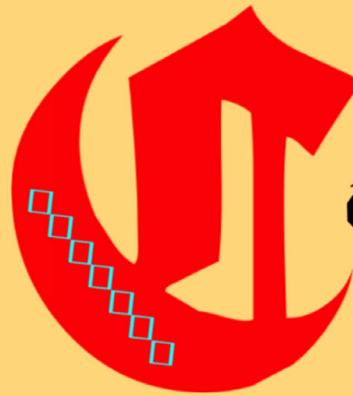


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Michael Kieran Harvey
piano & keyboard

Timothy Young
piano & keyboard

Peter Neville
percussion

with ANAM pianists and
percussionists

Arjun von Caemmerer
narrator

Composed by
Michael Kieran Harvey
Text by
Arjun von Caemmerer



You can't run a country
By a book of religion
Not by a heap
Or a lump or a smidgeon
Of foolish rules
Of ancient date
Designed to make
You all feel great
While you fold, spindle
And mutilate
Those unbelievers
From a neighbouring state.

Frank Zappa, Dumb all Over (1981)

It came as a delicious surprise to me as a disobedient 8-year-old altar boy to discover that Christ's blood tasted, apparently, the same as the Woodley's Cream Sherry I found in the sacristy. This set me wondering about the veracity of the contents of the Bible, something that Catholics are instructed to believe is the infallible word of God. It takes a certain type of dogged personality to be willing to sift through such a text for either fallibilities or infallibilities – most Christians simply accept what clerics tell them is in the Bible and get on with their busy lives.

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Michael Kieran Harvey (b. 1961)

Catalogue des Errances Bibliques

symphony in no need of an orchestra (2018)

Text: **Bible Stories** (2019) by Arjun von Caemmerer

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Keyboard 5: Hannah Pike
Keyboard 6: Maggie Pang
Keyboard 7: Jennifer Yu
Keyboard 8: Liam Wooding
ANAM percussion:
1: Peter Neville (kit)
2: James Knight
3: Alexander Meagher
4: Alison Fane (timpani)

- 1** 1. d'Composition 1'42"
- 2** I The Bible's chaotic composition 1'19"
- 3** 2. Cheesus 1'46"
- 4** II Jesus Christ? 1'05"
- 5** 3. Which One Is It? 1'24"
- 6** III God's word? 1'11"
- 7** 4. "My Father's House Has Many Rooms" 1'03"
- 8** IV Contradictions 1'18"
- 9** 5. Walking on water 2'19"
- 10** V Historicity of Jesus 1'13"
- 11** 6. "I am the True Vine" 2'03"
- 12** VI Jesus' birth? 1'14"
- 13** 7. Fish Mongery 2'09"
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- 16** VIII Second coming of Jesus? 1'08"
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- 21** 11. The McKinsey Report 2'30"
- 22** XI Science or creationism 1'09"

