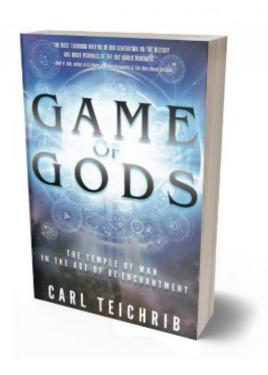
# Game of Gods: Understanding Global Trends - Part 2

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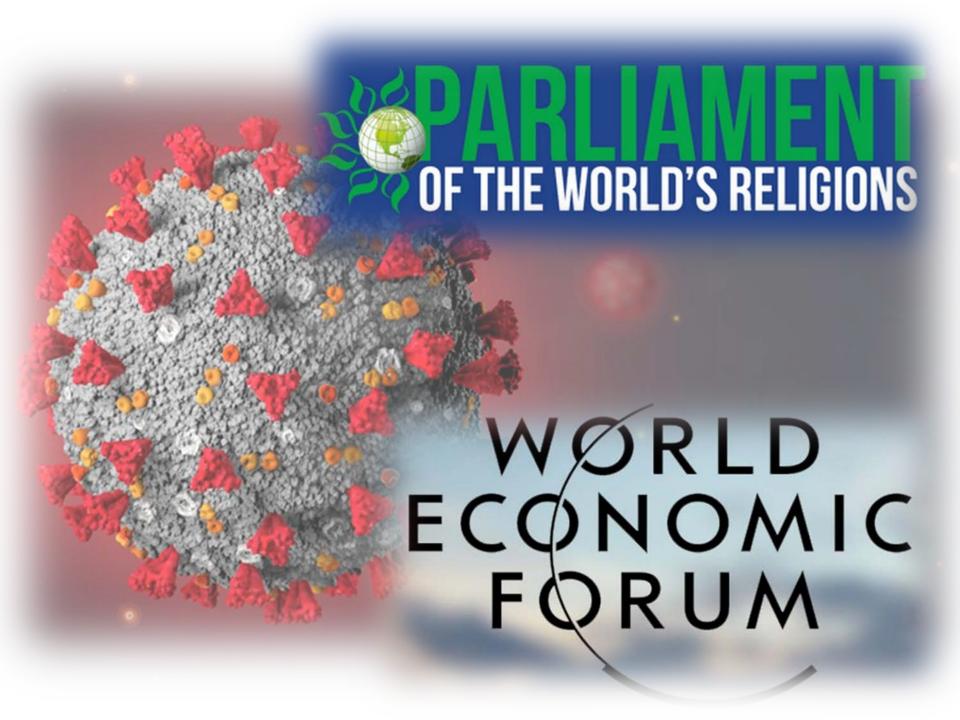
## **Humanity has three Great Desires:**

To be as God;
To be Masters of Meaning and Destiny;
To build Heaven on Earth
— this is that story.

"The most thorough writing of our generation on the history and inner workings of the one-world movement."

- Gary H. Kah, author of *The New World Religion*.

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## What Now Shall We Be?

## **2 Corinthians 5:20-21**

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

## Paul in Athens

- Vs. 16: recognizes the spiritual situation.
- Vs. 17: engages with Jews and Gentile believers.
- Vs. 18-21: encounters philosophers, taken to the Council.
- Vs. 22-23: acknowledges their setting, and uses their spiritual culture to launch into the Gospel...

#### "To the Unknown God."

- Vs. 24-32: presents the character of the True God (Creator, Lord of Heaven & Earth, the one who gives life and breath), repentance, judgment, and the resurrection.
- Vs. 28: understands the worldview, quotes their philosophers.
- Vs. 32: the response some mocked, some wanted to hear more. The Holy Spirit is the heart changer, Paul the messenger.

#### **Primitive Paganism** (up to 500 AD)

- -Greek, Roman, Barbarian.
- Nature personified/deified.
- God Men as rulers.

#### **Christendom** 500 to 1700

- Church influences State & culture.
- Christian institutions & ethics.
- God's word applied in life.

