

# What Is God Like?

God is like the ocean and is all that exists. The dry land exists on the edge of infinity and, at least in the beginning, it is an imaginary place that exists only in God's mind as potential reality. Eventually, tiny ocean droplets emerge from the ocean, as water vapor that condenses into clouds and rain. Some of the droplets remain in the ethereal regions of the sky and eventually fall back into the ocean. Some of them fall onto the dry ground. They combine with all the other droplets and form mighty rivers and terraform the land. They contribute to the formation of new forms of life. Some of them take the form of plants and animals, some rocks and sand, and some become people. They are the means by which the ocean experiences what it is like to live on dry land, apart from itself. They are the means by which the ocean creates and builds new worlds. Although some of the droplets coalesce and become sentient beings, they remain unaware of their connection with the ocean or with one another, despite the fact that they are comprised mostly of water. This is the way the ocean experiences, for a while, what it is like to not be the ocean. Over time, all life on earth experiences death and decay. It dries up and gives up the water which had formed the core of its existence. Eventually, the water finds its way back to its source and merges with the ocean, only to evaporate again and repeat the process. Without the repeated creation of new experiences through a cycle of birth, death, and reabsorption, God's life would be very boring indeed.