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# Weekly Bulletin #284

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## Claiming your true identity—and living it

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### Notes from Neale...

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My dear friends...

I have said in this space over the past several weeks that I've been wondering...

1. What, if anything, could cause the world to expand its ideas about God?
2. What, if anything, could cause human beings to change their understandings about Life?
3. What, if anything, could cause you and I to alter our thoughts about ourselves and about who we are in relationship to each other?

**IN SHORT:** *What, if anything, could cause our species to modify the drivers of our behavior?*

Let us look now at the role that each human being plays in the above.

I said last week, let us first agree that each human being *is* playing a role. This is not a small step in the playing of that role. You can't take a real and vibrant and active part in something if you don't know that you are taking an active part in it already. That is, if you think that you are on the outside looking in, you will think that everything is an "inside job" and that there is no real role for you to play.

This would not be true.

There is one sure way to get around this, and that is to change your perspective.

So the first step in learning what you can do to help the world change its perspective is for *you* to change *your* perspective about what you can and cannot do.

I like John F. Kennedy on this: "Divided, there is little we can do. Together, there is little we cannot do."

So, the first leg of my work in the world is to convince people that they CAN do something, RIGHT NOW, about changing the perspective of large numbers of people on our planet with regard to God, Life, and Each Other.

The good news is that we don't have to try to do this alone. There already exists a slew of people—hundreds and thousands in every country—who are ready, right now, to join in the undertaking. It is simply a question of whether and how we can all locate each other—and then find a way to work together, harnessing our collective energy and focusing it with High Purpose and Intent.

This is not an impossible, or even an overwhelming, thing to do.

What it takes is commitment. You must be committed to (1) accepting and embracing, expressing and experiencing, your true identity, and then, (2) bringing everyone whose life you personally touch a sense of their own magnificence; of the wonder and the glory of who they really are, and then, (3) doing whatever you can, in your own individual way, to share with all the world the enormity of this truth about humanity as a species, and to invite the world to step into this identity at last.

The first step is no less important than the last—and may be, in fact, the most challenging of all. For my experience and observation has been that most of us are living a Case of Mistaken Identity. It is our opportunity now to step beyond the borders of our prior understandings and our limited beliefs, and to Move Fully into the Miracle.

I am speaking of the Miracle of Who We Are.

For the longest time we have had a false notion of our identity, imagining ourselves to be the offspring, or creations, of a Divine Creator who has separated ourselves from Him (or Her, or It) and set up conditions upon which we may return. We have told ourselves and our children and our children's children that unless we meet these specific conditions, we *cannot* return to our Creator, but must forever be separated from Him (or Her, or It).

This has been our identity. Separated Children of God. Yearning to return home, hoping to have earned re-entry, striving to be worthy, after all is said and done, of God's Embrace.

Unless we don't believe in God at all (and because many cannot accept a God the likes of which I have just described, they have chosen *not* to believe in God). In that case, none of the above applies, and we move through the earth, plowing through our lives day by day, hour by hour, with no journey longer than the reaching of the end, hopefully with some degree of personal happiness and accomplishment along the way.

Yet now comes a story of a New Kind of God -- *Tomorrow's God* – and with it, a new way of being human. Living our lives not as entities separated from God (or having no God at all), but as beings expressing God (by having God as our experience in every moment). Is such a thing possible? Is such a transition within our abilities? I believe the answer is yes.

And so this is the first part of the challenge. I want to discuss the second and third parts in the weeks ahead. But let's look at this first part.

What does it mean to experience a "new way of being human"? What does it mean to "live and experience ourselves" within our true identity?

To me it means, first, understanding that there is no separation, none at all, between That Which Is Divine and That Which Is Human. In other words, between

God and Me. God lives in me, as me, through me. And although I do not experience this except in very rare moments, I *can* experience it at any moment I wish—and for as long as I choose.

The choice is always mine. Always.

