

WHAT'S GOD LIKE?

In our natural desire to describe God, we are severely limited by human concepts and language. He is so much more than we can possibly imagine. But don't let that stop us.

God is the Ultimate Being. He is loving, creating, challenging, accepting, forgiving, personal, vulnerable, different.

Loving because every aspect of God – what He is, what He does, what He wants – is based on and driven by love. *Creative* because His creative energy not only established the entire universe, it is at work every day in each of our lives – even if we don't see it. *Challenging* because He is always trying to get us to raise ourselves up to new levels of human living. *Accepting* because He is always open to every human being, no matter how broken, wretched, or repulsive an individual might have become.

Forgiving because, unlike you and me, who have limits to our patience and tolerance, God never fails to take anyone back. *Personal* because, while on the one hand He is this unfathomable, cosmic being, He also wants to be intimately involved with each of us. *Vulnerable* in the sense that due to His great gift to us – our free will – anyone can decide to completely ignore Him. *Different* because He obviously exists, operates and sees things on a completely different level than we are capable of. One example of His difference is that our lives are bounded and governed by time, whereas He is totally time-free.