



## with God

to me atheist God is an unknown being. He does not care about a divine existence. A contact with HIM seems to him completely out of the question - how can one have contact with something/ someone who does not exist? Even believing people often feel that they are praying into emptiness, because they do not feel His presence at all. There must be a reason for that.

The idea of God is wrongly taught to us Christians, Muslims, Jews or religious people from childhood on. According to our religious education, God is a being that exists outside of us in an entity not dissimilar to our own. We imagine him as an old, wise man with a white, long beard, who lives in heaven or in the clouds. That this is not the case becomes clear to us later in adulthood, but the idea of a human being in the form of Jesus, the Son of God, remains. This one dwells in paradise or heaven, perhaps for the further thinking one somewhere in the universe, possibly an earth-like planet, which houses paradise or is paradise. This is where we all go after death and live together with God or Jesus in peaceful harmony until all times despite the fall of man. This is the general idea of the guardian over us humans, God.

My life as an individual often made me search for God, and I have come to a completely different conclusion, but one that is based on many of my religion and thus brings me closer to it. I founded the Facebook group "God dwells in us all", which has several hundred members, and even that was not enough for

me. It showed me that it is possible to get in touch with this inner God, and this in several stages. Firstly, the inner instance shows itself in the form of the conscience. In the essay "The Divine Instance" I talked about this, but there are other stages. The reason for this essay "Contact with God" is based on the experience of a further stage.

In a conversation with a Lutheran pastor I discussed the question of how we can answer God. God communicates to us with his creation. All life, even the rock, is God and shelters God. We humans develop emotions for one part or another of this creation. These are the communications of God to us. But believing men have the need to communicate with God and they ask themselves how they can answer his attempts to contact them. My idea to the pastor was that we could do this in actions. We can protect and preserve the cherished contents of creation, we can work for the health of their existence - just as nature and climate are currently the subject of discussion. It has become a social current, but without being based on a belief, on religiousness. Nevertheless, this will be in God's mind. Not that I want to speak of the personified God again now, but after all one wants to be understood.

The pastor, on the other hand, simply meant praying in response to the emotions about God. I did not find this sufficient, but of course I did not forget his point of view, I just pushed it away misunderstood, because like so many people an atheist lives in me. Only the wish that there may be a God who judges all adversity in the world is always awake in me.

Because I believe that we humans, as the most highly developed animal, lack a natural enemy. Every animal has its natural enemy, even if it is man. We humans make each other

an enemy because we have no common higher being that dominates us and threatens us with punishment. Thus - says the atheist - the consciousness for the existence of a higher being is implanted in man, because he has developed from the animal. So a very important point in the existence of a god is the evolutionary animal past of us humans. So what dwells in us is not God, but the idea of a higher being, because all our animal relatives know a higher being, whom they have to be careful of and are afraid of - this is the developmental biological reason for religious thoughts.

However, after all, someone who takes God seriously is speaking here, it may also be that the history of the development of mankind wanted to create this connection! According to the chain of evidence just described, the human brain is designed for contact with God. The 'natural enemy' is part of life. The activity of the brain is not fully utilized without it. He cannot suppress this tendency of the brain. Homo sapiens sapiens has filled this area of the brain with God. With religion. So much for logic.

Religion now protects us in more or less sharpness against punishments of the 'natural enemy/ higher being'. We should and want to be innocent, and for this we will receive a great reward after the end of the time of trial, life on earth, namely eternal existence in paradise, which we had to leave because we let ourselves be tempted into knowledge - knowledge of God, here the 'natural enemy/the higher being', ~~in religion the devil, the creative, malicious, power-hungry spirit.~~

But what about our empty brain area. It's gonna be filled one way or another. For the believer with a religion whose goal is

to live peacefully, or at least godly. For the unbeliever it leads to the suspicion that he has to protect himself against his fellow men because they may be evil. He may still have the family he rules over. Power and hunger for power are expressions of an empty brain area that seeks the 'natural enemy'.

But many people feel God. They have had experiences with God, perhaps some have had religious near-death experiences that have confirmed their belief in the living existence of a God. How can that be? We do not know much about the brain, only that it is probably the most flexible organ in the body. It can always recover. Everything is connected. One area function can be taken over by others in case of failure. And everything works together.

For our empty brain area, which is laid out with knowledge of how to deal with the natural enemy, this means: Religion gives the area for the higher being the form of a father, that is, one all around interested in the positive becoming of our own being. So our 'natural enemy' is only interested in harming us if we develop in the wrong, i.e. not beneficial to life. We know this, and this knowledge regulates the juices that provide our mood and intention in the brain.

Everything in the brain affects everything. It would be only logical that a positive relationship with our 'natural enemy', that is, the brain area that exists specifically for him, leads to a peaceful human being who lives in harmony with nature. A contact with this brain area in the form of prayers is therefore not impossible. Man communicates with the idea of his God, who is omnipotent, who dwells in his brain area, which was originally planned to protect him from his overpowering natural enemy. In this area believers create whole worlds for

themselves in which they can live peacefully and in harmony with their God.

