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“About God speaking to all of us, His children of the Earth”

To The Children of the Earth:

THIS IS GOD. I consider myself a patient person. Look at the Grand Canyon. It took Me millions of years to finish. Nothing was slower than designing that whole Darwinian evolution thing, to ever take place at all! Cell by cell and gene by gene. I have even been patient through all your civilizations, wars, and schemes, until you get yourselves into a big mess over again. Since My Son's Resurrection, I've had some thoughts. First, your religious rivalries are driving Me crazy. Let's get one thing straight: These are your religions, not Mine. I am the Whole of Creation, and beyond all of it. Every one of your religions claims there's only one of Me, which is true . But in the very next breath, each religion claims it's My favorite one. Each one claims its bible, was written personally by Me, and all the other bibles are only man-made. Stop this nonsense! Now pay

attention: I am both Father and Mother. I don't play favorites among My creation. I hate to break it to you but I don't write, never have because My longhand is awful, and I'm a "doer" anyway. So all your books, including Bibles, were written by very inspired men and women. Remarkable people. But they made mistakes here and there, in their understanding in what they wrote. I made sure of that, so that you would never trust the written word.... more than you would ever trust your own Heart. You see, every human being to me, even the most despised among you, is worth more to Me than all of the Holy Books in the world. My Spirit is not an historical thing it's alive... past, present, and future all at the same time...NOW! Holy Books, Religious Traditions, and Rites are Sacred and powerful, but not more than the LEAST of You. They were meant to guide you in the proper direction, NOT to keep you fighting with each other, and certainly not to keep you from trusting your own personal contact with Me. Which brings Me to My next point .You act like I

need you and your religions to defend me. Don't do Me any favors. I can stand on my own quite well, I have done so for billions of years. I don't need you to defend Me, and I certainly don't need worship, prayers, or credit. These are nice things, but spend more time being good to each Other. Another thing, stop all the money, and political stuff. Don't drag My name into all your dramas. I never told Pat Robertson or anyone to run for President of the United States, I've never talked with Jim Bakker, Jerry Falwell, or Jimmy Swaggart! Of course, come Judgment Day, I certainly intend on doing so! Stop thinking of religion as some sort of loyalty pledge to Me. The true purpose of your religions is to become more aware of Me. Believe Me, I know you better than you know yourselves. I know what's in each of your hearts, and I love you with no strings attached. Lighten up and enjoy each other and the life I gave you. That's what all religions are supposed to do. You look at the petty differences in your bibles and say, "Well, if this is the Truth,

then the rest of them can't be true!" Truth has many facets to it. Open your hearts to the common threads that bind you in all life and religion. Differences are "that great gift" I gave all of you to unite all of you as sort of a Sacred spice rack, to "season and make more appealing", that great Supper of fellowship of what life is, which my Son left to you in His memory. Enjoy each other. Love and respect everybody. Be kind and supportive, especially when life gets scary,lonely, and confusing. Take courage, be of good cheer, for I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU. Learn how to be quiet, so you can hear My voice -- I don't shout. Leave the world a better place by living your life with dignity and gracefulness for you are My unique child. Take chances and take risks, isn't that what a "faith-life" is all about?

The parts of you which are your made up dramas and gossip will surely die, the part of you that reflects Me . . . will never die. So be happy, stop making it so complicated? Do you think I care whether you call me Yahweh, Lord, Jehovah, Allah, Father,

Universal Intelligence, etc. Do you think I care which of My chosen prophets you feel closest to, Jesus, Mary, Buddha, Mohammed or any of the others? The answer is no, because you gave me the names you all call me by. I don't have a name. Call me what you want, just love one another as I love all of you. I'm not telling you to abandon your religions. Enjoy them, honor them, and learn from them, just as you should enjoy, honor, and learn from your parents, family and friends. All religions have a special place in My heart. Don't combine all the Great Traditions of all religions into one big mess. Each has a unique style, so that people can find the best path for themselves to Me.

You may ask, “ who are the chosen people”? They are the ones who live in My Heart. Also, the Clergy needs to stop judging people and creating divisions out of the “gift of differences” I put in each religion, so that people could learn from each other. The only one true religion is Love. Children of Earth . . . the World has grown too small for religious bigotry and confusion.

The Earth is connected by air travel, the internet, satellite dishes, cell phones, and fax machines. Time to get with the program here! Commit yourselves to feeding your hungry, clothe your naked, protect your abused, and shelter your poor. Make everyday life a shining example of kindness, humor, and respect for all. I've given you all the resources. Abandon your fear of each other and begin living, loving, and laughing together. Finally, I wanted to grab your attention here because you all seem so unhappy.

I gave you free will. So what can I do? Influence you through reason, persuasion, and a little old-fashioned guilt ? After all, I am the original Jewish Mother. I just want you to be happy. So I will sit here in the calm peaceful dark, until you all finally come around, as I REALLY AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.

. . . signed GOD

P.S. – While I have your attention , I do not understand the war in Iraq. I don't understand any war . . .

I don't understand capital punishment . . . I don't understand abortion . . . I don't support violence to any of my Creation. It's time now, and has been for while, for women to get Ordained as Priests. I love my , imprisoned children, sick children, old children, gay children, even my pagan children. By the way, Elvis and Kennedy really did die. So stop lying about that saying that you saw them working at a 7-11 . You can be fairly certain that one of My special sons, Pope John Paul the 1st, elected Pope only for 33 days, did die under very suspicious circumstances back 1978... and those involved will pay dearly. . Now, on with Life, and Don't forget from time to time to Toast Me once in awhile, for the beautiful planet that I gave you all and to share it with each other.

DON'T MAKE ME COME DOWN THERE!

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