

## That Just Makes You Tired!

Have you ever noticed that mere observation can make you tired? (Well, me neither). However, my son is always the thinker and he made an observation worthy of contemplation, i.e., idolatry is hard work! Yes, says he and here's why.

The Babylonians had at least eleven major gods:

Tiamat: in one area she epitomized the beauty of the feminine, while the other showcasing how she represented the chaotic scope of primordial origins," i.e., in another area she takes "the form of a giant dragon to wreak havoc on the younger generation of gods and is also said to have created the first batch of monsters and 'poison-filled dragons..." I think I've met her.

Enlil, Enki, and Anu: It has been reported that Mesopotamian had a supreme triad: Enlil, possibly portrayed as the 'Lord of Air,' Anu, god of the heavens, Enki, god of wisdom and earth. Of these it was Enlil "who brought upon the great flood upon humanity because he was "perturbed by their higher rate of fertility and the general 'noise' they made (that disturbed his sleep). Enki, translated as the 'Lord of the Earth,' has also been depicted as a deity of creation, crafts, intelligence and even magic."

Marduk: Seemingly the most famous of the Babylonian gods. Marduk has been portrayed as 'the very King of gods (or even Storm God), draped in royal robes, whose fields of 'expertise' ranged from justice, healing to agriculture and magic. Historically, the famous ziggurat of Babylon was also dedicated to Marduk, which has been referred to a "the (literary) model for the Biblical Tower of Babel."

Other Babylonian gods included Ishtar, Sin, Shamash, Nisaba, Ashur, and Ninkasi. Each possessing their own characteristic. Keeping up with each and to each their ceremonies, works, and beliefs would be a job all by its lonesome. Thus, it is refreshing to serve a God who encapsulates every detail of life:

Acts 17:24	Made the world	Rev. 1:8	Alpha and Omega
Deut. 33:17	Eternal God	Josh. 3:10	Living God
Eccl. 12:1	Creator or Maker	Psa. 139:7-12	Ever-present
Jer. 32:17	All Powerful	Dan. 2:21	Controls time and seasons
Dan. 4:34	Liveth for ever	1 Tim. 1:17	Sovereign
1 Pet. 1:16	Holy	Jn. 17:17	Source of Truth
Psa. 71:19	Righteousness is very high	Deut. 32:4	Just

Such will suffice lest we write a book containing all the characteristics that make God praise worthy: oh, my bad, we already have one. ret