The Bible makes much of the God of the Covenant, which then raises the question just what does this mean to developed modern society?

My answer to that is **everything**, as all that we develop or build stands or falls on it.

The Biblical God enters into a few covenants; the Isaac Covenant which was entered into with those who chose to serve the higher Biblical God; the Ishmael Covenant with those who chose other Gods which were still sound enough to build something creditworthy out off.

Yet mainly the Bible is concerned for a God who has covenanted to uphold the created order as a whole. So why is this the very foundation on which all endeavors at human development stand or fall?

The issue reduces to the question, what is the true nature of omnipotence?

The Biblical faiths & Islam share a common perception God is absolutely omnipotent; but differ hugely in how said omnipotence is exercised.

Before exploring the omnipotence of the Biblical God, & why it works as an underwriter of human development; I will first address Islam’s misconception of omnipotence & why it fails as an underwriter of human development.

In Islam Allah is held absolutely omnipotent & does as he wills on a moment by moment basis. He has no covenant with man as such would place constraints on his presumed omnipotence, he has no covenant with the created order as a whole as that too would limit his options

Thus the whole creation is held a private ~fiefdom~ which is solely dependent on the whims of a capricious & arbitrary entity who can change the workings of the creation, abrogate it or entirely dissolve it according to his desire of the moment.

It is self-evident there are no stable constants here man can confidently explore, develop & build out of; making all efforts at systemic higher development unrewarding & futile.

Thus the deep fatalism of Islam, which holds man can do nothing to help himself as everything depends on the will of Allah.

*It is held by non-Muslims that Muhammad advanced himself by saying or doing whatever was expedient to further his own interests at any given moment. If he had to contradict what he had said or did previously he simply contrived one of his trance states, to pronounce ~what Allah said yesterday was what Allah wanted yesterday; what Allah said (through him) today is what Allah wants today~ As Allah is absolutely omnipotent & such is inarguable; that is the end of the matter.*

*To non-Muslims this Allah seems* ***too much made in the image*** *of the day to day expediencies of the self-serving Muhammad; while to Muslim’s Muhammad’s legitimacy as a prophet stands or falls on the randomly arbitrary absolute omnipotence attributed to this Allah entity.*

Of note, Islam offers no stable constants humanity can confidently build & develop out of in either event. Which then gives rise to the deep fatalism of Islam; man can do little to help himself as all depends on the capricious will of Allah.

The Bible however has a totally different view of omnipotence. It holds if the creator was omnipotent from the beginnings, he knew what he was doing from the beginnings. If he knew what he was doing from the beginnings, he has complete confidence in the laws & processes he him-self set in motion, *from the beginnings.* On the basis of said confidence, he has **covenanted** to abide by them & maintain them as stable constants over time.

As these laws & processes are maintained as stable constants, man can profitably explore them, so seeking to understand then master them, thus bringing them under our constantly expanding human dominions.  *Fulfilling the Biblical directive ~go forth & multiply, expand your dominions over the earth & all it contains~*

On this basis early axial age man first developed primitive agriculture & animal husbandry. He then developed primitive industry & more advanced social systems. We have been progressively developing more advanced social sciences; theology, philosophy, political, judicial & economic systems ever since. We have been progressively developing the material sciences, agriculture, industry, chemistry, metallurgy, structural & mechanical engineering, electronics, technology & physics ever since. All of which has culminated in the modern developed world; which looks like bringing forth a lot more progressive stage by stage higher development in the future.

Yet we need note the whole **stands or falls** on an omnipotent creator, so confident in the laws & processes he him-self set in motion, he ~covenanted~ to abide by them until the end of time. Thus endowing them as **stable constants** humanity can confidently explore to build & develop out off.

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