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“The light shines on in the dark, and the darkness has never quenched it.” John 1:5

Not too long ago this add appeared on buses in London, England.

“THERE’S PROBABLY NO GOD.  
NOW STOP WORRYING AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE.”

We probably all know people who say “I am not religious but I am spiritual.” I guess they go by the concept of Good without God. I have certainly seen this to be the case but I always wonder what’s really behind all that.

So, I got to thinking about how that person would react or respond in deep, dark, scary situations that can happen in our lives. In cases of extreme fear, or grief or anger what does that person do, and what does that person say. I started collecting a few phrases and the list kept growing. My parents and grandparents tried not to use the common four-letter words but they had their own phrases that expressed their deepest feelings just as well. Just like my dad when the horse went “Gee” when he said “Haw”.

Here are some of those sighs, groans, wails and tears. Do they sound familiar to you?

When exasperated: God only knows. Land sakes. For Heaven’s sake. Sweet Mother of God. Dag nab it!

When surprised: Saints alive! Glory be! Egad. Ye Gods. Heavenly days! I’ll be damned! Heavens to Betsy!

When afraid: Oh my God! God o’ mercy! Mon Dieu! God forbid. Saints preserve us! God help me!

When confused: What in the name of God? What in the land o’ Goshen? What in Hell? What in tarnation!

When determined: Come Hell or high water... ‘Til Kingdom come.

When pleased: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Thank God!

When angry: What in damnation? Consarn it! Judas Priest!

When surprised: Lord love a duck! Saints preserve us! Goodness gracious! Holy Hell!  
Saints alive!

When someone blurts out those phrases it is probably spontaneous, unplanned and unexpected. So, I can't help but wonder what they really believe in their deeper subconscious mind. Do they know in their heart that a supreme being does exist?

Thank God another sign eventually appeared on the buses:

"THERE PROBABLY IS A GOD.  
NOW STOP WORRYING AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE"

God Bless!

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What did your grandparents say?

*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.  
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*