



COHERENCE THEORY

Week 1

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1 Timothy 4:1-6 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer. If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.

Paul wants Timothy to teach his people the difference between the doctrine of demons and the good doctrine of Jesus Christ. Apparently people in that time (like today) were confused about what the gospel really is.

The cultural attitude of America is changing. Just a few decades ago in America you could walk around and tell the essential Jesus story and most people would understand what you were saying. There was a consciousness that was aware of the basic story of the scripture, but that is not true today. America has changed its spirituality.

The shift in thinking has affected our education system and all forms of media. In the 1960s Bob Dylan wrote these lyrics, *"Come mothers and fathers Throughout the land And don't criticize What you can't understand, Your sons and your daughters Are beyond your command Your old road is Rapidly agin' Please get out of the new one If you can't lend your hand ... For the times they are a-changin'.*

Today there is a radical change in the direction of western history and most of us were already born into it and do not notice. These changes create a sense of confusion that leads to a confusion about the gospel and what it really is. Many Americans, who call themselves Christians, are actually holding onto and preaching a false gospel with their lives and with their words.

One-ism and two-ism are terms coined by Dr Peter Jones, they are an easy way to remember what happens when our worldview shifts from a biblical worldview to anything else. It is a great and easy way to determine the truth of something you are looking at...

One/Two

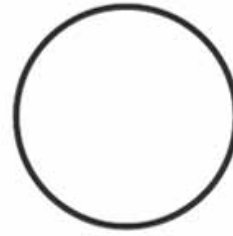
The lie is what we call one-ism. One-ism is the pagan doctrine (of Idolatry)...it is the teaching and belief that there is no distinction between Creator and creation, and/or a denial that there is a Creator. The popular word for this notion is monism. Oneism is what our culture, TV shows, new media, government, and spiritual leaders are all espousing: the eradication of boundaries and differences to bring opposites together as one.

- The materialistic form of one-ism is atheism.
- Spiritual one-ism is also often called New Age or New Spirituality, or Integrative Spirituality.

According to spiritual one-ism, the universe is a living organism with a spiritual force present within everything. Everything is interconnected by the life force or the world soul.

Visually, you can think of this in terms of one circle in which everything is contained and interconnected as one. The circle itself serves as the defining symbol of pagan idolatry.

One-ism



Creation/Creator

As a worldview, one-ism is antithetical to Christian two-ism because it seeks to place everything in the one circle.

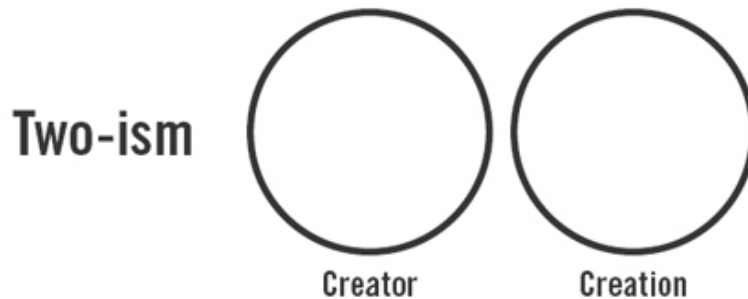
1. **There is no distinction between God the creator and creation.** This results in pantheism and panentheism, which even some young “Christian” pastors are advocating.
2. **There is no distinction between God and mankind.** This results in a spirituality that does not look humbly out to God for salvation, but rather arrogantly looks in to self for enlightenment.
3. **There is no distinction between good and evil.** This results in the claim that all we have are perspectives, opinions, and culturally embedded “values”; there are no timeless moral truths that apply to all peoples, times, and places because all that is left is situational ethics. Furthermore, there is no distinction between angels and demons because all spirits and spiritualities are considered only good.
4. **There is no distinction between mankind and animals.** This results in radical animal rights activism, people referring to their pet as their “baby,” and, in some cities, a disdain for children but a love for animals expressed as doggie spas, doggie day cares, and legislation to allow animals to eat in restaurants with their owners.
5. **There is no distinction between mankind and creation.** This results in radical environmentalism that moves beyond stewarding creation to deifying creation as our “Mother Earth” and an opposition to cultivating creation for human life and culture.
6. **There is no distinction between men and women;** gender is reduced to asexual androgyny. This results in lesbianism, transgenderism, homosexuality, cross-dressing, and the like, which Romans 1 says is the logical conclusion of idolatry.
7. **There is no distinction between religions.** The result is a vague pagan spirituality that believes the answers to all the world’s problems are religious and spiritual in nature and can only be overcome by all religions worshipping together as one.

