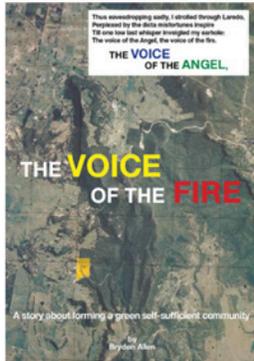


# Truth, Life, Peace, Love?

When I was 17 years old (about 60 years ago) and going to church regularly, I thought about religion more seriously. And before going to sleep in bed, I then started to say “The Lord’s Prayer” and “Scout Prayer” every night as a calming ritual. But I was most definitely just an ordinary agnostic, so I didn’t take the ritual too seriously. And, of course, I certainly didn’t do this when I was married (that would have been a very stupid thing to do).

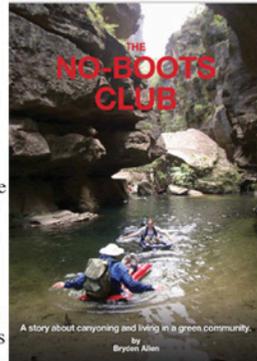
But, then in 2010, I realised that, if you think about the concepts of “truth”, “life”, “peace” and “love” seriously, then there is a serious conflict between “**truth**” and “**life**” concepts (which imply a difficult competitive life) and “**peace**” and “**love**” (which give rise to a relatively easy life). This is all described in detail in my [“My Farewell Message”](#) Internet item of 32 pages. So I don’t need to go into any details about this subject here.

But, of course, almost all religions are fundamentally based on the concepts associated of “**peace**” and “**love**”. So my normal ritual of just saying and “**The Lord’s Prayer**” and “**Scout’s Prayer**” was now way out



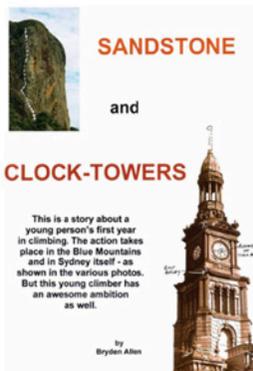
## My Farewell Message by Bryden Allen

Everyone would like to think that human kind could all work together in peace and harmony. The purpose of this little booklet is that this is not possible.



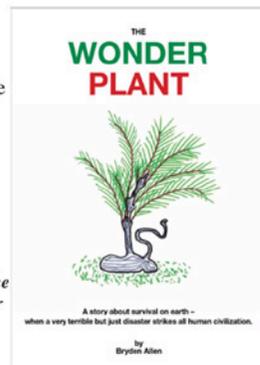
First I show how “**peace**” and “**love**” conflict with “**truth**” and “**life**”.

And then I show how the good concepts of “**equality**”, “**democracy**”, “**free-time**”, “**self-sufficiency**”, “**variety**”, “**low-footprints**” and “**autonomy**” conflict with our current concepts of “**capitalism**”, “**globalism**” and “**economic growth**”.



So our future life probably won’t be as easy and pleasant as the life we have enjoyed for the past 50 years. But then I also do give two important solutions.

The 4 pictures are the covers for my major novels.



*This is the front cover of “My Farewell Message” book.*

of line. So I had a real problem.

(But alas you my reader, as a normal modern person, won't take religion seriously at all. So this means you will probably stop reading this tract of mine immediately. So I am going to loose you as a reader. Such is life. I am almost alone in pondering about these old religious problems.)

It took me several days to work out a new prayer system. But now I am very pleased I did so, because I have now happily used it for the past 10 years every night. This new system is now a lot more complex that my old prayer system. So here it is.

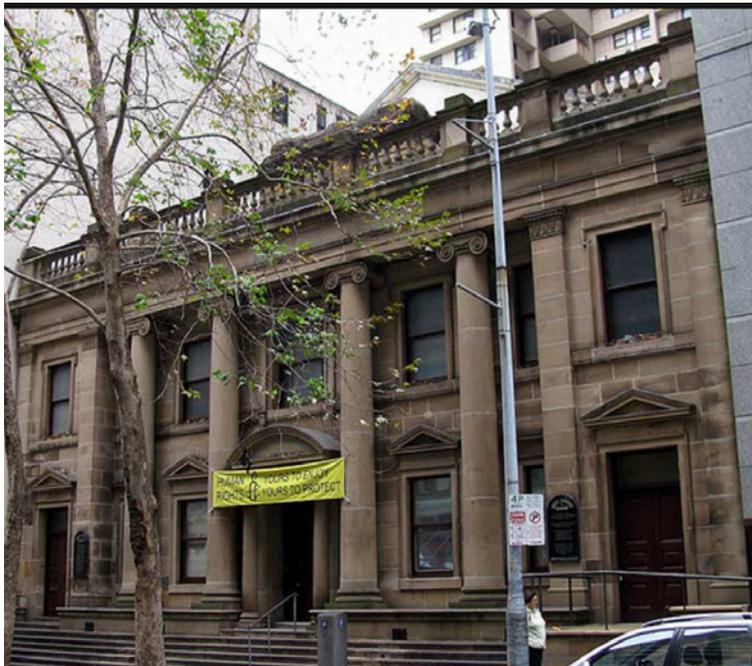
### **My New Extended Prayer System**

Because I was now out-of-line with normal thinking, I felt I had to justify my situation in much more detail. So this is what I did.

I now start my Prayer System with:

**My Guiding Spirit of “truth” and “life” please continue to guide me:**

Then the italic text corresponds to the sacred texts that were sung in Pitt Street, Congregational Church. I went to this church regularly, when I was 22 to 24 years old. They were sung by some very able singers. The items made a big impression on me and the italic text is what I now say every night.



*This is the old Congregational church in central Sydney..*

*They, who wait upon upon the Lord, shall renew their strength;  
 They shall mount up as eagles;  
 They shall run and not be weary;  
 They shall walk and not be faint.*

*Ye - though I make my bed in Hell;*

Even then these two concepts (Truth and Life) shall bring me back to my senses.

*Ye - though my bed in Hell be made;*

Then these two concepts (Truth and Life) will be a comfort to me in my coming trials.

*Oh - grant a Leader Bold - both bold and brave,  
 If not a conqueror, born to save.*

{I would love to be a Leader, and show the World how we ought to live (as described in my [Forming Green Communities](#) book). But I can't be a leader if I don't any followers. But now my hope is that, in the future, some people might read my books and then persuade people that this really is a much better way of living for all people.}

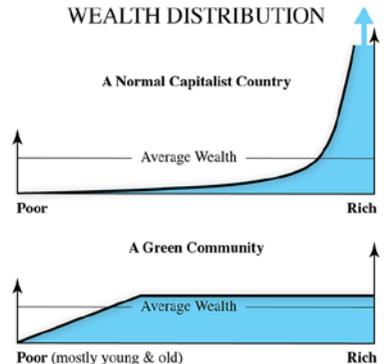
*The foxes of the Earth have holes and the birds of the air have nests;  
 But the Son of Man shall have - no place - no place to lay his head.*

Then I consider the five definite criteria, which I consider will make a really good society. These criteria are given below. In my prayers, I give the heading and then I say some of the normal text in varying ways.

### 1) Equality

In my communities I implement this criteria, by having a strict rule. This rule says that “when a person has gained their fair share of the community’s assets (usually the equivalent of about 10 year’s work) then they can’t work for money for a few years”. This rule ensures that the younger members of the community can get useful work and so become active

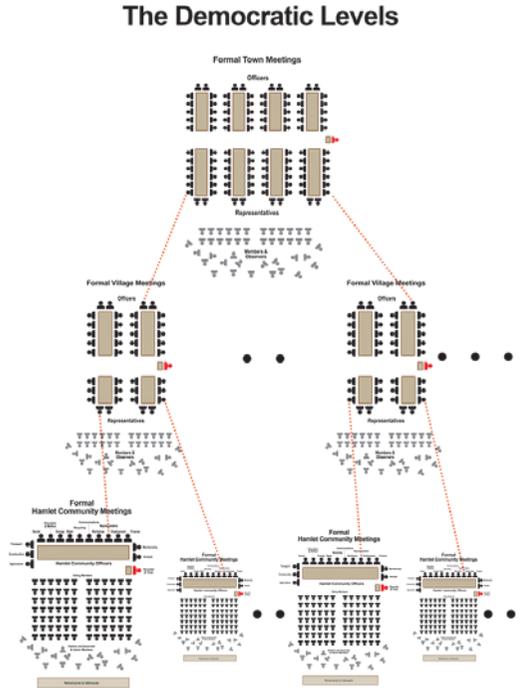
*The picture below shows how different the 2 systems are.*



members of the community. And these young people will then also gain money to look after their own future themselves.

### 2) Democracy

My communities are far more democratic than normal countries are. So, in my communities, every officer is elected by the people, who work in officer's field. Then about 10% of the people in the communities will become officers. And most people will expect to be an officers for an appreciable period of their life. Also people will expect to elect new officers once a month. This also means that the community cannot have a leader, because then there would be a conflict between the leader's decisions and the officer's decisions. So this democracy is very different from current democracies.



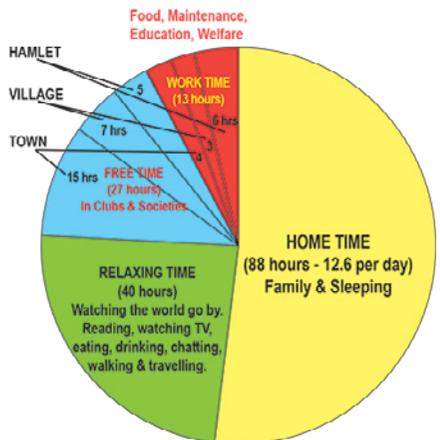
*This picture shows how a good democracy will actually work.*

### 3) Free-Time

These communities will have far more free-time, because this community-system has a much more efficient way of living. For example, there are no cars or independent houses to maintain and only the essential education and welfare is given to people. All these extra facilities can be obtained, but this work is now done during free-time. People will want to do this extra work now, not because of the money they now receive, but because of the "recognition" they receive

### OUR DIVISION OF TIME

(Of the 168 hours of the Week)



in the community's information system. This free-time system will allow all people to spend most of their time doing jobs and helping people, of their own free-will, rather than because of money. In fact, people would normally spend twice as long in free-time activities than in gaining money.

#### 4) Low Footprint

Because in our communities we spend much more time on agriculture and water-collection, we will have a very low footprint. Throughout the world the average footprint per person is 2.3 hectares. In Australia the average footprint is 6 hectares. In our communities we have footprint between 0.1 to 0.2 hectares depending how hard we try.

This low footprint, together with the fact that our communities have a huge amount of Free-Time (as shown just before), means that our communities have a huge capacity to expand through out the world. This circumstance is discussed more fully in my webpage "[The Nature of Life is to Expand](#)".

#### 5) Variety

The nature of our communities means that we can also support a huge amount of variety. Because each community is entirely self-sufficient, each community can make different styles of clothing, utensils and appliances. Also each community can easily communicate using different languages. So all the many communities can all be very different.

So, for example, just in Tasmania, we could easily support 200 Town-State communities of 100,000 people. (This is because Tasmania is about 300 x 300 km wide and our Town Communities only need about 200 square kilometres to support themselves). And all these Town-State could be entirely different. So, just in Tasmania, our communities could support more different types of society than there are in the current world at the moment.



*This picture shows the compact way that I would like to live in.*

Then my prayer system finishes with the usual Lord's Prayer and the Scout Prayer, which I learnt 62 year's ago. I have to start my Lord's Prayer slightly differently - so I will give my version below:

*Our Guiding Spirit of Truth and Life - please continue to guide us.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven,  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom the power and the glory  
For ever and ever. Amen.*

Then the Scout Prayer is:

*Oh Lord – give us rest and peace this night,  
That in thy peace we may now find our rest.  
So when we shall arise in morning's light,  
In each task of life, we may do our best.*

Finally, I finish by considering the major events of my day and any problems, which might have occurred over the day. And then finally I follow with the normal ancient blessing:

*The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;  
The Lord lift up His countenance lift up upon thee, and give thee peace.  
Amen*

When I die, I would like my daughter Naomi Reed to run the funeral service (she has a degree in theology and runs many services in different churches). She wants to know what my favourite hymns are to choose from. So here they are in the order of my preference:

“Father hear the prayer we offer”; “Awake, Awake to love and work”; “Immortal, Invisible”; “He Leadeth Me”; “To God be the Glory”; “Blessed Assurance”.