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My name is Sean Walsh, and my contact details appear above.

I wish to make a Submission in respect to your Enquiry, as I am gravely concerned at much of what is proposed in the Terms of Reference and what is revealed in the Consultation Paper.

It is apparent from your Documentation that you have no idea about the true nature of Christianity, nor about the God of the Bible, and you also have no idea about how God operates and what he requires of us.

Christianity is not a religion, it is a relationship with an absolutely amazing God who loves all of us – including the LGBT people by the way.

The Bible says that “In the past God winked at men’s sin, but now he wants all men (and women) everywhere to repent (Think GPS – “where possible make a U-Turn”) and turn to him and be saved. (Acts 17:30, paraphrase)

Stephen Hawking is probably one of the most intelligent human beings who have ever lived, in his book “Brief Answers to the Big Questions” he makes the statement that his favoured theory for the origin of the Universe is “M-theory which allows for a very large number of possible histories of the Universe. He goes on to say that we live in a three dimensional space, but that time is also a part of the dimensions so space and time are linked together. He then states that there are a further seven dimensions which “are curled up very small, leaving three dimensions that are large and nearly flat”

I wonder how he would have responded if he had known that Moshe ben Maimon (1138-1204), also known as Moses Maimonides, an 11th Century Jewish sage had discovered that there are ten dimensions at least, four of which are knowable, being length, width, height and time, and a further six which can only be inferred.

He made this discovery from researching the Torah (the first five books of the Bible) in their original languages. It appears in his major work the "Misneh Torah".

There is a huge amount of other scientific information in the Bible, if you know where to find it, and it is to the shame of the Church that we haven't been prepared to do the work necessary to get our heads round this.

I would also suggest that it isn't the job of the unbeliever to research this stuff, it is our (the Church's) job to do this and present it to the World in a way which is respectful, gracious, easily understood and clear.

This, with few exceptions I suggest we have failed to do, however the Independent Christian Schools are actually doing their best in all this.

In the Pilot Episode of CSI (Crime Scene Investigation), Gil Grissom, a Forensic Scientist makes the following Statement "Concentrate on what cannot lie: the Evidence"

Stop for a moment and process this thought – what is he actually saying? He is saying a number of things, for example the "witnesses" may be mistaken in what they thought they saw, family members may be avoiding facing the truth about a crime within the family, and "persons of interest" to use a Police expression, are very likely to be lying. The reality is that as human beings our normal first action when caught in a crime or other problem is to lie about it. Pretty well everybody accused of a crime and facing Court will be lying about much of the detail, that is just a matter of fact.

It might be helpful with this matter if we were to carry out something of a "Forensic Analysis" of the Evidence, and see where it takes us.

According to Google, the age of the Universe is somewhere around 13.7 billion years, and it is generally taught that the Universe began with something described as a "Big Bang", which, with the passage of time over the alleged billions of years, resulted in what we can see and observe on this planet, the Earth, and further out in the observable Universe as far as our instruments and devices can measure.

One of the things which Stephen Hawking recognises is the possibility of the existence of God, and in his Book "A Brief History of Time" he concedes several times that if there was a God, he (God) might be able to arrange things in a different way. I noted that in "Brief Answers to the Big Questions" he seemed to have moved slightly in his view about God, and was more willing to accept the possibility that science and the process of Darwinian Evolution alone could explain the existence of everything, and that, in effect, there was no need for a God at all.

I suggest that part of Stephen's problem may have been that he is trying to fit the "Evidence" into a highly improbable Theory, which had dominated both his life and his research, and his critical thinking capacity had been limited because he was building his thinking on a false foundation.

Let's look at the Evolutionary Theory and see what results it claims to have produced, and then let's ask some questions to see if the results claimed make any sense, and perhaps try and consider what the Mathematical Probability of some of these things might look like.

We could perhaps put the initiation of the "Big Bang" in semi-Biblical terms, such as "In the beginning there was nothing, and then it exploded"

My figures below from research in Google which was done some 3 or 4 years ago, however should still be useful today for this matter, they also appear on my “Confidential Submission” to this ALRC Enquiry.

The results of this explosion which we see today, again from Google include the following :

No. of species of Insects	Between 2 and 30 million
No. of species of birds	10,404
No. of species of fish	15,304 (So far)
No. of species of animals	1 – 2 million
No. of species of plants	391,000

All of these “reproduce after their own kind” – i.e. you plant tomatoes, you get more tomatoes, you breed cattle, they produce more cattle, etc, etc, you get the picture

Some other “Fun Facts”

No. of Galaxies discovered to date	About 10^{10}
Average No. of stars in each Galaxy	100 – 300 Million (The Milky Way Galaxy)

All of which move in completely predictable ways, you can almost set your watch by when, for example Halley's Comet will appear.

Incidentally when the speed of light was first measured in 1676 by Ole Christensen Roemer he did it by utilising the appearance of “Io” one of the moons of Jupiter at one end of the Earth's elliptical orbit, and comparing it with the appearance when the Earth was at the other end of its orbit, and triangulating the results to find that light was not instantaneous.

As a matter of interest he came up with a speed of 220,000 km per second about 26% lower than the current estimate of 299,792 km per second.

I suspect that it is unlikely that he had an Atomic Clock at his disposal, the main point was that he clearly established that light was not instantaneous, and had a measurable speed.

Again, according to Google, our Sun has about another 5.0 billion years before it runs out of fuel.

You might like to contemplate the following :

Assuming that the Universe is 13.7 billion years old, let's add back the remaining mass of the Sun, so that we arrive at the mass of the Sun 5.0 billion years ago – the Sun has now doubled it's mass.

Tell me, what has happened to the planets, including this Earth??

They just vanished into the Sun, and therefore we never got to live, the theory that is generally taught as fact, actually doesn't stand up to any sort of critical analysis.

Now let's consider the possibility that the Biblical account is correct, and that the Universe is only about 5,000 years old, remember that it is 5,783 years old according to the Hebrew calendar, but let's keep the maths simple.

5,000 years as a proportion of 5 billion years is one millionth of the remaining life in the Sun, what effect does a one millionth change in the mass of the sun have on the Solar System – answer, virtually none.

We also have the Table of Elements, and to suggest that it was the result of purely random and fortunate chances simply beggars belief.

Scientists in the 19th Century had noticed the precision and consistency in it, and had left a series of blanks, being certain that further research would result in elements as yet unknown being discovered, and the blanks would be filled in.

The blanks are now filled in.

Remember, Darwinian Evolution as taught is saying that everything we see is random, there is no design, no purpose, in effect it is all a very happy series of coincidences.

When the Idea of “Intelligent Design” was introduced as a means which might cause people to think, the Evolutionists flatly refused to consider it, as they could see, I suspect, what an acceptance might mean to their worldview.

