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HINDUISM - 2,000 B.C

The missionaries of Melchizedek carried the teachings of the one God with them wherever they journeyed. Much of this monotheistic doctrine, together with other and previous concepts, became embodied in the subsequent teachings of Hinduism.

- God is the sure refuge of every good man when in need; the Immortal One cares for all mankind
- With our hearts purged of all hate, let us worship the Eternal
- God is our Father, the earth our mother, and the universe our birthplace



JUDAISM - 1,500 B.C

The Kenites of Palestine salvaged much of the teaching of Melchizedek, and from these records, as preserved and modified by the Jews

- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and all things therein
- The heavens declare God's righteousness, and all the people have seen his glory
- Yahweh is the God of my salvation; therefore in the divine name will I put my trust



Christianity
mid 1st Century A.D



Islam
Late 6th Century A.D



TAOISM - 6th Century B.C

The messengers of Melchizedek penetrated far into China, and the doctrine of one God became a part of the earlier teachings of several Chinese religions; the one persisting the longest and containing most of the monotheistic truth was Taoism

- How pure and tranquil is the Supreme One
- The wise man universalizes his heart. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing
- The Great Supreme is all-pervading; he is on the left hand and on the right; he supports all creation and indwells all true beings
- They who know the laws of the Eternal are wise. Ignorance of the divine law is misery and disaster



CONFUCIANISM

6th - 5th Century B.C

Even the least God-recognizing of the world's great religions acknowledged the monotheism of the Melchizedek missionaries and their persistent successors.

- What Heaven appoints is without error. Truth is real and divine
- A wise man is occupied with the search for truth, not in seeking for a mere living



BUDDHISM

5th Century B.C

Buddhism came near to being a great and beautiful religion without God, without a personal and universal Deity. However, there are some records of certain earlier beliefs which reflected something of the influence of the teachings of the Melchizedek missionaries who continued their work in India even to the times of Buddha.

- Unrighteousness is contemptible; sin is despicable
- No religionist may hope to attain the enlightenment of immortal wisdom who persists in being slothful, indolent, feeble, idle, shameless, and selfish

MELCHIZEDEK

- 1,973 years before the birth of Jesus that Machiventa was bestowed upon Urantia.
- Melchizedek organized his schools at Salem and taught the concept of one God, a universal Deity.

1. You shall not serve any God but the Most High Creator of heaven and earth.
2. You shall not doubt that faith is the only requirement for eternal salvation.
3. You shall not bear false witness.
4. You shall not kill.
5. You shall not steal.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not show disrespect for your parents and elders.

Melchizedek continued for some years to instruct his students and to train the Salem missionaries, who to Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Asia Minor.

CYNICISM - 5th Century B.C

The residual teachings of the disciples of Melchizedek, excepting those which persisted in the Jewish religion, were best preserved in the doctrines of the Cynics.

- God is supreme; he is the Most High of heaven and earth.
- The man who knows God looks upon all men as equal; they are his brethren.
- If the faith of the Most High has entered your heart, then shall you abide free from fear throughout all the days of your life



SHINTO - 660 B.C

This belief also contained remnants of the earlier Melchizedek teachings

- Says the Lord: 'You are all recipients of my divine power; all men enjoy my ministry of mercy
- Every time man yields to anxiety, he takes one step away from the leading of the spirit of his heart



SUDUANISM (Jainism)

- Mid 6th Century B.C

The religious believers who preserved the doctrine of one God in India—the survival of the Melchizedek teaching—were known in those days as the Suduanists. Latterly these believers have become known as followers of Jainism.

- All things come from, and belong to, the One God—all-wise, good, righteous, holy, resplendent, and glorious

ZOROASTRIANISM - Mid 5th Century B.C

Zoroaster was himself directly in contact with the descendants of the earlier Melchizedek missionaries, and their doctrine of the one God became a central teaching in the religion which he founded in Persia. Aside from Judaism, no religion of that day contained more of these Salem teachings.

- All things come from, and belong to, the One God—all-wise, good, righteous, holy, resplendent, and glorious
- This, our God, is the source of all luminosity.



OUR RELIGION

- The Lord our God is one Lord, and you should love him with all your mind and heart while you do your very best to love all his children as you love yourself
- The divine riches of God's character must be infinitely deep and eternally wise
- The Father in heaven will not suffer a single child on earth to perish if that child has a desire to find the Father and truly longs to be like him
- I will no longer be satisfied to believe that God is the Father of all my people; I will henceforth believe that he is also my Father
- I will every day thank God for his unspeakable gifts

