## **MY PLAN FOR THE SITE**

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This site's **VISION** is an America in the future that has turned back to the God of its youth and is enjoying the peace which reconciliation with the one true God produces in individuals, families, churches, and nations.

This site's **MISSION** is to persuade people that the Bible is divinely inspired and therefore inerrant and trustworthy in all its particulars.

This site's **STRATEGY** is to expose people to the beauty, coherence, consistency, depth, order, precision, and scope of what the Bible actually says about itself, God, human nature, natural history, human history, and other topics. By giving its readers a weekly blog that directs their attention to a particular topic, it will encourage them to look at the author's books and other writings where the topic is considered more thoroughly.

This site's **OBJECTIVES** are examinations of critical topics in sufficient depth (1) to dispel common misconceptions about what the Bible says about them and (2) to propose changes to some of them – i.e. ancient history and natural history - which eliminate conflicts between common versions of them and what the Bible says or implies about them. These topics include the following:

- 1. **The Bible itself**. Briefly, the Bible claims that it is God's Word written. God inspired the twenty-five known authors and twenty-two anonymous authors of its sixty-six books to write what they wrote over the course of 4,000 years, which accounts for its incredible unity and continuity.
- 2. **God**. Briefly, the Bible indicates that the Godhead consists of three discrete persons: God-the-Father, God-the-Son, and God-the-Holy Spirit. Each of these divine persons plays a distinct role in the biblical story. The Father designed Universe and wrote its script. The Son built, sustains, and manages Universe according to the Father's design and script. The Holy Spirit energized Universe and breathes life into its flora and fauna.
- 3. Universe's story. Briefly, the Bible indicates that God is creating a bride whom the Father will present to his Son at the marriage of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7). The bride will consist of all the men, women, and children in history who have accepted the Son as their Savior and Lord.
- 4. **The Son's central role in Universe**. Briefly, the Bible says that He is the protagonist of the biblical story. He is God's Word incarnate. He is the *only* mediator between God and mankind (either one person or all persons). He is the LORD.

- 5. **Satan**. Briefly, the Bible says that he is the antagonist of the Biblical story. Although he is the most intelligent of God's creatures, he is malevolent and dedicated to ruining God's plan for Universe.
- 6. **Mankind**. Briefly, the Bible says that the Bible indicates that Adam, the first man, disobeyed the one proscription which God gave to him, thereby introducing sin and its consequences into Universe. All of Adam's descendants inherit a predilection to sin.
- 7. **Cosmology**. Briefly, the Bible explains how God went about creating Universe in six, twenty-four-hour days.
- 8. **Chronology**. Briefly, the Bible provides us with an unbroken series of temporal increments from Creation to the death, resurrection, and ascension of the LORD over four thousand years later.
- 9. **Natural history**. Briefly, the Bible records a series of global cataclysms that divide history into what the Ancients called "world ages."
- 10. **Human history**. Briefly, the Bible describes events in the lives of the Hebrew people which can be found in the records of the Gentile peoples of the world and thereby connect them to the Biblical story.
- 11. **God's Chosen People**. Briefly, the Bible says that God elected the Hebrew people to serve at least three purposes: (1) to be the Oracles of God (Romans 3:2), writing all the books of the Bible and prophesying in his name, (2) to bear the Messianic seed from Eve, the mother of all men excepting Adam, to Miriam, the Jewish maiden who gave birth to the LORD in a manger in Bethlehem, and (3) to provide an example to the Gentile nations of how God will bless a nation that honors him and obeys his commandments and curse a nation that dishonors him and disobeys his commandments (Deuteronomy 28, 1 Corinthians 10:6,11).
- 12. **God's four institutions** (1) the individual, (2) the family, (3) the ekklesia (or church), and (4) the nation (or state). Briefly, the Bible says that God established them and deals with mankind through them
- 13. **The future**. Briefly, the Bible indicates that the LORD will return to Earth (the Parousia), renew Universe, and rule His Kingdom forever.
- 14. God's inexplicable and unfathomable love for his creation and its creatures particularly mankind. Briefly, the Bible says that "...God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (KJV John 3:16).
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