

THE ETERNAL

God and Creator

1. ESSENCE

- 4885 There was something undifferentiated and yet complete,
Which existed before heaven and earth.
Soundless and formless, it depends on nothing
and does not change.
It operates everywhere and is free from danger.
It may be considered the mother of the universe.
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 4886 God is a circle whose center is everywhere,
and its circumference nowhere.
Empedocles (B.C. 495-435)
- 4887 God is truth and light his shadow.
Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)
- 4888 The divine essence itself is love and wisdom.
Swedenborg (1688-1772)
- 4889 All are but parts of one stupendous whole,
Whose body Nature is, and God the soul.
Pope (1688-1744)
- 4890 Existence is God!
Goethe (1749-1832)

2. OPPOSITES

- 4891 There are, assuredly, two forms of The Eternal:
the formed and the formless, the mortal and the immortal,
the stationary and the moving, the actual and the yon.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4892 We look at it and do not see it;
Its name is The Invisible.
We listen to it and do not hear it;
Its name is The Inaudible.
We touch it and do not find it;
Its name is The Subtle (formless).
These three cannot be further inquired into,
And hence merge into one.
Going up high it is not bright,
And coming down low, it is not dark.
Infinite and boundless, it cannot be given any name;

- 4892 It reverts to nothingness.
This is called shape without shape,
Form without object.
It is The Vague and Elusive.
Meet it and you will not see its head.
Follow it and you will not see its back.
Hold on to The Way of the old in order to master the things
of the present.
From this one may know the primeval beginning
(of the universe).
This is called the bond of The Eternal.
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 4893 Of all that is material and all that is spiritual in this
world, know for certain that I am both its origin and
dissolution. There is no true superior to Me. Everything
rests upon Me, as pearls are strung on a thread.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 4894 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending,
saith the Lord.
Revelation (c. 85 A.D.)
- 4895 The more God is in all things, the more He is outside them.
The more He is within, the more without.
Meister Eckhart (1260-1327)
- 4896 A God all mercy is a God unjust.
Young (1683-1765)
- 4897 To Him no high, no low, no great, no small;
He fills, He bounds, connects and equals all!
Pope (1688-1744)
- 4898 Space is the statue of God.
Joubert (1754-1824)
- 4899 When the gods were more manlike,
Men were more godlike.
Schiller (1759-1805)
- 4900 We find God twice - once within, once without us:
within us as an eye, without us as a light.
Richter (1763-1825)
- 4901 There are, properly speaking, two "ONES" - the One on the
unreachable plane of Absoluteness and Infinity, on which
no speculation is possible, and the Second "One" on the
plane of Emanations. The former can neither emanate nor be
divided, as it is eternal, absolute, and immutable. The
Second, being, so to speak, the reflection of the first One,
can do all this.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)

3. INSIGHT

- 4902 There was neither non-existence nor existence then;
there was neither the realm of space nor the sky beyond.
There was no distinguishing sign of night nor of day.
That One breathed, windless, by its own impulse.
Other than that there was nothing beyond.
Darkness was hidden by darkness in the beginning;
with no distinguishing sign, all this was water.
The life force that was, was covered with emptiness,
that one arose through the power of heat.
Desire came upon that one in the beginning;
that was the first seed of mind.
Rig Veda (B.C. 1200-900?)
- 4903 He is the one in whose power are the many sources of
creation, and the root and the flower of all things. The
Golden Seed, the Creator, was in his mind in the beginning;
and he saw him born when time began.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4904 The Eternal is empty (like a bowl),
It may be used but its capacity is never exhausted.
It is bottomless, perhaps the ancestor of all things.
It blunts its sharpness,
It unties its tangles,
It softens its light.
It becomes one with the dusty world.
Deep and still, it appears to exist forever.
I do not know whose son it is.
It seems to have existed before the Lord.
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 4905 God is neither the object of sense, nor subject to passion,
but invisible, only intelligible, and supremely intelligent.
In His body He is like the light, and in His soul He
resembles truth. He is the universal spirit that pervades
and diffuses itself over all nature...He is the Reason, the
Life, the Motion of all being.
Pythagoras (B.C. 582-507)
- 4906 The ignorant think of Me, who am the Unmanifested Spirit,
as if I were really in human form. They do not understand
that My Supreme Nature is changeless and most excellent.
I am not invisible to all, for I am enveloped by the
illusion of Phenomenon. This deluded world does not know Me
as the Unborn and the Imperishable.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)

