled as just "Mysteries of the Druids," while it's correct title was "The Veil of Isis or Mysteries of the Druids."

Why then would he have left intentionally the other part of the title "The Veil of Isis"? Well, one thing is becoming clear though, it is indeed THE VEIL OF ISIS or ASTARTE that is

covering up the Druids in our midst.

Is it possible that Brad Macdonald and his family could have descended from the Celtic Druids?

Now, here is what Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about British history and its connection to the Druids:

*Yes, the British Isles heard Christ's gospel! But they accepted, instead, the idolatry of the Druids, pagan worship, and the counterfeit "Christianity" of the Roman Babylonian mystery religion, and even spawned the devil's religion of the evolutionary concept. (p. 131, The United States and Britain in Prophecy)*

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# ADDITIONAL READING

The A.R.K. of God Foundation produces many informative and interesting publications that you may want to request. Here are a few you might consider:

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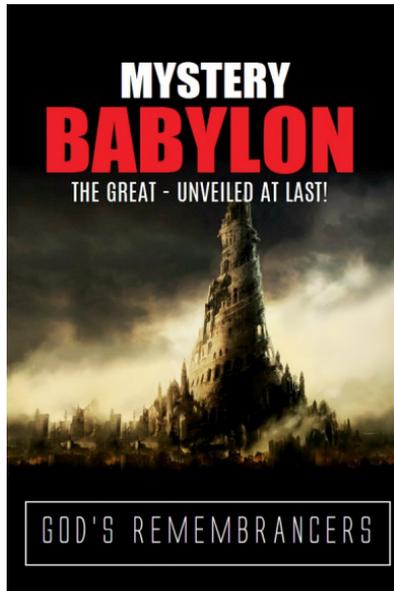
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## THE DRUNKARDS OF EPHRAIM

A King in ancient Hebrew have become intoxicated with his lust for power. To take full control of the people, the King concocted his own system of worship contrary to the laws of God! This booklet reveals of how King Jeroboam of Samaria have brought his system of worship to the British Isles and astoundingly to the last Era of God's Church! For more information about the significance of this Babylonian System of Worship to YOUR success in the Kingdom of God, download a copy of this booklet and find out if you should also assimilate to these practices of evil.

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