

Life Cycles

Why has this earthquake happened to us in Christchurch? Understandably many people may be questioning their faith at this time or looking towards some sense of a bigger picture as they make sense of this tragedy.

Since time began people have been trying to make sense of the mysteries of the world. Religions have been formed to make sense, or a story around, of that which is unknowable. Unquestioningly there has been some who have touched this space and have spoken of it. These are the people who have brought us different types of religion through the ages.

But with or without God the earthquake happened.

I can't claim to have been touched by the Word of God and never knew this earthquake was going to happen but for me it is useful to use the analogy of God or some larger picture to help make sense of this event.

God has always been interconnected with Nature and to the sense of continuing evolution, from the beginning through to now, that this world keeps marching to. What is it that is behind this evolution, the part that is continuous and constant and ever present?

As an example: Did we as individuals decide to be born? No, our brains were not formed to even have the concept of birth at that stage. So what is it that matures us and grows us, allows us to learn to walk and to talk and even to learn? All of this is much larger than us all. Even with all the genetic engineering in the world, we still have to rely on this natural 'source' to grow the product, as it grows our food and brings us our water.

Humans are tremendous and have overtaken every other animal in the kingdom but still we are reliant on our relationship with source/nature/God.

With the advancing evolution of humanity we have been able to build stronger buildings and accurately measure and sometimes predict these natural occurrences, but could any human have stopped this earthquake. No. Just as we can predict the weather and measure the formation of a child in the womb, we cannot change the weather or the formation of the child. This still lies in the mysterious unchangeable.

It is prophesised in the bible that this is our task, to have dominion over the earth but also that we can become partners with this source, this nature, this God, so we can live in harmony with it.

It is possible, and it does appear, that we are constantly moving forward to this goal.

It is a known and natural part of this Source/God/Constant to destroy; this is one of its multiple personalities. There is sun and stillness (aligning with joy, peace and happiness) but there are earthquakes, floods and fires which bring with them destruction.

Incidentally, this destruction is what made parts of our beautiful country in the first place. In our personal lives it can be the tragedy that we face that make us the full people we become, tragedy can change us in irreparable ways and move us forward to beautiful things.

But there is an important part of this natural process that needs to be worked with and not against.

Destruction and death comes. Then an important time arrives, that of chaos, that of grief, that of disorganisation, that of unknowing. This is part of the picture, part of the natural way of any disaster in any animal kingdom.

In all the talk of rebuilding and renewal, which will happen automatically as is the Way, there is also all these other states which are all part of the whole.

Do not rush, be in the disorganisation, the disruption, the grief, the chaos for this to is Life, this too is All and All.

Christchurch will rebuild and people who have lost loved ones will go on for this is Life and this is Nature but there is also the space just after this great event where fear, disorientations, chaos is a natural part of the process, Let yourself be with this space too...

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