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It's where we blend spirituality and practicality to help you live a life of purpose and joy. We have Neale Donald Walsh with us today. Neale's the author of the nine-volume Conversations with God series, seven of which made it on the New York Times bestseller list. His titles have been translated into 37 languages and have been read by millions of people around the world. I'm going to be asking Neale about his relationship with God, what God had to say and how we, too, can have our own conversations with God. Please remember to subscribe, leave a comment and share this episode with your family and friends. Now let's go chat with Neale. Neale, welcome to the show. I'm so thrilled that you could join us today.

0:01:39 - Neale

Thank you. It's lovely to be here with you. How may I serve you?

0:01:43 - Julie

Well, I got a whole bunch of questions for you. I got pages of questions for you here, so let's just dive right into it. Were you always in conversation with God, even as a child?

0:01:55 - Neale

Not in the way that it is expressed in my books, but in a larger way. I believe that all people and I was told that all people are having conversations with God all the time. We're simply calling it something else. We miss intuition, an epiphany, a sudden insight, a brilliant idea. So we simply use other words to describe the exact same experience and inspiration. So have I had inspirations since I was a child? Sure, but I wouldn't call them the kind of conversations that I had, you know. Question answer. Question answer that I wound up engaging in from the time I was 53 years old.

0:02:46 - Julie

How do you know which thoughts are yours and which thoughts are coming from God?

0:02:52 - Neale

All the thoughts that express joy, freedom and unconditional love come from the aspect of each of us that is divine. I'm no different from anybody else. Each of us, in my understanding, is an individuation of the divine, and so those thoughts that express love with no condition what I call pure love, those thoughts that express freedom and joy, expansion, those are thoughts that come to us and through us, from the part of us that is divine. That's my understanding. I could be wrong, of course, about all of that.

0:03:37 - Julie

Do you come from a spiritual family?

0:03:41 - Neale

Well, you know, I came from a very yes, but not spiritual in the way that people use the word today. I came from a very. My father was extremely Catholic. He was a devout Catholic. My mom was more I don't know. I would not call her a devout Catholic. I would say that she was more I don't know, I would not call her a devout Catholic. I would say that she was more open-minded and not quite as dogmatic is the word I was looking for. She felt that God was everywhere and spoke to every one of us, and she taught me that God is everywhere. And you know what she said to me when she was passing away. I had the privilege of seeing her in the last few moments of her life. She was very ill and the doctors gave each of her children and her husband five minutes to spend with her. And in my five minutes my mom looked at me. She saw a tear in my eye and she said oh, sweetheart, don't cry. Promise me one thing. I said what's that? Dance on my grave.

Oh wow, I said. Why would you say that? She said because I know exactly where I'm going. I'm going back to God, so dance in my grave. And you know what, Julie, I actually did.

I went to her grave site in a totally different state. I was living on the West Coast at the time. She was buried with her family members in Wisconsin. But I flew there and I went to her grave site and actually I looked to the left and looked to the right to make sure that no one saw me acting what they would consider to be sacrilegious. But I did a little soft shoe on her grave and how did that make you feel? It made me feel wonderful, because I knew that she understood that she was God in joy in heaven and I was celebrating that she had made her transition perfectly just, exactly as she expected to. And you know what I got to tell you something, Julie If my mother is not in Andrin, then nobody is, Because she was one of the sweetest, kindest, most emotionally generous, patient, understanding and compassionate, forgiving people I've ever known in my life.

0:06:27 - Julie

Wonderful. So she really, it sounds like, gave you the launch pad from which to jump into this work. I want to talk about the catalyst that really got you into it, but I believe that a lot of us are set up as little children. I went through 12 years of Catholic schools and I believe it set me up for this spiritual path that I've been on, because I was taught about angels and saints and the Holy Spirit and you know God, the Spirit and all of that as a little child, Whereas people who don't have any of that. It feels to me like they're starting from a different place and some of them believe that it's a stretch for them to understand that there really is a God and there really is spirit. Do you have any thoughts about that? I?

0:07:18 - Neale

did have some challenges being brought up in a Catholic school, because I remember, I have a vivid memory of being nine years old in the third grade and the priest came into our class. He came in once a week to teach us Catholic doctrine. Catholic, you know catechism. They called it catechism. So in the catechism class he was teaching that week about mortal sin and venial sin and purgatory and all the rest, and my nine-year-old mind needed more information. So I raised my little hand Father, can you give me an example of what a mortal sin is? And I recalled the priest said of course my son. And I recall the priest said of course my son. And I thought he was surely going to say you know, murdering somebody or stealing someone's life savings, or you know, whatever he said, if you miss Mass on Sunday without a good excuse, that's a mortal sin. Oh, geez, no, that is Catholic doctrine.

0:08:21 - Julie

Oh, I know.

0:08:23 - Neale

Yeah, to this very day. They teach that to this very day. So now I'm nine years old and of course it would be the very week that I miss Mass. I never, never miss Mass. That particular Sunday on our playground. It was kind of like the playground World Series of softball and I was on the team and the team members said O'Neale, you're not going to desert us, it's our big game. We need you on the team. I said, oh, okay, I'm sure I can, it'll be okay for one week of my life. So I simply went to the playground and played in the game and I missed Mass on that Sunday. So he would be talking about that. He would be, of course, that Wednesday.

