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What And Where Is God?

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God is “Infinite Intelligence of which our own intelligence is merely a part.” I wrote those words many years ago. The entire recollection of my experience with God is as follows:

I had essentially a “near-death” experience some years ago, similar to what others have described, during which I experienced God . . . as an intense bright light at the end of a tunnel, and as Infinite Intelligence of which our own intelligence is merely a part. God was neither masculine nor feminine. My mother had died months before it happened, and I felt her presence and I knew she was with God.

From that moment forward, I have never doubted that God exists, or that God created everything—heaven and earth and everything in between. However, I continually seek to understand how God operates in my life, on a day-to-day basis. The closest I have come is my belief that God acts through us as faith, inspiration, prayer, miracles, and perhaps most of all, love. I believe that in expressing love, each of us is God in expression.[2]

In my mother's Bible, she marked a passage that I discovered after her death:

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3 (King James Version). In other words, God will keep you and me in "perfect peace"—not just peace alone—if we keep our minds focused on God, and trust in God.

Also, another passage from the Bible is important to me as well:

[W]alk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (King James Version). It was cited in a message that I read one day, which I have read almost every day since.

Its complete version reads as follows:

As a child, I needed someone to steady my bicycle when I first learned to ride on two wheels. As a teen, I had a parent or teacher in the car beside me as I learned to drive. In each case, there came a time when I had to let go of the need for support and put my faith in my own abilities.

Now when I have a decision to make or feel that I am being called in a particular direction, I might seek the advice of friends, family, or a professional, but I know that my strength comes in putting my faith in God within and trusting the guidance I receive through prayer.

As I pray, I let go of any doubt or fear or any thought of unworthiness, and I place my trust in God. Each step I take is a step in faith, for even though I may not know what the outcome will be, I know without a doubt that God is with me and all is in divine order.

I walk by faith with my heart open to the fullness of God's love, and I receive the promise of unlimited possibilities and the assurance that every situation in my life will work out. The highest and best blessings are unfolding for my loved ones and me.

I surrender to God's love and walk by faith.[\[3\]](#)

God is as close to you and me as our next thought or breath. God is present in a child's laughter, and the rustling of leaves on a tree, and a bird in flight, and the love expressed by one human being or animal to another. What is God? Infinite Intelligence, and Love. Where is God? Here, there, and everywhere.[\[4\]](#)

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[2] I added at a later date:

Once prior to that experience, and again many years later, I survived an auto accident that might have killed me, and I did not fall from the side of a mountain when I was hiking and had very precarious footing, which might have killed me too.

[3] This entry was for the "20th Day of Lent," March 15, 2007, which appeared on page 33 of a booklet entitled, "Enter the Garden: Spiritual Preparation for Easter 2007," which was published by Unity (*see* www.unity.org).



[4] Also, it worth remembering that all life is a miracle; and why be afraid of tomorrow when today is all we have.

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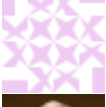
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