Our own (and the animals) DNA can reasonably be described as a digital, error correcting, redundant code and to suggest that something that complex could have arisen without a design is also completely absurd.

I submit that most of the problems and issues we face on the earth today are a direct result of the rebellion of the Human Race against its creator, and the origin of the majority of these problems can be found in the Book of Genesis.

I intend covering the first three chapters in some detail, basically I am laying a foundation for the rest of the book, and I will just highlight a few other passages which show the origin of various other issues, which are clearly manifest in the world today.

The Bible clearly teaches all the way through that “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Rom. 3:23).

There are no good people, we are all evil according to the Bible.

I don't know you, whoever may be reading this, but I do know me, and even after walking with God now for over 40 years, I am definitely evil by any Biblical standard.

That being the case, wouldn't it be better if we were to cut each other a bit of slack, instead of finding fault in others while ignoring any perceived faults in ourselves?

Another matter I would like to address is that quite often people will say that they have read the Bible, (usually various bits of it) and either it didn't make sense to them or alternatively it didn't seem relevant to them, which in many ways is fair comment.

The difficulty is that the Bible claims to be the only Revelation of God, the God who also claims that he is the only God that exists, and that he made everything that exists, including every last one of us.

If in fact all the above is true, then for no other reason than enlightened self-interest, every human alive and breathing should make a reasonable effort to check it out.

The problem arises, particularly with highly analytical people, that basically they just don't get it, and then write it off as not being relevant or needed by them.

Therefore I have been looking at a way to get across to people who have difficulty in grasping the real message, and I would like you give you an analogy from my own life.

I have been interested in Electronics all my life, and for some time, worked as an audio visual technician.

In 1971 I read a book by Professor Daryl Hooper titled Amplifying Devices and Low Pass Amplifier design, which he co-authored with E. M. Cherry.

Professor Hooper was a real leader and an excellent teacher and designer, and the book he co-authored with E. M. Cherry has been described as “the Classical Textbook on Analogue Amplifiers” – Amplifying Devices and Low Pass Amplifier Design – It was actually a 1,000 page plus tome.

The book was written in the English Language, and I could read the words and understood the meaning of many of them, however I could not understand the Book because it was a Year 4 University Textbook, and my understanding of a subject which I had been interested in for much of my life was not even close to what I would have needed to get my head round that Book.

Perhaps if you are finding the Bible difficult, some additional insight may be helpful, and after 40 plus years walking with God and becoming a quite serious student of the Bible, I might be able to add some input which would be helpful.

The Biblical Account begins as follows : (From the New American Standard Version)

GENESIS1

The Creation

- 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2 And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.
- 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.
- 4 God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness He called “night.” And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Verse 1 States that “In the beginning God Created the heavens (space) and the Earth

Stephen Hawking noted in “Brief Answers to the Big Questions” that, to make something like the Universe you firstly need “Matter”, secondly you need “Energy” and thirdly you need “Space”, he says “Lots of Space”

The Genesis account fits in with all these requirements by the way.

Verse 1 raises the creation of the Heavens (Space) and the Earth (Made up of Matter)

Verse 3 creates “Light”, a form of electromagnetic energy

So we have in the first three verses of Genesis all the ingredients necessary to create a universe

William Thompson, who was later known as Lord Kelvin, one of the great men of science, is famous for pointing out that until we measure a thing, we really know very little about it.

In order to measure any three dimensional object, we need to measure Length, Breadth and Height, however we also know that linked in with the previous three factors is one other, Time.

The Biblical account introduces Time by noting that in each of the six days of creation there was “Evening and Morning”

Theological Colleges often get hung up because they see two separate and apparent conflicting accounts of the creation, mainly as a result of the way Chapters and Verses were put together.

The Bible originally didn’t have Chapters and Verses, it was produced on scrolls, not in Book form, the Chapters and Verses were a later addition. The first English version to have full chapter and verse divisions for the entire Bible was the Geneva Bible of 1560. These divisions have been used in almost all versions since.

We need to remember that originally the Chapter and Verse divisions were not there, and two things flow from this, firstly the Chapters and Verses were not “Holy Spirit” inspired, and secondly sometimes they are really in the wrong places through human error.

There are two separate creation accounts in Genesis. I suggest, the first might be called the view from heaven, and it goes from Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 2:3

It is also possible (In my view likely) that Genesis 1:1 was the original creation, and where Genesis 1:2 states “the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness” I understand (and I am not a Hebrew scholar) that it may also be stated as “the earth became a formless and desolate emptiness” The Hebrew word in the sentence translated “was” is “*haya*” it means “became” the same word is used in Gen 19:26 of Lot’s wife – But Lot’s wife looked back, and she *became* (same word, *haya*) a pillar of salt.

So we could sum up the six days of creation as follow :

Day 1 Light was created

Day 2 The sky was created “to separate the waters above from the waters below”

Day 3 The waters under the sky were gathered into the seas, and the dry land then appeared. The land then produced “plants bearing seeds according to their kinds, and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds”

Day 4 The sun, the Moon and the Stars were created “to separate the day from the night and to serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and to be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth” Notice therefore that the light on day one and subsequently did not come from the Sun. This verse is God “Filling the Sky” as the NIV footnotes point out.

Day 5 The waters were to “teem with living creatures”, and the birds were created to “fly across the sky”, all of them “according to its kind” Again, God is “filling the waters and the air under the sky” as the NIV notes.

Day 6 The land produced “living creatures according to their kinds, livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to their kinds. And it was so. ... And God saw that it was good.

The Creation of Man – (The Human Race)

God's intention in creating the Human Race is expressed next in Chapter 1, still on day 6. The detail of how man and woman were made appears in Chapter 2. There are, I would suggest some significant differences, which need to be made clear if we are to understand the Biblical account accurately.

26 Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

30 and to every animal of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so.

31 And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Notice the following points :

- a) The Human Race is made in the image of God, and is ordained to rule over all life forms on the earth, fish, birds, livestock, everything, including the earth itself.
- b) The Human Race is created "Male and Female" and both are made "In the Image of God"
- c) The Human Race was instructed to "fill the earth and subdue it" – i.e. mankind was to spread progressively over the entire planet and to have dominion over it.
- d) Initially the Human Race was to be plant and seed eating, and the animal kingdom was to have "every green plant for food"
- e) Implicit in this I suggest is that the Human Race is to be good stewards of the resources of the earth, and to care for the animals on the earth. We are accountable before God for how we treat the rest of his creation.

Now to Chapter 2 for the detail of how God did all this.

The Creation of Man and Woman

4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven.

5 Now no shrub of the field was yet on the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the Lord God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground.