- 4907 There is something in the nature of things which the mind of man, which reason, which human power cannot effect, and certainly that which produces this must be better than man. What can this be but God?
Cicero (B.C. 106-43) 4 of 10
- 4908 Call it Nature, Fate, Fortune; all these are names of the one and selfsame God.
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 4909 Where one is present, God is the second, and where there are two, God is the third.
Mohammed (570-632 A.D.)
- 4910 That which exists through itself is called The Eternal. The Eternal has neither name nor shape. It is the one essence, the one primal spirit. Essence and life cannot be seen. They are contained in the light of heaven. The light of heaven cannot be seen. It is contained in the two eyes.
Lu Yen (fl. 800 A.D.)
- 4911 The very impossibility in which I find myself to prove that God is not, discovers to me his existence.
La Bruyere (1645-1696)
- 4912 God is the universal substance in existing things. He comprises all things. He is the fountain of all being. In Him exists everything that is.
Giordano Bruno (1548-1600)
- 4913 It is easy to understand God as long as you don't try to explain him.
Joubert (1754-1824)
- 4914 God is the poet, men are but the actors.
Balzac (1799-1850)
- 4915 God enters a private door into every individual.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 4916 God is the perfect poet,
Who in his person acts his own creations.
Robert Browning (1812-1889)
- 4917 There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter.
All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation,
for God is All - in all.
Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error.
Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910)

- 4918 What is it that ever is?
 Space, the eternal parentless.
 What is it that ever was?
 The Germ in the Root.
 What is it that is ever coming and going?
 The Great Breath.
 Then, there are three Eternals?
 No, the three are one. That which ever is is one,
 that which ever was is one, that which is ever being
 and becoming is also one: and this is Space.
 H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)
- 4919 God is a reality of spirit...He cannot...be conceived as an
 object, not even as the very highest object. God is not
 to be found in the world of objects.
 Nicholas Berdyaev (1874-1948)
- 4920 In Him is an illimitable abyss of glory, and from it there
 goeth forth one little spark which maketh all the glory of
 the sun, and of the moon, and of the stars. Mortal!
 behold how little I know of God; seek not to know more
 of Him, for this is far beyond thy comprehension, however
 wise thou art.
 Ancient Oracle

4. POSITIVE

- 4921 Forgetful youth! but know, the Power above
 With ease can save each object of his love;
 Wide as his will, extends his boundless grace.
 Homer (c. B.C. 700)
- 4922 The way which is bright appears to be dark.
 The way which goes forward appears to fall backward.
 The way which is level appears uneven.
 Great virtue appears like a valley (hollow).
 Great purity appears like disgrace.
 Far-reaching virtue appears as if insufficient.
 Solid virtue appears as if unsteady.
 True substance appears to be changeable.
 The great square has no corners.
 The great talent is slow to mature.
 Great music sounds faint.
 Great form has no shape.
 The Eternal is hidden and nameless.
 Yet it is The Eternal alone that skillfully provides for all
 and brings them to perfection.
 Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)

- 4923 If hundreds of thousands of suns rose up at once into the sky, they might resemble the effulgence of the Supreme Person in that universal form.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 4924 I am the taste in the water, the light of the sun and the moon, the sound in the ether, the ability in man, the fragrance of the earth, the heat in the fire, the life of all that lives, the strength of the strong, the intelligence of the intelligent, and the original seed of all existences.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)
- 4925 There is nothing which God cannot do.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 4926 There is a God within us, and we glow when he stirs us.
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)
- 4927 Nothing is void of God; He Himself fills His work.
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 4928 It is one of my favorite thoughts, that God manifests himself to mankind in all wise, good, humble, generous, great and magnanimous men.
Lavater (1741-1801)
- 4929 A superintending power to maintain the Universe in its course and order.
Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)
- 4930 If we look closely at this world, where God seems so utterly forgotten, we shall find that it is he, who, after all, commands the most fidelity and the most love.
Anne Swetchine (1782-1857)
- 4931 Nature is too thin a screen; the glory of the omnipresent God bursts through everywhere.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 4932 There is a realm where there is neither earth nor water, neither space nor time, neither perception nor thinking, neither light nor darkness, neither east nor west. That is the abode of The Eternal where there is everlasting peace and bliss.
Sivananda (born 1887)

5. NEGATIVE

- 4933 The gods play games with men as balls...
In wondrous ways do the gods make sport with men.
Plautus (B.C. 254-184)

- 4934 It is fear that first brought gods into the world.
Petronius (died 66 A.D.)
- 4935 One atom of the plane where He functions
would shatter the world.
Ibn Al-'Arabi (1165-1240)
- 4936 Hath God obliged himself not to exceed the bounds
of our knowledge?
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 4937 As flies are to wanton boys, are we to the gods;
They kill us for their sport.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 4938 To believe in God is impossible
not to believe in Him is absurd.
Voltaire (1694-1778)
- 4939 Without a God there is for man neither purpose, nor goal,
nor hope, only a wavering future, and an eternal dread of
every darkness.
Richter (1763-1825)
- 4940 How did the atheist get his idea of that God whom he denies?
Samuel Coleridge (1772-1834)
- 4941 God does not exist...We are precisely on a plane where
nothing exists but men.
Jean-Paul Sartre (1905-1980)

