

Can God Improve My Balance Sheet?

Invoking the Inner Potential



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TO START WITH



“**C***an YOUR God improve my balance-sheet?*” were your exact words. There was even more to the tone than the bare meaning of the words. The cynicism, and the hardly veiled resentment that sought to banish any discussion by the working of the question itself, were not missed, but let that be between you and me. I have preferred to soften the caption into ‘*Can God improve my balance-sheet?*,’ deleting the attempted provocation.

Let me ask you now: What is the content of that word ‘GOD’ in your present usage and understanding? You tell me.

You may say: ‘*The word is sound without substance. Hasn’t a wise realist said that if there were no God, man would need to invent one? That had to happen. So your Go–okay, God–is a palliative, the answer to questions that cannot be answered, the light that is claimed to exist but will never be seen. He is the Great Escape.*’

Or, you may say: *‘God is the creator of the universe. He made the earth and put life upon it. He supports and rewards the virtuous and He punishes the sinner—that kind of thing.’*

You are not too sure, so you seem uncomfortable. ‘So...?’ I prod you on.

‘Well, that is it. The rest is up to us. We have to live our lives the way we want and can. I want success. I want profits. I work for it. I plan, I strive. Why bring God into it? You mean He has the time or the interest to get involved in my business? Would you have me keep a vacant chair in the board room for the unheralded visit?’

Good sarcasm, but I have not been reduced to a heap of ashes. May I talk?

