

CONVERSATIONS WITH

GOD

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A Pocket Guide  
to the Dialogue



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THE WONDER of the 9-book *Conversations with God* body of work is that it contains everything human beings need to know in order to make Life on Earth a joyous, meaningful, and fulfilling experience.

Perhaps more remarkable, it presents this information in terms so clear that it is virtually impossible to misinterpret or misunderstand. Each of the books in the series offers *hands-on tools*, listed individually and explained one by one, with which any person can implement, *on the ground in every day life*, the sweeping concepts and powerful principles explored in this dialogue.

The result is a communication so profound, presented in ways so easy to comprehend, that its meaning cannot be missed, nor can its promise be obscured.

That promise is that it is possible to bring peace and harmony, safety and security, prosperity and plenty at last to a planet where it has been so long yearned. It is simply a matter of embracing a few simple, if revolutionary, ideas. Ideas, if you please, from the Mind of God.

The 3,000 pages of *Conversations with God* have been reduced here to 1,000 words, capturing its 25 Core Messages. This concise statement is then followed by a List of Lists taken directly from the nine texts of this breathtaking exchange between Divinity and Humanity—which, it turns out, are One and The Same. The List of Lists repeats some of the information in the 1,000 word statement, and goes beyond it, capturing the several lists that are found in the narrative of the nine CWG texts.

### **Forever, for the Better**

It is my hope that your reading of this material will encourage and inspire you to explore the entire CWG cosmology, and to become part of an Evolution Revolution that could alter life as we know it forever, for the better. The underlying theology of *Conversations with God* could be captured in the phrase Divinity Identity: The view that God and We are One.

# 1,000 WORDS

## That Can Change the World

Here, in 1,000 words, is all that the human race needs to know in order to live the life for which it has yearned and which, despite trying for thousands of years, it has yet to produce. Carry these messages to your world:

**We are all One. All things are One Thing. There is only One Thing, and all things are part of the One Thing There Is.** *This means that you are Divine. You are not your body, you are not your mind, and you are not your soul. You are the unique combination of all three, which comprises the Totality Of You. You are an individuation of Divinity; an expression of God on Earth.*

**There's enough.** *It is not necessary to compete for, much less fight over, your resources. All you have to do is share.*

**There's nothing you have to do.** *There is much you will do, but nothing you are required to do. God wants nothing, needs nothing, demands nothing, commands nothing.*

**God talks to everyone, all the time.** *The question is not: To whom does God talk? The question is: Who listens?*

**There are Three Basic Principles of Life: Functionality, Adaptability, and Sustainability.**

**There is no such thing as Right and Wrong, there is only What Works and What Does Not Work, given what it is you are trying to do.**

**In the spiritual sense, there are no victims and no villains in the world, although in the human sense it appears that there surely are.** *Yet because you are Divine, nothing can happen against your will.*

**No one does anything inappropriate, given their model of the world.**

**There is no such place as hell, and eternal damnation does not exist.**

**Death does not exist.** *What you call "death" is merely a process of Re-Identification.*

**There is no such thing as Space and Time.** *There is only Here and Now.*

**Love is all there is.**

**You are the creator of your own reality, using the Three Tools of Creation: Thought, Word, and Action.**

**Your life has nothing to do with you.** *It is about everyone whose life you touch, and how you touch it.*

**The purpose of your life is to recreate yourself anew in the next grandest version of the greatest vision ever you held about Who You Are.**

**The moment you declare anything, everything unlike it will come into the space.** *This is The Law of Opposites, producing a Contextual Field within which that which you wish to express may be experienced.*

**There is no such thing as Absolute Truth. All truth is subjective. Within this framework there are five levels of truth telling.** *Tell your truth to yourself*

*about yourself. Tell your truth to yourself about another. Tell your truth about yourself to another. Tell your truth about another to another. Tell your truth to everyone about everything.*

**The human race lives within a precise set of illusions. The Ten Illusions of Humans are:** *Need Exists, Failure Exists, Disunity Exists, Insufficiency Exists, Requirement Exists, Judgment Exists, Condemnation Exists, Conditionality Exists, Superiority Exists, Ignorance Exists. These illusions are meant to serve humanity, but it must learn how to use them.*

**There are Three Core Concepts of Holistic Living:** *Honesty, Awareness, and Responsibility. Live according to these precepts and self-anger will disappear from your life.*