#### **Modernism** 1700 to 1960s

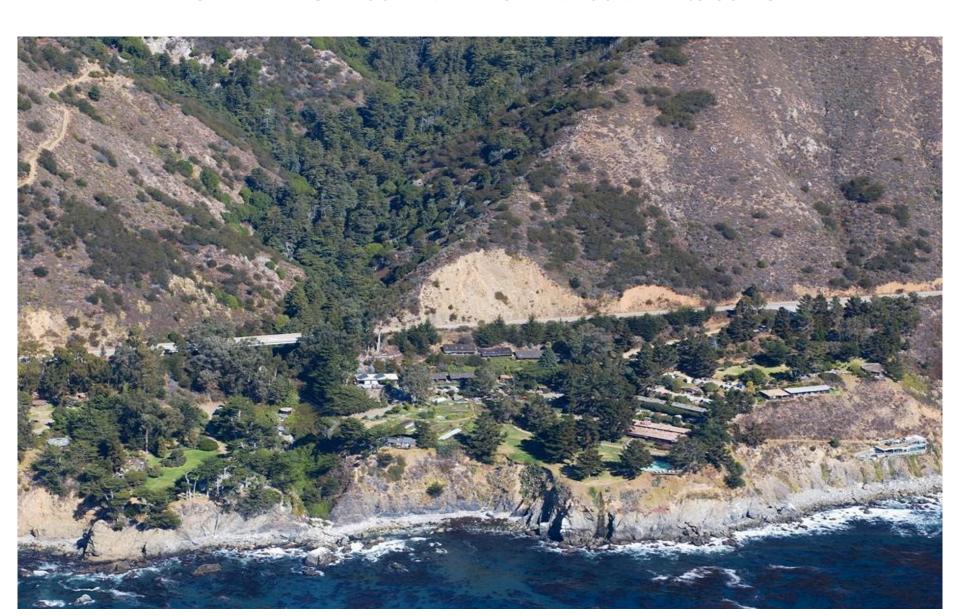
- Omnipotence of human reason.
- Materialism & Science are king.
- Marxism & Socialism.
- Church-State separation.

#### **Postmodernism** 1960s to 2000

- Reject Christianity & Materialism.
- No absolutes, no framework.
- Questions, but no answers.
- Vacuum of meaning & purpose.

## **EPOCHS OF WESTERN THOUGHT** Re-Enchantment **Age of Oneness**

## Re-Enchantment at Esalen



Workshop from 1993: "Machine Dreams and Technoshamanism."

"Is information immortal? What unexplored realms of spirit will we encounter with amazing new forms of computer and electronic hypermedia? New myths will be needed.

New mysteries will be encountered. How can ancient models of mind such as shamanism, Hinduism, or voodoo help us comprehend silicon-based consciousness? Why are neuro-enhancers crucial tools for so many computer innovators? Can humans share an erotic relationship with a machine being? Are Earth spirits at play in fields of photons and electronic spin?

A neo-psychedelic subculture is co-evolving with new technologies to reveal glimpses of exotic futures."

#### 1996 Workshop:

"Technoshamanism – Total Immersion in Spiritual Technology."

"To wholeheartedly embrace technology may be the only way to partake in the next phase of human evolution... Participants will experience brain machines, the Internet, computer fractals, Virtual Reality, tarot, astrology, and I Ching through computer programs, chaos math, hemispheric alignment audio, video games, and even new media... The workshop will explore the techno-vision-quest and evaluate it as an adjunct to more traditional spiritual practices. The weekend will conclude with a techno-pagan rave dance... Participants are encouraged to bring at least one item of technology..."

