GLIMMERS OF GOD/ECHOES OF EDEN

*An anthropological study done by David Hay – ‘The Soul of Britain’ in November 2001*

Below are the different aspects of spirituality that English people were asked about (75% of all people surveyed reported some sort of religious experience)

**‘Meaning Making’** – *the recognition of a pattern of events in a person’s life that convinces them that in some way those events, whether happy or sad are part of an unfolding transcendent meaning*

*(55% of all people surveyed in Britain reported this in their lives)*

Q – Can you think of a time in your life when you’ve experienced this?

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**‘Presence of God’** – *an experience or sense of God’s presence that makes difficult experiences bearable. Eg – “I felt that God answered my prayer by making his presence felt. God supported me in my suffering”*

*(38% of all people surveyed in Britain reported this in their lives)*

Q – Can you think of a time in your life when you’ve experienced this?

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**‘Sacred presence in nature’ –** *a presence that ‘rolls through all things’*

*(29% of people surveyed in Britain reported this in their lives)*

Q – Can you think of a time in your life when you’ve experienced this?

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**‘Ghosts’ –** *Feeling in touch with someone who has died*

*(25% of people surveyed in Britain reported this in their lives)*

Q – Can you think of a time in your life when you’ve experienced this?

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