- 23** 12. The Miracle of St Raphael 1'36"
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- 25** 13. John's Judgmental Jeremiad 1'06"
- 26** XIII Anti-Semitism 1'04"
- 27** 14. Here is Eden 1'52"
- 28** XIV Intolerance and anti-intellectualism 1'04"
- 29** 15. Prophet & Loss 0'52"
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- 31** 16. GodSwill 1'29"
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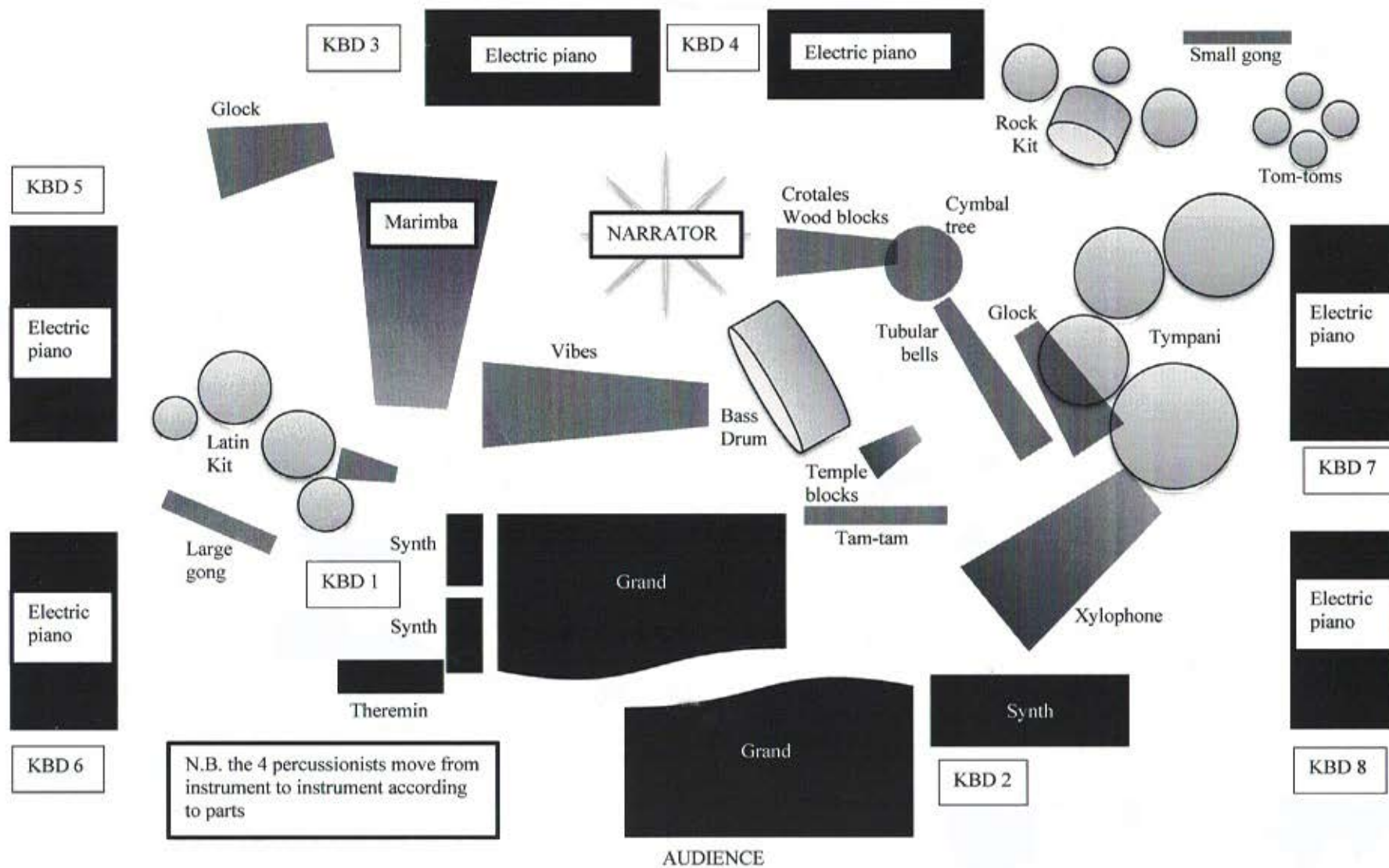
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PREFACE

Bible Stories (2019) has been written as a textual and narrative accompaniment to composer Michael Kieran Harvey's *Catalogue des Errances Bibliques* (2018).

Harvey writes:

'Dennis McKinsey devoted a large part of his life and his energies as a broadcaster to the task of uncovering "biblical errancy", and his forensic book **The Encyclopedia of Biblical Errancy** (Prometheus Books, 1995) is the entertaining result. In the spirit of the musical *The Book of Mormon* (Parker/Lopez/Stone, 2011) and with an affectionate nod to Messiaen's *Catalogue d'Oiseaux* (1958), *Catalogue des Errances Bibliques* whimsically reinterprets each of the 25 chapters of **The Encyclopedia of Biblical Errancy** as a homage to its punctilious author'.

In performance, the various Stories are intended for a Trinity of voices:

A **PRIEST** intones 1, 3, 9, 17, 19, 21 and 24;

A **CHUMP*** voices 2, 4, 8, 10, 16, 22, 23 and 25;

A **SCIENTIST** relays 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 20.

PRIEST and CHUMP share 13; PRIEST and SCIENTIST divide 18.

***CHUMP** = Common **H**uman Under **M**onstrous **P**ressure

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Bible Stories employs McKinsey's book and chapters, using the latter as they have been re-Christened by Monsignor Harvey, as a springboard for each piece. The **Stories** are **bold**.

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d'Composition

In the Beginning was The Word
And the Word Begat
Bible, Babble, Bubble, Babel
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Bible, Babble, Bubble, Babel
Bible, Babble, Bubble, Babel
Adam and Eve begat Cain and Abel —
Cain grew grain; Abel raised lamb.
Sad for Cain,
God shunned grain
But our Lord
Fresh meat adored:
Cain got mad (Apple went Bad),
Smote his brother with a stone
So was left all alone.
In the Eastern Land of Nod
On the lam
Cain hid from God;
Entered wedlock
Begot Enoch
Begot & begot, begat & begot
Irada & Enoch,
Mehujael & Methusael
& Jabal & Jubal & Tubal.

Vengeance is mine! saith the Lord
I bring not Peace, but a Sword:
Of Cain who fled
(It is now said)
His own roof fell,
Stove his head.
He lay stone dead —
An Act of God
In the Land of Nod.
This oral's moral:
An eye for an eye,
A tooth for a tooth;
Ashes to ashes,
Exodust to dust,
As was forsooth
By all the king's hearses
And all the wise men
Bible, Babble, Bubble, Babel
Bible, Babble, Bubble, Babel
Bible, Babble, Bubble, Babel
Bible, Babble, Bubble, Babel
God's own Truth is not a Fable.