## Re-Enchantment and Myth

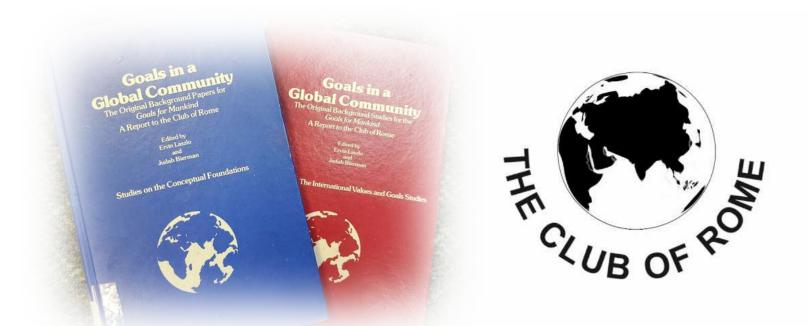
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"A new context was about to be shaped through an archaic lens, one paralleling Postmodernism and the New Age, yet offering a more robust setting for change.

It would recognize the technical while affirming the spiritual, merging Modernism into mystery and the human with the natural. It would be essentially religious, or better said, *mythic* – powerfully transforming the psyche of Western civilization through a new *framing story*...

Myth, understood as an *information technology*, takes upon itself a propaganda quality and becomes a powerful actor for social transformation. It functions as a framing story, not as a tale or fable, but as a way to think and behave."

<sup>—</sup> Carl Teichrib, Game of Gods: The Temple of Man in the Age of Re-Enchantment, p.173, 176.



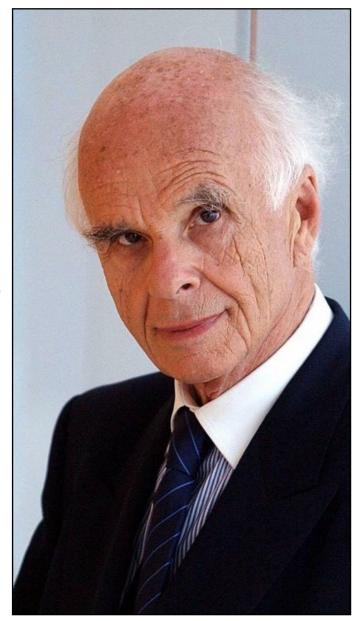
"Western, developed countries, are among the best initial candidates for the mythmaking project. The countries of this area will be required to make some significant, and sometimes drastic, shifts of perception in order for the 'new international order' to be fulfilled. Thus it is very important for these societies to make changes in their value systems. In addition, a shift in values in these societies should have a great impact on the rest of the world... The Western countries, therefore, appear to be very good candidates for the reception of myths about a global society."

<sup>—</sup> Anne Corrigan, *Science and Myth: Two Proposals to the Club of Rome*, as printed in *Goals in a Global Community* (Pergamon/Club of Rome, 1977), p.305.

## Early Architect of Global Myth-making Speaking in 2005 to World Goodwill

"Why do I think this re-enchantment of the cosmos is important? Because -Oneness, Wholeness, has been around for thousands of years... a sense of oneness can be recovered."

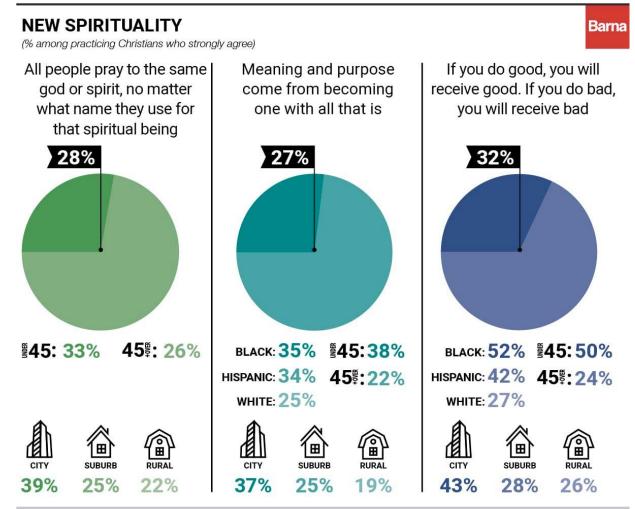
— Ervin Laszlo, systems theorist; coordinator of the Club of Rome *Goals in a Global Community* report.



