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Hooray for Nigella MacCollloch. He by urging churchgoers to respond to the Government's white paper on the BBC and church times article gives me + people like me the opportunity to have a say.

I'm a churchgoer but not a dyed in the wool, know all the answers Christian. Those who are in my opinion lose out. They've ceased their journey of exploration. Many because they are afraid to challenge some of their doubts for fear that their God who they would claim loves them might bring down some awful retribution. So much for love.

I've been housebound for some time recovering from a broken hip. Instead of attending church on Sunday mornings I've tuned into 'The Heaven + Earth Show'. A breath of fresh air where folk from many religious persuasions are asked to comment on world affairs + where people with a strong sense of spirituality but not necessarily churchgoers are interviewed. I personally enjoyed to me with Dolly Parton bless her outrageous wastrelism.

Now the BBC have Freeview BBC1 + Music 4 + (with other channels); they have space to expand + give time to more stuff like The Naked Archaeologist + The Family who walk on all fours. As a non academic - an every day Joe Bloggs - I loved learning about Josephus the Historian from the time of Jesus. Okay so he exaggerated + laid a few fibs but Archaeologists have sufficient evidence to show most of his writings were fact. He mentioned Jesus but some would say the war added to justify the Jews story ^{in Christ's story} some of it may be conjecture but it's all quite food for thought. I want MORE Religion on the box please. And can we have a little less of what I call the Bravo Brigade. Oh it's easy so loudly needing bright young things + people trying to look like bright young things sing their love songs to Jesus but how long for some things a

