

de-Creation

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Jeremiah 4:23-26

*I looked at the earth,
and it was formless and empty;
and at the heavens,
and their light was gone.
I looked at the mountains,
and they were quaking;
all the hills were swaying.
I looked, and there were no people;
every bird in the sky had flown away.
I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert;
all its towns lay in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.*

Exodus 32:1-4

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt"

REFLECTION QUESTION

In what ways do we repeat the Golden Calf story in our own world today?

If Creation exhibits such attributes as goodness, order, harmony, and fruitfulness, what would you expect the attributes of de-Creation (or anti-Creation) to include?

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The Bible speaks not only of the glories of creation, but also of the tragedies of de-creation. Despite the goodness seeded in the world since God spoke it into being, Scripture is not shy about the poisons that have troubled our shared garden from the very beginning. Just as the stories of Creation continue to offer us wisdom for sacred living today, the stories of Conflict offer us stunning insights into our current condition and God's sometimes surprising remedies.



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