Just to give a bit of an insight into myself & my world. I hold all religions as manmade. 1… *I don’t see any other agency with an interest in developing them.*  I myself work as a *self-styled* design engineer in religions; which I could not do if religions were not manmade.

I grade religions into three categories… Isaac, the highest… Ishmael the intermediates & Islam the lowest.

Ishmael, the first born of Abraham was a consortium of efforts to build a developer-builder society ethical code distinct from the natural religions which proceeded them.

Enshrining Pharaoh or Cesar as God; built an intentional developer-builder social structure, but one subject to many abuses as no human is fit to assume absolute power. Yet abuses of power or not; the system was based on good faith effort & had some integrity.

Zoroastrianism crafted a slightly wider power-sharing social ethos; but suffered from many inadequacies of its own.

If we look at Asia, start with Sun Tzu & ~the art of war~ *the Confucian Old Testament;* then graduate to the slightly more moderate versions that followed. If we start from the base assumption ~life is tough & that is the way it is~ even their brutal codes so singularly lacking in compassion work in their own form of good faith & stand on their own integrity. *As did the brutal Shinto codes of WWII Japanese.*

I look a Buddha & say ~far out man~ yet far out or not Buddhism too works from its basic assumptions in good faith & stands on its own form of integrity.

The civil religions of the modern west also stand on dubious assumptions; yet they work from that base in good faith & with some integrity.

The isolated efforts of past Inca & Aztec societies all did similarly.

Thus, all the intermediate creeds of Ishmael stand on assumptions which are in some part dubious; but endeavor to work in good faith & have some integrity.

Next Isaac, the second born of Abraham *& the product of a learning curve in crafting developer-builder religions.* Judaism & Christianity not only stand on a sound ethical code but express a real depth of compassion for our fallible & fallen humanity. It is this combination of sound ethics plus deep compassion which makes them #1 in the *intentionally* developer-builder religions. Both operate in good faith & work on a basis of deep integrity.

**Lastly Islam,** bought forth by a socially alienated defective human misfit, with a grudge against humanity as a whole. He also seems a loveless little man; his father died before he was born, his mother died when he was five; so casting him into the role of an unwanted & perhaps ill-used spare part, begrudgingly taken in by extended family. *Love is what confers value & worth on others; lack of it means one can manipulate, exploit, repress & use others* ***wholly without conscience*** *& this too was a character defect of Muhammad.*

He also proved adroit at advancing stories *by means of contrived Shamanist trace states;* which screwed everybody else while looking out for #1. I don’t care how people talk up Islam; Muhammad was always dealing in bad faith & has no integrity.

In conclusion while I have no belief in actual divine interventions; I have respect for the designers of most of the world’s major religions despite being aware of their human failings. While Muhammad I regard as a flawed & aberrant person, little more than a two-bit sewer rat.

In closing, the above is my understanding of religions contributions to human development; *& give them credit they play an essential role.* It is on the basis of that understanding, that I seek to develop what I call millennium III Christianity as a successful adaptation of the living God; to the changed terms & conditions of human existence in modernity.

The Biblical faiths **living God model** progressively evolved & developed over time as humanity itself progressed & developed. It established sound base principles on which it could stand, which were then adapted by a serial committee of sound people in response to the constantly changing challenge/opportunity paradigm presented by continuous human advance.

If we carry **this living God tradition** forward, *constantly adapting to change by means of serial committee;* we have a God best able to administer to & guide humanity in the emerging new knowledge age. Also, for all other ages & levels of human development that follow.

See ~Composition of the Trinity~ posted 200mm down from the top of my homepage

Lastly; it is self-evident humans are an independently intentionally self-determining species always striving to progress in the pursuit of ever higher development. It is also self-evident humanity is humanly fallible & inherently sinful. SIN is not a product of hidden evil in man, but a product of excess x over-reach in the pursuit of more good than we can *currently* have.

See ~Pathology of SIN~ also posted to my homepage.

While many hold God made a mistake when he designed humanity; I do not subscribe to that position. I hold human fallibility is necessary to embark on the trial & error process of higher development. I further hold a relentless hunger for more & more of the good life to be the **essential engine** driving higher development.

Thus; in the Christian world our human failings are, *subject to some conditions;* **redeemed** in the atonement of Christ, **not persecuted** in the petty vindictiveness of Muhammad.

The Biblical God is simply **best practice** in the God business & **best practice** in the designing of humans.

*……..Blessed be the names of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit…****reign forever****…amen…*