

Too Many Gods (a quiz)

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There are—and always have been!—assorted “I am God”/“you are God”/“we are all gods” claims. Check out these quotes. Guess who said each. Was it a Christian, a spirit, the follower of an Eastern religion, an atheist, a cult leader...? Then check your guesses against the sources that follow.

Quotes

- _____ 1. “You are the God of this universe.”
- _____ 2. “You are God.” / “God the Father is you.”
- _____ 3. “The gods have come down to us in human form!”
- _____ 4. [speaker playing the role of Jesus]: “They crucified me for claiming that I was God. But I didn’t claim I was God; I just claimed I walked with Him and that He was in Me.” [speaker encouraging audience]: “Hallelujah. That’s what you’re doing.”
- _____ 5. “The Christian who believes in the First Commandment is a monotheist... and recognizes that Jesus Christ is not God.”
- _____ 6. “I tell you the truth,... before Abraham was born, I am!”
- _____ 7. “This I AM is God... this I AM is You.... You knowing Yourself as God.”
- _____ 8. “I do not say I am the true messiah, but I have the possibility of becoming the real messiah.”
- _____ 9. To “convert” means that “we become a better Hindu, a better Muslim, a better Catholic, a better whatever we are.... What God is in your mind you must accept.”
- _____ 10. “Man is an emerging God.... My plan and My Duty is to reveal to you a new way... which will permit the divine in man to shine forth.”
- _____ 11. “You don’t *have* a God in you. You *are* one.”
- _____ 12. “Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.”
- _____ 13. “Is [Jesus] the Christ? O yes, along with you.” / “To call upon [God’s] name is but to call upon your own.”
- _____ 14. “I am God, I am God, I am God.”
- _____ 15. “I am the Lord, and there is no other.”
- _____ 16. “Walk as Jesus walked, without any consciousness of inferiority to God.”
- _____ 17. “God and man are one. Man is incarnate God.”
- _____ 18. “Be still and know that you are God.”
- _____ 19. “... at last the self is indistinguishable from God.”
- _____ 20. “Kneel to your own self. Honor and worship your own being. God dwells within you as You.”
- _____ 21. “One of these days I’ll be so complete I won’t be a human. I’ll be a god.”
- _____ 22. “You will be like God.”
- _____ 23. “The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s.” / “An immaterial body cannot exist.”

- _____ 24. “God’s reason for creating Adam was His desire to reproduce Himself.... [Adam] was not a little like God, he was not almost like God, he was not subordinate to God even.... Adam is God manifested in the flesh.”
- _____ 25. “When you say, ‘I am a Christian,’ you are saying, ‘I am mashiach,’ in the Hebrew. I am a little messiah walking on earth, in other words. That is a shocking revelation.... May I say it like this? You are a little god on earth running around.”
- _____ 26. [after reading the messianic prophecy of Isaiah 9:6 to the audience] “Where is the government now? It’s on us. The government of the world is on mankind, and because we’re made in God’s image and in God’s likeness, you can call *us* Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God (Christ in us), the Everlasting Father... whoa! The Prince of Peace. That’s what it means to be the gift that Jesus gave to you. So when you are a *gift* of God, it gives you the ability to *act* like God.”
- _____ 27. “I’m not just a man anymore. One-third of me is complete. One-third of me is identical to and one with Jesus. One-third of me is wall-to-wall Holy Ghost!”
- _____ 28. “I’m an exact duplicate of God!” [speaker gets the audience to repeat this about themselves several times. Then] “When God looks in the mirror, He sees me!... Sometimes people say to me..., ‘You just think you’re a little god!’ Thank you! Hallelujah! You got that right!”
- _____ 29. “This is the voice of a god, not of a man.”
- _____ 30. “To understand God is finally to realize one’s own godhood.” This person indicated that Jesus was not God but “simply a man who knew the laws of God,” who wanted believers to “realize the Christ within their own consciousness.”
- _____ 31. “Remember that you are Gods in the Making.”
- _____ 32. “Ye are part and parcel of all Universal Consciousness, or God.... Ye are as a corpuscle in the body of God; thus a co-creator with Him.”
- _____ 33. Humans are “co-creators in an ever-unfolding creation...” / “The divinity in us breaks through not only as creators and co-creators but especially as prophets...”
- _____ 34. “I have the same DNA as God Almighty, and so do you. You were created by God; you have His DNA.”
- _____ 35. “The Son of God became man so that we might become God.”
- _____ 36. “You are God in a physical body.... You are all power. You are all wisdom.... You are the creator.”

