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Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ: Is God male or female?

For me, God can embrace female and male qualities but I cannot believe in anthropomorphising God – because that is just too human (excuse the pun!). As humans we like to place tangible terms on God but at the end of the day God's dimensions are far wider than we could ever imagine.

Catherine

Both and neither. If this sounds a bit twee, it could be that the question is a bit awkward itself.

Would we ask "Is a Kilogram like a Metre or like an Hour?" - that would be equally puzzling. However, many of us see God as having some characteristics more like a male, and some more like a female. But human role models are changing fast!

Brian

God, as the creator of humankind – if one is to understand scripture correctly – created us 'in God's own image'. Therefore, as there are many genders within humanity male, female, and a rainbow of others in between. God is defined by each of us within our own understandings and relationship with our creator. If we are from a specific culture we may see God as relating to that culture. Or we may have an entirely different concept of God altogether – as Spirit – in and through all of creation itself. It really depends where one sits on the scale of religion and faith as to how God is perceived. Who and what God really is – we can only seek to discover through revelation.

Karen

As we are reminded in Scripture that we are made in the image of God. If God is in Spirit then that is who we are. It is our spiritual selves that are made in the image of God. The body is a vehicle in this plane of existence to carry the spirit. Why do we place so much emphasis on any particular physical gender when both are necessary to achieve balance? I see God living in and through every strand of DNA, therefore God is in all genders, is all genders and more. We have a habit of trying to make the Divine into someone who resembles ourselves (male or female) when we should be more concerned making ourselves more like the Divine.

Neil