

"666"

Who is it? What is it?

(A Reprint from a Study Written By A.B. Traina)

"Let him that hath wisdom count the number of the Beast for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666. ---**Rev. 13:18.**

Many Bible students in many ages have tried to identify the usurper who the Bible says will sit in the Temple of Yahweh, saying that he is Elohim. John the Revelator tells us that the name of this usurper is to be identified by the computation of the number whose numerical value is 666.

Many theories have been advanced, and all have been acclaimed as the true Elohim-inspired interpretation. It is in the interest of truth that we examine all these, that is, as many of them as we may be acquainted with, to find whether they are true, using the Word of Yahweh as the final criterion.

The most prominent of these so-called true interpretations is the one put forth by most of the Protestant churches, and particularly advocated by the Seventh Day Adventists. That is, that the number 666 is the numerical value of the name or title that the Pope wears on his tiara. That name is **Vicarius Filiis Dei**. Now we are told that if we cancel all the letters in this name that have no numerical value in Latin, then take all the letters in the name that have a numerical value and add them together, we will have discovered the Man of Mystery, the Anti-Messiah, the "Beast", the 666. Here follows their method of computation.

FIRST WORD		Numerical Value
V	-----	5
I	-----	1
C	-----	100
A		
R		
I		
U	-----	1
S	-----	5
SECOND WORD		
F		
I	-----	1
L	-----	50
I	-----	1
I	-----	1
S		
THIRD WORD		
D	-----	500

E		
I	-----	<u>1</u>

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Thus proving conclusively, or at least to their satisfaction, that the Papacy is the Beast and that the Pope of Rome is the man whose number is 666.

An argument against this has been raised that there have been many Popes, and there may be more Popes to follow. Which of these will be the 666? The Seventh Day Adventists and others of like mind have answered that it does not mean literally the number of a man, but rather, the number of a religious system, of a hierarchy. Well, all of this seemed all right, and the majority of Bible students believe it until somebody else came out with another "true" interpretation of 666.

This time it was not a real tiara, but an imaginary one, a halo around the head of a prophetess - the guiding spirit of a large denomination known as the Seventh Day Adventists. The name of this prophetess or guiding spirit, for she is now dead, is Ellen Gould White. In computing this we are going to use the very same principle of interpretation as we did in the case of the pope. We are going to cancel letters that have no numerical value in Latin, and use only those letters that have numerical value. Then by adding these values together, we discover another phenomenon. Using the W as a double U (U has the same numerical value as V) by doubling this in double U we get 10.

FIRST NAME		NUMERIAL VALUE
E		
L	-----	50
L	-----	50
E		
N		
SECOND NAME		
G		
O		
U	-----	5
L	-----	50
D	-----	500
THIRD NAME		
W	-----	10
H		
I	-----	1
T		
E		

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Now if this method of computation is the correct one, we find that the Prophetess of the Seventh Day Adventists, as well as the Pope of Rome, proves to be the 666, of the Beast of Revelation 13. Now all of this would be amusing, if it were not so confusing. While we had only

the Pope of Rome as the 666 we could all agree as to whom John meant, but now with two of them, and both of them the heads and guides of their respective movements, we are confused as to which of these is the Beast. The defenders of the Seventh Day Adventists protest and say, **"The Bible says it is the number of a man, and not a woman."** But in retort we may answer as they answered in the case of the Pope: **it is the identification of a religious system, a hierarchy. And an institution of religion is personified in the Scriptures as a woman.** See Rev 17:5

Later on some students of the Bible came out with the fact that there was a difference between the woman (the harlot) and the Beast of Revelation on which she was riding. The harlot truly represents the religious system with its spiritual head, while the Beast is a definite symbol of a political organization. We are told in **Daniel 7:17** that it represents kingdoms, empires, or national governments. Therefore, if it is a political institution, the head of this kingdom or national government must be the man whose name numerically computed make up the number 666.

