

C I Scofield - Can He Be Trusted?

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Cyrus Ingerson Scofield – (8/19/1843-7/24/1921) – Creator of the Scofield Reference Bible of 1909, revised notes in 1917 and 1967. In the front of his Bible, he claims the degree of D.D. Doctor of Divinity which would have been an earned degree back then but there is not one seminary in America that claimed him as a student. No one knows where he obtained that DD, he just claimed it and that was it. The fact that in 1892 he began calling himself Doctor Scofield without producing any Doctorate degree from any Seminary or University is the least of his devious activities. Even the details he gave in his story of conversion are proven to be fabricated, including the time, place and other particularities, thereby placing doubt on the whole story. Since Scofield was so popular, don't you think a seminary would use him as a bragging right? In 1875 he was introduced to Samuel Untermeyer who was head of the American Jewish Committee who was also a lifelong communist. He and Untermeyer held memberships in the Lotos Club in New York which was a literary club. There can be little doubt that Untermeyer acted as a liaison between Scofield and the British Zionists at Oxford University, who were far more influential in promoting Zionist propaganda to the American evangelical movement, which really fast-tracked after WWII and the founding of the nation-state of Israel. The purpose of Samuel Untermeyer and those associated with him had to find a way to get Fundamentalist Christians into an international interest in the Zionist Movement, which was one of Untermeyer's life-long projects. The Scofield Bible was the conduit to bring Zionism into the churches while the average Christian was unsuspecting of the intent these theological deviates were placing upon them.

Here is the commentary from the 1967 Scofield Bible on Genesis 12:3:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. (Genesis 12:3)

“and curse him that curseth thee” This was a warning literally fulfilled in the history of Israel's persecutions. It has invariably fared ill with the people who have persecuted the Jew-well with those who protected him. For a nation to commit the sin of anti-Semitism brings inevitable Judgment. The future will remarkably prove this principle.”

As you can see the con is in because Genesis 12:3 was not speaking of either the ancient nation of Israel or the modern counterfeit nation of Israel. It was written about Abraham and those who would be in his spiritual lineage throughout history. *And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:29)* Abraham lived about 600 years before Israel became a nation when they left Egypt in 1447 B.C. The modern nation of Israel is not made up of Semitic people but they are Sephardic and Ashkenazi which are basically European. The Sephardic Jews lived in the Iberian Peninsula in the 15th Century and after their expulsion they set up communities in Southeastern and Southern Europe. The Ashkenazis lived in the region of Poland, Germany, and Northern France. Both of these groups had set up communities in other areas also. Genesis 12:3 is speaking of Christians which make up spiritual Israel and not the physical Jews unless they become saved and then they become part of the eternal Israel. Now back to Scofield.

Did Scofield meet the qualifications for a leader in the church? His friends and colleagues have tried to hide the fact that he was married twice, had two daughters with his first wife and was divorced by her owing to how he treated her and their daughters. Scofield began courting his future second wife Hettie van Wark before the divorce was finalized and they got married only three months after the papers were signed in 1883. Scofield went to jail for six months on a forgery conviction in 1880. He had stolen his mother-in-law's last \$1,300 one year after his supposed conversion.

One of Scofield's first suspicious moves involved in producing his Reference Bible was to take an unnecessary trip to the British Isles for research. He immediately sought out the controversial scholars Westcott and Hort in London. They guided him in how to alter the King James Bible so that it would be compatible with the dispensationalist teachings he was recruited to promote. Scofield preferred the Revised Version of the Bible, which was largely the product of his mentors Westcott and Hort and was based on corrupted manuscripts born in Alexandria, Egypt and espoused by the Vatican. However, he knew that if he coupled his notes with the RV they wouldn't sell very well because the KJB far surpassed the RV in popularity. So he used the KJB, but in many areas where the two versions differed doctrinally, especially where his doctrine was concerned, he placed a footnote giving a supposedly more correct rendering, which almost always agreed with the RV.

In July 1901, Scofield joined the first of a new series of annual Bible conferences in Sea Cliff, Long Island, New York. There he met Arno C. Gaebelin, Bible teacher and editor of "*Our Hope*" magazine. Scofield told Gaebelin about his plans to publish a reference Bible, and Gaebelin volunteered to help him find financial support.

In 1902, the Dallas church which was the First Congregational Church now renamed The Scofield Church called Scofield back as pastor. He accepted, thinking he would have more time for his Bible project. But his attention was divided, so he left the church for Europe in 1904 to work on the Bible.

While in England, he met the head of Oxford University Press who became enthusiastic about the project. A year later, Scofield returned to America, signed a contract with Oxford University Press, and returned to pastoring his Dallas church.

Several consulting editors helped Scofield with his reference Bible of 1909. They included Gaebelin; James M. Gray, president of Moody Bible Institute; William J. Erdman, Presbyterian minister and author; Arthur T. Pierson, author and editor; William G. Moorehead, president of Xenia Theological Seminary; Henry G. Weston, president of Crozer Theological Seminary; and Elmore Harris, president of Toronto Bible Training School. The Bible was officially published in January 1909 as the *Scofield Reference Bible*. Scofield then published a revised version in 1917. *Today Oxford University Press still publishes the Scofield Reference Bible.*

Scofield was one of the founding members of the Philadelphia College of the Bible in 1913 which is now Cairn University. I guess they didn't want the word "Bible" in it anymore. If you look at their website you will see the same Mobius in their name as is on the New King James Version. It is also found on the new age book "Aquarian Conspiracy" by Marilyn Ferguson. It is on the logo of "The Institute of Trans-Personal Psychology." Constance Cumbey, author of *The Hidden Dangers*

of the Rainbow and a notable authority on the New Age Movement, said, *"The emblem on the cover of the New King James Bible is said to be an ancient symbol of the Trinity. The old symbol had gnostic origins. It was more gnostic than Christian."* Satanic jewelry carries the gnostic Mobius. It represented 666.

Would you want your child studying Christianity at a university that took "Bible" out of its name and replaced it with a satanic Mobius? I know I wouldn't. So this is just a brief summary of Scofield. A saved person would not get involved with what he got involved with. So the next time you use and flaunt your Scofield Reference Bible, keep in mind there is more evil behind it than good!

Might I suggest an excellent resource for your library – A book entitled ["The Incredible Scofield and His Book"](#) by Joseph Canfield.

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