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# Perspective depends on place of viewing

The word "perspective" has to do with the relative importance of facts or matters as viewed from a particular viewpoint (Thus saith the Britannica dictionary). Thus one gets a different impression when he views an object from the air than from the ground., or examines an event from an historical perspective rather than on the day it happens.

Ever since I've been writing this column I've tried to look at facts and events from a spiritual perspective. This doesn't mean I'm necessarily religious. Viewed from today's standards, I'm not religious at all. In fact, many of my friends think I'm a bit irreligious — a supposition which delights some, disturbs others, and soundly confuses the rest. However, I am one of those peculiar persons who can't help but see the hand of God in everything around me. Thus, when I write I look at things from God's eye. (By the way, being irreligious is something of an advantage here since I don't have to view God from any sectarian perspective).

In writing this column I have tried to take into account that many of the readers just aren't tuned in to the same wave length I'm tuned to. Some resent any mention of God. That's too bad but to refrain from talking about Him would be as irresponsible as a political columnist who refuses to write about the President because some of his readers are Democrats. And I, for one, believe God to be just as real as the President and a good bit more responsible).

Other readers feel that mention of God should be limited to the "church news" page of the paper. These are the religious ones who say they leave religion to the preachers while they run the business. That's equally ridiculous, seeing as how God not only controls city politics (granted sometimes it looks like He's on a long vacation) but is responsible for handing out the world's money as well. There may be some self-made men who doubt this concept, but see who they holler to when things begin to collapse around them.

Last Friday I flew over Disney World. Earlier in the year when I took the kids over for a day of madness, all I could see was the wonder of an electronic wonderland. Then Friday I saw the "Magic Kingdom" from a different perspective. At 8,000 feet it's nothing more than a tiny dot of artificiality surrounded by unlimited miles of God's genuine creation. You see, it all depends on how you look at things. As for me, I'm satisfied to keep on looking at people and events from Heaven's viewpoint.