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God is closer to my mind than my own thoughts, every moment, all the time, says author Alfred Edward Day. God is nearer to my heart than my own feelings. He is more intimate with my will than my most vigorous decisions.

If I am not aware of Him, it isn't because He is absent. It's because my mind and heart are immersed in other interests. Distracted, mesmerized by "things" (even all good), I can't (read: don't) turn to Him, don't give my good God my loving attention.

When I choose to turn to Him, to set aside time to be with Him alone (without outside distractions of electronic connectivity, and internal, self-generated distractions), God's nearness becomes real in my deepest being.

As I type these words I am suddenly surprised with joy to realize that the crucial factor isn't so much my longing for God, but rather His longing for companionship with me. How incredible! How full of wonder!



Coffee/tea thought: May I "soak" today in this marvelous truth: The God of the universe deeply desires my companionship.

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神比我自己能思想到的还接近我的思维，每时每刻都这样，Alfred Edward Day说。神比我能感觉到的还接近我的心。神比我的决断更影响我的意志。

如果我感觉不到他，不是因为他不存在。是因为我的思想和心里面充满了其他的兴趣。被“东西”（甚至是好的）吸引迷惑，使我无法转向他，无法去爱我的好神。

当我选择转向他，分别时间出来单独与他在一起（没有外面分心的电话，和自己里面有的思绪），神就在我最深处真实地靠近我。

我在写这些文字的时候突然惊喜地发现最重要的不是我对神的渴慕，而是他对与我相伴的渴慕。真难以置信！太奇妙了！

随想：今天愿这个真理浸透我：全宇宙的神深深愿意与我相伴。

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