

The recent discovery from the caves of Quorum has sent shock waves through the academic world. . It was thought the collection of scrolls was completely recovered from the cave and mostly this was so. However another very old missive had fallen down the back of the cupboard and was only recently discovered. The recovery from the very old but interesting media, which was an 8" floppy was more challenging than usual. There is some doubts in certain circles as to the accuracy of the dating of this item, some feel it is a later item. So with these cautions noted, the following is presented as recovered.

Dr Michael FitzPatrick B Old stuff.

Assist Prof Hugh Janus. Dip dip.

1:1 This is the book of Mortise and it is thus recorded in a font most serious and bold, thus being so, it must be true..

1:2 It came to pass the He Who Must Be Obeyed looked down upon the land of Antounn which is to the west of most places and is the last land made by He Who Must Be Obeyed and is thus so often fondly looked at as to be a special land.

When did He Who Must Be Obeyed look, then it was that he saw many things and those many things that he saw pleased him greatly.

1:3 So moved was He Who Must Be Obeyed that he sayeth unto them all, this is good and I am so pleased that from this day all shall call me He Who for that is more convenient.

So it was from that day it was ever said, "All hail He Who," and ever so will this be.

There was much praise from all especially of those who type this and of those who scribe for this was becoming tedious and this was a saving and there was joy across the land at least for those in the print media.

1:4 He Who saw many things that are good and that all was well for there were many were praising him and there be a queue of some length waiting at the temple for the praising of him. There were many men all selling confections to those who waited in that queue and those who sold confections did also praise He Who even while selling confections and that was good.

1:5 For selling confection is a thing done quite easily and so then did these sellers multitask. Verily too this is a handy tale to explain how the change was messed up and yes you are 2 coins short and I am sorry but I was busy praising He Who. Whereon each customer would say "Forget it and keep the change."

1:6 He Who also saw that there were many who had travelled from afar to worship him and they were of such a number that there was all valet parking at the Temple for the donkeys of travellers and there was but a small charge for this. He Who saw this and he saw the praise of those of the valet parking corps who recognised a good deal when they say one. They also had a nice excuse for when the change was messed up.

1:7 He Who did look to the North of the land of Antounn and saw all praising him and said this is good. Then He Who did look to the East of the land of Antounn and saw all praising him and said this is good. Then He Who did look to the West of the land of Antounn and ditto. Thus he bothered not to look to the South for he knows how good this will be.

1:8 So everywhere that He Who did look was good.

Then he assembled the multitude about about him at his place of operations which is above and has a convenient balcony that overlooks all the land of Antounn and to them He Who sayeth, "Verily I see all before me and all I see is what I have made and that is good."

The multitude assembled before him knoweth not where He Who is going with this one so they nod wisely and slowly.

1:9 Then he sayeth also "I see the my heavenly multitude that I have also made and they are before me and they also worship fully and give me praise and that is good."

The multitude again nodded wisely for some knew the time for wild applause had not yet come while others knew not and remained silent.

Then did He Who say that when I look at these many things I see that all is going along very nicely and I have done all this and that is good.

1:10 Then said He Who, who had done many things.

"I have done many things and they worked out well. Then this is good.

I have done many things in many places and it is that I have done it all and that is good.

This being all that anyone can see and is a lot, such are my labours, so grand and of great bigness, and very good and know now that I am tired and I am done and so Nimrod mind the store for I am going to have a nap."

This he did.

1:11 Tho later did He Who awake and returneth to his main room.

Where did he find that signboard that read Mission Control replaced by one that said Nimrod's Party Place. Therein did he find much in disarray and there be loud music from around the corner and several garments discarded across the balustrade from over which the land of Antounn can be seen.

Then did He Who look at that upon the wall that names the days and records those days and there he saw that many days had passed.

Thus he saw that the days past were with number that was large and then he doth that sum and so did he see that he hath napped for 1200 years give or take.

2:1 Then was he angered greatly and thus did he call out loudly and had all that were of this place assemble before him. Then did they all assemble before He Who and they saw his anger which was great and they saw his ire which was big too, and he saith unto them. "WTF!" Then did he say of Nimrod, why is this that I see before me, tell me of which I see and this better be good.

2:2 Thus did Nimrod stand before He Who and his head was down cast for he knew that he had not done well here. Then did Nimrod explain as to what was.

