

EACH PERSON IS A UNIQUE EXPRESSION OF GOD

By Mary Elliott

What a glorious idea!

In New Thought we believe God is All-Good, so if the entire world embraced this, think of the consequences. As unique expressions of this "ALL-GOOD God, all ageism, racism, anti-Semitism, gender issues, jealousy and envy would be eliminated. We would not suffer from personal doubt, self esteem problems, and the need for one-up-man-ship. We would KNOW we are exactly where we are supposed to be, and allow others to be themselves. We would not feel obliged to fix anybody else, or allow them to try to re-make us in THEIR image.

There is plenty of proof in the world around us that indeed, everything is unique. Many parents have shaken their heads in wonder over the differences of their children. With the same genes, same parents, same environment one will be an athlete, one a professor, and one a hopeless drug addict.

We see this all through nature. It's an old cliché no snowflake is alike. Now that the trees are getting leaves, you'll see trees of the same type do not leaf-out at the same time. Sometimes even branches on the same tree leaf-out at different times. It's even more interesting in the fall. A single tree may be mostly orange and red in all its pagan opulence except for one branch, still in button-down Baptist green.

The first sentence in the Book of Genesis states, "In the beginning, God..." So, nothing preceded God and since there was nothing BUT God, It had to create everything out of Itself. Everything created was formed out of the One "God Stuff." Just like each snowflake is different, but it's still all snow.

This diversity, so plentiful in nature – in rocks and trees and coyotes and bumble bees – must also be human beings' traits. Only more so. We have higher degrees of intelligence. We have volition and free will. We have the capacity to expand our awareness and function AS God. And we also, Genesis tells us, are created in God's image.

The creation story did not end millions of years ago. The creation story is present, right here, right now, within every one of us. Being made in God's image, we are co-creators. We start with a new idea and planting it in that same God Stuff, (the forming power), it must manifest. We know that's true because it's the way God does it. In other words, creating or expressing is what God does. And if nothing else in nature is exactly the same, we can assume we aren't either, and being one with God, our purpose is to express as our own unique selves.

I have many friends. One is a doctor and one is a drunk. One is a Buddhist and one is a Baptist. One is an artist and I couldn't draw if my life depended on it. One is a military man and one is a peace activist. One is an eighty year old woman and one is a twenty five year old woman. One is a preacher and one is an atheist. I love them all because each of them is unique and makes my world richer and happier. I feel so fortunate to have these individual expressions of God in my life.