

How can God allow this to happen?

Based on God's 'New Revelation' received by Jakob Lorber

You sure have heard from people the "No-God argument". "This terrible incident (e.g. accident, tsunami, earthquake, Stalin, Hitler, Holocaust, 9/11, genocide, war etc. etc.) proves, that either there is a God but he is not almighty or there is none, because if there were one, he would not allow this to happen.

How to respond?

The response has to be based on two foundations:

- (a) Our non energetic body, and
- (b) God's principle of total freedom of action.

The above reasoning would be correct if our material life would be the only one. But Jesus Jehovah has taught us via Jakob Lorber that every human being consists of three non-material energetic entities. The first is a soul similar to animals, a higher soul placing us above animals and resulting in our general awareness and a purely spiritual one manifesting itself e.g. as consciousness. After our physical death these energetic entities continue to live in the energetic realm of the beyond with the lower soul as our new body.

Thus death of the physical body does in no way mean the end of everything. Everybody who was killed in the quake in Haiti, or in Ruanda, or on 9/11, or in the Holocaust, and so on, continues to live in the beyond. These people soon became happy and blessed if they were prepared to live according to the principles of heaven (humility, love for God and love for the neighbor). They will, however, remain unhappy and unblessed as long as they choose to live according to the principles of hell (egoism, arrogance and greed for power).

God is almighty and He could have prevented all those atrocities of 9/11, the wars and the killings that came with them. However, then He would have had to interfere with the freedom of will and liberty of action of all people who committed these atrocities.

For example: He could have paralyzed all Nazi and SS commandos who shipped Jews to death camps and all commanders of death camps who killed them, He could have let the terrorists who planned and executed the 9/11 attacks have deadly heart attacks, strokes or painful diseases, and so

on. He could even have prevented the tsunami and the many earth quakes (which have partly their origin in the spiritual behavior of humanity).

What would have been the reaction of the people who would have witnessed the sudden diseases, these paralyzed and killed soldiers, commanders, politicians etc.? People would have been convinced that a higher force must have intervened and would have been forced to believe in it out of sheer terror, the total contrary of the initial plan of God to place man on earth completely free and independent in thinking and acting. Instead of having free children and friends such corrections or interventions God would wind up with terrified slaves or with robots who would do only something if the omnipotence of God would force them to some action according to the following examples.

[Great Gospel of John 07_052,07] Said I: "I have explained that God, because of His eternal order, may not influence man in his inner spiritual development by guiding and directing him with His omnipotence. Since, if God would do this, man in himself would become a dead machine and could never reach the freest independence of life.

[08] Bring Me the worst cut-throat, and I will instantly change him into an angel of light; but at the same time his individuality would be as good as dead! But as I withdraw the spirit of My omnipotent will, his individuality becomes active again, and the old cut-throat will stand before you. His love is to rob and to murder and it is therefore his life; if you take this away from him, he is completely dead and has totally ceased to exist.

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[Great Gospel of John 07_062,03] Said I: "The way a blind man judges about colors, you judge about spiritual matters! But I think, that actually He, who created man, knows it quite best, how He has to guide and treat the people, so that they may sooner or later reach the goal, which He has set them. I have performed signs for you which have obliged you to believe, that I and eternally no other is the promised Messiah. But this coercion does not really serve the salvation of your soul, as you will only be blessed, if you live according to My word.

[04] Believe Me: If I wanted to convert you people to machines, it would only take a thought of Mine enforced by My will, and the whole temple and the whole large country wherein the Jewish people live, would impossibly recognize Me as anything else than the Messiah - Jehovah Zebaoth! But would it help all Jews and all gentiles? I say to you: Truly, no more than this wooden food bowl, which - as you will see in a moment - will start to move in all directions according to My will!