This is what was said. When thou left me in charge little did as all was as you made it and that was perfect so nothing need a change. Thus so was while you slumbered and then when someone did ask should we bust the nap, this was a nap you did and that must be perfect so we did not.

Thus it was for many many days and then things had become a bit in disarray and thus we were unsure and became alarmed and knew not what to do. Thus did we bring in the consultants and there were many changes, such as you see. And there was a moderate expense that you not know about.

2:3 Thus down cast was Nimrod for he knew he had done wrong and had failed He Who and this was bad and Nimrod was fearful for He Who was in anger great. For He Who was of anger still and did say you hath failed me greatly.

Thus did Nimrod fear a punishment and cried out to He Who, "Will thou cast me into the pit of punishment forever to suffer?"

2:4 Then did He Who say "No!" For there was no pit of punishment to be had, for He Who knew that he had made all things that he had made all things perfectly and so had not considered a pit of punishment for this reason. For he had said upon creation that I have done this all all is good and added after that, what could possibly go wrong. Yet He Who having his image to protect, knew this and said nothing.

Tho Nimrod was still in fear and cried out, "Will thou spank me a lot for I have been a very naughty body?"

Yet He Who was still of great anger and he said unto Nimrod, "Take down that sign of the party room, render neatly those discarded garment and restore things as they should be and then go to thy room and stay there forever."

2:5 Thus did Nimrod do these things domestic as is the way of a general tidy up and then did he leave Control Centre and go to his room. Tho he dwelt in the house of He Who forever, it was no fun at all. Though still not much different from the times before the consultants came, but if compared to the later times of that party that had been for 1000 years, it was grim indeed.

2:6 Then did He Who turn to the assembled who remained, and did say of them, "I have sent Nimrod away for he hath failed in my service and he hath been sent to his room and shall remain there. So then who then who among you will serve me as my gopher?" But then none stepped forward and none spake. With downcast eyes and all stood with voices silent. Then He Who did asked of one who was standing near why none had stepped forward and none had claimed this place. Then said that one of whom this was asked, in a voice unbold, "Thou had not a succession plan and so none will stand." Then did say He Who, "Well spoken out and true, who are you then for thou art my new gopher." Then did that one reply "I am Michael."

2:7 So thus was that Michael raised above all others of that throng and was indeed the gopher of the Lord. Then was a trumpet blast, but only one and then all knew this was to be the new deal. From this time did he carry the clipboard of things to do. All other then did bow before him, well just a bit as is the way.

3:1 Then did He Who go to that balustrade which over looks the land of Antounn and there did he look upon the land and saw many thing, and in many places and with much clarity. For it is that He Who has a zoom in his sight that is many- fold and focus that is amazing. Still one would expect no less. Yet what he saw displeased him greatly. For there was much frolicking and much fun and a general all round having a good time.

3:2 Of worship of He Who did he see little, and that overstated it a lot. Though effigies abounded there were of him, none. Of reverent shrine, though there many, there were to him, none. Of prayers there were many but to him, nine. Then all across the land he looked and what could he find but in one place obscure, some one with shaky hand had long ago, upon a wall in a bus stop shelter, had scratched "He Who is OK." Thus he was knowing that there was at least one out there, yet that seemed not enough.

3:3 Thus was He Who angered and in his anger said to all, “Stand back for they are all off disrepute and also of disrespect for me and that shall be no more. I maketh this and I can breaketh this.” Thus did his visage harden and look most stern and all could see that things were going to turn out badly. Then did that one named Micheal ask question that gave pause. That question was thus, “If all are gone and none remain, then who will worship thee and give praise?” So then did He Who look bemused and give a thought to this.

3:4 Then spoke He Who in a voice quite clear. “Go upon this land of Antounn and travel as a man with a sample case and a mean expense account might travel. Go across the land and seeketh those who are the man of the street, and search among them till you should find a man who doth pay homage to the one true God [that’s me]. Then bring to me his name and I will save him and his kin for his actions pleaseth me and that is true. Go now.

3:5 Then so did Michael go unto the land of Antounn and did widely travel about and see many things, many of which were an anathema unto He Who and Micheal knew to not mention these bits, unless very seriously asked. Then one day, did he find a man by a river, and his name was Mortise, son of Tenon, and he was a dweller in a house of several rooms and a patio, and he was a one who did mention daily He Who. This being mostly in his every day work.

