**Out of the mouths of Babes...Fabulous!**

I hope you enjoy reading this article as much as I did! *And a Little Child Shall Lead them* "I certainly don’t think any adult could explain this more beautifully! It was written by an 8-year old named Danny Dutton who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment to 'explain God.' I wonder if any of us could have done as well! And he had such an assignment, in CA, and someone published it...I guess miracles do happen.

**EXPLANATION OF GOD:**

One of God’s main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn’t make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn’t have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God’s second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn’t have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn’t go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad’s head asking for something they said you couldn’t have.

Atheists are people who don’t believe in God. I don’t think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren’t any who come to our church.

Jesus is God’s Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn’t want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn’t know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn’t have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time. You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there’s anybody you want to make happy, it’s God! Don’t skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn’t come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don’t believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely because your parents can’t go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He’s around you when you’re scared, in the dark when you can’t swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids. But you shouldn’t just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And that’s why I believe in God.

*See God in every person, place and thing, and all will be well in your world. Louise L. Hay*

*The moment we want to believe something, we suddenly see all the arguments for it, and become blind to the arguments against it.*

George Bernard Shaw

*We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings having a human experience.* Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

*We live in a spiritual Universe God is in through, around and for us.* Ernest Holmes

*I don’t understand how I can remember every word from a song from 1980, but I can’t remember why I went into the kitchen!*

*One day, I would like to turn on the News and hear, THERE’S PEACE ON EARTH!*
Paradox of living in the Moment

Are you feeling stressed and upset? If so, you are worrying about tomorrow. Events that have already occurred may cause you regret, but they only appear to cause worry. When you worry about what may or may not occur in the future, you miss the joy that is available today. So is the answer to focus only on today and let tomorrow take care of itself? That sounds good—until tomorrow arrives and you are not prepared.

It’s a paradox. How does one balance living in the now with preparing responsibly for the future? The key to this dilemma lies in the distinction between “worrying about the future” and preparing for the future? The two concepts are not the same.

There are two aspects to preparing for the future. The one that is more familiar to most people is planning. You know you want to fit into your clothes tomorrow, so you forgo that second helping. Planning for the future is fully compatible with living joyfully today.

The other aspect of preparing for the future is accepting that things will probably not turn out the way you plan. Creating this acceptance of life’s uncertainties is much more challenging than formulating and following through on plans.

The source of most worry is lack of acceptance of the uncertainties of the future. When one fully lives a life of acceptance, life’s vagaries are not merely tolerated but are enjoyed because they are life’s gifts. Whatever life delivers is a gift from the Creator. So why not enjoy it. The recipe for a joyful life is planning and preparing for the future, while simultaneously accepting that you hold virtually no control over future events. By placing no demands on the future, you can enjoy whatever it brings.

“I think worry is a natural human response to a challenging situation, but it is a “lesser” emotional choice made from a fear base. That is why the older wiser more experienced would say, “Give it to God.” But we don’t have time to listen to them in our culture. Their wisdom is lost to us, and we work to reinvent their wisdom. Worry is like sitting in a rocking chair—rocking for all you’re worth, feeling like you’re doing something but getting up and finding you’ve gone no where and now lack the energy to anything positive. A pause to gather ourselves can be productive but emotionally sitting in that rocking chair daily for long periods of time is a dependent choice and can erode into self pity”

Today I will do my best, and then relax in the knowing that I have done all I could.

Signs & Symptoms of Inner Peace
*A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
*An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
*A loss of interest in judging other people.
*A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
*A loss of interest in conflict.
*A loss of ability to worry.
*Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
*Contented feelings of connectedness with others and frequent attacks of smiling.
*An increasing susceptibility to the love extended by others as an uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Anonymous

Live with intention. Walk to the edge. Listen hard. Practice wellness. Play with abandon. Laugh. Choose with no regret. Appreciate your friends. Continue to learn. Do what you love. Live as if this is all there is.!

*Soren Kierkegaard

*I challenge you to make your life a masterpiece. I challenge you to join the ranks of those people who live what they teach, who walk their talk.

Tony Robbins