A Christian who makes distinctions (such as between God and man, Jesus and Satan, angels and demons, heaven and hell, man and animals, holiness and sin, the Bible and other texts, male and female, truth and error, good and evil) is considered a fundamental threat to the utopian world of peace, love, and oneness.

Two-ism

Two-ism sees the distinction between creator and creation. Two-ism is the biblical doctrine that the Creator and creation are separate and that creation is subject to the Creator. Visually, you can think of this in terms of two circles with one being God the creator and the other containing all of his creation.

Christianity has 2 circles...



Victories of Monism:

In world culture there are countless victories being won oneism (monism) in the realm of culture (here is a non-exhaustive list):

- **“Sexually liberated” over the “Sexually inhibited”**
- **“Sexually active young” over “virginity.”**
- **“recreational sex” over procreational sex.**
- **Condoms over abstinence**
- **Cohabitation over marriage**
- **Divorce over lifelong monogamy**
- **A woman’s right to abort her child over the unborn child’s right to life**
- **Collapsing birthrate over the baby boom**
- **Women as bread winners over women as mothers**
- **Feminists over the Patriarchs**
- **Humankind over Mankind**
- **Childrens rights over parental rights**
- **Gay rights over rights**
- **Gay marriage (as a moral value) over Sodomy (as a moral decadence)**
- **Omni-gendered society over the male and female society**
- **Moral chaos over moral consensus**
- **Relative truth over absolute truth**
- **Moral ambiguity over moral clarity**
- **Freedom over commitment**
- **Rights and entitlements over responsibility and service**
- **The “me” over the “we”**
- **Immediate gratification over delayed gratification**
- **Guilt free conscious over a sensitive conscience**
- **Lust over modesty**
- **Commercialism over honest business practices**

- **Self interested lying over honest truth telling**
- **New history over patriotic history**
- **Multiculturalism over the American melting pot**
- **Melting pot of religions over the Gospel of Truth**
- **Government by the courts over Government by the consent of the people**
- **Living constitution over the written constitution**

Preamble to the Earth Charter

To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society...Earth, our home, is alive with a unique community of life. The forces of nature make existence a demanding and uncertain adventure, but Earth has provided the conditions essential to life's evolution...The dominant patterns of production and consumption are causing environmental devastation...The benefits of development are not shared equitably and the gap between rich and poor is widening...we must decide to live with a sense of universal responsibility, identifying ourselves with the whole Earth community...

- **Global over the national**
- **World government over nation states**
- **Special interest faculty over debate and discourse**
- **Hollywood left over entertainment**
- **Politically correct speech over free speech**
- **News commentary over news reporting**
- **Information over understanding**
- **Images over books**
- **Irrational over the rational**
- **Creation over human beings**
- **Eastern medicine over Western medicine**
- **Pagan Spirituality over Biblical Spirituality**
- **Goddess over God**
- **The Force over Personal God of the scriptures**
- **Spirituality over doctrine**
- **natural revelation (creation) over special revelation (written word)**
- **Many ways over the One way**
- **Both/AND over the EITHER/OR**
- **The world's 'holy' books over the Bible**
- **Gnostic gospels over the Gospels of Matthew Mark Luke and John**
- **Creation is God over God is the creator of all life**
- **Before Common Era/Common Era over Before Christ/Anno Domini**

Because our culture still has a very strong foundation of a biblical, and even a Christian worldview, these two systems keep coming into conflict. Oneism (monism) is a form of Paganism. It is good to understand what it teaches and means in a practical context so you can understand the meaning of why it is so destructive.

3 points of a pagan worldview.

Many of the things that we hold to today are fueled by the roots in pagan inspiration.

