A few weeks ago during a dialogue with traditional theologians it was pointed out to me my concept of an evolutionary God, was contrary to traditional Christianity. That gave me pause to deeply consider my position & ask whether an evolutionary God is contrary to the Bible or **consistent** with it.

Where traditional theology rejects the concept of an evolutionary God; I hold the whole of the Bible comprises an evolutionary development. Indeed the very concept of a ~living God~ **requires** evolutionary development.

The Bible first enshrined the sinful nature of Adam as the problem; Noah’s flood confirmed it.

Abraham was the first man to stand up **& take ownership** by crafting an initial simplistic response. One so soundly crafted its core precepts still stand as the base foundation of the Biblical faiths today. That in itself is an evolutionary development.

Next came Moses who crafted a wider, more complex & sophisticated intentional remedy; again yet another evolutionary development.

Next Isaiah celebrated those parts of the Biblical remedy which were succeeding, & ~bewailed~ those parts which were failing. Isaiah too can only be a product of trail & error evolutionary experience.

The rest of the OT attests different Judaic efforts at remedy; none of these evolutionary efforts particularly succeeded.

Next Christ came as a **hinge of history event.** The Christian calendar begins at the date of his birth; as his coming was an event on which the whole of history hinged, so bringing forth a new social ethos which proved an effective remedy.

With the coming of Christ it became necessary to craft a Constitutional form of Trinity; an alliance between three Divine Persons united in a common body working inter-actively for the greater good of the whole. This is another event which evolved out of the trial & error remedial efforts from the past.

See… **Composition of the Trinity, *10 pages*…** on my Webb-site… <http://communichristi.org.nz>

Back to Christ & **his stand alone hinge of history** status. Past Biblical remedies had largely been imposed from the top down. Yet as all administrations no matter how appointed are THE SUM of the people of which the society is comprised, top down impositions did not work. Christ went directly to Joe & Jane Blogs at the bottom of the heap, & inter-related in a manner which changed **the essence** of themselves. An improved or **redeemed** common people led to a better social ethos which encouraged better administrations at the top end of the societies they are THE SUM OFF.

One of Christs many titles is ~Lord of the basement~ as his *~elective~* **bottom-up** social reform succeeded where top-down impositions had failed. This too is another event which can only have **evolved** & developed from previous attempts at top-down social reform enjoying indifferent success.

I make no apology for my concept of an evolutionary God; I hold the Biblical God as **the greatest single achievement** of humanities ~intentional~ stage by stage evolutionary development.

If humanities progressive evolution can develop such a God, there is some hope for us. That hope is the very foundation of everything which I endeavor to build forward on.

To my statement ~I make no apology for my concept of an evolutionary God~ I need add, traditional Christianity needs make no apology for its traditional view of the Biblical God. Given what traditional Christianity has contributed to humanity no apology by the upholders of such is in any way warranted. Further if it was not for those who have gone before me; I would have nothing to evolve, develop or build forward out off.

I would also point to my position statement given under Family of Abraham tab on my Webb-site…

I am not called to the office of Minister, Priest or Bishop; I do not exercise the Great Commission on behalf of the Son. Rather I find myself called to the office of Patriarch; one of the administrative offices which answers to the Father directly.

Thus I am called to serve the Biblical Father directly; yet as the Father himself has endorsed the other two persons of Trinity; I cannot serve the Father without simultaneously respecting & upholding them.

Abraham was the first consciously intentional **design engineer** in the Biblical religions; thus I follow in his footsteps. As he crafted responses appropriate to human understandings in his time; following Prophet’s & Apostles crafted responses in-tandem with changing understandings over time.

*The living God evolves & develops ~in tandem~ with* ***higher*** *human evolution & development. All of the developer-builder religions determined we have no merit as an independently deterministic species if an incoherent shambles always at the mercy of the forces of nature, so developed higher Gods to preside over more creditworthy attempts at higher development. Zoroastrianism, Daoism, Hinduism, Aztec, civil religions & the other ~take ownership~ developer-builder Gods of the various tribes & nations of Ishmael.*

*The Biblical God is an appeal to ~God in the highest~ or an appeal to our very highest natures which is the God of Isaac, to mentor & guide our more base (animistic) natures. I hold it self-evident our higher natures first had to evolve & develop, before such an entity could even exist ~within ourselves~ for us to appeal too.*

*The Biblical God is clearly a developer-builder God & only became consciously enshrined when humans had evolved & developed sufficiently to become ~confident~ in our ability to self-determine independently off the natural world. He divided us into the two lines of Ishmael & Isaac; the Ishmael line vesting its faith in our aggregate natures; the Isaac line in our very highest natures. Yet both lines variously subscribe to an intentionally self-determining ethos. As a result the Biblical God arrived at a separate ~Covenant~ with each.* See family of Abraham tab, top r/h corner of my Homepage.

