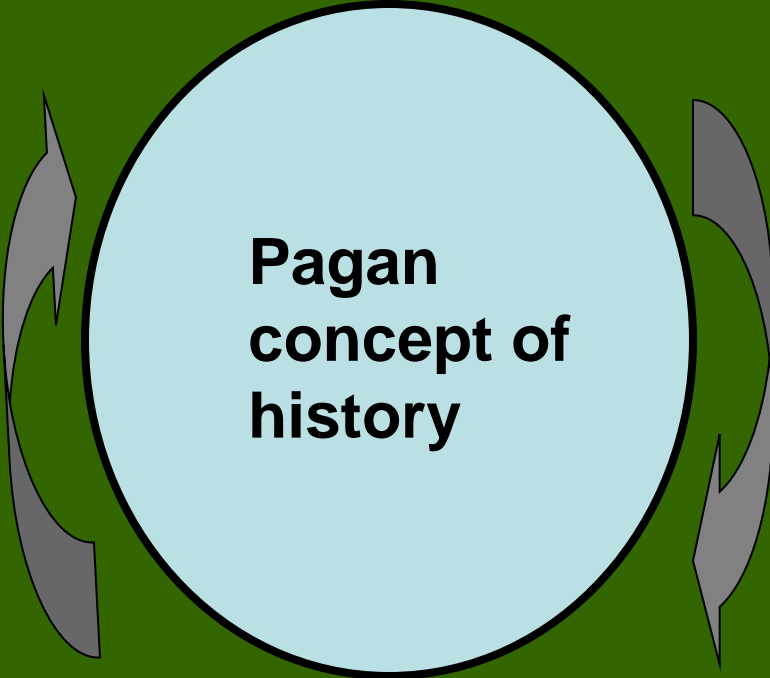
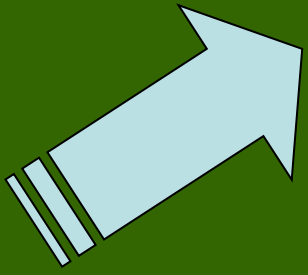
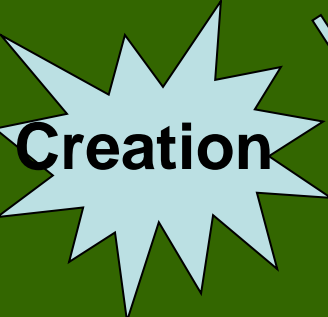
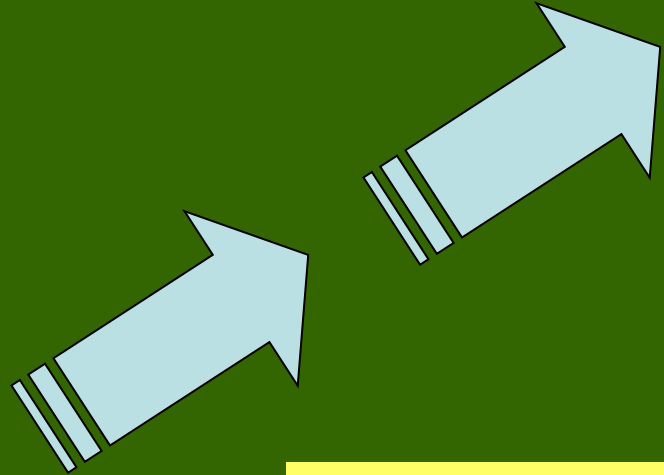


“The orientation response is particularly stressing when a novel event or fact challenges one’s whole world view. Given an elaborate ideology—Catholicism, Marxism, or whatever—we quickly recognize (or think we recognize) familiar elements in otherwise novel stimuli and this puts us at ease. Indeed, ideologies may be regarded as large mental filing cabinets with vacant drawers or slots waiting to receive new data. For this reason ideologies serve to reduce the intensity and frequency of the orientation response.” Alvin Toffler, Future Shock (1970), p336

**Pagan
concept of
history**



**Eternal
Goal**



**Biblical
concept of
history**



Logical
Sequence



politics

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Pressure of Life



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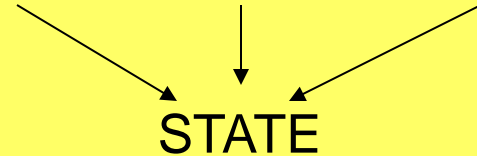
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gods...man...nature



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Human speculation

[virtual] infallibility without accessibility → God is distant, fear, evil overwhelms

Rebellion against God → *Sense of Guilt + Vulnerability to Satanic Deceptions*

Suppression of Truth + Satanic Deceptions → *Perversion of sense of dominion*

Perverted dominion → “re-engineering” reality beginning with God-sense = *idolatry*

Idolatry + impotent flesh → *immorality, social destruction*

Baal -- idol of Nature's Climate Cycle

*Cultic
prostitution
– to trigger
fertility*



*“blessings”
of rain,
fertility of
grain and
herds*

Rain, Fertility: needs of an agrarian economy

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“What distinguishes Yahweh so sharply from Baal is His *intimate association with history*. He was not bound to the cycle of the seasons but guided his people through history toward a goal. The decisive event was not the victory over the primeval dragon [of chaos] but the victory over the Egyptians. . . .”

A. S. Kapelrud, The Ras Shamra Discoveries and the Old Testament.

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ESSENCE of GOD

Sovereign

Righteous

Just

Loving

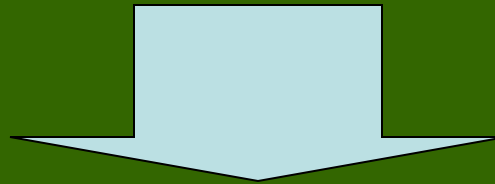
Omniscient

Omnipresent

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Immutable

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Response of *humble worship and sensitivity to His Word*

or

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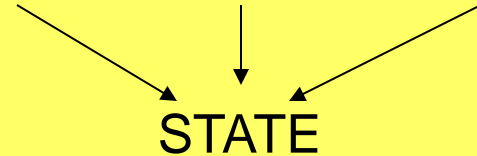
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Liberal theologian William Temple