Cheesus

In the year of Our Lord, One-Nine-Nine-Four,
Diane Duyser's Vision
Threw her to the floor:
The Virgin Mary (but not Holy Ghost)
Stared out to her from her bitten cheese toast.
One decade later later, still no skerrick of mould!
EBay obeyed: \$28 000 – her toast got sold
Goldenpalace.com forging Cheese into Gold!

O Mother of God!
Which Bread plays Host?
And who is The Big Cheese?

Is it
On Taftan, Tilsit?
Or Edam on Eggete? Gabriel on Lavash? Or Kefalotyri on Kalach?
Perhaps Cheddar on Challah? Taleggio on Tortilla? Haloumi on Hallulla?
Reggiano on Rugbrot? Paneer on Pitta? Or Mizithra on Malooga?
Maybe Manchego on Muffin? Cream-cheese on Crumpet?
Or on Flatkaka, Fynbo?
Or Fetta on Fougasse? Emmenthal on Ezekiel?
Or Sainte Maure on Matzo?
Possibly Wellesley on White? Or Roqueforte on Rye?
On Borodinsky, Provolone? Or Blarney on Bastone?
Or Stinking Bishop or Doppleram Stufel on Spekendick or Dampfnudel?

None of the Above...
God's monumelted Love
Is Monterey Jack on American Corn,
Where Mum's cheesy grin is the Star in the Morn.

Come, let us Follow.
Come, let us Swallow.

Which One Is It?

The Arguments of The Aelfric, The Alfred, The Aldhelm or The Aldred?
The Convictions of The Cotton Patch or The Confraternity?
The Confusion of The Caedmon or The Caxton?
The Loyalties of The Lexam, The Lamsa or The Lattimore?
The Slew of The Simple, The Story, The Clear, The Literal, The Easy?
The Inducements of the Illustrated, The Inclusive, The International?
The Cries of The Concordant, The Comprehensive, The World, The Messianic?
The Assertions of The Amplified, The Emphatic, The Evangelical?
The Quandaries of The Quaker or The Catholic?
Or, The Juggernaut of The James: The Children's, The Easy Reading, The American, The
Divine Name, The Revised, The Updated, The Modern, The New?

O Lord! By such Etceteric Excess we are blessed and are messed!

Here's what is best:
Might I humbly suggest
In just this you invest:
The Generant Joy of **Jim's Bibles** – The Fructifying Franchise **You** publicize!

“My Father’s House Has Many Rooms”

*Blessed are you who are poor
For yours is the kingdom of God.*

It is easier for a lump
To pass through the eye of a prick
Than get a true cost
Of their mortar and brick —
Yet, in the Year of Our Lord Two-Zero-One-Eight,
\$30 Billion Dollars is one estimate
Of the value of Catholic-Church-Owned-Oz-Real-Estate.

*Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house.
Thou shalt not steal.*

Such wallpaper My-tunes
Secure Heaven-scent fortunes
That, *Like whitewashed tombs*
—So St Matthew intones—
*Gleam with guilt outside
Whilst the heart within
Is of dead men's bones.*

Walking on Water

Matthew, Mark and John all agree: Jesus walked on the Sea of Galilee. Since we therefore know *for a fact* that Jesus walked on the Sea of Galilee (not running over the waves at the requisite 535 furlongs/hour to stay afloat), we must conclude that his feet were large enough to allow his light-filled weight to be supported by the surface tension of the salty water.

Just how big were Jesus' feet? The Bible allows us to formulate a crude estimate: we know that after Jesus dined with Lazarus (recently raised from the dead), Mary anointed His feet using no less than a whole pint of spikenard, that fragrant and expensive oil, happily also useful in treating Athletes Foot. A pint is 473mL. From the website of Bunnings Warehouse we learn that a similar volume of oil-based paint easily covers an area of 6m², meaning ~ 3m² for each one of Jesus' feet. Even though Mary slightly over-estimated how much oil was needed (employing her own tresses to mop his feet after her libation), by following the ancient dictum 'As Above, So Below', we can estimate each foot's *wave contact area* was about 1.5m². With the average foot being four times as long as it is wide, we deduce that each of Jesus' feet was approximately 20cm wide and 80cm long. If Jesus did not suffer the flat feet of fallen arches, the dimensions of his feet must have been of even greater magnitude! Verily John the Baptist spake the whole truth: *He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear.*

"I Am The True Vine"

It is still undecided whether Edmond Bordeaux Szekely, author of *The Gospel of The Essences* (translated from the Aramaic and old Slavonic in 1937) was, as some claim, a fake, but what has recently come to light, through recently discovered recordings, is that he was afflicted with a significant lisp. Thus, his *The Gospel of The Essenes* was, in fact, *The Gothpel of The Etheenth*. Why this is critically important is that Szekely nominates 'Jethuth' as 'The Great Ethene Mathter'. From John Chapter 2 verses 1-12, we know *for a fact* that Jesus turned water into wine at Cana. This 'miracle' should not now surprise us in the least: the substance which forms Alcohol, C₂H₅OH, when Water, H₂O, is added is, of course, Ethene, C₂H₄.

