

God & I

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When you work, work as if everything depends on you.

When you pray, pray as if everything depends on God.

- JRD Tata

The above quote summarizes the crux of the philosophy on which I lead my life. According to me, God is a phenomenon that needs to happen to you personally and not as a result of exposure to a particular caste, creed or religion. There could be numerous *gurus* or teachers who guide you on your life's paths but a direct dialogue with the Almighty is a totally different experience all together.

I feel that I have a direct connectivity with God and it is this connectivity that allows me to share my good deeds, problems and wrong doings (if any) with the Supreme Power. The presence of God is extremely important in my life; however I prefer not to make too much noise about what God means to me. For me, an experience with God is a very personal thing that happens to an individual and can never be forced on a person.

For me, God is a supreme power that may have different forms and names for the sake of convenience. Maybe a day will come when I will reach a point where I will experience the nameless and faceless nature of God.

Since I hail from a country like India where spirituality and mysticism are woven into our thinking, I feel that logic is fallible. There are certain things where analysis and application of logic is not possible and at such times one realises that there is something that is much beyond that logic. It is at such times that one surrenders to the Supreme Power not out of defeat or helplessness but purely out of the awakening to truth that is within and around. Thus nothing can be forced; it is an internal awakening that happens. It is this awakening that allows a person to face the world in times of happiness and struggle.

I don't remember when the realization of the presence of God happened in my life - I presumably it began in my childhood. However, in my youth I suddenly turned introspective and this made me feel very peaceful. In this solace I found solutions of extremely complicated issues and that is when I felt the presence of God in my life.

God is a beautiful thing to happen to any person. Simply because, a communion with God is a complete leveller i.e. no matter how qualified one may be or how rich or accomplished one may be, if one is fortunate to realise God and begin enjoying the dialogue with God then one can never be carried away by the trivial materialism offered by life. Everything seems miniscule before the Ultimate Truth i.e. God.

It is my belief in God that allows me to keep my feet on the ground, stay on the right path and crusade for the truth.