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The Clincher

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When I was young, I had a lot of social problems. I was a couple of years ahead of my age intellectually, but behind in terms of my comfort in social situations. My mom took me to a therapist after I developed a tic, and the therapist explained it was due to nerves, predicting people would probably always misunderstand me. As fate would have it, I chose to become a communicator early in life—largely because I had trouble being understood and desperately wanted to be. I felt I had something important to say and was frustrated that others couldn't seem to hear it.

Through it all, I carried a deep faith in God. I can't say it's because someone proved it to me; rather, God is a fundamental truth I feel. Growing up in an observant Jewish family focused on commandments and the Torah, my mind was always on God—what He would want and think. Focusing solely on specific deeds felt like a distraction from the basic principle of who put us here. My grandfather, who was devout in his own way, once threw me out of the house on a holiday because he was sick of me being what he called a *"God talker"*—someone with superficial piety, prioritizing speaking about God over adhering to His commandments. Our differences were just different approaches to grasping truth, making each of us unique and human.

Later in life, I got heavily into marketing and branding. As my professional reputation grew and I began public speaking, I became full of myself and started pulling away from religion. I didn't want to go to synagogue; I just wanted to be like everyone else. But one of my aunts told me, *"You owe it to yourself to explore your faith."* I never forgot that.

About twelve years ago, I started seeing the number 613—the number of commandments in the Torah—everywhere: on license plates, clocks, email counts. Finally, my daughter suggested talking to a rabbi. I consulted with a mystic rabbi from Israel, who instructed me to start attending synagogue on the Sabbath instead of always going to *Barnes & Noble* to write my blog. That was the clincher. How could a mystic, completely unfamiliar with me and my blogging habits, know to tell me to stop going to the bookstore on the Sabbath? Some things in this world are beyond our understanding.

God's presence didn't end there. In 2024, right before I suddenly collapsed from a severe illness, a Christian friend sent me a song based on Isaiah: *"O Israel, the one who formed you says, 'Don't be afraid.'"*[1] As I lay in bed, that song played repeatedly in my mind. Her knowing to send it immediately before I crumpled can only be explained as a direct message from God.

I knew the universe was not just signaling me—it was paving the path for me to finally, fully find God—the ultimate listener I had always been searching for.

Footnote:

1) The most commonly accepted exact quote for Isaiah 43:1 is: *"But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.'"*