It took a long time to do this, but in 1916 when we were in the First World War, some very ingenious Bible student made a wonderful discovery. He found the man who as the head of a powerful empire would fill the bill. And by a system discovered by him, the name or title of the Emperor of Germany did total up to 666. Now let us follow this system of computation. The title of the Emperor of Germany was **Kaiser**. Now please take note that there are six letters in the word, and that six is the mysterious key which will open the secret that has been closed for centuries. We will write the title Kaiser in a perpendicular form as follows, using for a numerical value the numerical position of the letter in our English alphabet.

NAME	NUMERICAL VALUE	KEY NUMBER
K	11	6
A	1	6
I	9	6
S	19	6
E	5	6
R	18	6
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	66	6
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Now add these three columns together and Eureka! You have the number of the Beast. Thus a good many students of the Bible went thru the First World War, and even thru the period of reconstruction, believing that the Kaiser was the Beast the Bible speaks about; and despite his losing the war, that he would come back in power someday, and then he would be revealed as the Beast of Revelation 13 and 17. But alas, the news of his death at **Doorn** evaporated that theory leaving us still without the solution to the mysterious 666.

We were in the Second World War, and again Bible students went to work to unravel the mystery and reveal to the world the identity of the Beast whose number is 666. And here is the result of that investigation. The greatest of the then belligerent nations of the world was unquestionably the United States of America. The leader of this great nation at that time was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. If you apply the same system of computation that we applied in the cases of VICARIUS FILIIS DEI, head of the Catholic, and Ellen Gould White, head of

the Seventh Day Adventists Church, you will discover that the equivalent number of the name of the former President of the United States is exactly 666. And please bear in mind that it is the number of a political system. **The K has the same sound as the Greek and Latin X, and it has the same numerical value.**

NAME	NUMERICAL VALUE
F	
R	
A	
N	
K	----- 10
L	----- 50
I	----- 1
D	----- 500
E	
L	----- 50
A	
N	
O	
R	
O	
O	
S	
E	
V	----- 5
E	
L	----- 50
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Was then our President the Beast of Revelation 13 and 17? Assuredly, NO!

We could go on and compute the name of **Adolph Hitler**, and by using the same method, get 666 out of his name, and perhaps we could do it with **Stalin**, if we knew his full name. But the very fact that using the same method we get the same result in every case confuses the issue all the more. It is evident that these different schools of Bible students have overshot their mark. **They have proved too much therefore proving nothing at all.** The real truth was so near to them that they could not see the real forest for the trees were in the way.

They were trying to interpret truth where it did not exist. **Revelation 13:16-18** has been corrupted and mistranslated, and no amount of interpretation of the text as it stands in the King James Version can ever bring any truth to the people of Yahweh. **The key to the mystery is found in the 14th verse of Revelation 13**, where we are told that the two-horned beast (Judah

and Benjamin) deceived them that dwell on the earth, and suggests to them that dwell on earth that they have a unified religion, and set up **ONE DEITY**, or **IDOL** (image), for the ten-horned beast (the Ten Tribes of Israel), then united into a “**United Nations**”, to worship.

This movement is now on foot. The large religious groups are even now formulating their plans for such a move, and the Reformed Jewish leaders are advancing the idea, as are the Christian pulpits, such as the one in the Rockefeller church in New York. **Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick**, its pastor, has already put out feelers for a union of nations with **ONE HEAD** and a union of churches with **ONE NATIONAL DEITY**.

That they would do this is clear in the Bible. It is there to warn us not to have anything to do with these movements, but wait patiently for the coming of the Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. The unity of nations: UNITY OF CHURCHES, AND THEIR ONE NATIONAL DEITY are not of Yahweh, but of Satan.

Let us go on with our subject. In **Revelation 13:15** we are told that if any refuse to worship the **IMAGE (or IDOL, or Deity)** which the Beast will set up, he shall be killed. At this point it would be well for us to stop here, and go to Daniel to find a precedent, so that we may have it for a guide in future consequences.

In **Daniel 3**, we read of **Nebuchadnezzar’s making an image of gold**, sixty cubits high and six cubits broad and setting it up in the plains of **Dura**. Then he issued a general order to all his officers entrusting them with the observance of the law, that all people residing in the realm, regardless of race or creed, would have to worship this image which the head of the Babylonian beast kingdom had set up.