Now I'm thinking I'm going to hell because I miss Mass and Sunday, unless I get to confession. Because the priest did of course make it clear that if I went to confession and confessed my sin and I was given absolution, then I would only go to purgatory, you only have to pay for your sins temporarily, but if you go to confession and your sins are forgiven, you don't go to hell. But this was Wednesday, my dear Julie. They only had confession one day a week in my parish. On Saturday afternoons. They didn't have confession every day. Once a week. So now I'm sitting there on Thursday going. I've got to get through Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and I wasn't joking. I'm nine years old, so I'm really believing the priest, what he's telling me. So I'm saying my prayer every night. Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake. I pray the Lord my soul to take. God please forgive me, I didn't mean to miss Mass. Well, I made it to Saturday and I went to confession.

When I told this priest, he must have been all of 48 years old, weeping, crying on this nine-year-old child. And he said oh my son, it's okay. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys, three Glory Bees, and you'll be fine. But I was taught my point of this anecdote, truly, since you asked my background.

I was taught of a God who is condemning, punishing and unforgiving if we commit a mortal sin and don't go to confession or can't somehow get to confession in time before we die. Because I didn't, you know. I even asked a priest. I said, father, if I were to be hit by a car, God forbid on the way to the church to go to confession and I die on the sidewalk. Wouldn't my intention. I mean, I'm on the way to the church to confess my sin and you know God, you know what the church, what the priest said I'm sorry, my son, but you would go to hell. Oh heavens, you couldn't violate, you know, Catholic doctrine. Right in front of the sister, the nun, who was in the room with me listening to all of this. So I'm sitting there, nervous as anything, and realizing I've got to get through till Saturday. So that's the God that I was taught about in the Catholic Church a God of judgment, condemnation and punishment.

0:12:04 - Julie

I was a generation behind you, so I was post-Vatican II, where all that changed and my parents were taught what you were taught. They were born in the 20s, so probably even as intensely or more so than you, and I remember speaking of confession. I haven't thought of this in a long time, Neale. I remember we made our first confession. I haven't thought of this in a long time, Neal. I remember we made our first confession in the spring before we made our first communion in second grade.

0:12:33 - Neale

So I was, you know what, seven, yeah, seven years old, the age of reason.

0:12:36 - Julie

Yeah, and I remember thinking I can't think of any sins and we're standing in line waiting to go into the confessional.

0:12:44 - Neale

You had to make stuff up. I disobeyed my mommy.

0:12:50 - Julie

Stole a cookie from the cookie jar.

0:12:52 - Neale

Exactly.

0:12:53 - Julie

Told my brother a butthead, you know who knows. And then I thought, okay, well, you know, same thing. Three Hail Marys for our fathers, whatever. And I remember going back to my seat and thinking this is so ridiculous. And my seven-year-old little mind. I remember thinking this is so ridiculous. I just lied to get grace in the confessional. God doesn't care about this stuff, and you know. And then the older I got, the more I knew. You know that just wasn't a thing and I don't need to talk through some clergy person to get to God. I talk to God myself, I don't need to talk to anybody else. When did you come to that realization?

0:13:37 - Neale

When I grew into my adulthood 18 or 19, or 19, I rejected the teachings of the Catholic Church. Until then, I was really wanting to become a priest. Actually, I was an altar boy, and I was an altar boy from the time I was 12. So I served at Mass many, many times, most mornings of the week, because our parish they had a mass every morning. And so I served at mass most mornings of the week for years.

And I wanted to become a priest and my father refused to send me to the seminary. He said well, not because the sisters, of course, the nuns in school were saying he has to call me. So they were encouraging my father to enroll me in the seminary, because you enroll in the seminary at the same time that others enrolled in college, when you were 18 or 19 or 17. But my father refused to do it. He said no, you're not going to, you have not had enough life experience. Do it. He said, no, you're not going to you, you do not have enough life experience.

And I said you know life experience. You know what life experience do I need? And he opened a copy of playboy magazine to the centerfold with a naked lady where I saw all of her parts, oh my. And he said, um, you had any experience with this? Yet I said, no, I've, I've heard about it. He said well, when you have an experience of it and then you tell me you're not interested in it any longer, you can go to the seminary, but you're not going to be moving into the seminary without knowing about many aspects of life, not just this, this. So he had enough common sense to not let me enroll in the seminary when I was 17 years old. And so then, later on, when I turned 20 and 21 and moved into real life as an adult, I realized that I didn't want to become a Catholic priest after all. I wanted to be a radio disc jockey, which is what I did for years.

0:15:52 - Julie

For music or for talk radio or both.

0:15:56 - Neale

Well, it started off as a disc jockey, you know, because there wasn't a lot of talk radio going on, you know, when I was 19. But ultimately, years later, I did get into talk radio and wound up being nationally syndicated on my own talk radio show, but that was like 17 years later.

