

# GOD QUESTING

## PART 1:

### THE FELLOWSHIP OF FIDELITY

After twenty years of listening to the yearnings of people's hearts, I am convinced that human beings have an inborn desire for God. Whether we are consciously religious or not, this desire is our deepest longing. It gives us meaning. It is a hunger to love, be loved, and to move closer to the Source of love.

~ *Gerald May, Psychologist*

Nature abhors a vacuum, and so does our soul. An empty soul will not stay empty for long. When God is not present, a host of lesser gods is always ready to rush in.

~ *Doug Bannister, Pastor & Author*

My ally is the Force. And a powerful ally it is.  
~ *Yoda*

Jesus proclaims that God wants to be our husband in the fullest sense of the word. No other religion makes such an astounding claim.

~ *Doug Banister, Pastor & Author*

Christianity is the acceptance of the gift of the friendship of Jesus.

~ *Leslie Weatherhead, Theologian*

Members of other faiths look back to the founder and revere. But to us Jesus is more than a teacher of the ancient past.

He is our living Lord and Savior, whom we know in the closeness of a vital and loving relationship here and now.

~ *John Stott, Theologian*

Galileo: I am not a theologian – I am a mathematician.  
Sagredo: You are a human being! Where is God in your system of the universe?

Galileo: Within ourselves. Or – nowhere.  
~ *Bertolt Brecht*

Our union with Christ is far more than mere symbolism – it is a relationship between two real people made possible as the Spirit of Christ literally fills us. An actual transaction takes place. Divine spirit and human spirit mingle together in my own physical body. I am possessed by the spirit of God. I can say with Paul, "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."

~ *Doug Banister, Pastor & Author*

For all his vastness, God chooses to make his throne inside our fleshly frame. He pours his cosmic size into the thimblelike containers of our souls.

~ *Calvin Miller, Author & Professor, Samford University*

I have found that for many people there is a gap between what they expect from their Christian faith and what they actually experience.

~ *Phillip Yancey, Disappointment With God*

O God, thou hast made us for thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.

~ *St. Augustine*

When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

~ *Jeremiah 29:13 (NRSV)*