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This is written so that you may believe the bible because of science rather than in spite of science.

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1) What's Happening at Science and the Bible?

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This month the article is a continuation of the exercise started last month of thinking outside the box. It may be shorter than usual, but it contains many concepts that will be difficult to wrap your mind around.

Is there really any such thing as a supernatural God?

To many people today, the answer is a flat out no. To many scholars, religion is just a feature of ignorant people to be tolerated by the more enlightened.

That answer could be true, depending upon how you define the concept of a "god," of what you define "God" to be.

From a lucky rabbit's foot, to a great Sugar Daddy in the Sky, it is obvious that some of the things humans have religiously accepted are nothing but believing in something they know is not true.

But beyond all this, the question remains. Does the God of the Bible really exist?

2) The God of Religion vs. The God of the Bible

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A Few Ideas from a Major Treatise on the Concept of God

“ [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you...” I Peter 3:16 (KJV)

When a scientist reads the bible with an open mind, there arises a multitude of ideas known as thinking outside the box.

Warning: The material in this article may be offensive to some theologians. The content is the product of thinking outside the bounds of traditional theological thinking. It is presented in the spirit of academic freedom to stimulate thinking in others. It is not intended to be the answer, nor is it intended to be authoritative. Please be so kind as to bring any thoughts you may have to my attention. Unlike the time of Galileo, today it is not illegal to practice theology without a license.

Political Correctness

The prevailing political correctness philosophy of today says that all religions are equal and that the various gods are simply the result of the evolution of the imagination of the human mind.

Today's politically correctness lumps the God of the bible with all other gods of all religions as being only a religious imagination to be tolerated as the opiate of the masses, but not to be taken seriously as a reality.

It seems obviously apparent that many of the gods of religion are the product of the imagination of the human mind.

The widespread acceptance of this teaching among intellectuals is intimidating.

Reality

The god ('s) of religion and the God of the bible are distinctly different entities.

Could it be that the only intelligent higher power (god) that exists in reality is the God of the bible, and all other gods of the various religions exist only in the minds and imaginations of religious people?

To make that statement in the politically correct environment, which governs this world, would be inflammatory.

Restating the Obvious

Lets think about the concept of the God of the bible using different vocabulary than is common among religious circles. Lets use different words to more precisely describe the various features attributed to God by the bible itself. Lets see if the God of the

bible can be distinguished from the various god ('s) of the various religions.

An Extra-Terrestrial Intelligent Life Form?

Could it be said that the God of the bible is described, in the bible, as an Extra-Terrestrial Intelligent Life Form?

The God of the bible is described as existing outside the confines of the earth, therefore the terminology Extra-Terrestrial seems appropriate. In fact, the bible describes *Elohiym* (the original language name for God meaning powers/forces/energies) as existing both inside and outside the entire universe, and before the universe existed, and is to continue to exist after the universe is uninhabitable by hydrocarbon-based life forms such as humans.

Non-Hydrocarbon Based Life Form

Humans are a hydrocarbon based life form, and as such are limited to the earthly terrestrial environment that supports that form of life. Isn't the God of the bible something that is not hydrocarbon based (not flesh and blood)? Isn't the God of the bible something that had to take on flesh and blood to become like a human in that respect.

Energy Based Life Form?

Since it is not hydrocarbon based, and does not appear to be something that is composed of any form of physical matter, could that intelligent entity we call God be something that is energy based?

As such, the God of the bible, being Energy, would be compatible with the concepts of modern science concerning energy. Energy, according to modern science, can be neither created nor destroyed, it is eternal. It appears to be the only thing that modern science currently accepts as eternally existing. The bible describes God in the same exact way.

This concept of God is found in the meanings of God's primary names found in the ancient languages of the bible:

Elohiym: the Plural of the ancient combined concept of power/force/energy

Yahweh: Everlasting

Eternal Life Form?

Since the only thing currently identified by modern science as eternal—as something that can be neither created nor destroyed—is energy, it seems that scientists already accept a major concept associated with the God of the bible.

A favorite comeback by science minded doubters of the bible is the question, "If God existed before He created the universe, then who created God?"

The answer then becomes, "If energy, such as in a "black hole," existed before the beginning of the universe, then who created energy?"

You see, energy and the God of the bible are in the same class of that which has neither beginning nor end. And the name for God in the bible is the word used for the

ancient concept of Energy/Force/Power. Coincidence???

Invisible Power/Force/Energy?

We are familiar with the term “*Holy Spirit*”, but not familiar with the original meaning of the terms from which “*Holy Spirit*” is translated. Both the ancient Hebrew forms *Ruwach*, and the ancient Greek form, *Pneuma*, have the same meaning, a meaning that is not exactly translatable into a single word English concept. It carries the meaning of “*Invisible Power*”. Generally we are taught that the original word (in either language) has two distinctly different meanings. It is to be translated as either spirit, or wind. However, spirit is a nebulous meaning that is relegated to the realm of religion rather than reality. In reality, and in the original language, the meaning is simply invisible power, not differentiated into wind or spirit. As such, this invisible power term describes anything that makes things happen but cannot be seen. If we were still using those languages today, that single word would include what we call electricity, hydrologic power, magnetism, and any other invisible force, or form of energy. They would all be lumped into the same generic term relating to the overall concept of power/force/energy.

And that concept is what is used to describe the God of the bible when it has the property of indwelling a human life form.