6 But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.

7 Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living person.

8 The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

9 Out of the ground the Lord God caused every tree to grow that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Some Geographical Information

10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.

11 The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

12 The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there as well.

13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush.

14 The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

And some more details

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and tend it.

16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die."

Notice the following :

On day 6 of the creation, at the end of Verse 25, the animals were there, the birds, fish and other water based creatures were there, but as Gen. 2:5 says "there was no man to cultivate the ground."

Where was Adam? In a pile of dirt!

So God shapes the dirt into a human form and "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living person."

Fun Fact – We know from scientific discoveries that "The average 70 kg (150 lb) adult human body contains approximately 7×10^{27} atoms and contains at least detectable traces of 60 chemical elements" (Wikipedia)

Notice also that Adam was told about the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and warned that "on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die" and that "From any (other) tree of the garden you may freely eat"

What about Eve?

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

20 The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

22 And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

Another Fun Fact – Eve was taken out of Adam, essentially God made a female clone of Adam. Sex is Binary, males have an "x" chromosome and a "y" chromosome in every cell in their body, women have two "x" chromosomes in every cell – Adam had to have "x" chromosomes or the woman could not have been cloned from his cells.

All of this is simple scientific truth. One of my sons has Down Syndrome. He has an "x" and a "y" chromosome in every cell in his body as he is male. He also has an extra chromosome in the 21st rung of his DNA "ladder", as he has Down Syndrome, hence the expression Trisomy 21, another name for Down Syndrome.

In addition, God always intended to give Adam a companion and helper, the human race is made up of both men and women who are equal before God. As a man, I am not a complete human without my wife, and the combination of me as a husband plus my lovely wife is far more effective and powerful than the two of us as individuals without each other.

In mathematical terms, I would suggest it is like the difference between addition and multiplication.

More about Eve

23 Then the man said, "At last this is bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh;

She shall be called 'woman,' Because she was taken out of man."

24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

25 And the man and his wife were both naked, but they were not ashamed

Notice the following :

- a) Adam realised that Eve had come from part of his body
- b) Adam named her as "Woman", (he had already named the entire animal kingdom btw).
- c) Eve was the original "drop dead gorgeous" woman, probably the most attractive woman in all of history.

- d) Adam on the other hand, was “drop dead stupid”, he was so besotted with Eve that later on he let her eat the fruit of the tree when the serpent tricked her, and he loved the woman whom God gave him more than he loved the God who gave him the woman.
- e) While the Bible is not a Scientific Text Book, nonetheless our recent (over the past couple of centuries) scientific discoveries arguably have confirmed the Biblical Account, and certainly have not contradicted it.

The Fall and the Consequences of It

Chapter 3 of Genesis follows in the NASB Version. It is self-explanatory, but to help you understand fully what is being said, I have added some brief comments in red in a different font to the actual text.

The Fall of Mankind

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat **from any tree of the garden**?’” **The question was designed to trip Eve up, also note that he did not speak to Adam**

2 The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;
3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it **or touch it**, or you will die.’ ” **God did not say they couldn’t touch it, in fact, they could have picked the fruit, made a pile of the fruit, played round with the fruit, the only restriction was simple “Do not EAT the fruit.**

4 The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die! **Effectively he is saying the God is a liar.**

5 For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also **gave some to her husband with her, and he ate.** Adam was there, it was his responsibility to stop this from happening

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and **made themselves waist coverings.** **Not good enough, see below**

8 Now they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” **Like God didn’t know (a) Where they were and (b) What they had done?**

10 He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?” **At this point I am moved to wonder what would have happened if Adam had owned up to God, and said it was his fault, and to punish him rather than his wife, and ask God to be merciful.**

12 The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me some of the fruit of the tree, and I ate.” **Essentially he is blaming God for the actions of the woman and completely failing to admit his own disobedience.**

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” And the woman said, “The **serpent deceived me**, and I ate.” **What Eve said was true, she was deceived, however Adam was not.**

14 Then the Lord God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all the livestock, And more than any animal of the field; On your belly you shall go, And dust you shall eat All the days of your life;

15 And I will make enemies Of you and the woman, And of your offspring and **her Descendant**; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise Him on the heel.” **Her descendant is Jesus, who was “born of a woman” This anticipates God’s solution ultimately in Jesus’s death on the Cross.**

16 To the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall deliver children; **Originally childbirth was to be painless. Yet your desire will be for your husband. This can be taken to mean that the wife will want to take the man’s position in the marriage. And he shall rule over you.**” **This has been abused throughout the ages, as men have dominated and abused their wives and treated them as slaves and sex objects.**

17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; Cursed is the ground because of you; The earth itself is cursed because of Adam, God holds the man responsible for the mess he has created on the earth With hard labor you shall eat from it All the days of your life.

18 “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; Isn’t that the truth, and can’t God make an absolutely amazing weed, thorn and thistle. We spray them, burn them, dig them out and next week they are back again. Thanks a lot Adam! Yet you shall eat the plants of the field;

19 By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.” **Humans were originally intended to eat from the fruit of “the tree of life” and would then live forever. Now death awaits us all, Adam lived 930 years before he died, but in the end he died and went back to the dust of the earth just as God had said.**

20 Now the man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.

21 And the Lord God made garments of skin **God had to kill some animals to make the covering for Adam and Eve, this is the first time that God’s solution is revealed for the sin of man, the Bible teaches that “Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness for sin”** for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out with his hand, and take fruit also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—

23 therefore the Lord God sent him out of the Garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

God is merciful, if Adam and Eve had eaten of the fruit of the tree of life, they would have lived forever, and lived eternally in separation from God.

The Bible contains some amazing features in the text itself, which are they by deliberate design to authenticate it’s genuine source from God.

For example, Genesis 5:1-32 consists of a genealogy of Adams line from Adam to Noah.

It gives the ages of each of the members of the genealogy, and their names. The names are left in Hebrew, without translating the actual meaning of the respective name.

There is a hidden message contained in the names as follows :

Name	Meaning	Age when born	Years Since
Adam	Man	Created by God.	Creation
Seth	Appointed	130	130
Enosh	Mortal, frail, miserable	105	235
Kenan	Sorrow, dirge, elegy	90	325
Mahalal'el	The Blessed God	70	395
Jared	Shall come down	65	460
Enoch	Commencement, or Teaching	162	622
Methuselah	His death shall bring	65	687
Lamech	Despairing	187	874
Noah	Comfort or Rest	182	<u>182</u>
Age of the Earth at Noah's Birth (See later about the Flood)			1,056

The message therefore is : To Man is Appointed Mortal Sorrow, but The Blessed God Shall Come Down Teaching that his Death Shall Bring the Despairing Rest.