### 2017 Barna/Summit Research on New Spirituality

## "Overall, at least 61 percent of practicing Christians embrace at least one of the ideas rooted in New Spirituality."

– May 9, 2017, Competing Worldviews Influence Today's Christians.





Witchcraft, Wicca, Heathenry, Druidism... Paganism.

## 'We're in the middle of a witch moment': Hip witchcraft is on the rise in the US

**Deena Yellin** NorthJersey.com Published 4:52 p.m. ET Oct. 28, 2021









"Paganism is on the march because if offers worshipers something the Christian religion cannot offer. It is the only philosophy of religion combining spiritual and physical oneness with the Deity... without obligations or dogmatic threat..." – Hans Holzer, *The New Pagans* (1972)

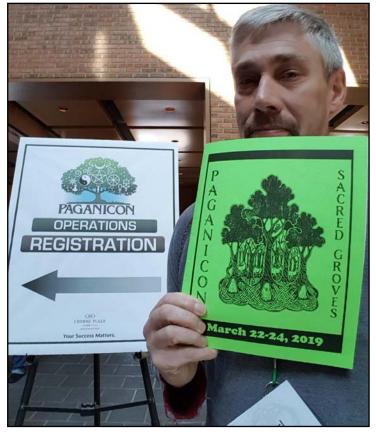
Charge of the God (Jason Mankey, *Transformational Witchcraft*, 2019)

"...I make my home with the earth. I am the defender of the sacredness of nature, I am the Great God... I am the cosmic god, one with all aspects of the universe..."

## A Religion of Nature: Creatures Worshipping Creation

Gathering of almost 800 Witches, Druids, Satanists.





