Where is God in all this?

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Amidst the myriad reports of suffering from the Covid-19 virus, some people have wondered, "Where is God in all this?"

I recently read an article in the New York Times titled, "Where is God in a pandemic?" written by James Martin, a Jesuit priest. The sub-title to his article was, "The honest answer is, we don't know."

In his piece, he outlines many traditional Christian beliefs about God that often bring comfort to many embroiled in suffering, but in summary he writes, "In the end, the most honest answer to the question of why the Covid-19 virus is killing thousands of people, why infectious diseases ravage humanity and why there is suffering at all is: We don't know. For me, this is the most honest and accurate answer."

It's a verdict that hundreds of millions of people around the world hold in common.

But there is an answer! God does not cause the suffering. God is not in the suffering. God has nothing to do with the suffering. God is Love, and divine Love is present to save humanity from the suffering.

As Christian Science explains, suffering is the effect of error. Mary Baker Eddy wrote, "**Error**, **not Truth, produces all the suffering on earth**" (<u>Science and Health, p. 386</u>). She defines error as, "...a supposition that pleasure and pain, that intelligence, substance, life are existent in matter" (<u>Science and Health, p. 472</u>).

We can help alleviate suffering around the world by defeating the belief system that life and intelligence abide in matter and are capable of destroying health. Jesus Christ proved this belief system to be erroneous. He healed disease and restored people to health through his understanding of Truth. He did not believe in error. He did not believe that matter was in control. His understanding of divine control empowered him to neutralize germs and save lives. He believed in God, in Life and health.

Christian Science continues this ministry today, teaching that matter is not in control of our health, and that Spirit is present to keep us healthy and strong.

Where is God in all this? God is in the same place God has always been. God is Truth and is found in Truth. The belief system that matter is in control through disease is not a truth. It's an error that Truth defeats.

Let's side with Truth and win this battle.

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