We have been led to believe, by the religious leaders of the past and of the present, that this image was a statue of Nebuchadnezzar. This is an error. It was not the statue of Nebuchadnezzar, but of his deity, which was worshipped **under many names and titles**. The proof of this is that when Nebuchadnezzar had the three Hebrews for questioning, he asked them, “**Do ye not serve my GODS (Deities) nor serve the GOLDEN IMAGE (or idol) that I have set up?**” (**Daniel 3:14**) The answer was, “**Be it known unto you, O King, that we will not serve thy GODS (Deities), nor worship your GOLDEN IMAGE (Idol) which thou hast set up.**” (**Daniel 3:18.**)

Please notice that neither the question nor the answer made mention of a statue of the king; but rather of the GOD, or IDOL of the king, which idol had been erected for national worship. Further proof may be had in the final dispensation of their case, when, in the **28th verse**, Nebuchadnezzar said, “**Blessed be the Elohim of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent His angel and delivered His servants that trusted in Him and have changed the King’s word, and yielded their bodies that they might not serve, nor worship any GOD (Deity) except their own ELOHIM**” (**Daniel 3:28**).

Now let us find out if we can, what was the name of the deity that Nebuchadnezzar, the head of the first of the four beasts, or empires, set up. If we have that name, and can prove that the succeeding Beast nations worshipped the same deity, we may have a definite clue to the identity of the 666 that has long evaded our search. In the study of the pagan religions of the past, we learn that the same deity was worshipped by many communities, but called by a different name; every one of these names representing the **SUN** as the giver of life.

The Babylonian **NEBO** was known also by the name of **MARDUK**, or **Merodach**, the same as the Greek **Mercurios**, or **Mercury**. In **Isaiah 39:1** we have a triple name of this deity, as the official name of the king of Babylon, which when analyzed means **MERODACH-BAAL-Adon**.

Adon is the same as the Jewish Adonay and the Greek **Adonis**, found also in the marginal rendering of **Ezekiel 8:14** as **Tammuz** and **Paal-Peor**; known also in Tyre as **Melcarth** and as **Hercules**, or **Haracles**; known by the Romans and Greeks as **Jupiter** and **Zeus**. The following is copied from the **New International Encyclopedia**, Vol. 13, subject, Merodach.

“Marduk appears originally to have been the solar god, but as in the case of other gods, his nature is not single, and hence appears in literature as a stern god. In the artificial astronomical system of the Babylonian scholars which identified the chief deity with the stars, Marduk is identified with the planet Jupiter of the Romans, (and the Zeus of the Greeks).”

As the head of the Pantheon he receives such titles as “the King of the Gods”, “King of Heaven and Earth”, “The Supreme God”, and the like. The chief temple of **Marduk** stood in the city of Babylon, and was known as the **E-SAG-ILLA**, the lofty house.

The name of the idol that Nebuchadnezzar set up in the plains of Dura wa the chief deity of the Babylonians, the **NEBO-MARDUK-BAAL Adon**. These names, with many others, all apply to the **SUN-DEITY**. (See **Ezekeil 3:16**). This may be found in the study of the ancient pagan religions.

The next Beast Empire that succeeded Babylon was the **Medo-Persian Empire**. History tells us that **Cyrus the Medes** set up a national Deity, and his name was **ORMUDZ**, or **HORA-MAZDA**, the “shining-light” – the same SUN-GOD of the Babylonians, under another name.

The next in line of successive Beast empires was **Greece**; and she in turn raised up a national **IDOL**, and called him Zeus, the Sky-deity or the Sun-deity. This was the very same deity that the Medes and Babylonians before them had worshipped. This was followed by the **Roman Beast Empire**, which set up the worship of **Jupiter**, the Latin version of the same Sky-deity, whose name the Persians called **Mithra**, and whose birthday, by the way, is still celebrated on the 25th day of December, at the time of the **winter solstice**. This was the same date celebrated in Tyre, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome.