You see, I prefer the individual God as he has become a concept in the present. Even a uniform religious education cannot exclude individualities from one to the other.

Everyone's life is too different for that. Finally, life experiences with the individual God are brought into a positive connection, i.e. built in.

Experiences of God are not excluded, since every human being develops his own perceptions of the worlds in his brain. This is also indicated by the fact that these perceptions of God are mostly individual experiences, just as it happened to Moses.

Now not only perceptions have shown themselves to me, but also actual changes in my emotional world. I prayed because I saw no other possibility, and indeed my feelings changed. From the course of my argumentation the possibility is derived from it, because it was about my own thoughts or sensations, which I did not want to have anymore, a task of the brain. When I prayed, I had the clear feeling of being in the company of God, so my consciousness actually lived at that time in the area of the brain to which I assigned religion, and there I was able to set the course anew. This required my positive attitude towards God the Father, the representation of an imaginary natural enemy, the higher being.

But back to religion. Anyone who is familiar with the faith of Christians knows that it is a Christian duty to spread the Gospel, the foundation of our religion. This seems logical in the light of the arguments I have written down here, for God is not an external being, like man and animal. God is an

individual being who dwells as a virtual symbiote within each individual. He is always different, and yet there are similarities. The love that manifests itself in a person's brain during childhood development has a large part in the character of his god or substitute for the 'natural enemy'. God is love. We associate all the good things we were allowed to experience, even in adulthood, with the God we put on our brain. The deeper the love that we have experienced, the deeper the love that we carry within us, the more solid is the relationship with our God. And as everyone develops a different God, it is necessary to talk about him, that is, to share this or an individual gospel. God is good, and so our world would be saved if unbelieving people abandoned their faith in the natural enemy, their fellow man, and replaced it with a loving God, about whom there is so much to learn.

Religious scriptures are only one way to God. Many see it much more in the mental or active occupation with nature. But also the preoccupation with illness, sorrow and worries can lead to God. There is no one who has not heard of prayer, and it can change so much. Greed for power and money can disappear, and the planet can remain or become a place worth living.

Reflection:

Actually, it was quite different.

After days of struggling with the essay over and over again in my thoughts - I just couldn't cope with what I had made of

God: a virtual symbiote dwelling in the brain - I came to the conclusion that it is not God who dwells in me, but rather the devil, who wants to gain power over people and thus also over me.

I had started the essay quite harmlessly, wanted to tell about my experience of God when my thoughts, my creative brain or rather the devil dwelling in it, forced me to think of the brain area of the natural enemy, which has remained for 1000's of generations up to man. I was fascinated by it with the scientific heart I carry inside me, but it is fundamentally wrong.

Rather, I wanted to share the great experience of praying how close God was to me when I asked Him to take away the tormenting thoughts in my head. I tried to reflect that in the essay. I reflected that God is there because I want him. Yes, I took it to the extreme and told myself that God gives it because I want it! I had not wished for anything for many years, because I thought that the fulfillment of my wishes could make me unhappy, because the wishes came from me. My horizon is much too small to know what is good for me, but I always wished that God would be there, because he is so missing in the world.

Now, in the prayer I made an exception out of necessity and made a wish. I was rewarded with the feeling of the presence of God and the absence of the tormenting thoughts. I concluded that God really exists, and I further concluded that he exists because I needed him so badly that I believed in his existence, and so he finally exists.

Sadly, this retrospective was exactly what I wrote in the essay. I denied the existence of God, countered him to a fantasy that, however logical and rational it may be derived, is dependent on

man. But in fact, he exists. Unfortunately, it can only be felt when you believe in it.

Up to the time I am writing this reflection of the essay, I have struggled with the interpretation of a virtual symbiote. I thought to myself, if he's just sitting in my brain individually anyway, he can't hurt me either, and I tried his power by playing the lottery and wishing I could get rich. I thought to myself: Well, if God is only in my head, his effect will not be spatially sufficient to influence the drawing of the lottery numbers. But if he exists outside of me as a world-spanning being, as God, in other words, as God, as we humans imagine him to be, almighty, he can very well influence the draw. So I tried God, which I shouldn't have done, and I had a bad conscience.

Playing the lottery was completely unsuccessful, which threw me back to my image of the virtual symbiote or rather a biblical punishment. I hadn't gotten any further. But with time I realized that my essay about the virtual symbiote is nonsense, because it contradicts my feeling when praying, when the tormenting thoughts were taken away from me, which represented the tortures imposed by the devil rather than the removal of them. This could only come from God, and it was the devil who wanted to take this testimony of God's existence away from me again. Moreover, I was also proud and vain about the blasphemous thought the devil had given me, which also suggests its origin.

But in fact it is just the case that God is present for the believing human being - and indeed perceptibly so - but not with the unbelieving human being, although he also dwells in him.