

THOUGHTS ABOUT GOD.

I often wonder about God and especially why he revealed himself to us. We simple beings can only guess why he did so because we lack God's phenomenal knowledge and wisdom. According to the Catholic Catechism, "God is a supreme spirit who alone exists in himself and is infinite in all perfection."

We also know that he exists in an environment called Heaven, which must be one that we human beings can never imagine because it has always satisfied God and will do so for all eternity.

So why did God reveal himself to us? When I first started thinking about this, I asked myself:

Why does God want us to know him?

I then remembered that the Catechism tells us that:

'God wants us to know and love him in this world and to be happy with him forever in the next.'

All this prompted me to ask: *'Why did a phenomenal intelligence such as God, who created us, want us to know him? Could it be because he wanted something from us?'*

If it was, then where can we find any evidence? I wasn't surprised to realise it was all in that wonderful book we call the Bible, written by God's prophets and the disciples of Jesus his Son. It tells us how God first revealed himself to human beings and made covenants to test their love of and obedience to their creator.

Using his Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, his final covenant was to ask us to love him and our neighbours. To make sure that the human side of this covenant made sense, I like to think that this is why he granted human beings two extra-special things:

FREE WILL.

AN ETERNAL SPIRITUAL SOUL.

Free will allows human beings to obey or not God's demands about love without direct interference from anyone, including God himself.

The reward for obeying God's demands about love was that the **eternal spiritual soul** he gave each human being would live with him in heaven for all eternity when their human bodies died. If they did not obey, then their soul would perish in Hell for all eternity.

This all sounded simple, but two things could be used to make sure people disobeyed God's covenant:

- 1. DESIRE**
- 2. SATAN**

Desire is the human emotion that urges people to do specific things. When used in moderation, it is not a problem, but when used in excess, it can cause such things as wars, genocide, hatred, jealousy, and others. These result in human beings not obeying God's covenant. We call this sinning a great way to lose one's soul to Hell.

Satan is the fallen angel of God, who desires the souls of all human beings to go to Hell for all eternity when they die. He uses very effective and relentless temptations and people's desires to get them to disobey God's covenant, thus losing their souls.

All this is explained in that wonderful book we call the Bible. In it, and to prove God's never-ending love for us, his son, our Lord Jesus Christ, tells, shows, and explains many ways of obeying God's covenant. If you do not have a bible, you're missing a phenomenal source of inspiration.

We know of all this because God revealed himself through his ancient Prophets and Christ's Disciples, who recorded everything so that all peoples and generations would know about it.

These revelations of God show us his unrelenting love, forgiveness, and compassion. Never be afraid to tell God you are truly sorry for offending him and ask for forgiveness. Some great ways of doing this are to pray and regularly attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacraments of Reconciliation, and the Holy Eucharist.

His love and compassion have provided us with many things that enable us to obey his will, which is not hard to do. However, watch out for our main problems, Desire and Satan.