

## **Who is God?**

Two friends found a kitten in their society, barely a month old. It was raining very heavily and they did not have the heart to leave her there. So, they decided to take her home.

However, neither of them could keep her forever, she needed to be adopted by someone else! They put up adoption notices, called their friends, pulled every stop. But, weeks went by without a call to take her home. It was already very difficult for them as they didn't want her to go, but had no other choice. They prayed to god, "Please, let her find her home". A few days later, they received a call from a cat parent, they wanted her. What do we think happened?

Almost every other household has an idol of god in the house. If not, then there are places of worship with idols. Thousands of people pray to god every day. They ask for countless things, want some problem solved, or are in the need of something.

Barring the exceptions, most of the time, these wishes are fulfilled. Loans get repaid, fights get resolved, the lost son or daughter returns home, and even the small child secures an O grade. How does all this happen? I am sure that it is more than a mere coincidence. It could be so that god solved our problems, I am not denying that. Or it could be so that god helped us solve them. Could it be so that we by chance solved these problems ourselves?

Praying to god motivates us. We have a belief that once we pray to god, things will start acting our way. Hence, we feel optimistic and we work harder, and better. When we reach the end of our goal, the knots are untied; we perceive it as a miracle. Couldn't it be possible that it was us who made it happen? The reason the kitten got adopted could be all the effort that went into trying to get her a parent and not the ardent appeal made to god at the end of it!

I am not denying the existence of god. Yes, god exists. But maybe, god is an energy and not an independent being. God is the force that motivates us to work harder, to run that extra mile, to write that extra page, to finish that last morsel. This energy could be all around us or within us.

Haven't you ever wondered? How different am I from the people who walked on earth, those who are now called god? I can be pure. I can help people when they are in need. I can be their guardian, their protector. Am I god?

Imagine if you were actually god! You could worship yourself and your parents, your teachers, your friends. Worship means working towards being a better version of you, the best.

I write of god with a small letter 'g' because putting an entity on a pedestal makes us do certain things to prove our faith to them. These things don't always turn out to be in the best interest of everyone.

But, imagine how the world would be a better place to live in, if everyone gave themselves and others, as much importance, love, and respect as much is given to god.

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