



**Song**

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”  
Words and music: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

*(Please sing along second time through)*

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator  
Children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step i take  
Let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
With peace eternally.  
Let ther be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.

**Sung Closing**

“The Hand You Take Across the Aisle”  
(inside front cover)

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OPENING WORDS      Revelations Directly From God. No Really!  
“What is your Oracle?”

Amazing Grace! Ah, singing old, familiar and meaningful song together brings comfort and warmth. While we benefit from the security of the routine, it may be useful to occasionally allow ourselves to step a bit out of the comfort zone of the familiar to explore a few questions. I am talking about THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. That is, ultimate questions. Such as, “Have you met God?”

In ancient times, people often got their spiritual guidance from someone or something that was held – that is to say, believed – to be connected to the god or gods in favor at the time. This is called an oracle. Maybe you have one. I never did --until recently.

From the Encarta Dictionary we find these definitions:

**Oracle** (noun)

- 1. somebody or something considered to be a source of knowledge, wisdom, or prophecy*
- 2. in ancient Greece and Rome, a shrine dedicated to a particular god where people went to consult a priest or priestess in times of trouble or uncertainty. One of the most famous was the Delphic Oracle of Apollo.*
- 3. an ancient Greek or Roman deity that a priest or priestess would consult for advice on behalf of troubled or uncertain people*
- 4. a message believed to come from God in response to a request, plea, or petition*

This morning, I would like to share with you recent conversations which I have never shared with anyone else. You are the first, and maybe the last, so take notes if you wish. The conversations are with some.....one with whom many of you may be close. Only you know how close and what your relationship is. I'll tell you a little about mine.

As children, we begin to wonder about the really big and important questions. What is life about? Is there God?

As we get older, we may wonder what those questions mean to other people -- even to people with very different background and experiences from ours. It is good to think about that as you learn more about yourselves and others.

How do we get information about things that are really meaningful to us? Finding the answers is not easy, but the question is an important one.

Even as children, we can ask, "What is my oracle?"

CHILDREN LEAVE (Sing children out for RE)

## **“THE ORACLE SPEAKS”**

Some of you choir members and others have enjoyed time at a little camp by Kennebunk Pond. It is humble and rustic. That is another way of saying there is no running water and the amenities include an outhouse. Many months ago, I was enjoying the functionality and ambiance of that facility. As often happens, I was curious about my surroundings. I was relaxing there, musing about why the spiders like to build webs in corners, why there is not much tide in the center of the ocean, why the trees grow so close together when they are destined to kill each other off when they get big, and, of course, the recurring daily questions such as: Am I out of milk? What is the meaning of life? Did I remember to re-register the car? Does God exist? During my freshmen year in college, did I have a date for the Homecoming dance? Probably you have the same thoughts when you are sitting and ...relaxing.

It was particularly quiet for a while that day. I listened to the sounds of the woods, the wind, the neighbors, the plane overhead and then it happened – I heard God!

Of course, at the time, I didn't know it was God. I thought it was just acorns falling from the trees which were being blown in the wind. Or maybe it was squirrels climbing onto the outhouse roof. Then, to my own surprise, I heard my voice saying, “Who is it?” Wow, I thought, “Why did I say that?” Then it happened again. I heard myself saying,

“Why would I say that?” I mean, out loud. This was destined to be an unusual day.

This may surprise some of you, but I actually do have some respect for the Great Infinite, what ever that is.

Soon, I was hearing the sounds of the woods and the wind in a different pitch. It was as if the wind was blowing harder. “Wow!” I thought. The wind is blowing harder. But then I heard it differently. It was a sound a little like the wind blowing in the tops of the trees, but I suddenly found myself thinking that I should have interpreted this to be the voice of God! And it was not merely the voice of God, but the voice of God speaking directly to me! Right there in the outhouse. In a voice that sounded exactly like the wind in the trees. As you can imagine, I thought, “How special!” “Oh, my God !”, I thought. Then I inquired, “What do you want?” This was in a hushed and reverent, though audible, tone. Again, out loud, to my own surprise.

The answer shocked me as much as the fact that I was having a direct conversation with God. “Sshhhhwweeee.” Without even thinking, I shouted – politely, mind you – “What?” Then again the response came as clearly as before - “Sshhhhwweeee.” This went on for a while, and eventually, with a little practice and a lot of concentration, I was able to intuit, that is to say, to interpret, a message. Facebook, ha. This was a direct channel and not even through anyone from Harvard.