**Life functions within a Be-Do-Have paradigm.** *Most people have this backward, imagining that first one must "have" things in order to "do" things, thus to "be" what they wish to be. Reversing this process is the fastest way to experience mastery in living.*

**There are Three Levels of Awareness:** *Hope, Faith, and Knowing. Spiritual mastery is about living from the third level.*

**There are Five Fallacies about God that create crisis, violence, killing and war.** First, the idea that God *needs* something. Second, the idea that God *can fail* to get what He needs. Third, the idea that God *has separated* you from Him because you have not given Him what He needs. Fourth, the idea that God still needs what He needs so badly that God now *requires* you, *from your separated position*, to give it to Him. Fifth, the idea that God *will destroy you* if you do not meet His requirements.

**There are also Five Fallacies About Life that likewise create crisis, violence, killing and war.** First, the idea that human beings are separate from each other. Second, the idea that there is not enough of what human beings need to be happy. Third, the idea that in order to get the stuff of which there is not enough, human beings must compete with each other. Fourth, the idea that some human beings are better than other human beings. Fifth, the idea that it is appropriate for human beings to resolve severe differences created by all the other fallacies by killing each other.

**You think you are being terrorized by other people, but in truth you are being terrorized by your beliefs. Your experience of yourself and your world will shift dramatically if you adopt, collectively, the Five Steps to Peace:**

*Permit yourself to acknowledge that some of your old beliefs about God and about Life are no longer working.*

*Explore the possibility that there is something you do not fully understand about God and about Life, the understanding of which would change everything.*

*Announce that you are willing for new understandings of God and Life to now be brought forth, understandings that could produce a new way of life on this planet.*

*Courageously examine these new understandings and, if they align with your personal inner truth and knowing, enlarge your belief system to include them.*

*Express your life as a demonstration of your highest beliefs, rather than as a denial of them.*

**Let there be a New Gospel for all the people of Earth: "We are all one. Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way."**

The 1,000 words here, embraced and acted on, could change your world in a single generation.

# The List of Lists

## from *Conversations with God*

The above statement can be further condensed into a simple list of foundational principles undergirding the message of this dialogue, reducing the CWG Message to its component parts.

# 1.

## The 3 Statements of Ultimate Truth (The Basic Wisdoms):

1. We are all one.
2. There's enough.
3. There's nothing we have to do.

# 2.

## The 3 Tools of Creation

1. Thought
2. Word
3. Action

# 3.

## The Be-Do-Have Paradigm

The “Be-Do-Have Paradigm” is a way of looking at life. It is nothing more or less than that. Yet this way of looking at life could change your life—and probably will. Because what is true about this paradigm is that most people have it all backward, and when they finally get it straightened out and start looking at it frontward, everything in their lives shifts 180-degrees.

Most people (I know I did) started out with the understanding that how life worked was like this: Have-Do-Be. That is, when I HAVE the right stuff, I can DO the right things, and then I will get to BE what I want to be.

When I HAVE good grades I can DO the thing called graduate and I can BE the thing called employable—might be one example. Here’s another. When I HAVE enough money I can DO the thing called buy a house and I can BE the thing called secure. Want one more? Here goes: When I HAVE enough time I can DO the thing called take a vacation and I can BE the thing called rested and relaxed.

This is how my father, my school, my society told me that life works. The only problem was, I was NOT getting to BE the things I thought I was going to get to be after I had done all that I thought I had to do, and had all the things that I thought I needed to have. Or, if I did get to BE that, I only got to be it for a short period of time. Soon after I got to be “happy” or “secure” or “contented,” or whatever it was that I thought I was going to get to be, I found myself once again UNhappy, INsecure, and DIScontented!

I didn’t seem to know how to “hold onto the stuff.” I didn’t know how to make the flavor last. So it always seemed as if I did all that I had to do for nothing. It felt like wasted effort, and I began to resent that in my life.

Then I had the conversations with God experience, and everything changed. God told me that I was starting out in the wrong place. What I needed to do was BEGIN where I thought I was going to END UP.

All creation starts from a place of BEING, God said, and I have had the Process of Creation reversed. The trick in life is not to try to GET to be “happy,” or be “secure,” or whatever, but to start OUT *being* happy, or *being* content, or whatever, and *go from there* in the living of our daily lives.

