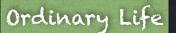
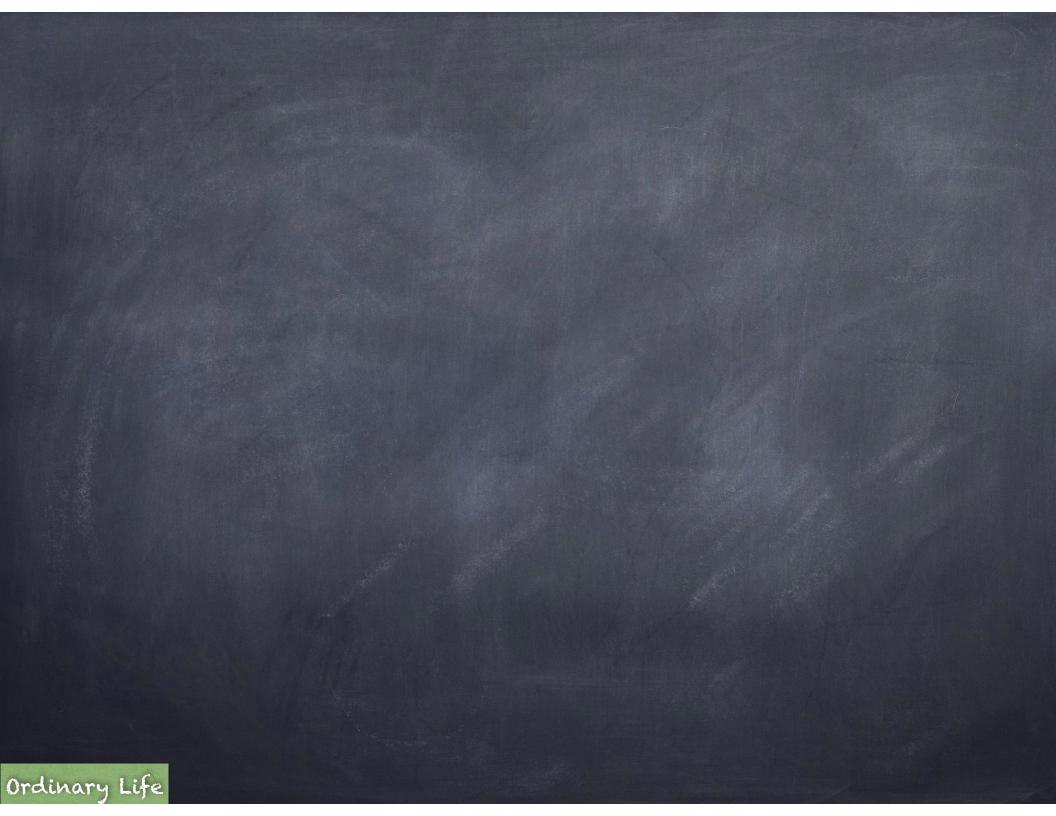
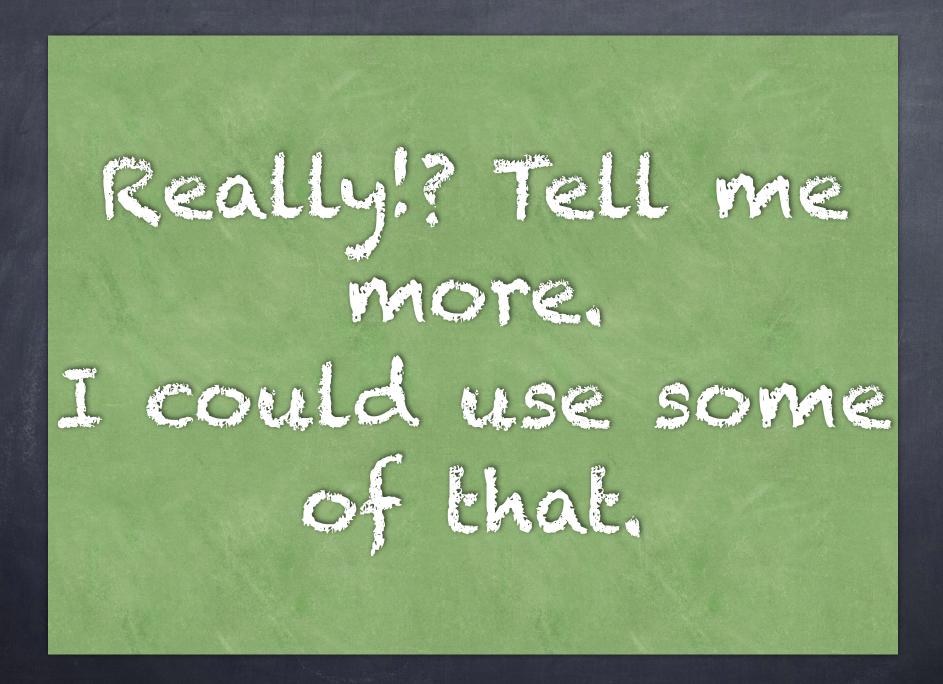
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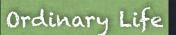




What do you do? About what?







