

MEMORANDUM

To: CLINTON

From: Jimmy

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RE: 'Bout this God stuff

In regards to this issue there is no question about it; God is the creator.

The problem with all this God stuff though is that we don't want to discuss it, quite like the subject of our parents having sex. But why not? What's the taboo? What are we so afraid of?

Historically, Mother Culture tells us this about God:

God is extremely complex with many facets or views to be seen from, much like a diamond. And so many thousands of years ago God spoke to a few chosen ones and told us about himself and that He had made us in his image and likeness. Various religions later came along and condensed and interpreted what God revealed, mainly three things about himself:

1. God is needy. He needs us to love him and worship him. He needs us to do all that he told us to do. He needs us to do this because he wants to be with us later but our outcome is in doubt and he is fearful that we might not make it.
2. God is vengeful. God screwed up when he created us but he still expects us to measure up and do as he commands as outlined above. Otherwise we will be punished forever.
3. God is outraged. Only one religion interpreted his revelations properly, but which one? All the others are false and will be punished for getting it wrong, no matter what their members do with their lives.

Although Mother Culture does not advertise this, she will admit that because of our relationship with God, things have not been all that great. First we live in a constant state of fear because how can we remain calm when God is afraid for us? If God were not afraid then we could be calm. But that is not the case. Secondly, we are told that we are separate from God and may never join up with him. Third, we are separate from each other and should be because some of us are God's chosen few and the rest will be damned to hell by God. Oh yeah, did I mention that there is a devil out there posing as God trying to trick us?

So here we are lonely, afraid, paranoid and taking advantage of all of those who aren't "us", because God is going to get "them" anyway. Historically, others have suspected that our view of God isn't working to well and maybe we should talk about it. Then Mother Culture spoke up, by

way of the churches, stating that it's not working because not enough people believe and until the infidels are converted or annihilated, there can be no world peace, for God's sake! Then anyone who asked the question was annihilated in one way or another for asking. And now we wonder why we don't talk about God?

So here we are dazed, confused, wanting to believe but not sure if we do because some of it kinda sounds squirrely. What do we do? Well, one good thing has changed in that we can now ask "why isn't it working" without being annihilated by Mother Culture. As a Boy Scout I was taught that when you get lost to go back to the place where you went off track and reanalyze. Let's do that now.

Maybe our first assumption that "many thousands of years ago God spoke to a few chosen ones and told us about himself" was wrong. I have yet to see evidence in the Koran, the Bible, the Book of Mohammad or the ancient Sanskrit that the last line was "bde. . . bde. . . bde. . . but that's all folks!" Why on earth would we assume that God stopped talking to each of us? Listen.

Maybe our next mistake was letting others think for us instead of thinking for ourselves. Is it possible that instead of God making us in *his* image and likeness that those who did the thinking for us made a God in **our** image and likeness? That would surely account for the needy, vengeful and outraged God. A God afraid just like us! Imagine that.

Clinton, the only fact about God that you can truly bank on is that each and every person to ever walk the earth before you had to decide for themselves who and what God was and each person had to create his own relationship with that God. You can believe that the relationship changed from moment to moment as life played out. Your relationship with God may differ when you are fishing, may differ when you are in a foxhole terrified and cradling your dead buddy's head in your arms, may differ when your first child is born. You may utilize what others before you have decided about God, but you and you alone create your relationship with that God. You and you alone define the face of God.

Therefore if God has many facets or faces to choose from, and you must do your own choosing, why not choose one that serves *your* purpose instead of someone else's purpose?

Your talent in life Clinton is that of a peacemaker. You remain calm when all hell is breaking loose around you. You mediate and reconcile others and calm them down in an ever changing and fearful world. You are much like the cowboy singing the frightened cattle to sleep. You see everybody as one, absent hatred. Perhaps its time to admit we've killed way too many people in the name of God. So why not create a God that is all loving, that is unconditional loving with no needy demands of you? A God that lets you know She will still love you even if you don't eat all of your brussel sprouts. Of course this is only one of millions of views of God that you can create.

In regards to this issue there is no question about it; **You** are the creator. Create!

Clinton, I welcome you to adulthood. God knows the world can use another good man like yourself!