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## SPOT THE ODD ONE OUT

\*It would be "something odd, and indeed mistaken [to expect direct responses from God to prayers for the wellbeing of others]. I think it would be extremely difficult to believe in the kind of universe in which there was some enormous heavenly computer which, as it were, was logging a million requests a minute and then ordering the universe in some inconceivably complicated way to see that the maximum number of requests were fulfilled without messing up everybody's life. So I don't believe in a God of that kind". (Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, February 1985).

\*"Prayer is not God doing things for us.

Prayer is God helping us to help ourselves.

Prayer does not change circumstances, it changes us." (from an Evangelical magazine).

\*I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt... you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea', and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Jesus Christ, Matt ch21 v21-22).\*\*\*