[05] See, the bowl already lives and floats in the air like a bird! Would you like to exchange your being with it? See, it is very much alive and can move in all directions; but it does not have a self-awareness, but My very own consciousness penetrates it and makes it alive. You can even ask the bowl questions, and it will without mouth and tongue answer you. But will you ever believe, that the bowl on its own lives, thinks wisely and can speak

without mouth and tongue?!

[06] But I tell you even more: With My omnipotence I can maintain this apparent life of the bowl forever. But will it therefore have an own, independent and free life as I do? Forever not; since as long as I keep it alive with My pure might, it is on its own as good as completely dead. Since its apparent life is only My willpower in it and therefore My very own life. If I withdraw this, the old death and the old, necessary judgment of all matter is there, and you will see no life in it, - no matter how gaily it now moves in all directions back and forth.

[07] And see, man would have a similar life, if I were to force him with My omnipotence or with such signs, which leaves man no room for free thought. And thus a free unbelief is for man endless times better than a forced belief; because the fullest and most independent freedom of will in man is the great plan of God with man. Man can be taught completely harmlessly by God what he has to do to attain the completion of life in him; but he may never ever be forced with God's or by another spirit's might. If this occurs, man is judged, thus completely dead in himself and does not exist as a free and independent being anymore.

This is why God never interferes with His omnipotence on Earth in order to force man to act the good way. He allows World War II with Auschwitz and Hiroshima, Chernobyl, earth quakes (to test whether men observe the commandment of solidarity – love your fellow man like yourself) and now allows the destruction of species and environmental change to happen so men can keep their total liberty. This because for God the total liberty and freedom of thought and will of even only one human being ranks higher than the material life of all plants, animals and men on the surface of the planet.

*[Household of God 01_029,18] And behold, this happened to the two because they had become proud of their wisdom and as sons of princes had forgotten that true wisdom consists only in the greatest humility and that once this is neglected, also wisdom can debase. Since this was the case with them, **they could not be advised or helped without interfering with their freedom. This I cannot do in the least, for the least part of freedom is worth endlessly more than the natural life of all living beings on earth.** This explains the might allowed in wars, be it even for the sake of only one man's freedom of will and action.*

With the instant continuation of life of the individual soul and spirit God can repair in the beyond every material damage which men commit on Earth. This of course is a warning to mankind and we all should be aware of this. Because if mankind does not stop its irresponsible behavior it will have to face dire consequences. For example climate change: Jesus predicted if we do not change half the population of this planet will perish due to the collapse of food production and lack of water.

[Great Gospel of John 05_109,01] (The Lord) :)"Look at the mountains full of forests and shrubs. Behold, these absorb a suitable number of all the

nature spirits (electricity, magnetic fluid) compatible with them. Go and deforest all the mountains and you will soon become aware of the most dire consequences. Thereby great masses of free, very crude nature spirits will begin to more and more fill the atmosphere above the whole earth. Since these do not find a suitable abode and sphere of activity, they will begin to cluster in great masses and, driven by their hunger and thirst (assimilative instinct), cause the worst, all-devastating gales and ruin entire countries to such an extent that in a hundred, often a thousand years nothing will be growing there but here and there a moss plant. Thus there are to this very day on the wide world places extending for many leagues which are as bare of vegetation as the desolate, barren limestone on the shores of the Dead Sea in Lower Palestine into which the river Jordan is flowing.

[02] Well, is that perhaps also My will? Oh no! Where men must have freedom of will and freedom of action so that they can become human beings also in spirit, I Myself do not interfere — no matter how foolishly they may act. All I do is allow them to reach, unperturbed, that which they have so eagerly striven for as if their life's happiness depended on it. It does not make any difference to Me whether the consequences are good or bad. What they create they get. Although I know what will happen afterwards, I can — and must — not intervene with My omnipotence; for if I do that, man ceases to be a man. He is then nothing else but an animated machine and can be of no value forever, either for himself or for Me. For he resembles a writer who is not capable of writing any syllable himself, but if he should write nonetheless, a scribe must guide his hand from A to Z; and if he has written an essay in this way, he nonetheless does not understand it. And even if he has written a hundred thousand letters in this way, he is nonetheless just as little a writer himself as the stylus with which he wrote. Just as little the man of this Earth would be a man if the free will was not left thoroughly untouched and likewise his acting.

