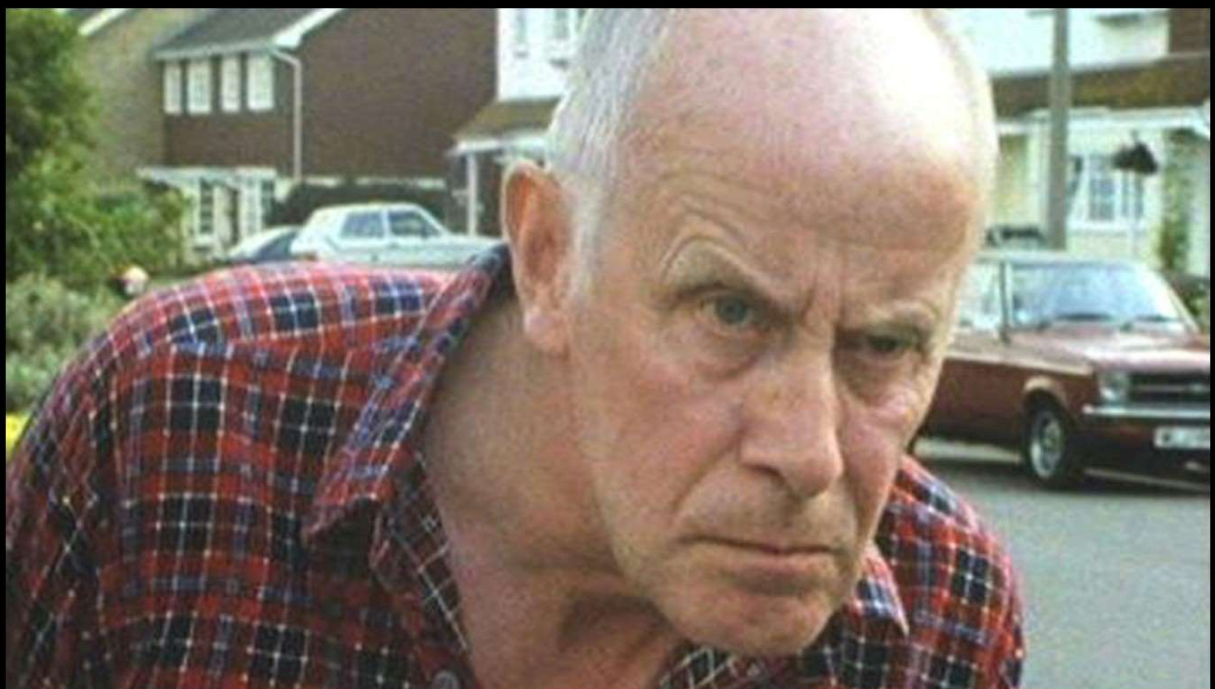


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Jesus and the Three Faces of God
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PART THREE
IS YOU GOD YOU ENOUGH?
Opening our identity to Trinity BEING US
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"I STILL DON'T BELIEVE I'M GOD!"



Two Tee Shirts NOT to wear



Two Possibilities if you want theological correctness but don't mind looking silly