Is it by coincidence that this concept of God is found in the meanings of God’s primary names found in the ancient languages of the bible?

Elohiym: the Plural of power

Yahweh: Everlasting—having no beginning nor end

Ruwach: Invisible power

Pneuma: Invisible power

Principles of Physical Matter and Energy

Matter and energy can occupy the same space at the same time, or the matter can occupy that space alone. This is illustrated by a teakettle of water that can contain the energy of heat at one time, and be cold with the energy of heat being absent at another time. The teakettle of hot water is indistinguishable from the cold in all aspects other than the presence or absence of the energy. Just as heat in a teakettle of water, the entity of energy cannot be seen, but the effects of it can be sensed. Such energy-influenced effects also include the swaying of trees, or the actions of humans.

Plural Form of Energy

The God of the bible is presented as a plural form of energy.

It is not that difficult for the mind of a scientist to grasp the concept of a plural form of energy.

Electromagnetic energy is a plural form of energy, two forms of energy that are co-dependent upon each other for its very existence. Electromagnetic energy is omnipresent in our lives, existing in such things as infrared radiation, radio waves, light, even X-rays and gamma radiation. In electromagnetic energy, electrical energy, and

magnetic energy co-exist in a single entity

Plural Form of Energy Having Intelligence and Wisdom

A plural form of energy having intelligence and wisdom is a bit harder concept for the mind of a scientist to grasp.

However, so would be the concept of the existence of some form of matter having the same attributes were it not for the fact that we can observe such a thing.

Currently, in the entire universe, such a thing as intelligent matter in any form, including our own hydrocarbon based life form, is rare. In the universe, intelligent matter in the form of the human life form is extremely rare. So far as we have currently determined, such a thing as intelligent matter exists only on this single, seemingly insignificant planet. Intelligent life in any form is so rare that it may be only in the imagination of the scientist that intelligence exists in any other form of matter than that found here on earth. Thus the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project has yet to be successful.

So too, an intelligent entity that exists in the form of energy rather than matter, may be so rare that it may be only in the imagination of the scientist that such intelligence exists.

A Definition of God from the Bible

The bible defines which God is the creator—and it is not the gods of religion.

^{10:10} *But the LORD [is] the true God, he [is] the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.*

^{10:11} *Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, [even] they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.*

^{10:12} *He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his intelligence.*

Thus, the true God, the God of the bible is defined as the triune combination of Power/Force/Energy+Intelligence+Wisdom.

The Triune Image of God: Power/Force/Energy+Intelligence+Wisdom

The bible describes humans as being in the image of God.

Having the three attributes of energy/power, wisdom, and intelligence does fit the image of both humans and the God of the bible.

In fact, the modern doctrine of the trinity may be an outgrowth of that very principle, Power (*Elohiym*) becoming the Father, Intelligence (*Logos*) becoming the Son, and Wisdom becoming the Holy Spirit (*Ruwach/Pneuma*).

The Higher Power (God) of Religion (as Opposed to the God of the Bible)

Defining the *religious* concept of God:

A power is something intangible, invisible, that has the ability to make something happen.

A power is something that humans can control, wield to make things, or people, do their will.

A higher power is similar, except humans cannot control it. It still has the power to affect, even control, humans and their surroundings. But humans cannot harness it to be their slave.

An example of a higher power would be the sun. Humans have no control over its existence, or its output. Yet, without the sun, there would be no power for photosynthesis to convert carbon dioxide and water into the Hydrocarbon we eat, nor the oxygen we breathe—the essentials of life. As such, historically the sun has been one of the major higher powers worshipped as a god.

The gods of religion are not required to actually have any power. To be a god of religion, it is only required for some human to perceive, or imagine that it actually has some higher power to influence the surroundings. An example would be a lucky rabbits foot, or some imaginary sugar-daddy in the sky, typical of prosperity religion, or name it and claim it theology.

Anthropomorphism and Religiousization of the Concept of God

A major barrier to establishing a valid concept of God is the widespread religiousizing of the God of the bible. Even from the very first official translation of the Original Language into the Greek Language, through which our concepts present in the English language bible, the concept of God was religiousized. A major name of God in the English language, “LORD” carries a concept different than that found in the original word used, but consistent to the word used in the LXX. That word is translated some 6000 times in the Septuagint from the concept of eternal, without beginning or end, everlasting, into the religious concept describing the master/slave relationship, LORD. It appears that theologians, in their translation from the original language read into the concept of God the corrupted idea of power being restricted to the power of the master in the master/servant relationship. A more general definition fits actual details of the biblical descriptions of God.

Summary

Whether the God of the bible is reality, or the result of the imagination of human religion is the question. It is obvious that many features of the god (‘s) of religion are not consistent with reality. But, there is a vast difference between the God of the bible and the gods of the various religions. Even among the various forms of Christian religion, The God of Religion and the God of the bible are two distinctly different entities. However, the definition of the God of the bible as given above is consistently within the realm of theoretical science as in the current effort by modern science in it’s Search for Extra-Terrestrial, Intelligence (SETI). Not only is the God of the bible described as an extra-terrestrial and intelligent entity, it is also extra-hydrocarbon. That is, it is not hydrocarbon based as humans are. Is the God of the bible therefore, an entity that is based in the only thing modern science deems to be eternal? Is the God of the bible some form of multiple energies possessing the attributes of Intelligence and Wisdom? Is the God of the bible the ultimate finding of the ever-present human search for some form of Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence?

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