I don't have time here to tell you all about the long and laborious task that followed. I eventually had to learn how to translate these sounds into English, and to know when they reflected the moods and actually were the messages of – that is, from - God.

These conversations continued over many months and in many other locations, even in my back yard. Imagine, at my own back yard! God! Right there! If I had been texting you just then, I would have keyed in “OMG, OMG” over and over. That is just how exciting it was. I began to take notes of every conversation.

I will share with you here what God actually said to me over those months in all those conversations. I got pretty good at knowing when it was really ... er...God, and when it was just the wind or the rain or the burning bush. Hee, hee. Just kidding about that one. That one never actually happened to me.....yet. I did have an egg explode in the microwave once. That one, I am pretty sure, was about salvation and damnation. I hope we can look into that one sometime, but not today.

This morning, I invite you to think about what events or symbols or persons have brought you closer to your version of God or your personal sources of guidance for the hard questions of life. That is to say, what is your oracle?

## The actual conversations with God

In order to make it fit into the our limited time, I have transcribed those many conversations with God, which happened over a long time and through various oracle sites, into English for you. We can just read the transcript of that dialog. It was amazing. And what I learned must be the truth, too, since it was, after all, God that was doing the talking.

**“ME:”** Er,... God, ER. Where are you?

**“GOD: I am here.”**

**ME:** But, are you other places, too?

**GOD:** For you, that is a question with no meaning. The only meaning for you is that I am here. I am here with you. I am here for you. Any other question about where I am is silly. Let me give you some simple principles to make our conversations - and your life - easier.

**PRINCIPLE #1: “DON’T ASK SILLY QUESTIONS.”** I will just call this “P1”

**ME:** How will I know if my questions are silly?

**GOD:** It is a silly question if there is no answer, or if I don’t give you an answer. Those are both the same thing, actually.

**ME:** But, what is the point of revealing if you don’t give answers?

**GOD:** I am talking about questions which have answers that don’t matter. The universe and all in it are here, evolving and you are part of it. Asking how it started is asking a silly question because you can’t know and it does not matter to your life. To live well and happy, it just does not matter. Here is the deal: I don’t interfere with your progress. You don’t ask silly questions.

**ME:** OK, God. How long will we be together?

**GOD:** OK, I know you are a mere mortal and a slow learner. P1 goes along with P2, which is: “JUST BE”. Don’t be so concerned about the future or the past. You can only handle now, .....and sometimes not so well.

**ME:** But why are you bothering to talk to.... to me?

**GOD:** Each person is important. And, remember, you found me.

**ME:** Well, what do I call you? A lot of references to you use words like “He” or “Him” or even “Her” and “Lord” or “Almighty” or “Great Spirit” or Yahweh or Allah or Brahma or .....

**GOD:** [Interrupting] Look. Just.....call.... me..... “God” ! [With condescension]

**ME:** I have heard some saying that you are loving and jealous and vengeful, and omniscient, and omnipresent and very God of very God, what the Hell ever that means, and ...

**GOD:** Yes, I know. [Pause] Here is the bottom line: I am what I am! [Emphatically]

**ME:** O.K. I have to try once more: Where did the universe come from?

**GOD:** Silly question. Principle #1. [Impatiently]

**ME:** Alright, God. I don't know how long we will talk, so let me skip to a couple of the other big questions. Is there a Heaven and is there a Hell?

**GOD:** P1, P1 !! [Really impatient]

**ME:** But, if I don't know the answer to these questions, what will guide me as I live on earth?

**GOD:** Be kind in all you do. Call that Principle #3.

**ME:** That sounds simple enough and do-able, but sometimes I worry about whether I am good enough or if what I do will hurt others.

**GOD:** I know. Just keep trying P#3. It takes practice.

**ME:** Will you know how I am doing?

**GOD:** I'll know.

**ME:** Of course, I forgot. You are said to be omniscient. You know all. Er.... Do you know all?

**GOD:** Would it be helpful to you to think that I do know all?

**ME:** Yea. Sure. Of course!

**GOD:** Then the answer is, "Yes, I know all".

**ME:** Do you keep track of everyone? And how would you do that?

**GOD:** Yes, I do keep track of everyone, sort of. I don't control anyone.

People are free to live their lives as they choose, but I do keep track. And exactly how I do it, for you, is a silly question. Recall P1.

