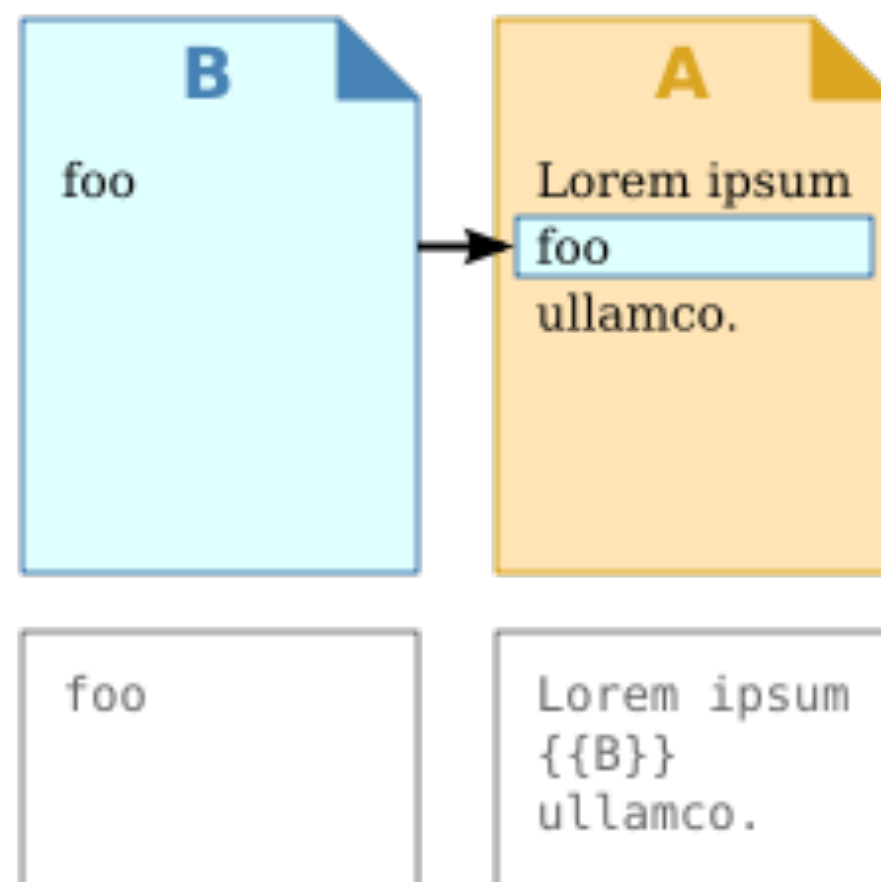


EVERYTHING
IS DEEPLY INTERTWINGLED.



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When the universe, and the human race, were created by a God who someone already existed.

The creation of the universe is described in the King James Bible like this:

IN THE BEGINNING God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

And then goes on to make Eve, she and Adam are expelled from the Garden, they have sons who somehow meet other women and populate the earth.

There are interesting variants. For instance, in one of the Apocrypha ("The Alphabet of Ben Sira"), it is stated that the first woman is Lilith, who refuses to be a subservient, on-the-bottom position, and to whom Adam grants equality--

Adam and Lilith immediately began to fight. She said, "I will not be below," and he said, "I will not be beneath you, but only on top. For you are fit only to be in the bottom position, while I am to be the superior one." Lilith responded, "We are equal in each other inasmuch as we were both created from the earth."

That equality is non/ferent, and Lilith leaves quickly. The Lilith story is still taking many with different views to ground. There is no little authorizing information about Lilith that she can be used to support many different ideas. (She even appears in George Bernard Shaw's play "Back to Methuselah.")

Of course, few educated people among the six days, Adam-and-Eve account today. It has become literature and myths, and even jokes. Sample joke (from the computer world):

"How was God able to create the universe in only six days?"
Answer: "He didn't have an internet base."

(Meaning that there was nothing already there that had to connect to the same universe.)

THE FLOOD

The different Bibles contain stories that were also looking around separately in the ancient world, separate from Hebrew culture. For example, we are all familiar with the story of Noah. But there are other accounts of a great and impossible flood that occurred the world. The account of the Flood in the book of Genesis has a remarkable parallel to a story of the Flood in a Babylonian cuneiform document found in Assyria, in the ruined library of Ashurbanipal.

