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## International Conference on Megalithic Burial Monuments of the Jewish Diaspora

DR KK JOSE, Principal,  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Department of History of St. Thomas College, Kottayam (affiliated to the Mahatma Gandhi University), Kerala, proposes to conduct an International Conference on Megaliths (burial monuments such as the dolmens, menhirs, urn burials, rock-cut caves etc.) found in South India, especially in Kerala. The South eastern Regional Office of the University Grants Commission has approved our proposal to conduct the same.

We are planning to organise the conference on 23 to 26 in Feb 2014. And we take this opportunity to invite you to kindly make yourselves available to participate in this unique conference. H:G: Mar Joseph Kallarangattu is the Chief Patron and Prof. George Menacherry is the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Conference. The Seminar Director is Rev Dr James Mangalath, HoD of History, St Thomas College, Palai, Kottayam. And the Coordinator is Mr Abraham Benhur, General Secretary, Nazrani International Foundation. The planning is in its early stages, hence, a formal invite and the other details will be passed on to you as soon as they are finalised.

**The relevance of the topic:**

There are two unresolved mysteries in History. One is the disappearance of the Ten Israelite Tribes that the Assyrians had enslaved and transported to their lands and has eventually disappeared from history. The Bible refers them as the "Lost People".

The second unresolved mystery revolves around the Megalithic Dolmens and other burial sites discovered in different parts of Europe, Asia and the Indian Peninsula. There are no clues to the original owners of these monuments which were obviously burial sites. Remains of bones, implements and utensils used by these people have been found from some of these sites. These magnificent relics of an unknown people from remote past have not been claimed by any surviving people as belonging to their ancestors.

Could they be the remains of the Lost Tribes of Israel? Are there sufficient leads to trace the authors of these unique monuments? Can we locate the survivors...? This conference is a major step in our effort at solving these mysteries!

These discussions are a result of the recently published books "The Jewish Christians of India", "The Jewish Background of Indian People", and "The Megalithic Monuments of the Jewish Lost Tribes", authored by Abraham Benhur. Through them the author asserts that the burial chambers found in the early Christian centres of Kerala go to prove that it were the Lost Tribes of Israel, whom St. Thomas had converted, when he arrived by sea in 52AD.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours Truly  
For St Thomas College, Palai, Kottayam

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