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The Writing of a New Tract by Frank Evan Frye

Several years ago, when Patti's father (Hugh "Bob" Brock) died, her brothers and sisters decided to give us the money that was left over from the funeral and flowers to be used for the missionary work in Latin America. I thought about it for quite some time as to how the funds could be used in a way which would honor his memory. He was a strong believer in the restoration of the Gospel and in The Book of Mormon, so I finally decided to write a new tract about The Book of Mormon and to translate it into Spanish and publish it in both English and Spanish in a color edition which would teach about the Lord's ministry as described in The Book of Mormon.

I had been teaching classes for the past forty years about the archaeology of The Book of Mormon and in particular about "Quetzalcoatl," who we believe to have been Jesus Christ as he visited Mesoamerica. However, there were many other names by which He was known, so in order to emphasize that point, I decided to use a new term which I called "QKG," which stands for **Quetzalcoatl/Kukulcan/Gucumatz**. There are dozens more names by which He was known among the different cultures and language groups of the New World and elsewhere, but this would serve to emphasize the diversity of the places where He went and taught the "lost sheep of the House of Israel" (3 Nephi 7:20–26).

Much time was spent in the writing, condensing, editing and translating of this new tract, but it finally came off the press in Oaxaca on December 1, 2008. From now on it will accompany the DVD "Quetzalcoatl: Evidence that Jesus Christ Ministered in America." It was designed to fit inside the DVD case and has full color photographs of various archaeological points of interest as well as artwork from artist Robert Farley and author Glenn Scott.

It is hoped that this eight-page tract will be used to promote the teaching of The Book of Mormon, and that it may not only cause us to remember Patti's father, but also the One who died that we might live, Jesus Christ (QKG), our Maker, our Savior and our coming Judge.

Jesus Came Here Also

by Frank Evan Frye, 2008

Jesus Christ said that He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He said that they would hear His voice. The Lord also prophesied through Ezekiel that He personally would seek out His lost sheep of the house of Israel.

This small booklet shows some of the evidence that our Lord ministered to His lost sheep of the House of Israel in America and elsewhere shortly after His ascension into heaven nearly two thousand years ago.

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Kukulcan, the bearded white god, Chitzen Itza, Mexico

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It is because of His visits to the many tribes of native Americans that there are so many legends of a bearded God who descended from the heavens and taught the people here a new and better way of life many centuries ago.

Carved in stone and engraved in the hearts of the ancient people of the Americas is the same God of Israel and God of the

whole earth—Jesus Christ, the Messiah of the Old Testament and the Savior of the New Testament. He came and taught His “other sheep” and then He left with the promise to return.

The Evidence of Pre-Columbian Manuscripts and Legends

There is a persistent story in the history of North, Central and South America of a bearded god who descended from the heavens in their distant past. He had many different names depending on languages and cultures, but his characteristics were nearly always the same where ever he appeared. **Quetzalcoatl** was also known among other cultures and language groups as **Kukulkan**, **Gucumatz**, and others (**QKG**).

No matter where he appeared, He was always characterized by the same teachings:

- He was identified as the god of creation.
- He was known as the source of all light, knowledge and life.
- A new star was associated with his birth.
- He was born of a virgin and lived about 2000 years ago.
- He descended and ascended in a cloud.
- He wore a white robe and a beard.
- He taught love and peace.
- He sacrificed his own life for his creation.
- There were three days of darkness at his death.
- He returned from the land of the dead (resurrection).
- He was identified with the morning star.
- He promised to return.
- His followers identified him with many symbols, some of which were:
 - The morning star (Venus).
 - The cross.
 - The feathered serpent (as opposed to a non-feathered serpent).
 - Maize (the *bread of life* or staple for the native Americans).

All of these characteristics point directly to one person who is known and still loved and worshipped around the world—Jesus Christ the Messiah of the Bible. They characterize the life and ministry of Jesus also.

The Old Testament begins with the promise of a Messiah, one who would be born of a virgin. As Biblical history develops, God



Quetzalcoatl, National Palace, Mexico City



selected a certain people to be a special witness for Him. God named them Israel and gave them many promises through the prophets. In Deuteronomy 28, God gave blessings for Israel if they would be obedient. He told the people of Israel what would befall them if they were disobedient.