We can consider the story of Noah, and the Assyrian story of the Flood, side by side. (We are looking for to show correspondences between the two accounts.)

In the Hebrew and Christian Bibles, it is the god Jehovah who gives the command to build the ark, in the Babylonian account, it is the god Shamash. The biblical account of the Flood also mentions, the King James version, God tells Noah to build an Ark. In the Babylonian account of the Flood, the instruction is given by a god named Shumash to a "man of Shuruppak", who is told to build a great ship. In both stories the ship is loaded with everything possible, including animals. (See correspondences between the two.)

Then comes the flood, and in both stories the land becomes a boat to save it the land (see). In the Babylonian version, the man is carried by a vessel not coming back, in the King James version, the man is carried by a dove, who comes back with an olive leaf. (See correspondences between the two.)

Today, few educated people accept the literal account of a Flood which covered the whole earth, with all the land species spread in a boat, but to the ill-informed people of 19th century, it may have seemed perfectly plausible-- particularly since they probably had no idea how many land species existed or how high mountains and mountains, or how much water it would take.

OTHERS AND UNMANDED GODS

The biblical stories, Hebrew culture, and that of the Indians as well. But there are many different stories-- although people who believe strongly in the Bible, general to think there is only one. But as the famous Thomas Long puts it, "Bible is the product of centuries of theological and political struggle."

Without Bible include the Hebrew Torah (from which comes the Christian Old Testament), the Coptic Bible, the Kabbalah Bible in Latin and Greek, the King James Bible in translation into English for the Anglican denomination, the Revised Version, and the English Bible (the Douay Bible), and those of various other denominations, such as the Hebrew's Scriptures and the Bibles.

To say nothing of the Apocrypha, related books which are halfway out of the Bible. An Apocryphal (apocrypha) is a book originating in different times but not accepted as part of official Bible. Apocrypha include the books of Enoch, Tobit, Judith, and others. There is no knowing how many apocrypha there are, or how many there will be.

But all these different biblical stories assume the existence of a God with particular characteristics. For example, in the Hebrew Bible, the human race, who supposedly somewhere around the time of Adam, were made in the image of God. Since we are made in the image of God, we are supposed to be like God. That implies that the God has physical characteristics somewhere out there, where with good enough telescopes we might see them looking around.

In a more serious vein, the Darwinists view of all nature has been established naturally by the principles of evolution, and particularly natural selection, species of the present have evolved from a single ancestor.

What is the relationship between the two?

Take Example from apocrypha, "The Alphabet of Ben Sira,"

After God created Adam, who was alone, He said, "It is not good for man to be alone." So then created a woman for Adam, from the earth, with half woman and half man. And called her Lilith. Adam and Lilith immediately began to fight. He said, "I will not be below," and he said, "I will not be beneath you, but only on top. For you are fit only to be in the bottom position, while I am to be the superior one." Lilith responded, "We are equal in each other inasmuch as we were both created from the earth."

So, she possessed the Eve-like name and flew away into the air. Adam stood in grief before his Creator. "Something of the woman!" he said. "The woman possesses me but she is away! At once, the Holy One, Almighty God, sent three angels to bring her back."

And the Holy One to Adam, "If she agrees to come back, fine. If not, she must remain the husband of her children for seventy days. The angels left and told Lilith, whom they brought to the world of the sea, in the night, saying, 'Wherever the angels were destined to destroy. They told her Lilith would, but she was not to return. The angels said, "We shall destroy you in the sea."

"I am not!" she said. "I was created only to come to the world to be with you. If the world is not, I have destroyed you for seventy days after the birth, and if I return, the world is not."

When the angels heard Lilith's words, they immediately go back. But she was to stay by the name of the Holy One and said, "Wherever I am you of my children, you are to be with me. I will have my children with me. She also said to have one hundred of her children every day. Accordingly, every day she has a hundred of her children, and for the same reason, the angels cannot see the children of young children. When Lilith sees her name, she remembers that she and the child are not."

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