3:6 For this man was a carpenter of sorts and a joiner of little skill and would often miss with hammer or with awl and then would give forth the name of He Who in volume large and often. This being, for Michael, after much searching, the best that he could manage and he had no wish to go home empty on this one. So sayeth Micheal, “Near enough for Jazz.”

3:7 So then did Michael, making an executive decision, go unto Mortise and say unto him, “Arise and stand Mortise, for you have the gaze of He Who upon you and know you now that He Who is to destroy the world and all of that but you have his favour. Stay tuned for further instructions.” Then did Michael leave and thus did Mortise say to none particular, “That was strange perhaps I should cut back on the mushrooms,” Then did he think little more of it.

3:8 Then did Michael returneth to that place above it all and go unto He Who and did say unto him, “I have a man, and Mortise be his name, and he calls thy name a lot.” Then said He Who to Micheal in return, “I have a plan, take notes,” and so he did that.

4:1 So Michael went again the house of Mortise and this time appeared before him in all his radiance and glory and there was a glow even after such as it was. He did call Mortise to fall down and cover his eyes and all of that, for there being a danger of radiance overload.

4:2 Then Micheal said to Mortise “I am the gopher of the Lord and I have come to you to say. Fall down if you must, and be most humble but you have the favour of He Who. All is to be destroyed in fashion dramatic as this is what he does, yet you and yours are to be saved. There is a however task for you.” Mortise was silent for when this is upon you, there is little one can say. There being no answer to this.

4:3 Then Michael readeth from his instructions, “Almost all is to be destroyed except you and you must work for it so He Who command you to buildeth a boat of some size and it shall be this, a length 300 cubits and breadth of 50 cubits, and a height of 30 cubits.”

Now Mortise was alarmed and said that that is large and will cost a bomb and he sayeth “I am unprepared for such expense.”

4:4 Then did Micheal say unto him, “Yea verily, this we know and we shall supply the wood!” Then there was wood and a plenty and Mortise called to his sons to move the wood of the gopher to a barn and store it there.

Then did Michael pass to him a sheet and sayeth unto him there is a plan and the instructions you shall read before though start.

Then did Mortise say “Whatever,” for it is the way that few men read the instructions even when delivered by an angel of the Lord.

4:5 Thus did Micheal pass all to Mortise and when leaving said. “Build it fast and build it true and when thou are done a building and with the internal fittings done also, then shall you call it quits. Then should you give us a call. Then should you rest but only after that call is done. Then did Michael go away and then did Mortise begin to build. Then also did the sons of Mortise build for they were dutiful and did as was bid by their Father who was their rightful head of clan and for that he was respected. That he could punch out and ox helped also.

4:6 So did the daughters of Mortise also pitch in and while they buildeth not, for they were of they womanly persuasion, so did they maketh tea and scones and other things that sustain a builder as he labours on. For this is the way it was in times of before gender confusion stalked the land and before workers rights were raised.

Thus also did the wife's of the son's of Mortise pitch in for they were to were without adequate representation and had no super benefits scheme and could be sold at the market, even though that was only on Wednesdays.

4:7 Then did they complete the ark and they did look upon it and see that it was good and then Mortise did's't take a Texta bold and write upon the stern in Letters large, “Dun Working.” Then did's't they make a fishing rod or two and some nets a-piece as well as and other diverse things and stow them down the back for just in-case. Then did Mortise face the sky and shout “It is done.” Then did he take two beers and a concubine and have a lie down.

4:8 Thus did that message travel up and then was heard by He Who who knows all and sees all or wants to have it look that way. Yet even as some wonder if he knows all, need he look. If he knows it all then need he listen, but none dare ask. There must indeed be a lot of needless conversation and other things that serves no use other than to provide a good story. Then did He Who send Michael again and with such instruction, yet unseen, that are to be given to Mortise thus being the rest of the plan.

4:9 So Michael appeared before them all, that being fair as all who had done such work were permitted to hear of the plan,.

Then Micheal looked at that what they had done and saw that it was good.

Then he saith unto them. “Listen up. He Who is displeased with the world and will destroy it.”

Then all looked at each other with alarm.

“That being so he will destroy it with a flood.”

4:10 Then they looked at each other and then looked at that boat and then were smiles greatly about and there were high fives from all and all was good.

Then did Michael say, "So take upon this boat, your selves and your family and goods and chattels as you wish, for there is ample storage. Also take as well as food for many days, for this is of the self catering cruise."

Then they cheered for that was easily done.

"Then take upon this boat, two animal of every kind from every corner of the world and such suitable for for that lot for 400 days."

