Pathwork on
# "Is There a God?" -- Existential Theism

This short quote from Pathwork Lecture 126 *Contact With the Life Force* is the Guide's answer to a listener's question, "***How should we think about God?***"

The Pathwork Guide's answer sounds very much that of an ***existentialist***: ***The God-sense is a God-*experience*, not a belief in some outer authority's dogma about God.***

Perhaps the German-American Christian existentialist philosopher and theologian **Paul Tillich** would be comfortable with these words from Pathwork.

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| | As I have pointed out again and again, before the ***true God-experience*** can occur, you all must learn to stand on your own feet, and ***perhaps shelve your search for a while***. |
| | Do not declare "there is a God" due to false guilt and the misunderstanding of human relations, if you are not certain. |
| | Neither declare "there is not" *[i.e., "there is no God,"]*," because your outlook is blurred by your hopelessness and confusion about life and about yourself. |
| | At such a time, it is healthy to say, "I do not yet know," without guilt and without defiance. |
| | And ***as you find *yourself*** -- and this is always how the path must start -- as you find your real, true self, the rest is given to you. It comes by itself. It is ***a natural understanding that comes when you learn what you need to know about yourself in order to live successfully***. |
| | ***Finding God cannot be done by discussing theories on an intellectual level.*** Keep the problem shelved, my friends, keep yourselves open, but ***find yourselves first***. This is all that matters. For then you will come into the truth from inside, ***from your personal *experience*, rather than accepting postulates*** or enigmas out of fear, obedience, wishful thinking, or the desire for dependency and reward, through rejection of self-responsibility. In fact, the wishful thinking has to go, the childish greed be given up. |
| | ***All attitudes which make you cling to a false God-image need to be changed before a true God-*experience* is possible.*** |
| | Every desire for escape must disappear first. Then ***the *experience* is built on a rock***. |