

## Where is God?

I wrote last week about finding God in silence. There are different kinds of silence and, in any case, silence may not be your thing. If that is the case where do you find God? Traditionally God is found in the pages of the bible, in the life of Jesus and in the face of other people. These are all important ways but there is another route into the divine.

The other day somebody rang me up. I picked the receiver up and the voice at the other end said 'it's me'. Out of all the people who could have rung up those two simple words were enough to tell me who it was. Is prayer like that? All we need to say is 'it's me' and God knows immediately who it is even if he's not heard from us for a while!

Talking of phones, it is amazing how you can get in touch with anybody, more or less anywhere, with a mobile. Is that how God is with us? He is never out of range.

The other day I was looking for my spectacles. I hunted high and low to no avail until my wife said 'they are on your head'!! Is that how it is with God? We hunt high and low and then we find him under our nose! The converse is that if you have ever lost God then the best place to look for him is precisely where you lost him. You search for a lost article where you think you have lost it, not in any other place.

The above examples illustrate how God speaks to us through our experiences. We actually deny God by denying our experiences. The best way to find God is to reflect on what is happening to you at any moment. To be able to discover God in all things demands a certain level of awareness and attentiveness. This is not easy because as somebody once said, most of us are too busy picking the blackberries to notice the burning bush.

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