

Essay from the bold pastor

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An ESA's (European Space Agency) space probe named "Rosetta," which had been launched from French Guiana in March, 2004, reached comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko in August this year after traveling a total distance of more than 3.8 billion miles. And "Philae," a space robot that accompanied Rosetta, successfully landed on the comet on November 12th and became the first vehicle in the human history to land on a comet. The objective of this mission was to discover water on the comet, which will explain the origin of life. "Hayabusa 2" that was recently launched from Tanegashima is basically on the same mission.

Many Christians smirked when they heard the name "Rosetta." The reason is that the name derives from "the Rosetta Stone," a rock stele found by a French Captain in Rosetta, a city at the far west of the Nile River, during the Napoleonic Invasion of Egypt in the late 19th century. The stone had an inscription in three scripts: Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, Demotic script, and Ancient Greek. Although the first two scripts were unknown at the time, people were able to decode those writings based on Ancient Greek text. For this reason, the stone is considered a major archaeological discovery that shook the world along with the Philae obelisk that was later found in the sandbank of the Nile River, and it is the most popular exhibit at the British Museum to this day.

The world's oldest book, the Bible, is in fact closely related to the Ancient Egypt. The oldest five volumes from the Book of Genesis to the Deuteronomy were written by Moses, a Hebrew who studied writing and laws to become an emperor in Egypt. Since the Law, the main content of the Bible, was an abstruse and lengthy contract between God and man, it needed to be written down instead of being passed on by word of mouth and Moses was the best person to do it. The following is one of the verses he wrote:

"Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it."

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

It seems ancient people from 3,500 years ago thought God was a mysterious being in the outer space. However, 1,500 years later, God sent down Jesus Christ as if to say, "That is not the case. I am here." What this means is simple. Anyone can start believing in God who created the space and life. When we think of the outer space, we shall worship God.

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