Let us re-read John 2.12 in this light: ***And there were set six water-pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, each containing two or three firkins apiece.*** The firkin is, naturally, kin to the catkin, that slim, cylindrical flower cluster, from which, in common with all the other parts of the plant, Ethene is generated. We can all turn wine to water—we *ssip*, hence we *piss*—but simply applying *The Ethene Printhipple*, as so elegantly outlined by Bordeaux in the books and pamphlets of the **The Ethene Brotherhood** [*The Chemythtery of Youth; The Art of Thobriety*], we can all, without taking the piss, by simply mixing suitable firkins with water, *reverse osmosis*, turn water to wine, enjoy a *thipple*.

Fish Mongery

There are those who smell something fishy about the two separate miracles called ‘The Feeding of the Multitudes’:

In ‘The Feeding of the 5000’, 5 loaves + 2 fish generated 5000 ample family meals (*and they did all eat and were filled*), as well as 12 baskets of leftovers. As *man shall not live by bread alone*, each family meal of bread-and-fish includes a smidgen less than 1000th of a loaf & 4/10 000ths of a fish.

Yet, in the ‘The Feeding of the 4000’, Jesus used 7 loaves + ‘a few small fish’ (which, assuming we are dealing with whole fish, can be calculated as 3) to *apparently* generate only 4000 family meals and just 7 leftover baskets. But, using our Loafish Formula™, we know that there would have been 7000 family meals and 17 baskets of leftovers.

We therefore have an unaccounted excess of 3000 family meals and 10 extra baskets of leftovers! Cynics are quick to point out this mathematical inconsistency, questioning what became of this embarrassment of riches. But those who would be *fishers of men* emphasize the importance of the next Biblical verse: immediately thereafter, Jesus *sent away the multitude, and took ship*.

By this Act, Jesus, it is claimed, accomplished the third and still-evident miracle of ‘The Feeding of the Multitudes’, ‘The Gift of Names of Foods that Sustain’:

In honour of Jesus, the original Fish Burgher, we now have **The Fish Burger**.

From his shipload of fish, we have the **Fish’n’Chip**.

And by the leftover baskets, symbol of God’s boundless plenitude, we have the offering now known as **The Fisherman’s Basket**.

For as his name is, so is he.

The Epistle of Lazarus to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

They sayest I have lain dead a full four days.

Unwell I took to my bed, lurching to in darkness, body swaddled, feet & hands tied, eyes bound over, and a voice ringing “Lazarus, come forth!”. I could not move, nor could I see, nor yet could I cry out. The sudden light was blinding.

As my tongue does not report, read here my confession: I am wracked & trapped in Eternal Uncertainty. Having died & been reborn—as is claimed—am I truly alive & awake? Or, might I still sleep, still dreaming that I’ve died and am now resurrected? If I have truly died and am here now, reborn, confused & mute & sleepless, this could have occurred before...and may occur again. Is this the promised Eternal Life? But if I still dream that I’ve died and been resurrected, how can I know, if I awaken, that I am not still asleep? Do I dream You?

I am told O Lord, Thine act was, in raising me, to raze the unbelief of the unbelievers, yet here I am.

Help thou mine unbelief!

Yours faithfully,
Lazarus

The Book of Numb Errs

The sons of Noah that went forth were Shem and Ham and Japeth.

And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years and he died.

Shem was an hundred years old and begat Arphaxad.

And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years and begat sons and daughters.

And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Nahor lived after he begat Tehrah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

Tehrah begat Abram,

And the days of Tehrah were two hundred and five years: and Tehrah died in Haran

And lo! Abram is suddenly Abraham!

And, behold, the word of the Lord came to him saying... he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir

And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Sup, Lick, Ate

They're down on their knees

For holy release:

A wafer whets tongue

For what is to come

Before parish wine —

Come, taste the Divine

The Fruit of the Vine

O Nan! & O Men!

O God! & A Men!

Who put the prick

In bishoprick;

Who are the luminaries

Spilling semen

In the seminaries;

Whose iron rod

Rules Synod:

Be-he-moths

Who delight

In dusky light

And dusty wings

And underlings;

Who hold sway every day

In say and way

To the Child

Who is the Father of the Man.

