

**Supplemental images and narrative to
Is Your God Big Enough? Close Enough? You Enough?
Jesus and the Three Faces of God
by Paul Smith**



**PART TWO
IS YOU GOD CLOSE ENOUGH?
Opening our heart to trinity beside us
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Falling in love with God

You could become a great horseman
And help to free yourself and this world
Though only if you and prayer
become sweet Lovers.
It is a naïve man who thinks we are not
Engaged in a fierce battle,
For I see and hear brave foot soldiers
All around me going mad,
Falling on the ground in excruciating pain.
You could become a victorious horseman
And carry your heart through this world
Like a life-giving sun
Though only if you and God
become sweet Lovers!

~ Hafiz

I know of a professor who teaches a religion course at a university. She would do an exercise with her class each year. She would say, "Take ten minutes and write the most passionate love letter you can but leave out the name of whoever you are writing it to."

After they had written it she would say, "Now after the opening "Dear . . ." – put in the name 'God.'"

She would point out that all the religions of the world began as passionate, mystical, experiences with God.

*O God,
Kiss me tenderly! Your love is better than wine,
and you smell so sweet. The very mention of your
name is like spreading perfume. Let's hurry.
Take me to your home.*

*I stirred up your passions. Always keep me
in your heart.*

*The passion of love
bursting into flame
is more powerful
than death, stronger
than the grave.*



Every sentence of the above is from the Bible.



The Song of Solomon

Scholars agree that the Song of Solomon was included in the Bible because it is a love poem between God and God's people!