

## Protecting Victoria's Vulnerable Children Inquiry - 2011

Without there being an honest, intelligent and courageous exploration into the reasons that cause a child to be in state care in the first instance, instead of being in the care of its biological parents, then the inquiry into Protecting Victoria's Vulnerable Children will achieve very little. It will simply become yet further waste of taxpayer's money.

Therefore, the following 5 facts need to be seriously considered in the ultimate inquiry into child abuse in Victoria:

1. The vital link between irresponsible conception (often associated with promiscuity) and ultimate child abuse within the home, which then leads to the child/children being placed into state care.
2. The mother's ability (or inability) to be responsible and caring towards the developing child in utero – a period of time which should be monitored closely and reported upon if the developing child is in any sort of danger. i.e. alcohol and other substance abuse, poor diet, or violent and unstable sexual relationships of the mother, all of which impact profoundly on the unborn child, and even more significantly on the developing postnatal child.
3. The responsibility and ability of the parents to love, nurture, protect, guide and educate their child/children from birth until at least 16 years of age.
4. The number of pregnancies a young woman has out of wedlock and the manner in which each one impacts on the mother as well as on the other children.
5. The ability of the state care workers to deal with the psychological, emotional and spiritual damage within the child in care, and the often erratic and volatile behaviour the damage from domestic violence generates, apart from the additional damage the separation from the parent/s and siblings may cause.

These are just some of the facts which should be considered in the Inquiry, together with the enclosed copy of 'Towards a National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children 2008', if the root causes of the growing problems in relation to abused children are to seriously and effectively be dealt with.

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## **Towards a National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children**

If the Australian Government is genuine about ending violence against women and children, it will now seriously consider the significant contribution both religious and spiritual knowledge have in life and how this knowledge, based on truth, can, and will, dramatically reduce violence and sexual abuse towards women and children.

At this point it is vital to highlight the fact that abusive, violent men were once vulnerable, innocent babies. They were not born violent. And nor were they born sexual abusers or predators. Violent and sexually abusive men evolve from innocent children to dysfunctional human beings as a result of their dysfunctional parenting, through the social and emotional environment they have grown up in, and as a result of their learned responses to relationships and life. Hence the need for all human beings to not only understand the fundamental needs of the spiritual aspect of life (imperative to the healthy psychological and emotional development of human beings), but also the need to understand the vital link between religious education, spiritual insight and healthy and responsible thoughts, words, attitudes, actions and reactions, which lay the foundation to our responses in life. This is because our thoughts, based on the knowledge we have of life and of our *self*, give rise to our words, attitudes, actions and reactions towards other individuals and to life itself.

Addressing the reasons for violence against women and children raises the need to look at life holistically. This means looking at both the physical and the spiritual components of life, which together embrace the physical, the mental and the emotional. One cannot be separated from the other without there being a significant deficit in the knowledge needed to understand the reasons behind human violence, and the solutions to combating it. And without looking at the spiritual<sup>1</sup> and religious<sup>2</sup> aspects of life, the knowledge of which has been given to mankind throughout the ages by God (the Creator Spirit), through His prophets, scribes and indigenous elders, then again, the solutions to seriously addressing violence against women and children will continue to elude mankind and will never effectively be addressed.

It is at this point it must be understood, that if there are deep rooted prejudices against religion, God, Jesus Christ, and spirituality, by those who have been given the responsibility to assess this information I am presenting, then their understanding and opinion will be influenced accordingly, and they will automatically struggle to embrace the truth of what I say. However, those who are spiritually **enlightened**, no matter what their religious or spiritual persuasion, will resonate with the truth within that which I have written.

Quite clearly, an understanding of the religious and spiritual, in relation to the reasons for violence against women and children, and the solutions, is far too complex for

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<sup>1</sup> See definitions

<sup>2</sup> See definitions

me to write briefly on it. However, I trust that through the following information it will become more apparent that both the religious and the spiritual aspects of life must be understood and embraced in order to effectively address the growing violence, and sexual abuse against individuals of all ages and both gender, and especially that which is directed to women and children.

A knowledge of the religious and the spiritual can only be fully understood when the chronological order<sup>3</sup> of religious information, given to mankind, is placed in order and understood in the manner God intends it to be. And without looking at the teachings within the Holy Bible, in both the Old and the New Testaments and the Book of Proverbs, together with the teachings about life of the indigenous cultures of the world, and not least of all our own Aborigines, then the core knowledge for addressing violence and sexual abuse will remain elusive.

The following writings, based on biblical Scripture and Aboriginal folklore give some understanding to the fact that mankind is not only vitally linked to a Creator Spirit (Spirit of Life, God, Allah etc.), but also to the earth itself. Hence the undeniable connection between mankind and nature. And because every one of us are connected to God through His Spirit (the life-force that sustains life within every living creature), we are in turn, connected at a spiritual level to every human being on Earth, and to all living creatures. This complex understanding of life must be embraced. And as scientists, doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists and certain counsellors understand the workings of the human body and mind, only those who have gone beyond an understanding of the mind and the body to the spiritual, - understand this spiritual aspect of life, and the vital interconnectedness of all three - body, mind and spirit. It is this triune understanding of life, that reveals accountability in life at a spiritual level, and holds the answers to the solutions in addressing violence and sexual abuse against women and children - as well as the answers to the many other growing social ills causing so much havoc in life. (e.g. substance abuse, loneliness, homelessness, depression, suicide, certain mental illnesses, fractured families, crime, aggression, dishonesty, wars etc.)

*"There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body"*, so said Paul of Tarsus in approximately 56AD, after his Damascus experience that brought to him into a profound spiritual awareness of God. Paul's God-encounter is historically documented.

*"Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed.....Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it".* - Traditionally attributed to King Solomon in 913BC. (In other words, make your peace with God before you die, when the body decomposes back into the ground and the spirit returns to God). King Solomon was one of the wisest and most successful rulers to have ever lived on Earth.

*"The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life."* - The Prophet Job, sometime between 15-2BC (JOB 33:4) (i.e. no spirit and no breath = no life).

*'And the Lord God formed man of the dust, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being'.* GENESIS 2:7 (Difficult to comprehend,

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<sup>3</sup> See Appendix 1

but it gives meaning to the spiritual connection in life and explains much about life itself)  
*'All clans would agree that life started in Arnhem Land at the dawn of creation, when the Great Creator Spirit, Wanarr, sent women as creators from the spirit land of barralku, an island to the east of Arnhem Land.'*<sup>4</sup> (This Aboriginal creation story in its fullness has many similarities to the Adam and Eve creation story.)

Pre European invasion of Australia (*the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit*), the Australian Aborigines lived their tribal ways with strict codes of conduct based on respect for all life, a belief in a Creator Spirit, accountability to that Creator, and a belief in a life beyond this life, after death, in a spiritual realm.

This same understanding was held by the tribes of the Middle East that embraced the Adamic creation story and from which Abraham came. And from Abraham's lineage stemmed the lineage of the Jews, the Christians, the Catholics and the Muslims (Moses, Jesus and Muhammad). Within all four veins of religious tradition has been the understanding of the One, Creator God, the God-given belief in the sacredness of life, the need for obedience and worship of the One Living God, and a life beyond this life in which every human being will be judged for the life they have lived on Earth, before entering into the final phase of life; the spiritual life that lasts for eternity.

A clear understanding of both the traditional Aboriginal spirituality and their rules for life, and the Adamic understanding of life based on God's early revelations (which were later revised and renewed through the teachings of Jesus Christ), have been virtually lost, or considerably altered, due to mankind losing sight of the true purpose and plan for life on Earth which are outlined in the following Scriptures:

*'Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him (Jesus) a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.' "This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."*<sup>5</sup>

These words of Jesus Christ hold the key to the solution to violence and the sexual abuse of women and children, and I state this for the following reasons:

1. The second commandment says: *'Love your neighbour as your self'*.

*Neighbour* in this instance means **all people** including your wife, husband, children, parents, neighbours, teachers, the street cleaner, etc. However, if one is unable to *love one's self*, then it is almost impossible to love others in the manner God intends us to. And *love of self*, in a healthy and balanced manner, begins with conception, extends through gestation and continues on through our journey in life till the day we die and our spirit and soul return to God. Therefore, if a child is not nurtured in love, taught the necessary boundaries and rules of life, given an understanding of the sacredness of life, and is not given an understanding of God, then their life will be burdened unnecessarily with the negative and challenging side of life, without them having the spiritual insight or skills in which to deal with life. Prisons, mental institutions and graves are full of such

<sup>4</sup> Taken from 'Why Warriors Lie Down and Die' by Richard Trudgen. Page 12.

<sup>5</sup> MATTHEW 22:35-40, The New Testament, written between 50-75AD

individuals. And Australia (and the world) is full of the victims of such spiritually deprived individuals.

2. The first commandment says: *'Love God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.'*

Without knowing God (the Supreme Creator) we cannot understand how to *love* Him, and without loving God, we cannot fully understand how to *love* our *self*, or *others*, and nor will we be able to fully understand life from a spiritual perspective. And without understanding life from a spiritual perspective, we cannot fully understand the consequences of our thoughts, words, attitudes, actions or reactions, nor their effect, for good or evil, on other individuals and on the environment around us.

Jesus said: *"On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."* This means God's Laws and the words of the reputable biblical Prophets, from the Ten Commandments given to mankind through Moses in approximately 1500BC, through to the ministry of reconciliation given to the world through Jesus Christ's death on the cross, in Jerusalem, Israel, in 29AD.<sup>6</sup>

## **Responses to the questions presented in the submission paper**

### **Q1. Why is domestic violence and sexual assault happening in Australia?**

A. Individuals who enter into a sexual relationship, where there is no commitment to fidelity, no understanding of mutual respect and love, and where either one or both individuals have unresolved issues from childhood and/or previous sexual relationships, will invariably be caught up into relationship conflict. If the conflict is not resolved amicably (reconciliation) at the time it occurs, unresolved issues will be set aside, only to resurface the next time there is a difference of opinion; a stressful situation to deal with; ill health; financial pressures; insecurities, etc. While left unresolved, conflict issues build up, until such time as a violent confrontation occurs (this is generally both verbal and physical), and when fuelled by alcohol and/or drugs, the confrontation will be all the more volatile. And when children are introduced into this unstable environment, conflict situations will arise more frequently due to the nature of parenting and the natural shift of dynamics between the couple.

Infidelity produces lack of trust, insecurities, anger, jealousies, resentment and many other negative emotions, and when exacerbated by substance abuse, the negative dynamics often prove to be fatal. It is for this reason domestic homicides are on the increase in Australia.

Domestic violence and sexual assault are occurring in Australia because:

1. Individuals are entering into sexual relationships having been disempowered as children through aggressive and/or violent parenting and having poor interpersonal communicating skills and poor self esteem,
2. Individuals are carrying unresolved issues from childhood, especially not

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<sup>6</sup> Now all things are of God Who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18



having had their fundamental needs met emotionally, psychologically, spiritually, physically, socially, financially etc., and possibly having been violated in many and various ways,

3. Individuals have been given no clear understanding of how to nurture a healthy (sexual) live-in relationship,
4. There has been <sup>minimal or no</sup> religious or spiritual education since RE was taken out of the government schools over thirty years ago, thereby leaving 30+ years of individuals without any understanding of God, the ultimate source of love, goodness and hope, and the ultimate stabilising influence in human behaviour.

Q2. What resources, programs or services are you aware of that are successful in preventing or reducing the effects of domestic and family violence or sexual assault?

A. There are numerous programs and services that are successful in preventing and reducing the effects of domestic and family violence and sexual assault, and these include:-

- i. Religious and spiritual education in certain private schools, based on God's Truth.
- ii. Spirit filled churches that promote the following:
  - God's purpose for life, His rules to live by, and the means of coping with the challenges life presents while holding fast to the hope of eternal life in Heaven.
  - the sacredness of life and the family unit,
  - fidelity and respect in sexual relationships,
  - self-control, goodness, kindness, patience and humility,
  - personal empowerment through a knowledge of God and the power of His Holy Spirit. (*God has not given us a spirit of fear but one of power, of love and of a sound mind.* 2 Timothy 1:7, from The New Testament)
  - reconciliation with God, self and others,
  - relationship counselling for individuals, couples and families,
  - mediation for couples, families, neighbours and others,
- iii. Breaking the Cycle - a Resource for leaders, produced by the Adventist Institute of Family Relations, Sydney, NSW.,
- iv. Relationships Australia,
- v. Lifeline Counselling Service,
- vi. Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service,
- vii. Counselling, and personal development workshops by qualified counsellors and spiritual health educators.
- viii. Traditional Aboriginal lifestyle education,
- ix. Others.

Q3. What are the barriers to family safety for women and children in Australia?

- A. The barriers to family safety for women and children in Australia are:-
- i. Disempowered women who enter into a sexual relationship with a controlling, manipulative and unstable partner, especially if the woman is also controlling, manipulative and unstable. Therefore, if a woman has a strong sense of worth and is personally empowered in a balanced manner, she will in turn be able to love, nurture and protect her children in the manner God intends her to. She will also be able to deal with conflict issues in her relationship with maturity and wisdom, as long as her relationship with her partner is based on mutual love and respect.
  - ii. Poor interpersonal communicating skills between the woman and her partner, and between the parents and children.
  - iii. Lack of respect for *self* and others due to false information programmed into the female's psyche during the formative years (0-6) and beyond, especially through name calling, insults, and offensive language:
    - e.g. You are stupid
    - You are an idiot/a fool etc.
    - You are fucking useless
    - You are fucking moron
    - You are a fucking dead shit etc.- thereby instilling aggression, anger and dysfunctional thinking and being in the female.
    - (This same type of programming in a child produces the violent man who abuses his partner and children. He has been taught to do so, just as an aggressive woman has been taught to do so. **We learn what we live with.**)
  - iv. Alcohol and drug abuse or dependency by the abuser and/or the victim.
  - v. Inadequate housing, especially when there are a number of children in the relationship.
  - vi. Combined families and the man's inability to accept another man's child/children with love and respect.
  - vii. Financial pressures, budgeting and/or gambling issues.
  - viii. Insufficient non-judgemental support from the extended family (grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles etc), especially with very young children, and during the difficult teen years.
  - ix. Others

Q4. What suggestions do you have to reduce domestic and family violence and sexual assault against women and children?

- A. My suggestions for reducing domestic and family violence and sexual assault against women and children are as follows:-
- i. Educate politicians in the significant spiritual and religious aspects of life. Help them to understand there is a spiritual realm, a Creator God (Supreme Spirit of Life) to whom they, and every other human being on the face of the earth is accountable to, especially after death ends life in its physical form. And remind politicians of the fact that in Australia's original constitution, politicians made a pledge to **serve** God **and** the people, which meant upholding the Christian faith

and ensuring God's commandments were understood by all Australian citizens, and lived out accordingly, with the help of the education system, the legal system and the parents of the day. This constitution still exists.

- ii. Reinforce the need for politicians to be the role models society needs, so that they are setting the example to those they are supposed to be serving.
- iii. Reintroduce religious education, based on God's Truth, making it relevant to this 21<sup>st</sup> Century with an understanding of its interconnectedness with spiritual (mental, emotional, behavioural) and physical health.

Religious education has not existed in Australian schools for over 30 years.

Therefore, there are now over 30 years of human being, born into this nation, who have not been given any understanding of the following:

1. God, the Supreme Creator Spirit
  2. God's Laws for life
  3. Life at a spiritual level
  4. The sacredness of all life
  5. Accountability in life at both a spiritual and a physical level
  6. The reality of life and death and eternal life beyond our earthly life
  7. Judgment of our soul before God and Jesus Christ at the end of our life
- iv. Reintroduce the daily recital of the Lord's Prayer (LUKE 11:1-4) into the school system and in public political functions as appropriate, thereby promoting an awareness of Almighty God, and consequently spiritual awareness.  
*("Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, **that it might be well with them and with their children forever!**" - DEUTERONOMY 5:29)*
  - v. Introduce spiritual health education into the school system from K-12, based on God's truth for life as indicated in 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (*God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, of love, and of a sound mind.*), and promoting personal empowerment through spiritual insight and interpersonal communicating skills.
  - vi. Introduce sex education into grad 6 and beyond, based on **God's truth** for life, promoting the sacredness of the human body, the sacredness of sexual intercourse, the vital consequences of conception, and the vital responsibility parents have to protect, love and nurture the child from conception through to independence (0-18years), thereby reducing the chances of child abuse.
  - vii. Promote and encourage responsible alcohol consumption and the abstinence from drugs.
  - viii. Promote and encourage responsible gambling.
  - ix. Ban gratuitous physical and sexual violence, sexual immorality and offensive language from radio, television and films.
  - x. Enforce the existing laws in relation to offensive language in public places.
  - xi. Promote healthy, happy marriages as the right environment to bring children into the world.
  - xii. Introduce guidelines and restrictions on supporting young, single mothers who have multiple pregnancies (often to multiple partners). Limit the baby bonus to one child per single mother, and reintroduce an understanding of the child's right to have both a mother and a father nurture it through its life, thereby



- bringing parenting back to God's intended way of being.
- xiii. Make **responsible** sex education and interpersonal communicating skills mandatory at school, for all males and females between years 7-12.
  - ivx. Establish a national religion based on God's truth for life as handed down through the Ages, through the Holy Bible, and embracing the spiritual truths of the Australian Aborigines that reinforce (1) the oneness of God (the Spirit of Life), (2) God's Laws for life, (3) the consequences of disobeying God's Laws, and (4) the vital spiritual interconnectedness of all of life.
  - vx. Have a national vision for reconciliation, based on God's truth for reconciliation,<sup>7</sup> thereby working towards a more spiritually enlightened future for all Australians.

Reconciliation is the single most important process in reducing domestic and family violence and sexual assault, when it is understood according to God's intentions and purpose for life, based on the two new commandments.

This is because reconciliation (God's way) (a) helps individuals, especially abusers, to be reconciled with their *self*, the past, and with those who have contributed to them being dysfunctional beings in the first instance.

(b) restores and strengthens relationships by empowering individuals and providing them with knowledge about God, life, self and others, in a manner that makes the purpose of life clear, the challenges in life more bearable, and the journey in life more enjoyable, which in turn generates hope.

## In Conclusion

Increasing numbers of Australian citizens are spiritually blind (lost), while enjoying material and financial wealth as never before. However, the long term consequences of disobedience to God and ignoring His reality are rapidly rebounding on Australians at all levels in society, with domestic violence and sexual abuse just two of the more obvious repercussions. Loss of hope is another, and loss of hope is the underlying cause of increased numbers of Australian's falling into depression and viewing suicide as the only way out of their hopelessness.

In time to come, the negative consequences of spiritual ignorance will be so deeply rooted in Australian society that even the hardest of hearts will have to admit that we have to take drastic measures to reverse the social rot and suffering and turn back to God.

Turning back to God and embracing His Truth in order to prevent further loss of, or damage to, innocent lives through domestic violence and sexual abuse (plus suicide etc), will cost virtually nothing, other than the acquisition of Bibles. However, the real cost will be in human courage. As to whether there are sufficient individuals in leadership, with the courage to turn the tide on the spiritual bankruptcy that is permeating our nation, only time will tell.

Australia was founded as a Christian nation, through European settlement. It is

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now time our Prime Minister and his cabinet, (and state Premiers and their cabinets) worked towards rescuing our Christian heritage and renewing it with God's Truth as it was meant to have been in the first instance. In doing so, not only will domestic violence and sexual assault be dramatically reduced, but so too will the many other social ills that are damaging and destroying human life and relationships.

Through a renewal of our Christian heritage, families will be restored; individuals will be renewed in their faith and hope in life; mental illnesses, depression and suicide will be reduced dramatically; homelessness will become a thing of the past; addictive behaviour and aggression will be effectively dealt with, and Australia will become one of the greatest nations on Earth.

Jesus Christ brought to Earth the knowledge and means for mankind to overcome the social and spiritual issues that rebound destructively through individuals, families, nations and throughout the world. His way laid the foundation for democracy, based on God's Truth, which in turn has been the bedrock for Australian governance since Federation, in 1901. To now allow our Christian heritage to be lost altogether will ultimately lead to a loss of the democratic rights Australians have enjoyed over the past two centuries, because godlessness leads to lawlessness, and from lawlessness stems violence, aggression, dishonesty, corruption, crime, substance abuse and all the ingredients that create dysfunctional, dangerous human beings. This is why our jails are filling and why bigger jails are needed.

Surely there are individuals sufficiently dedicated to solving the issues of domestic violence and sexual abuse to realise that what I have stated holds a truth that cannot be denied. God has given us the answers we need to deal with all issues in life. It is clearly time we now turned to God in order to deal with domestic violence and sexual abuse, plus all the other social ills reeking havoc on lives and within society.

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## A PPENDIX 1

### A chronological order of historical Biblical events:

1. Adam was created by God from the Earth.
2. Adam's wife, Eve, was created by God, from one of Adam's ribs.
3. Adam and Eve begot Seth (Cain and Abel being their first two sons) and from Seth's line (8 generations later) came Noah.
4. Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.
5. From Shem's line (9 generations later), Abram (Abraham) was born.
6. God told Abram (Abraham) "In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (GENESIS 12:3)
7. Abraham was originally named Abram. However, God renamed him Abraham when Abraham showed God his commitment to Him by being prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac, when Isaac was a youth.
8. Abraham married Sari, and after God informed Abraham of Isaac's impending birth, Abraham was instructed by God to call his wife, Sarah.
9. When Abraham and Sarah, were promised a child by God, Abraham was almost 90 years of age and Sarah almost 80 years of age. Because of their advanced years, they both naturally doubted what God had told them.
10. Sarah encouraged Abraham to marry her bondwoman, Hagar, so that Hagar could bear them the child God had promised them.
11. Hagar conceived, and gave birth to Ishmael, by which time Abraham, Ishmael's father, was 86 years old.
12. Sarah later conceived, and gave birth to Isaac when she was 90. Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born, and Ishmael, Abraham's eldest son, was
13. 13. Sarah had Hagar and Ishmael banished from their household after Isaac's birth.
14. God told Abraham He would make Ishmael "a great nation".
15. God told Abraham He would establish His covenant with Isaac.
16. Abraham was challenged by God to prove his love and obedience by sacrificing his son, Isaac, on an alter in the land of Moriah. (GENESIS 22:1-18)
17. God told Abraham "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed because you have obeyed My voice." (GENESIS 22:18)
18. Abraham ultimately became the father of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
19. Moses was born to a daughter of Levi. Levi was the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham. (EXODUS Chapter 2)
20. Moses was given the Ten Commandments (the rules for life) on Mount Sinai by God in approximately 1440BC. (EXODUS 20:1-17)
21. Isaiah prophesied Jesus' coming, and the suffering Jesus would endure for all of mankind, approximately 700-690BC. (ISALAH Chapter 53)
22. Jeremiah prophesied the coming of "**The Lord Our Righteousness,**" sometime between 626-586BC (JEREMIAH, Chapter 23)
23. Mary conceived by the power of God's Holy Spirit (Ruh) and gave birth to Jesus in approximately 4BC
24. John the Baptist proclaimed the coming Messiah, the Saviour - leading up to

