

unitarian views of God

I find God in various forms, in wind, water, bird and song which has been my safe guard on many occasions, three the most memorable. My poem ended – it is your love Holy Spirit, Dearest God – is my deep feeling that God is with me always.

Janet M Ford

When people talk about God, all too often the question is couched in terms of belief, “Do you believe in God?” which first and foremost is an uninteresting question and second of all has no real place in a Unitarian context or a post-modern world.

I see the world through God, or try. I seek God in everything, especially living creatures. I love God, my radically immanent God and my spiritual practice is about trying to make space, sometimes silence to feel that presence:

“For I greet him the days I meet him and bless when I understand.”

Gerard Manley Hopkins

God exists between, in relationship, in movement. The moment God becomes an object, a thing to possess and argue over then we are worshipping an idol.

Finding God in the world of natural beauty is relatively easy and a great source of consolation and nourishment to those of us that do. Finding God in ugliness, in pain, even in one another can be rather more of a challenge but that is the spiritual practice, the edge we work with.

Blaming God for all the sorrows in the world is a common habit, even nowadays. Oddly I have no difficulty with this. We are created radically free, God is not responsible for the choices that we make. And most human suffering is derived from human choices. Sadly.

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We live on a burning ember hurtling through space. The very existence of life seems to depend upon it. Life is change, turbulence, even chaos. God is a part of that, not above it all. I choose to make divinity the lens through which I see and understand the world. It is my choice and I certainly have no difficulty with anyone not making that their choice. But I am, in truth, bored by discussions about belief. And increasingly, my faith is being defined in the media by angry secularists who claim to know and understand the God I allegedly believe in. That, frankly, is even more boring.

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