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Why we remain Christians: The Reality of God's Omnipotence A Commentary by Jason Curry



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I find it helpful to entertain the perspectives of people who often disagree with me because they provide me with another opportunity to grow spiritually and to understand the every-changing intellectual terrain of my environment. Not to long ago, I entertained a piercing but profound question from a colleague who made an intellectual decision not to be a Christian. In essence, he said: "People are often killed by disasters like earthquakes and floods, and they appear to have done nothing to offend God. If your God is omnipotent (all-powerful), then He definitely allowed these things to happen. Why do you believe in a God that allows bad things to happen? Personally, I have no use for this God." I understood and appreciated his question. It wasn't the first time that I had heard it; however, it was the first time that I thought that I had a reasonable and prayerful response to it. In essence, I said: "It is true that we serve an all-powerful God. Some Christians still

say: 'He sits high, He looks low, and still cares for His own.' However, we don't always know why God brings challenges our way. Indeed, challenges, catastrophes and tragedies sometimes bring people into a closer relationship with God, and sometimes they cause a profound breach in their current relationship with God. I wholeheartedly understand the position of those who have seen or experienced loss and now have no time for our God. But, I think that's its important for you to understand that Christians have never limited God's influence in human affairs to the challenging or catastrophic things that happen to people. Those of us who still believe in an omnipotent God have not made all of the right decisions in life, but we know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that we are still here because of God's grace and mercy. Many of us have made some profound mistakes in life, be we are still here because God has looked beyond our faults and saw about our needs. Some of us have tried to create our own destiny's,

make money and wealth our idols, find happiness in superficial relationships and ignore the God that helped our mothers and fathers, but we only found peace in our lives with the scripture: 'Trust the Lord, with all your heart. Lean not to your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge the Lord, and he shall direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).'" In essence, I said: "The reality of God's omnipotence is sometimes a bit tough to swallow, but we would rather live this life with God than live it without God. In fact: 'If God be for us who can be against us (Romans 8:31).'"