Here's

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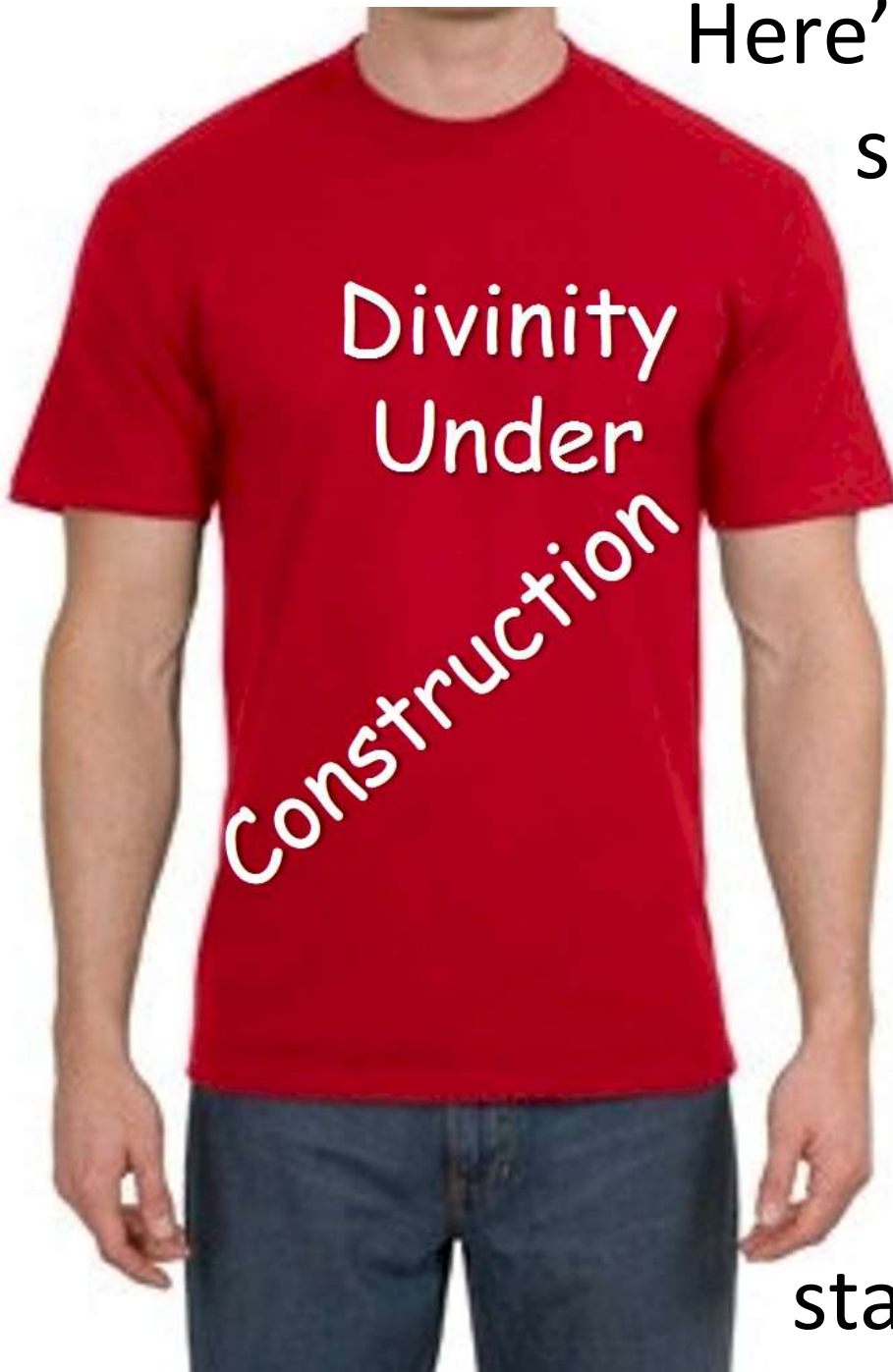
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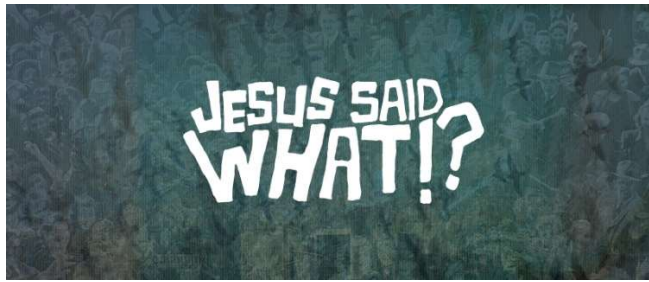
conversation
starter –if

anybody
stays around
to talk.