But how do you do that if you don’t HAVE what you NEED TO HAVE in order to be happy, or whatever it is you wish to be (content, secure, etc.)? That’s the question, and it’s a fair one. The answer is that coming FROM a state of being, rather than trying to get TO a state of being, assures that the state of being is achieved (because you are creating it arbitrarily!), and the “havingness” end of the equation takes care of itself.

### **When you adopt the attitudes of Godliness you bring yourself the experience of Divinity**

When you come FROM a state of being, you need to “have” nothing in order to begin the process. You simply select, like the Goddess and the God that you are, a State of Being, and then come from that place in everything you think, say, and do.

Because you are thinking, saying, and doing only what a person who is *being* happy, contented, joyful and peaceful thinks, says and does, the things that a happy or contented person winds up having come to you automatically.

**This is the magnet of creation – that which attracts all the energies that create exterior and physical experience – and most people are not aware of it, or, if they are aware of it, don’t believe in it, or, if they do believe in it, do not use it.**

# 4.

## **The 5 Attitudes of Godliness**

1. Joyous
2. Loving
3. Accepting
4. Blessing
5. Grateful

# 5.

## **The 3 Core Concepts of Holistic Living**

1. Awareness
2. Honesty
3. Responsibility

# 6.

## **The Five Levels of Truth Telling**

1. Tell the truth to yourself about yourself.
2. Tell the truth to yourself about another.
3. Tell the truth about yourself to another.
4. Tell the truth about another to that other.
5. Tell the truth to everyone about everything.



# 7.

## **The Divine Dichotomy**

This states that “Two truths, apparently contradictory, may exist simultaneously in the same space.” Everything is as it seems to be...unless it is not. By moving from an “either/or” kind of world, where something is either *this* or *that*, to a “both/and” world, where things can be both this *and* that, we see much more of how things really are in the world around us.

# 8.

## **The Law of Opposites**

*In the absence of That Which Is Not, That Which Is is not.*

# 9.

## **The Seven Steps to Friendship with God are:**

Know God  
Trust God  
Love God  
Embrace God  
Use God  
Help God  
Thank God

# 10.

## **The 3 Basic Life Principles**

1. Functionality
2. Adaptability
3. Sustainability

And how they replace...

1. Morality
2. Justice
3. Ownership

# 11.

## The New Gospel:

15 Words that Would Change the World:

*We are all One.*

*Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way.*

# 12.

## The Ten Illusions of Humans

1. Need Exists
2. Failure Exists
3. Disunity Exists
4. Insufficiency Exists
5. Requirement Exists
6. Judgment Exists
7. Condemnation Exists
8. Conditionality Exists
9. Superiority Exists
10. Ignorance Exists

These illusions have created humanity's Cultural Story, from which our present difficulties emerge. The *Cultural Story of Humans* is that ...

1. God has an agenda. (Need Exists)
2. The outcome of life is in doubt. (Failure Exists)
3. You are separate from God. (Disunity Exists)
4. There is not enough. (Insufficiency Exists)
5. There is something you have to do. (Requirement Exists)
6. If you do not do it, you will be punished. (Judgment Exists)
7. The punishment is everlasting damnation. (Condemnation Exists)
8. Love is, therefore, conditional. (Conditionality Exists)
9. Knowing and meeting the conditions renders you superior. (Superiority Exists)
10. You do not know that these are illusions. (Ignorance Exists)

# 13.

## **The 5 Fallacies about God**

1. God needs something.
2. God can fail to get what God needs.
3. God has separated you from God because you have not given God what God needs.
4. God still needs what God needs so badly that God now requires you, from your separated position, to provide it.
5. God will destroy you if you do not meet God's requirements.

# 14.

## **The Five Fallacies about Life**

1. Human beings are separate from each other.
2. There is not enough of what human beings need to be happy.
3. To get the stuff of which there is not enough, human being must compete with each other.
4. Some human beings are better than other human beings.
5. It is appropriate for human beings to resolve sever differences crated by all the other fallacies by killing each other.

# 15.

## **The New Revelations**

1. God has never stopped communicating directly with human beings. God has been communicating with and through human beings from the beginning of time. God does today
2. Every Human being is as special as every other human being who has ever lived, lives now, or ever will live. You are all messengers. Everyone of you. You are carrying a message *to life about* life every day. Every hour. Every minute.

