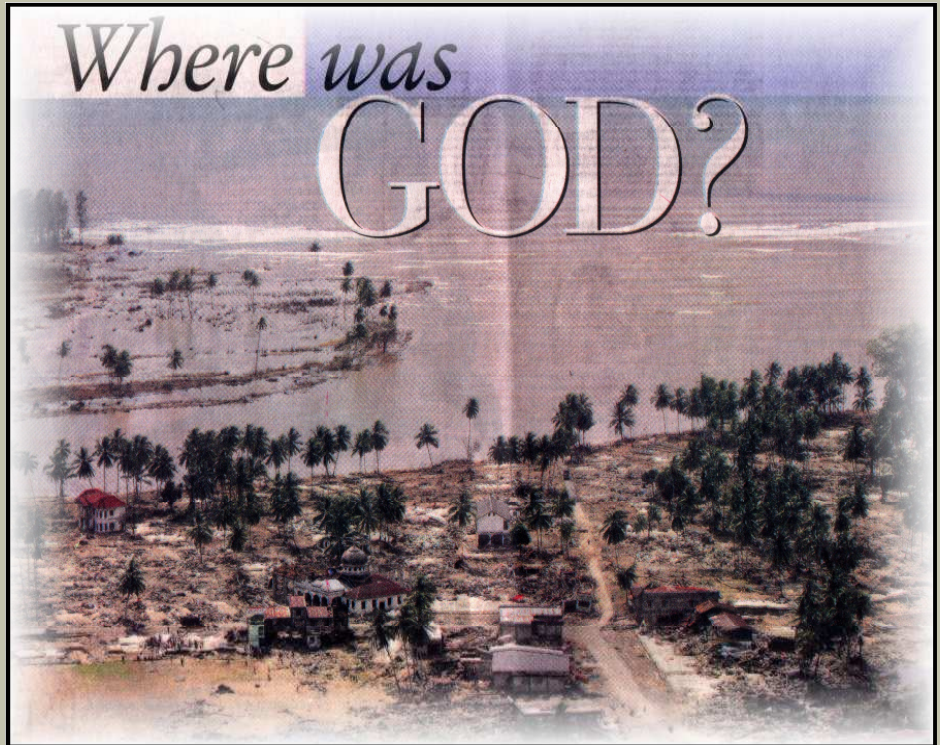


## QUESTION: Just Where WAS God?

**O**n December 26, 2004, the day after Christmas, an earthquake measuring between 9.1 and 9.3, the third largest earthquake ever recorded on a seismograph, struck in the Indian Ocean, triggering a series of devastating tsunamis, and killing over 230,000 people in 14 countries.

This earthquake was the longest duration ever observed, between 8.3 and 10 minutes. It caused the entire planet to vibrate as much as 1 cm (0.4 inches). The hardest hit area was **Indonesia**, followed by **Sri Lanka**, **India** and **Thailand**.

Following this disaster, a major newspaper printed this article to the right, asking the question, “Where was **GOD**” while this horrible disaster took the lives of so many?



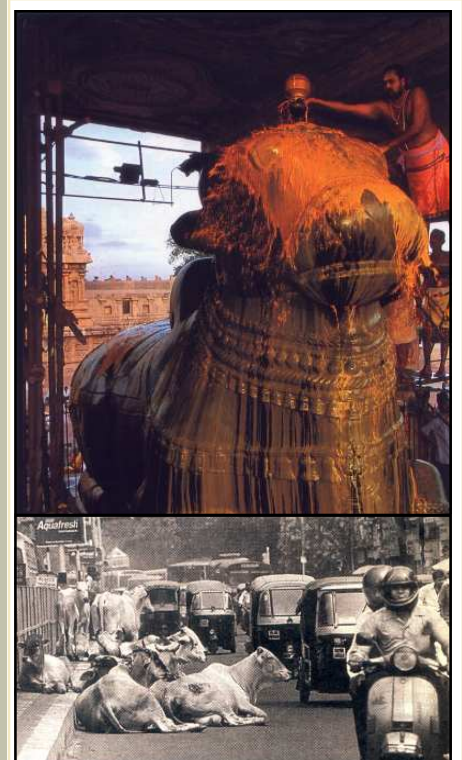
God did not abandoned man in all his sorrow, for “**the EYES of the Lord are in EVERY PLACE, beholding the EVIL and the GOOD**” (PROVERBS 15:3).

God watched as the masses dedicated a Hindu temple for rats, because the rats were believed to be the incarnations of tribal souls, waiting for their rebirth. God also watched from heaven as a little child placed his arms in a tray full of

milk, as the rats drank their fill at the Kami Mata Hindu temple in the town of Deshnoke in India.



God was watching as motorist in Delhi, India, paid homage to a “cow” whom they consider sacred due to their Hindu mythology. Cows could be found munching on garbage, dozing at traffic intersections, striding through shopping centers while leaving their cow droppings, and causing diseases.





## "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

God was watching the nations in all this region of the tsunamis as they went about their daily devotions to their goddess Durg, as well as to their many other gods.



God was even there at a certain Hindu festival in India, and watched as a holy man offered up prayers to the Hindu sun god while he stood in the water, hoping to wash away his sins, according to ancient Hindu scriptures.

So, where was God all this time as people were losing their lives in the



worst natural disaster in history? God was there all the time, even before the news of the dead was announced to the world.

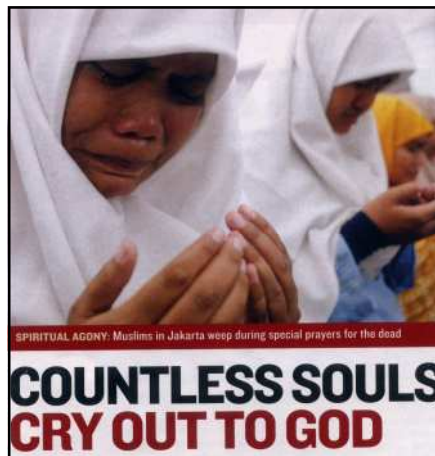
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God was there while the toll of the dead rose as they mourned.



God was there when the Muslims of Jakarta were offering special prayers for the dead.



But the reason God would not intervene in their affairs is very clear in the Word of God:

*"Because I have **CALLED**, and ye **REFUSED**; I have **STRECHED OUT** my hand, and **NO MAN** regarded; but ye have **SET AT NOUGHT** all my counsel, and would **NONE** of my reproof.*

*I also will **LAUGH** at your calamity; I will **MOCK** when your fear cometh; when your **FEAR** cometh as **DESOLATION**, and your **DESTRUCTION** cometh as a **WHIRL-WIND**; when **DISTRESS** and **ANGUISH** cometh upon you.*

***THEN** shall they **CALL UPON ME**, but **I WILL NOT ANSWER**; they shall **SEEK ME EARLY**, but they **SHALL NOT FIND ME**: [**WHY?**]*

*For that they **HATED** knowledge, and **DID NOT CHOOSE** the fear of the Lord: **THEY WOULD NONE** of my counsel: they **DESPISED ALL** my reproof.*

*Therefore shall they **EAT OF THE FRUIT OF THEIR OWN WAY**, and be **FILLED** with their **OWN** devices.*

*For the **TURNING AWAY** of the simple shall slay them, and the **PROSPERITY OF FOOLS** shall destroy them.*

*But whoso **HEARKENETH UNTO ME** shall **DWELL SAFELY**, and shall be **QUIET** from fear of evil" (PROVERBS 1:24-33). God so loved the world, that He is still calling with a stretched out hand. Just take His hand!*