Why would anyone consider wearing such a tee shirt?

Because Jesus said we were gods!



Jesus said to the religious leaders, "God and I are one." John 10:30



Hearing that, the religious leaders took up stones to stone him. Jesus said, "I have shown you many good works from God. For which of these are you going to stone me?" They answered, "It not for good works we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God." John 10:34

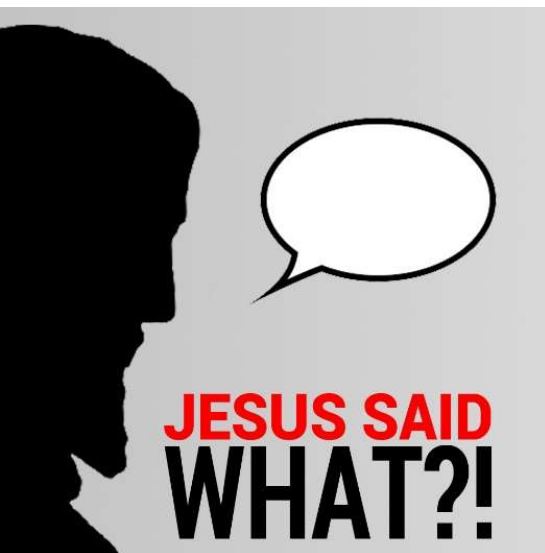
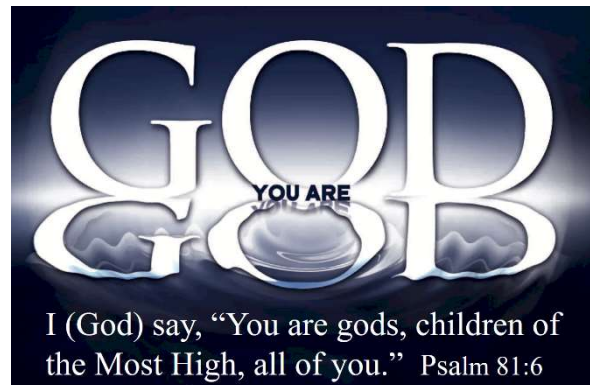


Jesus said, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods'? If those to whom the word of God came were called gods . . . can you say that the one whom God has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's son."?"

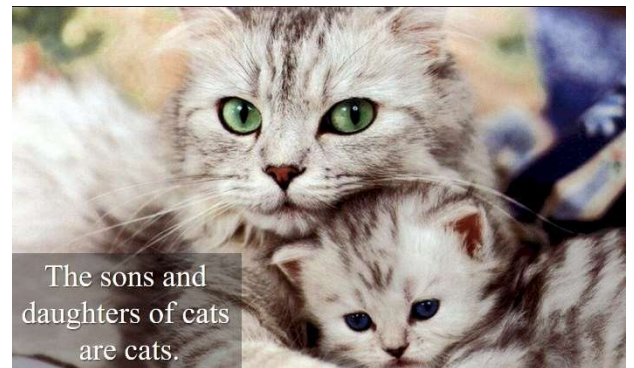
John 10:34-36



Jesus was approvingly quoting:



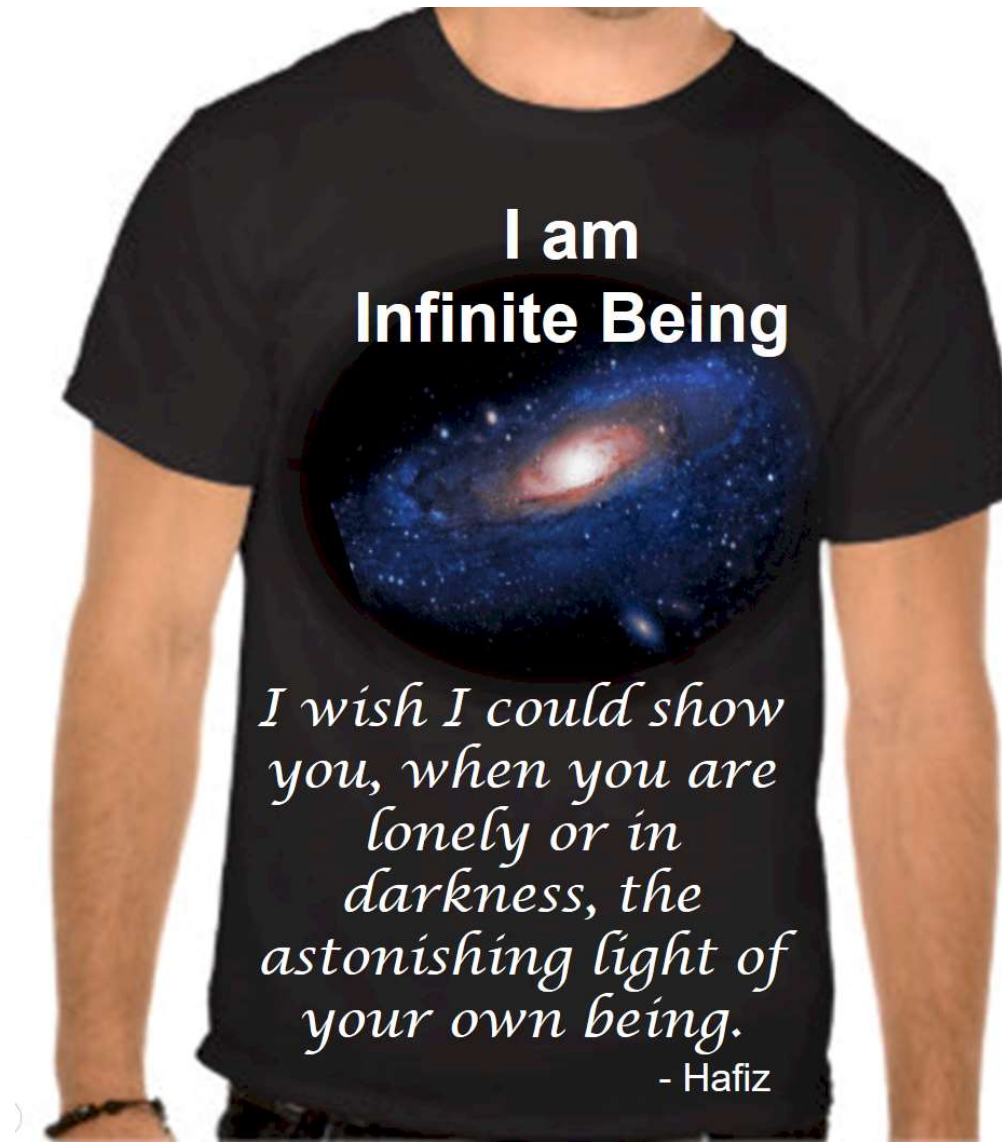
This was a widely understood metaphor of “family divinity likeness.”
By associating being children of God with being gods, the reasoning went like this:



Therefore 

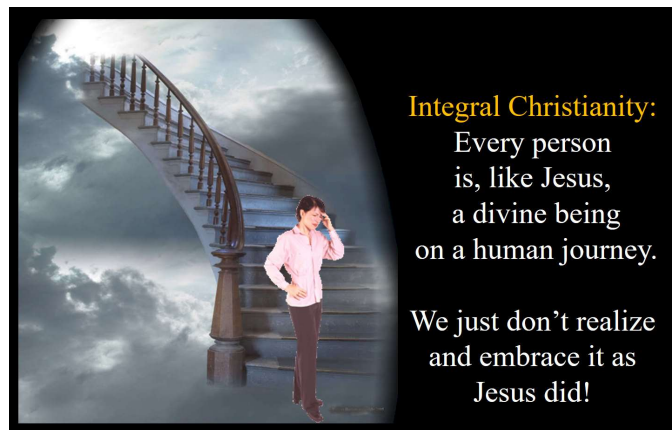
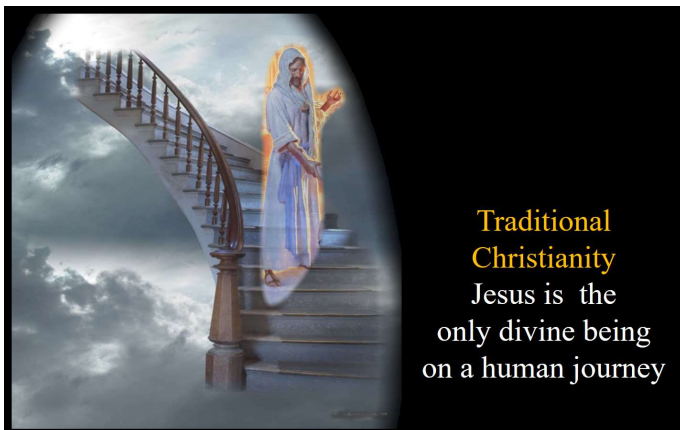
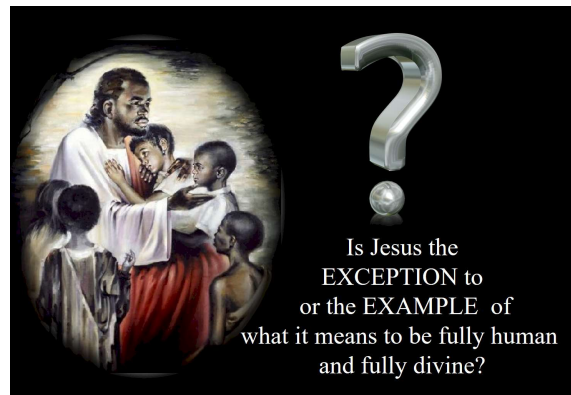
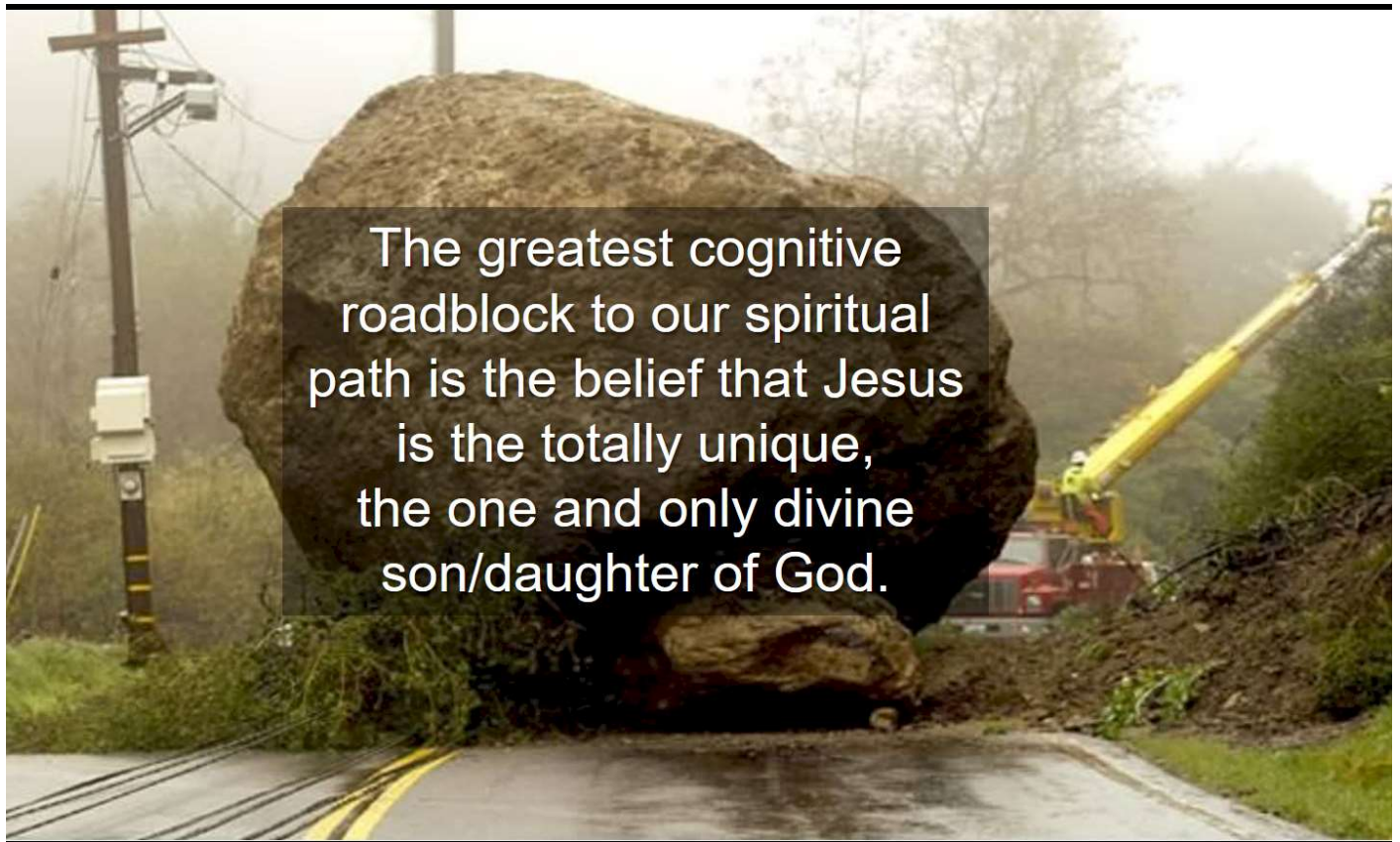