Source List

1. Hindu guru Sai Baba; documentation easily found online.
2. The spirit R___, through medium JZ Knight, *Voyage to the New World*, p. 61 / p. 136
3. The pagan crowd, referring to Paul and Barnabas in Acts 14:11. In v. 15 Paul and Barnabas corrected the crowd, saying, “We too are only men.”
4. Word of Faith/prosperity gospel evangelist Kenneth Copeland, told in *Believers Voice of Victory* magazine, Feb. 1987, p. 9.
5. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science cult, *Science and Health*, p. 361. She means that a Christian Scientist member is a monotheist—and her definition means to believe that only God the Father (not the Son or Spirit) is God. But Bible-believing Christians believe that the “one God” of the First Commandment is the triune Father, Son, and Spirit. Compare John 1:1, 14; Acts 5:3, 4.
6. Jesus Christ, John 8:58. Verse 59 says the Jews then attempted to stone Jesus; they understood that the “I am” was a claim to be God, which John 10:33 backs up. Compare Exodus 3:14 and John 1:1, 14.
7. Spiritual self-help writer John Price, *The Planetary Commission*, p. 156
8. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church cult (the “Moonies”). Moon saw himself as a potential reincarnation of Jesus to finish what Jesus started. Moon claimed also to speak with Jesus, Moses, and Buddha; documentation easily found online.
9. Mother Teresa, quoted in Desmond Doig’s book *Mother Teresa: Her People and Her Work*, p. 156.
10. The spirit M___, speaking through New Age guru and occultist Benjamin Creme, *The Reappearance of the Christ*, p. 246.
11. Word of Faith/prosperity gospel evangelist Kenneth Copeland; documentation easily found online.
12. The Lord himself, Isaiah 43:10.
13. The spirit J___, through medium Helen Schucman, *A Course in Miracles*, vol. 1 p. 83 / vol. 2 p. 334.
14. Actress and New Age guru Shirley MacLaine, seen on a TV miniseries about her *Out on a Limb* story, 1987.
15. The Lord himself, Isaiah 45:18; compare Deuteronomy 4:35.
16. Word of Faith/prosperity gospel leader E. W. Kenyon, *The Blood Covenant*, p. 53.
17. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church cult (the “Moonies”), quoted by Hank Hanegraaff in *Christianity in Crisis*, p. 5.
18. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, founder of the TM (transcendental meditation) cult, his *Meditations* book, p. 178. This is a twisting of Psalm 46:10, “Be still, and know that I am God.”
19. Alan Watts, an Episcopal priest who became a Zen advocate, speaking of what can happen via Zen, his book *This Is It*, p. 90.
20. Swami Muktananda, meditation guru, *Newsweek* magazine article, 12/20/1976, p. 66.
21. Country singer John Denver, a fan of (and echoing) the teachings of meditation guru Swami Muktananda, *Newsweek* magazine article, 12/20/1976, p. 66.
22. The serpent, Genesis 3:5.
23. Official Mormon teaching; Mormon “scripture” *Doctrine and Covenants* 130:22 / Mormon “apostle” James Talmage, *Articles of Faith*, p. 41.
24. Word of Faith/prosperity gospel evangelist Kenneth Copeland, “Following the Faith of Abraham,” tape #01-3001.
25. Pentecostal/prosperity evangelist Benny Hinn; documentation easily found online.

26. Word of Faith/charismatic/prosperity gospel evangelist Jesse Duplantis, sermon titled “The Gift That Jesus Gave to His Father”; documentation easily found online.
27. Word of Faith/prosperity gospel evangelist Andrew Wommack, a paper titled “Spirit, Soul & Body.”
28. Prosperity gospel evangelist Casey Treat, “Believing in Yourself,” tape 2 of 4.
29. The crowd, cheering King Herod Agrippa in Acts 12:22. Verse 23 then says that “because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.”
30. Baptist-minister-turned-interspiritualist Rodney Romney, *Journey to Inner Space: Finding God-in-Us*, p. 26–30.
31. New Age/astrology believer Donald Yott, *Man and Metaphysics*, p. 138.
32. Belief of psychic healer Edgar Cayce, who thought angels/spirits guided us; quoted in Jeffrey Furst’s *Edgar Cayce’s Story of Jesus*, p. 346.
33. Catholic-priest-turned-Episcopal-minister Matthew Fox, *Creation Spirituality*, p. 8 / p. 58.
34. Word of Faith/charismatic/prosperity gospel evangelist Jesse Duplantis, sermon titled “Create Your World and Walk in It”; documentation easily found online. Compare Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Colossians 1:15-17. Interspiritualist Richard Rohr also speaks of “divine DNA”—and says that “God loves all things by becoming them” (*The Universal Christ*, p. 16, 20). Note that the Bible says believers are God’s *adopted* children (ex: Ephesians 1:5), not birth children who’d have his DNA.
35. Roman Catholic catechism, quoting St. Athanasius. Some Catholic authorities defend the statement, saying that the Latin-to-English translation should have read that we “become gods” or “become deified.” But that still indicates that we humans are gods at some point.
36. Rhonda Byrne, *The Secret*, p. 164. Byrne believes that this “you are God” secret is inherent in all the world’s religions. Byrne first got her beliefs via *The Science of Getting Rich* by Wallace Wattles [1860–1911], a pioneer of the New Thought movement. And she was heavily influenced by Esther Hicks, who channeled a spirit.

And So...

Were you surprised by how many non-god people claim godhood? As that list grew (and more names could’ve been included!), I almost fell down to shout [King Asa’s prayer](#): “Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army.” (2 Chronicles 14:11)

Those quoted above, as well as their followers, are confused about the one true God. But *demons* aren’t! They’re in no doubt whatsoever about the power of the Lord Almighty, who said, **“I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.... Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one”** (Isaiah 44:6, 8). Oh yes, the demons know who he is—“and shudder.” (James 2:19)

We have the privilege of choosing to be under the Lord Almighty of the Bible, who not only has all power but also wants us with him. “We know that we [*that is, believers*] are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life” (1 John 5:19, 20). Amen!