A person stands on a rocky peak with arms outstretched against a dramatic sunset sky. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun breaking through in the center. The person is wearing a light blue t-shirt and dark pants. The overall mood is one of triumph and spiritual connection.

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To understand Michael Heiser's view of the unseen realm one must start where he started, with Psalm 82 coupled with Psalm 89. This is where Heiser had his epiphany and determined that there really was a pantheon of gods, real gods. This premise will lead him, in his words, to "inform" every other biblical doctrine.

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*Evangelical Boundary Breach #1:
The Divine Council and the Pantheon – Psalm 82*

The Divine Council

“God standeth in the
congregation of the mighty;
He judgeth among the gods.”

(Psalm 82:1, KJV)

Traditional Biblical Views

This designation occurs some 42 times in the Bible. All but a few of these refer to the congregation of Israel. The remaining refer to animals. In this Psalm God himself is judging those earthly leaders who had abused this authority. Divine beings have never been given the authority or liberty to judge men.

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The Breach

Heiser's divine council consists ultimately of good gods and bad gods. The pagans called these gods "Watchers" (Jubilee 15:31). Heiser will use this term throughout his literature imbuing the god-like powers of ruling and judging to them.

Evangelical Boundary Breach #1: The Divine Council and the “Pantheon” – Psalm 82

The “Pantheon”

“I have said, **Ye are gods**; And all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes.”
(Psalm 82:6–7, KJV 1900)

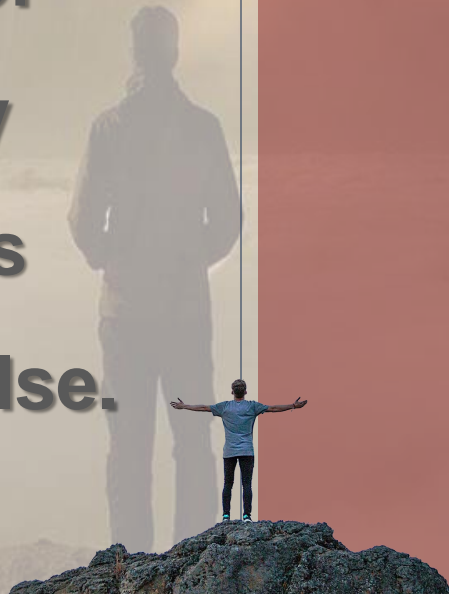
“Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, **Ye are gods?** If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;”

(John 10:34–35, KJV 1900)

Traditional Biblical Views

- **The term gods was early on associated with kings and judges because they were designated by God to speak in His name. Thus, they carried His weight. Proof of the fact that they were not deity always lies in the fact that kings and princes die like everyone else.**

The Breach



Traditional Biblical Views

- Consider doing a walk-through of Isaiah 40-50 to see how emphatic the Lord God is about His claim that there simply are no other gods.
- Top it off with similar New Testament passages such as 1 Corinthians 8:4,5 - just for starters!

The Breach

Monolatry - Heiser originally claimed to be a monolater, but has placed more emphasis on the idea that these gods are “ontologically” unique from Jehovah. They are gods nonetheless. In the end, if you believe on one true God without denying the existence of other gods, you are a polytheist.

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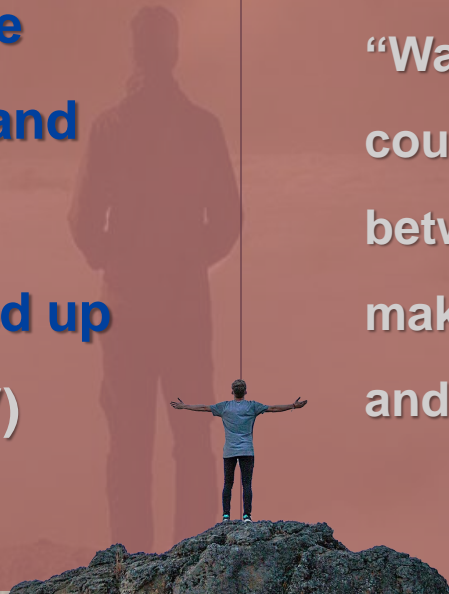
Neo-Gnosticism

Gnosticism has consistently taught that our ascension is dependent upon an echelon of divine beings. These Neo-Gnostics will insist that there are no gods like Jehovah, BUT that these gods really exist. **“Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,”** (Colossians 2:18, KJV)

Additional Comments:

1) In Alexander’s Gordian Knot we have a perfect blurring of legend and fact. Satan will always have a counterfeit backstory ready to put into use.

2.) By constructing a class of “Watcher” gods which occupy a divine council we have blurred the lines between Jehovah, angels, and men, making God just a little more like us, and ourselves a little more like God.