That's why I would wear a tee shirt like this:

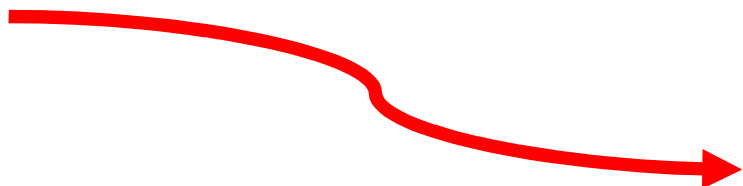


BUT THERE IS A PROBLEM IN OUR SPIRITUAL PATH





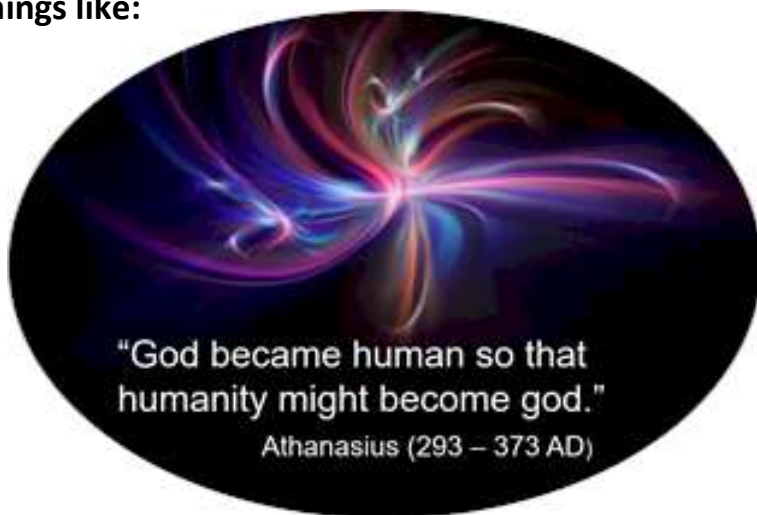
That's why the New Testament says that we are