Then did a silence fell across that throng and there was a look that was long and many did sight until some one did say, "You are going to need a bigger boat."

4:11 Then did Michael look at the message and did look at the boat and disd't he say "Bugger me you are going to need a bigger boat." So did all look downcast and sad for they had not seen this one coming. Then did the ground shake a bit and also did lightning flash with a rumble of thunder and there was great alarm. Then a voice from above did's't say most loud, "Fix this screw-up Michael or don't plan on coming home."

4:12 Then did Michael try to show it was not his fault as is the way that always is and will always be. Then sayest he in a tone most sharp, "Mortise, did's't I not give to the those dimensions of 300 cubits and such forth. Did I not give to the sufficient wood. Did I not make this all plain?"

4:13 "Thou disd't indeed," replied Mortise "so it would appear all is down to me for there were things I saw not. That was I review the quantity of wood provided which was right for the proper measure. For what we though overgenerous was not. There were many off cuts and much heating was done with them. More than usual indeed. Such generous helpings should have shown alarm, Then even with that wastage, which was a lot ,there are leftovers still. So thus I see this is down to me but I know not why.

4:14 Then did's't sayeth Mortise, "That I took these numbers true, and when we went metric did convert to the new by division with that constant so provided by the Angel of Metrication who came amongst us and did deliver that number to us all. It was on a card."

4:15 Then sayeth Micheal who like all above in the house of He Who, had done many years in the TAFE up there and had many skills and was in some ways quite over-qualified for the current job. "Know that ye should's't multiply by 1.4 for the cubits to meters conversion. Thy mistake was to divide by 1.4. Thou art no more wrong than this. Thy mistake is big indeed. Then while there is still room aboard and the fitting out is grand, no way that all will fit, You do so need a bigger boat."

4:16 Then did Michael know that having the charge of fixing this had all such powers as need to make things be. Thus Micheal said this unto Mortise, Then shall you shall take is a picture book of all the animals that are of the world and later then, when all is done will He Who redo then as he did before. Then this should be most quickly done and much time will be save and we can start the flood this evening.

4:17 Then said Mortise "I have no picture book of all the animals about for I am unlettered and non reading even unto pictures." Then did Micheal dispatch one of the girls to go to the local library and to check out such a book and also he sendeth a male relative just in case.

5:1 Then did Michael return to above and sayeth unto He Who, all is done and we are ready to roll.

Then did He Who go to that balcony on that next morning, first thing, and he reached out his arms in a gesture grand and commanded the heavens to open and they did.

Then he appointeth Patrick who was standing there doing nought as an estimator, saying work out how this is going for I cannot be bothered. Then did Patrick looks at the flood and did the sums on the time to the destruction of the world.

That was the first day.

5:2 Then next morning day He Who looketh out and things seemed little changed, apart from the rain and he asked of Patrick "How it goes."

Then Patrick replied, "Soggy underfoot but little change."

Then He Who was not pleased and did say set all the rivers to flood and set that max and that was the second day.

Then next morning he asked of Patrick, "How it goes" Patrick did reply "Light flooding in coastal areas and little more, this will take years."

5:3 Then He Who was not pleased and he did say open a siphon of the deep a bit and that was the third day.

Then next morning he did ask of Patrick "How doth it go?" and then did Patrick said unto him "Flooding away as planned and I give it about 4 years."

Then He Who was not pleased and he sayeth loud "Then open all the siphons of the deep and flat chat!" and that was the fourth day.

5:4 Then next morning he did ask of Patrick "How goes it now?" and Patrick said unto him "Rolling along nicely, I give it 40 days all up."

Then did He Who smile and leave the room.

5:5 Then on the fortieth day did He Who ask of Patrick "How does it go?" and Patrick gives the thumbs and says, "This is done as you commanded, all is destroyed, and there be floating all about those that were drowned and all." Then Patrick waited for that high five but it cometh not.

5:6 Then says He Who in a rolling tone, "Stop the rain, set the rivers to normal and close the siphons of the deep." And this was done and this was so and then he looketh upon the waters that were a mess and then he went away. Then did the rain stoppeth and did Mortise come upon the patio deck and sayeth unto all about, "Looks like all has cleared up, so let us get the fishing tackle out."

5:7 Then on the next morning He Who looks and asks of Patrick, "Hath these waters subsided from here in any way?"

"This is a no, for things change now not a whit, for this is the new normal," did Patrick reply.