**ME:** There have been a lot of stories, even whole books, written about you, in detail. Some even say that you have revealed yourself to the writers of those books. Well, a lot like you are doing now, right? Right?!

**GOD:** Anyone can write anything. Let's call that Principle #4.

**ME:** But, a lot of people believe what has been written.

**GOD:** Anyone can believe anything. People will believe anything. That would be Principle #5.

**ME:** Is that a good thing even if what is written may not be true?

**GOD:** If it is good for them to believe something, then that is OK. That is what I believe and I'm sticking to it.

**ME:** But, but, what if it is not really true?

**GOD:** Remember P4, that anyone can write anything.

**ME:** Do you mean that it does not matter that what people believe may be true or.... or may not be true?

**GOD:** Truth is such a relative thing, Paul. People will believe anything. P5. Remember P5.

**ME:** So those writings may have been a farce? Are they a farce?

**GOD:** Well, that is a pretty strong word, but in the best sense, yes. They are great stories, hard to actually believe, some even impossible, but many people do actually believe them. And sometimes beliefs like that can bring them pleasure or comfort. ....Other times, maybe not so much.

**ME:** So, is farce too strong?

**GOD:** If it gives you pleasure to refer to the stories about me that way, that is, by calling them a farce, go for it. No skin off my nose. [Pause] Little theocratic humor there – of course, I have no nose. [Chuckle]

**ME:** I knew that. Well, at least, I believe that to be true. Well, ah....

**GOD:** Next question. I don't have all day. Well, actually, I do, but maybe you don't.

**ME:** What about Jesus?

**GOD:** Who?

**ME:** You know, Bethlehem, virgin, manger, camels, big cross, tomb, resurrection, many mansions, did not like swimming – walked on top of the water, had fishing buddies who liked to eat at a really big picnic table, was really hung up on sin and redemption. You know, that one. Lots of stories.

**GOD:** Oh, yea. Very nice story. Lots of people like that one. They believed it, too. Magic, you know. Always sells. It is good for some of them, too. Unfortunately, it got hijacked by greedy and powerful institutions who have marketed it all over the place. Apparently, though, it is slipping a bit in market share lately.

**ME:** OK, I have to revisit another big question: Did you create the universe?

**GOD:** P1, of course. [Pause] But, what does it matter? And remember Principle #5. You can believe that if you wish. The important thing is to recognize and enjoy what you have. It is neat and it is wonderful that everyone is interested in and curious about their origins. But still, P#1.

**ME: But aren't origins important?**

**GOD: Interesting, maybe, and the most important thing about such questions is to ask them. And it is more important to nourish a free and responsible search for meaning than to have me confirm any specific details.**

**ME: Er.. Pardon me for seeming rude, God, but that sounds like double talk.**

**GOD: Well, Paul, look at it this way. Using the best information that anyone has at any one time, they can write a story that is meaningful to them at that time, and which makes their little piece of society work better for them.**

**ME: What would be an example?**

**GOD: Well, if earlier people believed that spirits made and inhabited the rocks, trees and hills, that's great. It worked for them. When people later got telescopes and microscopes and they learned how the natural machinery works. That was great, too. Then, that worked for them.**

**ME: Why not just give us the answers?**

**GOD: What if I had already given a God-like, definitive answer to those early people. Truth changes. Then, later understandings would be wrong - even if they were right. People would not have the satisfaction of discovering new truths. There would also be conflicts between the old truths and the new truths. Fights would break out.**

**ME: Well, isn't that happening already? Some people take very seriously what was written earlier – in the Bible or Koran, for example -- supposedly revealed by you, don't forget -- which is inconsistent with what a lot of other people think makes sense now.**

**GOD: Isn't diversity wonderful! Oh, Sorry. I was just being sarcastic. Yes, it is too bad that people have forgotten that anyone can write any story and that people will believe almost anything. They forgot, or they don't know about, P4 and P5.**

**ME: Of course, that is a problem only if they believed it is "your" version of the story! Let's talk some more about belief and truth. Wouldn't it be simpler if people just got the truth from you and believed it? You know, about everything important, like origins and life after death, who will win the Super Bowl this year, and who is right, the Shiites or the Sunnis?**

