

## **I am as good as God if I am God's child**

Just supposing ...

Suppose God, or a godlike being, exists.

Suppose she/he is almighty and all-good. She/he is more powerful than us. Unlike us, she/he is perfect. She/he is our maker. But she/he is not our ruler. She/he is our Parent - our Mother-Father or Father-Mother.

The divine cannot consider us to be her/his children unless she/he considers us equal in value to her/himself. Parents do not own their children – they have to look after them and nurture them but they are not superior to their children in value. We would have to be made Gods by rank if it is not possible for us to be made Gods by nature. The idea that we all must treat God as special would be out. We are all special.

The divine has everything she/he needs. She/he has the right to be loved by us not because she/he needs it – she/he doesn't but because it is right to love and respect all persons. In other words, the divine must not be honoured any more than yourself or another person.

She/he made us to enjoy our lives. Like all parents the divine raises us so that we might live our own lives. This would be practical atheism.

Once we understand that the divine is mama and daddy, we see that there is no room for loving her/him so much that we would kill or hurt people for her/him. Prophets have come and gone saying that we cannot understand what God is planning. Some have even claimed that he wants us to kill for some purpose of his that justifies killing and that we must not question but simply obey. Belief in one supreme divine authority leads to such dangers. But God is friend not authority if she or he exists.

Comment: Some Christians have taught we have to be Gods not in reality but by rank in order that God may be our friend. But if you regard your dog as a human being to treat her as an equal you are only really kidding yourself. So God cannot have a friend relationship with us. The problem of evil is supposedly solved by God being our friend. That is impossible. Christians are simply trying to justify the unjustifiable.