

Martin Israel's definition of God.

If I personally were asked by an interested, but totally uncommitted, observer what I meant by the word God, I would say 'a presence of spiritual aspiration beyond myself by which my life is guided towards the light.' Any more positive definition confuses the divine mystery in a mass of human reasoning and verbiage. The light towards which God guides me is embraced in the three ultimate values: beauty, truth and goodness, as declared by Plato. The Christian would prefer to substitute the quality of love for goodness, but the intention is the same; a mode of self-transcendence in which we are part of the vast body of creation in a glory that both obliterates the little ego and brings the full person into unique actualization as a servant of love for the whole community.