"... participants in the divine nature."
2 Peter 1:4

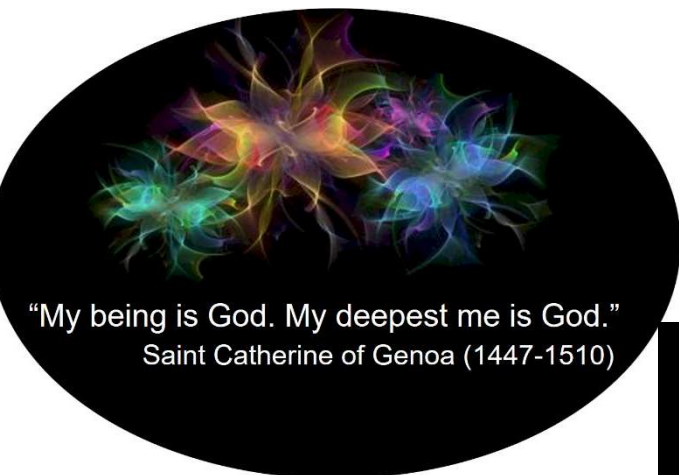
And Christians down through the ages have said things like:



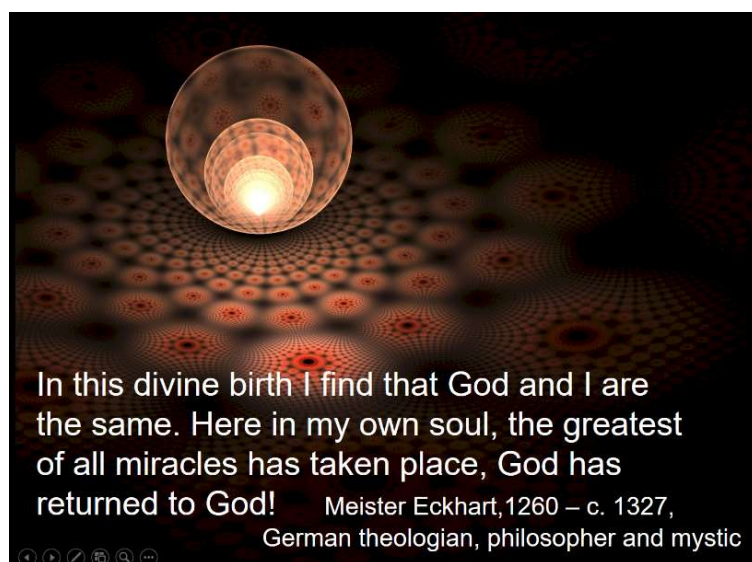
"God became human so that
humanity might become god."
Athanasius (293 – 373 AD)



"The incarnation accomplished the following:
That God became human and that humans
became God and sharers in the divine nature."
Thomas Aquinas (1225-74 AD)

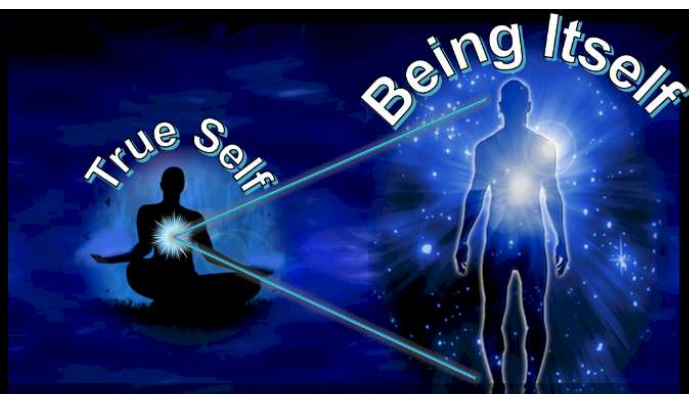


"My being is God. My deepest me is God."
Saint Catherine of Genoa (1447-1510)

