- We have promoted the notion that there is one truth here on earth, that
   our religious group has the ultimate and final truth.
- We have often spoken from a higher moral ground.

I would like to quote a Jewish text –(Babylonian Talmud Shabbat 88a)

Each and every word that issued from the mouth of the Almighty at Sinai divided itself into seventy languages. Accordingly, citing the verse from Jeremiah "As a hammer that breaks the rock into pieces", the school of Rabbi Ishmael taught: Just as a hammer that strikes a rock causes sparks to fly off in all directions, so each and every word that issued from the mouth of God divided itself into seventy languages."

- God addresses every nation in a way that is appropriate for them.
  - Every nation has access to God in a way that fits them.
  - God is universal, religions are particular.
  - Nobody has all the answers, we have fragments of the truth.
  - God's truth is greater than the spiritual articulations of any single religious tradition.
  - Truth is greater than religion.
  - No single religion can exhaust the reality of God or contain it.

We need to each develop a theology that gives spiritual legitimacy to other faiths.

This does <u>not</u> mean giving up our own particular story or tradition or spiritual path. It means that God's covenant need not be exclusive.