

DOES GOD TALK TO ORDINARY PEOPLE?

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It is a rare gift to be called to hear the voice of God. By reading this article, you demonstrate faith in the prospect that two-way communication with God is feasible. This is indeed atypical. The fact that you even consider this possibility places you in a unique category of uncommon individuals. For example, were you raised in a family, religion, or educational institution where you learned that God could speak to you directly? Few people reading these words can answer "yes."

Many people believe that God exists, yet few believe that God hears their prayers or answers them. Fewer believe that God is accessible and can talk to them. Exceptional people are willing to allow God to speak to them directly, but only extraordinary individuals act on what God guides them to do. Do you want to be one of these people? If so, you are rare and unique.

We are taught from an early age that when we talk to God it is called "prayer," but when God talks to us, it is called... "schizophrenia." If you were to enter a psychiatric office today and report that God speaks to you, what would be the reaction? You would be diagnosed with mental illness and walk out with a prescription for psychotropic drugs.

We often read about murderers—even mothers who slaughter their own babies—who claim that voices in their heads told them to commit murder. We hear of cult leaders who believe that God demands that their followers commit suicide. No wonder the widespread belief is that people who claim to hear God's voice are insane.

We are conditioned to believe that the only people sanctioned to have authentic conversations with God are great prophets, saints, holy men (I emphasize the word "men"), and other holy beings that lived at least two thousand years ago in some faraway land. These holy men wrote one book—a book literally written in stone. After that book was written, apparently, God has gone mute—and has not spoken to anyone since.

Right? Wrong.

I believe these holy men have not signed an exclusive contract with God. They have no special combination to a padlocked, hallowed safe with elite access. Some religious institutions would have you believe that they own the secret passkey and, without their sanction, no one can walk through the doorway to heaven.

Billions of people are resigned to the idea that they cannot experience God directly—certainly not while they are still breathing. Sadly, such people eagerly await death, when they will enter the glorious gates of paradise and finally catch a glimpse of God's presence. They never conceive that they could directly experience God in this body during this lifetime.

The widespread belief is that God's blessing and grace are inaccessible without a middleman, such as a pastor, minister, priest, cleric, rabbi, guru, master, shaman, psychic, channeler, counselor, or priestess. Most of these go-betweens have the best of intentions, but regrettably, either intentionally or unwittingly, some of them become hucksters swathed in a veneer of spirituality, hawking their products to the masses.

Such salespeople have no incentive to help people hear God's voice directly. To use an analogy from the world of sales, if their customers were to have such experiences, then these retailers would soon be out of business. For their clients would "cut out the middleman" and "go direct."

However, it is my experience, and the experience of tens of thousands of people who have used the methods taught in my books or classes, that anyone can hear the voice of God directly.

The Pearl of Great Price

At the risk of giving away the "pearl of great price"—the most precious secret of the ages—in this article, I will tell you right now how you can hear the voice of God. This gift comes with no strings attached. You will not be required to convert to a religion, join a cult, venerate a guru, empty your bank account, or sacrifice your firstborn child. I will tell you right now how to "go direct." So here goes—a simple way to listen to the "still small voice" of God, right here and now, absolutely FREE:

Just sit down in a chair, close your eyes, take a few deep breaths, get quiet, still, centered, and balanced within yourself, and then simply—ASK. That is the entire secret. ASK. Ask a question, ask for guidance, ask for inspiration or healing. Then take another deep breath and do what I call the "Do-Nothing Program." That means, do nothing, nothing, and less than nothing. Then the "still small voice" will speak to you in your heart.

So the key to hearing God's voice is to ASK. The trouble is that we forget to ask. Or we think we cannot ask. Or we think God is too busy for us. Is God too busy for you? Could God be too busy for anyone? If you believe God is too busy to pay attention to you, then you have a very limited idea of what God is.

God could never be too busy. God is not bound by time, space, or circumstances. Therefore, God cannot get tired or overworked. God does not only pay attention to "important" people and things. Everyone and everything is important to God. God does not play favorites. God is not available to only a select few so-called "holy" people. God is everywhere present and always available to anyone who asks.

In my latest book, *How to Hear the Voice of God*, you can learn this do-nothing method, which I call Divine Revelation®, of hearing the voice of God and receiving divine messages effortlessly, clearly, and precisely. The entire premise of Divine Revelation is "ask, and it shall be given you."

Many people have one ten-minute spiritual experience, and then spend the rest of their life talking about it. Dozens of best-selling authors have built their entire career upon that one time when a divine being appeared or spoke to them. However, Divine Revelation is about experiencing God whenever you want—at will. After you have learned how to hear the divine voice, you will receive spiritual experiences as often as you desire. You can call upon God and ask a question, ask for guidance, or ask to experience God, and then receive the answer or experience immediately, whenever you want—day or night. Just ASK.

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