

GOD AT THE MOVIES

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The Secret to Life of *According to Walter Mitty*

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Do I matter? (am I strong?) and how? (am I special?)

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A lot of these games result in virtual people.

The quintessence of life can only be apprehended through an all out pursuit of the One who made it.

- God actually does this and He invites us with Him.
- As we long for the quintessence of life that longing gives way to a pursuit (fear of God) which results in us behaving like the One we seek.
- Notice that the behavior change isn't what we pursue — He is.

- Don't make the mistake of interpreting what is personal as business.
- You might just throw away the quintessence of life if you miss how God wants to relate to you.

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