

**LANGUAGE CORNER: Ask George!     January 2009.**

**OECUMENICAL PROVERBS FOR XMAS... post festum.**

# Do you fully understand the following? Are you quite sure of that?

# And are they wise, and true, and you agree with them?

# Go through them carefully!

- **He who speaks the truth should have one foot in the stirrup**, say the **Hindi**, in India.

- **He who does not eat cheese will go mad**, proclaim the **French** loud & clear.

- **Do not remove a fly from your friend's forehead with a hatchet**, warn the Olympian **Chinese**.

- **Why should a man without a head need a hat?** wonder the **Chileans**.

- **He who lives longest has the most old clothes**, dogmatically decree the **Zulus** of South Africa.

- **It is of no use applying eye-medicine from a two-storey window**, advise the medically-minded **Japanese**.

- **Kindness to the starfish is as wind in the desert**, caution the wise **Chinese**.

All these Seven Proverbs do have **equivalents in our Bible**, Old or New. Can you work out their nearest fit?

Or if you are not into the Bible at all at all, do they each and every one of them happen to fall inside (or outside?) your **own Moral Code**? Hoping one has one...

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