

# WHAT IS MY CONCEPT OF GOD?

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God is indescribable in words. Words are symbols of symbols. They are thus twice removed from reality. *God can only be experienced.* In my last article, (April-May 2004 issue), I used a wide array of sources to answer the question. This time, I decided to use almost all direct quotes or other clear references to ideas scattered throughout *A Course in Miracles* about God. My contribution was to arrange the material in a sequence that makes clear my beliefs, which are now based entirely on the teachings of the *Course*. The surprising thing for me was that until I completed this project, I had no idea the *Course* had such a clear answer to the question, "What is God?"

God is a Divine Principle, an infinite intelligence. The analogy that works best for me is to think of God as a Universal Mind — the creator of all that is — the All in all — the essence of the real me and the real you, which for millenniums has been called soul or spirit. This was created by a thought in the mind of God. What is thought by the Mind of God is eternal, being part of creation. What God did not create can only be in your own mind apart from His.

We dwell in the Mind of God and God is in each of our minds. God has but one Child, knowing them all as one. This is why the *Course* says, "I honor you because of What I am, and What God is, Who loves us both as one." You are holy because your mind is part of God's. "God is but Love" and therefore so are we.

Our holy mind establishes everything that happens to us. The Holy Spirit is our Guide in choosing.

Holy Spirit is a thought of God. Everything is an idea. God is an idea. Even my atheist friends will agree with that. Where we differ is that they believe God is an idea we made up and I believe we are an idea of God's creation.

If these ideas seem too far out for you to believe, let me gently suggest you withhold judgment and continue to believe deeply in the words from books or teachings which bring Peace, Love and Joy to you.

If no words currently bring these three feelings up for you, then try the words of the *Course* for a year while you do the *Course's* daily *Workbook* lessons. Meanwhile, everyone relax. Someday, in some lifetime, each of our souls will experience profound feelings of oneness and connectedness to God. Only then will all of Humanity have a common spiritual experience and no longer need to fight wars to try to force people to have common ideas.

#### REFERENCES:

Paragraph 1: M-21.I:9,10

Paragraph 2: T-8.IV.1:4; C-1.3:3; W-45.3:5; W-14.6:5

Paragraph 3: T-11.I.1:6; W-30.Hd; T-9.VI.3:5; W-95.15:4; W-36.1:2; W-rV.in.10:8

Paragraph 4: T-10.in .2: 6; T-5. II .8:1; T-13.VIII .4:3; T-5.I.2:4; T-15.VI 4:4