

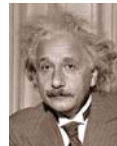
Existence of God

“God is the Supreme Intelligence, the First Cause of all things”

-The Spirits' Book, Allan Kardec, Q&A 1

What was the idea of God through human history?

- ✓ **Primitive peoples of the Earth**
- Belief in a superior being with superhuman power...
- ✓ **Ancient Greek, Egyptians and Romans**
- Believed in several gods that represented what they thought was important.
- ✓ **Anthropomorphic view of God**
- Revenge, punishments; other human characteristics
- ✓ **Thomas Aquinas (Middle ages)**
- Believed in the “Uncaused Cause”, another name for God...
- ✓ **Albert Einstein believed that a “Supreme Intelligence” had created all what exists in the Universe...**
-“I believe in Spinoza's God who reveals himself in the orderly harmony of what exists, not in a God who concerns himself with fates and actions of human beings.”



New York, April 24, 1921

Our Relationship with God

Prayer and Meditation

THIS IS YOUR BRAIN ON GOD

Brain scans of people lost in prayer or deep in meditation have revealed the neurological underpinnings of religious states such as transcendence, visions, enlightenment and feelings of awe.

Genetic unity
When the parietal lobes quiet down, a person can feel at one with the universe.

Response to religious words
At the juncture of three lobes, this region governs reaction to language.

Sacred images
The lower temporal lobe is involved in the process by which images, such as candles or crosses, facilitate prayer and meditation.

Religious emotions
The middle temporal lobe is linked to emotional aspects of religious experience, such as joy and awe.

Attention Linked to concentration, the frontal lobe lights up (red at top in scans) during meditation.

Before **During**

This picture represents the scientific findings of Dr. Andrew Newberg's research on the neurobiological underpinnings of meditation and prayer.

“If the individual knew how to meditate and how to concentrate... if he could see the bottom of his conscience and reason, there he would find the principles of an inner life (...) a glimpse of the life that awaits him in the higher worlds...”

“There is in each of us, a hidden source out of which life, love, virtue and power may flow. It is here, in this secret sanctuary, where God is to be found.

God is within us...”

- Here and Hereafter, Leon Denis, Part II, Ch. 9

Spiritist view of God

An axiom in science states “There is no effect without a cause”. Look for the cause of things which are not the work of human beings, and your reason will provide the answer.

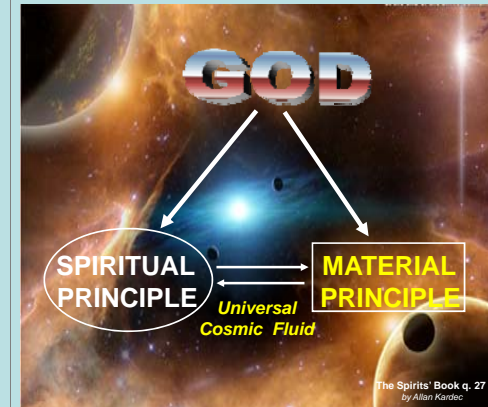
-The Spirits' Book, Allan Kardec, Q&A 4

“It is not possible for man to sound the inmost nature of God. We still lack the inner knowledge of our own sense of being, which can only be acquired by means of a complete purification of the spirit. Only then we will be able to comprehend God...”

“But if we cannot penetrate His essence, His existence being given as a premise, we can, by the power of reason, arrive at the knowledge of His attributes...”

- Genesis, Allan Kardec, Ch. 2

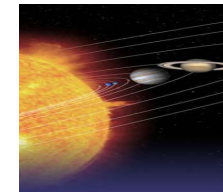
UNIVERSAL TRINITY



The Spirits' Book q. 27
by Allan Kardec

Attributes of God

1. Infinite and Eternal
2. Unchangeable
3. Immaterial
4. Unique (no other gods)
5. All-powerful
6. Sovereignly Just and Good



“We judge the power of an intelligence by its works. Since no human being could have created the natural environment all around us, the First Cause must therefore be an intelligence superior to ours; and human intelligence must itself have a cause. The greatness of our intellectual achievements only emphasizes the extraordinary quality of this cause, of which our intelligence is an effect. Whatever names we choose to give it, this Supreme Intelligence is the First Cause of all things”.

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**God is the principle of love and solidarity,
by which all individuals are
brothers and sisters.**