0:16:14 - Julie

Wow, what kind of music were you playing? Pop.

0:16:17 - Neale

Rock and roll.

0:16:18 - Julie
Rock.

0:16:19 - Neale
Yeah, where Rock and roll? Well, it started off in Milwaukee, then it was in Spartanburg, south Carolina, then it was a little bit in Portland, in the Portland Oregon area and then in San Diego. You know, radio moved around a lot so I worked at different radio stations in different cities.

0:16:40 - Julie
Can you give us a little, you know, blast from the past. You're announcing a song, one of your favorite songs. Give us a little disc jockey, Neale version disc jockey announcing one of your favorite songs.

0:16:52 - Neale
I don't know what song I would announce, but I do recall spending many, many moments on the air 20 after 4 o'clock, 45 degrees outside at 1.15 in the afternoon. Kyjc light 102.

0:17:08 - Julie
Now more music by the Beatles. Oh, that's fabulous, fabulous, fabulous. And then, when you did talk radio, what was the talk about? Was it political?

0:17:18 - Neale
or what. No, no, no, it wasn't any particular topic. It was like most talk radio whatever came up in, you know the callers would set. You know people who called in would set the agenda. I rarely had a specific, you know a topic that I had to stick with. I would open each program with some kind of a commentary, but then the show would go where the listeners took it, which is what made it so popular, because it was a listener-driven talk show.

0:17:48 - Julie
When you look back at it now, do you think that it was leading you to where you eventually became with being a global communicator I'm using air quotes here, but a global communicator and it was you kind of honing your skills to be able to communicate with people, especially on the talk radio, in that format.

0:18:11 - Neale
I don't think I thought about it in such deliberate or precise terms, but I think, looking back retroactively, it's probably what was going on.

0:18:20 - Julie
Yeah, that's what I'm hearing too. That's what I'm hearing from God in my head, that that was all part of you being led on this journey of educating the world.

I'm not educating the world, but I'm sharing my opinion with the world perspective than what you were exposed to as a child, and certainly many of us, and not just in Catholicism but in lots of different segments of religion and culture and things like that. Our parish priest here I'm in Birmingham, Alabama and one of my favorite quotes now, father John Fallon from the Emerald Isle, born and raised and he's retired now but he said wouldn't it be great if we knew that angels and our loved ones met us when we died? And he said people are so afraid whether they're going to fly or fry the pulpit. He said that and I thought I'm stealing that. I told him after mass. I said okay, I'm poaching that, saying I thought it was just perfect. And it's a new concept for people Like your little nine-year-old self when you were worried about missing Mass because of the baseball game. You were worried you were going to fry and that's because that's what you were taught.

0:19:41 - Neale

Well, the highest authority figure in my life, the parish priest was telling me that. So, of highest authority figure in my life, the parish priest was telling me that. So of course I believed it at nine.

0:19:50 - Julie

Yeah, so does anybody ever fry?

0:19:53 - Neale

No, of course not. And they die? No, of course not.

0:19:57 - Julie

What do you think happens?

0:19:59 - Neale

We go home to God, we return to the spiritual realm. We experience ourselves as who we really are. Individuation is of divinity. We experience joy, peace, love, freedom, expansion. We experience pure love, a love that needs nothing, asks nothing, expects nothing and demands nothing. We experience who we really are and then we make a decision do we want to return to the realm of the physical in order to demonstrate what we know ourselves to be? And we don't have to return if we know ourselves to be, and we don't have to return if we don't want to. But we can if we choose to, and so, in my case, I returned. I'm told a number of times this is not my first lifetime here, nor will it be more or last, if I have my way.

0:21:06 - Julie

Because when you get back into pure spirit form, you think you'll come up with another adventure that you want to explore.

0:21:12 - Neale

Well, because the universe is open to me, I don't have to come back to physical life on the earth. I can return to the realm of the physical anywhere in the cosmos. So I may decide to go to the Pleiades or some other planet where the civilization is more advanced, or I could go to a civilization that's even less advanced than we are and become useful in that way, but I have the entire universe from which to choose, in my understanding, and so I may decide to come back to the realm of the physical. In my understanding, there are three realms in the kingdom of God the realm of the spiritual, the realm of the physical and the realm of pure being. And I'm now in the realm of God the realm of the spiritual, the realm of the physical and the realm of pure being. And I'm now in the realm of the physical. I will return to the realm of the spiritual, and I could choose to move into the realm of pure being if that was my choice.

0:22:12 - Julie

And what is the realm of pure being?

0:22:14 - Neale

It's the realm of the spiritual and the realm of the physical combined, when we are purely being who we really are. This is my understanding.

0:22:26 - Julie

And repeat again for us who are we really?

0:22:31 - Neale

My understanding is that we are each and as is every sentient being in the cosmos, that every sentient being in the cosmos is an individuation of divinity. I said to God can you help me understand that? Can you reduce it to you know, comprehensible terms? God said sure You've ever been on an ocean liner? I said yes, I have. She said have you ever seen a wave from the

deck of the ocean liner? I said yes, I have. She said have you ever seen a wave from the deck of the ocean liner? I said yes, I have.

