

# GODshopping!

## AN EXPLORATION IN PERSONAL THEOLOGY

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### מחיה ופיל

Author of Life & Death (from *Gevurot*)

- \_\_\_ God is responsible for all that happens in the world.
- \_\_\_ Reward and punishment are given out in the afterlife.
- \_\_\_ God has reasons for doing things that we will never understand.
- \_\_\_ I cannot argue with God.

### מלך העולם

Ruler of the Universe (from our *tefillot*)

- \_\_\_ God plays an active role in our lives.
- \_\_\_ God protects and cares.
- \_\_\_ God rewards good people and punishes bad people.
- \_\_\_ God hears my prayers.
- \_\_\_ God works miracles.
- \_\_\_ God gives order.
- \_\_\_ God is just.
- \_\_\_ God holds us up in times of trouble.

### קול דממה דקה

A Still, Small Voice (from I Kings 19:12)  
“Jiminy Cricket”

- \_\_\_ God is my conscience.
- \_\_\_ God is inside of everyone.
- \_\_\_ God talks to me.
- \_\_\_ God lets me know what is right and wrong.
- \_\_\_ God helps me to be just.

### אין סוף

Infinite One (from the *Zohar*)

- \_\_\_ God is the only reason I exist.
- \_\_\_ God is the ocean; I am a wave.
- \_\_\_ God is everything.
- \_\_\_ God is the cause of causes.
- \_\_\_ God is the constant breath of the universe.

### יוצר אור ו מעריב ערבים

Creator of Light / One Who Makes Evening Fall  
(from our *tefillot*) “The Force”

- \_\_\_ God is everywhere.
- \_\_\_ The beauty of nature represents God.
- \_\_\_ The patterns in the world are evidence of God.
- \_\_\_ God does not deal with me personally.
- \_\_\_ God is in all scientific truths.
- \_\_\_ God is order.

### שותף במעשה בראשית

Partner in Creation (from Talmud *Shabbat* 10a)

- \_\_\_ God gave human beings free will.
- \_\_\_ We are made in the image of God.
- \_\_\_ God re-creates the world continually.
- \_\_\_ I am God's partner; we are fulfilling an agreement.
- \_\_\_ I can argue with God.
- \_\_\_ God helps us to hold ourselves up in times of trouble.

### יעטר ולא אראה

The Hidden God I Cannot See (from Job 23:9)  
“The Watchmaker”

- \_\_\_ God created the world.
- \_\_\_ God is not involved in our lives today.
- \_\_\_ God allows bad things to happen to good people.
- \_\_\_ God is there, but God is silent.

### הטוב והמרחם

Goodness & Compassion (from *Modim*)  
“Goodness, Love, Dreams and Ideals”

- \_\_\_ God represents potential.
- \_\_\_ God is a role model for perfection.
- \_\_\_ God acts through me.
- \_\_\_ God is the best I can possibly be.
- \_\_\_ God is our dream for a united humanity.