So why am I constantly making the smaller choice? Why am I constantly choosing the smaller me? I believe it is because I do not *really* believe that God lives in me, as me, but only *want* to believe that. *I want to think it's true*, but I am not sure that it is true—and I am in some ways *afraid to find out*.

What would it be like if I acted like "God" – or, to put it in a way a bit more easily accepted, if I acted as if I was "Divine"?

Well, if I ever "gave in to that", it would not doubt change my entire personality. I would experience myself needing nothing, wanting nothing, demanding nothing, missing nothing, hurting over nothing, angry over nothing, resentful over nothing, disappointed with nothing, and damaged by nothing at all. This would change my reactions to life and virtually every interaction with the people around me.

I would be softer, sweeter, gentler, never correcting or controlling or requiring or in any way negative or critical. I would be accepting and non-judging and embracing of everything that is going on with everyone in every moment. I would allow, allow, allow...and yearn for not a single thing other than What Is Happening Right Now, *just as it is happening*.

Just is exactly like making love with one's beloved. Nothing is required, nothing is expected, nothing is necessary, nothing is missing, and there is not even a tiny yearning for a single thing other than What Is Happening Right Now, *just as it is happening*.

Life, it seems to me, is God's love-making. We, as individuations of the Divine, get to make love to life by loving every moment, just as it is appearing in front of us; by loving ourselves just as we are, and then extending that unconditional love to all those whose lives we touch.

We can do this. We can. More on how... next week.

Love and Hugs,  
Neale.

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**Memo from Marion...**

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Hello my friends:

I hope all of you are finding some delight in nature as the spring months are upon us here in the Northern Hemisphere. Here in Ashland the trees are beginning to bud, and there are days of bright green interspersed with cool dark rainy days, which I just love.

Over the last few weeks I've been on the road selling books at Neale's *Happier than God* 1-day retreats, and trying to reorganize my life with a new husband and all that

goes with that. Life seems to have gone from a rather calm and reliable affair to an endless series of changes that challenge my sense of order and control.

Don't get me wrong, I'm happier than I've ever been, but major life changes--even for the good, I find--always challenge the reasonably intact illusion of stability and control. My resistance to much of this makes it more difficult, but I'm finding that surrender and acceptance seem to come more quickly than they did long ago. The choice is to resist and be afraid and feel unsafe, or accept and surrender and move to a new place, trying to always remind myself that everything that's happening is happening through me, not to me.

I've been pondering that idea a lot recently, and encounter it repeatedly as I continue to read *What God Wants*. I understand the terms--that is, something happening "through" as opposed to "to" me--but what does that REALLY mean?

I understand that I am the creator of my reality. I am responsible for all that I experience, and furthermore, for my understandings, reactions, and actions with regard to what happens. I'm also very clear that there are no victims or villains, though martyrdom can slide itself around me like a warm jacket that's become an "old friend" when I'm not acting very consciously and become mired in fear.

Then I revisit the ideas of *Conversations with God* first presented in *Book One*. The ideas that we create through our thoughts, or words, our emotions, and our deeds, It is here that I'm able to more fully understand that all is happening through me.

Thoughts, feelings, words--these are aspects of me that reside in me or emanate from my human form, yet I'm certain that much of that which seemingly arises from my mind and heart truly comes from my connection to the divine, Source, God, what have you, and while I understand that divinity is inside of me. I also understand that it is the "force" that is all things everywhere.

This is "Source Energy," which is divine in nature everywhere, and it there and available and accessible to me in more ways than I can begin to imagine. If I'm living and creating consciously and in an awakened state, this energy can boost my creative abilities and my abilities to perceive and change or expand my experiences in an ongoing way. This is the power found in a deep and internalized understanding of oneness and the plane of the relative, where we reside.

Ok, I'm getting a little "out there." Let me try to put this understanding "on the ground," if you will. I'm in the midst of a bad day, things feel as if they are happening "to me." My computer is on the fritz, my children are arguing over nothing, I somehow let my banking get away from me and now I'm overdrawn with fees piling up, my house is a mess, and I've been running late since before I woke up. It's just one of those days.

