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God is love, says 1 John 4:16; so, is love God? It would seem to follow. We know what the meaning of *is* is. It's not that simple, most church folks tell me, citing complications. But what if it is? What if God is a gift of nature? We love one another and being beloved—in the bliss of which lovemaking, we often plead, “oh God, oh God!” Is this not then sufficient grace?