1) All is One and One is All (A Circle - O)

Think of paganism as a circle **O**.

- Witches have a sacred circle,
- Hinduism has the Swastika which means the eternality of time and matter,
- Aboriginal people have a circle which indicates their dreaming,
- Buddhism and Taoist worship uses the Mandala circle of dharma and Dharmacakra,
- Native Americans use the medicine wheel, dream catchers, and drum circles.

The circle represents everything as united together. MONO ism is the theory of oneness. In the ONE circle is everything (rocks, stars, you, even GOD). One-ness animates all of pagan thinking and how it relates itself in real life by what is taking place today.

Pagan means “from the land,” and has come to mean those who worship the earth.

There are 3 kinds of monism (these were written earlier but it is good to be reminded).

- **Spiritual monism** - (Wicca, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc)
- **Materialistic monism** - (Atheism or even agnostics. It tries to describe the world from our own minds and reason).
- **Religious monism** (paganism)

Every system that does not accept God as creator is a monistic system at its core.

Monism is taking over every aspect of how we interact and relate in our current culture. It comes out in “tolerance,” public shaming in how we vote, name calling for not being open minded to whatever lifestyle people want to have. This shaming takes place because, from a monistic point of view, we are all one, shouldn’t make distinctions, and be all inclusive.

- Oprah Winfrey in 2008 on the Sirius Satellite Network taught segments from “A course in Miracles.” It was thoroughly oneness and taught many people, including Christians, how to become pagans.
- The Dali Lama visited America in 2007. He and some monks accompanied George Bush the National Cathedral and made Mandala circles in the National Cathedral symbolizing all religions were one.
- George Lucas said one of the reason he made Star Wars was to introduce Buddhism to America. Obi wan Kenobi “ ***The force is an energy field created by all living things, it surrounds us, it penetrates us, it binds the galaxy together, is all power-full and controls everything into which we contribute our own energy.***”

Oneism teaches that there is no single person, place or things that is God; every person, place or thing is God. We are all in the circle and the circle is divine which means we are divine because we are in the circle.

At the Parliament for the world religions a Christian Episcopal Bishop was quoted as saying that “*God is not a supernatural being ruling over humanity, God is the power of love that flows through each one of us. The source of light and love, the ground of being, but life has taught us that theism is dead.*”

2) Humanity is One

Pagans see humans as a microcosm of the cosmos (a representative of the whole). Al Gore in his book earth in the balance describes human beings as HOLO-GRAMS (holistic letters). Humanity is thought to carry within us the truth about everything.

- Jesuit Theologian Teilhard De Chardin in the book *The Phenomenon of Man* sees the whole universe as endowed with a collective consciousness *‘that is merging into a union of the whole human species into a single inter-thinking group based on a single developing framework of thought (or noosystem).’* The noosystem is a unified mind where we all think the same.*
- Harold Bloom is a world renowned expert on Shakespeare, raised in a Jewish home, and became a pagan reading the gnostic gospels. He says that he takes attributes of God and gives them to himself. He claims he, himself is uncreated (like God) and that all humanity has that as well.
- Eckhart Tolle is a pagan, but quoted in many churches today. He says *“there is something in the soul that uncreated and uncreatable.”*

The truth: Genesis 1:1 says **“in the beginning GOD”** ...there was nothing else, which means *everything* else is created. There is nothing in humanity that is uncreated.

3) All religions are one

The push of paganism, and our culture today, is that all religions must come together to make sure that the circle is complete. The power of the circle is the pull to unity, to coming together.

It is way we have the constant rhetoric that all roads leading to God; that God is on a mountain top and there are many roads to the top, and we must respect every one of them. Oneism teaches that all religions are pieces of the religious pie and therefore all religions have value. There is not any piece that is unique.