3. No path to God is more direct than any other path. No religion is the “one true religion,” no people are “the chosen people,” and no prophet is the “greatest prophet.”
4. God needs nothing. God requires nothing in order to be happy. God *is happiness* itself. Therefore, God requires nothing of anyone or anything in the universe.
5. God is not a singular Super Being, living somewhere in the universe or outside of it, having the same emotional needs and subject to the same emotional turmoil as humans. That Which is God cannot be hurt or damaged in any way, and thus has no need to seek revenge or impose punishment.
6. All things are One Thing. There is only One Thing, and all things are part of the One Thing That Is.
7. There is no such thing as Right and Wrong. There is only What Works and What Does Not Work, depending upon what is that you seek to be, do, or have.
8. You are not your body. Who you are is limitless and without end.
9. You cannot die, and you will never be condemned to eternal damnation.

# 16.

## **The 5 Steps to Peace**

Step 1: Acknowledge that some of your old beliefs about God and about Life are no longer working.

Step 2: Acknowledge that there is something you do not understand about God and about Life, the understanding of which will change everything.

Step 3: Be willing for a new understanding of God and Life to now be brought forth, an understanding that could produce a new way of life on this planet.

Step 4: Be courageous enough to explore and examine this new understanding, and, if it aligns with your inner truth and knowing, to enlarge your belief system to include it.

Step 5: Choose to live your life as a demonstration of your highest and grandest beliefs, rather than as a denial of them.

# 17.

## The 9 Characteristics of Tomorrow's God

1. Tomorrow's God does not require anyone to believe in God.
2. Tomorrow's God is without gender, size, shape, color, or any of the characteristics of an individual living being.
3. Tomorrow's God talks with everyone, all the time
4. Tomorrow's God is separate from nothing, but is Everywhere Present, the All In All, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Sum Total of Everything that ever was, is now, and ever shall be.
5. Tomorrow's God is not a singular Super Being, but the extraordinary process called Life.
6. Tomorrow's God is ever changing.
7. Tomorrow's God is needless.
8. Tomorrow's God does not ask to be served, but is the Servant of all of Life.
9. Tomorrow's God is unconditionally loving,

# 18.

## The 18 Remembrances

1. Dying is something you do for you.
2. You are the cause of your own death. This is always true, no matter where, or how, you die.
3. You cannot die against your will.
4. No path back Home is better than any other path.
5. Death is never a tragedy. It is always a gift.
6. You and God are one. There is no separation between you.
7. Death does not exist.
8. You can't change Ultimate Reality, but you *can* change your experience of it.
9. It is the desire of All That Is to Know Itself in its own Experience. This is the reason for all of Life.
10. Life is eternal.

11. The timing and the circumstances of death are always perfect.
12. The death of every person always serves the agenda of every other person who is aware of it. *That is why they are aware of it.* Therefore, no death (and no life) is ever “wasted.” No one ever dies “in vain.”
13. Birth and death are the same thing.
14. You are continually in the act of creation, in life and in death.
15. There is no such thing as the end of evolution.
16. Death is reversible.
17. In death you will be greeted by all of your loved ones—those who have died before you and those who will die after you.
18. Free Choice is the act of pure creation, the signature of God, and your gift, your glory, and your power forever and ever.

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THE 25 CORE MESSAGES of *Conversations with God* contained in the 1,000 Word Statement found here are newly explored, explained, and expanded under one cover in the 2013 text *What God Said*, from Berkley Books. This is highly recommended reading for anyone wishing to delve deeply into this new theology for humanity.

It is important to understand that a “theology” is not a religion. No one is suggesting that *Conversations with God* become a new religion. The word *theology* is defined as “the study of the nature of God.” That is precisely what the dialogue in CWG is.

I was once asked on a national television program if I could articulate God's message to the world in simple terms. I replied, “Yes. I can give it to you in five words.” The host blinked twice, then said, “Okay then. Ladies and gentlemen, God's message to the world, in five words, from Neale Donald Walsch...”

And *I* said...

*You've got me all wrong.*

If you have a deep yearning to stop getting God all wrong, I urge you to explore the concepts and principles in *Conversations with God*—not the least important of which is the New Gospel: *We Are All One. Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way.*

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