#### You Cannot Be God

A second way to believe in more than one god is called **polytheism**. The ancients called it **paganism**. Today it carries on in disguise beneath the false-neutrality of **relativism** (just live your own truth). **Truth is perfect-information about reality**. Beneath the idea that you can "live your own truth" is a belief that you can create your own world. Since the Creator of the world is God—to live "your truth" you have to replace Him as god of "your world." But are you **perfect**?

Polytheism is the most popular belief system on Earth. It always has been. Notice carefully what follows dear reader. There is no real difference between the humanism of today and the paganism of yesterday. We humans change our minds about what's right and wrong as easily as we change our clothes. What's right today will be wrong tomorrow—and vice-versa. The gods of paganism are just like us. In Homer's description of the Trojan war, the gods pick sides and work against each other instead of together. Zeus and Aries even switch teams partway through to appease the women in their lives. Mount Olympus isn't perfect. It's a soap-opera of corruption, just like Washington D.C..

Do you see how important **meaning** is to knowing God? If there isn't meaning in the word "God," how can we say who HE IS? To become gods ourselves we have to flip reality upside-down. We can't, and that's a problem for today's humanist-paganism – even for a quasi-christian variety called **Mormonism**. Mormons believe that God is a human who "grew" to become a god. Remember my dear reader that **Perfection** can't grow into anything but what He always Was, IS, and **IS to come**. The Mormon god is just like us? He **changes** his mind like he changes his clothes. Like Zeus and Aries, he commands things (like plural-marriage or the exclusion of non-white people), but changes his mind to appease others. Any such god is as weak and fickle as you or me. They're imperfect. They cannot be God – and neither can you.

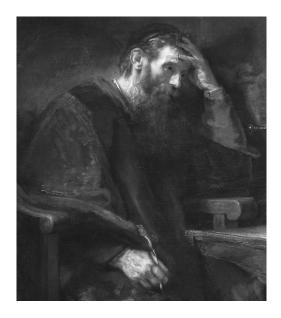
#### "Who Are You Lord?"

Saul of Tarsus thought he was an expert on who God IS. Like every Jew, Saul knew that "I AM" IS One God. This conviction led Saul to Damascus to crush those worshipping the Son of God. On the way, God knocked Saul off his high-horse—literally. Saul asked Him: "Who are You Lord?" God answered...

## "I AM Jesus..."

Exodus 3:14-15 – Isaiah 44-46 – Acts 9:1-7

# Who IS God?



God IS the Eternal Perfect Being. He never began and He can never end. HE IS morally-perfect. He consists in every possible good, the greatest being Love. He cannot be corrupted by evil. God has perfect knowledge and power and uses these for His perfect purpose. HE IS truly Perfect. That's What God IS. But Who IS He? Well, for starters...

## Who Isn't He?

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#### A Simple Test: Perfect or Bust

Sherlock Holmes, Arthur Conan Doyle's famous fictional detective, noticed that "when you eliminate the impossible, what remains no matter how improbable, must be the truth." He is "indubitably" correct. Still, we must be careful about assuming what is and isn't possible. For now my dear reader, let us limit our inquiry to the solid grounds of logic. By employing deduction we can see who God isn't. This will carry us a long way towards seeing who HE IS. The following employs a basic method of logical inference called *Modus Tollens*. Notice my dear reader—it's quite "elementary."

P1: If God Exists, HE IS the Perfect Being.
P2: An imperfect thing cannot be perfect.
\* (by the <u>law of non-contradiction</u>)
C: An imperfect thing <u>cannot</u> be God.

I must encourage you now to be brave as well as smart. You may not want to apply this test to your beliefs for fear of finding an unnoticed weakness. It's in your best interest to do it. Don't trust blindly in a system that <u>cannot</u> be true. Socrates said, "the unexamined life isn't worth living." I dare you to examine yours.

#### The World Cannot Be God

The belief that God and the Universe are one and the same—and that everything including you is a part of God is called **pantheism.** A pop-culture example of the idea is 'Eywa' of the *Avatar* universe. Ask yourself: "is the world perfect?" **Are you?** Pantheists believe that God (aka: the world) is beyond good and bad, and that morality is just a matter of our limited perspectives. **Is it?** Is racism good from some perspective? Are rape, murder, slavery, and intolerance objectively bad, or **is that just "your perspective?"** Is leukemia in a newborn baby only bad from the perspective of a loving parent? No! Such things are clear imperfections and they beg to be set right.

Perfection is immune to change (immutable). The world began and suffers from decay and ever-increasing disorder. If left alone, the whole-world is going to die. This is described by the second law of thermodynamics. The whole-universe (including you) needs to be rescued. Why? Because it's an imperfect place full of dying things. A place isn't a Person. A place can't give itself in love to save another. Since Love is vital to moral-perfection, God IS a Personal-Being. The world is careless. On its own, the world is meaningless. It's self-evidently imperfect. It cannot be God.

### The gods Cannot be God

The belief in multiple gods takes one of two forms. First is **dualism.** This is often represented by the popular "yin & yang" symbol of Taoism. A pop-culture version of the idea is 'The Force' of the Star Wars universe. Dualism suffers from the same problem of perspective as pantheism. The "dark-side" and "the light" both think they're the good-guy and always try to wipe out the other. So, where does the good of balance come from? Doesn't it have to come from something before and above the two competing gods? To prevent one god from destroying the other, a cosmic referee is needed who is wiser and more powerful than them both. Since the gods of dualism need a "god" of their own just to survive, they are **imperfect**. And since that god doesn't prefer life over death, good over evil, or love over hate—it's imperfect too. Ask: "Is it **better** to serve one god over the other?" Says who? Hitler served "the good" according to him. Was he objectively **wrong**? What gives us the right to judge him. A Law of Perfection is needed. Since the gods of dualism lack it, they're imperfect. They can't be God.