

To some, **God is**
the transcendent
power waiting for
us in everything

To others, **God is an
oppressive power**
used to bind and
blind the wretched
of the earth

To some, **God is**
the creator who
breathes the
breath of life into
our bodies

To others, **God is the
creation of an
infantile humanity,**
superstitious and
scared to grow up

To some, **God is a
motherly parent**
birthing creation and
holding her people to
her breast

To others, **God is a
tyrannical father,**
never pleased
enough, loathed and
feared as he traps us
in dependence

To some, **God is a liberator**, hearing
the cries of the
oppressed and
moving
to help them

To others, **God is a collaborator**, deaf to the cries of the oppressed and siding with the powers that be

To some, **God's**
hands were split
open by violence in
suffering love for
women and men

To others, **God's**
hands are stained
with the blood of the
countless atrocities
and needless human
suffering

To some, the praises
of the church rise
like incense to be
breathed in
by the God of life

To others, **the smoke
of Auschwitz and
Hiroshima rises like a
finger accusing God,**
like smoke which
blinds God's eyes

**Some of us find
all our hope and
sense of meaning
in God**

**Others have lost
all faith in God**

“Life is doubt,
and faith without
doubt, is nothing
but death.”

- Miguel Unamuno

“Doubt is not the
opposite of faith, it
is one element
of faith”

- Paul Tillich

“The opposite of
faith is not doubt,
but certainty.”

- Ann Lamott

“The one who has
not God in herself
cannot feel His
absence.”

- Simone Weil

“Doubts are the ants
in the pants of faith.
They keep it awake
and moving.”

- Frederick Buechner

“Oh God, what's
wrong with me?
Why does nothing
ever work out?”

- Helen Fielding,
Bridget Jones's Diary

“Every mental act is composed of doubt and belief, but it is belief that is the positive, it is belief that sustains thought and holds the world together.”

- Søren Kierkegaard

“Doubt as sin. — Christianity has done its utmost to close the circle and declared even doubt to be sin.

One is supposed to be cast into belief without reason, by a miracle, and from then on to swim in it as in the brightest and least ambiguous of elements: even a glance towards land, even the thought that one perhaps exists for something else as well as swimming, even the slightest impulse of our amphibious nature — is sin! And notice that all this means that the foundation of belief and all reflection on its origin is likewise excluded as sinful. What is wanted are blindness and intoxication and an eternal song over the waves in which reason has drowned.”

- Friedrich Nietzsche