

# The Extinction of God

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*Human history began with an act of disobedience. - Erich Fromm*

## 1. Bereishit – Genesis 1:1-4

In the beginning of God's creation of the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was empty, and darkness was on the face of the deep, and the spirit of God was hovering over the face of the water. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw the light that it was good, and God separated between the light and between the darkness. And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night, and it was evening and it was morning, one day.

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ. וְהָאָרֶץ הִיְתֵה תֵהוּ וְנִהוּ וְחָשֶׁךְ עַל-פְּנֵי תְהוֹם; וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם. וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אֹר; וַיְהִי-אֹר. וַיִּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאֹר, כִּי-טוֹב; וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים, בֵּין הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ. וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְאֹר יוֹם, וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ קֶרָא לַיְלָה; וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר, יוֹם אֶחָד.

## 2. Bereishit – Genesis 1:31

And God saw all that He had made, and *behold* it was very good, and it was evening and it was morning, the sixth day.

וַיִּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וְהִנֵּה טוֹב מְאֹד וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם הַשֵּׁשִׁי.

## 3. Bereishit – Genesis 3:6-9

And the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes, and the tree was desirable to make one wise; so she took of its fruit, and she ate, and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves and made themselves girdles. And they heard the voice of the Lord God going in the garden to the direction of the sun, and the man and his wife hid from before the Lord God in the midst of the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called to man, and He said to him, "Where are you?"

וַתִּרָא הָאִשָּׁה כִּי טוֹב הָעֵץ לְמַאֲכָל וְכִי תִאֱוָה-הוּא לְעֵינַיִם וְנִחְמָד הָעֵץ לְהַשְׁכִּיל וַתִּקַּח מִפְּרִיו וַתֹּאכַל; וַתֵּתֶן גַּם-לְאִישָׁהּ עִמָּה וַיֹּאכַל. וַתִּפְקַחְנָה עֵינֵי שְׁנֵיהֶם וַיֵּדְעוּ כִּי עִירְמָם הֵם; וַיִּתְּפְרוּ עֲלֵה תִאֱנָה וַיַּעֲשׂוּ לָהֶם חִגְרוֹת. וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ אֶת-קוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים מִתְּהַלֵּךְ בְּגֵן לְרוּחַ הַיּוֹם; וַיִּתְחַבֵּא הָאָדָם וְאִשְׁתּוֹ מִפְּנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים, בְּתוֹךְ עֵץ הַגֵּן. וַיִּקְרָא יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶל-הָאָדָם; וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ אַיֶּכָּה.

## 4. Yeshayahu – Isaiah 42:5-7

So said God the Lord,  
The Creator of the heavens and  
The One Who stretched them out  
Who spread out the earth and  
What springs forth from it  
Who gave a soul to the people upon it and  
A spirit to those who walk thereon.  
I am the Lord; I called you in righteousness  
I will strengthen your hand; and I formed you,  
And made you for a people's covenant, a light to nations.  
To open the eyes of the blind,  
To bring prisoners out of the dungeon,  
Those who sit in darkness out of a prison.

כֹּה-אָמַר הָאֵל יְהוָה  
בּוֹרֵא הַשָּׁמַיִם וְנוֹטִיהֶם  
רֹקַע הָאָרֶץ וְצֹאֲצְאֶיהָ  
נֹתֵן נְשָׁמָה לָעָם עָלֶיהָ  
וְרוּחַ לְהַלְכִים בָּהּ  
אֲנִי יְהוָה קְרָאתִיךָ בְּצַדִּיק  
וְאֶחֱזַק בְּיָדְךָ  
וְאֶצְרָךְ וְאֶתְנֶנְךָ  
לְבְרִית עִם לְאֹר גּוֹיִם  
לְפָקַח עֵינַיִם עִוְרוֹת  
לְהוֹצִיא מִמִּסְגַּר אֲסִיר  
מִבַּיִת כָּלֵא יֹשְׁבֵי חֹשֶׁךְ.