So say I

And so say all of us

And **so do my**

Fellow Men

And Woe-Men.

Pellophilia

We are told

Is the domain

Of those in the No's:

So say I

And so say all of us

And **so do my**

Fellow Men

And Woe-Men.

Do My Nose Proboscum?

Et Cum Spiri HTO

A Men! A Men! A Men!

The McKinsey Report

We have all enjoyed the root and fruit of the rifled and ruffled **Kinsey Reports** which broadly concern how we ‘pleasure’ ourselves and one other. **The McKinsey Report**, a revolutionary and recent tome, considers a subcategory: the mechanics of pleasuring ourselves with a Book. And, of course, the Book of Books is **The Bible**. There is just so much that can give pleasure—the feel of the leatherette cover; those bindings that may just happen to snap undone; the still-hot stink of printer’s ink; the central tassel, that silken cord with frayed end, interleavable, willy-nilly, betwixt the bosom of facing pages.

This Book of Books comes to us, content-wise, not as one, but as two weighty tomes: in the one hand ‘The Olde Teste’—and, as this these days is oft regarded with gay abandon, we may Christen it ‘The Left Teste’; whilst filling the other hand we have ‘The New Teste’—which, embodying the Spirit of Rectitude Himself, we may Christen as ‘The Right Teste’.

For most these two Testes are unequally weighted—thus those of a Biblical persuasion may well find themselves leaning towards whichever side bears the greatest gravitas, meaning their compass, thereby, swings to the Left or to the Right Teste.

There are, of course, those false teachers bringing into our very midst what St Peter (the one for whom the Cock crows), calls ‘destructive heresies’: those who claim that neither Teste should dominate its partner; that rather, each Teste—embodying The Spirit of Equivalence of Other and Self—carries a Load of Poppycock exactly equal to that of its fellow, which we should strive unceasingly to perfectly balance. The McKinsey Report includes, paradoxically, a revival of one of the Bible’s own methods, known in days of yore as ‘The Contemplation of the Crux’, but which McKinsey has denominated as ‘Central Scrutiny of The Singular Phallacy’.

The Miracle of St Raphael

These very ears have heard it dubbed ‘A Miracle!’: St Raphael’s Church, Ferntree, Hobart, was the *only* building to have survived the two major bush fires that razed this community in 1898 and 1967.

Let us therefore give thanks to Saint Raphael, patron saint of travelers, the blind, happy meetings, nurses, physicians, medical workers, matchmakers (though not, presumably, those fashioning the sulfurous variety), Christian marriage, Catholic studies and, especially, sailors; a saint whose aqua-affinity (and therefore pyro-aversion) dates back to the pool of Bethesda, where the multitude of the infirm lay awaiting the motion in the water, for *An angel of the Lord descended at certain times into the pond; and the water was moved. And he that went down first into the pond after the motion of the water was made whole of whatsoever infirmity he lay under.*

Let us praise Saintly St Raphael
Whose church alone in forest dell
Beat twice a snowball’s chance in hell.
Whilst it’s true some fared less well
(Many men and stock and bridges fell)
This miracle stands. Unlike George Pell.

John's Judgmental Jeremiad

A Reading from **The Gospel of St John**:

"Then said Jesus **to those Jews which believed on him**,
If ye continue in my word, then ye are my disciples indeed;
And you shall know the truth,
And the truth shall make you free.

If God were your father you would love me...
Ye are of your father the devil,
And the lusts of your father ye will do.
He was a murderer from the beginning
And abode not in truth,
Because there is no truth in him.
When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own:
For he is a liar and the father of it.
He that is of God heareth God's words:
Ye therefore hear them not,
Because ye are not of God.

Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Before Abraham was, I am."

Klop der klop in der vant!

Here is Eden

Hear this, all ye people: give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world, for The Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve succumbed from eating of the Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil, is hereby revealed!

The Garden of Eden is **The Eden Homestay** in Cygnet, Tasmania, 7112, on 22 Supplice Road.

Murmur not amongst yourselves, but hear this:

One, we know it is called Eden; two, we know it is a place where bounteous grow the apple and fig; three, we know that Adam and Eve's punishment by their father, the Lord God was to be cut off, cast asunder.

Using James Strong's **Exhaustive Biblical Concordance** we discover that Cygnet's post code, 7112, means *to be cast asunder, to be cut off*; further Eden is itself sited on a Road named 'Supplice' – meaning punishment, torture, torment, suffering exacted in retribution for a crime.

The road number for Eden is 22. **Strong's Concordance** also reveals 22 is 'Abiel', carrying the literal meaning of 'God is my father', and the homophonic resonance of 'Abiel'—*ale of the abbey*—this farm indeed expresses its very own apple cider.