He said that they would “be removed **into all the kingdoms of the earth**” (v. 25). The promise is made that they would be scattered “among all people, **from one end of the earth even unto the other**” (v. 64). Later in the Bible, Jeremiah speaks the word of the Lord saying: “And I will cause them to be removed **into all the kingdoms of the earth**” (15:4).

Israel became disobedient, so the Lord prophesied through Ezekiel [34] to the leaders of Israel. He said that they had not properly cared for the sheep, the flock of Israel: “My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea **my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth**” (v. 6). Because of this, the Lord promises in verse 11: “For thus saith the Lord God; **Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.**”

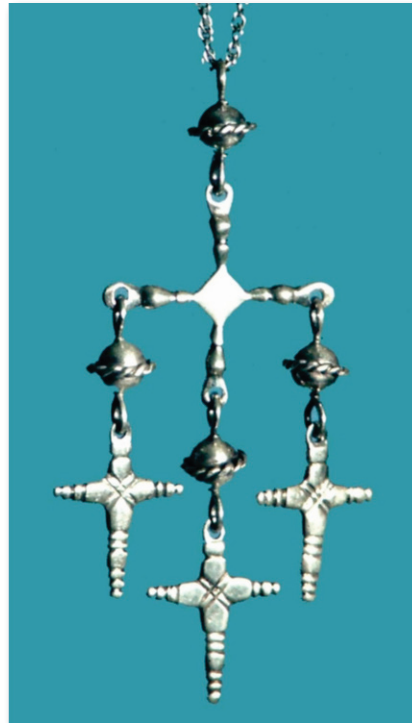
The New Testament records these significant statements by Jesus. In Matthew 15:24, Jesus said: “I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” If Israel had been scattered over all the face of the earth and into all nations, then Jesus’ ministry cannot have been limited to the small area around Jerusalem where he traveled during his earthly life. In fact, Jesus told his disciples that his ministry *would not* be limited to the “sheepfold” around Jerusalem. In John 10:16 he stated: “And **other sheep** I have, which are **not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice;** and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.”

In the Old Testament, the Lord promised that He personally would seek out his lost sheep of the house of Israel. Here in the New Testament, the Lord Jesus makes a similar declaration where He promises that these other sheep which are not of the fold (corral or land around Jerusalem), will be sought out by Him personally, and they will hear His voice. How could they hear his voice and be personally tended to if He did not visit them? In order to fulfill that prophecy Jesus had to travel elsewhere.



Cruciform Tomb, Monte Alban, Oaxaca, Mexico

Frank Evan Frye



Yalalag Crosses

Frank Evan Frye

The Book of Mormon declares that Jesus did descend from heaven and minister to His “other sheep” in the Western Hemisphere. Jesus announced to His people in the Land Bountiful (in southern Mexico), “And verily, I say unto you, that ye are they of whom I said, other sheep I have which are not of this fold” (3 Nephi 7:20).

Continuing, Jesus said:

And verily, verily, I say unto you, that I have other sheep, which are not of this land; neither of the land of Jerusalem; neither in any parts of that land round about, whither I have been to minister. For they of whom I speak, are they who have not as yet heard my voice; neither have I at any time manifested myself unto them. But I have received a commandment of the Father, that I shall go unto them, and that

they shall hear my voice, and shall be numbered among my sheep, that there may be one fold, and one shepherd; therefore I go to shew myself unto them” (3 Nephi 7:24–26).

According to these accounts, Jesus descended from heaven just as the native Americans described the visit of their bearded god from heaven. Anyone can easily see the similarities between Jesus the Messiah and the god who came down from heaven and taught the people of the Western Hemisphere so long ago.

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These similarities are too numerous and similar to be easily ignored by the open minded investigator.

The common occurrence of the cross in Mesoamerica and the belief in Christian doctrines and practices, on the part of many native Americans, such as resurrection from the dead, baptism for remission of sins, a form of the partaking of bread and wine as an ordinance, and many others, make it difficult to deny the clear teachings of both the Bible and the Book of Mormon about an extended ministry of the Lord Jesus to other parts of the world after his ascension from the saints in the Old World.

The Book of Mormon teaches that Jesus left the Israelites to whom he had appeared in the Land Bountiful, to visit others of the lost sheep of the House of Israel in parts unknown to them. It is easy to identify where He visited by examining the beliefs and teachings of indigenous peoples in other parts of the Western Hemisphere and the islands of the sea. The clear footprints of His ministry take us into many areas of North America, Canada, other parts of Mexico and Central America, South America, and the islands of the Pacific Ocean.