- Jesus' baptism in 27AD. John's and Jesus' mothers were cousins.
25. Jesus ministry commenced in 27AD and ended in 29AD at the age of 33.
  26. Jesus' crucifixion at Calvary, in Jerusalem in 29AD, was witnessed by many.
  27. Jesus' resurrection and ascension into Heaven was witnessed by many.
  28. The Roman Catholic Church came into being in approximately 313AD, when Emperor Constantine embraced Jesus' teachings (in part) in a state religion.
  29. Muhammad was born approx. 570AD. He descended from Ishmael's line.
  30. Muhammad claims his first revelations were given to him, by the Angel Gabriel, at 40 years of age, and they continued until he died, 23 years later, in 633AD, at the age of sixty-three. (Ref. Galatians 1:8-9 New Testament \*NB)
  31. Moses gave rise to Judaism. Jesus gave rise to Christianity through the house of Isaac. Muhammad gave rise to Islam through the house of Ishmael. They all had a direct blood line to Abraham and to Adam. Jesus was linked to Abraham's bloodline through His step-father, Joseph, and also through His mother, Mary.
  32. Abraham's youngest son Isaac had two sons - Esau and Jacob.
  33. Abraham's eldest son Ishmael had a daughter, Mahalath, who married Esau.
  34. Muhammad, therefore, had a bloodline connection to both Ishmael and Isaac.
  35. All three religious leaders (Moses, Jesus & Muhammad) acknowledged God as the One Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and Earth; God of all mankind.
  36. The Roman Catholic Church (RCC) claimed Mary was a mediator for mankind and there were three gods in the One God - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost (amongst other veiled doctrine). Many of the RCC teachings shrouded the true teachings of Jesus Christ, thereby denying the majority of individuals, within their fold, from understanding God's Truth about salvation through Jesus Christ. Many of the false traditions and religious practices are outlined in *Unscriptural or pagan practices*, found in APPENDIX 1.

\* NB 1 Timothy Ch 2: 5-6 New Testament \* - Significant to personal, collective and global peace and maturity  
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## APPENDIX 2

### ***Mental Health and Reconciliation***

#### ***What is reconciliation?***

To make peace. to win over to friendship. to be reconciled with. to bring into agreement or harmony. to no longer be in conflict with another individual, group, country etc. (or with *self*).

Reconciliation is a vital process in the ongoing well-being of our soul (mind, emotions, conscience and will) and is essential in all aspects of life where two or more individuals interact; and not least of all within sexual relationships and families.

#### ***Mental health (i.e. peace within our soul) is achieved through the process of reconciliation in the following manner:-***

- identifying the initial problem that has caused the conflict,
- recognising our contribution to the conflict, if this applies,
- genuinely apologising for our part in the conflict, if we have caused it.
- accepting that the offended party may not want to be reconciled immediately or at any other time. In this case let go of worrying about it and move on.
- genuinely forgiving the perpetrator for the wrong they have done, if we are the offended party. This may take time.
- accepting the apology with sincerity, if there is an apology forthcoming.
- letting go of the negative emotions and thoughts associated with the event that caused the disharmony in the first instance, if we are the offended one.  
*This may mean seeking professional counselling or the help of a church elder.*
- choosing not to allow the negative thoughts and emotions related to the offence to return at a later time to take root within our body through feelings of anger, hatred, resentment or fear, or within our mind through negative thoughts, words, attitudes or actions.
- accepting every human being is unique, with their own understanding of life based on their personal journey from childhood. Misunderstandings do occur.
- asking God (the Supreme Spirit of Life) for the strength and grace to move on from the offence, believing that He is the ultimate Judge of all of mankind.

Reconciliation is a vital process that empowers us and contributes significantly to our holistic wellbeing - i.e. physical, mental and spiritual health. It frees our mind from guilt, shame, fear, resentment, hatred, bitterness and worry, and prevents negative thoughts and emotions from rebounding on our body and causing gastric and bowel irritations, headaches, hypertension, and other physical issues. And it enables us to maintain harmonious relationships with self, others and with God, thereby producing inner peace and mental wellbeing.

*Now all things are of God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation (29AD). 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 New Testament.*



## APPENDIX 3

**Unscriptural or pagan practices** introduced by the Catholic Church between 313AD and 1965, and listed below, have been compiled by Terry Arnold and have been reproduced with his permission. Terry was a religious education teacher at a Catholic school in Queensland, and after being asked to write a history for the school, found himself unravelling traditions that were not biblical. His examination of the Catholic Catechism against the Bible revealed the falsehoods. These false teachings have contributed to religious confusion and helped to turn individuals against religion and God, adding to the spiritual bankruptcy that currently exists in Australia.

