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First of all, I express my deep regret over the passing away of **Mr. Ernie Sears** (PHOTO: from <http://www.thisishampshire.net>), the former Public Relations Officer of **SUFOG (Southampton UFO Group, UK, founded by Mr. Steve Gerrard)** which was closed two years before this sad news (see the 13th issue), and just after his secession from the group. I am very thankful that Mr. Sears took up my *Criticism* a number of times in lively SUFOG magazine.

This *Criticism* started nine years ago to inform you of Japanese UFOlogy. The leading role of this issue is Jesus. If you are a Christian, I desire your tolerance towards my historical inquiry. Contrary to what you might think, in Japan the Bible translated by modern Protestants is more familiar than Buddhist holy books translated in China of remote antiquity and written in classical Chinese. In the Japanese-language version Bible, "prophet" is "預言者" (yogen-sha). This is not "予言者" (yogen-sha) which means "foreteller." 予 (yo) means "fore"; 預 (yo) means "deposit." That is, 預言者 is a person (者: sha) who is deposited the word (言: gen) by God.

Jesus as an Earthman

In March 1992, when I did not yet return to the UFO world, I wrote a long (8 pages) treatise, *Kirisuto Chikyu-jin Setsu (A Theory that Christ was an Earthman)*, for my chat newsletter (#1). This odd title shows that I was among those who regarded Jesus as a spaceman.

According to CBA (Cosmic Brotherhood Association), Japanese legendary UFO group, Jesus was entrusted to an Earth woman, Mary, in his infancy from outer space. However, the oldest Gospel **MARK (3:31-32)** says, "There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee." In this scene **Mary looks an ordinary mother who is anxious about the eccentric behaviors by one of her sons. Therefore, the Star of Bethlehem (MATTHEW 2:9), a UFO-like star, seems to belong to a legend of after ages; other UFOincident-like stories concerning the birth of Jesus told by Apocryphal Gospels, too (#2).**

Jesus believed that the end of the world dominated by the Roman Empire was closing in. He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (**MARK 1:15**). And **the great flood was believed to come before it.** He said, "...when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, ...standing where it ought not, ...then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains" (**MARK 13:14**).

About 2,000 years after, July 1959, in a space mother ship, Mr. Yusuke Matsumura (1928?-?) of CBA was informed of "the major change of the Earth" in "very near future" by space people. This "change" was believed to come with a great flood. "But its exact date is unknown to us [space people]" (#3). Jesus said, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (**MARK 13:32**).

Jesus was originally a prophet, not a messiah, as Mr. Joel Carmichael (1915-2006), an American historian, points out in his book *The Death of Jesus* (1962)(#4). Jesus said, defending himself, "A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house" (**MARK 6:4**) (#5). Incidentally, a prophet, *nabi* in Hebrew, is not a foreteller but a messenger of Jehovah.

Elijah of more than 800 years before Jesus was believed to come prior to a messiah. And according to the Gospels, Jesus met Moses and Elijah. Three of the twelve Apostles saw it. "And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud ..." (**MARK 9:7**).

This story seems to be a fact, because the place name is hidden: the Gospels say, only "an high mountain" (**MARK 9:2, MATTHEW 17:1**) or "a mountain" (**LUKE 9:28**). The original author of this report wanted to avoid disturbers and curious onlookers; in other words, **the original**

document was written when Jesus lived to announce that he had been raised from a prophet to a messiah, and contact with heavenly beings was repeated on the mountain.

About 2,000 years after, CBA also hid Mr. Matsumura's contact place: captions for UFO photos say (#6), "a certain place in Kyushu", "a certain hill country in Kyushu," "a hill country in southwestern Kyushu" (Kyushu is one of four big islands which compose the mainland of Japan).

The word "messiah" of those days did not mean "a savior for mankind": **a "messiah" was for the Jewish people. And Jesus was at last the leader of an independence movement.** Therefore, as Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860), a spiteful German philosopher, pointed out in a talk with Julius Frauenstadt (#7), "the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS" (MARK 15:26).

This movement, of course, armed itself. And **the temple of Jerusalem was brought under its control.** As Mr. Carmichael points out, this is why " ... Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, ... And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple" (MARK 11:15-16).

The patriotic uprising by Jesus was quelled by Roman army led by "the captain" (JOHN 18:12). Though the King James version Bible does not explain this Roman position, he was a commander of **1000 soldiers** (#8).

With Jesus two men were crucified. Though the Gospels treat them as mere criminals, Mr. Carmichael regards them comrades of Jesus, and regards the Twelve Apostles mere "chiefs of guards of Jesus" (I do not know the original English). However, **if Jesus is an important convict, the two convicts must have similar importance. Therefore, I guess them to be allies of Jesus, that is, the independence movement by Jesus consisted of three or so factions.** And if so, the Twelve Apostles also may have been elected from three or so factions. Indeed, we have only poor information about the Apostles after the execution of Jesus but **Peter, James, and John. Only these three men, witnesses to that contact with Moses and Elijah, may have belonged to the Jesus faction.**

The Jewish people do not remember Jesus' patriotic act. **This event may possibly be known with the name of another person, for instance, one of the two allies.** In the *Video News* treatise, I guessed this uprising to be an event of A.D. 32.

The great flood by Jehovah was imminent. Nevertheless, Jesus marched his troops to Jerusalem. Similarly, CBA devoted all their energy to building a "pyramid" by themselves on the eve of the world scale great flood.

Those who are put on the cross usually keep their lives for several days. But Jesus died only six hours later. Was he in a state of apparent death? However, **the Resurrection of Jesus was more than mere revival, because he got a different face** (MARK 16:12, LUKE 24:16, JOHN 21:4). The Jewish people of those days, except Sadducees, believed in resurrection of dead persons (#9). And UFOlogists also can accept the possibility of Jesus' Resurrection, perhaps more easily than modern Christians, because space people must have been able to accomplish it easily.

NOTES

- #1 **J-N Video News** (titled in English), No.78, March 1992. This publication for my friends originally dealt with film and video art. Later, analyses of the international situation were thrust into pages, and at last UFO articles were. To be exact, this treatise is "(the First)." But no sequel was written. Incidentally, No.79 (April-September 1992) is the final number.
- #2 According to **Gospel of James (Protoevangelium of James)**: translated by Mr. Seiichi Yagi (1974), Joseph, the fiancé of Mary, looking for a midwife saw a time stop phenomenon (18:2), and after "a bright cloud" went away from the cave in which Mary was, Jesus was born (19:2).
- #3 **Soratobu Enban Nyusu (The Flying Saucer News)**, April 1963, published by CBA.
- #4 I know this book only through translation entitled **Kirisuto wa Naze Korosaretaka (Why Was Christ Killed?)**, translated by Mr. Yoshiyuki Nishi, published by Yomiuri Shinbun-sha (1972).
- #5 Mr. Carmichael refers to only LUKE 24:19, where the deceased Jesus is called "a prophet" by two followers.
- #6 **Soratobu Enban Nyusu** (see #3), February-March 1962, June-July 1962.
- #7 **Schopenhaueru no Taiwa (Talks of Schopenhauer)**, translated and edited by Mr. Shinsaku Aihara, published by Kobun-do (1949).
- #8 One of the Twelve Apostles, one of two **Simon**, is generally regarded as a person who had some concern with a militant group **Zealotry (the Zealots)**, because of his nicknames: "the Canaanite" (MARK 3:18, MATTHEW 10:4) or "Zelotes" (LUKE 6:15, ACTS 1:13).
- #9 **Seisho Jiten (Bible Dictionary)**, edited and published by Shinkyō-shuppan-sha (1968); a Protestant book.