But whilst the geography is hereby settled, the botany is not, the unresolved question being the mysterious identity of the destructive apple. We can immediately exclude The Democrat, The Granny Smith and The Eve, leaving seven likely contenders: Ladies in the Snow, Pink Kiss, Cox's Orange Pippin, Jazz, The French Crab, Envy, and The Geeveston Fanny.

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Prophet & Loss

A Prophet is a Fakir
Had by the Lord in his Ear.

The Lord came unto Jeremiah
Who spake as though the Messiah:

Hear the word of the Lord, O Zedekiah:

Thou shalt die in peace

And not by the sword—

So saith the Lord.

In Zedekiah's full view
The king of Babylon slew
All Zedekiah's sons, every last one
Before plucking his eyes (leaving him none),
Bound him in chains
Dragged his remains
To a Babylon jail
Where, blind and sore,
He lay till no more.

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Had by the Lord in his Ear.

GodSwill

As the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, so too the Spirit of God moved upon my very own teenage face, and God said, let there be Hair and Lo! There was Hair, and the Hair was divided from the Skin, and that which was above the Lip was called Moustache, and that which was below the Lip was called Beard. And despite my God-given hearing being just a little less acute than that of my fellow man, in the wilderness of the marketplace I heard a fellow man crying over and over, "Jesus shaves!" and "God shaved Jesus!" and "You too can be shaved!" and as his raiment was white as the light and his visage, quite shorn of Moustache and Beard, shone as the Sun, I knew then that this was a legitimate son of the Son of the Lord and from that day hence, despite the threatening and resonant and hollow commands of old Leviticus that *ye shalt not round the corners of your head, nor shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard*, I have applied razor to face with a clean conscience, knowing that *Not my will, but Thine, be done* and knowing that, I too, am shaved in the eyes of the Lord.

Easy Kill

The Lord Himself has freighted and weighted the number 40:

It is the Holy Number of Death and Sacrifice:

And the Lord said to Noah, I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made I will destroy from off of the face of the earth

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

And the flood was forty days upon the earth

And all the flesh died...and every living substance was destroyed

And it came to pass at the end of forty days, Noah opened the window of the ark and sent forth a raven...

And God saw that *it was* good

And there is but one book in the Bible that has a 40th chapter with a 40th verse: Ezekiel. Ezekiel too concerns Death and Sacrifice, though here by the Hand of Man and the element of Fire:

Ezekiel 40:40 is a verse bounded by tables and is of tables:

Ezekiel 40:39 holds two tables on this side and two tables on that side;

And Ezekiel 40:40 holds two tables at the entry of the north gate and two tables at the porch on the gate;

And Ezekiel 40:41 holds four tables on this side and four tables on that side; four tables of hewn stone; eight tables whereupon they slew their burnt offering and sacrifice...

And the Hand of Man is of five digits

And we have eight tables

And God said, Be fruitful, and multiply,

And Lo! Their product is 40

And God saw that *it was* good.

Adam's Rib

And the Lord God formed Man and the Man was called Adam.

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof.

And Adam stirred in his sleep and said "**Ow**". This was the first word.

And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from Man, made he a **Wo**-Man, and brought her unto the Man.

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh: because she was taken out of me, Man, with an **Ow**, and word becomes flesh, and she forms my Complement, she shall be called **Wo**-Man.

Now, how did Adam, the first Man, despite the removal of his rib still have the full complement of 12 disciple-like ribs: the true, the false and the floating?

Pent is five, costal is rib. The New Pentecostalism asserts that the fifth rib (named Phil-Lip in honour of Jesus' fifth disciple) was the one from which God harvested the stem cells to form **Wo**-Man, however there is another, more credible, explanation:

Adam was created with a spare rib, the so-called 'cervical rib', more likely than not to cause problems if left *in situ*, and thus by its removal the Lord God, muttering in his God-breath *I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and will give you an heart of flesh*, skillfully killed two birds with one stone, forming **Wo**-Man from Man, whilst simultaneously removing this **Wo**^e from Man.

C-Change

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear now my confession made on behalf of the Catholic Church:

It *may* be true that once upon a time, in Exodus, God spake saying: *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy* and Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together and said unto them, *These are the words that the LORD hath commanded, that ye should do them. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a Sabbath day of rest to the LORD; whosever doeth work therein shall be put to death.*

And it is, in fact, true O LORD that the revered trinity of our Holy Fathers Pope Sylvester and the Bishops Constantine and Eusebius, in the Year of Our Lord 364, officially transferred the solemnity that is the Sabbath, the memorial of your creation, which was always held on Saturday, to Sunday, a day we have re-christened officially **The Lord's Day**, using as twin pretexts, one, that Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday, and two, that the Holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles also on a Sunday.

