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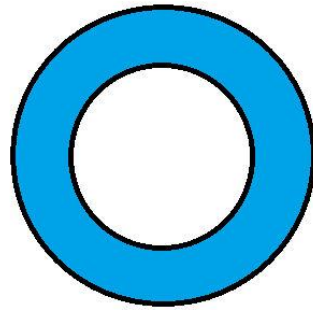
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THE BOOK NINE-ELEVEN - CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS

Truth, Knowledge, Wisdom,
and the World Wide Web

Is the Internet reforming the world's religions with, truth, knowledge and wisdom?

When I learned about the 9/11 attack, I realized that our world had changed and I wanted to understand why!



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THE BOOK is for all the wonderful dedicated people who faithfully make their way to their place of worship every week, every day, or even more. There is acknowledgement and a great deal of empathy for the millions who have received comfort for their suffering through their faith but many may be ready for an update.

We don't wish to offend but they may deserve an update. They may deserve a choice.

They may deserve a book compiled by people who understand that the world is not flat, unlike many of the people who wrote the Torah, the Bible and the Koran.

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Let's challenge (I won't say replace) the world's religions with the truth. Or should I say: Let's use our knowledge and take a clear next step. Let's add to history what we now believe to be the truth.

No one knows God, the word of God, what God wants, why we are here, or what comes next. All we know is that we are here, our world is here, and our galaxy is here. How we got here and what is beyond all that, we don't know. The Physicists and Yogis are working that out, and we will continue to ponder. Let's just leave it at that!

Let's agree that GOD IS THE CREATOR. In the beginning God started the miracle of creation, and when human beings came along, they eventually created a three-letter word for that which created all that was and all that would be: GOD.

Let's not over-reach.

Let's not make it up.

Let's not try to control the world's people. This is guidance – lead by example.

Let's just take our best and go forward.

Let's take our best writings, paintings and creations and codify our culture in the book (I suggest we refer to free and fair search engines). We have thousands of years of good work to draw from.

Let's be very careful not to include anything in **THE BOOK** that sounds good but could later be interpreted by manipulative people to seek control of any or all of the world's people.

Let's appreciate our universe, our world, and its people.

These are the unexplainable miracles that we are blessed with. I think they are much more awe inspiring than the burning bush or any other miracle or vision claimed in the Bible or Koran. If you want proof, just look up at the sky.

Let's assemble our book from our available literature, music, art and video materials accumulated in our short human history and add to it as time goes forward – just the best! (We suggest that free and fair search engines are doing that now).

Include in The Book the praiseworthy materials that attempt to describe our universe.

Include in The Book the praiseworthy materials that attempt to talk about its creation.

Include in The Book the praiseworthy materials that exemplify our good virtues, morals and ethics.

Let's include those common cultural values that the world's people can agree on.

Let's not go too far. These are just the basics – unarguable (thou shall not kill, love thy neighbor, kind of things).

Let's collect a growing bibliography of books, writings, movies and music, that lead to the common good. A good keywords list linking to those materials that exemplify man's genius for speaking about beauty, the awe inspiring, and the miracles of our world and our universe.

Let's steer ourselves away from this path toward self-destruction.

Our religions are not always helping. They are often too busy arguing: "my religion (my book) is better than yours, submit or die."

With all of our praiseworthy literature, poetry and music, etc., we can put together our own and beautiful wedding ceremony for the joining of couples, as the foundation of the family. We can put together our own and meaningful funeral ceremony to celebrate the completion of a life.

We can gather once a week or more to enjoy stimulating dialog and a fulfilling service. Let's meet in a place where we will share our mutual respect, our common commitment to live a good life, in harmony, civility and with the hope for the future.

Let's offer an alternative to what can sometimes be totalitarian leaning religions of the world.

Our organization would have as its foundation - REALITY, TRUTH, BEAUTY, WISDOM, and FREEDOM.

Let's be caring, thinking people, reasonable and rational.

Let's be responsible.

We must have the freedom to question.

We know that with freedom comes responsibility.

We must choose not to indulge ourselves with whatever distracts or entertains us.

We must make good choices.

Do the right thing.

Let's not believe that God the creator chose man to rule the universe.

Let's just appreciate the fact that we are here and were given higher powers and abilities.

Let's use these gifts for ourselves and for our fellow creatures and our planet's benefit and protection not their destruction.

Let's have churches, shelters to have our weekly services in, and perhaps over time THE BOOK will take its deserved place among and along-side of the books of the past, the Bible, the Torah, the Koran etc., in those places.

Can't we admire and preserve the stunning achievements of a multitude of writers, architects, artists and composers who have performed inspired works for the various religions in the past?

And let's build new structures to celebrate GOD'S CREATION and our place in it.

Let's bring the best from all cultures of the world into this book, as long as they are fitting.

People need to have something to explain the unknowable (where do we come from? where are we going?).

We will admit we do not know and will not make things up to satisfy that need – We will be honest.

When we find uplifting passages in the Bible, Koran, Torah, Buddha's teachings, the writings of Confucius or anything else that does not conflict with our tenants we will include them as part of man's search for TRUTH, WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE and GOD THE CREATOR. Again, we must be very careful that there is no passage that may be misused for controlling, evil purposes.

So, let's put this up on a website (I submit that search engines are already filling this need) and invite the caring people of the world to contribute their favorite passages for consideration and inclusion in our book.

We will need a lot of help. Literary experts and the rest of us, who feel strongly that we need a change. We need to make the world a better place for ourselves and our children.

We will need many people to be the final arbiters of the material that goes into this book in the way that algorithms edit pages now. Incorruptible people, immune to the influence peddlers and groups with selfish agendas.

We are each a tiny miracle in God's unfathomable miraculous creation. It is our time to shine. Let's make good use of it.

Where did this paper come from?

Before 9/11/2001, I would say that my view on religion was, "that's fine, no harm done," and as far as going to church went, I enjoyed the experience and felt it was a great place to be and a great thing to do. For me, church was a place where people with good values and ideals gathered to share their appreciation for life with others. I heard many great sermons dealing with our potential for good and as far as the "walk on water stories" were concerned, I was confused by those stories. I wondered why they were there. I felt that what sometimes felt like fantasy interfered with the experience.

After the attack on the United States on 9/11/2001, I began reading a bit about Islam and theology, including the books *America Alone*, *Understanding Terror Networks*, *God Is Not Great*, and *The End of Faith*.

I grew to believe that remaining silent and tolerant of the totalitarian, militaristic side of some of the people who wrote some of the most widely followed religious books were preventing our civilization from going forward toward The Good, The True, and The Beautiful, which is thought to be the goal of a pleasant people everywhere. I know we can do better. We are some of God's best work. God would expect us to do better.

Written by David W. Copplestone in 2007 in reaction to the events of 09/11/2001 World Trade Center bombing.

With an open mind I decided to include what I hope will be read as two positive papers "This Is Heaven" and "THE BOOK" because this E-Book is a "Body of Work", titled "I've been Thinking", and because I believe that ideas must be shared in order to be appreciated or evaluated, even if controversial.