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In the end God governs. Each of us owes God one death, and, in the interim, bears liability also for that huge and interesting conversation with God that each one of us knows as, and calls, life.

Jacob Neusner, U.S. Conservative Rabbi, Scholar and Author

I am very thankful for the little endowment that I have, but we must have respect for our limitations. God doesn't expect us to do everything. What you do, do it with love and respect; love your fellow men, love your audience.

Jan Peerce, Opera Singer

Nothing is better than to search for the true God, even if the discovery of Him eludes human capacity, since the very wish to learn, if earnestly entertained, produces untold joys and pleasures.

Philo, 1st Century CE Philosopher, Bible Scholar, Author

When people around us start talking about spirituality, many of us are likely to shrug and ask, 'What is it?' I can only say what it is to me, but I say it unabashedly. Spirituality is my connection to God. I believe there is one God, something greater than myself. Prayer is my way of reaching through time and space to those things I cannot see. While it is legitimate for prayers to be in the form of requests, I usually pray to praise God and give thanks.

Marlene Post, Former Hadassah President

Longer lives don't ensure our connection with God, they just give us more years of opportunity to make contact.

Marlene Post

Every time a Jew sits down to eat a kosher meal, he or she is reminded that the animal being eaten is a creature of God, that the death of such a creature cannot be taken lightly, that hunting for sport is forbidden, that we cannot treat any living thing irresponsibly, and that we are responsible for what happens to other beings...

Dennis Prager, Editor, Author, Radio Talk-Show Host

The most important component of happiness, by far—there isn't a close second—is gratitude. Nothing instills gratitude as much as religion and prayer done correctly. Prayer is a major vehicle to gratitude. Not request prayer, grateful prayer: Thank you, God...

Dennis Prager

If we feel deep within that we have been created in the image of God, then no matter where we are or what we are going through we never feel alone. We are never anonymous.

Naomi H. Rosenblatt, Author

God asks for the heart. [Sanhedrin 106b]

Raba, 3rd/4th Century Babylonian Scholar

God loves three type of people: those who never get angry; those who never get drunk; and those who are not stubborn. [Pesahim 113b]

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Rav, 3rd Century Babylonian Scholar

Any blessing that does not contain the name of God is no blessing. [Brakhot 12a]
Rav

The precepts [*mitzvot*] were given for no other reason than to refine people. For what difference does it make to God whether the act of slaughtering animals for food is done at the neck or from the back of the neck? [Genesis Rabba 44:1]
Rav. Emphasizing that observing the letter of the law is less important than learning the moral and ethical teaching the commandment is intending to convey.

Judaism encourages doubt even as it enjoins faith and commitment. A Jew dare not live with absolute certainty, because certainty is the hallmark of the fanatic, and Judaism abhors fanaticism, [and] because doubt is good for the human soul... One apparent reason [why God denies us certainty] is that man's certainty with regard to anything is poison to his soul. Who knows this better than moderns who have had to cope with dogmatic Fascists, Communists and even scientists?
Sally Priesand, First US Woman Rabbi

Reason has long since decided that God needs nothing, but that all things need him.
Saadya Gaon, Babylonian Scholar, Liturgist

We don't pray that God will stop a catastrophe. For example, with the Holocaust, we can't say that because of our sins, on million Jewish children were killed. The logic is bad. The theology is worse. I don't believe a post-Holocaust world can think that way... It turns god into what atheists make of Him—a cruel, wrathful deity. Prayer, instead, is meant to move the God within us.
Harold Schulweiss, Conservative Rabbi Author

I was lucky, I had a chance to compare both ways of life, life without God, a fully materialistic life, and the kind of life when you are doing what you feel will satisfy your sense of what ought to be. And that is how I came to God.
Natan Sharansky, Russian Refusenik, Member of the Knesset

It is not my business to think about myself. My business is to think about God. It is for God to think about me.
Simone Weil, French Philosopher, Author

Whatever God is or is not, awareness of God means to me the awareness that there is something larger than the tiny bit of reality which I experience, and that there is something beyond the present, that the past is not forgotten, that the future must be kept in mind. I am chosen if I believe that I have a calling; the language of chosenness tells me that I have responsibilities and that my life is not lived properly if I do not work to clarify and fulfill my calling.
Devora Steinmetz, Contemporary Researcher in Jewish Education