Of the setting up of the worship of this deity under various names in the different Beast nations, sacred literature records two instances in the past and one in the future. The first is found in **Daniel 3**; the second in **First and Second Maccabees**. It will be well for us, having read Daniel 3, to read the account in the Maccabees and thus establish a precedent for the identification of the future IDOL yet to be set up, and we shall identify him not only by name, but by number.

“Moreover, King Antiochus wrote to his whole kingdom, that all should be one people (one faith), and everyone should leave his (religious) laws: so all the heathen agreed according to the commandment of the King. Yea, many also of the Israelites consented to his religion and sacrificed unto idols and profaned the Sabbath. For the King had sent letters by messengers into Jerusalem and the cities of Judah that they should follow the strange laws of the land, and forbade burnt offerings in the temple; and that they should profane the Sabbath and the Festival days and pollute the sanctuary and the holy people, and set up altars and groves, and chapels of idols, and sacrifice swine’s flesh and unclean beasts. That they should leave their children uncircumcised, and make their souls abominable with all manner of uncleanness and

profanation, to the end that they might forget the law (of Yahweh) and change the ordinances. And whatsoever would not do according to the commandment of the King, he should die. In the self-same manner he wrote to his whole kingdom and appointed overseers over all the people, commanding the cities of Judah to sacrifice city by city.

“Then many of the people were gathered unto them, to wit, every one that forsook the law, and so they committed evils in the land, and drove the Israelites into secret places, even wheresoever they could fly for succor.

“Now on the fifteenth day of the month of Casleu (December), in the 145th year, they set up The Abomination of Desolation (Abominable idol) upon the altar, and built idol-altars throughout the cities of Judah on every side, and burnt incense at the doors of their houses and in the streets. And when they had rent in pieces the Books of the Law which they found, they burnt them with the fire. And whosoever was found with any book of the Testament, or if he consented to the Law (of Yahweh), the King’s commandment was that he should be put to death.

“Thus they did to the Israelites every month, to as many as were found in the cities. Now on the Five and Twentieth Day of Casleu –(December 25th), they did sacrifice upon the Idol-Altar; which was upon the altar of Yahweh.”

This ought to give us a clue to the identity of the IDOL to which they sacrificed, for it was the deity whose birthday the pagans celebrated on the 25th day of December, long before the Savior was born. Note that, on the 15th day of December they set up the image of the Abominable Idol, and that on the 25th day they offered sacrifices to it. In **I Maccabees** this Idol is not named.

In **II Maccabees 6**, we are told what this idol is, which is set up in the place of Yahweh in the Holy Temple.

“Not long after this, the King sent an old man from Athens to compel the Jews to depart from the Laws of their fathers, and not to live after the Laws of Yahweh. And to pollute also the Temple in Jerusalem and call it the Temple of Jupiter (Zeus) Olympus, and that at Garizim, of Jupiter the defender of the strangers as they did desire that dwelt in that place. The coming of this mischief was grievous to the people.” –II Maccabees 6:1-3

Herein is the **abomination of desolation** spoken of by Daniel the Prophet revealed. It is the Abominable Idol of the Gentiles, the Sun-deity, the Jupiter of the Romans, the Zeus of the Greeks, the Houra-Mazda of the Persians, the Marduk-Baal-Adon of the Babylonians, the Melcarth of the Tyrians, the Toth of the Egyptians, and so on, ad infinitum. The same image of the same idol was put up by Nebuchadnezzar on the plains of Dura and was place by Antiochus Epiphanes upon the altar of Yahweh. The only difference was the Latin translation of the Babylonian Baal-Marduk, Amon, the Phoenician Adoni-Baal, the Persian Mithra, whose birthday is still the 25th day of December, at the time of **winter solstice**. In Greece, the Sky-deity, **Zeus**, had for his main evangelist, **Nike the Goddess of the Nikelaity**, or **Nikelaitans of Revelation 2**, who are charged by the Savior as the corruptive force in the Church of Ephesus and the Church of Pergamus. These were the people responsible for the substitution of Yahshua the Messiah with the Greek Zeus-Soter, or Zeus-Savior. In **Matthew 24**, our Savior, in his prophetic sermon, said that there would be a repetition of the prophecy of Daniel, which had

been fulfilled in part by Antiochus Epiphanes when he set up the abominable idol, Zeus, or Jupiter, on the altar of Yahweh.