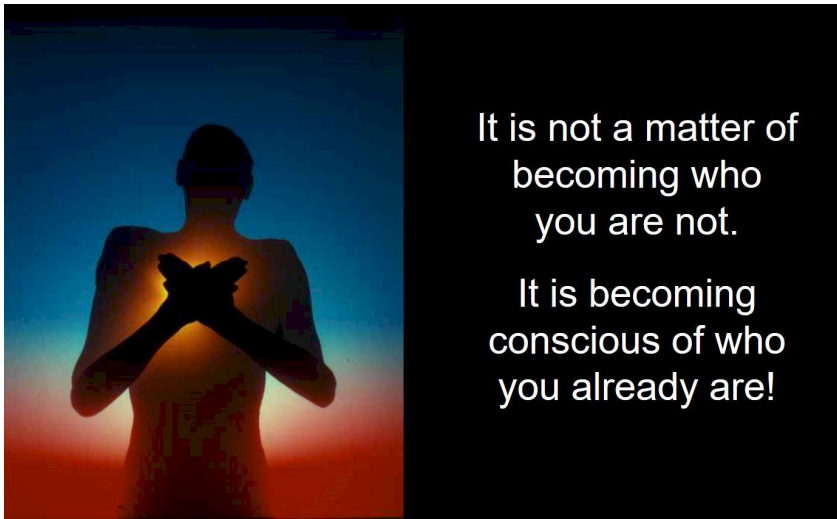


In this divine birth I find that God and I are
the same. Here in my own soul, the greatest
of all miracles has taken place, God has
returned to God!
Meister Eckhart, 1260 – c. 1327,
German theologian, philosopher and mystic

WOW! 

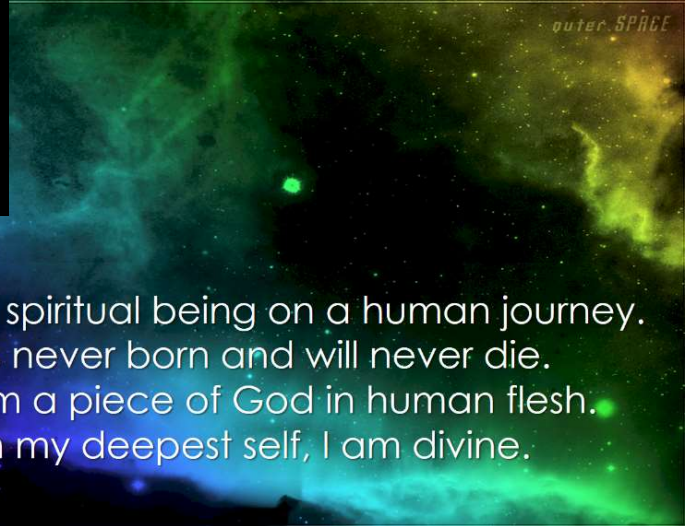


"It is our duty to become God. If you don't want
to become God, you've missed the boat. If
you're too humble to think you can become God
if you think you are not worthy, that is a false
humility, because it's not your decision. It's
God's."
Father Thomas Keating



It is not a matter of
becoming who
you are not.

It is becoming
conscious of who
you already are!



I am a spiritual being on a human journey.
I was never born and will never die.
I am a piece of God in human flesh.
In my deepest self, I am divine.

To sum up this book so far all up in three lines and one picture



How does his work? By our transformation in what we already are in our DNA.
How did the butterfly become this beauty?



**The butterfly became what it already
was deep inside by cooperating with
the transformational process!**

You are not a drop in the ocean. You are the ocean in a drop. Rumi



As we evolve in the consciousness of our own divinity, we more and more become aware of who we really are.

This may be a moment of vast stillness and union. Or a growing awareness of it. Or a dramatic peak experience of Oneness. Finally, we begin to embody God much of the time.