



THE GOD WHO WON'T  
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# The God Who Won't Stay Away: The Tabernacle

# Ex. 24

<sup>15</sup> When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup> and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud.

# Ex. 24

<sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

# Ex. 25

The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. <sup>3</sup> These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; <sup>4</sup> blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair;

# Ex. 25

<sup>5</sup> ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; <sup>6</sup> olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; <sup>7</sup> and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

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<sup>8</sup> “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. <sup>9</sup> Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.





The Good

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- “And God said” in Gen 1: 3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26 (see vv. 11, 28, 29) with “And the LORD said” in Ex 25: 1; 30: 11, 17, 22, 34; 31: 1, 12.

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- Just as the seventh day of creation climaxed with the Sabbath (Gen 2: 3), so the seventh speech climaxes with instructions about the Sabbath (Ex 31: 12-17).

# Tabernacle: Outer Court

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- Altar
- Basin
- Priestly Garments

# Tabernacle: Inner Court

- Lampstand



The Bad

The Ugly



# Moralistic Therapeutic Deism

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1. "A god exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth."
2. "God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions."
3. "The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about one's self."
4. "God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem."
5. "Good people go to heaven when they die."



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