*I do not include the natural religions as it is self-evident humans worshiped & held themselves in some way controlled by the natural world for 40,000 years before we became confident in our independent self-determinism. By contrast both Isaac & Ishmael are~ intentional~ self-determining creeds. Of note is all of them appeal to various higher abstract mentors who live in & through us, to guide them.*

*Once independent determinism became a viable proposition; all the various faiths of Isaac & Ishmael demonstrate basic* ***good-faith*** *integrity in pursuing such in some intentionally coherent & creditworthy manner. I exclude Islam which is an aberrant (Godless) heresy & apostasy, design-engineered by a social malcontent & defective misfit. The Biblical God bid Abraham cast out Ishmael; yet he himself met with Hagar & Ishmael to open up a well (open up a line of eternal life support) & assured them they too could be confident in their future. He then threw his whole weight & support behind the Isaac line, as ours is the higher but more challenging aspiration.*

I too find myself called to design engineer responses to the changed terms & conditions of human existence in modernity.

This leads to some difference in approach in engaging the Biblical Trinity; but no difference in the veneration & respect in which all three are held.

As humanity has progressed & developed the Biblical faiths have frequently faced ~adapt or die~ It is off credit to the enduring soundness & resilience of the Biblical faiths; they have successfully & responsively adapted ~out of themselves~ while remaining ~**true** to the core essence of themselves~ This is the type of adaptation we must engineer now; to address the changes in the positive & negative potentialities presented by modernity.

…………

Lastly to mop up a few oddments…

The Bible holds God in the highest in some way stands above us, & stands above all earthly (base) things, so seeking to mentor, improve us & guide us from above. If we examine the wider universe it suggests no such entity is practically possible. Yet **if we look inside our-selves** we find a higher consciousness abides within; one not overly impressed by our more base behaviors, so always seeking to redeem raise up & improve the very nature of ourselves. It seems I have found the abode of this higher God, in the only higher place such could abide if he is to be inter-relational with us.

The Bible holds this God existed *from the beginnings,* but from the beginnings of what exactly? It can only be from the beginnings of intentional self-aware consciousness; which requires such a higher mentor to progressively develop & evolve in order to mentor our base animistic natures.

The Bible holds man was created *out of dust* & this is the platform on which the whole of the Bible stands. We likewise hold the Magna Carta & the American Declaration of Independence as **new start-ups** which changed the world & became working platforms for a hopefully better world. In all instances it is clear human-societies differently organized, existed before them. Yet this off itself does not invalidate their legitimacy, nor is it reason to reject the greater-good each has achieved.

Lastly, the whole Biblical ethos is concerned for constructive engagement with human sin. So much so the matter of sin & redemption therefrom permeates the whole of the Bible.

*With global warming, environmental depletion, over-population, massive deficit financing plus other accruing existential crises; modern man should be paying much more attention to the matter of SIN. Contrary to secular teachings it is not just a fairy-tale invented in the Churches bid to control people. The matter of sin has sobering real world implications & consequence in our times.*

Sin is not man lusting after evil, but a product of ~self-indulgent~ excess x over-reach in our hunger for that perceived to be good. Evil is simple to manage, God just shoots it. Sin is more complex, we have to redeem it & best-manage the condition; not least as sin *(a deep driving hunger for that perceived to be good)* is what **enables us** to be an independently self-determining species in the first place.

My own understanding of Sin & its management is given in my Homepage item…

See… SIN, why so dangerous? *6 pages*… on my Webb-site... <http://communichristi.org.nz>

I have looked deeply into the workings of my position on an evolutionary God developed as humans themselves progress & develop. If the concept could not address sin & do so with some effect; then from a Biblical position it could only fail & the whole doctrinal concept of an evolutionary God would have to be rejected.

On examination & deep contemplation I am happy the evolutionary God can address the challenge of SIN effectively, & in modern advanced society probably more effectively than traditional Christianity.

After the somewhat long winded exploration above… I think an evolutionary God is about it.

Ken Maynard… Patriarch; Family of Abraham.