God said okay, you are a wave on the ocean of God. You are an individuation, an individual arising of the ocean. You're not separate from the ocean ever, but you are simply an individual expression of the ocean. You're not separate from the ocean ever, but you are simply an individual expression of the ocean. And when that individual expression is complete, the wave recedes back into the ocean whence it came. And that's a metaphor, my son, to help you understand your relationship to the divine you are a wave on the ocean of God, never separate from God in any way, but simply expressing that aspect of God that it pleases you to express, if you understand what you're really doing, but most people don't even know what they're doing. They don't even know what they're here for, why they're in the realm of the physical. They think that they're here to. You know, get the guy, get the girl, get the job, get the car, get the house, get the spouse, get the children, get the grandchildren. Get the office in the corner with your name on the door. Get the building on the corner with your name on the building, you know. Then get the gray hair, get the grandchildren, get the cruise tickets, get back home, get the illness and get the hell out. And that's the formula that they live their life by.

Many, many, many people not one or two, but the largest number of people on the planet, from my observation, live according to some version of that formula. Very few people understand that. Wait a minute. We are actually spiritual entities, having come here to serve the agenda of the soul. So my body has nothing to do with my. I mean, I meant to say that my life has nothing to do with my body or my mind. These are simply tools, tools, pieces of equipment used by my soul to advance the agenda that I set for myself when I came here to the realm of the physical. I could of course be wrong about all of that, in which case I'm going to hell for sure. But you know what George Bernard Shaw said All the interesting people are there anyway.

0:25:24 - Julie

Good point. Yeah, Do you think they have like a special wing for the people that are ones to that he's referring to? That's hilarious. You mentioned God as a she. Say more about that.

0:25:46 - Neale

Well, my understanding is that God is without gender. God is neither a he nor a she, so God is the essential essence of the universe, which I call pure love. God is the essential essence of the universe, which I call pure love. My understanding is that God is pure love and may take any form that God understands would be easiest for people to embrace and to bring into their life, to accept as part of who they are. So you know, sometimes God feels to me like a she, and sometimes like a he, and sometimes like my beautiful dog who jumps in my lap, and if that isn't God's love, I don't know what is. And so I think that you know God does not have a gender, and that's my experience of the divine.

0:26:44 - Julie

Do you think any spirits have a gender?

0:26:47 - Neale

I think that spirits can assume a gender, can decide to embrace and demonstrate themselves through a particular physical expression. And so I think that, yes, I think that all sentient beings, all souls, all individuations of divinity have the opportunity to express life in the form that pleases them the most. I was told in conversations with God that, frankly, in a previous lifetime I was what we would call an animal. I was not always a human being. I had earlier physicalizations as what we would refer to as lesser evolved life forms. Then I grew into, I chose to return to physicality as a human being. I've also been told. But I have had previous lifetimes elsewhere in the cosmos.

And you know what, Julie? Honestly, some years ago I was lying on the back porch of our house with my darling, adorable wife and we were lying. You know, it was a summer, clear summer night. The sky was as clear as you could imagine and we could see every star in the sky. And I was looking at the Pleiades and some tears rolled down my cheeks and my sweetheart looked at me and she said Sweet honey, why are you weeping? What's that about? And I said I'm homesick. I came from there, I was there and now I'm here and I was just feeling homesick. Of course my darling wife looked at me. She said well, if anybody was from another planet, it would be you.

0:28:51 - Julie

Do you have any memories of your lifetime on the other planets?

0:28:54 - Neale

I think. I don't know if I have memories in a classic sense, but I think I have an awareness of what highly evolved beings experience in their lifetime and I put those awarenesses in a book called Conversations with God, book four, with a subtitle Awaken the Species, in which are listed 16 differences between highly evolved beings and members of species that are continuing to act as if they were barbaric, as we do on this planet.

0:29:30 - Julie

Can you give us a couple of examples of things between an evolved species and a barbaric or other species, of course, and a barbaric or other?

0:29:39 - Neale

species. Of course, an evolved species would never, ever hurt, damage or injure another member of its own species or really any other life form, much less would it create a civilization that has some form of warfare going on for all but 5% of recorded history, which is true about life on Earth. An evolved species would never deny health benefits and medical treatment and actual medicines to people because they couldn't afford them, and allow one-fourth of the human race to live without enough food and allow one-fourth of the human race to live without enough food. I'm not sure whether people understand it, but on this day of our life, 653 children are going to die of starvation every hour. I didn't make that up. That's a statistic that has been researched. Every hour, I didn't make that up. That's a statistic that has been researched 653 children are dying of starvation on this planet every hour, while we have enough food being thrown away in the restaurants of Paris, Tokyo and New York to supply nourishment to half the villages of impoverished countries.

What kind of a civilization behaves the way we do toward each other? A barbaric civilization. And obviously civilized species would never behave that way, nor would highly evolved species. They would share everything. They would see everyone as all one, that we are all one, Simply like the fingers on my hand, individuated but not separated in any way. We are all fingers on the hands of God. It's simply that only a few of us understand that. I could, of course, truly be wrong about all of this, In which case I'm going right to hell.

