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\*\*\* A question was once asked to a young child in an attempt to place doubt in his mind. The question was, *"Why is there only one God?"*

This young child offered an excellent answer, *"Because God fills every place, and there's no room for another one."*\*\*\*

The prophet Isaiah along with many other Biblical writers has given us the assurance that God is with us even though we may not see Him.

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:  
The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son,  
and will call him Immanuel."*

*Isaiah 7:14*

Almost 750 years later the LORD appeared to Joseph in a dream quoting the words of Isaiah 7:14,

*"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to  
a son, and will call him Immanuel - which means  
God with us."*

*Matthew 1:23*

At the end of Jesus' 33 years on this earth He called together His disciples to leave with them **His last will and testimony**. We know it as the **Great Commission**. The final words of that important statement are so vital to us.

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given to me.  
19. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
20. and teaching them to obey everything I have  
commanded you. And surely I am with you always,  
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*Matthew 28:18-20*

"We have lost the sense of God in the nation, in the churches, in our lives. The biggest business of the hour is to draw nigh to God that He may draw nigh to us. **His presence with us is too often an assumption in our heads instead of an awareness in our hearts.**"

Vance Havner

### 1979 So Great Yet So Little

\*\*\* One of the most infamous free thinkers of England was a man by the name of Anthony Collins, who died in 1729. He was the author of "*Discourse on Freethinking.*" This Collins one day met a poor working man on his way to church.

*"Where are you going,"* asked Collins.

*"To church, sir,"* answered the working man.

*"Is your God a great God or a little God,"* asked Collins in an attempt to confuse the mind of the poor fellow. But the church-goer gave him the perfect answer:

*"He is so great, sir, that the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him, and so little that He can dwell in my heart."*

Collins later admitted that this simple but sublime answer of an uneducated man had more effect upon his mind than all of the volumes of argument he had read in favour of religion. \*\*\*

**We cannot change the fact that God is with us today.** It's impossible to escape the fact that He is everywhere at all times. Even people who have a closed mind and heart have to admit that **there are times when they think about God and even thank Him** for saving their lives, providing for their needs; giving them guidance and peace in the midst of troubled times. They thank Him when they are in the midst of people who don't criticise them and even encourage them and, then when they gather in the midst of people who hate God and are against Christ and His Church **they deny His existence.**

They remind me of the difference between a dry Lasagna noodle that stands by itself with one that has been **placed in hot water** and not only bends like a wimp but also can't stand on its own. Don't ever trust those kinds of people when the going gets tough. They will disappear like a sudden wind that **Blows In; Blows UP and Blows Out** of our lives.

These kinds of people have no one to place their trust in. They remind how foolish it was a few weeks ago for an individual to attend a Hamas riot and attempt to hoist a Gay Flag. I watched as the Palestinian supporters chased that individual out and destroyed the coloured flag so it could never be used again. A flag is the sign of identity and conquering and the only message these infiltrators wanted promoted was a Jihad war. They plan to eliminate Jews which will be followed by eliminating Christians and anyone else who doesn't worship Allah.

**The Progressive Pride Flag** Red - Life; Orange - Healing; Yellow - Sunlight; Green - Nature; Blue - Peace/Harmony/Art; Violet - Spirit. **Now includes triangular** to represent marginalised people of colour in the LGBTQ+ community, as well as the trans community, and those living with HIV/AIDS.

**The Palestinian Flag** - The Red Triangle represents unity and struggle as well as courage, sacrifice and bloodshed. The Green stripe stands for Islam Religion representing hope and growth. The White stripe represents peace and purity, The Black stripe represents the people's oppression and struggle.

In 1987 Hamas (or Islamic Resistance Movement) also rejected any prospect of peace or coexistence with the state of Israel. They invoked militant interpretations of the Quran to establish this Sunni terrorist group. They are composed of Marxist and include secular nationalists. Shiite Iran has armed, trained and funded Hamas since its beginning.

In December 2012, Khaled Mashaal, a leader in exile, reflected the traditional Hamas hardline, *“The state will come from resistance, not negotiation. Liberation first, then statehood. Palestine is ours from the river to the sea and from the south to the north,”* he said in a speech. *“There will be no concession on any inch of the land. We will never recognize the legitimacy of the Israeli occupation, and therefore there is no legitimacy for Israel... We will free Jerusalem inch by inch, stone by stone. Israel has no right to be in Jerusalem.”*

Their Manifesto reads - Article 8: *“Jihad is its path and death for the sake of Allah is the loftiest of its wishes.”*

**Israel's Flag** - It is the symbol of Judaism and the emergence of Zionism. The Blue and White colours are those of the Talid which is a Jewish prayer Shawl. The symbol of the six sided star in the middle is the Shield of David (Hebrew: “Magen David”) more familiarly known as the Star of David. It originally had the name “Maccabees” in the centre of the star indicating the Jewish fight for freedom. Maccabees (flourished 2nd century BCE, Palestine) were a priestly family of Jews who organized a successful rebellion against the Seleucid ruler Antiochus IV and reconsecrated the defiled Temple of Jerusalem.

**The Christian Flag** - Colours (White background, Blue square and a Red Cross) - White, representing Purity and Peace; Blue square, the colour of the waters of baptism, emblematic of heaven, the home of the Christian; also a symbol of faith and trust. Red Cross is the symbol typical Christ's blood that was the Sacrifice to pay for our sins.

Isn't it much better to accept the reality of God and follow HIS Manifesto which is clearly written in our Holy Bible. Not some god that is limited to time and space. We don't have to go to the holiest city of Islam called Mecca in Saudi Arabia on a once in a lifetime Umrah pilgrimage to bow down to huge square container known as the Ka'Bah or House of Allah (Bait Allah) or walk around counterclockwise to give supreme honour to Allah (whom they believe is the only god) and to Mohammad (his prophet). Here they praise Allah 24 hours day. It never ceases.

**The One and Only God we give our lives to was also able to fill even a lowly stable with His presence. He has not only told us that He wants to be with us, He clearly demonstrated it through His incarnation.** God is with us no matter how our nation, province, city, churches or even individuals respond toward Him. We can't remove God from our lives. Today, God is with us by the Holy Spirit because Jesus said,

*"I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever.*

*17. The Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him.*

*But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you,*

*18. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."*

*John 14:16-18*

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