The Greek Nike-laity (Nikelaithans) having succeeded in substituting Zeus in the place of Yahshua the Messiah, the unsuspecting church has been deceived into perpetrating this deception to the end that the world is ready once more to set up a unified religious worship, not of the One they think they have been worshipping, **the Son of Yahweh**, but of the abominable idol, JUPITER-ZEUS, MARDUK-BAAL-ADONIS-MITHRA of the pagans, **who are but masks behind which Satan, the archenemy masquerades**.

Yahweh in order to help us identify this preposterous monstrosity told us that the name of this IDOL translated into numbers is **666**. The Geek **Zeus has been transliterated into different nations as follows: Hesus, Easus, Gesu, Iezus, and Jesus**, so that today he is now being worshipped in the entire world by different variations of this name. **Now let us come to the climax: Yahweh's identification mark of this Idol whose numerical equivalent is 666**. In the Greek, the language that the New Testament is now written in, there are no numbers such as we have. Their numbers are the letters of the alphabet according to their numerical value. Now this is the original text from which we get the 666.

***"Here is Wisdom, let him that has understanding compute the number of the Beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666."*—Revelation 13:18**

This **cryptic number '666'** is a deliberate act of the writer to use a name disguise, so that only the wise in spiritual things would understand it. This identification ark of this "ABOMINABLE IDOL" and of its human representatives was not for the outsider or worldly to understand, but only for the wise in Yahshua, for whom it is written, ***"Unto you it is given to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom"***.

The principal of using disguises for pagan deities was not new with John the Revelator, but was used in the Old Testament by other prophets.

There is no doubt that the Aramaic language in which the Book of Revelation was originally written, contained the name of the IDOL which had previously defiled the Temple in the days of Antiochus Epiphanes, and again would be used to defile the Temple in the close of this age. **The name of that IDOL was ZEUS**. They did this by using symbolic language, as is evidenced by the Hebrew text of **Rev.13:18**. They disguised the name of the "ABOMINABLE IDOL" by cryptic... When it was translated into Greek, he faithfully translated it **Χξς** which when read as a number it is 666, but the very same characters read as letters would spell out the name of the 'IDOL' they were to watch out for.

As we said before. . .

In **Greek this number 666** is written as follows: **Χξς**. These are the letters whose equivalent in English are **X Z S**. Now in **Webster's International Dictionary** we are told that the **capital X**, written by itself, is **the abbreviation for the Greek Kristos, or the English Christ**. So if we sound Z and S, instead of reading them as numbers as do the Greeks, we have the word ZUZ, or Zeus. The complete letters would be **X Kristos, Z-S Zuz**. Reading the Greek letters for 666, we have the name of deity KRISTOS ZEUS, or CHRIST JESUS, the name and number of the abomination that make the desolate, that is standing where it should not, or as the Hebrew of Daniel has it, **"the abominable Idol."** This has usurped the place and dignity of Yahshua the Messiah, and the whole world has been carried away with deception. The statement in

Revelation 13:18 that "it is the number of a man", bears evidence when we consider what Isaiah says:

'Oh Yahweh our Elohim, others (deities) have had dominion over us, but henceforth only thy Name will we mention. They are dead and shall not be resurrected, they are deified men, therefore thou hast visited them and thou will make the memory of them to perish.' -- **Isaiah 26:13-14** (Sacred Name Version).

What is the name that is written in our foreheads? Is it JESUS CHRIST, the name of the abominable IDOL, or Yahshua the Messiah, the son of the everlasting Yahweh Elohim? **Revelation 14:1** says that the saints who meet the Lamb on mount Zion have His Name and the Name of His Father written on their foreheads, (The marginal rendering). But in **Revelation 17**, the members of the Babylonian harlot church have the names of blasphemous idols Lord, God, Jesus Christ, written on their foreheads. Where do you live, on the Mount Zion, or Babylon? May Yahweh open your eyes, is my prayer.

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