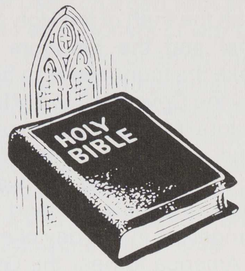
KEY WORDS IN UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY BIBLE



Part 5

Part IV of this series concluded with a passage from Lothrop Stoddard's RISING TIDE OF COLOR, in which the author quoted the words of a Japanese imperialist, who, having indicated the extent of his dream of conquest, asserted that once North America was theirs, they would "own and control the whole". This "whole", he declared, was a DOMINION worthy of the Japanese race.

That that Oriental was aware of some facts which many white Christians choose either to deny or to ignore, is rather obvious. He knew that to "own and "control" was synonymous with **having dominion** - and he knew that his **race** was different from what he designated "the coarse white races"; furthermore, he was fully aware that **dominion** could not be held at once by both the yellow **AND** the white races!

With these observations in mind a reconsideration of Genesis 1.26 and 28, is in order:

Genesis 1:26: And God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them 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.'

Genesis 1.28: And God blessed them, and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish (fill) 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.'**

When God said, "Let Us make **man** in Our image", He surely could not have had reference to all races as is so commonly believed. The reason for this is clear from the declaration of the Japanese imperialist! All races could **NOT** have been given **DOMINION** at the same time because all races are not the same nor are they equally capable of ruling as God would have them to rule. Only that race which was "created in the image and likeness of God" (and this means in spirit, mind and body) could be given the "dominion mandate".

Since the identification of Adam-man as being only the white race was covered in Part I, of this series, further consideration of that point is unnecessary here. More beneficial will be attention to and examination of definitions of the term "dominion" and related words.

Strong's Concordance shows that the word "dominion" comes from a Hebrew prime root, **radah** (raw daw'), meaning to tread down; i.e., subjugate. "Subjugate" according to **Webster's 1828 Dictionary** means "to subdue and bring under the yoke of power or dominion; to conquer by force and compel to **submit to the government or absolute control of another.**" A question immediately arises: Who was to be brought under subjugation? Was it only the things of nature that were to be subdued? If so, how does that relate to "submitting to government"? According to all dictionary definitions, "government" relates to **people,** not to animals or to birds!

Included in Strong's explanation of "dominion" is the added connotation of **ruling** and **reigning,** which again, in no sense applies to animal or bird life. In this connection an examination of the explanation given in **Webster's 1828 Dictionary** is worthwhile. There it is shown that **dominion** and **dominant** derive from the same Latin root, **dominar** meaning "to rule"; **dominus,** lord, master; either from **domets,** a house, or from **domo** (Greek word), to overcome, to **tame** or subdue. The first definition entry is given as "ruling; prevailing; governing; predominant."

Even more recently-published dictionaries reveal that there is a direct relationship between the words **dominion, dominate, dominant** and **domain, domestic, domesticate.** The word "domain", for instance, lists "dominion" as one meaning along with "territory governed" and "empire", while "domesticate" means "to tame" or "to civilize". Is it possible that Elohim gave Adam-man the earth as his DOMAIN and purposed that he should have DOMINION over that territory? Such dominion would include taming, domesticating, civilizing, **ruling** and **reigning,** as the case might be - whatever was necessary to maintain order and/or law in his assigned domain!

The same concept is implied in Genesis 2.15, where the man Adam, was placed in the garden to "dress it and **keep** it". Strong's Concordance shows that "dress" means "to work" while "keep" comes from a prime Hebrew root meaning "to hedge about - that is, **guard;** generally to **protect** etc." Once more a question arises: Against what or **whom** was Adam to guard and protect the garden in which God placed him! Does not **dominion** seem to be a part of this command?

Next consideration will be given to terms which are either synonymous with or related to the word "dominion". Roget's THESAURUS, Third Edition, Copyright 1962, lists many words which are similar in meaning: authority, control, power, force, mastery, supremacy, influence, reign, rule, command, jurisdiction, sovereignty, leadership, ascendancy and headship - to name a few. All of these words have a connotation very close to the meaning of the word "command" which is: "the right or power of governing with **chief** or **exclusive authority** or **supreme power.**" **Supremacy, sovereignty, ascendancy** and **headship** leave no room for doubt: someone or something must be **above** someone or something else!

In this age when outside the field of sports the popularly-accepted thought is of "leveling everyone to a least common denominator status", words such as the above (most of which clearly indicate that EQUALITY is only a figment of the humanists' imaginations), have become anathema. By coupling the words **white** or **racial** with supremacy, for instance, the levelers have created unsavory epithets directed against anyone who recognizes that equality does not exist anywhere in the world. Not only is there inequality between races, but it is also very evident between those of the **same** ethnic type - even within given families! In nature, inequality is rampant. Apparently the Creator of the Universe was not desirous of fashioning His creatures to be equal except before Him!

Seeking further for answers to the matter of "dominion" leads once more to Webster's respected **1828 Dictionary,** this time to the word which has been badly exploited by certain both Christian and non-Christian people; namely, **supremacy.** The following data with reference to the term "supremacy" is quoted in full from that worthy volume:

Supremacy (See Supreme) State of being supreme or in the highest station of power; highest authority or power.

Supreme (L. **supremus,** from **supra;** Fr. supreme)

1. Highest in authority; holding the highest place in government or power. In the United States the congress is supreme in regulating commerce and in making war

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wills, we will be holding meetings in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Pennsylvania and many other states in the eastern United States. We are just returned from holding Bible Studies in Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho. We send the love and greetings of all our people here in Western Missouri to Israelites throughout the United States and into the far corners of the earth. This is a great day to be living! "This is the day which Yahweh hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psm. 118.28. Let us rejoice in the knowledge of our Salvation and work with all our might and soul to see that this GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM is published and proclaimed unto the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel.