

GENESIS

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and it was without form and void - much like Australia today.

And God said - "Let there be light and let the waters be gathered together in the seas and let the dry land appear". And God saw that it was good and said - "Let the earth bring forth grass" and so, the earth brought forth grass except in NSW.

So the Lord ordered up superphosphate and behold the clover did emerge.

And God said - "Let the earth bring forth Hereford cattle and Merino sheep with 17 micron wool and kangaroos, foxes, rabbits, blowflies and lice to keep man on his toes".

And God said - "Let us make man after our image to have dominion over the beasts of the field". And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living soul with a built-in drought reserve and God called him **John Adam Plant** - which was the Lords biggest mistake to date.

And because Heaven was a long way off God gave Adam Plant a mobile phone that he might communicate with his Maker - something the Lord lived to regret.

And God made a beautiful garden with rivers and mountains, plants and animals for the pleasure and sustenance of man.

And the Lord God said - "It is not good for man to be alone", so he caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam Plant and as he slept he took one of his ribs - using a novel paravertebral technique. And of the ribs he created woman and called her **Eve Mirium**.

And behold they were both naked but were not ashamed - for they were in room 27 and nobody could see them.

And God forbade them to eat of the tree of knowledge, but Adam Plant had a desire to know all things - especially about Merino sheep - and Eve Miriam just fancied a piece of fruit. So they partook of the tree and immediately knew they were naked and sewed mistletoe leaves together to cover their bits and pieces - which were substantial in Adam Plant's case.

And God was furious at their disobedience and said unto Adam - "As a punishment thou shalt spend a whole week in charge of a group of sheep vets who are mainly from the northern hemisphere and who sing a lot".

And Plant and Miriam Begat and begat as there was nothing else to do what with no TV. And it came to pass when man did further multiply upon the face of the earth that God was displeased with their evil and wickedness.

And the lord said - " I will destroy every man and beast and every living thing upon the face of the earth.

But **John Noah Rodger** was a decent bloke who found favour with God and besides he was good at building boats.

And the Lord said unto him - "Build an ark which shall be 300 cubits long by 50 cubits wide by 30 cubits in depth, with 3 decks and central dividers, so as to conform with European Directives on the Transport of Animals".

And John Noah Rodger employed John Adam Plant as a foreman on the job. Now Plant was a very old man being several hundred years of age, on account that he was still taking the pills. Despite his ancient status he could still boss them about even though his 'drought reserve', was by now a serious impediment and which he kept in a pouch, not dissimilar to that of a kangaroo.

And Plant said unto God - "No Sweat Lord, no worries - Norm and Ronnie can take the buses down to Ag Supplies, pick up some 2 x 4^s and a bag or two of nails and these sheep vets can make a start 7.30 sharp in the morning. The Brits can take the morning shift, the Americans the afternoon shift and the Norwegians the night shift which should stop them bloody singing for an hour or two - the jobs right - fair dinkum!!"

And the Lord God commanded them, saying - "Bring aboard two of every kind of creature upon the face of the earth, making sure the sheep are maedi-visna and scrapie free and unaffected by footrot and lice".

And Plant said unto the Lord - "If we're going to experience some wettish conditions Lord, we'd better get these fellas onto "Drenchplan' sharpish".

And so it came to pass that God made it rain for 40 days and 40 nights. And the road between Lightening Ridge and Moree had flooded.

And Adam Plant didst take off his shoes and socks and didst roll up his trousers and waded into the water to test its depth. And behold he did look bloody ridiculous.

And the flood was so great that it did carry him down stream, so that only his drought-pouch didst keep him afloat.

And he swallowed much water and his life was in danger until Heinz didst pluck him out single handed and Eve Mirium didst give him the kiss of life which she enjoyed to the full - even after

he had been revived for over an hour.

And after 150 days the waters abated and the ~~s~~well in the ark had to be experienced to be believed.

And John Noah Rodger sent forth a Kookaburra from the ark and lo she returned with a kiwi-fruit in her beak. And Adam Plant said - "Strewth, we are in New Zealand! Slip the ark down a cog Norm and fed her the syrup - lets get out of here before Dave West gets organised and we actually experience a Haka".

And so they did tack-about and sailed until the ark came to rest on the tablelands of NSW.

And Adam Plant stood before them - microphone in one hand, drought pouch in the other - and spoke into them saying - "Everybody out!"

So they disembarked - even unto Bill Martin who was trying to finish his lecture on CJD - and joined a multitude of vets from many lands led by the prophet Farquharson, who had escaped the flood but had not been on the pre-conference tour in the ark.

And they were much confused at the rowdy nature of those out of the ark who didst frequently feel a song coming on and didst perform tribal dances and didst make merry on serious occasions when they should have known better.

And during the day the ark dwellers didst attend stimulating lectures on how to keep their animals healthy, but lo, they learned nothing for they could hear bugger-all in the Lazenby lecture theatre.

And Adam Plant drew near unto God and didst whisper in His ear. And God turned to the multitude and said - "**David Henderson**, sit down and shut up".

Here Endeth The Lesson

