**Famous People on God**

**Sometimes I do get to places just when God’s ready to have somebody click the shutter. *(Ansel Adams, famous photographer)***

**How can I believe in God when just last week I got my tongue caught in the roller of an electric typewriter? *(Woody Allen)***

**You have to remind yourself, you’re not taking care of your family, God is. And if you put God first, he’ll take care of you better than you can imagine. *(Paul Brandt, country music singer)***

**Nature is the art of God. *(Thomas Browne)***

**Of all the movies I’ve made, the only one that had me worried was the one that turned out to be my biggest hit, Oh, God! The minute I accepted the role, I started to panic. Should I be the one to play God? We’re both about the same age, but we grew up in different neighborhoods. What kind of voice should I use? I was very confused, so I looked up and hollered, “How do you play God?” There was no answer. The closer we got to the starting date, the more nervous I got. Then one night I realized that no matter what, I couldn’t be criticized. Nobody has ever seen Him, so who would know if I played Him right or wrong. That changed my whole attitude. I couldn’t wait to get going. The week before shooting began, I rehearsed day and night. I got so into the role that one night when I said my prayers, I realized that I was talking to myself. *(George Burns, in 100 Years, 100 Stories)***

**If God didn’t want man to hunt, he wouldn’t have given us plaid shirts. *(Johnny Carson)***

**I am prepared to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter. *(Sir Winston Churchill)***

**God is a verb, not a noun. *(R. Buckminster Fuller, in No More Secondhand God)***

**The existence of God could be proved statistically. Take the human body alone -- the chance that all the functions of the individual would just happen is a statistical monstrosity. *(George Gallup)***

**To the millions who have to go without two meals a day, the only acceptable form in which God dare appear is food. *(Mahatma Gandhi)***

**Somebody should tell Jerry Falwell that God is an Independent . . . he’s not rich enough to be Republican. *(Bob Hope)***

**God made only water, but man made wine. *(Victor Hugo)***

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**God must love the common man. He made so many of them*. (Abraham Lincoln)***

**I cannot conceive how a man could look up into the heavens and say there is no God. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**My great concern is not whether God is on our side, my great concern is to be on God’s side. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**I have had so many evidences of His direction, so many instances when I have been controlled by some other power than my own will, that I cannot doubt that this power comes from above. I frequently see my way clear to a decision when I am conscious that I have not sufficient facts upon which to found it. I am satisfied that when the Almighty wants me to do, or not to do, a particular thing, He finds a way of letting me know it. I am a full believer that God knows what He wants men to do, that which pleases Him. It is never well with the man who heeds it not. I talk to God. My mind seems relieved when I do, and a way is suggested. I should be the veriest shallow and self-conceited blockhead, in my discharge of the duties of this place, if I should hope to get along without the wisdom that comes from God and not from man. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

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**You can’t find God – you have to let God find you. *(Thomas Merton)***

**Good art is nothing but a replica of the perfection of God and a reflection of His art. *(Michelangelo)***

**In a speech at Sarah Lawrence College, actor Paul Newman told a story about his Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for children with catastrophic diseases: A counselor was talking about God with an eight-year-old boy. The boy said he wasn't very conversant with God, but he did know a little about physics. It fascinated him that, in the expanding universe, whatever force you exert in one direction is precisely what comes back from another. The counselor said he was glad that the camp was different than the rest of the universe because he got back a good deal more than he put into it. The kid wrestled with that one awhile and said, “Well, maybe that's God.” *(Reader's Digest)***

**The most beautiful system of sun, planets and comets could only proceed from the counsel and domi**

**ion of an intelligent and powerful being. *(Sir Isaac Newton)***

**A pastor read: “God is dead” – Nietzsche. The graffiti underneath read: “Nietzsche is dead” – God*. (Tidbits)***

**If you want to know what God thinks of money, just look at the people he gave it to. *(Dorothy Parker)***

**Animals inspired artist Pablo Picasso to offer this challenging view of the Almighty Creator: “God is really only another artist. He invented the giraffe, the elephant, and the cat. He has no real style. He just goes on trying other things.” *(Bob Fenster, in They Did What!?, p. 146)***

**He was a wise man who invented God. *(Plato)***

**Sometimes when I’m faced with an atheist, I am tempted to invite him to the greatest gourmet dinner that one could ever serve, and when we have finished eating that magnificent dinner, to ask him if he believes there’s a cook. *(Ronald Reagan, in Speaking My Mind)***

**I don’t know if God exists, but it would be better for His reputation if He didn’t. *(Jules Renard)***

**Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, the famous World War II pilot, crashed into the Pacific after leading a special mission. He and his crew were lost at sea for twenty-one days. He wrote of his experience: “In the beginning many of the men were atheists or agnostics, but at the end of the terrible ordeal each, in his own way, discovered God. Each man found God in the vast empty loneliness of the ocean. Each man found salvation and strength in prayer, and a community of feeling developed which created a liveliness of human fellowship and worship, and a sense of gentle peace.” *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 31)***

**I love God, and when you get to know Him, you find He’s a Livin” Doll. *(Jane Russell, actress)***

**God is a circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere. *(St. Augustine)***

**What is God? Who is like to God in greatness? Nations before God are a drop of water; the universe as a grain of sand; the whole human race as nothing. *(St. Ignatius Loyola)***

**A baby is God’s opinion that life should go on. *(Carl Sandburg)***

**God is a comedian playing to an audience that is afraid to laugh*. (Voltaire)***

**Every sunrise is a message from God, and every sunset . . . His signature. *(William Arthur Ward)***

**It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and, at no distant period, a great nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence*. (George Washington, farewell address as president, 1796)***

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