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When we read of headline media articles that report findings of the latest studies into the anthropology of mankind with very fancy photos and presented by highly credentialed scientists, we are given to accept what they say because, well, they say they are experts in the field. And this popular attitude that we find here accounts for the entire general societal view, and is as they say in cricketing parlance, left to go through to the keeper. Meaning we just accept it as it has been bowled and let the balls continue on their unimpeded trajectory.

The fact of this matter is that in cricket, the ball is not addressed because it is a faulty delivery and the ball is not going to strike the mark. A similar reaction is popularly found when in the company of others an inappropriate remark is not responded to, and to cover a very awkward moment it is often said, “We’ll let that one go through to the keeper.”

It is this attitude that is of real concern because by not addressing bad deliveries the general societal view is unwittingly conformed into acceptance by silence of misguided or just plain erroneous clap-trap.

Science has a legacy that binds it to atheism with a bond that is very powerful. Most free thinking people recognise that Science is not epitomised by the real meaning of the word Academia, and know it to be a tightly regulated industry that gets its impetus from a system of grants and bullying through which mechanism the one who is paying the bills, be it government or private enterprise, buys the result they seek. And don’t be swayed away from this by those cute puddley eyes and faces of those who prostitute themselves as being the humanity in front of the cameras or on the front of pretty brochures. This is a serious matter and requires a serious consideration.

So when we read an article that boldly announces that new DNA studies incontrovertibly prove that there is a continuum of lineage from modern indigenous man from today going back to over 50,000 years ago and asserts that the current community that it is referring to is the most ancient continuous civilisation on Earth, the convocations of the Christian church should be rising up to absolutely refute these claims, and again in cricketing parlance, they should hit the ball for a six into the outer.

Strong words you might say. Indeed they are and from a Christian perspective the conclusions from this DNA study are erroneous and very short sighted which principally has been engineered by the atheism that underlies science in general; in this case though we are also seeing the effect of non-Christian

religious influences, which brings us to the brink of dangerous territory to explore.

The diversity of belief systems from one religion to another and from one indigenous nation to another is as variable as a gaming wheel with a thousand chances to win, and in the eyes of many they just can't be bothered with sorting out which belief system is real and those that are not.

This is a very difficult subject to research and even more complex to come to conclusions. The reason for this is that when dealing with belief systems, invariably we come down to what happens when we die. Generally most belief systems uphold certain behaviour patterns for the good of their nation, however it has got to be said that some others practise wickedness of the most abhorrent nature. When researchers speak to adherents from the various cultures they generally find that the people that they are speaking to take on the beliefs of their religion and to them it is the truth. This has also been shown to be the case in cult membership and as we have seen over the years has led to some of the most horrific mass death events because the membership have deified the cult leader and don't question the direction the cult takes.

So when any particular religion stands up and espouses a certain belief pertaining to any given subject, we can perhaps understand why Science is reticent to embrace its tenets because they would be just one of possibly thousands of differing views. Science does not have the capacity to weigh up each religion's tenets and come to a conclusion as to its authenticity. How could they when a belief system is just that; a system that one believes in – rain, hail or shine. And this brings us to this article where we shall explore these claims of a human continuum unbroken for 50,000 years.

But what happens when a belief system has very deep roots in the history of mankind stretching back thousands of years to when humankind was still bound in Stone Age hunter-gatherer primitivism and correspondingly has a very impressive record of accurately accounting major events in the world that occurred down the millenniums. And so accurate are the historic details that even though they were authored 6,000 years ago and penned into the written modality of communication 3,500 years ago, they carry exquisite detail of the formation of the universe and planet Earth in particular before even science had a clue about the origins of humankind.

The amazing fact about the writings of this particular belief system is that it accounts the sequential events that took place from the point of the universe coming into being. It clearly describes the phenomenon of cosmic dust having no form and being void and provides for a gap in antiquity that accounts the 10

billion years between the universe's initial formation and that of the formation of our planet.

But the detail it contains is astonishing. It accounts the order of how the cosmic dust and water molecules coagulated and formed into dry land and seas. It details the order of life forms appearing and from whence they originated. It details the ignition points of the stars throughout the universe reaching critical mass and erupting in nuclear fusion. And if this is not amazing in itself, it also accounts for Stone Age man and specifically the quantum advance that occurred circa 4,000BC that heralded the metal minerals Age, ie copper and tin, and also the Bronze Age and the Iron Age(s). In fact from a historical point of view it has an accuracy that Science itself cannot compete with.

