

# The God of Being

A Tract Book

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In his book, “How to Know God” Deepak Choprah, M.D., discusses God as He unfolds at different levels of human consciousness. Choprah’s work parallels that of Fowler, Piaget, Kohlberg, Ken Wilber, and myself. Interestingly, Choprah argues that God, at the lower levels of consciousness, particularly at the limbic, reptilian brain stem level, unfolds in a way which many Christians would describe as being demonic. From the point of view of a Vatican II Catholic, the attributes that Choprah assigns to God at levels 1 and 2, seem to be the same attributes that we associated with the Devil or Satan. Of course, in the Gnostic literature it is argued that God, at some level, is “God the Creator,” or the Demiurge, who is in fact evil.

I argue that there is an alternative unfolding of God at the lower levels which avoids the problem of the “immature” or “evil” God. Bernard Lonergan argues in his work that God or Being, is an “Unrestricted Act of

Understanding.” Since Lonergan’s epistemology places understanding at level 2 one can argue that the God of Being, Who is an Unrestricted Act of Understanding, manifests at level two rather than the immature, irrational God. I argue that God unfolds also at levels 1 and 3 using the Lonerganian schema. At level one God or Substance, is an Unrestricted Act of Experience. At level three God or Logos is an Unrestricted Act of Reason, or Judgment. This Unrestricted Act of Judgment is the Final and Last Judgment referred to in the Bible. It is a metaphysical Act of Judgment which occurs outside of Space-Time.

The foregoing can be illustrated by the following chart:

Level	Metaphysics	God
1. experience	Substance	Unrestricted Act of Experience
2. understanding	Being	Unrestricted Act of Understanding
3. judgment	Logos	Unrestricted Act of Reason or Judgment

Once again, I argue that it is possible for God to unfold as I have suggested above, avoiding the “immature” or “evil” God of power, and control which Deepak Choprah describes in his book. Let us call my approach the “Mystical Bypass.”