Our Relationship with God in 2018: Estranged or Intimate?

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Our "Image-of-God" Deep Needs

- 1. Assurance that Someone is "in charge" of reality
- 2. A transcendental standard of right and wrong
- 3. Hope that ultimate justice will be done
- 4. Confidence that it is possible to know real, enduring truths
- 5. Assurance of stability in nature and history
- 6. Assurance that Someone loves me in spite of my flaws

God Alone Has Omnipotence

"You alone are the LORD. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and everything in it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worship You." (Neh 9:6)

"I establish My covenant with you and your descendents after you and with every living creature that is with you ... all that go out of the Ark ... The sign of the covenant ... is with you for perpetual generations ... My rainbow in the cloud." (Gen 9:9–13)

"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth. And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind." (Isa 65:17)

Enviro-Pagan Worship in NYC



Overt Paganism Today



Andrew Cohen Leader of the *Enlightenment Next* movement

"Why is it important that there is only one, not two? All problems stem from the ignorance arising from Twoism. The discovery that there is only one not two is the solution to all our problems. This is the fundamental nature of reality. This is the absolute profound mystical shift . . . This has to come first."

Winter Retreat: Tucson, Arizona (Dec 27 2011–Jan 6 2012)

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"These [creation] beliefs expounded in Scripture were from early times challenged by Canaanite mythology, mainly known to us from Ugaritic sources. The religion of Canaan deified the natural forces and attributed to various gods the power to control these forces in nature."

~Leah Bronner, *The Stories of Elijah and Elisha* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1968), 67

Ambitions of Globalist Politicians



Michael Hulme Professor of Climate Change, University of East Anglia (UEA) "The function of climate change ... really is not about stopping climate chaos. Instead, we need to see how we can use the idea of climate change ... to rethink how we take forward our political, social, economic and personal projects over the decades to come. ..."

Why We Disagree About Climate Change (2009)

God Alone Has Omnipresence

"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there. If I make my bed in hell, behold You are there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me and Your right hand guide me. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall fall on me,' even the night shall be light about me." (Ps 139:7–11)



Exilic Jewish Experience 1000s of Miles from Israel

"I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces ... because there is no other God who can deliver like this." (Dan 3:29)