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2/22/2020--David Brooks writes that Bernie Sanders will probably win the Democratic nomination because he is a mythmaker and the other Democrats are not. This sounds like Daniel Quinn's book Ishmael, in which the gorilla teacher, Ishmael, explains that Hitler dominated German life because he offered a "story." (I don't mean that Bernie is like Hitler). American life right now is notable because of the absence of any story about human existence. The religious stories largely fail to resonate. The secular stories of progress also fail. Materialism is not a source of any understandable story. Under materialism, human life is a unreasoned accident. So, we simply need a new story.