Some of the symbols identified with Quetzalcoatl/Kukulkan/Gucumatz (QKG) may not be obvious to western Christianity, but they are truly Christian symbols just the same. We must remember not to impose the meaning of symbols from our culture upon a symbol with similar appearance from another culture. Symbols must always be taught by those who already know their meaning. Thus, when Jesus states in the book of Revelation (22:16) that he is "the bright and morning star," we should not be surprised when others who were taught by that same Jesus, choose to use the symbol of the morning star to represent Him, even if we do not.

Some question how the feathered serpent symbol can have a possible connection with Jesus Christ. It is really quite simple to establish a clear and Biblical relationship. The Lord commanded Moses to make a serpent of brass and lift it up on a pole for the healing of the people who had sinned (Numbers 21:6-9).

The symbolism of the serpent lifted up on a pole is very ancient. It appears first in Sumer after the flood of

Noah. It always has had the meaning of "healing." It was carried from ancient times into the Greek mythology in the form of Hermes and to the Roman pantheon in the form of Mercury and into our modern culture as the symbol of medical science.

How could this symbolize Jesus? How could a metal snake have healing powers? The brass serpent did *not*



Glenn Scott

Moses lifting up the brass serpent



Frank Evan Frye

Caduceus, symbol of healing



Frank Evan Frye

Feathered Serpents, Chichen Itza, Yucatan, Mexico

have healing powers. The only virtue that it had was its symbolism of Jesus Christ and the faith that the Israelites had in Him. Jesus clearly explained that the brazen serpent represented Him and his ministry of atonement. When the Israelites began to worship it years later, one

of the kings of Israel had it destroyed (2 Kings 18:1-4).

In John 3:14-16 Jesus himself explains it to us: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; That whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish; but have everlasting life." Note that Jesus compares himself to the brass serpent that was lifted up to heal the people.

Why did Jesus choose a serpent to represent his own person and ministry? Paul explains it well in 2 Corinthians 5:21. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Why were the ancient Israelites healed when they turned to look at a serpent raised up? As they turned to look, they exercised faith in the coming Messiah—Jesus Christ. Moses would never have set up an idol for the people. That was forbidden in the Law (Exodus 20:4). He made a brazen serpent at God's command, and he would have taught them of its true meaning—that it was a symbol of their Savior the Messiah.

As Jesus the Messiah hung on the cross, the sins of the world were poured upon Him. He became sin for us. He received the punishment of eternal death that we were destined for. Even His Father forsook Him in the hour of His death. He that was lifted up became detestable, and that serpent which was lifted up, became a fitting symbol of our redemption and of the atonement.

The Book of Mormon explains this event in detail: "Yea, did he [Moses] not bear record, that the Son of God should come? And as he lifted up the brazen serpent in the wilderness, even so shall he be lifted up who should come. And as many as should look upon that serpent should live, even so as many as should look upon the Son of God, with faith, having a contrite spirit, might live, even unto that life which is eternal" (Heleman 3:47-48).

Even the prophet Malachi makes an indirect reference to this ministry of the coming Messiah when the Holy Spirit


testifies through him: "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings." (4:2). The Israelites in the New World

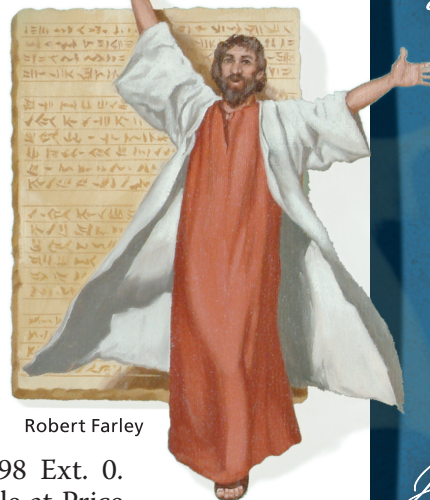


Palace of Cortez, Cuernavaca, Mexico

had come from Jerusalem more than 600 years closer to the time of Moses than the writers of the New Testament. The symbolism of the serpent that had been lifted up to save their ancestors was still vivid in their memories. As their art and religious traditions developed, they included these symbols which had meant so much to their national history.

The DVD *Quetzalcoatl: Evidence that Jesus Christ Ministered in Ancient America* will explain in greater detail the history of this great historical figure. It is available now.

