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God of All Things

Akhil Chopra pays tribute to the master Creator

He knows every living and non-living creature on Earth. He never repeats a face, gives separate fingerprints to all, welcomes the dead, keeps sufficient stock of babies to be born and bathes the trees and fields with rain. He is Omnipresent, Omniscient and Omnipotent. He is the God of All Things.

As Earth's managing director, God does have a rather hectic schedule. He has so many departments to look after, so much nitty-gritty to keep in mind that among other things, God is...

Accountant

He debits the sins, credits good deeds and prepares the balance sheet with two columns, Heaven and Hell. And the figures always tally!

Computer expert

It is said that no act of ours goes unnoticed. If this were true, can you imagine the database He is handling? Keeping track of whose life to login and whose to logout, whom to save and whom to exit, whom to cut, whom to paste and whom to delete needs superb ac-

men. Bill Gates' efforts are just a drop in His ocean of computing.

Engineer

If any engineer is asked to identify the most complex machinery, the answer will invariably be the human body. The mind, a most complicated software, still stands indecipherable. Nobody has been able to duplicate blood. There is still no technology that can convert blood into milk, yet this happens naturally in a woman's body. All this speaks volumes about His engineering skill.

Scientist

We have yet to crack the mysterious formula with which He created the universe out of nothing. The solar system, the sun that constantly gives us heat and light without needing to refuel, the magic of gravity — these are just a few of the wonders He has spun for us. Even great scientists like Einstein and Newton owe their

existence to Him.

Doctor

God is no less than a doctor who treats the mental and physical wounds of human beings. Ever wondered what balm He uses? It's Time; everyone knows it is the greatest healer.

Director

Shakespeare paid a wonderful tribute to God's showmanship when he said: "The world is a theater and we all the actors." We are His *kathputhis* (puppets). Our strings are always in his hands.

Player

The game He enjoys most is hide and seek and he has been playing this game with us since Time began. He hides Himself from us and we constantly seek Him. Perhaps He is trying to tell us He cannot be seen or heard, but He can be felt. To feel Him is as good as seeing Him.

Poet

Earth's romance with the Sun and the Moon's romance with Earth reflects the imagination of a poet. His poetry is also echoed in the fact that, along with the beautiful moon and the stars, he gave us poets like Amir Khusro and Ghalib.

Painter

The magnificent colors in His creations inspire awe in His ability as a painter. The browns of the earth, the greens of Nature, the azure of the sky, the medley of colors in flowers and butterflies can only be described as breathtaking. The colors don't merely differentiate; they make His Earth look like a masterpiece. And, in spite of our constant efforts at ruining His creation, the sun still rises as unblemished as it did during the first dawn.

Judge

A good judge is unbiased in his dealings, which makes God the best judge. In His eyes, no one is despised. This is why even the poorest man on earth has unflinching faith in Him.

Teacher

He teaches us great lessons without a word. Those who refuse to learn from the great Teacher feel the brunt of his invisible *lathi* (stick).

Driver

If God were not such an adept driver, His passengers would not be able to enjoy the journey from womb to tomb.

Sage

A sage is known for his love for silence. God, too, loves silence. Trees, flowers and the grass grow in silence. The sun, the moon and the stars move in silence. It is through the silence of meditation that we communicate best with Him.

Like sages, who remain aloof but wish everyone well, God too remains invisible but showers His love on everyone from above. His love is reflected in the fact that man is said to be created in God's own image.

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