AD 300 Prayers for the dead	AD 312 The sign of the cross
AD 375 Worship & prayers to angels & saints	AD 394 The Mass instituted
AD 432 Worship of Mary	AD 500 Priests dress differently to laymen
AD 593 Doctrine of purgatory introduced	AD 786 Worshipping of images
AD 850 The use of holy water	AD 995 Canonisation of dead saints
AD 998 Fasting on Fridays & during Lent	AD 1079 Celibacy of the priesthood
AD 1090 Prayer beads and the Rosary	AD 1190 Sale of indulgences
AD 1184 The Inquisition- the killing of heretics	
AD 1215 The transubstantiation - the conversion of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ during the Mass, and essential to the salvation of Catholics	
AD 1215 Confession of sin at least once per year to a priest	
AD 1229 The Bible forbidden to laymen	AD 1870 Infallibility of the Pope
AD 1930 Public schools condemned	
AD 1950 Assumption of the Virgin Mary (claiming Mary rose bodily into heaven)	
AD 1965 Mary proclaimed mother of the church	

There are further traditions and doctrine, not mentioned here, that have been introduced into the Catholic Church teachings and practices without them having any biblical foundation or merit. False doctrine is spoken of in various scriptures including those within the New Testament in 2 TIMOTHY Chapters 3 and 4. Jesus warned against such falsehoods in MATTHEW, Chapter 24

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## APPENDIX 4

These Quotes from the Qur'an support the significance of Jesus Christ and reveal aspects of the religious confusion and dysfunction Islam generates, thereby supporting my claim that our Christian heritage must be rescued before it is lost to Islam or some other religion that will ultimately rise up to deal with the spiritual blindness within Australia.

And remember when Isa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), said: "O Children of Israel! I am the Messenger of Allah unto you, confirming the Taurat [(Torah) which came] before me, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad.<sup>8</sup> But when he (Ahmad i.e. Muhammad) came to them with clear proofs, they said: "This is plain magic". Surah 61.V6

[It is important to know the teachings of Jesus in order to recognise the confusion this Verse generates. Jesus spoke of the Helper being sent from God, once He (Jesus) returned to Heaven. The Helper is God's Holy Spirit (JOHN 14:26-27) not Muhammad as he (Muhammad) led his followers to believe]

The following narrative is the footnote to Surah V61.6, in the Qur'an.

'Narrated Abu Hurairah: Allah's Messenger said, "By Him (Allah) in Whose Hand my soul is, surely, the son of Mary [Isa (Jesus)], will shortly descend amongst you people (Muslims), and will judge mankind justly by the law of the Qur'an (as a just ruler), and will break the cross and kill the pigs and abolish Josiah [a tax taken from the people of the Scriptures (Jews and Christians), who are under the protection of a Muslim government. This Jizyah tax will not be accepted by Isa (Jesus) and all mankind will be required to embrace Islam with no other alternative]. Then there will be abundance of money and nobody will accept charitable gifts." (See Fath Al-Bari, page 304 and 305, Vol. 7), (Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol 3, Hadith No. 425).

Isa (Jesus), the son of Maryam (Mary) will descend as a leader of the Muslims and it is a severe warning to the Christians who claim to be the followers of Isa (Jesus) and he will break the cross and kill the pigs, and he will abolish the Josiah (tax); and all mankind will be required to embrace Islam with no other alternative.'

He it is who has sent His Messenger (Muhammad) with guidance and the religion of truth (Islamic Monotheism) to make it victorious over all (other) religions even though the Mushrikuns (polytheists, pagans, idolaters, and disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah and in His Messenger Muhammad) hate it. Surah 61:9

That you believe in Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad), and that you strive hard and

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<sup>8</sup> (V61:6) i.e. the second name of Prophet Muhammad and it (Ahmad) literally means: "One who praises Allah more than others." Page 757 of The English Translation of the meanings and commentary of The Noble Qur'an

fight in the cause of Allah with your wealth and your lives: that will be better for you , if you but know! Surah 61:11

(If you do so) He will forgive you your sins, and admit you into the Garden under which rivers flow, and pleasant dwellings in 'And (Eden) Paradise; that is indeed the great success. Surah 61:12

And they (Arab pagans) wonder that a warner (Prophet Muhammad) has come to them from amongst themselves. And the disbelievers say: "This (Prophet Muhammad) is a sorcerer, a liar. Surah 38.4

(Throughout the Qur'an there are Verses that reveal the fact that certain Arabs, during Muhammad's time, believed he was delude and a madman)

So set you (O Muhammad) your face (in obedience to Allah, your Lord) to the straight and right religion (Islamic Monotheism), before there comes from Allah a Day which none can avert. On that Day men shall be divided [(in two groups), a group in Paradise and a group in Hell]. Surah 30.43

Your *Ilah* (God) is One Ilah (God) - Allah, none has the right to be worshipped but He). But for those who believe not in the Hereafter, their hearts deny (the faith in the Oneness of Allah), and they are proud.

