

# Why do 'BAD THINGS' Happen?



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On July 25, 2000, Air France Concorde Flight 4590 crashed in Gonesse, France. All one hundred passengers and nine crew members on board the flight, and four people on the ground, were killed. Above is a picture of that flight while the passengers in that plane were still alive. Why did it happen?

Suspended in time is the famous picture-shot of United Airlines Flight 175, just before it rammed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, killing all on board. Why did it happen?

And in 2004, massive sea surges triggered by an 8.9 magnitude earthquake deep under the Indian Ocean killed 229,866 (*total varies*) people, the biggest tsunami the world has seen in at least 40 years. Why did this happen? In one article related to this tragedy, the writer asked the question, "Where was GOD?"

The answer is simple: God never left. God is our Creator, and He is always here. He has said "...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (HEBREWS 13:5) to those that put their trust in Him (PSALM 2:12 & PROV. 30:5).

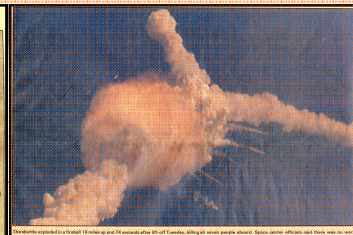
God has been, and always will be, eternally PRESENT at all times. It is "MAN" that has "left" God. God is here on a "rescue mission" to deliver us from the damage that SIN has caused after entering this world.

God is NOT responsible for all the worldwide carnage, but OUR disobedience to Him IS. God sent His Son into the world to pay the penalty of sin for us, DEATH, and then, through his resurrection, destroying the POWER



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Schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe (center) smiles as she leaves crew quarters to board the space shuttle Challenger flanked by astronauts Ellison S. Onizuka (right) and Michael Smith. Forces winds and a hatch that wouldn't close properly forced NASA to again postpone the launch of Challenger yesterday, the second straight shuttle mission hindered by fickle Florida weather. The launch was rescheduled for today.



## The Challenger Disaster

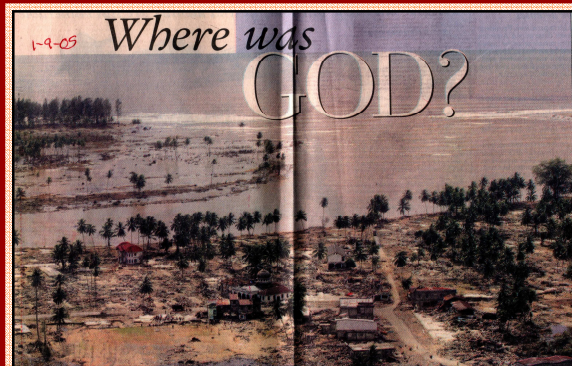
January 28, 1986, a jubilant group of astronauts boarded the space shuttle Challenger after a postponed launch the day before. The shuttle exploded in a fireball 10 miles up and 74 seconds after lift-off, killing all seven aboard.



that death had on us all, but ONLY IF we believe on him.

"...by one man sin entered into the world, and DEATH by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that ALL have sinned." (ROMANS 5:12).

Years ago, an individual asked the believers from the upper room a question: "...Sirs, what must I DO to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (ACTS 16:30-31). It's just that simple. Repent to God now, before it's too late.



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