Effectively God has produced a summation of the New Testament Gospel in a Genealogy in the Torah.

Remember that God will never overrule our free will, so in order to do this, he has moved each member of this genealogy to name their respective son with a name which would complete God's purposes.

This also means that God's redemption plan was decided before the foundation of the world.

Source – "Learn the Bible in 24 Hours" Dr. Chuck Missler (Hour 3 – From the Fall of Man to the Tower of Babel)

Noah's Flood

The Corruption of Mankind

1 Now it came about, when mankind began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God **Fallen Angels, the Angels were directly created by God and prior to the Creation of man, there had been a rebellion led by Lucifer (Satan) in the Angelic Realm**

saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

3 Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not remain with man forever, because he is also flesh; nevertheless his days shall be 120 years.” **This is a significant shortening of human lifetimes, genealogies had indicated quite long lifetimes, 969 years in the case of Methuselah**

5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.

6 So the Lord was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

7 Then the Lord said, “I will wipe out mankind whom I have created from the face of the land; mankind, and animals as well, and crawling things, and the birds of the sky. For I am sorry that I have made them.

11 Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for humanity had corrupted its way upon the earth.

13 Then God said to Noah, “The end of humanity has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of people; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.

14 Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with compartments, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

15 This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. **(Naval Architects discovered that these proportions are perfect for a vessel sailing in rough water, sounds like God knows how to build a boat)**

16 You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and put the door of the ark on the side; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

17 Now behold, I Myself am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which there is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.

18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. **(Only eight people ended up on the Ark, and we are all descended from them)**

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

20 Of the birds according to their kind, and of the animals according to their kind, of every crawling thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. **(Noah didn’t have to round the animals and birds up, God arranged all of that)**

Genesis 7

The Flood

1 Then the Lord said to Noah, “Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this generation.

2 You shall take with you seven pairs of every clean animal, a male and his female; and two of the animals that are not clean, a male and his female;

3 also of the birds of the sky, seven pairs, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth.

4 For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and I will wipe out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.”

5 So Noah acted in accordance with everything that the Lord had commanded him.

6 Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth.

7 Then Noah and his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and everything that crawls on the ground,

9 they all went into the ark to Noah by twos, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 Now it came about after the seven days, that the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.

12 The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

13 On this very same day Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark,

14 they and every animal according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kind, and every crawling thing that crawls on the earth according to its kind, and every bird according to its kind, all sorts of birds.

15 So they went into the ark to Noah, by twos of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.

16 Those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and the Lord closed the door behind him.

17 Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth.

18 The water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water.

19 And the water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered.

20 The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher (About 7 metres), and the mountains were covered.

21 So all creatures that moved on the earth perished: birds, livestock, animals, and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind;

22 of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.

23 So He wiped out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from mankind to animals, to crawling things, and the birds of the sky, and they were wiped out from the earth; and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

24 The water prevailed upon the earth for 150 days.

Genesis 8

The Flood Subsides

1 But God remembered Noah and all the animals and all the livestock that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.

2 Also the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained;

3 and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of 150 days the water decreased.

4 Then in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. (Notice the precision of both the location and the date – it is there for a reason, the Jews have two Calendars, the Civil or Genesis Calendar which starts at Rosh Hoshana in the month of Tishri and the Religious Calendar, which begins with the month of Nisan, (in which Tishri is the seventh month) Jesus was crucified on Passover, which is on the 14th day of Nisan. He was in the grave for three days, and resurrected on the seventeenth day of the seventh month of the Genesis Calendar. The new beginning of life on the Earth after the flood anticipates the day of Jesus's resurrection, which is the basis of our new beginning in Jesus Christ.)

5 And the water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.

6 Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made;

7 and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent out a dove, to see if the water was low on the surface of the land;

9 but the dove found no resting place for the sole of its foot, so it returned to him in the ark, for the water was on the surface of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took it, and brought it into the ark to himself.

10 So he waited another seven days longer; and again he sent out the dove from the ark.

11 And the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, in its beak was a fresh olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was low on the earth.

12 Then he waited another seven days longer, and sent out the dove; but it did not return to him again.

13 Now it came about in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first of the month, that the water was dried up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground had dried up.

14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

17 Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every crawling thing that crawls on the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife, and his sons' wives with him. 19 Every animal, every crawling thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark.

20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took some of every kind of clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 The Lord smelled the soothing aroma, and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.

22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease."

Genesis 9

Covenant of the Rainbow

1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

2 The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every animal of the earth and on every bird of the sky; on everything that crawls on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea. They are handed over to you. (All this is new, the animals were not previously afraid of man)

3 Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I have given everything to you, as I gave the green plant. (Now the animals are food as well, previously we ate plants and seeds)

4 But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. (God placed a restriction on eating meat, the blood must be drained, as the life is in the blood)

5 I certainly will require your lifeblood; from every animal I will require it. And from every person, from every man as his brother I will require the life of a person.

6 "Whoever sheds human blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made mankind. (This institutes Capital Punishment for Murder, and as far as God is Concerned, that is the punishment to be applied still. Because Human Beings are made in the Image of God, murder is Sacrilege)

7 "As for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

9 "Now behold, I Myself am establishing My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you;

10 and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the livestock, and every animal of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, every animal of the earth.

11 I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be eliminated by the waters of a flood, nor shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations;

13 I have set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall serve as a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

14 It shall come about, when I make a cloud appear over the earth, that the rainbow will be seen in the cloud,

15 and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 When the rainbow is in the cloud, then I will look at it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

17 And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.” (The Rainbow is a sign of God’s Covenant not to destroy life on the earth again with a Global Flood, it is with the animal kingdom as well, and the LGBT community are taking a grave risk by misusing the Covenant Sign ordained by God.)

The remainder of Genesis 9 contains an account of an incident where Noah, a farmer, had planted a vineyard, and got very drunk on the wine from it, and passed out in his tent stark naked.

One of the ways that we can understand that the Bible is true is that the “heroes” if you like of the Bible are presented “warts and all”. The Bible does not sanitise the failings of men, regardless of how close to God they may have been.

There are only two characters in scripture who have nothing bad said of them, Joseph, Son of Jacob and Daniel, the main character in the Book of Daniel.

20 Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard.

21 He drank some of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.

22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it on both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father’s nakedness.

24 When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him.

25 So he said, “Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brothers.”

26 He also said, “Blessed be the Lord, The God of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant.

27 “May God enlarge Japheth, And may he live in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant.”

28 Noah lived 350 years after the flood.

29 So all the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.

The passages above which are underlined are the ones which have been mis-used to justify enslaving black people, and form the basis for the colour prejudice which has been evident throughout most of human history.

