I n April 1995, a highly defamatory Four Corners program was broadcast nationwide by the ABC concerning the World Transformation Movement (WTM) and its founder, Reverend Millikan. The program, entitled "Beyond the Human Grail", maliciously and dishonestly criticized the WTM, its members, and its leader, Reverend Millikan. The program resulted in a payout of $700,000 to the WTM, which the ABC itself acknowledged was a "significant part of the ABC's exercise of freedom of expression, and thus the development of new ideas, which in turn will enrich the nation as a whole and ultimately the development of society".

The ABC has behaved with appalling irresponsibility and we await its apology.

As we have said often, the greatest care needs to be taken when the subject of the human condition is at issue because it is the most critical human concern. The ABC, as all journalists and all those who pursue the understanding of the human condition must come. As Plato's allegory of the cave reminds us, the "aesthetic" conditions that lead to fundamental changes in our appreciation of the human condition and by so doing make it possible for all societies to be holistic and humanistic to become a moral and spiritual world; and "reality" is always open to change, as you will see from the current program. To return...