What do you know about Twenty-five (25)?

On New Year's Day 2025, I realized that twenty-five years have passed since our fascination with "1999" and the uncertainty of 2000 Y2K against the magnification of computer systems globally against man and the instillation of his machine. to manage our data. The anticipation of plausible chaos encumbered our spirit. Time has proven the most reasonable means through which we find answers to most things just as mathematicians use numbers to correlate answers to perplexing, complex matters. This sudden interest I held in the past twenty-five years should not be handled any differently. Therefore, I began my search with the number twenty-five itself and not just the most notable happenings over this time span.

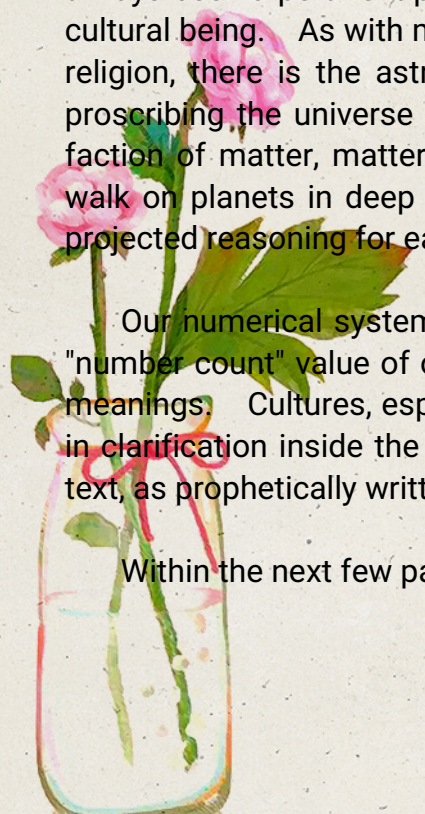
25 is a prime number comprised of a 2 and a 5. It is the result of 5 X's 5 or of a combination of number which add up to its sum. This fact is highlighted in use of positive odd numbers (1 +3+5+7+9) whose sum equates to 25. It is also a 20 plus a 5 from which we learn that a 2o is representative of "redemption" and the 5 "grace." A connotation of this number is as representing "grace upon grace" or "grace in truth."

In life, factual real things sanctified and of God are the foundation of "grace in truth" In the beginning, wee hours of a new horizon, we begin in grace and truth. Our horizons are not just early hours but it encompasses the "onset" of new things. How might I come to such verbal conclusion? Well, if grace is virtue, truth is accordance with reality, and prime is the early, 1st hours and most urgent time in life, then it, grace in truth (25), reflects this combination of definitions.

I must first review the interest of 25 relative to the biblical text as numbers have always been a pertinent part of astrology, anthropology, and other aspects of our historical cultural being. As with most things, the historical beginning of man and his undertaking of religion, there is the astrological complexities which were studied and proven doctrines proscribing the universe and an accountability through God for its very existence. Each faction of matter, matter as we count stars, ogle at constellations, fear black holes, and walk on planets in deep space. There were Greek gods of our universe back then with projected reasoning for each offering from their terrestrial existence.

Our numerical systems are no different as it appears almost inherent that beyond the "number count" value of our numbers, there were similar associations and interest of their meanings. Cultures, especially of Greek and Orient origin, have devised systems of clarity in clarification inside the "value" of numbers in age and years. It is also with the biblical text, as prophetically written by scribes, of wisdom and knowledge as interpreted.

Within the next few pages we will share variations in the conceptual value of 25



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weighed then, in our exploration of the past and manifestation of the past in the present. As we take on a positive expectancy of “new" for this year and beyond.

Inside the Bible

In reading the biblical text, we find that three books of the bible clearly regard use of 25 of our 26 alphabets. Ezra, 1 Chronicles, and Daniel all contain verses which exclude use of J, X, and Q respectively. My review finds numerical representation of each letter when added [10 + 24 + 17] comes to sum of 51 which interns is 6. This is a number association to "alpha" which is the beginning of the word alphabet; Coincidence, maybe so. And too, these letters are considerable "outcast" left out of the test as if refused or unacceptable liken that of Jesus as he walked and preached the gospel upon the earth.

There is also reference to King Jehoshaphat who ruled 25 years, 25 scrolls of Deuteronomy discovered down in the Dead Sea 1947, the Book of Acts contains material from 25 books of the Old Testament, and Levite ties must be twenty-five years of age to begin temple service, Ezekiel see 25 princes at the eastern gate of Jerusalem’s temple and last, there are 53 words and phrases in the Bible's original languages that are recorded 25 X's. Clearly, there is some belief that the number 25 has biblical relevance.

The Greek culture also used the word "leukos" 25 times in 23 Greek New Testament verses. It is ‘light or brilliant’ in their language as it references ‘white cells’ in English. In Greek 25 is "Eikool PiEVTE" or dyo (2) and pente (5).

Lunar Year 2025

January 29 marked the beginning of the lunar year as the "Year of the Wood Snake" otherwise referenced as "Yisi." It is symbolic of growth, flexibility, tolerance, passion, vitality and brightness. We can go further adding in one with keen insight and extraordinary intellect. Snakes are historically attached to stigmatism of Yin (darkness, dampness, and femininity) and Yang, as poisonous snakes of evil women who seduce men and suck their yang to nourish their yin.

Wood is "mu" which is the dragon fly. The Heavenly stem is Yi (wood) and The Earthly Branch is Si (fire). Intertwined is the undertaking of the "Year of the Snake" as a Wood Snake, Fire Snake or Wood Fire Snake.

