

Pat Credo Statement

I was raised in a family of mixed religious backgrounds, with conflicting religious stories. From this experience I deduced that there was no God, and that those that believed in God were simply weak minded and needed this belief as a crutch to get through life.

I did however always love and was entranced by the beauty of the earth. I had the feeling that something magnificent was always in my presence but didn't take it further than marveling at the brilliance of nature, the beauty of music and art and the deep and beautiful connection I felt with people.

Over the last 10 years or so, I translated my feeling of wonderment of the beauty of the earth into believing that there is a God. Although I don't know what God is, I believe it created the Universe and everything in it. It is all powerful and I believe filled with love. I believe God is Infinite and so is in everything, including every one of us.

And because of this, we are simply an extension of God. We have God's characteristics but are not God. This is just like a wave has the characteristics of the ocean, but is not the ocean. It's God's desire that we use the magnificence of our life to its fullest. So it is our job on earth to live our lives to the fullest, filled with creativity, love, and happiness.

Obviously there is no proof that God exists, that we are an extension of God and that God wants nothing more than for our happiness. This is where Faith comes into play. Whenever I look at the sky, it is as if God is putting on an incredible picture show to remind me of its presence.

Sometimes this picture show is dramatic like a sunrise or sunset and sometimes it is subtle like on a rainy day. Sometimes an encounter with a friend or loved one reminds me. But it is always there and reminding me of what I am made of and to live my life to it's fullest. This truth is harder to remember when in a challenging part of life, but it is always there.