**Omnipresence**

**My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.**

***(Exodus 33:14)***

**I hereby command you:**

**Be strong and courageous;**

**do not be frightened or dismayed,**

 **for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**

***(Joshua 1:9)***

**Where can I go from your spirit?**

**Or where can I flee from your presence?**

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;**

**if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

**If I take the wings of the morning**

**and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,**

**even there your hand shall lead me,**

**and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

***(Psalm 139:7-10)***

**There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism;**

**One God and Father of all,**

**Who is above all and through all and in all of us.**

***(Ephesians 4:5-6)***

**Bad week for: Having no place to hide, with the first confirmed case of Covid-19 in Hawaii's Kalawao County -- an isolated, tiny island (population: 70) formerly used as a leper colony. It had been the only U.S. county free from coronavirus infection. (*The Week magazine, February 5, 2021)***

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**Affirmation: “Great Spirit of this universe, how glorious are Your ways.  My human heart can’t fully grasp the magnitude of all Your good, yet I know I am Yours. I know that there is nowhere I can go nor nothing I could be when I would not be in Your loving care. Thank You, God.” (*Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest)***

**All trees are mortal, but if conditions are right, they can live to an astonishingly old age. For example, stands of 5,000-year-old bristlecone pine trees have been found in California. Trees can endure because their vital functions are decentralized; that is, a large part of the tree can die without killing off the tree as a whole. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**You need not cry very loud. God is nearer to us than we think. (*Brother Lawrence)***

**In Spanish,** “butterfly” is “mariposa.” Am told there’s no language without a word for butterfly. *(L. M. Boyd)*

**A marine catfish can taste with any part of its body. *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts, p. 55)***

Standing on a London street corner, G. K. Chesterton was approached by a newspaper reporter. “Sir,” the reporter said, “I understand you recently became a Christian. May I ask you one question?” “Certainly,” replied Chesterton. “What would you do if the risen Christ were at this very moment standing behind you?” Chesterton looked the reporter squarely in the eye and said, “He is.” *(Brennan Manning, in Catholic Digest)*

**In the midst of anything contrary to good, the presence of Almighty God is right where man is, with all of His Power, and all of His glory, and all of His wisdom – simply waiting: awaiting recognition and acceptance. *(Dr. Al Salazar)***

**You need not depend on your limited self ever again, for the Father is with you always. *(Michele Gigliotti)***

**They say that God is everywhere, and yet we always think of Him as somewhat of a recluse. *(Emily Dickinson, American poet)***

**One of the most infamous freethinkers of England was a man by the name of Anthony Collins, who died in 1729. He was author of the well-known “Discourse on Freethinking.” This Collins one day met a poor working man on his way to church. “Where are you going,” asked Collins. “To church, sir,” answered the workingman. “Is your God a great God or a little God,” asked Collins in an attempt to confuse the mind of the poor fellow. But the church-goer gave him the perfect answer. “He is so great, sir, that the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him, and so little that He can dwell in my heart.” Collins later admitted that this simple but sublime answer of an uneducated man had more effect upon his mind than all the volumes of argument he had read in favor of religion. *(Paul Lee Tan, in Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations)***

**Claim is that your complete DNA recipe -- called your “genome” -- shows up even in one fleck of your dandruff*. (L. M. Boyd)***

**A man may go into one field and say his prayer and be aware of God, or he may be in Church and be aware of God, but if he is more aware of Him because he is in a quiet place, that is his own deficiency and not due to God. He knows God rightly who knows Him everywhere. *(Meister Eckhart)***

**The universe is represented in every one of its particles. Everything is made of one hidden stuff. The world globes itself in a drop of dew. The true doctrine of omnipresence is that God appears with all His parts in every moss and cobweb*. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**In establishing the Society of Silent Help, the Fillmores took a great step forward. From the beginning, they had been teaching that God is omnipresent and suddenly they realized that if it were true that God is everywhere and can be called into activity anywhere, it was not necessary for people to come to them for personal interviews in order to receive help. God's presence was not confined to the little room of their home where they prayed, or to their office; He was not something that only acted in their presence or when they spoke a word of Truth into the ear of someone sitting near them. God was omnipresence, God was everywhere. *(James Dillet Freeman, in The Story of Unity, p. 83)***

**The doctrine of the Allness and immediate Availability of God is, beyond any question, the most revolutionary as well as the most important discovery that the human race has ever made. It is the doctrine that God is everywhere present, at all times, and that every man and woman has the right and power of direct access to God without the mediation of any person, or institution, or other human authority. *(Emmet Fox)***

**Standing on the deck of a ship in mid-ocean, you see the sun reflected from its depths. From a little boat on a mountain lake you see the sun reflected from its shallow waters. Looking into the mountain spring not more than six inches in diameter, you see the same great sun. Look into the dew drop of the morning and there it is again. The sun has a way of adapting itself to its reflections. The ocean is not too large to hold it, nor the dewdrop too small. So God can fill any man, whether his capacity be like the ocean, like the mountain lake, like the spring or like the dewdrop. Whatever, therefore, be the capacity, there is opened up the possibility of being “filled with the fullness of God.” *(J. H. Bomberger)***

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**Invoked or not invoked, God is always present. *(ThePassTime Paper)***

**In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known, God himself is hidden within. *(St. Bonaventure)***

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**Physiology working with psychology is demonstrating that hearing and seeing can be developed in every cell in the body, independent of ears and eyes. *(Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 56)***

**A grandfather said to his six-year-old granddaughter, “I'll give you a quarter if you can tell me where God is.” The young but very wise girl replied, “I'll give you two quarters if you can tell me where God isn't.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**While my young son Doug was looking at a full moon, he asked, “Mom, is God in the moon?” I explained that God is everywhere. “Is He in my tummy?” Doug wanted to know. “Well, sort of,” I responded, not sure where these questions were leading. Then Doug declared, “God wants a banana.” *(Buff Spies, in Reader's Digest)***

