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Why Christianity Makes Sense

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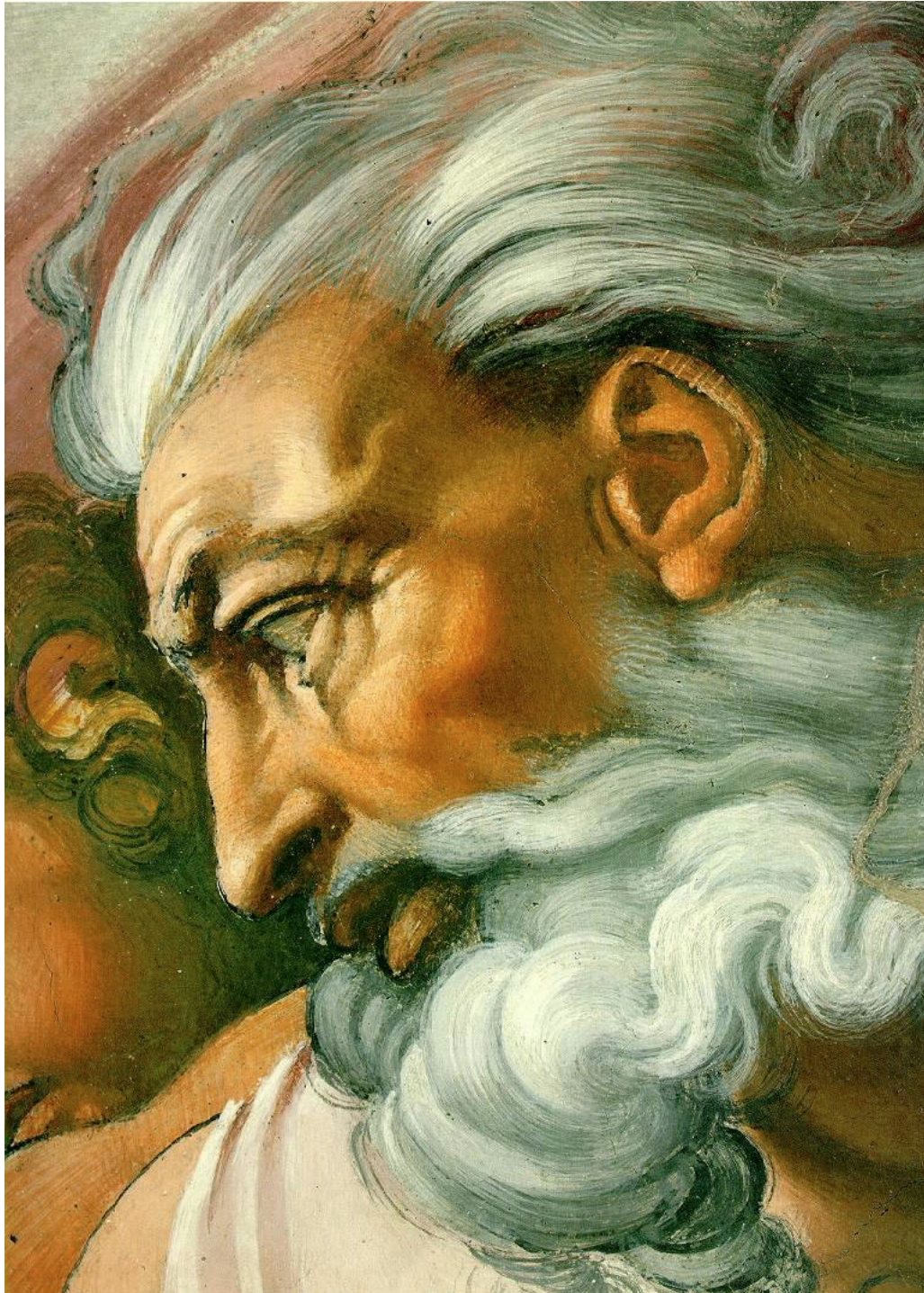
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God

- God in < 30 minutes. Buckle your seat belts.
- What is your image of God?