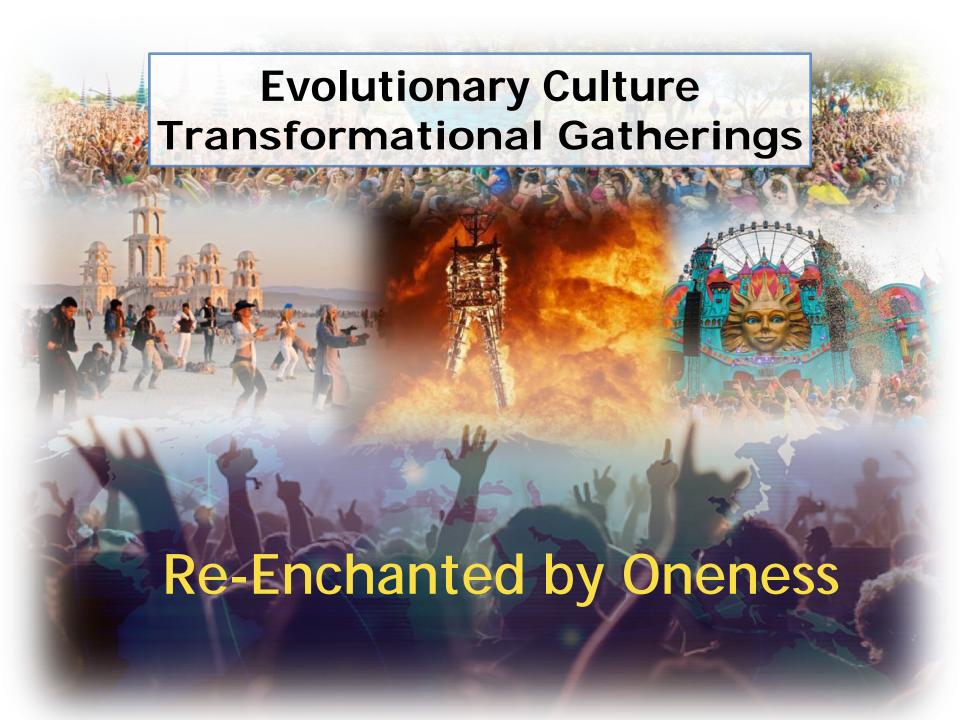






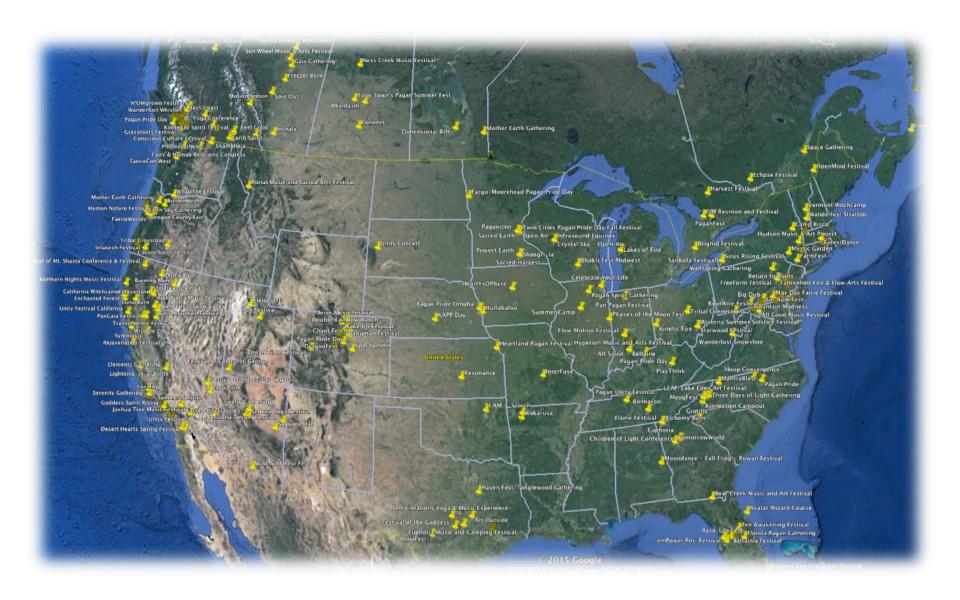
## Can Christians and Pagans engage?





#### Transformational Encounters

- \*Communitas: an organic feeling of oneness in community; the power of a shared, experiential, and ecstatic group encounter.
- ×Sacred Spaces, temples, shrines a spiritual experience.
- ×Yoga, energy healing, shamanism and "plant medicine."
- ×Workshops, group discussions, curriculums, sharing circles.
- Music (usually EDM & trance) as a driver of *communitas*.
- ×Visionary & Interactive Art as vehicles of illumination.
- ×Harmony with nature, a sense of connection with creation.
- ×Radical tolerance; non-judgmental.
- ×A journey, a quest; anticipation of transformation.
- ×Shedding limitations, transgressing norms *transformation*.



"No less profound is this emergence of a new type of spiritual culture in these festivals; A spiritual culture completely uninterested in charismatic leaders, dogmas, or doctrine – where ritual does not require that we surrender our autonomy as critical thinking individuals, but instead arises as the shared acknowledgment and honoring of our sacred experience together..."

– Jeet Kei Leung, TedX Vancouver, 2010.



"That's what established religions have done; is said, God is separate, God is other, God is outside of you. And this is what I think has been the great fall from grace, is humanity disconnecting from the experience of spirituality. Part of what we are doing at these gatherings is regaining our natural, intuitive wisdom and redeveloping this deep experience of the divine." - Event organizer, Liana Sananda.

"I'm basically just using the whole party situation as a medium to do magic, to remake the tribal pagan ritual for the twenty-first century." - Famed DJ, Goa Gil.