**GOD: Well, remember P5. Even if I revealed the actual truth, not everyone would believe it. So that is a dead end argument.**

**Also, the quest for what is meaningful is more important than the answer to any specific question, since different answers are good for different people. Furthermore, all people need a vote, that is, a voice.**

**ME: What is so important about having a voice?**

**GOD: Without free will to come up with their own conclusions about what is truly true for themselves, they won't feel it is important to them. I think you call this having ownership. I actually don't like that term.**

**ME: Why not?**

**GOD: If you are to have a fair and peaceful world, the word "sharing" would work much better than "ownership".**

**ME: But, how do we do that?**

**GOD: That is not my problem. I gave y'all a start and a chance. Things were set into motion and the rest is up to you. I have other things to do than micromanage your daily bread. For example, there are whole bunches of black holes just bursting for my attention this week. Galaxies are being born. Parallel universes to be tended. A God's work is never done.**

**ME: Let's get back to the Sunnis and the Shiites. Why would they be killing each other just because of something that they believe happened a very long time ago? How does that do any of them any good? I am really confused.**

**GOD: Yea, me too. They are silly, just like the Protestants and Catholics and all other factions who started wars based upon their narrow beliefs about me. I am so sad about that. They are all, of course, silly and mistaken.**

**ME: How so?**

**GOD: They should learn and carefully think about P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5. If I were to break my policy about letting evolution alone, and directly interfere with the Muslim mess, for example, I would just announce that they are both right and both wrong. In other words, it does not matter. They should get over it, and get on with life and love and acceptance and celebrate what they have in common, you know, .....fuggidaboutit!**

**ME: Let's get back to why you have let me talk with you this way. Why did you choose me to have this conversation? I feel special now, but I'm really not.**

**GOD: Well, good. I think you have it about right, but not quite. You are special, but so is everyone else.**

**ME: Oh, and do you talk to them, too?**

**GOD: Sort of. No matter where you are or what your background, if you listen with your whole being, all your senses and all your feelings, and with an open heart, anyone can have a special feeling about where they fit into things, where they find meaning in the big picture. Maybe for them that is the same as talking to me.**

**ME:** Well, then, why don't more people talk about it?

**GOD:** Sometimes it takes a whole lifetime -- or even more -- to feel the connection, and sometimes it happens in a flash. Isn't diversity wonderful? Have I already revealed that?

**ME:** What else would you suggest that would help people feel like they are talking directly to you?

**GOD:** People need to get rid of fear and greed, accept their anger and fix things in their lives. They will feel more at peace and more --shall I say -- God-like.

**ME:** Wow. That sounds like a tall order. Can it actually be done?

**GOD:** They need to live with intention. Oh my God, did I just say that. Well, it does make sense, so go with that. They can find me, but they have to be open to the process of the "finding".

**ME:** So, are you saying that anyone can have their own oracle, so to speak?

**GOD:** That is exactly the point. They have to try to listen, observe, and they have to be available. They can use whatever information and experience they have and try to put it together. Look, no one has done it perfectly yet, but, of course, perfection is not the standard -- for you. God knows, my work here has left some serious gaps too, (as I intended, of course), but it is important to just keep on trying.

**ME:** OK, God. Now, let me get this straight. In fact, let me go back to the writings. Do you mean that the writings that have shaped the world, such as The Old Testament, the Gospels, the Koran, the writings of the wise Buddah, the revelations to Joseph Smith and Leon Hubbard, the movie scripts of Woody Allen, the pronouncements of the Pope, the diaries of Housewives of Beverly Hills, Kardashians, wedding journal, the .....

**GOD:** [Interrupting] Look, Paul. I have said this before. Twice, maybe, but who counts? Anyone can write anything. That's P4. Some actually may believe that I told them to. Good for them.

**ME:** What do you mean, "Good for them?"

**GOD:** Yes, good for them. It means that they are trying. It means that they are tuned in. They are open. They are working to make sense of their confusing and troubled and merely human existence. Good for them.

**ME:** Good for them?

**GOD:** I may have said this before: Good for them.

**ME:** [Exasperated] But, But.... If people believe that these words are revealed, and they are not, is it still the truth?

