

Acts 13: 4-13

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SUBJECT: Christianity Face the Pagan  
World

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# CHRISTIANITY FACES THE PAGAN WORLD

First missionary journey. c. 45 A.D.

To Cyprus. Home of Barnabas.

An island still for known to its travelers  
(1) Recent years. Turkey, Phoenicia. Divided the island.

(2) Note pt. Syracuse, So. Sicily. Many Jews.  
Under Pagan, c. 11 A.D. rebellion. 240,000 people slain.  
Hedonist sect (epicurean) slain Jew, expelled to the island.

To Paphos. Other end of the island. Capital, the Roman Province.

## I. The Credibility of Luke

1. Here a classic instance of the attack on the Bible.  
Luke calls Sergius three times in ΔΥΒΟΥΡΑΤΟΣ, a province, ruled by the Senate.  
But the Greek historian Strabo says the province of Cyprus is imperial  
province, ruled by the Emperor. In a provincial, like Thracia, ruled by the Emperor.

Augustus Caesar divided the Empire into 3 classes, provinces  
Senatorial - ruled by the Senate  
Imperial - ruled by the Emperor

2. But recent discoveries  
(1) A passage found in the Greek historian, Dio Cassius, which  
states that 5 years later Augustus relinquished Cyprus to the Senate  
in exchange for another province. In government of provinces.  
(2) Coins found, inscribing the procurator, not  
(3) Two inscriptions found: names of procurator, Cyprus, and  
the names of the men, Sergius Paulus.

3. The miracle of the dead (as hadological confirmation).  
centuries (digging). Not a speck of dirt had ever been  
the dead of Paul.

## II The People Involved

### 1. Scipio Paedrus

(1) A splendid Greek objection to describe him:  $\sigma\upsilon\upsilon\epsilon\epsilon\theta\acute{o}\varsigma$   
 from  $\sigma\upsilon\upsilon$ - $\epsilon\upsilon\epsilon\epsilon$ -to put together  
 "intelligent"; "highly intelligent"

(2) Expect to learn. 13:7 called for Paedrus to read  
 (3) The first paper comment & status in the Roman province. 13:10

6. a meaning for the parenthesis in 13:9 Saul - Paul?  
 double name for the beginning?

is Paul of his illustrious comment?  
 a Roman name  $\tau\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\sigma\tau\acute{\alpha}\varsigma$ , a brother, about the personal.

### 2. Paul Jones (son of Joshua)

(1) Called in Greek  $\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\acute{o}\varsigma$  - astrologer (HNV source),  
 Arabian "Elymas" - "the name on"  $\tau\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\sigma\tau\acute{\alpha}\varsigma$   
 Arameic  
 by Luke 13:6 - "false prophet"

(3) How such influence upon Scipio Paedrus?  
 The whole Roman Empire new to these astrologers.

The fact, just recently through open road the land, necessity to visit  
 Pompey, pretending to part magical power, influence over the Roman  
 marino, Pompey, Cassius, Caesar sought information from  
 personal (Roman satirical part) point for my Emperor  
 Tibullus Cassius "with on the road" Latin words for flesh &  
 Chaldean (astrology) word him?

### ii. after 2000 years, the same astrologer

- very daily newspaper

- a tremendous business man

- where? came to Dallas, Springfield, near Dallas, etc.  
 (1) Small. (2) Small. (3) Small. (4) Small. (5) Small.  
 had ball down

(4) 14 book. But including the book  
 that of man, this with your name?

### III The Confrontation

1. Satan not opposed to religion. just persecutes it  
 a. the false prophet, 13:6 Ba-jesu  
 b. 4 Tim. 3:8 James, James, evidently refers / names  
 c. 2 & 18:28 - that is Diana, the Ephesian?  
 d. 2 & 18:22 ΣΕΙΣΙ-ΔΑΛΟΥΟΣΤΕΡΟΙ for magnification?!!  
 ΑΥΥΟΣΤΩ ΔΕΥ
6. this being used.  
 religious, the real is  
 America working at home / Americanism  
 program  
 materialism

2. The false preaching <sup>of the</sup> power of the D. S.  
 were it not for the presence, power of the U.S., by maintenance of  
 the spiritual message of Paul  
 (1) denunciation 13:9-11  
 we preach a loaf. (lit. Treaders, see, not  
 but also walk, judgment  
 Rev 6:16 in the world, the 2nd  
 Mt. 10:31; 12:29  
 Matt 23

always has spiritual confrontations; when man, that is to be the  
 Eliel before Arab <sup>general before a magist</sup>  
 Herodias before John the Baptist  
 John Chrysostom before Eudocia  
 Barnabas before Cyprian, Lucilla, Cypria  
 John King before Henry VIII, Queen  
 Martin Niemöller before Adolf Hitler

(2) Conversion (Suzanne Pauline)

Yellicott  
not independent, as had been, but the truth, as the report.  
the power of the U.S.

(3) Debate before the Congress a great incident.

The X<sup>th</sup> President

The President's

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Some of the things, beyond of  
all had the power, for some.

not by my way, but by the  
hand. ...

c. 45 A.D.

Selenia - port of Antioch at mouth of Orontes. about 16 miles from Antioch of Pisania to Cilicia, Ostia to Rome

On SW horizon if day was clear, could see the island of Cyprus. Boats numerous, plying between the ports of Salamis of Seleucia. Barnabas (4:36) a resident of Cyprus.

