

God in the iPod



PART 3: FORSAKEN

The kingdom of God is not overwhelmingly *obvious* to say the least. It is something one must seek, and therefore something we must want.

~Dallas Willard

You must have wondered why [God] does not make more use of his power to be sensibly present to human souls in any degree he chooses and at any moment. But you now see that the Irresistible and the Indisputable are the two weapons which the very nature of His scheme forbids him to use. Merely to override a human will (as his felt presence in any but the faintest and most mitigated degree would surely do) would be for Him useless. He cannot ravish. He can only woo.

~C.S. Lewis

God is such a great and magnificent being that, if he did not hide from us, we could not hide from him.

~Dallas Willard

I know I am God because when I pray to him I find I'm talking to myself.

~Peter Barnes

In the very act of hiddenness God is slowly weaning us of fashioning him in our own image....By refusing to be a puppet on our string or a genie in our bottle, God frees us from our false, idolatrous images.

~Richard Foster

Joan of Arc: I hear voices telling me what to do. They come from God.

Prosecutor: No, they come from your imagination.

Joan of Arc: Of course. That is how the messages of God come to us.

~Saint Joan, George Bernard Shaw

If a man wishes to be sure of the road he treads on, he must close his eyes and walk in the dark.

~St John of the Cross

Earth's crammed with Heaven, and every common bush afire with God; but only he who sees takes off his shoes.

~Elizabeth Barrett Browning

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

~Psalm 13:1