**GOD:** Truth, smouthe. Let me summarize what we have been talking about. Truth is way over-rated. Look, when it comes to ultimate questions, I can't be bothered to monitor every little note and scribble.

**ME:** But what about revealed truth?

**GOD:** As it relates to me, you would all be a lot better off if you would stop worrying about revealed truth - that is – specifically who is right and who is wrong -- and spend more time trying to let other people believe what they want.

**ME:** How would that help?

**GOD:** You could then use your energy getting along. Let me be absolutely clear: Concerning me in my world (that would, of course, be all of it) there is no truth. Only belief.

**ME:** But wait. Why would someone believe something that is not true? Or more to the point, why would anyone want others to believe something that is not true?

**GOD:** Maybe it helps them.

**ME:** But, and, but, .... then...but.. [Sputtering] Why have some great written works gotten more credibility among lots of people than other works? Take for example the popularity of the Koran and the Bible. A lot of people try to live their lives by what these writings say. There must be some truth in them!

**GOD:** Listen. I will say it again. Truth is overrated. We are not talking about scientific facts or baseball scores here. But old and bold writings.

**ME:** But, overrated?

**GOD:** About me, truth is overrated. First, it is relative. Second, if it is not subject to verification, it really is only belief, not truth, no matter what you call it.

**ME:** Many people believe something because they believe it is true. Wait! That doesn't make any sense.

**GOD:** Many people indeed do think that the truth is what they believe to be true. I know that is circular, but it works for them. Hey. It does not have to be true to be believed, and it does not have to be true to be important. And it does not have to be true to be useful, meaningful and to do well in the marketplace of stories.

**ME:** I think I understand, but can you give me a few examples.

**GOD:** Sure. Did Bambi's mom really die in a fire? No, of course not. It was just a movie. But that does not mean you didn't cry. It was meaningful even if you were not really in the middle of a forest fire and there was not really a

**Bambi, or mamma doe. Nor do we know where the buck stopped. Sorry. I just could not resist.**

**ME: OK, OK. What else?**

**GOD: Is there really a Santa Dog, er ..how do you say it? ...Oh, yes. Santa Clause. Does Santa Clause really exist? Well, not really, but that does not mean a lot of people don't behave as if he does exist. Does it make some children happy? Sure. And do they actually believe it is true? Yes. But is it true? No, of course not.**

**ME: I feel a P-something coming on.**

**GOD: As you can see, whether it is the truth is not the important question. Does it work? That is the important question. Maybe that should be Principle #6. Does it work?**

**ME: But, don't a lot of people resent it when they find out they have been intentionally lied to about these things?**

**GOD: Maybe so, but they have to learn to deal with it. It may just be good training for the rest of their lives.**

**ME: Any more examples?**

**GOD: Sure. Where there really romantic bridges in Madison County? No, but that did not keep some very romantic people from going there to look for them.**

**ME: More?**

**GOD: Where does the Easter Bunny get those eggs. Do rabbits really, truly, lay eggs? P1, P5 Are there people, such as children, who believe that they do? You see, P6. [Sarcastically] Maybe the tooth fairy lays them. I think you should get the point by now. If it works, it works.**

**ME: OK, OK I think that I am getting it. P6. Let me try to summarize: Our most important ideas and beliefs are not actually from you, but are ones that we have developed because they fit our human condition, they make us feel good and they work. And if people believe that they come from you, then they are also easier to market.**

**GOD: Well said.**

**ME: Oh, yes, and furthermore, it is OK for some people believe that some of the good stories came from you even if they did not. Am I getting it?**

**GOD: Don't forget fear. You have to have a hook, or the ideas and claims about the stories won't be successful or last very long in the market place of ideas.**

**ME:** A hook?

**GOD:** You no doubt have heard that if you are bad, Santa won't come. And if you sin, you won't go to Heaven, but you will go directly to Hell, you will not pass Purgatory, and you certainly will not collect 200 virgins.

**ME:** Charming! [A little disgusted or shocked] But I get your point. [Suddenly aware] Oh. So...are none of the great religious works actually revealed by you?

**GOD:** I will say it one more, maybe one last, time, so write this down. [As an aside] (Obviously, we are not dealing here with the most explosive quasar in the firmament.)

