

L E T T E R S

Who Needs a Needy God?

Rabbi Jack H Bloom's provocative article, "What God Can Learn from Us" (Winter 2008), raises the following questions, among others:

How can one worship a being who is not entirely good? Surely one needs to be worthy of worship to be worshiped, and the God described in Rabbi Bloom's article does not appear to me to be so worthy.

What is the purpose of a God who is just like us? Where is the motivation to reach to be better than we are?

I have difficulty accepting a God who is so much like us mortals.

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that any new domestic oil will take 3-5 years to hit the market ("Get Off Oil," Winter 2008). Will we continue to be hit with that excuse for the next 20 years?

Black's solution, rather than developing available domestic resources, is twofold: 1. Punish Americans by implementing a new dictatorship; 2. Punish the oil companies by redistributing their honestly earned wealth. As for his model of retrofitting cars to use compressed natural gases, he uses the theocratic dictatorship of Iran, but dictatorships are always better at getting things done than democracies.

How much of our free society is Black willing to subvert in order to create his utopian vision?

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In his enthusiasm to get thousands or millions of electric cars on the road, Edwin Black omits two very expensive prerequisites. First, there must be a large increase in our electricity generating capacity to fuel all these cars, and second, there must be a major upgrade of the national electrical grid to get the power where it's needed. To be ecologically responsible, much of the new electricity must be generated by nuclear power plants, since wind and solar energy cannot be expected to produce more than about 20% of the total demand.

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The Oil Challenge

We've known for years that we have to wean ourselves from foreign oil. We've also been told since the 1980s, and Edwin Black is still insisting,

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I am saddened that we, as a people who have always been in the forefront on progressive human rights issues, have not reexamined our own backward views on circumcision, which, counter to Profes-

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