



## FEAR God?

I was reading a book the other night (not that I spend much time reading, because reading is not my favorite activity...I am more the hands-on, dig-in, feel-it, participate, kind of person – maybe even a little less left brained than I should be), when I came upon a phrase which we have all seen thousands of times in holy writ. “**fear of God**”...

I never liked that phrase, but the various interpretations and translations of that phrase, **fear god**, in are too similar to think that it has been misinterpreted or mis-translated. **Fearing God**... ugg... this idea underscores my own inadequacies, my being totally under the subject of some other entity, not having any power at al, in fact being totally powerless by comparison. My ego, intellect, subconscious, conscious, cognitive, biologically-survival-oriented self becomes fearful when thinking of some entity (either part of our physical cosmos or outside it) that has complete and total control of the universe. I am not in control of this one and I vocalize to myself, marian, you are NOT in control of very much. God, whatever shape it has (noticed I did not give God a gender here), IS IN CONTROL, and I, lowly (yet still highly evolved, with the capacity beyond other animals to conceive that GOD is not provable nor understandable) that I SHOULD INDEED be in awe, and in total respect, and on my knees. FEAR is just the right word. Think about it rationally. We are little more than invisible specks on our own planet, this is readily apparent, even in our own limited vision. Expand this thought to our tiny solar system, and moreover, to the galaxy, and again, universe, and yet again to the multi-verse. Yikes. This is a fearful place to be, and indeed, I fear GOD.

But, to continue reading, the next chapter in the story says that **Love casts out all fear**. God has been perceived as **LOVE**, and any encounter of God with fearful man prompts an immediate and definite response. **BE NOT AFRAID**.

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Keep the world population at large and our own families foremost in your minds, sending good thoughts to them. Help where you can, think and act locally. Praying for the world is a good thing but it does little to relieve the stress of environmental, climatic and ruthless behaviour. Helping neighbors and family is a good place to begin to change the world.... think globally act locally (one of my favorite slogans).

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"Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"

"Lift up" (hover mouse over calendar day) Butterfly and "lift up" seemed like an appropriate theme for april... again, no problem finding references to "lift" in holy writ... It seemed to be a common thing to say. Furthermore it speaks to body position, language and projection of feelings of hope and/or despair. So lift up your eyes and hearts this April.



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cross stitch



because the widow feared God, He gave them families of their own  
Ecclesiastes 12

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