Once more, Paul: Any - one - can - write - anything! This does not mean that some good thinkers and writers have not had good ideas which they attribute to me. And which, frankly, may be a good fit or have some merit for helping people deal with the overwhelming complexities of their lives. But, directly from me or by me – don't count your Big Bangs before they hatch.

**ME:** Why would they do that? Why would anyone work so hard to write something and say it is yours, if it is not?

**GOD:** Maybe they are well meaning, perhaps delusional. Maybe they believed it themselves. They could have been politically or poetically inspired. Maybe they did it for power and greed. Or maybe it won acceptance by accident. For example, if someone wrote something as poetry or entertainment and others believe it to be the truth or revealed from me, how do you stop that? Belief is such a powerful force.

**ME:** But some of these writings are quite influential in human affairs.

**GOD:** Yes. Yes. Oh, yes! Good marketing. Superstition, good marketing and fear. That is a powerful combination. If they convince people that there is something more powerful and mysterious than themselves and the solution is in their writings, that is pretty effective for marketing. A good sell, as they say.

**ME:** So, does someone actually decide to make these writings important?

**GOD:** Well, the influence is especially powerful if it is backed up by armies or if the beliefs have become incorporated into the popular culture of the time. Sometimes it is just that a very powerful committee decides what is to be believed. Think of the early Christian church, for example when a committee decided what will and will not be in the Bible.

**ME:** Where does right and wrong come in? If someone writes stories and then they say it is revealed from you when it is not, is that a sin? A lot has been written about sin and a lot of people fear the consequences.

**GOD:** First of all, that is sort of a P1 question. Sin is not a very compassionate or necessary concept. People can live a kind life without it.

Furthermore, it leads to a lot of unnecessary feelings of guilt, maybe even shame. But strong teachings about sin may make a lot of people believe that there actually is sin. P5 .

**ME:** Why do we hear so much about it?

**GOD:** To put it into the vernacular, sin is a clever invention by those who would control the masses and the market of ideas. It is not really about GOD or even the absence of GOD or an offense to me. It is just for control and selling ideas and obedience. Maybe it is done for good reasons, such as to keep order and to keep people safe, but it has such a heavy price of guilt.

**ME:** Are you offended when someone misrepresents you?

**GOD:** I can't be offended. First of all, people are a product of my own work, one way or another. You know, kids will be kids, so to speak. Second, by being all powerful, there is simply no point in being offended.

**ME:** But what about all the good ideas that don't make it to the masses?

**GOD:** Poor marketing. No fear element. Not enough enforcement hooks or enticement to power.

**ME:** No exceptions?

**GOD:** Oh, sure. There is the Buddhist thinking, for example, which is followed by genuinely compassionate, caring, contented people. And there are also many other thoughtful and kind and caring people all over the world.

**ME:** Well, that sounds good.

**GOD:** Yes, but it is too bad that there are just not enough of them to guide the rest of the masses away from conflict and war, unsatisfying relationships and unsatisfactory living with the earth. Instead, what often happens is that there is suppression of freedom, enslavement of others and the destruction of my handiwork on the planet.

**ME:** I can see that it is not the outcome you would have wanted.

**GOD:** Right. There is hope for that kind of thinking and behavior to prevail, but just not much market share for that just yet. [Emphatically] If I felt pain, that would pain me.

**ME:** Sorry about that. Let's change the subject. Let me try again with another tough question. Will we have a life after this one?

**GOD:** [Sighing] P1. Don't ask silly questions. Enjoy what you have and work on that. That should be enough for any mere mortal.

**ME:** So, in this mortal life, do you help me? I mean really?

**GOD:** If you mean daily intervention, no. I have other things to do than play your personal poker hand. That does not mean that I do not care.

**ME:** So, if you are not micro-managing us, we are on our own to use the assets that we have evolved with, and the so-called revealed truths are neither revealed from you nor, for that matter, really truths. And, furthermore, there may or may not be life after this trip. I think I got it. [Pause] Wow, that is pretty depressing.

**GOD:** Well then, young fella, you'd best be getting on with doing what you can do. It won't be depressing if you do what is possible and positive instead of dwelling on silly questions. Move on. I could say more. I have a lot of time. You, ....not so much

**ME:** Yea, I get that. What do you suggest?

**GOD:** Well, you can start by writing your own story. And encourage others to find and listen to their own oracle and to search for their own truth and meaning. I may be available, but maybe not when they are ready. There are the parallel universes, you know. I'll have to check the schedule. Fifteen billion years is not a lot of time with so much to do.

