

Katy Perry: I Believe in Aliens and Astrology But Not God

Katy Perry, who has never shied away from talking about her faith and her Christian upbringing, recently opened up about answered prayers, spirituality and her boyfriend, John Mayer.

Perry, whose given name is Katheryn Hudson, was raised in a Pentecostal home as the middle child of two traveling ministers. In an interview for the February cover story of *GQ*, Perry talked about how God answered her prayers about her body at age 11.

"I've never had any plastic surgery," the pop superstar said. "Not a nose, not a chin, not a cheek, not a t—. So my messages of self-empowerment are truly coming from an au naturel product."

The 29-year-old also discussed her on-again-off-again relationship with John Mayer.

"I think that I needed to grow up," she said. "I'm just having a wonderful experience with a wonderful guy. There's no rush."

Perry's 14-month marriage to Russell Brand ended when he sent her a text message that he was filing for divorce.

She wrote about the ordeal in "By the Grace of God," a soul-bearing song on her latest album: "By the grace of God (there was no other way)/I picked myself back up (I knew I had to stay)/I put one foot in front of the other/And I looked in the mirror and decided to stay/Wasn't gonna let love take me out that way."

"That song is evident of how tough it really was at a certain point," Perry told *Billboard* magazine. "I asked myself, 'Do I

want to endure? Should I continue living?' All the songs are real-life moments."

Last month Perry made it clear that she no longer identifies with Christianity. "I don't believe in a heaven or a hell or an old man sitting on a throne. I believe in a higher power bigger than me because that keeps me accountable," she said.

In the *GQ* interview, the pop star said she sees "everything through a spiritual lens."

She added, "I believe in a lot of astrology. I believe in aliens. I look up into the stars and I imagine: How self-important are we to think that we are the only life-form?"