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*“And When he opened the 5th seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of them who had been slain on account of the word of the Deity, and on account of the testimony which they held, and they cried with a loud voice, saying, until when oh thou who art the Despot holy and true dost thou not judge and avenge our blood upon them who dwell upon the earth? And to them each were given white robes, and it was answered to them that they should repose yet a short time while both their fellow servants and their brethren should be filled up who are about to be killed even as they.”* Translation from Eureka by Dr Thomas.

Sections to read in Eureka Blue page 210-262 A longer section than might be expected from just three short verses, but there is much that can be said about this.

1 Why the Four Living Ones do not appear. 2 The Altar. 3 “Until When?” 4 White Robes. 5 Souls. 6 O Despot Holy and True. 7 Their fellow servants and Brethren. 8 Historical Illustration.

During the period these are the Roman Emperors which were not sole rulers.

Maximian & Diocletian, Constantius 1, Galerius, Severus, Maxentius. Then Constantine 1. Galerius Valerius Maximinus, Licinius.

Popes : Marcellinus, Marcellus 1, Eusebius, Miltiades, Sylvester 1.

The Doctor sets out his understanding of the One Body when he says, “We know that the Four Living Ones are Symbolical of the Heavenly Encampment, the imperium in imperio the aggregation of the company separated from among the gentiles for the name:” They are not in heaven but of heaven. Also, he says “because in

default of that unity, the Deity no longer resided in it by His spirit". Later he goes on to say "The institutions and worship of such a dead body could be of no worth. The few names in Sardis, called Novatians were satisfied of that and therefore rejected the baptism and ordination of the so-called Mother. They repudiated Jezebel and all her ordinances so that they re-immersed and re-ordained all who came over to them from the majority, which now began to designate itself the HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH." The battle grounds of the future strife between the Dragon and the Lamb were being written again in different terms. No longer pagan the Red Dragon had become Christianised but in apostacy and not in truth.

The Living Ones do not appear in this section because they are instead represented by the souls under the altar. The Truth had been distinct since the first century. The sects and churches of wider Christendom never had the Truth only elements of it and the association with politics was the final straw of even nominal association. A church which was not calling out from the world but instead was seeking to convert that world in its entirety was nothing like the Ecclesia of Jesus Christ whom the world hated. The political effects of the first four seals touched the early believers but was not aimed at them. Now the persecutions were not just by politicians but by other church goers who claimed the name of Christ but did not serve him.

The Altar represents the place where true sacrifice and worship are required to be made. It is therefore representative of the Truth holders in their community in contrast to these false assemblies. See Hebrews 13v10. Altar is mentioned eight times in the Book of Revelation. These are 6v9 8v3 twice 8v5 9v13 11v1 14v18 16v7. Some refer to the golden altar where incense was burnt but most refer to the altar as the place where offerings were made. There

have to be sacrifices made not just the One Great sacrifice of Christ.

Until when? Refers to the need for more believers to be killed. These events were painful and severe but are only an earnest of what was to come. See 2 Timothy 3v12. Centuries were still be lived out with each epoch having its share of martyrs. That these early believers were concerned about their fellows is admirable and they needed to realise that the judgments that were coming upon them were not heralding the immediate return of Christ, other matters had to first play out.

The White Robes refer to the peace that shall be granted to the saints at their immortalisation. Once they lose their condemned flesh they will be at peace because the propensity to sin from within shall at last be finally silenced and the raging waves of internal battle will cease at last. It does not speak of righteousness as some say because that is represented by fine linen not the colour white. Revelation 19v8.

The souls cried out for vengeance. These were not believers' souls translated to heaven but were on earth under the altar. This was not a literal altar nor were they literal souls crying as they were dead having been slain and dead souls know not anything. They cried out as a testimony although now deceased in the same way that Abel's blood cried out from the ground after he was slain. Do people really have to say that this means that the soul lives on? They were dead.

O Despotes holy and truth. The Greek word here gives us despot, a supreme ruler who has no committee to oversee their actions. This refers to Christ who throughout history ever since his ascension to the right hand of the Father rules over the Kingdoms of this world. 1 Peter 3v22. The office is not morally bad in itself as

the Eternal is the supreme sovereign and power does not corrupt him as it does lesser beings.

Their fellow servants and brethren. Not all are Brethren who serve God. All true Brethren do serve Him if there is no service then they are not Brethren. However, there are others who also serve Him who are not Brethren like the King Cyrus called God's anointed in Isaiah 45v1. The Truth has allies who stop short of embracing what would save them but still recoil from the excesses of Catholicism and the like.

The historical period covered is generally understood to be from 303 – 323. Diocletian was the emperor who undertook a persecution not just against people, but he was also a Book burner. He hated the Bible and the influence it had over many to turn them away from the religion of the Romans, multi-theism and paganism. He therefore on pain of death required the churches to give up their copies of the Bible to be burnt. The reverberations of this terrible destruction were to affect the course of the Christian world for centuries. It also goes so way to explain why there are so few early copies of the Bible available today.

It was not a pleasant time to have lived but the love for the Word did prevent the total destruction of the gospel accounts and the other Apostolic writings. The compromise of weaker men did see vast quantities of the Holy Book being destroyed but the letter had implanted into the hearts and minds of the believers and transformed their spirit into the image of Christ, and this would always prevail. Matthew 16v18. The gates of hell (death) would not prevail against it!