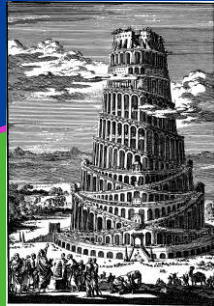
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Having decided that there was a pantheon seated as the divine council, Dr. Heiser's foundation for the infusion of pagan error was laid. When God created the human family, members of His divine family were jealous and subsequently instigated the Fall. Heiser was susceptible to this thinking because he was a student of pagan religions.

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Evangelical Boundary Breach #2: Creation, Eden, and the Fall - Genesis 1:26-28 and Genesis 3

Creation

“And God said, Let us make man **in our image, after our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in **his** own image, in the image of God created **he** him; male and female created **he** them.”

(Genesis 1:26–27, KJV 1900)

The Truth

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From pagan sources, Heiser teaches that the “**us**” are specially created members of the divine council, and that “**as one of us**” in 3:22 means men entered *a new state of being* like members of the supposed divine council.



Evangelical Boundary Breach #2: Creation, Eden, and the Fall - Genesis 1:26-28 and Genesis 3

Satan

“Now the **serpent** was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

(Genesis 3:1, KJV 1900)

“And the great dragon was cast out, **that old serpent**, called the **Devil**, and **Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Revelation

12:9, KJV 1900)

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While it is true that the word Satan can be used in a broad sense, he is referred to as a person and, specifically as an angel and as the devil in both Testaments and is associated specifically with the fall. See: Gospels (Matt 4:1-11; Mark 3:22-26; Luke 10:18; John 13:27), Pauline Epistles (Rom. 16:20; 1 Cor. 5:5; 7:5; 2 Cor. 2:11; 11:14), Rev. (2:24; 12:9; 20:2)

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Heiser's "The Satan" is in reference to any adversary. The unrighteous adversary who deceived Eve is not the same as the righteous Satan who appears before God in Job who began as good and went rogue. This is all derived from pagan sources.



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The Breach

Serpent

Heiser's non-literal serpent who exploited Eve and Adam was not an animal. This is likely because Heiser prefers to link this serpent as a "shining one", one of the ruler gods and not an angel.



Evangelical Boundary Breach #2: Eden and the Fall - Genesis 1:26-28 and Genesis 3

The Fall

“And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as **one of us, to know good and evil**: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:” (Genesis 3:22, KJV 1900)

“For as **in Adam** all die, even so **in Christ** shall all be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:22, KJV 1900)

The Truth

The Fall

“...become as one of us.” This is a reference to the godhead, just as it is in 1:26 and 27. God simply intended us to understand that Adam and Eve would have a new knowledge of good and evil which was previously understood only by God.

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The Fall

Heiser rejects the doctrine that the sin nature was passed down to us through Adam and that we share any guilt for Adam's sin. This nullifies the truth that God's promises are made to men and their seed. See also Hebrews 7 where Levi pays tithes in Abraham.



For Your Information:

How Heiser deceives us:

- 1.) He denies the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch and Joshua's authorship of his book;**
- 2.) He then advances the dating of these so as to be contemporary with the pagan writings he infuses.**
- 3.) He then suggests that we are at fault for not understanding the common "Jewish" understanding of the background of these books as recorded in the pagan Egyptian Dag Hammadi scrolls and the highly eclectic library of Dead Sea Scrolls! Heiser denies the verbal plenary inspiration of the Bible while embracing pagan writings.**

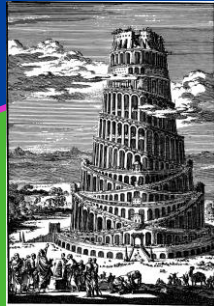


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We have now embraced a pagan worldview where the battle is between two families of God (RIGHT HERE ON EARTH! His divine family and His human family. (Angels are mere messengers.)

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Evangelical Boundary Breach #:3

The Sons of God and the Flood – Genesis 6

“There were **giants** in the earth in those days; **and also after that**, when the **sons of God** came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.” (Genesis 6:4–7, KJV 1900)

The Truth

The Nephilim (giants)

The nephilim are mere giants which existed before and after the flood. The sons of God came in after the nephilim, and there were also nephilim after the flood (Numbers 13:33).

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The Breach

This entire construct of gods, imbued with free will, who are fallen Divine Council members originates in pagan Ugaritic/Mesopotamian writings.

The issues this ANR backstory belies are pregnant with consequence. Consider just one tangled web:



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The Breach

This opens the door to the notion that any of God's creatures could have and may fall at any time, past, present, or future - redeemed or unredeemed. This is due to the pagan notion of free will which must be inherent in all of God's creatures. The historic Christian view is that God has allowed one fall and one contamination of the race.

IMAGINE THE HORROR OF THIS IDEA!



