

Vol 1, Day 4: Why doesn't God do what I think He should

I received this email, "What does one do when you've lost all sense of God? I just don't get why history has played out like it has and God does not intervene. Even if He showed me, just to put me in my place, that would be better than His cold silence. Why doesn't He speak? And if He does, then why doesn't He make it obvious it's Him and not just in my head. Why does He make it so I have to believe in something that took place thousands of years ago or make it so I have to believe it by what I see in nature or relationships or other people's experiences? Why doesn't He do something obvious? And why does He seem to be so unfair?"

That's a lot of agony. We get the same thing in the Psalms. God, why are you ignoring us? Why do we plead our case with you? And it seems like the heavens are quiet and you don't do what we expect you to do." And if anybody's serious about engaging in a deeply intimate relationship with God, those are going to be the honest questions they have because we know life doesn't go the way we hope it would or think it should.

If God loves us and is involved in our life, then certainly He would make sure the painful things in our experience don't happen. Or so we might think. However, the reality is that God is making Himself known in a very selfish world. We each think that God should act in certain ways. But we fail to believe that He is wiser than us.

Even the leaders of God's defined religion, Judaism, wanted miraculous signs and sensibility to act in ways we see fit. Occasionally God does those kinds of incredible things. Jesus did myriad miracles. It is our own distrust that prevents us from seeing them. We think God should operate in our wisdom, which isn't all that great!.