0:31:59 - Julie

I don't think you need to worry too much about that. When my dad was dying and my dad went to the seminary in Rome on the GI Bill after World War II, speaking of seminaries and was there six years and left six months before he was to be ordained oh my gosh, yeah.

0:32:20 - Neale

Because he found a lady.

0:32:22 - Julie

No, he married my mother and they knew each other in high school. And after he died I found a Christmas card from my mom to him when he was in the seminary and it was so cute because you know they knew each other. But anyway, I used to tease him because when people would find out about that they'd say, well, why did you leave? And if I was there, I'd say because I appeared to him in a dream and I said, dad, what are you thinking that was enough of an incentive for him to leave? He said he didn't remember it happening. That way, Neale, that way, Neale. Anyways, you know, the thing about it is, with these different evolved species and all of that, it begs the question do we all have to go through this?

0:33:11 - Neale

No, we don't have to go through anything.

0:33:13 - Julie

We choose to go through it to get to the, so we understand what we don't want, so we can help create what we do want. Is that the whole purpose?

0:33:21 - Neale

I don't think that we actively choose to go through it. I think that we move through physical life in a way that reflects the level of consciousness that we have attained. You know, even in my own life, obviously, I behaved differently when I was in my 20s and 30s than I did when I was in my 40s and 50s, and I behaved differently in my 40s and 50s than I did in my 60s and 70s, obviously. So we mature in many ways philosophically, psychologically, spiritually, emotionally. We mature, we learn, we understand, we expand our awareness and we expand our consciousness.

I don't know that the messages I received in conversations with God when I was 56 would have even been receivable if I could coin a woman when I was 36. You know, and I met my wife, my present spouse. I've been married more than once, but I met my wife, my present spouse. I've been married more than once, but I met my present spouse when I was 63 years old. I recall my age vividly because I used to sing the Beatles song to her Will you love me when I'm 64?

0:34:40 - Julie

So I met her when I was 64.

0:34:41 - Neale

So I met her when I was 63. She was 37, 38. Wow, and we got married a week later.

0:34:52 - Julie

My goodness, so your friends who were males were going. Neale score. That was a score that you were able to do that.

0:35:01 - Neale

Well, I was asked to. She looked at me one day. We were on our second date, going to see a play. We both loved theater, live theater. And so we were on our second date and she looked at me from the passenger seat of my car and said you know, I think we should be married. And I looked at her and I said you don't want to say that to me? Twice she said no, I'm serious. We have the same philosophy, we have the same psychology, we have the same spiritual beliefs, we like the same food, we both love live theater and we have discovered that we are compatible in certain other ways. Why shouldn't we be married? And I reached across the front seat of the car, shook her hand and I said Done.

0:35:57 - Julie
A romantic male.

0:35:59 - Neale
Two days later we were in Las Vegas where we got a marriage license, because there's no waiting period. In Las Vegas you can get a marriage license in one hour Got our marriage license, went to a wedding chapel and left as a man and wife. That was 17 years ago.

0:36:18 - Julie
Well, congratulations, I'm delighted for you and for her as well. Back to your life, before you wrote the books. Was there a catalyst from the time when you were doing the radio job to when you wrote your first book, and what was that journey for?

0:36:38 - Neale
you, I had many other careers. I wasn't in radio when I wrote the book. I was in broadcasting, then I was in journalism, I became a newspaper reporter and ultimately a newspaper managing editor, and then I left that particular field and I became a professional photographer. When I left that field I was into several different careers, but when I wrote Conversations with God, I was out of work altogether. I had no career Because I had broken my neck in a car accident and I was walking around in a Philadelphia collar, which is a plastic collar that holds your head up, because your neck won't hold your head up.

And the doctor said you will not take this collar off for any reason until we tell you that you can, that your neck is healed. So I couldn't get a job anywhere because I had lost my job. I was downsized in the corporations that I worked for. I was the latest to be hired, so I was the first to be let go. So I lost my job and I couldn't get a job anywhere else Nobody would hire me because I was wearing this therapeutic device. And finally one interviewer was honest with me. He said Mr Walsh, we can't hire you while you're wearing a therapeutic device like that One wrong move on the job and we're paying your medical bills for the next 10 years. We can't do that. Come back to us when you're totally healed and a whole person again and we'd hire you in a minute because you have all the qualifications we need.

So I wound up living on the sidewalk. I had nowhere to go. I was in an apartment. I had just lost my relationship with my prior wife. It wasn't an angry party. We agreed amicably that it just wasn't working. But I took a little apartment. But when I lost my job I couldn't pay for the apartment and I was evicted after three months of not paying the rent. You know the landlord was very kind. He said I'm sorry, Neale, I have to do this to you but I can't afford to carry you more than three months without rent and I have to ask you to leave. I had nowhere to go, Julie. I wound up living on the sidewalk for a year of my life.

0:39:08 - Julie
In what city?