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Snakes are little dragons with dragon's coat embellishing good luck, rebirth, regality, wisdom and wealth. It might be assumed that a woman finds prosperity thru this year from the discerption, their dark side. Taboos which might overt goodness are killing snakes and travelling west! As this is the time of "East Wood Sun= dong wu ri" it reflects the colors red and green. Red is a harbinger of good luck and fire whereas green is wood, the colour of life enhancing energy (luck). Gold too is significant as the wealth and prosperity element for this season.

The green, red and gold are consistent with 25th day of December, Christmas and Jesus as the indicator of searching the Biblical text for the spiritual continuity of twenty-five. Just as the Asian culture tends to denote "spiritual" guidance and prospection upon each year and our natural elements.

In a Book, a Movie and Music, 25 Pops

Reading on page twenty-five of a book written by one A. Felix, for fun I found inside the life of a rather significant female figure in the United States, the ministerial projection toward the "value of education." I thought of this as luck this 25th year, yet, it coincides with our new presidency and its approach toward dismantling the Department of Education.

Our author uses text from the work of Reverend Theophilus Gould Steward which implies:

Knowledge is a collective of learned words and things from which our innate or inherent qualities draw from as we ascend onward to woman and manhood. Okay, I think, this is true. He goes on the say that knowledge is what turned barbaric people into a civilized culture of classes and the foundation of a great nation. As it is power and wisdom as our strength (Solomon and Bacon) this once waste land, our country, was infused with culture, places, and created things as an oppressed people elevated. In other words, Americas depth of wealth and prestige from the dissemination of education to change uncultivated, empty land into farmed functional places. Yet, it is England whose wealth and power reflects its efforts to diffuse education to its populace and on exploration of the seven seas uplifting its fellow countryman's human condition.

Though it does not reflect the energy and thought process toward upcoming decisions for this division of our government, it is in alignment in thought and reverence to the original broad lain intention in use to support, guide, and maintenance America's systems of

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education for the good of the people, preservation and economic sense, through federal rule. Just as this suggestion of "state" control of our education systems reflects that of the Massachusetts as the 1st state to enact a compulsory education law in 1852 which would be realigned in the Articles of Confederation of 1787.

Movie

In the theatre, in 2022 there was "Twenty-five, twenty-one" starring characters Yi-jin and Na Hee-do. A teenage fencer meets young man rebuilding his life and a romance blossom. The title has 25 and 21 in reference to the Korean traditional age-counting custom as they'd otherwise be 23 and 19. But in use of this tool we find the script projecting luck, fire, passion, growth and the other attributes of the Year of the Snake (YiSi) between our two main characters. It is sort of a pun in play.

United Kingdom 25 years Ago

In the United Kingdom, back in 2000, Destiny's Child were on Charles Angels soundtrack, Posh Spice, Kylie Minogue, and Coldplay's Parachutes also held reign as chart topping music artists. The Weakest Link and Big Brother television shows were launched with host Annie Robinson and winner Craig Phillips respectively. We all held small mobile phones with the dominate Snake as our intro onto gaming. Despite Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston’s relationship the films Billy Elliot and Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon were in theatres without either one of them. And too David Bowie's 1st Glastonbury performance took place along with the opening of the 12-month run of the Millennium Dome paralleled. Denise Lewis won Olympic Games in Sydney, Tiger Woods lead golfing and Gaming as we knew it, took-off.

In Sports 25 Reigns

England, back in 2023, implemented the "25 player rule" which denotes a full squad inside the Leagues’ Elite Player Performance Plan. Of the 25, 17 players must be 'non-homegrown' and the remainder of 8 players are to be citizens from the surrounding region (homegrown) talent. It is attributable to their ambition for a modern ball club with strong players on the field as well as on the bench. This is a far cry beyond the days of UK teams having just twelve player teams striving for a league title. It too is bound with international recruitment strategy which aides’ teams in per players expenses and enable 'squad rotation.'

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This approach in team building is shunned for its effect toward diminishing national team plausible fortunes and thus was the precursor to formulating this "25 player rule" adapted by the Football Association and the Premier league. The September 1st chosen 25 cannot be transferred until January.

Under the '25 Player Rule', homegrown players are defined as those who "irrespective of nationality or age, have been affiliated to the FA or Welsh FA for a period of three seasons or 36 months prior to their 21st birthday. Clubs can supplement their squads with unlimited numbers of players under the age of 21.

This leaves valuable players with a non-competitive edge and forces a non-negotiable player exchange ability. If 25 exist and an owner seeks new talent (26), you must eliminate one to sign on a new candidate and meet the cost to rid of that player in case you are unable to sell him or her which causes a salary split between two clubs if one is over-extending finances. Also, the long-term injury roster is still an expense.

In baseball, traditionally a 26-man active roster of players is considered a full team after Sept. 1. However, there are 28 active players (pitcher or position players) of which 14 may be pitchers come transfer period. Two or three are called upon under specific needs. Despite the 26-man team roster, a team is complete having met the 25-player minimum.

The end game for this 25 rhetoric, is the use of King Artaxerxes, an Achaemenid kind of Persia. His was the 1st Persian empire, having reigned from 465 B.C. to 424 B.C. He died in 425 B.C. in Susa, Elam (Iran) at I believe 59 years of age which I associate in timing of the Super bowl 59 this year as we revisit taxation laws. His passing in his prime in 425 is further dissected of 4 and 25. 4 = 2 X's 2 and 5 X's 5 = 25 as the numbers 2 and 5 are relative to my article theme.

And, FYI, this coming February 28, 2025, a rare celestial event in visually observing seven planets (2+5) aligned in the nights sky is said to occur. Could this be symbolic of extra-ordinary happenings throughout this 2025 year? Only time can tell!

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