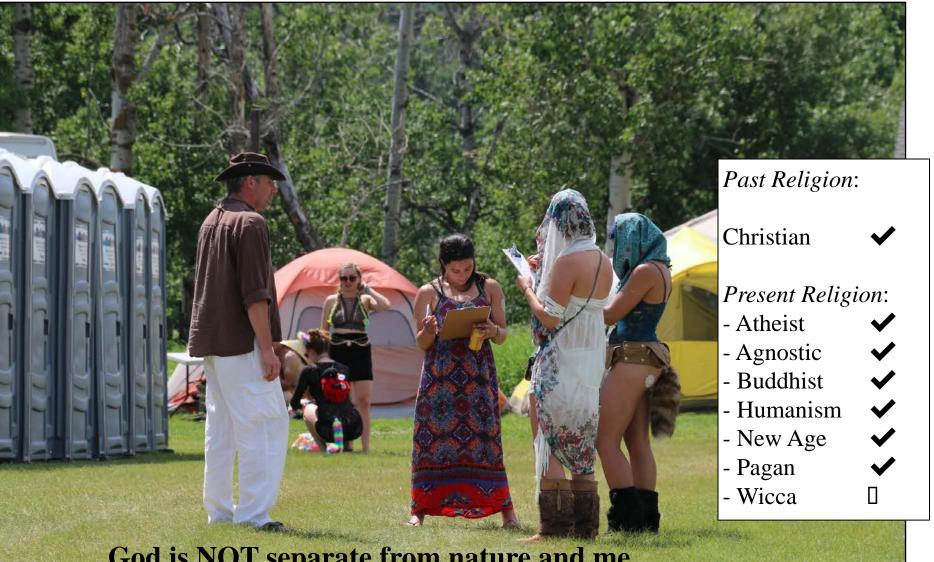
Religion Past/Present: Half identified as "past-Christian," now identified as Buddhist, New Age, Wiccan, Transhuman, Occult, Agnostic or Atheist.

"God is separate from nature and me": All who religiously identified disagreed. In other words: God, nature and humanity are One.

"Humanity is valued above nature": Most disagreed.

"Earth is a living organism": Majority agreed.

#### Worldview surveys at Freezer Burn, near Ponoka, Alberta.



God is NOT separate from nature and me.

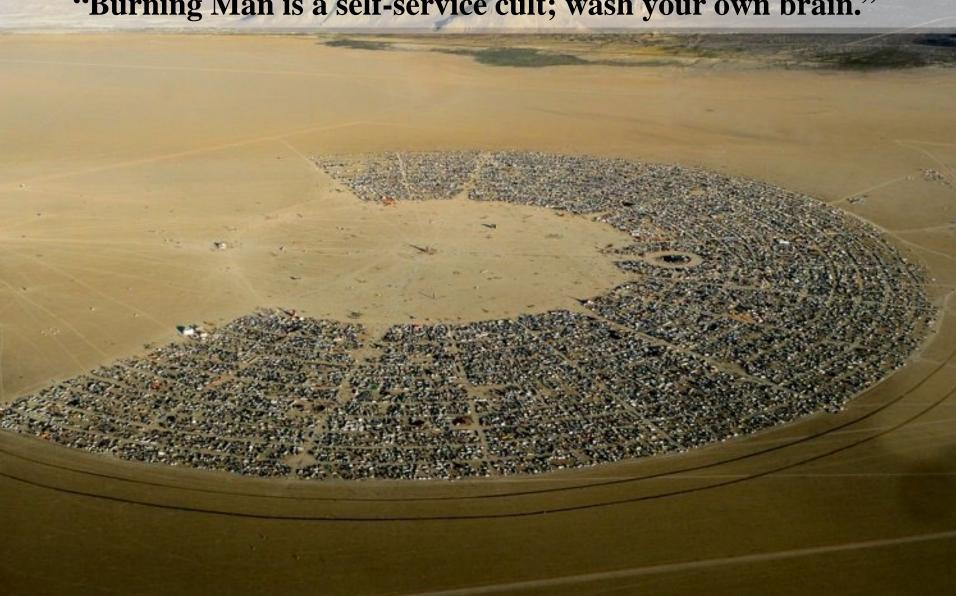
"We are One" "We are all connected" "One universal consciousness"

## Why are you attending?

- "Friends and connection."
- » "to give and receive joy."
- » "fun and meet people."
- "try and forget about the world."
- "to love myself."
- "collective will and intention."
- » "open my mind."
- " "make a sacrifice to the art gods..."
- » to be with my daughter... what is your religious identification? "Broken hearted."

## Burning Man

"Burning Man is a self-service cult; wash your own brain."



