

God

Opening words and Chalice lighting:

Fire of the Spirit,
Life of the lives of creatures,
Spiral of sanctity,
Bond of natures,
Glow of charity,
Tastes of sweetness to the fallen,
Be with us and hear us.
Composer of all things,
Joy in the glory,
Strong honor,
Be with us and hear us. - *Hildegarde of Bingen*

Welcome and check-in (A time to share what is on your mind in order to clear it and be in the present.)

Reading for discussion

God is... a three letter word, partner in profanity, companion of the sublime, the deepest down darkness in me, the rainbow wrapped around my shoulder, the mystery beyond all knowing, or wanting to know, the poet's literary friend, the justifier of a thousand horrible deeds, and the shy of a million-billion acts of love. The question is as inescapable as it is unanswerable, the macro-cosmic mystery and the micro-cosmic explanation, the word when there is a desert with nothing to say, and the subject of a jungle of books. The without which is nothing and with which what? God is the theist's joy, the atheist's foil, the agnostic's doubt. God is a simple deep dark light bright uptight three letter word. -*Richard Gilbert*

Questions for discussion

Why are there so many interpretations of God in this single world?
What is God/Goddess to you?
Do you need God?

Check-out (A time to share likes and wishes, such as "I like how we..." "I wish we would...", or express how you felt about the group.)

Closing words and extinguishing the Chalice:

For all who see God,
May God go with you.

For all who embrace life,
May life return your affection.

For all who seek a right path,
May a path be found...

And the courage to take it,
Step by step. *Robert Mabry Doss*

Thanks to everyone for their participation and commitment to our group!