6. ADVICE

- 4942 The more we deny ourselves,
the more the gods supply our wants.
Horace (B.C. 65-8)
- 4943 Is there any other seat of the Divinity than the earth, sea,
air, the heavens, and virtuous mind? Why do we seek God
elsewhere? He is whatever you see; He is wherever you move.
Lucan (39-65 A.D.)
- 4944 It were better to have no opinion of God at all
than such a one as is unworthy of him;
for the one is only belief - the other contempt.
Plutarch (46-120 A.D.)
- 4945 We cannot too often think, that there is a never sleeping
eye that reads the heart, and registers our thoughts.
Bacon (1561-1626)

- 4946 Acquaint thyself with God, if thou would'st taste
His works. Admitted once to his embrace,
Thou shalt perceive that thou was blind before:
Thine eye shall be instructed; and thine heart
Made pure shall relish with divine delight
Till then unfelt, what hands divine have wrought.
Cowper (1731-1800)
- 4947 You must seek and find God in the heart.
Richter (1763-1825)
- 4948 You see many stars at night in the sky but find them not
when the sun rises; can you say that there are no stars
in the heaven of day? So, O man! because you behold not
God in the days of your ignorance, say not that there is
no God.
Ramakrishna (1836-1886)

7. POTPOURRI

- 4949 I Thy God am the Light and the Mind which were before
substance was divided from Spirit and darkness from
Light.
The Divine Pymander (BC 2500?-200 AD?)
- 4950 Who hath stretched forth the heavens with His hand, who hath
described with His finger the courses of the stars.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 4951 Beyond the senses are their objects, and beyond the objects
is the mind. Beyond the mind is pure reason, and beyond
reason is the Spirit in man. Beyond the Spirit in man is
the Spirit of the universe, and beyond is the Spirit
Supreme. Nothing is beyond the Spirit Supreme: He is the
end of the path.
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 4952 Nothing is more ancient than God, for he was never created;
nothing more beautiful than the world, it is the work of
that same God; nothing more active than thought, for it
flies over the whole universe; nothing stronger than
necessity, for all must submit to it.
Thales (B.C. 625?-547?)
- 4953 ...I am the Father of the Universe and its Mother; I am its
Nourisher and its Grandfather; I am the Knowable and the
Pure;...I am the Goal, the Sustainer, the Lord, the Witness,
the Home, the Shelter, the Lover and the Origin; I am Life
and Death; I am the Fountain and the Seed Imperishable...
I am Death and Immortality; I am Being and Non-Being.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)

- 4954 He is the Ancient of the Ancients, the Mystery of the Mysteries, the Unknown of the Unknowns...He is seated on a throne of fiery sparks which He subjects to His will. The white light emitted by His head illumines four hundred thousand worlds. This white light becomes the inheritance of the just in the world to come. Each day sees thirteen myriads of worlds kindled by His brain...
Zohar (120?-1200? A.D.)
- 4955 Blessed be He in whose hand is the Kingdom: and He is powerful over all; who created death and life to prove which of you is best in actions, and He is the Mighty, the Very Forgiving; who hath created seven heavens in stages.
Koran (c. 651 A.D.)
- 4956 Man is certainly stark mad; he cannot make a flea, and yet he will be making gods by dozens.
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 4957 Under whose feet (subjected to His Grace),
Sit nature, fortune, motion, time, and place.
Torquato Tasso (1544-1595)
- 4958 At whose sight all the stars
Hide their diminish'd heads.
Milton (1608-1674)
- 4959 God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.
Cowper (1731-1800)
- 4960 Blessed is he who carries within himself a God, an ideal,
and who obeys it.
Louis Pasteur (1822-1895)
- 4961 There are scores of thousands of sects who are ready at a moment's notice to reveal the will of God on every possible subject.
G. B. Shaw (1856-1950)
- 4962 The Somewhat which we name but cannot know.
Even as we name a star and only see
Its quenchless flashings forth, which ever show
And ever hide him, and which are not he.
William Watson (1858-1935)

- 4963 We make our friends; we make our enemies;
but God makes our next-door neighbor.
G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936) 10 of 10
- 4964 God is subtle but not malicious.
Einstein (1879-1955)
- 4965 The gods...thousands and ten thousands...are one god.
Chinese Proverb