"If people grow in their knowledge and understanding of Sacred Mystery and in knowledge and understanding of their true identity, we will, as a consequence, learn to treat our neighbor as we would like to be treated because we will 'get it' that our neighbor is us. Wouldn't that change the world?"

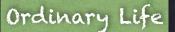
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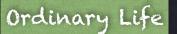


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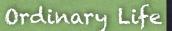
The Problem of and With Prayer



God <u>always</u> answers prayer! Either with a "yes," "no," or "wait."



A case scenario.



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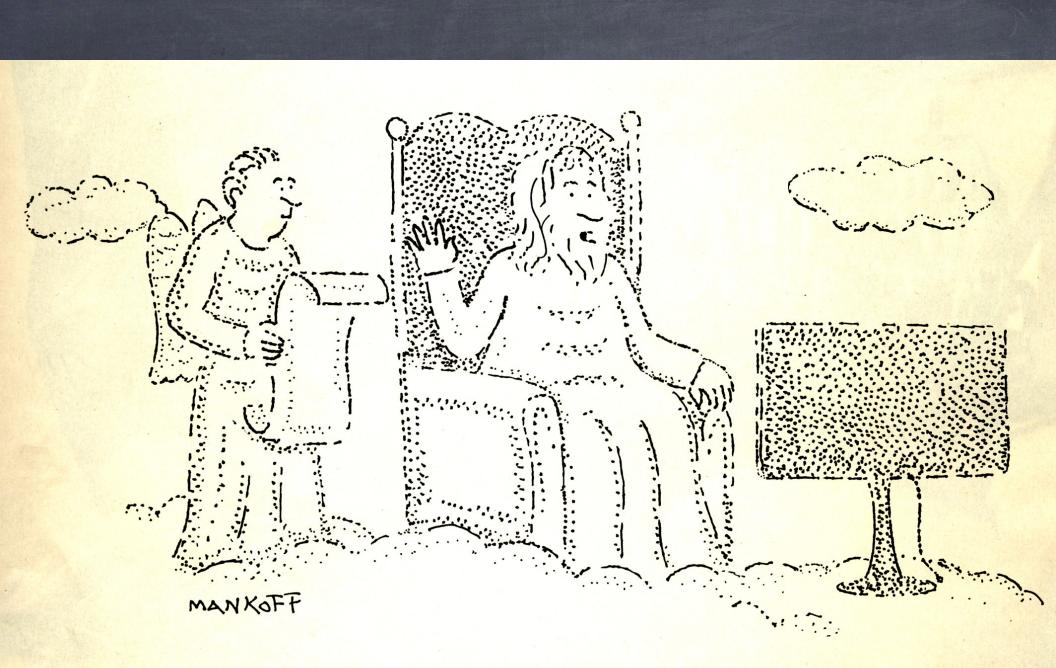
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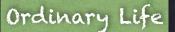
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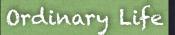
"I can't deal with any famines, massacres, or epidemics right now—I've got to help some guy sink a foul shot."

Human beings create their religious rituals and beliefs out of the culture in which they live using the symbols and language of that culture.



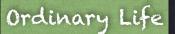
Growing old, gelting sick and dying are on the agenda for all of us

it we are lucky.

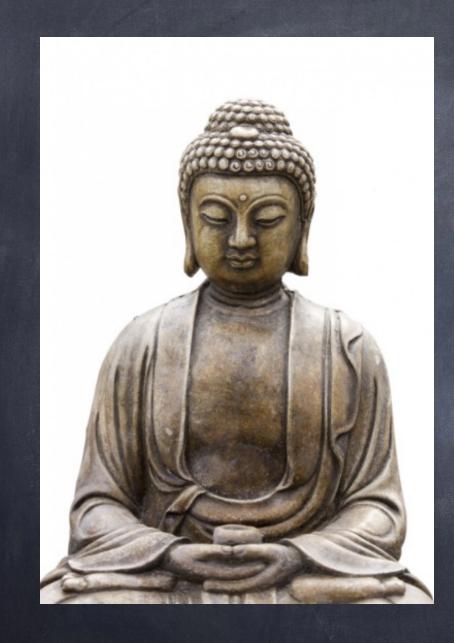


It might be helpful to retire the word "prayer" for a while.

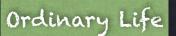
And use words like "meditation," "contemplation" and "spiritual practice."



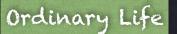
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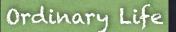




Spiritual practices are to help us be more aware, alert, attentive and present.



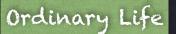
Why does there have to be a payoff for being good, for experiencing and then expressing peace, love and joy?



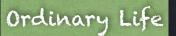
God does not protect us from being human or from the consequences of living in this world.

But, if we allow it, God will sustain us in and through all of it.

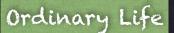




I am of the nature to grow old. I am of the nature to have ill health. I am of the nature to die. All that is dear to me and everyone I love are of the nature to change. I inherit the results of my acts of body, speech and mind.



Prayer is a time for us lo discover who we are in God and who God is in us.



To pray without ceasing is to seek the Sacred in everything and everyone and, insofar as we am able, to be that kind of presence wherever we show up.