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Worse, Heiser's pagan brand of free will demands absolute freedom. Thus, while Heiser's God can sovereignly intervene among His creatures, He cannot determine what His subjects will do. This remanding of absolute freedom is at the heart of open theism, a pagan notion, and demolishes Bible prophecy.



Evangelical Boundary Breach #:3
The Sons of God and the Flood – Genesis 6

“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; **for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.** And God said unto Noah, The end of **all flesh** is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.” (Genesis 6:11–13, KJV 1900)

The Truth

The Universal Flood

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To deny the universal flood is to deny simple literal interpretation.

Heiser “prefers” a local flood because the Nephilim reappear after the flood! (Numbers 13:13)

Worse, there is nothing in Heiser's theology which would prohibit another invasion of fallen beings from the Divine Council.

Absolutely nothing!



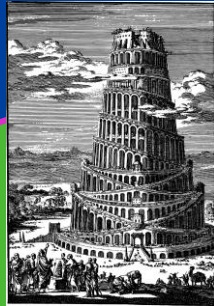
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The closer the lie is to the truth the more palpable it is. There is no pantheon of divine beings, no divine council, and no cosmological (gnostic or dualistic) war going on between two classes of created beings, AND NO ASSIGNING OF THE NATIONS TO DEMONS!

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Evangelical Boundary Breach #4:

Babel and the Nations – Genesis 11, Deuteronomy 32:8,9

“Go to, **let us** go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence **did the LORD scatter them** abroad upon the face of all the earth.” (Genesis 11:6–9, KJV)

“When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, When he separated **the sons of Adam**, He set the bounds of the people **According to the number of the children of Israel**. For the LORD’s portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.”

(Deuteronomy 32:8–9, KJV 1900)

The Truth

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The most High divided the nations and separated the sons of Adam.

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Heiser insists that the most High divided the nations **according to the number of the sons of God** (not Israel.) These sons of God are supposed to be fallen divine council members who conspired against men.

It was necessary for Heiser to directly alter biblical texts in order to buttress his view.



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The Breach

In the words of Heath Henning: *“Another problem with Heiser’s hermeneutic is he focuses on ambiguous text, plays fast and loose with the Hebrew language whenever he can, and when he cannot twist an interpretation of the existing grammar to fit his presupposition, he becomes the textual critic and changes the text itself or uses a different text to justify his position.”* Heiser’s hermeneutics are notorious.



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“And lest thou **lift up thine eyes unto heaven**, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all **the host of heaven**, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.” (Deuteronomy 4:19–20, KJV 1900)

- See also, Daniel 10, especially verses 12,13, and 21.

The Truth

Host of Heaven

While any large group of beings or objects may be called hosts, (such as angelic hosts), the warning here is that Israel is not to worship the stars under the heaven.

When we observe the stars we are not only compelled to worship God, we are to be reminded not to worship them or the false gods who like to be represented by them as did Babel, Egypt, and the nations.

The Breach

Incredulously, Heiser sees these stars as literal gods which we are forbidden to worship.

It is not that the stars are metaphors, rather, Heiser sees the stars as literal orbs and he sees them as literal gods at the same time.

Repair the Breaches

Dangerous Terms!

Sacred space

Watchers

Divine Council

ANR

No Trespassing!

	It's OK to struggle.	It's NOT OK to cross the biblical line.
Divine Council	To struggle over whether there is a permanent divine council or whether God calls assemblies of men or angels together to witness His deeds or carry out His will.	To suggest that a pantheon of gods make up a divine council, a separate created family.
Satan	To struggle over whether the name Satan is proper or just a title.	To teach that Satan is an advocate as well as an adversary.
Nephilim	To struggle over whether Nephilim were the product of co-habitation or just giants.	To teach Nephilim were the product of <i>gods</i> and women.
Babylon	Struggle over what all happened at Babylon and why and how this fits prophetic themes.	To teach that the governance of 70 nations was remanded to fallen demons or gods.
Temple	Struggle over the past, present, and future biblical temples and their roles.	To teach that temples are sacred spaces and that the goal of the gospel is to reclaim sacred space through believers who are His temple.

Repair the Breaches

Final Comment: By now Heiser has made it clear that his Bible is not sufficient and cannot stand alone. It is a partially inspired narrative which must be informed with a pagan backdrop of thought, thought which eventually, informs every Christian doctrine. Ask yourself this final question: Would God entrust truth, supposedly this vital, to one man of this persuasion?

Repair the Breaches

Guard Yourself!

Beware lest you fall from your own steadfastness!

2 Peter 3:17

Guard Your Church!

Deceit workers have transformed themselves into messengers of Christ!

2 Corinthians 11:13



Guard Your Family!

Teach your children to recognize and refute error!

Ephesians 6:6

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