I'm feeling victimized, overwhelmed, frustrated and edgy. If I'm acting from an unconscious place, this day will continue on as it has, my disposition will get worse, and everything will become bigger and more compounded.

Yet, if I can pull myself out for a moment and try to come from a place of consciousness, while I may not be able to effectively change anything that's happening TO me (unless I can!), I AM able to allow myself to know that these things are coming THROUGH me--and thus change my experience of what is

happening. I can take a few deep breaths. I can stop everything for a moment. I can take a walk outside and draw energy from the earth and the trees, the sky and the sun. I can watch children in the park running and playing, and in this brief interlude, I can open my heart and pull into me a quiet level of calm and peace which can sustain me when I return to my day.

While doing a few things to pull new energy to me, I can also take this time to reevaluate my perceptions, understandings, and reactions to what the day is bringing. I can revisit my understandings of *Conversations with God* and remind myself of the things of which I am certain: "We're making it ALL up," "It's all perfect," "Nothing has any meaning except the meaning we give it," "The quickest way to manifest something for myself is to give that which I want for myself to another," and on and on.

If I really want to change my experience even more, I can do just that. Seeing a frustrated mother with a fussy child in the park, I might go do what I can to help her have a little better day. I can smile at the frustrated store clerk and offer gentle words of encouragement, or I can leave a big tip for the waitress that's running her tail off, letting her know how appreciated she really is.

What inevitably happens when acting in these ways is that as I return to my day I do it from a much better place. My own peace will bring more of exactly that to me: more peace. The day may not change one iota, but by allowing life to come through me in my thoughts, my being and my actions, I can change my experience of everything. I may also change everyone's experience of *me*--and if I'm really "on my game" I can even turn my day around, or start fresh, and have an entirely different outcome.

It is realizing and acting fully in the understanding that everything is really happening through me and not to me, which can change everything. I pull so much through me and express it more vitally when I embrace this dimension...much more than when I don't.

May you each embrace that which is you, which is everything, and maximize its potential through you this coming week as we walk through the journey of life, lived together side by side.

Love and light,  
Marion Martin

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### **Best of the Blogs...**

Each week we present in this space the best from past entries on the worldwide CwG Blog. The blog can be accessed daily on the home page at [www.beliefnet.com](http://www.beliefnet.com).

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**Wednesday March 19, 2008**

Category: [Questions about Life and God](#)

## [Are we really Divine?](#)

Some people believe that human beings are individuated aspects of The Divine. Others believe that we were created by God, but we are not Divinity Itself. The question makes for some interesting theological discussion.

**Question:** I already know I am God's experience of what life is. The clergy and most of the people I talk to think it is blasphemy for me to say that I am God. I know that I am and I know that we are one. It's tough to practice unconditional love with people who want to crucify me for my beliefs. Do I accept punishment or do I keep my mouth shut?

**Neale's Response:** You might find a gentler way of stating your beliefs. "I am God" does not go over so well. How about, "I am as Aspect of Divinity." Or, "I am an Individuation of the Divine."

These statements mean the same thing, but are not nearly as confrontive for people who believe in Separation Theology.

Separation Theology is a theology that says "I am 'over here' and God is 'over there', and never the 'twain shall meet until I die and God decides whether I have been good enough to come back home and to be back with Him 'over there'."

The problem with a Separation Theology is that it produces a Separation Cosmology. That is, a cosmological way of looking at all of Life which holds that everything is separate from everything else. And a Separation Cosmology produces a Separation Sociology. That is, a way of socializing the human species that separates every person from every other person by declaring their interests to be separate. And a Separation Sociology produces a Separation Pathology. That is, pathological behaviors of self-destruction, engaged in individually and collectively and evidenced everywhere on our planet throughout human history.

Saying "I am God" only creates more separation, Blake, because most people cannot believe that about themselves. Saying "I am a part of That Which Is Divine," or...."I am an Aspect of Divinity" is much more palatable. Most people would feel okay with someone saying that.