And those who disbelieve are allies of one another, (and) if you (Muslims of the whole world collectively) do not do so [i.e. become allies, as one united block under one *Khalifah* (a chief Muslim ruler for the whole Muslim world) to make victorious Allah's religion of Islamic Monotheism], there will be *Fitnah* (wars, battles, polytheism) and oppression on the earth, and a great mischief and corruption (appearance of polytheism). Surah 8.73

And those who believed, and emigrated and strove hard in the Cause (Al-Jihad), as well as those who gave (them) asylum and aid - these are the believers in truth, for them is forgiveness and *Rizqun Karim* (a generous provision i.e. Paradise). Surah 8.74

And make ready against them all you can of power, including steeds of war (tanks, planes, missiles, artillery) to threaten the enemy of Allah and your enemy, and others besides whom, you may not know but whom Allah does know. And whatever you shall spend in the Cause of Allah shall be repaid unto you, and you shall not be treated unjustly. Surah 8.60

This passage has clearly been added to the Qur'an in more recent time, because the *tanks*, *planes*, and *missiles* did not come into being until the first world war, which was fought between 1914 - 1918, long after Muhammad's death in approximately 623AD.

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## DEFINITIONS

**religion** = 1. (A) The quest for the values of the ideal life, involving three phases, the deal, the practices for attaining the values of the ideal, and the theology or world view relating the quest to the environing universe. 2. A particular system in which the quest for the ideal life has been embodied; Christianity, Muslim, etc. 3. (B) recognition on the part of man of a controlling power entitled to obedience, reverence and worship. 4. The feeling of the spiritual attitude of those recognising such a controlling power. 5. a point or matter of conscience.....; <sup>9</sup>

**God** = 1. **the one Supreme Being, the creator and ruler of the universe**. 2. the Supreme Being considered with reference to a particular attribute; the God of justice, etc. <sup>10</sup>

*“Let us love one another, for love is of God.”* 1 JOHN 4:7

**God’s Nature is love**<sup>11</sup> and within His Nature are attributes that Paul of Tarsus refers to as ‘the fruit of the Spirit’- found also within our own spirit. The following Scripture lists the nine fruit of God’s Spirit (and our spirit):

*The fruit of God’s Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no law.’*  
Paul quoted in GALATIANS 5:22-23 in 56AD

**reconciliation** = to make peace. to win over to friendship. to be reconciled with. to bring into agreement or harmony. to no longer be in conflict with another individual, group, country etc .

**spirit** = 1. The principle of conscious life, the vital principle in man, animating the body or mediating between body and soul. 2. The incorporeal (not matter) part of man; present in spirit though absent in body. 3. The soul as separable from the body at death.<sup>12</sup>

**spiritual distress** = distress of the human spirit, a nursing diagnosis accepted by the Fourth National Conference on the Classification of Nursing Diagnoses. The cause of the condition may be separation from religious or cultural ties or a change in beliefs or value system, intense suffering, severe stress, or prolonged treatment. The defining characteristics include stated anger against the deity or questions about the meaning of the suffering beings experience. The client may joke in a macabre fashion, regard the illness as punishment, have nightmares, cry, act in a hostile or apathetic manner, express self-blame or deny all responsibility for the problem, express anger or resentment against religious figures, and cease participating in religious practices. <sup>13</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> The Macquarie Encyclopedic dictionary - The National Dictionary , 1990. (MED)

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<sup>11</sup> “Let us love one another, for love is of God.” 1 JOHN 4:7 “He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 JOHN 4:8

<sup>12</sup> MED

<sup>13</sup> Taken from The Mosby Medical and Nursing Dictionary, 2nd Edition

**soul** = 1. The spiritual part of man regarded in its *moral* aspect, or as believed to survive death and be subjected to happiness or misery in a life to come. 2. The emotional part of man's nature; or the seat of the feelings or sentiments. 3. The animating principle or essential element or part of something. <sup>14</sup>

Jesus is recognised within the Qur'an as not only a significant prophet and messenger, but also as 'the Messiah'.

**Messiah** = 1. the title applied to an expected deliverer of the Jewish people, and hence to Jesus (see John 4:25,26) 2. any expected deliverer.

**deliverer** = deliver = .....3.to direct; cast; cause to move in a certain direction. 6. to give forth in words; utter or pronounce.11.**to set free; liberate.** 12.**to release or save: deliver us from evil.** 14. to give birth. 15. to provide a delivery service<sup>15</sup>. (delivering the Word of God through the Gospel and New Testament writings) (Remember) when the angels said: "O Maryam (Mary)! Verily, Allah gives you the glad tidings of a Word ["Be!" - and he was! i.e. Isa (Jesus) the son of Maryam (Mary)] from Him, his name will be **the Messiah Isa (Jesus)**, the son of Maryam (Mary), held in honour in this world and in the Hereafter, and will be one of those who are near to Allah." (S3,V45)

*To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:  
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:1,8

It is clearly now time for peace between individuals, families, communities, countries and throughout the world, and this will only be possible when politicians, religious leaders, health professionals and educators work together with a common goal to have God's Truth for life on Earth known and understood. Jesus Christ has given us this truth and the way to embrace it, so that mankind can enjoy life on Earth and eternal life with God in Heaven. This truth ends violence, abuse, evil and suffering cause by dysfunctional human beings, and it transforms dysfunctional individuals.

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