God is “colour blind”, the truth is that human beings come in all sorts of shapes and sizes, and all sorts of different skin tones and facial and other features.

When I was farming we had cattle and horses mainly. We had Friesian cattle, they are normally black and white and bigger than Jerseys who are smaller and seem to be a bit more curious.

If I went into a paddock, it was usually the Jerseys who would come round to see what I was up to.

We also had Herefords, usually brown and white, and highland cattle, who look like a shaggy piled carpet on legs, and have really long horns.

All of these were members of the bovine species.

The horses were similar, all horses are members of the equine species, from Shetland ponies and miniature horses right through to Clydesdales.

The question with humans is simply “is this person a member of the human race?” If yes, then they are made in the image of God, Colour, national background, physical appearance etc. are irrelevant.

The 1980 film “The Elephant Man”, was a film based on the story of a twenty one year old severely disfigured man with an oversized skull and severe deformities in both his skull and right shoulder, his name was John Merrick, played by John Hurt in the film.

Merrick was “employed” in a Circus Sideshow and called the Elephant Man. Basically he was being presented as a freak by the sideshow owner a man called Bytes, played by Freddie Jones.

There is a line in the script which really hit me hard, Merrick, it appears could speak, and was a well read and articulate man, at one point he bellows : “I am not an elephant, I am not an animal, I am a human being, **I am a man!**”

(Source – www.imdb.com/title/tt0080678/)

Merrick, despite his deformities, was still human, still “made in the image of God”.

Back to the Bible :

Chapter 10 of Genesis is the “Table of Nations”

Seventy nations came from Noah’s three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, and they are detailed in Chapter 10 including some details of where they went and some mention of significant historical figures.

All of us are descendants of Noah through one of his three sons.

Chapter 11 is the story of the Tower of Babel, and concludes with the genealogy of Shem to Abram

Genesis 11

The Tower of Babel

1 Now all the earth used the same language and the same words.

2 And it came about, as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar.

4 And they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let's make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of all the earth." **This was actually a full-on rebellion against God, led by Nimrod who was the first world dictator. The name "Nimrod" means "we will rebel" btw.**

5 Now the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the men had built.

6 And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they have started to do, and now nothing which they plan to do will be impossible for them.

7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."

8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth; and they stopped building the city.

9 Therefore it was named Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

God had repeatedly told man to populate the whole earth, but we didn't listen, we hung together in the area of the Middle East. Adam to Noah had done it, now the descendants of Noah are doing the same.

On a local "Australian" issue if you like, we have been told that the Australian Aborigines have been here for 50,000 years. Currently we are also being told "Always was, Always will be, Aboriginal Land"

If the Bible is true, this is a fallacy.

Firstly, if the Hebrew calendar is accurate, we are in the year 5,783 after the creation.

The flood occurred when Noah was 600 years old, based on the Genealogy in Genesis 5 above, we see that Noah was born 1,056 years after the Creation, therefore the Flood occurred 1,656 years after the creation.

Hence, if the Hebrew Calendar as calculated by Maimonides is correct, we are in the year 5,783, therefore the flood was 4,127 years ago.

It would seem reasonable to say that actually the Australian Aborigines probably came to Australia from Africa perhaps 3,000, or 3,500 years ago.

I understand that this is controversial, and may be very confronting to many people, however, one of the things that Jesus said was that "the truth will set you free"

So what does the Bible say about ownership of the Earth, presumably we are mainly discussing the Land Masses?

According to "answers.com" the total land area on earth is 148,940,000 km²

They also assert that 30% of the earth's surface is land and 70% water, and that 33% of the land mass is actually deserts.

God has only specified one part of the Earth as belong to any one Nation, and that is Israel, the rest of the Earth is "up for grabs", essentially God (who made the whole thing, including us, and

therefore owns it and essentially can do whatever he likes with it) has only defined the area of Israel, in the Scriptures, everything else, Europe, Asia, the Americas, all the miscellaneous islands etc and Australia is available for whoever can take it.

If you can take it you can have it, for as long as you can hold it is what God says.

Currently the area of land held by Israel is about 20,770 km² approximately 0.00013945% of the surface area of the Earth.

That should put the picture of what the current situation in the Middle East is all about.

In her book "Israel – A simple guide to the most misunderstood country on Earth", Noa Tisby presents historical and very rational arguments about the right of the Jews to have Israel, and develops the argument that Israel is not simply fighting "The Palestinians" but the entire Arab World.

It is an excellent and well balanced analysis, and well worth a read.

I was in the Australian Army Reserve (then called the Citizens Military Forces) in May/June 1967 immediately before the six day war blew up.

Everyone could see that a war was on the cards, and we used to parade on Monday nights.

The war started on Monday 5th June and was over on Saturday 10th June. Australia is ahead of most of the World time wise, and it probably started within hours of us leaving the Depot for the night.

We were at the depot on Monday 5th, and the Officers presented a summary of the military assets of Israel, and the combined assets of the surrounding Arab nations.

Israel was completely outnumbered, and out gunned, and we considered that "Israel is stuffed, this'll be then end of them"

The following Monday Israel was camped on the outskirts of Cairo, had taken a massive amount of Arab territory, had defeated the Arab armies and air forces in what was the most amazing military victory, possibly in the entire course of human history.

I remember as an Agnostic, and verging on Marxist, Australian bloke, looking at the Jews at the Wall of Jerusalem for the first time in almost two thousand years, many bawling their eyes out, and I knew that I had just seen something which I did not fully understand, but I knew it was an event of massive Historical significance. I was in tears then, and even now, forty six years later, as I write this with a far better grasp of what was actually going on, I still tear up.

Noa Tishby's book has some maps in the front which clearly show the extent of the Territory Israel seized at the time.

Australia, and to a lesser extent the USA is currently being accused of "stealing" the lands of the original inhabitants.

The logic used is that this "White, patriarchal mob with guns showed up, killed off the previous owners who were defenceless with only ineffective weapons compared to firearms" and basically stole the whole country.

This argument only has substance in situations like Australia and the US, where it can be demonstrated that an "invasion" took place only a few hundred years ago and whoever held the country then was defeated and the new guys ended up with the whole lot.

It doesn't fly at all in other parts of the World, such as Europe, England and the Middle East, where the lands have been subject to repeated conflict and "control" rather than "ownership" has moved through many different "tribes" or "nations" over history.

England in particular seems to have been invaded by virtually everybody and their dog going back a couple of thousand years or more. It would simply be impossible to establish who the "original" inhabitants may have been.

Incidentally, we, (the current crop of "Australians") can only keep the joint for as long as no other "mob" who are bigger, better armed and more aggressive than we are don't turn up and take it all from us.

Given the current scene with China, I would be fairly cautious about estimating how much longer we can hang on to this place.

