

God to a lot of people within the Bible tradition, or within Islam, I suspect (having never read their minds), consists of a literal personality that is simultaneously perceiving the past, present, and future, and is unconditionally loving. He (or she, or hir for gender neutrality) created everything, and has the power to do anything.

I worship the God that is real, regardless of how things seem, since nothing is certain. However, I consider the most plausible definition of God to be a symbolic consciousness invented by humanity. This does not mean that God cannot live. I consider God alive whenever Hir will manifests.

This symbolic consciousness is very similar to the literal consciousness worshipped by a Fundamentalist majority. Because of the existence of unconditional love, a heart exists at the symbolic center of infinity, embracing the whole. Because this will embraces the whole, like a sun at the center of a solar system, it is the whole. This unconditional love manifests a symbolic will for all places, all power, and all information.

God is brought to life whenever sentient beings serve Hir will, effectively and accurately. The closer the individual is to the will of God in thought and action, the closer the individual comes to being a part of God.

I consider myself a Muslim mystic. I believe the majority of the "Book" to be symbolic, & for it to have been exposed to various forms of erosion of meaning over time - including translator's error. I think the Koran the least distorted portion of the "Book" to have been popularized, written recently in a language that is still thoroughly remembered and even commonly spoken. I do not have very much faith (some) in the Hadith tradition, consisting of words to exist outside the context of "the Book" itself.

There are pagan traditions that attempt to emulate their deities by assuming the form of the deity being worshipped. It is my opinion that this practice should be carried over so that, if one believes in a literal consciousness as God, one comes as close to God in thought and action as possible; whereas, if one believes God to be a symbolic consciousness, one literally becomes God Himself, the very reason that God lives.

The God devotee first prophesies instances when hir attempt to manifest the Self as God (within the next week or so) is distracted from actualization, if ever, and how to correct. Then the individual scries out the exact behavior and nature of God, literally becoming God - or just as close as possible in hir individual relation to God.