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Throughout the ages, the overwhelming majority of civilization has believed in a deity of some form. Whether this deity is called God, a Great Architect of the Universe, or simply a Higher Power, from the beginning of time people from all over the world have believed that there is something more than what can be perceived on this plane of existence.

Although this common and inherent belief structure is universal, it is practiced in countless different ways. Some people will pray to a Supreme Being. Others seek the intercession of various saints or prophets. Yet attempt to commune with guardian angels or recently deceased relatives. However, one thing is true: mankind has sought the intercession of beneficent spiritual entities during times of crises.

Humans have always believed that these spiritual beings – in whatever form they may take – are there, guiding and assisting us throughout eternity; and that in times of turmoil, we are not alone.

However, this universal belief system begs the question: if one accepts the fact that these beneficent spiritual entities exist which can be called upon to provide guidance and protect us, then the converse must be true. There must be *others*.