I also want to present the reasons that my wife and I didn't have any more kids after our daughter.

In September 1971 our daughter was born and for a year or two afterwards she was "on the pill" as we couldn't afford another child at the time.

Some time in 1972 (from memory) a bloke called Paul Ehrlich visited Australia and got a lot of TV and media coverage with his theories about the consequences of population growth and the (according to him) limited resources.

He (and his wife Anne) had written a book called "The Population Bomb" published in 1968 but credited only to Paul.

He got a lot of favourable Media coverage, and some extensive TV time on various Current Affairs programs, he presented his arguments well, and we basically believed what he was saying.

We had one son who was then 5 years old plus our baby daughter, and we decided that it would be irresponsible to have any more kids.

I was concerned about the possible long term effects of the "pill" on my wife, and our Doctor was a mate in our Car Club at the time, and we talked with him about it.

He suggested that a vasectomy for me would fix the problem, and after he went through what was involved. I had "the snip", which seems to have worked.

A brief quote from Ehrlich's book will give you the feel of what he was saying : *"The battle to feed all of humanity is over. In the 1970s the world will undergo famines – hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death..."* – Paul R. Ehrlich, *The Population Bomb*

Paul was a Professor at Stanford University at the time, and the book and media appearances turned him into something of a "rock star" at the time.

The World population at the time was about 3.8 billion, recently it passed 8.0 billion, more than double.

Yet we are not starving, why? Because food production increased at a faster rate than the population. Arguably a significant contributor to this is the level of Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere

I have put together a Table to show the co2 levels in the atmosphere plus the World Population

Year	co2 (PPM)	World Population (Billions)
1946	310.3	2.499 (1950)
1968	323.04	3.546
1980	338.99	4.444
1990	354.29	5.316
2000	369.64	6.149
2010	389.21	6.986
2020	414.08	7.841
2021	416.43	7.909 (Last year that I had co2 levels)
2023		8.045

The reality is that Carbon is a significant element in both plants and animals, and the level of co² as it increases leads to increases in the plant life on the planet and is arguably the reason why our food output has increased faster than the population.

Ehrlich was completely wrong, in fact, countries like the US, Australia and parts of Europe have a massive problem with obesity in the population, due to having too much food in our diets. Furthermore countries like China, Japan, and to some extent Western Nations like Australia and the US do have a population problem, but it isn't over population, it is actually that we are not keeping up with the death rate because we have limited the size of our families.

This is over accentuated, because at the same time, our life expectancy has increased.

I want to now draw your attention to a couple of brief passages in the Bible, which will again show how God actually works, again in "real world" situations

Firstly Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis Chapter 18

16 Then the men rose up from there, and looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham was walking with them to send them off.

17 The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,

18 since Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed?

19 For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him."

20 And the Lord said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave.

21 I will go down now and see whether they have done entirely as the outcry, which has come to Me indicates; and if not, I will know."

Abraham knew he had a problem, his brother Lot lived in Sodom, as did his wife, his two daughters and their betrothed fiancés', a total of six people he was concerned about.

So he has a go at a "Dutch Auction" with God.

Abraham Appeals for Sodom

22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the Lord.

23 Abraham approached and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

24 Suppose there are fifty righteous people within the city; will You indeed sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?

25 Far be it from You to do such a thing, to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?"

26 So the Lord said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the entire place on their account."

27 And Abraham replied, "Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am only dust and ashes.

28 Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the entire city because of five?" And He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose forty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do it on account of the forty."

30 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 And he said, "Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the twenty."

32 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once: suppose ten are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the ten."

33 As soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the Lord departed, and Abraham returned to his place.

Notice that God was willing to withhold his judgement if only ten "Righteous" people could be found in the City. Also notice that God only ever judged a City like Sodom and the surrounding area once.

Unfortunately there were less than ten, in the end only Lot, his wife (briefly) and two daughters got out of the City. His future sons in law thought he was joking, and his wife looked back, and was turned into a pillar of salt.

Genesis 19

The Doom of Sodom

1 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he stood up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.

2 And he said, "Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said, "No, but we shall spend the night in the public square."

3 Yet he strongly urged them, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 Before they lay down, the men of the city—the men of Sodom—surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter;

5 and they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them.”

6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him,

7 and said, “Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly.

8 Now look, I have two daughters who have not had relations with any man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do not do anything to these men, because they have come under the shelter of my roof.” **Lot, the father of the year?**

9 But they said, “Get out of the way!” They also said, “This one came in as a foreigner, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them!” So they pressed hard against Lot and moved forward to break the door.

10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them, and shut the door.

11 Then they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, from the small to the great, so that they became weary of trying to find the doorway.

12 Then the two men said to Lot, “Whom else do you have here? A son-in-law and your sons and daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring them out of the place;

13 for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the Lord that the Lord has sent us to destroy it.”

14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, “Up, get out of this place, for the Lord is destroying the city.” But he appeared to his sons-in-law to be joking.

15 When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city.”

16 But he hesitated. So the men grasped his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, because the compassion of the Lord was upon him; and they brought him out and put him outside the city.

17 When they had brought them outside, one said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stay anywhere in the surrounding area; escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away.”

18 But Lot said to them, “Oh no, my lords!

19 Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your compassion, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, for the disaster will overtake me and I will die;

20 now behold, this town is near enough to flee to, and it is small. Please, let me escape there (is it not small?) so that my life may be saved.”

21 And he said to him, "Behold, I grant you this request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken.

22 Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the town was named Zoar.

23 The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

24 Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from the Lord out of heaven,

25 and He overthrew those cities, and all the surrounding area, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

26 But Lot's wife, from behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 Now Abraham got up early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before the Lord;

28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the surrounding area; and behold, he saw the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a furnace.

29 So it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the surrounding area, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the destruction, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.

Lot and His Daughters (it gets really messy now)

30 Now Lot went up from Zoar with his two daughters and stayed in the mountains, because he was afraid to stay in Zoar; and he stayed in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 Then the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to have relations with us according to the custom of all the earth.

32 Come, let's make our father drink wine, and let's sleep with him so that we may keep our family alive through our father."

33 So they made their father drink wine that night, and the firstborn went in and slept with her father; and he did not know when she lay down or got up.

34 On the following day, the firstborn said to the younger, "Look, I slept last night with my father; let's make him drink wine tonight too, then you go in and sleep with him, so that we may keep our family alive through our father."

35 So they had their father drink wine that night too, and the younger got up and slept with him; and he did not know when she lay down or got up.

36 And so both of the daughters of Lot conceived by their father.

37 The firstborn gave birth to a son, and named him Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.

38 As for the younger, she also gave birth to a son, and named him Ben-ammi; he is the father of the sons of Ammon to this day

This is just another example of how the Bible shows us the significant characters “warts and all”, which supports my assertion that it is exactly what it claims to be, the revealed Word of the only God there is.