Try it!

**(Ask Neale may be accessed on a daily basis in the Messengers' Circle at Neale's personal website: [www.nealedonaldwalsch.com](http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com). Each week Neale selects a question from those posted there and publishes it in this blog.)**

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## **The Calendar**

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A look at events at which Neale Donald Walsch will share the message of *Conversations with God* in the weeks ahead. You can learn more about the work of the ReCreation Foundation at these events...and on its official website, [www.cwg.org](http://www.cwg.org), as well.

NOTE: Not all events are sponsored by the ReCreation Foundation.

**April 9-13, 2008**

The Celebrate Yourself Retreat  
Tampa, Florida  
Clarion Hotel & Conference Center  
2701 E Fowler Avenue  
<http://www.cwg.org/main.php?p=Retreats&sub=RSchedule>

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**April 19, 2008**

Phoenix, Az  
Happier than God One Day Workshop  
Contact: Will: 352-442-2244  
<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/retreatphoenix.cfm>  
<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/contact.cfm>

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**May 3-4, 2008**

**Infinity Foundation**  
God and Me: A Journey to Holy Ground  
Chicago, IL  
Contact: 847-831-8828  
[www.infinityfoundation.org](http://www.infinityfoundation.org)

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**May 9-14, 2008**

Hollyhock Retreat Center  
Cortes Island, BC  
5-day Intensive Workshop  
Contact: [registration@hollyhock.ca](mailto:registration@hollyhock.ca)  
[www.hollyhock.ca](http://www.hollyhock.ca)  
1-800-933-6339

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**May 16-18, 2008**

Mexico City, Mexico  
Workshop  
Contact: [mariluf@expo-ser.com](mailto:mariluf@expo-ser.com)

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**May 24-25, 2008**

Humanity's Team Oneness Summit

Buenos Aires, Argentina  
[htargentina@gmail.com](mailto:htargentina@gmail.com)  
[www.humanitysteam.com.ar](http://www.humanitysteam.com.ar)  
+54 11 4783-3881

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**May 31 - June 2, 2008**  
Celebrate Your Life Event  
Chicago, Illinois  
[www.celebrateyourlife.com](http://www.celebrateyourlife.com)

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**June 13 - 15, 2008**  
Omega Institute - Rhinebeck, NY  
Weekend Workshop  
845-269-4444

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**June 20-23, 2008**  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Workshop  
Contact: Heart Events, 0031(0)306770859  
[www.heartevents.nl](http://www.heartevents.nl)

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**July 12-19, 2008**  
Holland America *Oosterdam*  
Alaskan Conversations with God Cruise  
Contact: **Ron Oyer's Life Journeys / Worldview Travel**  
**888-259-9191 ext. 1258 or 1260**  
Email: [snorth@worldviewtravel.com](mailto:snorth@worldviewtravel.com)  
(714) 619-8859 ext. 1258 or 1260  
FAX: (714) 619-3752

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**August 9, 2008**  
Marin Memorial Auditorium, San Rafael CA  
"Modern Mystics", Neale Donald Walsh and Jean Houston  
Golden Gate Center for Spiritual Living - 415-924-1494  
[www.ggcsf.org](http://www.ggcsf.org)

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**September 20-22, 2008**  
Findhorn, Scotland  
Workshop  
Contact: [conference@findhorn.org](mailto:conference@findhorn.org)  
+44 1309 691653

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**September 26-28, 2008**

Munich, Germany

Workshop

[tickets@cultusanimi.de](mailto:tickets@cultusanimi.de)

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+49 (0) 84 32.94 90 61

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**September 30-October 6, 2008**

Clonmacnoise, Ireland

Workshop

Contact: [ericdilworth@eircom.net](mailto:ericdilworth@eircom.net)

00 353 862565135

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**October 31-November 2, 2008**

Copenhagen, Denmark

Workshop

Contact: [svend.trier@get2net.dk](mailto:svend.trier@get2net.dk)

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