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Granted, we say that God is not physical, nevertheless, we ascribe to Him all manners of human emotions and intellect. To think that God thinks like us, feels like us, or acts like us is a grand leap into the great unknown. How can we say anything about God? Although we may believe the opposite, we cannot really say whether God actually thinks, feels, or acts, in any way definable by mortal human beings.

We sentient lifeforms may very well somehow reflect some kind of image of our Creator. This is, after all, what the Bible teaches. Yet, nevertheless, the actual nature of said, "Divine Image" is never defined or explained. Does God really have some kind of physical form similar to homo sapien man? If we emphatically deny this, then is our Divine Image an internal, perhaps spiritual one, similar to what the Kabbalists call the Ten Sefirot?

Our religious teachers say many things, and we can all believe whatever it is that we wish. Still, in the end, there is no proof of anything. All we are left with is our individual points of view, and our faith in what we believe. We all have to admit the limitations of our human intelligence, and accordingly, we should rightfully admit that no one knows the real truth about God, in spite of our beliefs to the opposite.

With regards to God, we cannot say what we know, nor can we say what we do not know. All we can is what what we do and do not believe. With this being the case, how can we ever say about God that He would be angered (or not) by a mortal human being who would yell, scream and curse at Him? We should rightfully ask, would God even notice?

We all hold such primitive beliefs when it comes to religion. It is no wonder that scientists become more and more atheist, the more and more religion pushes against scientific discoveries, in its attempts to cling on to religious myth and fantasy. This type of talk will indeed inflame the religious faithful. However, will it inflame God? I seriously doubt it.

All the world's religions claim that they are in a search for the ultimate meaning and truth of life, the universe and everything. Yet, the conclusions that each religion usually draws leads to ostracization of any not willing to embrace the doctrine and dogma of the proclaimed faith. Outsiders are labeled with all kinds of terrible epitaphs. These are usually calls for racism, oppression and violence. Validation of this is not limited to this or that religion in our present time. One can look into our past and see how many other religions have been guilty of racism, oppression and violence equal to any modern religion, each when given the opportunity.

Instead of bringing all mankind closer to God, religions have, in many ways, done just the opposite, they have driven away countless numbers with their oppressive dogmas. The only way most religions have brought others outside itself closer to

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God is by killing the non-believers, and sending their souls to Heaven, there to face the afterlife. Personally, I do not think that this is God's way to bring people to Him.

If God wants someone to die, he does not need the faithful of whatever religion to execute the Divine decree. God does not promote religious racism, conflict, violence and warfare. These are human creations, not Divine ones. Any human being involved with them, however much in the name of God, is so far removed from even the slightest semblance of the Divine, that we might conclude that such **a** *violent religious racist has indeed been stripped of the inner Divine Image*, which is what makes one truly to be a man.

Does an omnipotent God need human beings to fight for Him, to defend His honor? If so, then one has to wonder why would God need man to fight battles that He is supposed to be quite capable of fighting for Himself. **To think that man should fight for God, in my mind, is a serious theological challenge.** Are we saying that God needs us for stand up for His honor and fight for Him, because He either can't or won't do it for Himself. If this is so, then **what kind of God do we have here**, what kind of God is this God?

I know this line of inquiry unsettles the religious mind, yet, if God is truth, as religions say, then let the truth be told. This is how we properly honor God. We strip away mythology and fantasy that has gotten in the way of a true, personal and direct experience with Heaven.

Religion itself today has become one of the greatest impediments preventing people from discovering God and Divine truths.

It is because we believe the fantasies and myths that religions teach us that we fill our heads with all kinds of ideas about God.

The problem is all the religious ideas about God may very well not be from God, nor tell the truth about God. Yet, the religious do not know anything about this. The religious only believe what they are told. And, when God does not act like the religion says He should act, then religious philosophy and thought "jumps through hoops" trying to justify God, vindicate the religion, and lay blame square on the individual, because God forbid, that God should be held accountable for that which we believe He should do!

The truth is God does not act in the way our religions tell us He ought to. God does what He does. We, on the other hand, are absolutely convinced that God has to act in accordance to our beliefs about Him. The problem is that God does not seem to pay much attention to human demands upon Him. God will do what He wants. He will or He won't answer prayers. He either will or will not help in us out of the sticky situations that we manage to find for ourselves. God is autonomous, and

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He, not us, is in charge. In spite of whatever our religions teach us, God does what He does. And, in spite of a world filled daily with various human tragedies, all the religious ever do is to spin out theological arguments to explain why God allows, what we would consider to be, the most ungodly behavior.

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There are so many fantasies about God. We can sum them all up by saying one simple rule. God is not human! To say that God is love is very human of us. We believe that God is everything, therefore, if God is love, then He must also be hate. So to say that God is one thing over another is very human of us, but very misrepresenting of God. Even to refer to God as a "He" is equally misrepresenting. Although we use human terms as a convenience in describing God, we must fundamentally recognize that our metaphors are just that, poetic devices. They are not literal or actual in any physical way.

KosherTorah.com KosherTorah.com KosherTorah.com So when in the course of normal human events we get frustrated and angry, we lash out at the source of our anger. We often blame God and feel like angrily expressing ourselves at Him. Yet, this too is just a fantasy. We are angry because God did not act in the way we have been told that He should act. Because God did not act as expected, we get angry. So who is to blame here, God, or our mistaken beliefs about Him?

As long as we continue to embrace mythological thoughts about God, we will continue to misunderstand God, and by extension, misunderstand our own lives. This, to me, is the most tragic. If we are truly in a search for truth, then we must allow truth to take us where it will. Truth will force us to reevaluate many of our cherished beliefs. But, to me, this is a good thing. Is it not good to correct past mistakes?

Evolution is a factual reality. Yet, evolution does not happen randomly without purpose and direction. That which guides evolution is what we call God. It is not a person, and It is not like us, even though we are created in the Divine Image. As the universe around us evolves with design and purpose, so too does collective human consciousness evolve with design and purpose. What we believed in the past was meant for the past. What we are being led to believe today is for us now, and for the future. KosherTorah.com KosherTorah.com KosherTorah.com

God is quiding humanity into its future. The past is behind us. The future is dawning upon us. The reality of God is dawning upon us like the breaking of the new day. Yet, as the metaphor says, it is always darkest before the dawn. Right now there is a lot of confusion about God, religion and reality. The time is coming, as God is bringing it to be, for us to leave the ways of the past in the past, and to embrace God directly, without the need of any intervening religious doctrines or

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