

ELIJAH
and
THE PRIESTS OF
BA'AL



CREATOR
VS
creation
worship
(idolatry in
your soul)

1. Since the entrance of sin into the human race, the default position of the sin nature is to worship the creation rather than the Creator.

Romans 1:18, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,"

suppress, καταχω *katecho*

present active participle genitive masculine plural;

1. to prevent the doing of something or cause to be ineffective, prevent, hinder, restrain; hold down, suppress something
2. to adhere firmly to traditions, convictions, or beliefs, hold to, hold fast
3. to keep in one's possession, possess
4. to keep within limits in a confining manner, confine

Romans 1:19, "because what may be known
of God is manifest in them, for God has
shown it to them

Romans 1:20, "For since the creation of
the world His invisible attributes are clearly
seen, being understood by the things that
are made, even His eternal power and
Godhead, so that they are without excuse,"

Romans 1:21, "because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:22, "Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23, "and changed the glory of
the incorruptible God into an image made
like corruptible man - and birds and four-
footed animals and creeping things.

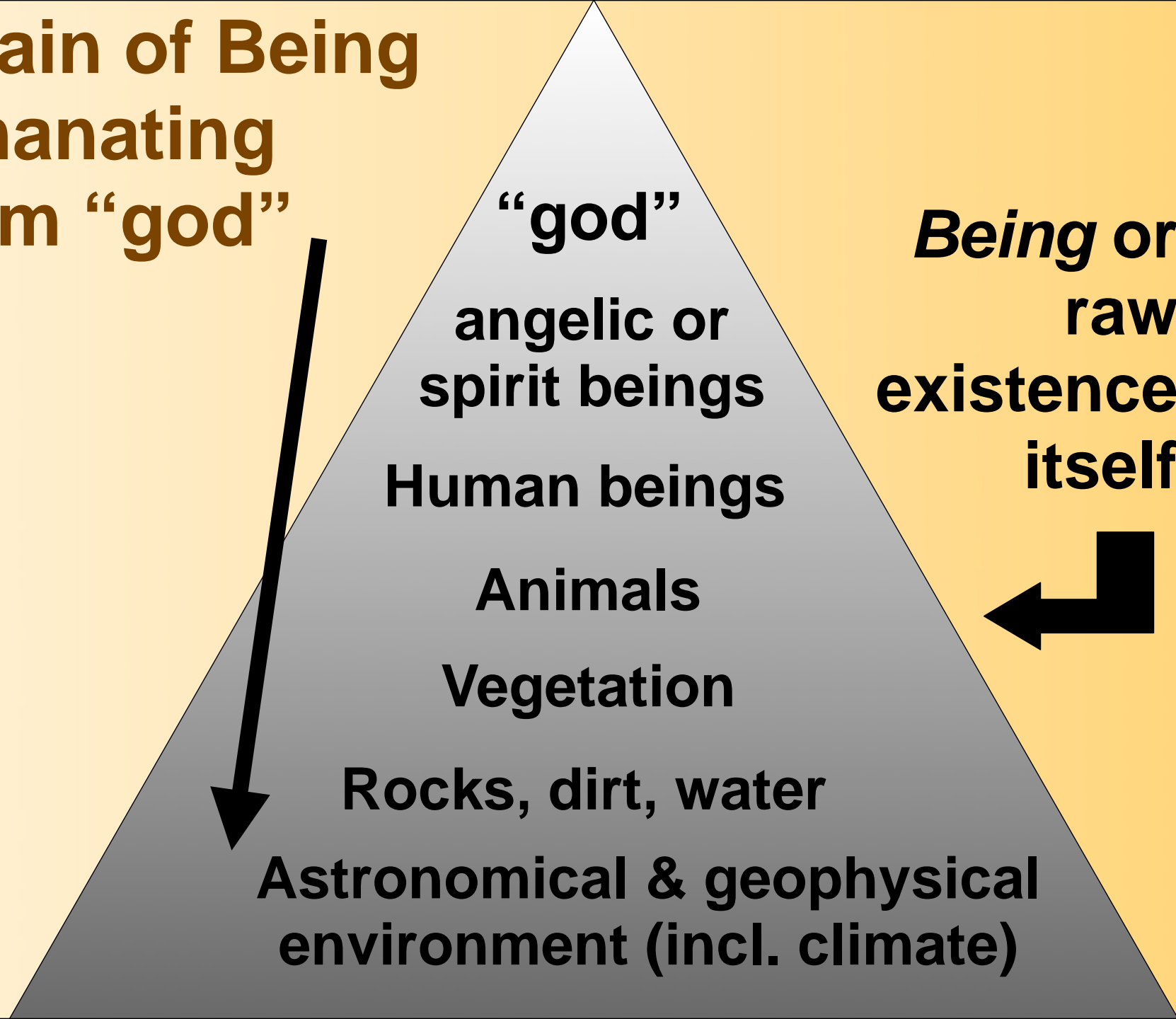
Romans 1:24, "Therefore God also gave
them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of
their hearts, to dishonor their bodies
among themselves,"

2. This has taken many forms in history, from the worship of nature gods and fertility religions in the ancient world to modern deep environmentalism.

3. Human viewpoint religion sees “god,” man, and nature as part of the same continuum.

4. Divine viewpoint sees “nature” as God’s distinct creation and man set over nature.

Chain of Being Emanating from “god”



“god”

**angelic or
spirit beings**

Human beings

Animals

Vegetation

Rocks, dirt, water

**Astronomical & geophysical
environment (incl. climate)**

***Being or
raw
existence
itself***

Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth’.”

“We owe the animals not mercy but justice, and the debt often remains unpaid in Europe, the continent that is permeated with “stench of Judaism” *Foeter Judaicus*... it is obviously high time in Europe that Jewish views on nature were brought to an end... the unconscionable treatment of the animal world must, on account of its immorality, be expelled from Europe.”

Arthur Schopenhauer (1788–1860)

5. Thus, biblically, any study of “nature” with a starting point other than special, *ex nihilo* creation will have major problems when it starts extrapolating to “macro” universals, such as climate control, “fossil” fuels, etc.

6. At the very core of the human viewpoint construct is a denial of divine Sovereignty, divine control, and divine prediction.

Col. 1:16, “For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Col. 1:17, “He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

7. When man operates on false constructs or fantasy origin myths such as evolution, this begins to penetrate every area of thinking. The result of fantasy thought is self destruction.

8. Since the consequence of introducing this kind of error is so destructive; God had a special penalty for this in the nation Israel in the Old Testament.

Ex. 20:1, “And God spoke all these words, saying:

Ex. 20:2, “I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”

**Ex. 20:3, “You shall have no other gods
before Me.”**

Ex. 20:4, “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth;

Ex. 20:5, “you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,”

Deut. 13:1, “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

Deut. 13:2, “and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’”

Deut. 13:3, “you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deut. 13:4, “You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.”

Deut. 13:5, “But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.”

Deut. 18:20, “But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”

Deut. 18:21, “And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’”

Deut. 18:22, “when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”



1 Kings
18:38, “Then
the fire of the
LORD fell
and
consumed
the burnt
sacrifice, and
the wood and
the stones
and the dust,
and it licked
up the water
that was in
the trench.”

1 Kings 18:39, “Now when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces; and they said, ‘The LORD, He *is* God! The LORD, He *is* God!’”

1 Kings 18:40, “And Elijah said to them, ‘Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!’ So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.”

1 Kings 18:41, “Then Elijah said to Ahab, ‘Go up, eat and drink; for *there is* the sound of abundance of rain’.”

Rom. 6:11, “Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Rom. 6:12, “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.”