

"a branch of the federal government," and this government appoints its officers. The Act of 1913 sought to ensure that its decisions should represent the opinions of the American people over a period of time, rather than temporary shifting political changes, and therefore ordered that its members be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for fourteen-year terms.

When an author is guilty of such false statements on matters on which a glance at any standard encyclopaedia would quickly give the true facts, one can hardly expect him to be accurate on matters that are subject to various interpretations. However, even in this area it is easy to find statements that are clearly erroneous.

Thus he says on page 29: "The Khazars adopted Judaism (Pharisaic Talmudism) in the 7th century A.D." Actually very few Khazars ever became Jews. Only the king and a few of his nobles did so. When the Russians conquered the Khazars (in 1016, not "about 1200 A.D." as Olney says), the few nobles who were Jews fled to Spain. There is no proof that any present-day Russian Jews are descendants of Khazars.

You mentioned in your letter ... that you wish ... to ask me whether the present people in the land of Israel are literally the blood descendants of Abraham. In answer to that I can only say that there is absolutely no proof to the contrary.

I presented this question to the Rev John V. G. Koontz who is at present giving me valuable assistance in research. His answer impresses me as being so excellent that I shall include it as my answer to this particular question: You question whether the Jews living in Palestine today are Abraham's blood descendents. Well, when the Lord Jesus was here upon earth He said to the Jews who were living then, 2000 years after Abraham, "I know that ye are Abraham's seed" and "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day." (John 8:37, 36) The Jews addressed in this manner were unbelieving Jews, Jews who were seeking to kill Christ, Pharisees if you will, and yet Christ calls them the blood descendants of Abraham.

It is one thing to affirm that many, perhaps most, of the Jews living in Palestine today are unbelieving Jews (Jews who have not accepted Christ as Saviour) and it is an entirely different matter to claim that the Jewish occupants of Palestine today are pseudo-Jews. The Scripture teaches that the Jews will return in