Salamis. Synagogues pl. The Jews numerous. In turn Trajan (116) the Jews in Cyprus so powerful they rose and massacred 240,000 of the Greek inhabitants. In revenge for the slaughter, Hadrian, who later became emperor, landed on the island, with intent to death or expulsion the entire Jewish population.

Paphos. At the other end of the island. Distance c. 100 miles. Capital of the island. [Now <sup>the capital of, in middle of the island.</sup> Nicosia. British plan, naval base - Cyprus. Because of the Arab Jewish war, to a medieval country, then into Israel, Jordan, Cyprus & Nicosia the cross-roads]

Enares. Β. δ. μάγος Magians. 13:8 "Elymas" Arabian for "the sorci" his Β. δ. μάγος a title of honor. Possibly was born there, or lived there, or may have received it from others as a compliment to his skill. Luke turns for him is "φαρμακείτης". Sergius Paulus is described by a "splendid" Greek adjective ΣΥΒΕΤΟΣ "intelligent", "having understanding", "wise", "learned".

Then how able to captivate, mislead, the governor Paulus as described? A true picture of the times. Impostors from the East pretending to great magical powers had great influence over the Roman mind. The East, just recently thrown open, was the land of mystery to the Western world. Reports of the strange arts practiced, wonderful events of which it the case, excited almost fanatically the imaginations both of the populace and the aristocracy of Rome. Mariner relied on "Jewish pythia" for regulating his campaigns. Pompey, Crassus, Cassar, sought information from Oriental astrology. Juvenal paints to us the Emperor Tiberius "sitting on the rock of Capri with his flock of Chaldeans round him." Tacitus says the astrologers, [magicians] are sollicit

are a class of men who "will always be discarded and always cherished."

(a) when came to Dallas, appears to my dream. Few months later, the two spiritists insisting they come to our home, see me. Urgent. Three men, J. B. Harwell, Dr. Croft, Dr. Truett a message for me.

(b) months later, another. A book: "This is Jesus. . . . The Virgin birth, just sayments, etc. But cannot be so, contradicting the Bible & the Bible written by man - this is what Jesus himself said."

after 2000 years of by, the held of astrology, the stars, etc. over the mind. Every newspaper, a daily column of advice based on it. No paper without it.

Proconsul, ἀποκρίτωρ. On the establishment of the Empire, Caesar Augustus divided the provinces into two classes. Those which require a military force be retained for himself; the others be committed to the care of the Roman Senate. The governors of imperial provinces were called [procurators] procuratores, legatos; those sent into the senatorial provinces were called proconsuls.

For years and years, critics said Luke made a mistake here. assigned to Paulus a procurator title, for the historian Strabo says that Augustus reserved Cyprus to himself, committed its administration to procurators, leaves the matter thus. In recent years, a passage discovered in Deo Cassina (53.12) which states that four years later Augustus relinquished Cyprus to the Senate in exchange for another province and the hereditary (54.4) it was governed by proconsuls. Paul & Barnabas were there during the reign of Claudius Caesar; coins have been found which is the reign of Claudius, which confirms Luke's account. Two inscriptions have been found, with the names of the proconsuls of Cyprus, one of which names the very man Paulus as proconsul.

Saul, Paul. Paul a Roman citizen, identified has both names from beginning, as John Mark, Symon sign, Barsabbas, Justus. Jerome held that Paul took the name from the conversion of the proselyte. No. Luke uses Saul fully the Jewish point of view; now to the Gentiles, "Paul," since our reference 22:7, 26:14, to his <sup>previous</sup> old life.

13:12 being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord, it is confirmed by such a miracle, and also at the doctrine itself, ~~as~~ new, so extraordinary.



Christianity faces the pagan world, is attacked furiously, opposed violently. This first encounter a harbinger, pattern, of the rest. The most implacable opposition will be false religion, false idealism, false philosophy. Satan not opposed to religion, idealism, metaphysics - he just perverts it, uses it, misuses it.

cf. Paul II Tim. 3: 1-8 James, James without Mac. Imitated the true religion.

So: Acts 19: 28 "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." cf. Paul's brilliant introduction to the Athenians. "To the Unknown God."

So: The Moslem. One missionary: "I do not know of a modern woman convert in the world." The Hindu. The British out. National religion. Women; dress. That army (China goddess) in center of goddess. The temple. A pan-theist goddess in it.

Shinto. The head preservation of Muziris, India. The people of the Odori boy.

America? Intellectualism. Liberalism (modernism). Humanism. Materialism, sensualism.

The power of the Holy Spirit.

Was it not for the presence, power, of the Holy Spirit, by long ago swallowed up. cf. Rev. 17: 1-17

The Spirit-inspired message of Paul.

(1) Denunciation 17: 9-11

We need a half-Christ. Tenderness, pity. But also wrath, judgment. cf. Rev. 6: 16 "the wrath of the Lamb" Heb. 10: 31; 12: 29

Jesus and the temple traffic Jesus and the Pharisees. Mark 23. No all literature.

- Arabia - God's Chosen
- Hindia - in the Baptist
- Borgia of Rome Florence - God's Samaritan
- Bleak Mary, Queen of Scots - God's Jew King
- Endless - God's great champion.

(2) Conversion, salvation.

17: 12 its power, inspiration. Full bodied, real. Not the suggestion he had been hearing something to put over, built into, get hold of. God is it.

(a) Bridgman, then mission work. 1953. Jeffcoat, Broadway Dodge, justice. Who led to me a preacher. A message of the side I preached, he wanted to preach. Then. George Schowder - "I was an enemy of work." "I was?" "That's my long way from me, making preacher, then"