- Larry Harvey, with a handful of friends, burned a 9ft. human effigy on Baker Beach, San Francisco, during the 1986 summer solstice (approx. 35 attendees).
- 1990: 500 in attendance. Police stopped the beach burn, and the event transitioned to the Black Rock Desert of northern Nevada.
- Attendance in 1997: 10,000.
- Temple introduced in year 2000.
- Attendance in 2010 exceeds 50,000.
- Attendance in 2019: 70,000 paying participants, plus 10,000 volunteers.
- 2020 & 2021 the event went virtual.



Burning Man as a container...

to explore art & creativity. to model community. to encounter spirituality. to explore sexuality. to explore sexuality.

"This may be the essential genius of Burning Man: Out of nothing, we created everything." - Larry Harvey



- Approx. 80 Regional Burns: US, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Israel (*Mid-Burn* = *burn Adam and Eve*).
- Has become the cutting edge of culture; influencing new movements, technologies, and a multitude of other festivals *and politics*!







"The moral of our theme [2017: Radical Ritual], in fact, was that it doesn't really matter what you believe, it's what you experience... The whole point, this year, was to convince people that Burning Man is a spiritual movement. It's not a religion, but it's a spiritual movement. And you know it when you see it."

- Larry Harvey, co-founder.

2017: Radical Ritual

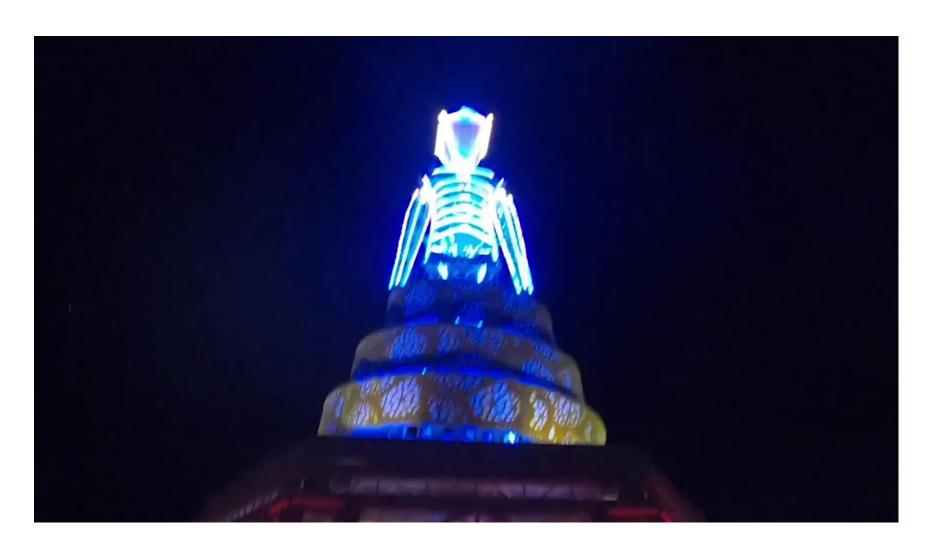












## 2017 Temple







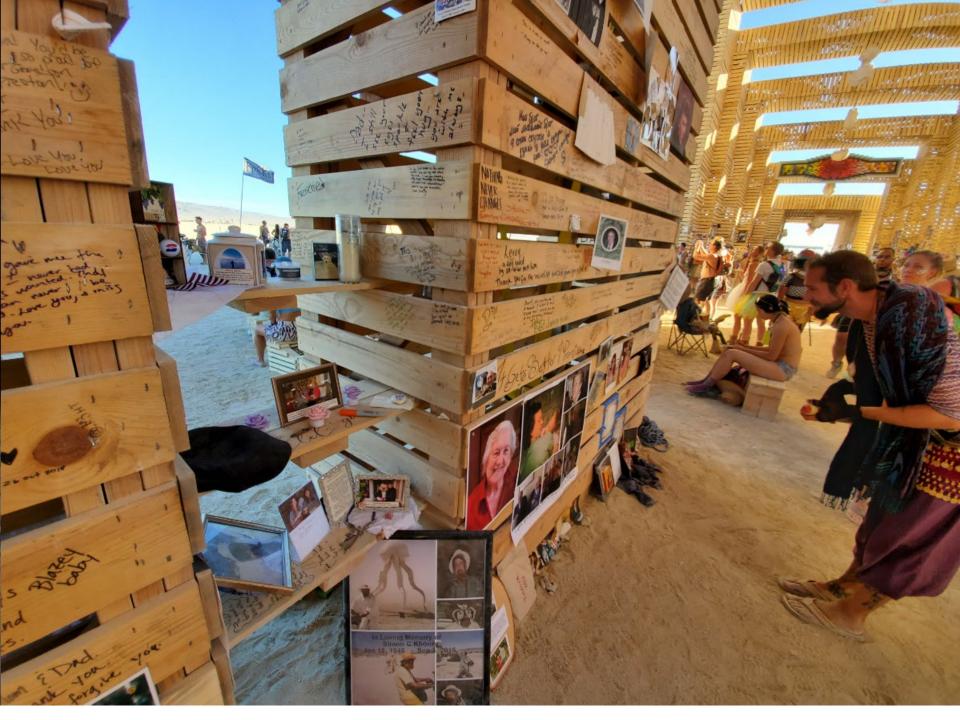


2018 Temple of Galaxia



## 2019 Temple







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And I pain that. I love you so I want you to know And I want to teach u to by yourself! With this temple, I burn my previous judgment, fundamentalism, bigotry, and religious imprisonment. Let's be free, Kind, and full of joy. 1 Call your parents! They miss you 3 TO LETTING 500 OF THE UNCONTRAVABLE-- TAKING DWNERSHIP--CHONGE FOR THE GETTER-

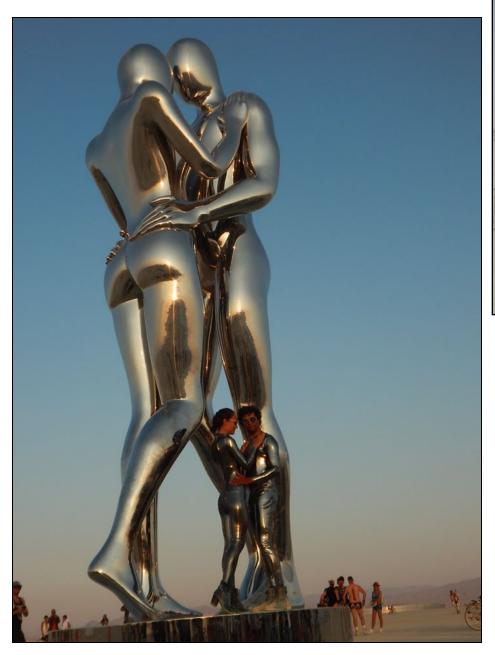
















## The Call of the Christian Ambassador

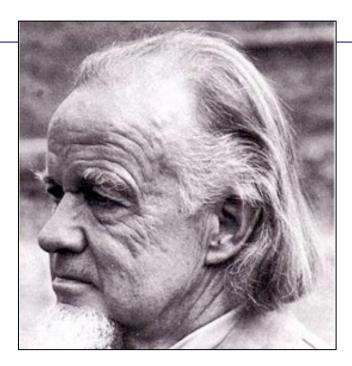
Psalm 96:1-3

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.



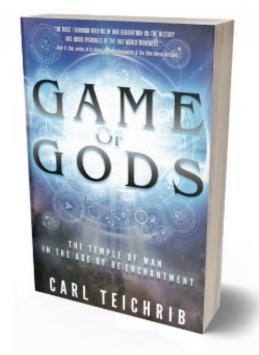
"[it is my] hope that this generation may turn from that greatest of wickedness, the placing of any created thing in the place of the Creator, and that this generation may get its feet out of the paths of death and may live."

- Francis A. Schaeffer, How Should We Then Live?, p.258



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