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How we view God colors how we view everything. If we see an angry God, we will always be looking over our shoulder waiting for Him to catch up with us. If we see a remote, indifferent God, we will always feel cast adrift in the open ocean. But what if we only saw a loving God? In this episode of A Course in Miracles Radio, Robert Perry and Emily Bennington examine our attitudes toward God and, especially, how *A Course in Miracles* portrays Him.

The following is an overview of the content in this episode.

1. God is not impersonal. He is like a person, in that He is aware and thinks and feels, but He is without the form, limits, and ego that we associate with personhood.
2. God is Creator, the Source of all that is real. He creates by giving Himself—His Spirit, His love, His nature—to what He creates. His creation of something determines its nature forever.
3. He created us as one with Him and gave us all His attributes. But we will always be His effect and He is still “the Greater One.” Thus, though one with Him, we are also in relationship with Him.
4. God is relational. He created us because “He did not will to be alone.” He is lonely without us and yearns for our return.



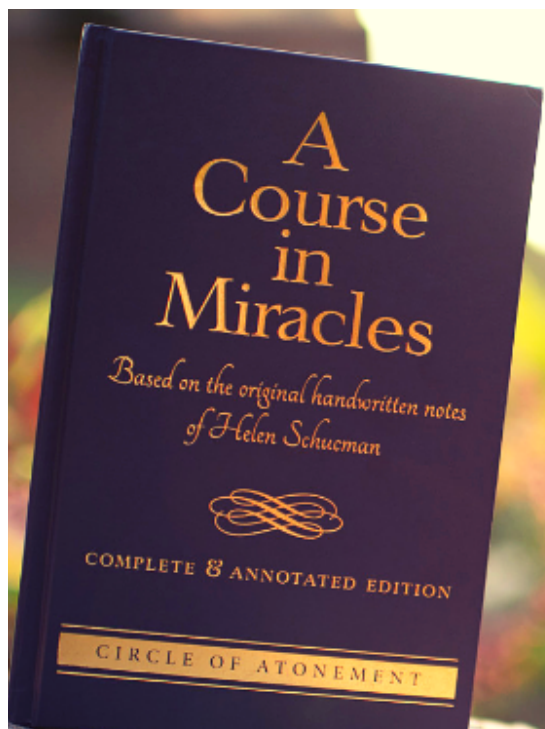
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5. God is like the biblical God in that He loves and is personal. He is unlike the biblical God in that He has no ego, no anger, and no punishment. He also does not create physical forms, only perfect minds.
6. God is pure love, without opposite. We are His beloved Son and He loves us with a changeless and all-encompassing love with which no earthly love can compare.
7. God's will is not that we sacrifice or are punished. His will is purely for our happiness and relief from suffering. He wants our will to be done—our own true desires to be satisfied.
8. Being with God is the ultimate happiness. Feeling separate from Him is the source of all our pain and lack. It is therefore our nature to want Him above all else. The "pull of God" is irresistible and is far stronger than our normal desires.
9. God is active in relation to us now. He knows we are here. He created the Holy Spirit to bring us home. He devised a plan for our salvation. And He maintains communication with us through the Holy Spirit.
10. We can and should have an active relationship with Him. He hears our every call and answers every one. Prayer and meditation are key avenues for engaging in relationship with Him now.



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