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- *The nature of God*
- *God and humans share the same “Is” component*
- *Seeking, exploring, questioning encouraged*

Each one of you, every human being, is held, as it were, in God’s hand.

Throughout human history, there has been the need to understand at some level: Why life at all? Why me at all? Why nature? Why grass and rock, birds? Why anything? What is the need that God has for there to be any creation?

The very nature of God is to create and transform. It is the nature of human beings to take in oxygen, to breathe, to transform that oxygen. It is likewise the very nature of God that creation happens. God is not a human being, although often represented as such, for it is easier for human beings to perceive the reality of a god if that god takes on some kind of human persona. In ancient civilizations God was not necessarily limited to human form, but was often represented by other forms of the natural world. Such representations of God have always seemed appropriate, whether those representations are in concept or in some kind of graphic form—a carving, a painting. There are many who believe it is incorrect to prepare any representation, visual representation, of God, but even with a reluctance to visually represent that Spirit Center, there is nevertheless the desire, the need to know.

In other life-forms elsewhere in God’s creation, there are understandings of God in terms of the characteristics of those life-forms. No understanding is complete and no understanding is thoroughly incorrect. The fact that God is the Creator and also the totality of all that is created is difficult for you to comprehend, for no being in your awareness, no entity, creates itself. Your understanding of what it means to create is limited by your own visions as human beings, but in truth, God is both All That Is and the Creator of All That Is.

But God is more than merely the Creator and a substance of that creation. What is added to that is the reality of love. Perhaps you can understand more clearly creation if you consider for a moment what love creates, what love transforms. When you act lovingly toward another, you are building the capability of another to become loving. In a sense you are creating the very love that you are expressing toward another. If you act with compassion, someone learns the meaning of compassion and they become compassionate. No one becomes compassionate without experiencing compassion at some level of life. It is by experiencing that such experiences are spread more widely.

If your demeanor is one of suspicion and doubt and negativity, you increase the level of suspicion, doubt and negativity that exists around you. If you express confidence and joy, you spread confidence and joy to others, but you cannot express that confidence and joy unless you have witnessed it. So you are in effect experiencing

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the confidence and joy of another and creating a confidence, a joy, a love, a compassion beyond yourselves.

It is not so difficult to understand what it means to receive and then to give, but what is it that is received? Where does this come from?

The reality of God beyond your understanding is that “God Is always.” It is not “God Is beginning several millennia ago.” The truth is simply that God Is. That “Is” quality is not measured in time. It is measured merely in reality. All is in the present, as you know although find difficult to fully comprehend. Even though the Creator is not human, love is perhaps the closest description of the nature of God that creates. Another description might be pure joy, for it is in joy that you reach outward. It is in deep pain that others reach outward to you. When you reach out to another in compassion, it is not out of joy but out of love, and yet love affirms the value of another, and that affirmation is a kind of joy.

God affirms. God creates through that affirmation. God creates because affirmation creates. God creates because what you perceive as a human trait, love, creates. Love is essentially the manifestation of something greater than love. Love is merely the evidence given of that greater essence. Human beings are not capable of expressing that greater essence, but humans are capable of manifesting that reality through a loving relationship with everything.

You are not asked to be Love. You’re asked to be loving. It is our mission, it is our objective ultimately to become Love. It is not enough for us to be loving. We become the manifestation of God, the love that comes from the greater reality that is God. You cannot fully appreciate the essence of God, the essence of the Spirit Center, outside your own experience. Your experience is a human experience and therefore your understanding must be in human terms. That is what all generations of human beings have engaged in. You seek because you are. You are because God Is. The relationship is very simple. The understanding of this is very complex.

You meet as a group to seek understanding. Students meet in a classroom and learn, but students don’t acquire total knowledge of what is taught, for no human being has such knowledge. Nevertheless, the growth, the expansion of consciousness occurs. The religions of the world, whether pagan in your sense of understanding or not, all seek an explanation for what is, what exists, indeed “who am I?”—the question that is at the center of much of your discussion. God Is, the Spirit Center Is, your physical life Is, your spiritual essence Is, all that you know to exist Is, all that is beyond your current knowledge Is. The impact, the legacy of all who have ever lived in human form Is. The impact of every human being who follows your footsteps Is. And it is this “Is” quality that is such an important component of what unites everything. We cannot say that consciousness is a part of all creation, but we can say that interaction definitely is a part of that.

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The stone we so often refer to is not conscious, and yet it is impacted by whatever surrounds it. It is impacted by its own history, its own presence, its own transformation. Sandstone was not originally sandstone. It was created through many transformations of other forms of creation. So sandstone exists because of what else exists in the actual presence of time, but that sandstone is also influenced as it continues its stone existence, whether human presence, the air that you breathe, the carbon dioxide that exists—all elements impact on that stone.

You are the same because you share the same Is component. Your souls do have an identity. Your souls are connected to every soul. We are not speaking of past souls or future souls. We say *every* soul because souls exist fully. God creates, but that creation is merely a transformation of what already Is. The individual souls with their own needs and objectives come from the loving center, the Spirit Center, the center of what love Is.

Human life is a matter of exploration. You explore during your lives. Others explore who they are through your lives. If a baby dies at childbirth, exploration takes place, for the parents seek the true meaning of life and the significance of the transformation to another entity not identified with life. We reject using the term “death” in this case, for death implies a kind of “stop” of some sort, a ceasing of something. What you perceive and label as death is merely another transformation.

Your quest to understand more of the relationship between body and soul and the place of consciousness or mind in that relationship is a worthy pursuit. You will never fully come to the bottom of this well of knowledge. You will not have drawn all the water from its source, but in the seeking you are asking the questions that are in fact the most significant of questions. You do wish to understand. You do wish to sort out so many differing opinions, but in your seeking it is important to remember that it is that act of seeking, rather than what is finally discovered, that really gives meaning to life. You’re given life for the potential to seek. You’re given life that you might understand more fully “why life.”

We are pleased when you seek. We are pleased with your frustrations. We are pleased with your uncertainties, for too many go through life so fully certain of their own beliefs that they place barriers in the way of their own growth as human beings, as souls, as part of the Spirit Center.

You are blessed, but so is everyone in the human plane. There are no blessings that are greater than others. There are merely different blessings. If you acknowledge that every human being, regardless of age, regardless of the amount of suffering, is blessed, then you will be closer to seeing the value of a commitment to all human beings.

Commit yourselves to each other.

Commit yourselves to your own personal entity.

Commit yourselves to the growth of your souls.

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Commit yourselves to understanding more profoundly “why life.”

Commit yourselves to your own sense of self-worth.

It is easy to say you value another, and yet feel yourselves to be somewhat inferior. No human being is inferior. No human being is deserving of less love, less compassion, less understanding.

You must go through your daily lives with the sense of unity, the sense of respect, the sense of the sameness that is part of each individual. There are no islands, for all islands are ultimately connected. Emphasize how you are connected, and pull your eyes away from the evidence pointing toward uniqueness. Avoid a sense that somehow you are less worthy or you are more worthy than another. All of you are worthy of each other. All of you can give to one another. All of you are capable of receiving from one another. It is in this reality that you are so deeply blessed by God.

Accept the light.

Accept the life.

Accept the love.

And transform all to becoming loving.

Amen.