

Conversation Starters 1

The following are not meant as dogmatic statements but as thought provokers and conversation starters. Statements not directly attributed to someone belong to SMN.

- 1: God has his own internal sense of justice, hence why he had to die as a man to save mankind.
- 2: "The deepest experience is the pleasant sentiment of existence." Allan Bloom
- 3: Inner Dialogue/ One part of us speaks/ The other part listens/ One part is the Father/ One part is the Son/ Spirit on the outside/ Coming from within
4. T. Van Flandern. We live in "a unique, external reality." The life of the spirit is a unique, internal reality.
5. God died as a man, ergo God died...
6. How subtle is the night that we live in/ Behind each partition is yet another mystery/ Behind each promise is yet another lie/ But the lies are so beautiful/ We wish that they were true
7. The spirit is the intersection of God's mind with the human mind.
8. First Law of Thermodynamics: Matter/Energy can neither be created nor destroyed. Newton
9. "Existence is the default position of reality." G. Giorbran
10. "The principal agency of intelligent action is choice." Anon
11. "As soon as we apply 'Father' to human beings, our language becomes analogical and derivative." Anon.
12. The only difference between God and Jesus is that Jesus has a father – God became a father when He also became a son.
13. God can only go down – He can't go up.
14. The Son of God didn't pre-exist but the being who became the Son of God did.
15. Reify – to regard or treat an abstraction as if it had concrete or material existence.
16. Romans 9:5.
17. God can't control self-control.
18. Necessity of logical simplicity.
19. As we 'travel' through time, we never reach our apparent goal, because we are always at our real goal.
20. "... only curiosity remains indisputably of value." J. Berlinski
21. Light as both particle and wave, God as both Father and Son.

22. The Father is IN in the Son.
23. Contest of Wills.
24. "...Only God can save, only man can die." Anon.
25. God "Father" is generic, Jesus "Christ" is specific. Faith in God won't save you, faith in Christ will.
26. "History is not the product of divine action alone and God's will is not the sole explanation for everything that happens." C. Pinnock
27. "Consider knowledge. Knowing more is wondering less and wondering less is knowing less." D. E. Harding
28. If there's no free will, it means that 'you' don't exist – only an automaton with your name.
29. God can't control self-control.
30. We bring more into this life than we think = where we go when we die is more of a beginning, not a complete end. D. E. Harding paraphrase.
31. Being NOT there encompasses ALL past, present, future. Being there is never to be a totality of experience. That's why we learn from others.
32. IF you think God knows everything, THEN you must think you know everything, ELSE how do you know God knows everything.
33. Why does Satan persist in believing he can defeat God? Satan is not stupid. He knows God is more powerful. It can only be because free will really exists. God has given humans the opportunity to make their choices freely and while Satan cannot defeat God in open battle, He may defeat Him by convincing human hearts and minds.
34. "If only God is good, and Jesus is not God, in what way is He not good?" R. Farwell
35. A Higher Math: Jesus + Spirit = God.
36. Jesus by Himself is not God – God is more than self.
37. Holy means 'set apart' so by definition the Holy Spirit is not universal.
38. The spirit only exists in the now; totally dependent on living things.
39. Consciousness is the way the universe recognizes its own existence. We live in a shared consciousness.
40. God wants to help humanity (and has) but this direct approach doesn't always seem to be the best way to do it.
41. The greater the time, the subtler the evil.
42. Humans evolved on earth, God evolved in space. (explains God's eternal aspect.)
43. A.I. – the attempt to prove that one form of intelligence can create another form of intelligence.

44. What is harder to detect? The small or the large?
45. What is the source of consciousness?
46. God is a corporation – Jesus is the CEO. God is a kingdom – Jesus is the king.
47. “I can’t think for you.” Anon.
48. Denying God is a way of confirming God.
49. When Jesus refers to a father, he’s not referring to a person, but to what God means to people.
50. Jesus is the soul of God.
51. The essence of Christianity is that the smart help the stupid while hoping that the stupid learn something.
52. When Jesus was addressing (speaking to) “His Father”, He was addressing the spirit of His previous existence.