

Genesis 1:26-27

Humankind was NOT created by multiple gods in the Old Testament. It is of course true that "elohim" is MORPHOLOGICALLY plural (morphology refers to the construction or "shape" of a word). The - im ending of elohim makes the noun plural. As Psalm 82 (see above) tells us, elohim CAN be plural in the Hebrew Bible. The same psalm, though, also has elohim as a contextually clear SINGULAR (the morphologically plural word came to be used as a proper name for a singular deity). In passages other than Psalm 82, we must let GRAMMAR dictate whether the word is singular or plural. **In Genesis 1:26-27, the GRAMMAR tells us Sitchin is wrong:**

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(26) "And God (אלהים) said (the verb is SINGULAR):

Let us make man in our image, after our likeness

(these are references to God's divine council - composed of other elohim and angels - if you read *The Facade*, you'll learn about the divine council). At this point, the issue of whether humankind was created by ONE deity or many gods is still up in the air – but will be clarified by the text . . .

and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

(27) So God (אלהים) created (the **verb is SINGULAR**) man in his own (a third masculine **SINGULAR suffix** in Hebrew) image, in the image of God (אלהים - we know this is singular as well from context - the preceding suffix tells us) he created (the **verb is SINGULAR**) him; male and female he created (the **verb is SINGULAR**) them.

Conclusion – from the TEXT:

God announced to his council his idea to create mankind (“hey, guys, let's do this!” – a sort of exhortational declaration), then HE (and he alone, by virtue of the GRAMMAR) created humankind in HIS own image (not *theirs*).

Sadly, Sitchin is either completely unaware of what's going on in the verse, or assumes no one would check, or doesn't want readers to know.