

Know God better

Part 2

Perhaps you always thought of God as being “out there somewhere”, a distant Being who is never near – always afar off – Someone who has no interest in you or your life.

First, the apostle Paul explains that “he is not far from everyone of us.” Acts 17.27. Can we know this to be true? Yes, Christians prove it over and over through God's amazing answers to prayer. When marvellous answers come, so relevant and timely, pure coincidence is clearly ruled out. That has certainly been my experience.

Second, we are God's amazing creation, with human bodies that are brilliantly designed and intricately formed. Scientists still have more to learn about this.

So would God create us with such amazing functions and abilities, and then have not the slightest interest in being alongside us, being present with us to take a personal interest in our life's journey?

God is in fact on record as saying, “My presence shall go with you!” Exodus 33.14.

Third, there's more! Special provision is now made for God to be especially alongside us *by his Spirit*. The purpose is to “teach you all things”(John 14.26) which includes showing us how to know God better.

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Why does God care about us? Because “God is love” 1 John 4.8.

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