



If I Were God

an essay by Ray Melnik

If I were God I would be humble. I would not be jealous. I would not get angry. If I were God I would never ask a man to kill his own son. I would not have killed every man, woman, child and animal on earth by drowning. I would not ask you to fawn over me or worship me.

If I were God I would have more humility than that. I would not make my wishes known through rotting text transcribed by thousands through the generations and lending itself to be misunderstood and misinterpreted. I would not have wasted so much space in a universe too large to easily comprehend.

If I were God I would never have made a system where one life sustains itself by hunting down and killing another to consume. I would have made the earth with a single giant continent, no borders and one language. You would all be my people.

If I were God, I would have made women as physically strong as men, and maybe a little stronger as they are already inside. There would be no senseless suffering. You would not be born into sin; you my wonderful children.

If I were God I would simply ask of you one thing; that you love one another.