[03] The will can surely be directed through all sorts of doctrines and laws; but neither a doctrine nor any law can prevent the free will from carrying out what it wants to do. If the will of man wants to adopt a doctrine and a law as the guideline for his actions, he will in any case direct himself accordingly without any inner compulsion; but if he doesn't want this, no power of the world and the heavens can force him – and neither must! For, as I said: Without free will man is no longer a man, but instead purely an animated machine, like the machines that the people will invent with time, which will perform the same artificial tasks that now hardly any person is in a position to do. But such a machine will nonetheless not be a human being, neither according to the form nor even less to the inner freely-working reality; for it has no free will and can therefore never perform any independent action. Whatever the human will has laid in it, it will perform, and never anything else.

[04] But man can, out of himself, do whatever he likes, and no one can prevent him from doing it. Thus, man can do what he likes with the Earth that carries and nourishes his body; and only the consequences will teach

him whether his will was good or evil.

[05] Therefore every human being has reason and as a consequence of that, intellect. He can become enlightened through doctrine, worldly laws and every kind of experience and then choose spontaneously what is good, right and true and determine his course of action accordingly. With all this he suffers no coercion, since he himself chooses freely what he has recognized as good, right and true.

[06] But we can experience only too tangibly day by day from hundreds of cases that people nonetheless very often spurn all they have recognized as good, just and true mostly out of temporal interests, and act to the contrary. And from this proceeds the fact that the freedom of human will cannot be endangered or restricted by anything. And so it is very possible that as time goes by people will be able to invent great things and also affect the nature of the Earth, so that in the end it will have to be quite considerably damaged. The consequences of this will certainly not be anything pleasant and will seem to be a certain punishment for the wrongly used will, but not wanted at all by Me, but instead brought forth through the will of man.

[07] If the people want another Deluge, they only have to dig up the mountains and they will open the floodgates of the underground waters! If they want to see the whole Earth in flames, they only have to destroy all the forests, and the spirits of nature (electricity) will multiply so much that the Earth will suddenly be clothed in an ocean of fire and lightning! Would it then be Me who want to destroy the Earth through the fire?! Therefore teach the people to be wise, otherwise they themselves will bring the curse of judgment upon themselves! But I know that it will happen, and nonetheless I cannot and may not act against it through My omnipotence, but only through My teaching – do you understand that?”

Having said that, the Lord asserts quite strongly that the free will of the individual does not mean that He does not let the fate of peoples and nations float around without guidance:

[Gifts of Heaven GH.03_40.08.15,13] [The Lord:] “Now you will see things in a different light if you learn that **without My accord nothing happens and nothing can ever happen. Sure every person has the complete freedom of his willpower, but the guidance of the peoples is My domain.** – This I have told you so that your hearts are at ease, without which you will not be able to achieve anything higher. The Sabbath’s rest be your highest blessing.

[Robert Blum RB.01_024,11] You will also not be able to claim that the most righteous godhead never chastised a bad regent! Just look at world history right from the start and you will find thousands of regents who were severely punished due to bad leadership of the peoples which had been put into their care.

[RB.01_024, 12] Nevertheless an old experience has always been proved correct. It takes a harsh tyrant rather than a good and mild regent to render a people better and more governable. So the godhead arranges for rough regents to take power mostly because that way they can act as disciplinary rod in case their people become evil. That way these peoples will be forced to put on penance and to improve so that the godhead, without any doubt, will give them better regents. And it always has done so."

So whether or not you like a leader, a president, chancellor, one of the remaining kings/queens, or even a dictator, God had and has the control of their ascent to power.

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