**God - Ponderings**

**God – there is none else.**

***(Deuteronomy 4:39)***

**To whom then will you liken God?**

**Or what likeness will you compare unto him?**

***(Isaiah 40:18)***

**For God is Spirit; and those who worship him**

**must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

***(St. John 4:24)***

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace.**

***(Romans 15:13)***

**Affirmation: “God, it is You who created us and sustains us, and not I, myself. It is Your power which moves through all minds and bodies, leading us higher along the path. It is Your presence which stirs our souls and gladdens our hearts. Thank you, God, for blessing us so." *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 364)***

**Perhaps God and I owe each other an apology. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**God -- the one Presence and the one Power -- has three aspects or roles: mind, idea, and expression. The Trinity can be looked at as the creative process of God. Mind is the source, the origin, the parent--the Father/Mother. The mind gives birth to ideas or thoughts. Expression is the manifestation or outworking of these ideas. Expression is, in a sense, the working arm of God and is commonly referred to as the Holy Spirit. This aspect of God does the work in our lives. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 182)***

**What God brings you to, God takes you through. *(Rev. Sharon Connors, in Adventures in Prayer)***

**“Maybe it was God calling to tell me to get out of my living room.” *(Mary Dhume of Summerford, Oregon, who got up to answer a hang-up phone call Monday night seconds before a pickup truck crashed into her living room and collapsed a wall into the chair where she’d been sitting. Rocky Mountain News, August 27, 2004)***

**Sometimes God calms the storm. At other times, he calms the sailor. And sometimes he makes us swim. *(Tidbits)***

**My conversation with God has been going on so long, I forget who originally placed the call. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**No harm in becoming dependent, so long as what you depend on is always there. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Whom the gods wish to destroy they first call promising. *(Cyril Connolly, British journalist-writer)***

**The existence of God has already been proven to my satisfaction by the existence of everything else.  *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The most extraordinary thing about the 20th century was the failure of God to die. The collapse of mass religious belief, especially among the educated and prosperous, had been widely and confidently predicted. It did not take place. Somehow God survived, flourished even. *(Paul Johnson, in The Quest for God)***

**Saving someone’s life is like falling in love. The best drug in the world. For days, sometimes weeks afterward, you walk the streets, making infinite whatever you see. Once, for a few weeks, I couldn’t feel the earth – everything I touched became lighter. Horns played in my shoes. Flowers fell from my pockets. You wonder if you’ve become immortal, as if you’ve saved your own life as well. God has passed through you. Why deny it, that for a moment there – God was you? *(EMT Frank Pierce, in Bringing Out the Dead)***

**Finding God would be hard enough, even if he didn’t go under so many different names. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**I protest this constant phrase, “finding God.” I have never heard that He was lost. Let us not speak of “finding” but of “being aware.” God is playing no game of hide-and-seek. It is not his hiddenness, it is our blindness*. (Paul Scherer)***

**To me it seems as if when God conceived the world, that was Poetry; He formed it, and that was Sculpture; He colored it, and that was Painting. He peopled it with living beings, and that was the grand, divine, eternal Drama. *(Charlotte Saunders Cushman, American actress)***

**To know God is the beginning of wisdom, because God is the source of wisdom. The nearer we live to the source the more we receive of that which comes from the source. The mind that is not consciously living with God may have intellect and mental capacity, but the wisdom that knows can come only to that mind that is walking with God every moment of conscious existence. *(Christian D. Larson)***

**Nobody knows what God will do next – (perhaps not even God). *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**I am not sure that God always knows who are his great men; he is so very careless of what happens to them while they live. *(Mary Hunter Austin, American novelist and playwright)***

**God looks at the clean hands, not the full ones. *(Publilius Syrus)***

**What really matters is not whether I believe in God but whether God believes in me. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**God is so nice, I almost wish there were more than one. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**God transcendent suggests God as above and beyond His creation. This idea of God as remote from the practical affairs of man or from man’s own experience is false. God (perfection) is not out of reach of His offspring nor something beyond or above them. Tennyson tells us that “closer is He than breathing, and nearing than hands and feet.” *(Charles Fillmore, in Keep A True Lent, p. 144)***

**Without God, the world doesn’t make sense – but that doesn’t prove that there is a God. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

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