**A few years ago, when I was a Sunday-school teacher for three- and four-year-olds, we were discussing how Jesus is always with us, even though we can't see him. One little boy agreed. “I know he is,” he said. “He's the one who opens the door at the supermarket.” (*G. B., in Reader's Digest)***

**To leave our present surroundings in the belief that happiness and peace can be found elsewhere is to deny the Omnipresence of God. *(Dr. Al Salazar)***

**It's 11:36. Martha Stewart, if you're watching, lights out! The authorities are insisting that Martha wear an electronic ankle bracelet to track her whereabouts. She's getting a TV show, she's on a TV show, she's on the news 24 hours a day. Track her whereabouts? We can't get rid of her! *(Jay Leno, 2005)***

**One, with God, is always a majority, but many a martyr has been burned at the stake while the votes were being counted. *(Thomas B. Reed, American lawyer and legislator)***

**Every miracle is produced by a realization of the omnipresence of God, by knowing there is no place where God is not. *(Emmet Fox, in Diagrams for Living, p. 93)***

**Medical doctors, who until recently separated the nervous system into "voluntary" components, have left that map behind them, as they now recognize the potential for volition in every part of the body. Several studies have shown that a person can be trained to fire off an electrical charge, a single "involuntary" nerve, even doing so in rhythm! *(Gregory Barrette, Unity minister)***

**To the query, “Why is there but one God?” A child answered: “Because God fills every place and there's no room for another one.” *(Selected, Paul Lee Tan, in Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations)***

**There are opportunities everywhere, just as there have always been. *(Charles Fillmore)***

**We may choose to have an organ surgically removed from the physical body because it is not functioning properly. But God life is everywhere and is still within that organ whether we want to believe it or not. In the same way, Doctor God does not choose to surgically extract us from His Body of Christ. *(David J. Seibert)***

**I do not have to reach out anywhere to God*. (Meme Baumann)***

**There's as much reality where you are right now as there is anywhere else. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Does one really have to fret about enlightenment? No matter what road I travel, I'm going home. *(Shinsho)***

**God is a circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere. *(St. Augustine)***

**There are people who want to be everywhere at once, and they get nowhere. *(Carl Sandburg, American writer)***

**A newly-retired couple moved from Dallas to a house near Seattle. They were soon visited by a Texas friend. “Well, how do you like the scenic Northwest compared to Texas?” the husband asked him. “Oh, it's nice,” drawled the visitor. “But you know, Texas is so beautiful it's where God takes His vacation.” “Yes, that's what we thought when we once drove across Texas,” the retired gent countered. Then he opened the drapes on the wall-to-wall picture window, revealing a panorama of towering firs, sparkling lakes and majestic mountains. “But this is where He works.” *(Midland Cooperator)***

**God's roommate: “He's a really nice guy and I know I shouldn't complain, but it's impossible to sleep -- He glows all night long, His snoring sounds like the world is coming to an end -- not to mention the fact that His omnipresence takes up every inch of closet space in the entire apartment!” *(Dan Piraro, in Bizarro comic strip)***

**Rose: “A snowflake landed on your nose, Pasquale! Hooray! Yea!” Pasquale: “Landing on my nose is an extraordinary achievement, but there are many places and things in this world that are just as special as my nose! I'm being kind to all the snowflakes that missed!” *(Pat Brady, in Rose Is Rose comic strip)***

**The whole of God-substance is present in its entirety at every point in space at the same time. Not just some of it, but all the substance in the Universe is present at any point of human need. *(Eric Butterworth, in Spiritual Economics, p. 6)***

**Once when Lord Moynihan, a great British surgeon, had finished operating before a gallery full of distinguished visiting doctors, he was asked how he could work with such a crowd present. He replied: “You see, there are just three people in the operating room where I operate -- the patient and myself.” “But that is only two!” his questioner commented; “Who is the third?” Moynihan responded: “The third is God.” *(Paul Lee Tan, in Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations)***

**Speak to Him thou for He hears, and spirit with spirit can meet -- Closer is He then breathing, and nearer than hands and feet. *(Tennyson)***

 **When we are true to omnipresence, we see that there is no place, not a dot on earth or in the heavens, the size of a pinpoint, where God is not. *(Nona L. Brooks, in Mysteries, p. 34)***

**60,000 miles of vessels carry blood to every part of the adult body. *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 324)***

**I just recently had my Visa card stolen. Now it’s everywhere I want to be*. (Scott Wood)***

**You cannot take a step toward the heavens. God crosses the universe and comes to us. *(Simone Weil)***

**A pastor visited a family whose son had been killed in an automobile accident. He heard the mother rail out at him: “Where was your God when my boy was killed?” He quietly said, “The same place He was when His Son was killed.” *(Roger Lovette, in Ronald B. Shwartz, The Best Things Ever Said About God, p. 98)***

**On the bulletin board of a Los Angeles church: “Does God seem far away? Who do you think moved?” *(Mrs. D. Binder, in Catholic Digest)***

**The whole of God is present at every point in space at the same time. Not just some of it, but all the substance in the Universe is present at any point of human need. There is no place in all the Universe where substance is any more present or any less present than right where you are. *(Eric Butterworth, in Spiritual Economics, p. 5-7)***

**In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it. *(Marianne Williamson, in A Return to Love)***

**Think of the importance of seeing truly and thinking rightly! If the world could glimpse the truth of the omnipresence of God-Love, all of the wars and the cruelties which shock us in our daily papers would go so quickly that we could not see them go. *(Dr. Nona L. Brooks, in In The Light Of Healing, p. 40)***

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