Call 816-257-9998 Ext. 0. It is also available at Price Publishing Company, 915 E 23rd Street S, Independence, MO 64055 and the Book of Mormon Foundation, 210 W White Oak Ave, Independence, MO 64050. 



Robert Farley

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GLYPH *Quotes* by Clyde W. Noren —

We have obtained a Land of Promise—2 Nephi 1:6

When the Pilgrims landed in America, little did they realize their date with destiny in history and the fulfilling of the promise found in The Book of Mormon.

Nor did Columbus realize that what he initiated was under the spirit of God when he crossed the many waters and arrived in the land of promise as written in 1 Nephi 3:147. This accomplishment was the beginning of many peoples coming to the land of promise, enjoying prosperity and obtaining the land for an inheritance. Even Lehi exclaimed, “We have obtained a land of promise, a land which is choice above all other lands” (2 Nephi 1:6).

Today America (the United States) is a recognized haven for the persecuted, the homeless, and freedom seekers. The inscription on the base of the Statute of Liberty reads:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

Where else in the world can people find

this promise of freedom?

But with freedom comes the responsibility of serving the God who provides such freedom. Ether wrote “whatsoever nation possesses this land shall be free from bondage and captivity...If they will but serve the God of the land who is Jesus Christ...” (Ether 1:35).

Today our freedoms are in danger. National and world events reflect this danger and increase people’s concern for the welfare of all. Wars, disastrous weather, deadly diseases, economic stress, universal hate and envy, and increased emphasis on humanism abound instead of trust in God.

Thanksgiving, a custom brought about by the early Pilgrims, was a time set apart to give thanks to God for the blessing of freedom from religious oppression. We should give thanks for living in this country with its freedom of choice. A perfect Thanksgiving commemoration would be to set a place at your table and in your heart for the Lord Jesus. ☺

FROM OUR READERS

Thanks for excellent articles. Venna J.

I really enjoy *glyph notes*. Keep it coming. Thanks. Dorothy S.

I recently got my hands on a copy of *glyph notes*, March/April 2008, Volume 15, Number 2 and have enjoyed reading it. I have decided to subscribe for one year and was wondering if I may get the *glyph notes* above to have for my own personal reference. Thank you very much for all the study put forth to make this possible in hopes others will come to believe the whole truth. Scot B.

Some time ago, I lent two copies of my *glyph notes* to a friend and they were accidentally destroyed. I am teaching a class on The Book of Mormon at my congregation here in Wichita, and I need those two copies.... Needless to say, I will be more cautious about lending out future copies. Thank you so much. Hope you can help! Joy D.



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Thanks!

JOY *Line* By Joy Muir

Oh, how I wish I could use this whole issue of *glyph notes* to tell you about my friend, Les Putnam. I sat with him for two hours today and listened as he shared his testimony. Time after time the Lord has directed his life and brought him to the place he is today. Les is working with a publisher that has his manuscript for the book he has written, *Book of Mormon Highlights*.


Les was introduced to the restored church at the age of twenty-three while he was living in St. Louis, Missouri. Through his association with a chorale group, he met several young men and they were invited to attend church by a mutual friend, a priest in the RLDS Church. As Les walked through the doors of the little yellow church in East St. Louis, the spirit of the Lord rested on him and he knew that he had found his church home. He was baptized there in April 1954. The following month he went into the Air Force and took with him the first books of scripture he ever owned, the Doctrine and Covenants and The Book of Mormon.

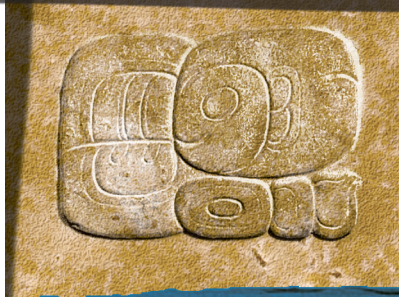
Les moved to several states with his work, and in 1959 he had an experience which assured him that his whole life had

to reflect Christ. He quit his job and moved his family. From that experience on he allowed the Lord to take over his career choices. He eventually served as presiding elder for four congregations in three different states.

The years passed, but one day Les was asked to teach a six-week Book of Mormon class. He loved the book and was very knowledgeable about this special book of scripture. After spending more time in study and prayer, he put together the six-week course, and from this class came *Book of Mormon Highlights* that is currently in the process of publication.

