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A GOD WHO CHANGES

We like to claim that God is unchanging. It gives us a sense of comfort and security. In the book of Hebrews, a letter in the New Testament, the anonymous author writes that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

But there is a compelling branch of Christian theology called "Process Theology" which claims that God changes in relationship to a changing world. Yes, the core attributes of God are unchanging – God's faithfulness, mercy, and grace – but God finds new ways to be God as the world changes. God is in a dynamic relationship with God's creation.

By analogy, this is like a mother whose love for her child is constant, but which must be expressed in different ways as the child grows and develops different needs. The last thing any grown person wants is a parent who treats you like a baby.

Our lives are changing. Our culture is changing. The international order is changing. The earth itself is becoming different from any other time in human history.

And God, ever-faithful, changes with us.

Peace,

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