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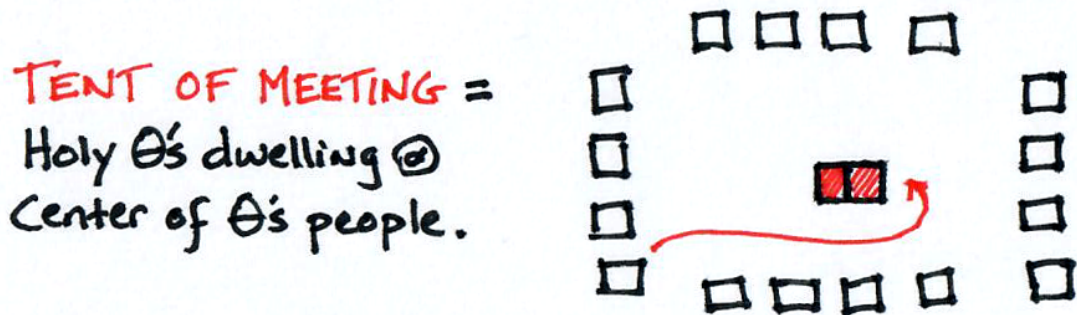
= Answers the BIG QUESTION of life!

① WHAT?

 L = How can I/we live before, in the presence of, the HOLY Θ ? (1:3, 5, 9, 11 + 17)
"The LORD called Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting" (1:1)

Background

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| LORD delivers Israel from Egypt + gives law Exodus 1-24 | LORD prescribes tabernacle + Bezalel, etc. build it Ex. 25-40 | LORD establishes Sacrifices + feast, Ceremonies, etc. of Tabernacle Lev. |
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"When any of you brings an offering to the LORD... He shall bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD" (1:2-3)

Holiness is the Big Q of life? Really? 2 Reasons:

1. Everyone is living by the assumption that there is a real standard of beauty, purity, weightiness = holy Ex
2. Everyone is trying to be acceptable, pure, beautiful, "holy," i.e. on the right side of the standard. Ex You?
"pleasing aroma" (1:9, 13, 17)


② How?


☰☰ A = By Sacrifice, Ch 1 ▶ Burnt Offering
the most basic + widespread of OT sacrifices

Warning = bloody, gory, killing of animals... Hang w. me

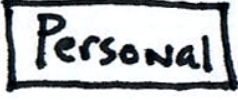
1. Not offered b/c of actual guilt, Cf. Sin Offering Chp.
But b/c of human condition of sin + shame,
defilement before Holy Θ
2. Personal + Costly from herd or flock, male w/o
blemish
3. Laying on of hands, lit. "leaning on" would include
prayer/confession + transfer of sin + shame unto
innocent animal = Substitution "make atonement"
(vs. 4)
4. Gory, bloody Kill the bull before the LORD; or
sheep, goat, or bird (turtledove + pigeon)... Scott
5. Division of labor w. people killing animal/bird;
Priests sprinkling blood on altar, burning the
head, the pieces, the fat
6. Prescribed by Θ , and was to take place at the
tabernacle/altar "before the LORD"/Tent of meeting
(1:3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17)
7. Burnt offering, despite stench of blood, would
be a pleasing aroma to the LORD

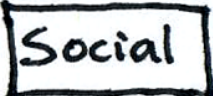
Remarkable? Christians worship Holy Θ of OT
But don't offer sacrifices. Yet the claim to have access
into the holy place (Hebrews 10:19)! How?

 Hebrews 10:1-23, "through the offering of the blood
of Jesus Christ, once for all." (vs. 10)

 Find this wrathful, primitive Θ + the blood + gore
offensive! Why would you possibly believe this?

③ WHY? 2 Reasons...

 **Personal** You feel the weight of the holy + can't
shake your deep consciousness of shame **SHAME**.
Rejecting Holy Θ doesn't fix this. Only thru the
atonement of Jesus can your shame be atoned for
b/c your defilement is real **Conversation @ Rivertrail**

 **Social** We all want to be pure, perfect, beautiful,
accepted, undefiled \blacktriangleright holy "**pleasing aroma**." This
requires us positioning ourselves on the "right side"
of **ideological, financial, intellectual, political, relational,**
ethnic, religious purity + holding impure + unholy in
contempt

 But in Israel \blacktriangleright Church @ the center of our
community is knowledge that we are impure + need
sacrifice: **Jesus became our impurity to make us pure.**