

## INTRODUCTION

*God Nods on His Story About Me* describes *God-orchestrated events and people in my life*. I think of this as *God Nods*—based on Romans 8:28:

“We know that God causes all things to work together for the good of those who love Him and are called to His purpose.” (NASB)

Have you ever experienced “bad things” in your life, and asked: *But Why Me God?*

No answer makes sense to me except this one: unless “good, bad, and ugly” things occurred, I could not share *His Story About Me* so that my experiences and answers to important questions can help your life-journey:

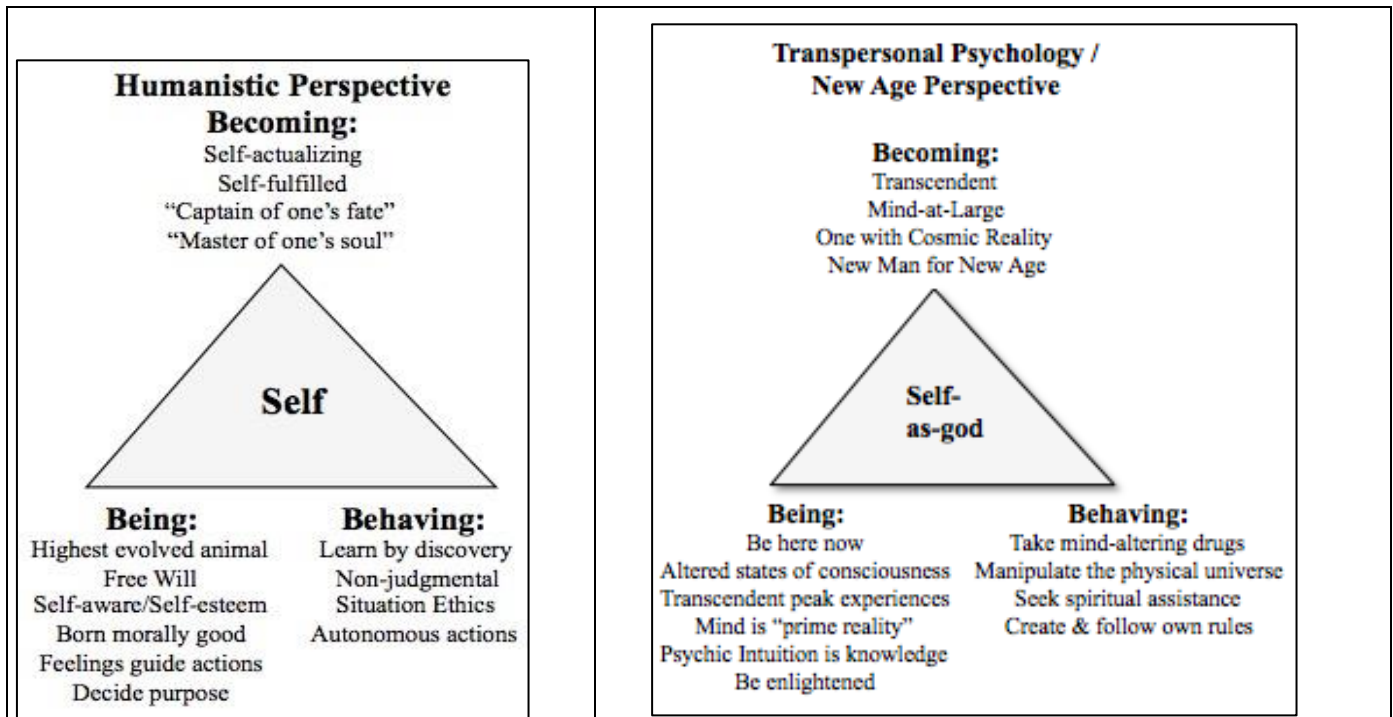
- Have you struggled about coming to Jesus “just as I am”?

- Do you believe you must *be* “good enough” and *behave* “good enough” to merit *becoming* a born again Christian?
- Do you understand the *free gifts* a Believer receives when you become Born Again?
- Have you truly accepted what Jesus proclaimed? “I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6 NASB).
- Have you examined what you *learned*? What did you have to completely *unlearn*? What did you *relearn* that was better?
- Have you gained *intellectual faith* to support and defend your *saving faith* in Jesus?



**Chapters 1-4** focus on my foundational years, especially how I stopped practicing *religious legalism*, and abandoned organized religion.

**Chapters 5-6** describe how I was enticed into the Humanistic Potential Movement to seek Self-fulfillment, like 83% of adult Americans in the 1960s and 70s. I developed a *Being, Behaving, Becoming Model* to do this, and to understand the schism between the Under 30 Generation (*Being-oriented*) and the Over 30s (*Behaving-oriented*), which nearly tore America apart. [**Appendix B** describes my ten-year humanistic quest to *Become* Self-actualizing by trying to develop *Being* and *Behaving* qualities. **Appendix C** describes how the **New Age Movement** attracts spiritual seekers by promising New Agers they can experience *Self-is-god*.]



**Chapters 7-10** describe how I re-examined the Existential Questions that had guided my life and realized my Self-focused life was not working. I decided to settle down and get married, but “Miss Wonderful” said “No”—so I lost all hope for a future and became suicidal.

**Chapters 11-12** describe how I gained *intellectual faith* by studying the Bible, reading helpful Christian authors, and contrasting eight worldviews. My conclusion: only Bible-based Theism adequately answers all the Big Questions about the origin of everything, meaning and purpose, right and wrong, what’s a satisfying life.

**Chapters 13-15** describe my “first conversion” to Become Born Again over more than a year. Because no one explained what this means, I needed a “second conversion.”

**Chapters 16-20** describe the “*free gifts*” a Believer receives when you Become Born Again. I explain them so you’ll be assured of your eternal salvation with God in heaven.

**Chapter 21** describes how the Holy Spirit enables Believers to *Become more than we are*—more mature, more complete, and able to live life more abundantly. I also describe how Jesus sets captives free from whatever enslaves them—to experience *present salvation* in this life. (Luke 4:18; John 8:36)

**Chapters 22-28** describe important *Being-and-Behaving Transformations* that Believers can make with Holy Spirit assistance. This aligns our Christian faith-and-walk in ways that glorify God and benefit us.

**Appendix A** lists “Bad News” that plagues individuals and society.

**Appendix B** explains how I used my Being–Behaving–Becoming Model in a futile effort to Become Self-actualizing, and what I *learned-unlearned-relearned*.

**Appendix C** explains and critiques the New Age Movement’s *spiritual counterfeit* claims.

**Appendix D** describes Purpose Driven Christian Mentoring for a Best-Fit Career—an online course I created so parents can mentor their children to identify careers that match their Being qualities and Behaving capabilities. So, they can Become successful in the right career. So, this glorifies God.

**Appendix E** describes some of God’s unique attributes as *Prime Reality* (Creator–and–Cause of *External Reality*).

**Appendix G** provides excerpts from *God Nods on True Love* (a fictional story that contrasts the impacts of *God Nods* versus Fate in the lives of main characters).