0:39:11 - Neale
Outside of Ashland, Oregon, between Ashland and Leverett, Oregon. I was walking the streets for a solid year before I could finally get a part-time job somewhere and afford to get a little studio apartment above somebody's garage. It took me a year to work back into the system and during that year I was going from person to person with my hand out. Could you spare anything, even a couple of quarters, please? If I could get a quarter or two from everybody that I asked today, I might be able to eat before the end of the day. No, you don't realize how you lose your dignity when you're on the sidewalk or you're sleeping in the rain, sleeping in the cold on the ground. You finally found a little place where you can get a few moments of rest until the policeman comes along and taps your foot with his baton. Move along, all right, move along. You're not even allowed to sleep anywhere. They tell you to move along in the middle of the

night. Oh, and, by the way, when you're living on the sidewalk, where do you go? To the bathroom? You've lost all human dignity. You have to try to sneak into, maybe sneak into a McDonald's and use the men's room, because you can get away with it. But of course, since you're a street person, because you haven't had a shower in six weeks and you're wearing the same clothes every time you come in, finally the manager of the police says no, no, no, I can't have you, don't make me call the police and you have to beg the guy. Please, please, I just need five minutes. Could I just use the bathroom?

And finally, one manager of McDonald's it's a true story. He said okay, you know what? I'll make a deal with you. You promise no panhandling. I don't want you to panhandle anybody, not even anybody in that restroom. Say nothing, do not go from table to table in my restaurant. If you promise in and out, in and out, if that's the deal we make, shake hands on it. You can use the toilet here whenever you need to. And I kept my word and he kept his word.

But after you're on the sidewalk for a year, sleeping in the rain, searching for a place to use the bathroom, trying to figure out how you're going to eat that day, do that for a year of your life. No, forget about it. Do it for a weekend. I dare you leave your house on Friday night and don't come back until Monday evening. And leave your house on Friday without a nickel in your hand, with no money at all, and tell me how it worked out for you. Joe, come back until Monday evening and leave your house on Friday without a nickel in your hand, with no money at all, and tell me how it worked out for you Then do it for a year and see how it changes your point of view about what you need to be happy in life.

0:42:23 - Julie

What was your takeaway from all of that?

0:42:25 - Neale

What did you need to be happy in life? Nothing, virtually nothing. Maybe a roof over my head, however humble it might be. I lived in a one-room studio apartment on top of somebody's garage and to me that was a palace. It had a bathroom, it had a refrigerator. I could actually buy a few things at the grocery store and put them in the refrigerator and reach in every once in a while and grab a bite to eat when I was hungry. And it even had a bed that I could sleep in. Oh my God, and everything above that was luxury. Luxury for me.

And that's when I had my conversation with God in that little flat, because I woke up one morning, I was there about you know, maybe two or three months, and I was very angry with God and I said, okay, okay, what have I done to deserve a life of such unbelievable struggle? Give me the rules, I'll play. I will play this game. Just tell me what the rules are. That's when I heard the voice in my mind Neale, write this down, I'll give you answers to any question you want to ask. So I took down what I was being told. Before I knew it, I was involved in an on-paper dialogue with God. And he said to me you will make of this one day a book and it will be accessed by many people. And I thought, no, that's not going to happen. Of course. Nobody's going to publish a book because a guy says he's talking to God. That's not going to happen. Of course not. Nobody's going to publish a book because a guy says he's talking to God.

It's not going to happen.

0:44:33 - Neale

So I actually sent my handwritten notes. I went to a Xerox place, copied them on a Xerox machine and sent them to a small publishing house two or three, actually two or three small publishing houses just to see what would happen. I was daring, god show me, and by golly, if one of those small publishers didn't call me and say we want to put this book out, it's a great piece of fiction. I said whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa. Wait a minute. This is not a work of

fiction. They thought it was whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa. Wait a minute. This is not a work of fiction.

They thought it was a story that I made up, you know, about a guy who's having an ongoing argument in a conversation, you know, with God. I said no, no, no. And the publisher said Mr Walsh, are you trying to tell me? You think this actually happened to you? I said absolutely Well, we'll sell it as a nonfiction book. It's interesting material, but you're not going to find 500 readers, because nobody's going to want to buy a book, because the guy claims to be talking to God. And he was right. He couldn't find 500 readers, he found 5 million. Not bragging, just saying that's what happened.

0:45:54 - Julie
God showed you.

0:45:56 - Neale
You bet you dared him, you bet she did. I dared her and she said you better listen to what I have to say. Yeah, now I have another female God in my life. I just call her my wife.

0:46:11 - Julie
Mm-hmm. Is she a God or is she a goddess? She's both. Answer. Good answer. Do you believe that anybody can or will connect with God to the point where they really understand that it's divine guidance?

0:46:33 - Neale
I believe that everybody can. You asked me a two-part question do I believe everybody can or everybody will? I believe everybody can. I'm not sure that everybody will, but I believe that everybody can, will, but I believe that everybody can and I guess I do think that ultimately everybody will, that sooner or later every sentient being in the cosmos will, because I think that's our will, I think it really is our will, but it is something that we would choose to experience sooner or later. Sooner or later we all get to a point where we say to God okay, all right, all right, fair enough, just give me the rules, tell me how it works. What do I have to do? Because you know what? There's more going on here than meets the eye. I mean, Bill put it perfectly. Bill said it wonderfully dramatically there are more things in heaven and earth, horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy. He also said to be or not to be. That is the question.

0:47:53 - Julie
Do you have ongoing conversations with Shakespeare too? I love you calling Bill. That's surprising. I haven't heard that before. Do you get information from other fractals of the divine, like a Shakespeare or like a, of course, okay. Do they identify who they were in the lifetime that they lived that you would recognize?

0:48:21 - Neale
No, not in those specific terms, and I get information from other fractals who are experiencing themselves as messengers in this lifetime.

0:48:38 - Julie
Can you give us?

0:48:39 - Neale
an example? Oh sure, Mary Ann. I've known Mary Ann now for 25 or 30 years. We share information that becomes clear to us and has become clear to us. I'm speaking of Marianne Williamson. Of course, Deepak I've connected with Deepak on a personal letter. Wayne Dyer and I were friends before he went home. Eckhart Tolle and I have had some personal time together, shared some dinners together. So, yes, there are people who share information and

say things that remind me of what I already understood and bring me back to my awareness of it.

0:49:24 - Julie

When somebody like that, like somebody who I'm using air quotes as like a spiritual channeler or thought leader, and they say something that doesn't resonate with you or what you've come to believe based on what you've been told in your conversations with God, how do you process that?

0:49:53 - Neale

I simply tell the truth. I simply say you know what that doesn't feel like my reality, but I respect and honor the fact that it's your reality and I'm willing to be open enough to look closely at it to see if there might be more there than meets the eye. I never reject what anyone says out of hand because they may have accessed a certain element of the ultimate reality that I have not yet accessed. So you know, I'm willing to be open minded. I don't shut anyone else down simply because initially I may disagree, but if my disagreement continues, I simply tell them openly, sensitively, hopefully lovingly. You know I I don't share the same idea, but I understand that you do have this thought in your mind about it and you know either one of us could be right or wrong.

Conversations with God made it clear to me, Neale, there's no such thing as right and wrong. You may have read that in book one. There's no such thing as right and wrong. You may have read that in book one. There's no such thing as right and wrong. There's only, objectively speaking, there's only what you subjectively decide is right or wrong and you're a reality. You're creating your own reality. You're making it all up. But since you are making it all up, make it up in a way that serves you and that serves everyone of this life you touch. Okay, I said to God, you got a deal.

0:51:41 - Julie

So what I'm hearing is that we all can have and we all do have, and I agree with you. I believe this that we all have our own reality that's unfolding for us in this lifetime as a spiritual being, having a human experience, and even if it's different from somebody else's experience and usually it is in most instances, or in a lot of instances- there are no two snowflakes of life.

That's right. There's always an element it's been my experience or a semblance of commonality in some aspect of it. Have you found that to be the case?

0:52:26 - Neale

Yes.

0:52:28 - Julie

You say that, god says that. Quote. You've got me all wrong.

0:52:39 - Neale

Well, what she meant was that we think that God is condemning, that he needs or requires or demands or, if you please, actually commands, that you think that God is sitting up there in judgment of us if we don't do what she says, that he demands that we do. And what God said to me was Neale, you got me all along. That came to me, I should tell you, when I was doing a national television program. I was on the Today Show and a man named Matt Lauer was introducing me and he was interviewing me. We had about a nine-minute interview and toward the end of the interview he said you know, Mr Walsh, you claim to be speaking directly to God. So what's God's most important message to the world? Oh, and, by the way, he said it'd be helpful if you could put it into one paragraph, because we have 30 seconds left.

I thought to myself, having been in broadcasting for years, you little stinker, you would ask me the most important question of the entire interview when you knew we had only 30 seconds left. You could have started with that question, but no, you saved it until the end. So I'm thinking what am I going to save this guy in 30 seconds or less? It's God's most important message to the world. It came to me suddenly. So I looked at Matt and I said, Matt, I don't need 30 seconds, I don't need one paragraph, I can give it to you in five words. And Matt, true to form, turned to the camera with a little sardonic look on his face and he said Ladies and gentlemen, from the man who claims to be talking to God, god's most important message to the world, Neale and I looked at the camera and I said God's most important message to the world in five words You've got me all wrong. You've got me all wrong. Now, Matt, if that message is inaccurate, the conversation is over.

If that message is accurate, the conversation has just begun. Where do you want to go with that, Matt? And he had nothing to say. He really did have to break for a commercial. He said well, it's certainly been an interesting interview. Thank you, Mr Walsh. We'll be back after these messages from our sponsor. And that was the end of the interview. But I wound up writing a book with that title God's Message to the World subtitle. You've got me all alone.

0:55:29 - Julie

What was his comment to you after the interview was over, when you were leaving the set? Or did he have one?

0:55:36 - Neale

No, just a general comment. He said very interesting. Thank you for the time. You're an interesting guy.

0:55:41 - Julie

Why do you think he saved that question for last?

0:55:45 - Neale

I don't know whether he did it deliberately or just that's just the way it came out. But if he did it deliberately, he probably did it because he wanted to end the interview on a powerful note. You know he was saving the best for last.

0:56:03 - Julie

So you gave him the most powerful thing at the end of the interview.

0:56:07 - Neale

Well, I gave him what came to me and I realized after I said it that it was, wow, a very powerful message.

You know I had not been given that message in all of the dialogues in which I had engaged, but at no point was I ever told you got me all wrong.

But when I was challenged to come up with God's most important message to the world, it came right to me and I believe it's true. By the way, I believe that most of the human race does have their understanding of God all wrong. God is not judgmental, not condemning and not punishing. God is simply pure love, and when we embrace that notion, we also embrace what I call the God solution. We can move through life with pure life for everyone and everything. That's why I wrote a book called the God Solution, which, by the way, I will send to anybody a digital copy of at no cost if they simply ask me for it. All they have to do is write me an email at Nealewalsh.com and say please send me that God Solution book, and I send them a digital copy at no cost, because I want everyone to understand that we've been getting God all along all these years and that there's more going on here than meets the eye.

0:57:49 - Julie

How generous of you. That's wonderful Speaking of books. Tell us about your latest new book.

0:57:55 - Neale

Well, I've written 41 of those books and my latest book is called God Talk. But it's the first time, Julie, that anyone ever asked me. You know, normally when an author writes a book they see if they can find a publisher or if they have a literary agent. I've had the same literary agent for 23 years. They'll find a publisher, they'll shop it around to see if anybody wants to put the book out. But publishers don't call authors as a rule.

But in this case it was unusual because my phone actually rang one day, about a year and a half or two ago, and it was a publisher on the phone. They got my number from one of the other publishers who had my number, of course and they called me and they said would you be willing to write a book for us? And I said well, that's an interesting question. What did you have in mind? They said well, you know, we'd like you to write a book that tells people how they could have their own experience of conversations with God. I said I'd be happy to write that. So I did.

I wrote it in five weeks because it was a very simple bring-through. I just told people what my experience was and I gave them the book in five weeks and they put it out and they called it God Talk. And the book contains stories from other people around the world who also feel that they have had their own interventions from the divine. Because the publisher put an invitation out on the internet inviting people if you feel you've ever had an intervention directly from god, send us your story. And they called me and said you know, we've gotten over a hundred emails from people all over the world. We've chosen the eight most interesting of those emails and we want to make it the second half of this book. I said do it Great idea, then people will not go around thinking I'm the only one.

0:59:59 - Julie

Right. So last question, maybe the most important For somebody who wants to start their own conversation with God, do you have one main recommendation for them to do that can help them begin the process?

1:00:17 - Neale

Yes, Stay awake. Stay awake. Know that God's talking to all of us all the time, using whatever device that you have allowed yourself to be open to, For instance, maybe a telecast with a lady named Julie. You think it's a coincidence that you're watching this very program right now. Oh, I see. I see what's happening. I'm being open to the possibility that I'm receiving messages from the part within me. That is divine. This isn't some aspect that's outside of me talking to me down here. This is an aspect that's inside of me, that's part of me simply communicating with me through me as me.

I could, of course, be wrong about all of that, but I don't think so I don't either.

1:01:25 - Julie

Thank you for that. What a wonderful way to end this conversation. How can people learn more about you and your work?

1:01:32 - Neale

All they have to do is go to cwg.org CWG it's very simple to find me on the internet. Or go to Nealedonaldwalsh.com they can find me on the Internet. I go to Nealedonnellwalsh.com they can find me on the Internet. I'm also on Facebook and so I have over 850,000 followers. I'm

not bragging, just saying this is what's going on. So a number of people have found me on the Facebook page and people can find me on Facebook quite easily.

1:02:06 - Julie

I love how you dared God and God's just going. Okay, buddy, here I'm going to do this. I'm going to have all these millions of people read our conversations.

1:02:17 - Neale

In 37 different languages.

1:02:19 - Julie

I know that's like boy. That's one of the best responses to a dare I've ever heard.

1:02:27 - Neale

It's almost as good as my wife daring me to marry her.

1:02:31 - Julie

Oh gosh, and you both benefited from that too, like you have with your conversations with God. Thank you for the work that you do, primarily, and also thank you so much for taking time to join us and to have this conversation with Julie instead of with God, but I guess it's the fractal of God in you is talking to the fractal of God in me.

1:02:56 - Neale

When I'm having a conversation with Julie, I'm having a conversation with God, and when I forget that, I miss the whole point of my experience. So thank you for the opportunity to share this time with you. I've enjoyed it immensely.

1:03:11 - Julie

My pleasure and honor. Alrighty, everybody, we've given you lots to think about in the meantime. Sending you much love from Sweet Home Alabama, and from Oregon to where Neale is. We'll see you next time.

1:03:26 - AnnCR

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