Paganism is willing to embrace Christianity as long as Christianity is willing to be a piece of the pie, just one of the religions. All pie slices that joining at the center. You can believe anything you want as long as you celebrate the unity of the circle. They argue every religion has the goal, the central premise, the UNION of the human and the divine. 12 century poem states: *“My soul is a mosque for Muslims, a temple for Hindus, an altar for zoroastrians, a church for Christians, a synagogue for Jews, and a pasture for gazelles.”*

WHAT IS THE CENTER OF CHRISTIANITY? WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

When Paul goes into Athens in the book of Acts, all the gods, all the faiths were working together. Paul steps in and says, “all those God’s you are worshiping, you missed one...the essential one,” and he creates disharmony. The circle of oneness creates a mess because paganism has no answer for sin or the brokenness of the human heart.

Even though Oneism has no answer for sin they do their best to deny their shortfall.

- Alice Bailey says *“the heart of humanity is sound.”*
- A Course in Miracles says *“Man’s only sin is not remembering his own perfect sinless divine nature. The only devil is our illusion that we are separate from, and not part of God. The lack you need to correct the sense of separation from God.”*
- Neale Donald Walsch wrote “Conversations with God” writes *“the only real sin for man is to see himself as sinful and separate from God.”*

The Gnostics said we needed to wake up, we needed to remember who we are (divine beings). They said that because we are asleep we forget who we are and then we start to distinguish things in the circle, so we must eliminate distinctions so we can come together and there will be no more discord or war or sin; we will be united together.

Experience to the a pagan is the ultimate truth, you will hear things like:

- Listen to your heart, but the bible says à *Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things*
- You don't need to think, you need to feel and get in touch with your higher, unconscious self (as Jung said). à *Psalm 18:6 In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears*
- Houston Smith is considered an expert on world religions and he sees the difference, he says "*Christian prayer uses words, but pagan prayer sees beyond the God of theism.*" Suggesting that there must be an experience for it to have meaning.
- [A Course in Miracles](#) says "*Do not make the pathetic error of clinging to the old rugged cross, your only calling is to devote yourself with active willingness to the denial of guilt in all its forms.*"

We hope this list of 3 things helps you listen to the news tonight. The things that one-ism teaches that must be eliminated are all over our society today, but the first thing that must go is the notion that makes Christianity what it is. **The two-ism.**

The distinction that there is a creator and we the creation. That we are a people who have sinned and rebelled against and good and holy God. That this God stepped into **HIS** creation in the person of Jesus to rescue a people who could not rescue themselves. Jesus died for our sin, for our brokenness to bring us back into saving relationship with our creator.

The reason Christianity is the threat that it is, and why you will see more and more attacks against it, is that fundamental to who we are is the belief that there is a creator and we are creation. He is separate and distinct from us.

Today people are trying to change Christianity from within by writing thoroughly pagan books, with a Christian veneer across the top. Many pastors today's are trying to change the nature of who God is and what the Gospel is.

Paganism defines the essence of Christianity as the fundamental problem with the world. In their view, the biggest threat to world unity, and world peace, is Christianity. YOU ARE THREAT because you make distinctions (or you should) between:

- **God and man,**
- **animal and human,**
- **Christ and Satan,**
- **life and death,**
- **heaven and hell,**
- **truth and falsehood,**
- **right and wrong,**
- **good and evil,**
- **sin and holiness,**
- **the bible and other writings,**
- **monotheism and polytheism,**
- **traditional family and alternate families,**
- **parents and children,**
- **male and female,**
- **monogamy and polygamy,**
- **heterosexual and ANY other sexuality,**
- **love and pornography.**

Paganism has to get rid of absolutes and distinctions and this is why Christianity is a threat.

Christianity's view is that the greatest detriment to peoples souls, is their *one-ism*. When you have a dialog with most people, even some who claim Christianity, you should have a deep abiding conviction that you must LOVE THEM to the truth.

We must understand Monism better than the pagans do, because many have bought into it and have no idea what they are doing. They need you, because Jesus is sending you to apply hope with truth and clarity.

Further Reading

Stolen Identity: The Conspiracy to Reinvent Jesus - Peter Jones

<http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/content/pages/Read-the-Charter.html>

*The term "noosystem" now returns almost 4000 results on google.

Doctrine - Mark Driscoll and Gerry Bersheres

One or Two - Peter Jones

The Poverty of the Nations: A Sustainable Solution - Wayne Grudem and Barry Asmus