But the real reason, O LORD, we confess, for calling your bluff, diddling the date, shifting the Sabbath, was that we were bored. O Lord, were we bored! One of our number used to strum upon his pleasant harp during service, but always in an Ionian mode and then one morning, moved by the Spirit of the Lord Himself, shifted one note to the right, to the Dorian mode, and we heard it and it was good, a joyful noise. We experienced this as a Revelation from You O LORD, You who *divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar*, realizing the inner verity of the words of our Mother Superior Frank Zappa who has truly stated:

Music is the only religion that delivers the goods.

Conversion Disorder – From Saul to Paul

On the Road to Damascus, Saul was suddenly converted to Paul!

That is: where before an “S” had slanted, now a “P” was planted.

Here, restored for the first time, is Paul, in his own words:

by love Perve one another...

for I

reckon that

the Puffering

of the prePent time

are not worthy to be compared

to the glory which Phall

be revealed in uP

brethren, pray for uP

he may be able

by Pound doctrine

both to exhort

and to convince

the gain Payer

in proclaiming it

I may Ppeak boldly

The Tweet of Paul John Manna-Forte to the Amnerikans

For the Lord himself shall descend from Twitter with a tweet, and with the taunt of a schoolboy, and with the trump of Trump: and Amnerika shall rise first: then we that still live and remain will escape together with them into The Cloud to meet the Lord of the Law in Air Force One, and so shall we be with the Lord, ever above the Law of the Land.

Triad

Three insurers who ranged through The Bible
Hocked God, vouchsafed as reli'ble:
Paul, Jesus and Peter
Wrote contracts in trimeter
Stamped "Complaints to/**THE MAKER**/ Are Libel."

These three shepherds each of The Book
Collectively resolved to cook.
Despite leaves of sage
They weren't on the same page
Ending half-baked and sheepish and crook.

These three preachers who walked from The East
Decided salvation lay in a Feast.
They held a race
To complete Grace
Declaring *Who finishes First is the Least*.

Whose Ringing Kisses Kiss the Ring

Whereas ‘The Rings of Hell’ refers to Limbo and the torments accompanying the Circles of Lust, Gluttony, Greed, Anger, Heresy, Violence, Fraud, and Treachery, the close-sounding ‘The Rings of Pell’, refers rather to the Hierarchy, from Deity to Laity, who pile their Sanctimunctuous Anointment upon The One, Appointed:

The Deity, who made the schlock called Pell;
The Patriarch and Pope, who gift the Rock of Pell;
Cardinal Pell, who shores the stocks of Pell;
Those Archbishops, who raise a bock to Pell;
Those Bishops, who admire and hock George Pell;
Those Priests, who kiss the frock of Pell;
Those Deacons, who stroke the smock of Pell;
Those Choirboys, who extol the jock of Pell;
And those Laity, that are the flock of Pell.

(And his mates, An Howard and One Abbott, who support and wish him well.)

The Little-Read Book

To behave like “a blindfolded man catching sparrows”, or “a blind man groping for fish”, to be crude and careless, to indulge in verbiage, to rest content with a smattering of knowledge – such is the extremely bad style of work that still exists among many comrades in our Party.

Seek truth from facts. “Facts” are all the things that exist objectively, “truth” means their internal relations, that is, the laws governing them, and “to seek” means to study. We should proceed from the actual conditions inside and outside the country or district, and derive from them, as our guide to action, laws which are inherent in them and not imaginary, that is, we should find the internal relations of the events occurring around us. And in order to do that we must rely not on subjective imagination, not on momentary enthusiasm, not on lifeless books.

We should carry on constant propaganda among the people on the facts of world progress and the bright future ahead so they will build their confidence in victory.

Glossolalia

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,
And began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance:

Anima Mahima Laghima Garima
Mahima Laghima Garima Anima

Sarva Bhuta Ruta Jñana
Bhuta Ruta Jñana Sarva

Ishatva Vashitva Prapti Prakamya
Vashitva Ishatva Prakamya Prapti

Ruta Jñana Sarva Bhuta
Jñana Sarva Bhuta Ruta

Laghima Garima Anima Mahima
Garima Anima Mahima Laghima

Bible, Babble, Bubble, Babel
Bible, Babble, Bubble, Babel
Bible, Babble, Bubble, Babel

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind,
And it filled all the house where they were sitting.

BIBLE STORIES NOTES

1. d'Composition

John 1:1
Genesis Ch 4 & 5
Romans 12:19
Matthew 10:34
Exodus 21:24
Leviticus 24:20
The Book of Jubilees 4:31

2. Cheesus

Diane's (or, depending upon the source, Diana's) story is true, verifiable on the Internet. The Catholic dogma that holds Mary as Mother of God was formally affirmed at The Third Eucumenical Council at Ephesus in 431.

3. Which One Is It?

The title refers to Zappa's improvisation on *The Black Page* (**Guitar**, 1988). The Jimeons have threatened to replace every Gideon's Bible with a Jim's Bible.