One could comfortably make the statement that this particular belief system is head and shoulders above anything else that has come after it. And yes you probably noticed that last sentence, it said "above anything else that has come **after** it". We are of course referring to the tenets of the living God whom we refer to as the God of Abraham, that has traceable language, lifestyle and craft links back to 4,000BC. This is the oldest form of a "religious" society in humankind – and do not be pushed around about this. Prior to the Paleo-Hebrew fledgling nation there was no notion of gods at all. Hominin indigenous man in the 500,000 years up to that time, who incidentally, had never risen out of his Stone Age hunter-gatherer subsistence hand-to-mouth life style, did not have and was not able to have articulate language capabilities. He lacked the gene complexity and also lacked the physiology to make fine articulate sounds in a complex voice box, and this is in addition to his reduced brain capacity and functionality that dictated that he did not even have articulate thought streams. Hence he was locked into his life-style predicament with no means to escape. That is, until the real God stepped in and quantum jumped mankind into modernity by bringing Adam and Eve onto the scene. It was their new genetic make-up that transformed the general gene pool of the then sum of all mankind into becoming modern man, ie Adamic Homo Sapien-Sapien.

So don't be put off by erroneous reports to the contrary. They will not be true and only serve to put doubt and mis-information into any discussion. Science has already proven that Stone Age man took an unexplained quantum leap into modernity at about 4,000 BC, and from there, as they say, the rest is history.

We are therefore making a separation between the belief systems of the world, and we have asserted, with evidences, that the God of the Paleo-Hebrew nation was not a "religion" but a real and tangible deity who through many proofs demonstrably showed He was indeed the God of all Creation. Over the interim period from then up to our modern times there have been an uncountable

number of challenges to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, however the record accounts that all of these were found to be false and wanting. The only power that all of the other religions of the world have is that humans believe them to be gods.

If I have failed to convince you that the God of the Bible is not the only true God then I offer you a challenge. Put your mind and your heart into reaching out and communicating with this living God. You will be heard and He will respond.

Now the reason I have covered all of this ground is that we needed to establish that we understand why Science is reticent to follow along the lines of any religion or deification, but secondly we hopefully have established that the God of the Bible is indeed a God to be reckoned with. And by this I mean that the early chapters of the Bible are in fact Paleo-Hebrew song-lines that were passed down the generations orally in prose and poem form until Moses and his scribes were charged to strike them in the written form.

These song-lines are quite unique in their age and their content and through traceable links back to their origin from Adam and Eve, contain information about the creation of the universe that no-one had a clue about until the twentieth century. This is a watershed moment because we now see that the only connection to Adam and Eve having the information about creation, that they-themselves would not have fully comprehended the technical detail, was because God Himself was the only other entity that has this information. There are no coincidences here. We are seeing real people relaying what is now proven to be accurate details about the prime event of our universe which were given to them by the real God. What more can be said!

If we explore the Genesis script in the Bible we will observe that there are other very relevant events that also occurred after Adam and Eve had gone out into the world. We perhaps can by-pass their son's fratricide, the development of the skills in metallurgy, music and agriculture, the taking of a census and some personal and domestic details about the then society and sadly the passing away of Adam. But then we arrive at a detailed account that is commonly referred to as Noah's Flood.

This one event would be one of the most disbelieved recorded events in the Bible and largely because most people, including Christians, simply do not believe this event could have happened. It is a human frailty that we have a limited capacity to envisage events such as this, even though we have a willingness to accept galactical collisions of such gargantuan proportions it

would make our little Milky Way appear as a speck of dust in its midst. Strange indeed!

However, Noah's Flood was a reality. Recent research by several Universities from the UK to the USA discovered that there are vast quantities of water within the mantle of the planet of such proportions to be able to flood the world. And these reservoirs have not been fully mapped with comments from the scientists saying that they accounted for world engulfing quantities of water when only considering one percent of the potential volume retained in a crystalline form. There is no doubt that there is water awash in the mantle under our seas. There is also no doubt about the fossil evidence and other results from Earth Science research that sea levels have significantly changed in the last 6,000 years. Whilst mainstream science will not admit to a world flood phenomenon they are very happy to agree that there are strong indicators that are consistent with a world flooding event.

Further research has found that there are structures under the sea that evidence huge quantities of water reticulation in and out of the Earth's mantle and also found evidence of collapsed aquifers and enormous sink hole structures that would have supported pre-flood quantities of water under the mantle surface. So let's not re-run this "it could not have happened" argument. Clearly it not only could have happened but the fossil and other evidences say it did happen. *(For further reading on Noah's Flood there is an article containing more detail in the Book Shelf section entitled Noah's Flood on the Faithchasers Website)*

The importance of this information with respect to our article's theme is that the Bible has some very important information that we need to read and understand, and I have replicated the relevant verses from Genesis to bring this to your attention.

Genesis Chapter 6:5-22

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
Noah and the Flood*

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Genesis Chapter 7:1-24

And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.

Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills that were under the whole heaven were covered.

Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Genesis Chapter 8:1-3

And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

The account is somewhat confronting in that all life forms excluding those that were within the Ark were euthanized. The reason for this is because of the great wickedness in the Earth where all were given over to “*every imagination of the thoughts of their heart was only evil continually*”. I don’t think humankind appreciates the enormity of this decision and it grieved God that He had to go to such lengths to eradicate this evil. But none-the-less he did and the only souls to survive were Noah, his wife, their three sons and the three daughters-in-law.

Now perhaps you have cottoned-on to where this story is now going. We have established the authenticity of the Bible as an historic record, we have mentioned that Science now recognises that under the planet’s mantle there are vast quantities of water, sufficient to re-flood the planet, and we have mentioned that Science has a range of other evidences from dust samplings to ice cores to geology from around the world that agrees that all of them are consistent with this biblical account.

Therefore we can look at every claim that asserts that any particular community or nation has a continuum of generational life reaching back past 5,000 years ago and say with certainty that it cannot be correct. This may not sit well with some folk so I will explain the unusual circumstances of how a small misreading of evidence could lead to these claims of lengthy continuums.

Whilst Science on the one hand may agree on the evidences of a global flood, they will not embrace the biblical story that surrounds it because of their anti-God mind set. Therefore they will not accept that there was an interruption to the continuum of all life forms, even though they agree that there was a period of great die off. So when science views history through its fossil evidence they bridge the Flood gap as though it were not there. They also bridge the wide gaps in their theory of a continuum of the evolution of all species from a single cell metamorphism which ostensibly ties them into following the Darwinian model.

But without getting too far off track from our subject theme, Science has missed the steps of the genetic coding that have delineated the different life forms. The correct steps are:

- (1) Grass, Herbs, Trees and plants came forth from the earth.
- (2) Water creatures, insects and birds came forth from the waters.
- (3) Beasts, Creeping things, Cattle and reptiles came forth from the earth, however their DNA/Chromosome patterning was derived from the life forms that came out of the waters. There is an important step that has been missed here.
- (4) Mankind did not originate from an evolutionary continuum of any other life form. Man, as we have come to define our specie, did not evolve from the same DNA structures as the beasts of the field. Therefore in plain words Mankind did not come forth from monkeys and apes. This is a fiction that Science has thrown in because they missed another key step. And whilst there may be similarities in the life form structures between other various animals and man, ie we all have a brain, eyes, legs, mouth, stomach and bowels, this is not a licence to say that one came from the other. Don't discount the actions of God in bringing forth mankind – who is the sole reason planet Earth is in existence.

The discovery of DNA sampling to look backward down the generations has been a great leap forward in understanding the primary building blocks of life. There were, and probably still are, great expectations for what DNA research can contribute to the anthropology of man, and I was very interested to read that in the populations of today researchers can find traces of the ancient forms of man, for example Neanderthal Man, and can also trace all human life back to one single female. It is this discovery that principally reinforced in Science's mind that the great flood of 3,000 BC did not kill off all life.

But how wrong they were! From the Biblical record we know that Hominin Neanderthal Man (and possibly Cro-Magnon Man too) were on the Earth at the time Adam and Eve came forth. And we can see that these Hominin forms intermingled with the new Adamic Man and were part of the principle reason that mankind went astray. As the account of Noah developed, it has become clear that only Noah was found to be righteous – not his family. And why I am saying this is because the only way Neanderthalic DNA could have come through the flood is by at least one of Noah's daughters-in-law being from an indigenous family.

There is no stigma to this at all. The issue at hand was that Adam and Eve's DNA lineage had to be preserved down nearly 4,000 years until Jesus our Lord came forth. It is thought that Jesus' mother, Miriam (Mary), was the last of the pure lineage who had the seed of Eve.

So when Science boldly claims that the Neanderthal DNA traces confirm a continuum of human life without interruption back to monkeys and Apes, or even going back further to the original microbial cells that somehow "morphed" into life all by themselves, remember Science doesn't hold to God's Creation at all, then you know that you are being mis-led.

But this is not the end of the story. Sea levels we know have risen and fallen; they have been totally covered in ice packs and have been the subject of extreme temperature fluctuation over the billions of years of its existence. It is proffered by Science that the original formation of the planet was in the form of a single land mass surrounded by water. They also think that this phenomenon has occurred three times in the planet's history and, they say, it is going back in that direction now, albeit at the great pace of about one or two centimetres a year.

In the timeframe of Hominin man, from (circa) 500,000BC, with the varying water levels and land mass movements, human migration patterns have been seen in fossil records spreading across the world. What is tough for Science is that the bones from an early form of man could quite easily lie in the earth while the waters rose and fell and the tectonic plates shuffled around. Land bridges would have certainly joined and broken in that period and therefore we should not be surprised to see evidence of mankind throughout the world.

