

Finding God Part 3

Is it pain and suffering that shreds a person's faith in God?

It seems not. The human spirit can withstand enormous discomfort if the circumstances make sense. Martyrs, political prisoners and war heroes have proved it.

So, **first**, many who want to know what life is all about are baffled by God's silence. They say that if God cares about us and wants to bring us close to himself, why doesn't he explain himself? Why won't he do it?

Second, the Bible indicates that God doesn't owe us any explanation. As the prophet Isaiah puts it, "Truly you are a God who hides himself." Isaiah 45.15. So "the secret things belong to the Lord our God" (Deuteronomy 29.29) and we find that "his greatness is beyond understanding." Psalm 145.3 (Good News Bible).

Third, does such mystery frustrate us? Well, the only way to get a full explanation of life's mystery is to become a Christian!

Those who turn to God in repentance are given a partial understanding now, with the promise of a full and complete explanation in the life to come. 1 Corinthians 13.12.

In other words, joining God's family entitles us to share some of the family secrets now.

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**"Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.
Now I know in part; then I shall know fully." 1 Corinthians 13.12 (NIV).**

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