**Anybody who could turn Lot's wife
into a pillar of salt, incinerate Sodom
and Gomorrah and make it rain for
forty days and forty nights has got
to be a fun guy.**



A
CARL
REINER
FILM

"Oh, God!"

A JERRY WEINTRAUB PRODUCTION
GEORGE BURNS • JOHN DENVER • "OH, GOD!"
TERI GARR

DONALD PLEASANCE • Based on the Novel by AVERY CORMAN
Screenplay by LARRY GELBART • Produced by JERRY WEINTRAUB
Directed by CARL REINER

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Where is God

- Bible speaks of God in heaven.
 - This does not mean they thought it was place they could get to. It meant rather God's space as opposed to human's space.
 - It did not mean to them the place where we will go to live in blissful harmony after we die. Heaven for them was a present reality.
- So, if this is the case, how do heaven and earth interact?

Three options

1. God's space and our space are the same thing. (Pantheism)
2. God's space and our space are distinctly separated and essentially heaven is not accessible. (Deism)
3. God's space and our space overlap and interlock in a number of different ways.

OT Names of God

- ELOHIM.....[Genesis 1:1](#), [Psalm 19:1](#)--meaning "God", a reference to God's power and might.
- ADONAI.....[Malachi 1:6](#)--meaning "Lord", a reference to the Lordship of God.
- JEHOVAH--YAHWEH.....[Genesis 2:4](#)--a reference to God's divine salvation.
- JEHOVAH-MACCADESHEM.....
[Exodus 31:13](#)--meaning "The Lord thy sanctifier"
- JEHOVAH-ROHI.....[Psalm 23:1](#)--meaning "The Lord my shepherd"
- JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH.....[Ezekiel 48:35](#)--meaning "The Lord who is present"
- JEHOVAH-RAPHA.....[Exodus 15:26](#)--meaning "The Lord our healer"
- JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU.....[Jeremiah 23:6](#)--meaning "The Lord our righteousness"
- JEHOVAH-JIREH.....[Genesis 22:13-14](#)--meaning "The Lord will provide"
- JEHOVAH-NISSI.....[Exodus 17:15](#)--meaning "The Lord our banner"
- JEHOVAH-SHALOM.....[Judges 6:24](#)--meaning "The Lord is peace"
- JEHOVAH-SABBAOTH.....[Isaiah 6:1-3](#)--meaning "The Lord of Hosts"
- JEHOVAH-GMOLAH.....[Jeremiah 51:6](#)--meaning "The God of Recompense"
- EL-ELYON.....[Genesis 14:17-20](#),
[Isaiah 14:13-14](#)--meaning "The most high God"
- EL-ROI.....[Genesis 16:13](#)--meaning "The strong one who sees"
- EL-SHADDAI.....[Genesis 17:1](#),[Psalm 91:1](#)--meaning "The God of the mountains or God Almighty"
- EL-OLAM.....[Isaiah 40:28-31](#)--meaning "The everlasting God"

<http://www.smilegodlovesyou.org/names.html> This site lists 200+ other ways that God is referred to in the Bible.

Israel

- Why talk about Israel?
- “It is fundamental to the Christian worldview in its truest form that what happened to Jesus of Nazareth was the very climax of the long story of Israel.”
- Trying to understand Jesus without understanding the story of Israel is like to understand baseball if all you see is the batter swinging at balls.

4 Themes in Israel's Story

1. The king. There will be a true king that will set things right.
2. The temple. This new king will reestablish the place where heaven and earth intersect.
3. The Torah. The Torah was a way to build corporate identity.
4. New creation. Creation will be made whole and all will be incredibly well.

Next week

- Read
 - Chapter 7: Jesus and the Coming of God's Kingdom (13 pages)
 - Chapter 8: Jesus: Rescue and Renewal (14pages)
 - I'll post some notes I took while reading the book on the BLOG (simplychristian.eklund.io)
- I will also post the material from today on the BOG (and have posted the material from last week).