

Did God cause the pandemic to teach mankind a lesson?

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I was asked the question, “Did God bring this pandemic to teach us a lesson?” I replied, “Absolutely not.”

It’s been a frequent assumption over the ages by some people, that when disaster hits a group of people, they must be the target of God’s wrath for some type of evil they have indulged or represent. This type of thinking is what I call, “old theology.”

By “old theology,” I’m talking about old worn-out concepts of God that are not current with Jesus Christ’s teachings about God as a God of Love.

Jesus did not teach a God of punishment. He taught a God of Love. When suffering people came to him for help, Jesus did not condemn them to oblivion for their errors. He condemned any sin and saved them from their suffering. He loved them, freed them and healed them.

Suffering in the world is never caused by God. It’s an opportunity to prove that God is present to take away suffering and restore harmony. As Christianity teaches, by living and understanding the Love of God, we can overcome evil with good. We can conquer pandemics, plagues, and other disasters.

When our neighbor is hit by tragedy, the occasion is not to point a finger of blame. It’s a call on our compassion to come to their aid with love that helps and heals.

God never causes bad things to happen. God causes only good things to occur.

God is Love!

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