Genesis 15

Abram Promised a Son

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.”

2 But Abram said, “Lord God, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

3 Abram also said, “Since You have given me no son, one who has been born in my house is my heir.”

4 Then behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “This man will not be your heir; but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.”

5 And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” The Ancients used to consider there were between 6,500 and 8,000 stars, which were those visible with the naked eye depending on where you were on the surface of the Earth and the time of year. As indicated above, we now know that there are 10^{10} Galaxies, with 100 – 300 million stars in each. The other comparison God gave Abraham was that the number of his descendants would be as the sands on the seashore – basically you won’t be able to count them. The original thinking of the number of stars is a manageable (and countable) number, but God knew the full picture at the time.

6 Then he believed in the Lord; and He credited it to him as righteousness.

7 And He said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.”

8 But he said, “Lord God, how may I know that I will possess it?”

What follows here is a Covenant but this is no ordinary Covenant. The usual process was called “Cutting a Covenant”, the two participants would divide a sacrifice into two parts, and walk a “figure of eight” pattern between the elements while reciting the terms of the covenant.

9 So He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds.

11 And birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

This is where the Covenant gets altered, God firstly put Abraham into a deep sleep, exactly as he did with Adam when Eve was taken from his side in Genesis 2. The God alone, in the form of a fire went through the Covenant Procedure by Himself. The Covenant was unconditional and unilateral and to Abraham’s benefit.

12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him.

13 Then God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years.

At this point, Abraham had no descendants, Isaac had been promised, but didn't arrive until Abraham was 100, and Sarah was 90!! Also notice that God knew how bad the Amorites were going to get (see V. 16) , but until they actually got this bad, God would not judge them

14 But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. This is a reference to the exodus from Egypt.

15 As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.

16 Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the wrongdoing of the Amorite is not yet complete."

All the above shows that God "knows the end from the beginning" Just as he knows every detail of our lives as individual human beings, and has known all this from before time began.

I suggest that much of the intent of this Review is in the nature of an attempt to placate the LGBT lobby, which certainly has a considerable amount of clout in the Western world at the moment.

Same sex attraction has been around for a long time, it was first mentioned in the Bible at the time of Abraham, however the context indicates that it was not anything new even then.

All of us human beings are broken, all of us are sinners, all of us need the Grace and Mercy and Compassion of God.

The issue at Sodom and Gomorrah was not the fact that the people were same sex attracted, the issue was that it was completely accepted and "celebrated" by the Community there at the time.

Historically societies who have gone down that road have collapsed very soon afterwards.

In 1932 J. D. Unwin M.C., Ph. D. (Cantab) completed his research work called "Sex and Culture" which was published in 1934 by Oxford University Press.

Unwin examined the data from 86 civilisations and societies to see what effect sexual freedom had on the way that societies flourished or declined.

His work is in excess of 700 pages, and I have not yet finished my study of it, however I will give you a summary of his methodology, his categories and his findings.

Given my incomplete research and the timeframe which will not allow me to get it done in time to meet the deadline for this submission, much of the following is sourced from

www.kirkduston.com/blog/unwin

He started by categorising societies into 4 groups depending on how they related to the natural world and the forces associated with it.

They are :

1. **zoistic:** Entirely self-focussed on day-to day-life, wants, and needs, with no interest in understanding nature. Described as a “dead culture” or “inert”.
2. **monistic:** Acquire superstitious beliefs and/or special treatment of the dead to cope with the natural world.
3. **deistic:** Attribute the powers of nature to a god or gods
4. **rationalistic:** Use rational thinking to understand nature and to make day-to-day decisions.

He then analysed the “Degrees of Sexual Restraint” and broke this down into prenuptial and post nuptial.

The Pre Nuptial categories were :

1. **Complete sexual freedom**—no prenuptial restraints at all
2. **Irregular or occasional restraint**— cultural regulations require an occasional period of abstinence
3. **Strict Chastity** —remain a virgin until married

His Post Nuptial Categories were :

1. **Modified monogamy:** one spouse at a time, but association can be terminated by either party.
2. **Modified polygamy:** men can have more than one wife, but a wife is free to leave her husband.
3. **Absolute monogamy:** only one spouse permitted for life (or until death in some cultures)
4. **Absolute polygamy:** men can have more than one wife, but wives must “confine their sexual qualities (i.e., activity) to their husband for the whole of their lives.”

What did he find ?

- **Effect of sexual constraints:** Increased sexual constraints, either pre or post-nuptial, always led to increased flourishing of a culture. Conversely, increased sexual freedom always led to the collapse of a culture three generations later.
- **Single most influential factor:** Surprisingly, the data revealed that the single most important correlation with the flourishing of a culture was whether pre-nuptial chastity was required or not. It had a very significant effect either way.
- **Highest flourishing of culture:** The most powerful combination was pre-nuptial chastity coupled with “absolute monogamy”. Rationalist cultures that retained this combination for at least three generations exceeded all other cultures in every area, including literature, art, science, furniture, architecture, engineering, and agriculture. Only three out of the eighty-six cultures studied ever attained this level.
- **Effect of abandoning prenuptial chastity:** When strict prenuptial chastity was no longer the norm, absolute monogamy, deism, and rational thinking also disappeared within three generations.

- **Total sexual freedom:** If total sexual freedom was embraced by a culture, that culture collapsed within three generations to the lowest state of flourishing — which Unwin describes as “inert” and at a “dead level of conception” and is characterized by people who have little interest in much else other than their own wants and needs. At this level, the culture is usually conquered or taken over by another culture with greater social energy.
- **Time lag:** If there is a change in sexual constraints, either increased or decreased restraints, the full effect of that change is not realized until the third generation.

I am a Baby Boomer, and it was my generation which really started this movement away from monogamy and sexual chastity prior to marriage, so how is our own Social “Experiment” going in terms of Unwin’s predictions?

To quote from Unwin himself :

The history of these societies consists of a series of monotonous repetitions; and it is difficult to decide which aspect of the story is the more significant: the lamentable lack of original thought which in each case the reformers displayed, or the amazing alacrity with which, after a period of intense compulsory continence (sexual restraint), the human organism seizes the earliest opportunity to satisfy its innate desires in a direct or perverted manner. Sometimes a man has been heard to declare that he wishes both to enjoy the advantages of high culture and to abolish compulsory continence. The inherent nature of the human organism, however, seems to be such that these desires are incompatible, even contradictory. The reformer may be likened to the foolish boy who desires both to keep his cake and to consume it. Any human society is free to choose either to display great energy or to enjoy sexual freedom; the evidence is that it cannot do both for more than one generation

So how are we going ?