4. "My Father's House Has Many Rooms"

John 14:2
Luke 6:20
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/heavenly-bank-account>
Exodus 20:17
Matthew 19:24
Exodus 20:15
Matthew 23:27

5. Walking on Water

Matthew 14:22-34
Mark 6:45-53
John 6:15-21
John 12:3
John 1:27

6. "I Am The True Vine"

John 15:1
John 2:1-12
John 1:12

7. Fish Mongery

5000: Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:31-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-14
4000: Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-8; Matthew 4:19
Samuel I 25:25

Loafish™; 1 Family Meal = 1Micro/Quad•Myriath Loafish – 24Myriath-Baskets

8. The Epistle of Lazarus to Jesus
John 11:1-44

9. The Book of Numb Errs

Genesis 9:18
Genesis 11:10-24; 11:32
Genesis 17:5; 17:24

10. Sup, Lick, Ate

Salutation: Dominus vobiscum *The Lord Be with You*
Response: Et cum spiritu tuo *And with your Spirit*
(Roman Catholic, traditional arrangement)
The slippery meanings of *Lord* and *Spirit* are clearly open to mass debate.

11. The McKinsey Method

II Peter 2:1

12. The Miracle of St Raphael

John 5:4

13. John's Judgmental Jeremiad

John 8:31-58
"Klop der klop in der vant" (Yiddish): *Beat your head against the wall*

14. Here is Eden

Genesis 2:17
The Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, also known as Strong's Concordance (James Strong, 1890) indexes every word in The King James Bible. Each original-language word is assigned a number, now known as a "Strong number".

15. Prophet & Loss

Jeremiah 34:4-5: The prediction of benediction
Jeremiah 52:10-11: The depiction of affliction

16. God's Will

Genesis 1:2, 1:10
Leviticus 19:27
Luke 22:42

17. Easy Kill

Genesis 7:4, 7:12, 7:17
Genesis 8:6-7
Genesis 1:10
Ezekiel 40: 39-41
Genesis 1:28

18. Adam's Rib

Genesis 2:21-23
Ezekiel 36:26

19. C-Change

Exodus 20:8
Exodus 35:2
<https://www.sabbathtruth.com/catholic-church-admits-the-change>
Psalm 100
Jeremiah 31:35

20. Conversion Disorder – From Saul to Paul

Galatians 5:13
Romans 8:18
Thessalonians 3:1
Titus 1:9
Ephesians 6:20

21. The Tweet of Paul John Manna-Forte to the Amnerikans
Frank Zappa *Amnerika* (Frank Zappa for President, 2016)
Thessalonians 4:16-17

22. Triad

Psalm 121:3
Exodus 37:17
Mark 10:31

23. Whose Ringing Kisses Kiss the Ring

Inferno (1320) Dante Alighieri

24. The Little-Read Book

The Little Red Book known properly as Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung (1964) is considered to be, after The Bible, the most printed book in the world.

25. Glossolalia

"Glossolalia" means to 'speak in tongues'.

Acts 2:4

Acts 2:2

The Sanskrit words refer to the numerous *siddhis*, the extra-ordinary powers that might accrue to a *yogi*. These include *sarva ruta bhuta jñana*, the capacity to understand all languages, perhaps a little salvation for excessive glossolaliac salivation.

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Twenty-two Questions About Jesus

3. “The Bible is God’s Word?”

Twenty-four Questions About the Bible

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5. Jesus I

Resurrection, Crucifixion, Ascension, Genealogy, Ancestry, Historicity and Extrabiblical Sources, Pagan Figures

6. Jesus II

Credentials, Non-Messiah, Debunked, Incarnation, False Prophet, Virgin Birth, Trinity

7. Jesus III

Character, Deceptiveness

8. Jesus IV

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God, Patriarchs, Matriarchs, Prophets, Peter

10. Injustice

Original Sin, Evil, Innocents, Suffering, Atonement, Heaven, Exclusivism, Hell, Sexism, Slavery

11. Science

Mathematics, False Science, Geography, Flood, Creationism, Biblical Day

12. Belief

False Teachings, Perfection, Prayer, Testing the Bible, Miracles

13. Social Issues I

Abortion, Alcohol, Anti-Semitism, Cannibalism, Children, Communism, Death Penalty, Divorce, Gambling

14. Social Issues II

Homosexuality, Human Sacrifice, Intellectualism, Intolerance, Lending, Nationalism, Polygamy, Poverty, Profanity, Self-Degradation

15. Prophecies

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16. Salvation

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19. Sabbath

Saturday, Sunday, The Change

20. Paul

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21. Accommodations

Misquotations, Nonquotes, Misinterpretations, Ignored Teachings

22. Conflicts

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23. New Testament Service to the Elite

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24. Aside: Other Holy Books

The Book of Mormon, The Koran

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