



BOOKLET 1

THE INVITATION

Christianity, biculturalism and Aotearoa-New Zealand

OPENING QUESTIONS:

- Have you ever been sceptical of something that later turned out to be true - or scared of something that later turned out to be safe?
- Why are the foundations of a building important for its strength? Might the foundations of our thinking might be important for our emotional and mental resilience also? How so?
- Have you ever stood in amazement at the wonder of the world around you? What was it that amazed you?

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REGARDING OUR ORIGINS [REVISION OF CONTENT IN *HOPE FOR ALL – THE INVITATION*]

- What factors in nature around us cause people to believe a creator God exists? (Pg 14-15)
- What is the name of the 'transporter machines' that takes spare parts inside the cell to wherever they are needed? What different details are needed in the hardware and software of these biological robots for them to work as they do? (Pg 16-17)
- How complex or simple is the writing of a multi-volume instruction manual for a biological 'machine' like a human being – as compared to an encyclopaedia? Do you think Professor Flew's conclusion that chance processes could not account for the writing of information like this to be a fair conclusion of the evidences?

FROM OUR HISTORY [REVISION OF CONTENT IN *HOPE FOR ALL – THE INVITATION*]

- Was the arrival of the Christian message in New Zealand the result of colonisation, or of an invitation? Explain. (Pg 1-4)
- Maori gradually embraced the gospel (Christian message) as their own. Despite the continuing bad behaviour of many Europeans who were in New Zealand at that time, what were some of the key factors that led to this? (Pg 12-13)
- What was the missionary attitude toward colonisation? Did they succeed in their goals? Explain. (Pg 31-32)



REGARDING THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE OF HOPE

- What is the core Christian message ('the gospel') that so many of our Maori and non-Maori ancestors have believed, and why is it a message of such hope? 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4; ROMANS 10:9-11; JOHN 3:3; 5-8
- How can we be absolutely sure that God will keep His promises? NUMBERS 23:19;

APPLICATION

- What questions do you have?
- What have you got out of today's discussion?
- What is your response to this invitation?