As predicted, absolute monogamy has already been replaced with modified monogamy. Common-law relationships are becoming the norm. Although divorce occurred prior to the 1970’s, the mainstream of our culture still maintained the view that marriage should be for life, and common-law relationships were regarded with some distaste. That has clearly changed. Those who actually practice life-long commitments in marriage have become the minority, with couples born prior to the sexual revolution much more likely to maintain a life-long commitment in marriage.

Deism is already rapidly declining, exactly as predicted. Prior to the 1960’s, a combination of rationalism and a belief in God was the norm for mainstream culture. Not only has belief in God greatly decreased since the 1960’s, but there has been a trend to remove the concept of God from government, the educational system, and the public forum. Those who still believe in God sense a strong societal pressure to keep deistic beliefs private. In its place, is a surprising rise in superstition,[7] classified by Unwin as a “monistic” culture, two levels down from the rationalist culture we had prior to the sexual revolution. There has also been a huge increase in the percentage of the population that classifies itself as non-religious, a symptom of the lowest, “zoistic” level of Unwin’s categories.

The swiftness with which rational thinking declined after the 1970’s is astounding. In its place arose post-modernism, characterized by “scepticism, subjectivism, or relativism” and “a general suspicion of reason”. [9] But it gets worse ... post-modernism is giving way to “post truth”. In direct contrast to rational thinking, a post-truth culture abandons “shared objective standards for truth” and instead, stands on appeals to feelings and emotions, and what one wants to believe. [10] People

can now “identify” themselves as something which flat-out contradicts science and rational thinking and, in many cases, receive the full support and backing of governments and educational systems. Not only do people feel they have a right to believe what they want, but any challenge to that belief, even if supported by truth and logic, is unacceptable and offensive. Here is a quote from Unwin that has become particularly *a propos* in the last couple of decades since our own sexual revolution ...

If I were asked to define a sophist, I should describe him as a man whose conclusion does not follow from his premise. Sophistry is appreciated only by those among whom human entropy is disappearing; they mistake it for sound reasoning. It flourishes among those people who have extended their sexual opportunity after a period of intense compulsory continence.

Summary of where our culture is going, given Unwin’s findings

For the first part of the 1900’s, mainstream Western culture was rationalist and experienced enormous technological advances — from horse-and-buggy to cars; from hot air balloons to supersonic flight and spacecraft landing people on the moon; from slide rules to computers. Unwin’s three main predictions — the abandonment of rationalism, deism, and absolute monogamy — are all well underway, which makes the ultimate prediction appear to be credible ... the collapse of Western civilization in the third generation, somewhere in the last third of this century.

My own opinion, based on the speed with which this is accelerating, is the collapse of our Civilisation will come in less than twenty years.

For over thirty years now, I have been saying that every problem faced by Australia and other Western Nations would be resolved by full on Revival in the Church.

I still believe that this is correct, and suggest that Unwin’s research supports my view.

BTW, as far as I have been able to find, Unwin was certainly an unbeliever, probably an Athiest the following direct quote from his research is illuminating :

When I started these researches I sought to establish nothing, and had no idea of what the result would be. With care free open mindedness I decided to test, by reference to human records, a somewhat startling conjecture that had been made by the analytical psychologists. This suggestion was that if the social regulations forbid direct satisfaction of the sexual impulses the emotional conflict is expressed in another way, and that what we call ‘civilisation’ has always been built up by compulsory sacrifices in the gratification of innate desires. The psychologists arrived at this conclusion after inquiring into the nature and causes of mental disturbances; they made no attempt to fortify it by reference to cultural data; so I decided to investigate the matter. I began in all innocence; had I realised how greatly as a result of my work, I should have to revise my personal philosophy, I might have hesitated to begin at all; I was so far from desiring to illustrate a personal conviction that I always struggled against arriving at the conclusions which the evidence appeared to force upon me; and I continued to work, resisting every temptation to speak, until I was satisfied that I could find no exception to the apparent rules. I then collected so much of my material as seemed necessary and advisable. This treatise is the result,

Kirk Duston quotes research conducted by Mary Eberstadt, which reveals that “mass killings, the substantial rise in mental health issues including depression, and the explosion of identity politics is a “primal scream” due to the loss of identity that was once provided by growing up in a long-term, immediate family with siblings and a sizable group of cousins, aunts and uncles, all of which provided identity—essential for well-being. Eberstadt shows and documents from various studies that this

decimation of the family was a direct consequence of the sexual revolution at the end of the 20th century.”

He goes on to say that :

“Her research indicates that increased sexual freedom led to the decimation of the family, which resulted in the loss of family identity, which produces Eberstadt’s ‘primal screams’—a massive increase in mental health issues, mass killings, and the rise of extreme identity groups at war with each other ... all symptoms of a society rapidly spiraling into collapse. This appears to have greater explanatory power than Unwin’s psychological suggestion, although the two may actually be closely related, given what Eberstadt shows.

Both Unwin and Eberstadt provide substantial evidence that a sexual revolution has long-term, devastating consequences for culture and civilization. As Unwin states, “The history of these societies consists of a series of monotonous repetitions,” and it appears that our civilization is following the same, well-travelled road to collapse.”

We have very significant social issues in Australia, one of which really concerns me, as a Nation we have so many people who cannot get through the week without consuming excessive amounts of alcohol and or drugs, yet we are not asking the question “Why is this happening, what are we doing wrong in Australia at the moment”

In my youth there was a bit of a problem, especially with some of the guys who had just come back from the War, but it has grown exponentially in the past twenty or so years.

Is anyone game enough to (a) say it, and (b) try and do something about it?

Finally, I wish to make the point that your Documentation states that a School cannot have a Belief Statement which says that homosexuality is a sin.

With the greatest respect I beg to differ, in the Middle Ages when the Church was effectively a part of the State, it was a total disaster, it may have sounded like a good idea at the time of Constantine, however it gave us all the failings and corruption of the Medieval Church.

I firmly believe that the State and Church should be separate, and therefore I respectfully submit that it is not for the Australian or any other Government, nor for the Australian Law Reform Commission to determine what is sinful, if God says it is a sin, then it is.

I understand that this will be read by a human being, and I thank you for giving it your consideration.

What I gave wanted to do is present a few things about the Bible and also the Christian lifestyle to enable you to reconsider some of your proposals.

If you take Gill Grissom’s advice and “Concentrate on that which cannot lie, the evidence” you may well decide that the evidence overwhelmingly supports the truth of the Bible and the Grace, Mercy and Compassion of the God of the Bible.

I pray the blessing and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ on you and your family,

Sincerely.

Sean Walsh