We can take on board that changes in climate would have driven migration patterns, for example the Ice Ages, and in particular relevance to Australia we are told that the sea levels have been so low as to have provided land bridges from Tasmania right up through the main land and onto Sundaland in Southeast Asia. If we are to talk about migration patterns stretching back beyond 150,000 years it is very plausible that mankind in his Stone Age form could have literally walked from his African roots down to Tasmania.

And talking about Australia, it is scientists in this country whom have published claims that the indigenous population is the oldest continuous culture in the world reaching back 50,000 years, and further claim that DNA sequencing also supports this. But we can now say that these claims cannot be totally correct. Alternatively we can say there is evidence of an ancient community on the Australian land mass and we can also say that, ipso facto, there is a modern

indigenous community currently here at this time. And by this we are pointing out that there is no continuum of ancestry between the two.

The interesting thing about Australia is that its coastal line has moved to and fro at least once in the post-flood period from 4,000 BC. Modern indigenous Australians have their roots in the new communities post Noah's Flood and their direct ancestors indeed must have chosen to follow a similar migration pathway as did Hominin man to eventually reach Australia, or perhaps more likely, found that Australia was the end of the transversible land mass. Science agrees quite readily that a land bridge to Tasmania facilitated the migration of indigenous communities to those Southern lands and so we immediately see that we have two migrations from the northern land mass down to Australia, however the timeframes of the two are very distinctly separated and therefore as we have mentioned there is no direct continuity of lineage.

In relation to this Australian matter in particular, to explain why DNA traces link modern indigenous Australians to pre-flood indigenous Australians is simply that Science has not, either through technical competency issues or selective interpretation of the coding, dissected their results to filter out the Neanderthalic/Cro-Magnon DNA trace that came through the Noah's Flood with at least one of Noah's daughters-in-law. As we stand, I think we have a long way to go to fully describe the model of mankind's global migration patterns because it is so confused about the pre and post flood populations.

There is not a continuum of ancestrally connected tribal occupation of lands from modern indigenous communities back to the Hominin Man in any region of the world. In a very circuitous genealogy we can all find a link back to either Adamic Man or Hominin Man for the reasons stated above, but in the respect that modern indigenous communities had an unbroken ancestry to those before the flood just does not stand up.

The period between the demise of the ancient tribal communities killed in the flood and the re-arrival of the modern indigenous explorers post the flood may have only been a few hundred years, even out to the extremities of the world as was the case in Australia. We can confidently say this because as we note that land bridges were washed away when sea levels rose and again in relation to Australia's modern indigenous communities, they became land locked by the rising waters and consequently they were isolated from the rest of the world. A few hundred years in archaeological terms is an extremely short period and it is therefore nearly impossible to delineate from fossil records this very narrow time span between the old and the new.

A tragedy, if I may call it so, is that when the modern Australian indigenous communities became land locked they were isolated out of contact with all other humanity up until the sixteenth century. The Australian Government believes that Australia was first visited by the Portuguese in circa 1520 and the Dutch in 1606, and still it would be another 86 years after this before the English landed on the Eastern coast and formed a settlement. In the interim between the Dutch and the English voyages, the Government have estimated that 54 other European ships visited these shores.

However the legacy for the ancestors of Australia's modern indigenous communities, because of being isolated for 5,000 years without contact to the outside world meant that they did not have access to the technological developments such as metals, construction, agriculture and marine navigation capabilities. But on the positive side these communities did, probably more as a consequence of having no external influences, retain rare and otherwise lost cultural knowledge and traits from their earlier immigrant forebears. And to their credit, Australia's indigenous communities have retained a treasure trove of knowledge that they possess in relation to their connection to the land. The governments of the country are only in recent times reaching out for assistance in utilising this knowledge for modern day land management techniques and my opinion is that there is much that modern world communities could learn from the indigenous pioneers who first discovered and settled these unoccupied southern lands.

The Australian story would most likely not be too dissimilar from the other indigenous communities around the world. Very topically, land rights issues have arisen in various forms around the world and the competing interests between who was an indigenous settler and who was a foreign invader will persist.

It seems to me that there are no winners all around. Our indigenous communities do not have the continuum of ancestral lineage in occupation beyond 5,000 BC, however I must say in their parlance that they indeed were the new original settlers of the land. The foreign settlers from more recent millenniums who over-settled on the same lands will never have a good argument to claim original ownership rights, and certainly not where physical conquest was the mechanism of choice for occupation. But we can all hope for a greater enlightenment of both indigenous and foreign settlers to utilise common lands for the good of all.

From a Christian perspective we can ask the question why land entitlement disputes have not been settled in a sensible and equitable way before this. Why is the world still fighting over a planet in the universe that neither can own.

From Genesis we are told that man was to till the ground. It did not say own it, and the reason it didn't say own it is because I think that God would have been very displeased that his created humankind would up-start and want the whole house – and that theme has a very familiar ring to it.

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