## Nanny State or Granny State?

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## **Chapter One**

The first thing I want to say to you as my children, heirs, and progeny—- is that you can never make anyone believe anything.

You can especially never make them believe anything about God.

Each one must observe and experience enough of the mystery and magic of life to come to their own conclusions.

Until our own eyes see and our own ears hear, we can be indoctrinated and trained by rote concerning what others think and have thought in the past about God, and we can learn what others believe, but until we discover and internalize things for ourselves we don't have our own experience of God, our own knowledge, our own faith.

Tragically, many people never really search for God. They just accept whatever they have been told — or reject what they've been told—and they never wake up, look around, and discover God for themselves.

This is like being given the greatest present there ever was, and not bothering to open the box.

I can tell you from my own experience that God exists, that God is present, and yes, God loves us in spite of all the stupid things we do to ourselves and each other, but that is not the same as knowing it for yourself.

As your Grandma, I want you to know God for yourselves, to see the kindness and wisdom of God in your own lives, to experience what our forefathers called "Divine Providence" and be grateful and aware of it.

Keep "making inquiry of God" so that you receive answers and get guidance and catch on to the many ways that God communicates with each one of us every day of our lives.

There have been great teachers sent to us and they all have insights to offer which can greatly enrich our lives and expand our awareness and experience.

But please note something that is very important:

Abraham was not a Jew. Jesus was not a Christian. Buddha was not a Buddhist. Mohammed was not a Muslim.

They were individual men who experienced God, who were aware of God, and who sought a relationship with God.

This is part of what I want for you, that you each come to know God, that you search for and find him, and that you take the time to open up the gift you have been given—your own special one-of-a-kind relationship with the Master of Creation.

Unfortunately, I can't give you a road map. We each find the True God in our own way, and he comes to each of us in his own way, too, but if we search, we find.

When we discover God at work in our lives, true meaning and peace and joy naturally enters in and becomes part of our experience. This is the hallmark and seal of being truly alive, and most of all, this is what I want for you, that you have life and have it abundantly, a full measure, tamped down and overflowing.

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