

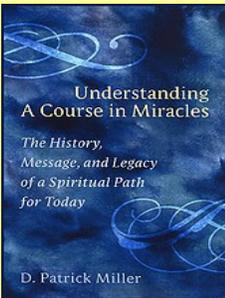
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 (Understanding God IS a Verb)



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The excerpt, below, is from an article titled, *The Rise of Personal Spirituality*, by D. Patrick Miller. You can click on the picture of the book, above, to order his book. He writes:

According to an "American Religious Identification Survey" released in 2001 by the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, the most dramatic demographic shift in religious identification is the number of Americans saying they do not follow any organized religion, increasing from 8% (about 14.3 million people) in 1990 to 14.1% (29.4 million) in 2001. During the same period, the number of Americans identifying

themselves as Christians shrank from 86.2% to 76.5%, a reduction of nearly 10 percent. If the trend holds, Christians will be outnumbered by non-Christians in America by 2042.

As I was working on my own book proposal for *God Is I AM*, I did a lot of research into the type of readers my book would attract. I was quite surprised to discover the same thing Miller is saying. In fact, people who define themselves as "spiritual, but not religious" are the second fastest growing group of believers in the United States! It often appears to us that the evangelical influence is everywhere (particularly in politics), but this is misleading. The media focus is what gives them prominence in our society. As Miller says:

The Barna Group, an evangelical Christian polling and research organization, noted in a March 2007 report that "one out of every three adults (33%) is classified as unchurched—meaning

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they have not attended a religious service of any type during the past six months. While that figure is considerably higher than the one out of five who qualified as unchurched in the early Nineties, it is statistically unchanged since 36% were recorded as having avoided religious services in the company's 1994 study." The Barna Group also notes that while 38% of the American population (84 million people in 2006) identified themselves as "evangelicals," only 8% (18 million) met the Barna Group's nine-point "evangelical filter," an increase of just 1% over the previous decade.

What is so interesting, to me, is the quiet way the spiritual community is moving into a larger role. Spiritualists tend to stay to themselves, and they have no particular desire to convert others to their beliefs. In short, they are in it for themselves. They are open to inclusion of science in their education, and they tend to be more skeptical towards older beliefs that ask them to accept principles based solely on

faith. They tend to be pragmatic and analytical, and they want solid evidence to support what they believe. Some read the Bible, but others don't. Most include many sources of information, including the Internet, and they enjoy considering diverse ideas. Miller agrees. His report goes on to say:

The evangelicals' social perspectives and political agenda also get substantial and continuing coverage in the media, particularly in regard to such hot-button issues as abortion, gay rights, stem-cell research, and the teaching of creationism vs. evolution in the public schools. Yet as the data above suggest, the overall number of Christians is steadily declining and a substantial and growing proportion of the population prefers to be identified as "spiritual but not religious."

There are at least three major factors contributing to this dramatic disparity between popular perceptions of America's spiritual evolution and what is really going on. First is the media's failure to pay

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attention to the actual shifts of belief that are occurring quietly behind the more easily reported controversies that involve religion. The second factor is simply that evangelicals have a mission to spread their creed. Over the last two decades they have done an increasingly effective job of enhancing their media profile and their political clout, even if the effect on the number of people espousing their cause is negligible.

Third, the "mission" of people who are turning away from organized religion toward a more individual style of spiritual practice could well be described as the polar opposite of evangelism. Instead of trying to convert others to their beliefs, the new spiritualists are questioning their own beliefs, and privately experimenting with alternative perspectives. Rather than feeling the evangelicals' need to persuade others to adhere to a traditional vision of absolute truth, the new spiritualists are bent on experiencing mystical truths by their own direct experience, and then basing their moral decisions on what they have learned...

Needless to say, I was thrilled to read this, as my appeal is largely to those who define themselves as spiritual. However, I am happy to say that many of the more traditional Christians are also more comfortable with "new thought" ideas, these days. Many of the people who visit my website are more traditional in their religious beliefs, but they are, at the very least, staying open to something different. Like I do when I visit the more conservative sites, I'm sure they agree with some of what I say, but disagree with other parts. Where is the problem in this? In a society that is so rapidly changing in religious demographics, I believe it is important for us to at least be open to ideas that are not exactly the same as ours. In my own research, I learned that 95% of the American population believes in some type of God/Creator/Higher Power, so that is the common bond we all share. As time goes on, I do believe science is going to play a major role in religion, as well, so it is a good idea to get comfortable with that influence. When we all come together to more clearly define who/what God is, I believe we will discover how universally

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connected we all are. In short, we are finally becoming adjusted with the right to agree to disagree. It's the old "I'm okay, you're okay" idea, yet again.

We are all in this life experience together. The day may come when we have to ban together, as a planetary community. I believe practicing religious tolerance is a step in the right direction.

FINDING ME ON THE INTERNET

If you are surfing the Net on the weekend, you can find me in several different places.

I am now listed on these sites:

SelfGrowth at

<http://www.selfgrowth.com/experts/jodimcdonald.html>

Twitter at

<http://twitter.com/godisaverb>

You Publish (where you can buy my

writings and get some for free) at
<https://www.youpublish.com/godisaverb>

FaceBook at

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=714329741>

and You Tube at

<http://www.youtube.com/user/mcgolf7>

and, of course, on my own website which is www.godisaverb.com.

If you haven't yet, please be sure to check out my blog site (www.godisaverb.com/blog). There are daily additions posted there and that is the best way to keep track of what I'm doing next.

I plan to add "Guest Articles" to my blog site, very soon. If you have a contribution you want to make, just email me and let me know!

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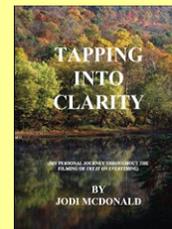


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I not only work with you as an EFT practitioner, but I also share a great deal of my spiritual understanding, learned over a lifetime of metaphysical training. If you have never attended a Borrowing Benefits class, I urge you to try it! You will gain so much more than I can tell you, and you'll be glad you came.

If you would like to schedule a private EFT session, please email or call me for a free 15 minute consultation. We can then determine the best time and place to get together for your freedom session.



Check out my ebook, *Tapping Into Clarity*. You will hear all about the wonderful healing I received from both Rick Wilkes and Dr. Carol Look. It was an exciting and motivating time in my life, and I'd love to share it with you. If you've been curious about the movie participants, this is the place to get more insight into who all of us are. The ebook shares touching behind-the-scenes stories, nowhere else seen, but it also has some of the funniest stories you will ever read. The cost of the book is only \$5, so it is a great bargain, as well. If you've seen *Try It On Everything*, and you are ready to learn more, just click on this link to take you to my webpage. Go to:

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Also, if you know of anyone who wants to host a showing of the movie, *Try It On Everything*, please let me know. I would LOVE to attend!

Still holding the intention that my publisher and I are brought together for the publication of my book, *God Is I Am*. I would love it if you would join me in this intention. The more people holding the same intention...the faster it manifests! You can now read the first chapter of my book by going to the You Publish site. It is only \$1.00, so you can't go wrong by checking it out. If you do read it, let me know what you think. I'd love to hear your thoughts on it.

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