

# Thoughts

## God and God Hierarchies

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Agathon (447?-401 B.C.) said: "Even God cannot change the past."

Alfonso the Wise (1221-1284) said: "Had I been present at the Creation, I would have given some useful hints for the better ordering of the universe."

Gabriele D'Annunzio () said: "My aim is the re-establishment of the worship of men."

C. E. Ayres () said: "A little inaccuracy saves a world of explanation."

Saul Bellow () said: "A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep."

Samuel Butler (1835-1902) said: "An honest God's the noblest work of man."

Ambrose Bierce () said: "Impiety - Your irreverence toward my deity."

Buddha (563?-483? B.C.) said: "The no-mind not-thinks no-thoughts about no-things."

Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881) said: "The universe is but one vast Symbol of GOD."

Arthur C. Clarke () said: "It may be that our role on this planet is not to worship God - but to create him."

Francis Bacon (1561-1626) said: "All colours will agree in the dark."

James Beattie () said: "None speak false, when there is none to hear."

John Collier () said: "I've steered clear of God. He was an incredible sadist."

Thomas Cooper (1759-1851) said: "Fraud and falsehood only dread examination. Truth invites it."

Cyril Connolly () said: "Whom the gods wish to destroy, they first call promising."

Euripides (484-406 B.C.) said: "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

Sigmund Freud () said: "The Devil would be the best way out as an excuse for God... But even so, one can hold God responsible for the existence of the Devil."

Erich Fromm () said: "Man must accept responsibility for himself... There is no meaning to life except the meaning that man gives his life, and by the unfolding of his powers."

Edward Gibbon (1737-1794) said: "Many a sober Christian would rather admit that a wafer is God, than that God is a cruel and capricious tyrant."

Heinrich Heine (1797-1856) said: "God will forgive me; that's his business."

Ernest Hemingway () said: "A big lie is more plausible than truth."

W. R. Inge () said: "To become a popular religion, it is only necessary for a superstition to enslave a philosophy."

Robert G. Ingersoll (1833-1899) said: "An honest God is the noblest work of man."

Alfred Jarry () said: "GOD is the tangential point between zero and infinity."

Walter Kaufmann () said: "Faith in immortality, like belief in Satan, leaves unanswered the ancient question: is God unable to prevent suffering, and thus not omnipotent? Or is he able, but not willing to prevent it, and thus not merciful? And is he just?"

Judge Ben B. Lindsey () said: "I cannot admit that any man born... has either the knowledge or authority to tell other men... what God's purposes are."

Martin Luther () said: "God is a blank tablet, on which there is nothing save that which thyself hast written."

Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527) said: "There never was any remarkable lawgiver amongst any people, who did not resort to divine authority."

Lester Maddox () said: " Why would we have different races if God meant us to be alike, and associate with each other?"

Herman Melville (1819-1891) said: "What plays the mischief with the truth is that men will insist upon the universal application of a temporary feeling or opinion."

Menander (C. 342-292 B.C.) said: "Whom the gods love, dies young."

F. N. Morley () said: "All religions die of one disease, that of being found out."

Abraham Myerson () said: "The more ignorant the authority, the more dogmatic it is. In the fields where no real knowledge is even possible, the authorities are the fiercest and most assured, and punish non-belief with the severest of penalties."

Reinhold Niebuhr () said: "The tendency to claim God as an ally for our partisan values and ends is... the source of all religious fanaticism."

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) said: "Is man only a blunder of God, or God only a blunder of man?"

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) said: "The masters have been abolished; the morality of the common man has triumphed."

Thomas Paine (1737-1809) said: "The notion of the Trinity of Gods has enfeebled the belief in one God. A multiplication of beliefs, acts as a division of belief; and in proportion, as anything is divided, it is weakened."

Laurence J. Peter () said: "A falsehood is an attempt to withhold the truth from those who have a right to know."

Petronius (d. A.D. 66?) said: "It was fear that first brought gods into the world."

Pope Leo XIII () said: "The equal toleration of all religions... is the same thing as atheism."

The Psalmist (KJV) said: "It is God that girdeth me with strength... He teacheth my hands to war..." (Psalm 18:33-34)

Jules Renard () said: "We must be greater than God, for we have to undo His injustice."

Jules Renard () said: "I don't know if God exists, but it would be better for His reputation if He didn't."

Kenneth Rexroth () said: "The speech of the Almighty (in the Book of Job)... is a parade of power, devoid of moral content... positively immoral by any human standard."

Jean-Paul Sartre () said: "For several years more I maintained public relations with the Almighty. But privately, I ceased to associate with him."

George Santayana (1863-1952) said: "It is a great advantage for a system of philosophy to be substantially true."

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) said: "There are scores of thousands of sects, who are ready at a moment's notice, to reveal the will of God on every possible subject."

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) said: "There is only one religion, though there are a hundred versions of it."

Wilhelm Stekel () said: "Fervid atheism is usually a screen for repressed religion."

Voltaire (1694-1778) said: "If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him."

Nehemiah Wallington () said: "Herein we see God's great mercy... For the slaughter was in all 5,517, but ten of the enemy's side were slain to one of ours."

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900) said: "The truth is rarely pure, and never simple."

Lin Yutang () said: "Society can exist only on the basis that there is some amount of polished lying, and no one says exactly what he thinks."

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