Les has allowed the Lord to direct his life and the choices he makes daily. His life is a living testimony of the way the Lord will lead us if we will let Him. After his wife passed away, he was reunited with a friend from years ago who had lost her mate. Eventually they married and today Les and Loma share their hearts, their home and their lives with many people.

Please pray that the publication of this new Book of Mormon resource will soon be accomplished. 




*Les Putnam
is working
with a
publisher
that has his
manuscript
for "Book
of Mormon
Highlights."*

GLYPH *Clips*


Maya Calendar Year 2012

<http://www.mayastudies.org/>

In the June/July 2008 *glyph notes* was a list of some Web sites focusing on the upcoming year of 2012. Another one is from The Institute of Maya Studies, an affiliate of the Miami Science Museum. IMS "recognizes the significance of the up-and-coming December 21, 2012, Maya long count calendar end date and the increasing public interest surrounding the possible effects of the impending alignment involving the earth, the sun, and the area looking towards the Galactic Center of our galaxy." Included on their Web pages, called "Understanding 2012," are some interesting reflections about the future. When reading about these things, pray for understanding. 

Maya News Updates Blog

<http://mayanewsupdates.blogspot.com/>

A most informative "blog" by Erik Boot of the Netherlands, the links on the right include numerous sites worth exploring. In particular, scroll way down on the right to links to online Maya dictionaries and Maya grammars. While much of the information is in Spanish, there's plenty here for those who do not read Spanish. 

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The top screenshot shows the Institute of Maya Studies Home Page. The header includes the name of the institute, its affiliation with the Miami Science Museum, and the date January 28, 2009. The main content area features sections for 'NEWS, EVENTS AND REPORTS', 'SPECIAL NEWS: Maya Women, Weavers, and Their Stories', and 'ACADEMIC REPORTS'. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links like 'Home', 'Events', and 'Membership'. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Maya News Updates' blog page, dated Sunday, January 25, 2009. It features a header with the blog title and a navigation bar. The main content area includes a post titled 'Maya News Updates 2009, No. 5: Edzna, Campeche - Recent Archaeological Research Suggestive of Central Axis at the Site'. The right sidebar contains a profile for Erik Boot and a link to Pierre Robert Colas (1974-2008).

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Movie *Breaking the Maya Code*


Come to a showing of the beautiful documentary film *Breaking the Maya Code*. Produced by Night Fire films, it tells the story of the Maya decipherment from the sixteenth century to the present and is “based in large part on the book of the same title by Dr. Michael D. Coe, called by the *New York Times* ‘one of the great stories of twentieth century scientific discovery.’” When the film premiered at the Maya Meetings at the University of Texas-Austin in spring 2008, it received a standing ovation from the attending epigraphers, archaeologists, scholars, and students.

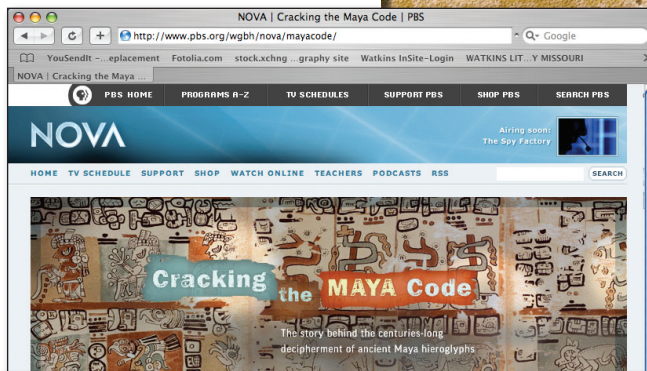
PSI will sponsor a showing of the film on March 24, 2009, at the Oak Grove Restoration Branch at 7 p.m. It is a two-hour feature film. Following the movie there will be time for questions and discussion.

The one-hour film on NOVA, “Cracking the Maya Code,” was based on the one we will be showing on the 24th. The NOVA Web site (www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/mayacode) has several features including a time line of the decipherment as well as a teacher’s guide.

The Web page for Night Fire Films (<http://www.nightfirefilms.org/breakingthemayacode/>) includes resources and actual transcripts of 24 interviews of those scholars who have contributed to the deciphering of the script.

There is no doubt that the decipherment of the Maya hieroglyphs in the last 30 years has been a boon to believers in The Book of Mormon. Join us on Tuesday, March 24th, in discovering how it came to pass that the glyphs can now be read and understood!

If you have any questions, please call Sherrie or Lyle Smith at 816.229.5192. 



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