He Who was not happy and sayeth loud, "Let then some siphons of the deep be opened and let them be set to drain. Let there be a timer added to each one for I do not wish the oceans to diminish. All needs to be returned, and at a leisure to square 1."

Then did He Who if he had done this as well as could be done, but none the less sayeth unto Patrick, "s call me when the waters look like they are really subsiding."

5:8. Then came the next day and He Who asketh of Patrick "Is this going as to my plan?"

Then Patrick being unsure that there was a plan and if that was he knoweth not, sayeth "Yes indeed," in a manner bold and he crosseth his fingers. Then did He Who say, "Stay on the case."

Then he went away.

5:9 Then did all the sons of Mortise fish and him too, even tho they biteth not, for there were many thing of fishy fare were in that water from the great drowning and the oddly dangled worm appeal so very little to a fish. Tho Mortise as a fisher man was undeterred and still fished on. For fishing is more of being here than catching, as it was then, and is now and ever will be.

5:10 Then there were some days passed and so did Mortise send out a dove, and it returned with nothing. So then did Mortise and his sons did fish some more and that did nothing for they still bitheth not at all.

Then did again Mortise send out a dove and it cometh back with muddy feet and they all call out there be land. Then there was a cheer as things were looking up.

Though that was all that could be done for that boat was bit a big box that sogged about and navigated not and did no more. So they did fish each day in hope and nothing more.

5:11 Then did in that night when all were sleeping, or begatting as is the way on cruises even now, there came a bump quite large. Such as would alarm you had not He Who tasked you with a boat and you be on a mission from God. So they worried not and carried on, each to his task.

5:12 Then in the morning did Mortise see they were perched upon a rock of size quite big, though only one was there to see. There was great damage done and then did Mortise know this marked this journey's end. For Mortise knew of wood and such and knew that this boat was broken. Thus was this a boat nevermore and that was good.

6:1 Then on the morning of the next day did Michael appear and he did say unto Mortise, "Thy journey is done." And Mortise who had looked at the boat which was broken, knew this already. Then did Michael "Say, open the gates and release the animal 2 by 2. Or failing that bring out that picture book."

6:2 For this did Michael think, "Did He Who not say fix this Micheal? Thus I have a blank cheque here and I can do this and so need bother He Who not." So that he did and he taketh the book in one hand and begin to gestur eth widely with the other. Then did he pause.

6:3 Then did Micheal look upon the land which was small in amount and very soggy for that water hath only receded a bit and so sayeth, "This will not fit, we are going to need a bigger paddock."

Then promising he to return much later, say by Thursday fortnight tops, then he went away.

6:4 Then later on that Thursday fortnight as was promised, did he return. Then was the land about was still soggy, it was less so and there was room aplenty. Then did Michael take that book, which was the Bob's Big book of Animals and did he so recreate them, every one as was in that book, more or less. and every one in the pair with all breeding parts in a working fashion.

6:5 Even unto that last page, which was once of blankness and where it was obvious that someone had scribbled a fanciful animal upon it. Then did Micheal, for he was on a roll and he cared not, went for it. Thus even this one most amusing was made and in as a pair. So it was filed under Wildebeest and put it into Africa and did he hope none would notice.

6:6 Then as the animals went their way did Mortise ask "What are they going to eat?" Then did Michael say "Let there be grass aplenty." and there was grass aplenty. Then did Mortise ask, "What of shade from the sun?" And did Michael say., "Let there be trees aplenty." and there was tree all about.

Then did Mortise begin to ask, but Michael gave him such a look as he was silent and saith no more.

6:7 Then did Michael say “Hey yes, just listen up. I have another word from He Who and the word is that to remind you of the wholesale death, destruction and general wrecking of all that you knew and just missed out on. So that thou and thine recalleth this often and praise his name, and in caps, then after each rain is done then He Who will send a cheery and bright rainbow. This shall be a merry reminder that it all works out nice in the end.”

Then Michael, accompanied by music that came from above, dids’t sing that verse, “Always look on the bright side of life.”

Then did Michael go away.

6:8 Then did Mortise take another couple of beers and a couple of concubines and shouted to all that were there upon that ground.

He sayeth, “Let there be no standing around, for it is trousers off time as we have much begatting to do.”

This is a nasty job but someone has to do it and verily it filled in the next 50 years or more and that was good.

6:9 Thus endeth the Book of Mortise.