

Pantheism, Panentheism, and the Immanence of God

There is a fine line between Pantheism (God is everything), panentheism (God is in everything), and the immanence of God (God is personally involved with everything). Previously, I did make the point that inanimate objects, even animated physical objects such as the human body and brain, are not to be identified with God, because they technically don't exist. The pantheist would say that even rocks and trees have spirits, or that they are spirits. Can God be bigger than, or exist outside of His creation? He certainly exists outside of the created space/time universe, but so don't we. Does God exist outside of me, one of His created spiritual beings? Of course He does. He exists in billions of other beings besides me. He exists as the sum of His various "parts," or "aspects." I exist as only one tiny part of the godhead. Jesus Christ, on the other hand, is more than just one tiny aspect of God. In Him dwells the "fullness" of the godhead, not one tiny piece. He is able, like God the Father, to indwell and personally relate to each of us. He holds all creation together. He exists in every one of us and each of us exists in Him. No other human being can say that about himself. I can't completely wrap my head around that. I don't fully understand it. I'm trying to get a handle on it.