**ME:** You are busy!

**GOD:** If I can't connect with each of those other seven billion people, they can do OK alone. It just takes work. They need to tune in and get busy, just like you. And they need to learn the Six Principles.

**ME:** Back to diversity. There is such suspicion and hate for people who are different.

**GOD:** Exactly. That is one of my biggest disappointments. All that wonderful diversity and some people insist on turning that around to be a negative thing.

**ME:** Well, is THAT a sin?

**GOD:** Well, if there were sin, then that would come real close. It should not be so hard to accept other persons as they are.

**ME:** But, not everyone is equal.

**GOD:** Oh, you mere mortal. We are not talking about equal. Equality is not necessary for people to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of everyone else. Never said it was easy, lad, but there is your challenge -- to understand that and live accordingly.

**ME:** I think I heard once that you have said that we should beat the world into submission, or something like that?

**GOD:** Ooh! Bad translation. You know, not every transcriber of oracle messages is as careful as you have been. Furthermore, the message was really about having respect for the interdependent web of all existence. It

got devilishly garbled, really. You could add that to your challenge list: Take care of the earth and all within and upon it. [Tauntingly] Time is fleeting.

ME: This may seem a little pushy, but I feel that I know you better now than ever before, so I will ask. Do you have any regrets?

GOD: Of course, I knew you were going to ask that. I am, after all, omniscient – remember that it means that I know everything. But enough about me. Your question is a good one.

Regrets. Yes, if there is one thing that I might have done differently, I would have kept a little tighter control over the evolution. Not the physical and biological parts – I love all the stars, the mountains and oceans and all the living things that you call creatures, including of course, the people-types. But sadly it turned out not to be a fair and peaceful world. I do regret that. I really regret that. I really, really regret...

ME: [Interrupting] OK, OK, Oh, God, don't take it so hard. Much of your experiment has turned out to be really great!

GOD: Thanks, I needed that. [Short pause] Not really, of course, but if it makes you feel good to believe that I needed that, ....then.... I needed that.

ME: Thanks.

GOD: Welcome.

ME: So, given what I now know about you -- and about me, and the truth about truth and what you have revealed about revelations, and the Six Principles of Understanding God, when people close to me begin to sing your praises, what in Heaven's name should I do?

GOD: That's easy. .... Join in!

ME: Yes. OK. Well, thanks, God. Gotta go. Later, Dude.

GOD: Later. .... Much, much later.

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## Six Principles of Understanding God

Principle #1: DON'T ASK SILLY QUESTIONS

Principle #2: JUST BE

Principle #3: BE KIND IN ALL YOU DO

Principle #4: ANYONE CAN WRITE ANYTHING

Principle #5: PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING

Principle #6. DOES IT WORK?

## – Revelations Directly From God: Closing Thoughts and Words

As we close, let us keep in mind that we have a chance to become more aware, more sensitive, more attuned, more intentional about our short time together on this planet.

We may wonder where we came from, and why. We may never know, or you may know already. Knowing is a gift from God, some would say. Or it is your gift to you from your own amazement and amusement of all that surrounds you and your ability to gain awareness of where you fit in. You may call that God or you may call it a step in your search for that which is higher or that which has meaning for you. Listen to your heart, listen to the wind, and listen to those around you. You may find your personal oracle. Or not. If you hear that voice, it will be meaningful to you, for it may be yours. If you hear silence, celebrate the peacefulness of silence and enjoy the anticipation of the next time the silence is broken by a voice, even if it is yours.

Maybe you have found your own answers to the big questions. Let us be mindful that others have found their answers. We can respect theirs and find satisfaction in ours.

Be not timid in your search for your own truth. Be guided by that which guides you. Be inspired by that which inspires you. Find joy in that which gives you joy. And, honor your quest in ways that will always benefit others. God would be pleased with that.

THE HAND YOU TAKE ACROSS THE AISLE MAY NOT BE ONE YOU KNOW.  
BUT LISTEN TO ITS STORY BEFORE YOU LET IT GO; BEFORE YOU LET IT  
GO.

*Let us go in peace.            May the farce be with you.*