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The transition from 2004 to 2005 has been electrifying. The international ramifications of the deaths of so many people, and the wrecked livelihoods of multitudes of survivors, has brought about an international outpouring of concern and aid in the wake of the massive earthquake and tsunamis that destroyed the coastlines of many nations in the southeast Asian region. This response, even toward an area of the world which of late has exhibited antagonism toward Christians and Jews, is encouraging, amazing, and comforting. The outpouring of concern, aid, funds, and love, reveals the truth that those who have grown up in nations that traditionally adhere to Judeo-Christian ethics understand the value of human life, and willingly desire, and are even compelled, to help others in need, even if the majority of those affected do not hold the same ideologies or religious affiliation. Even those who do not adhere to Christianity or Judaism within many nations have caught the urgency, and are willingly giving of their resources to assist in the clean-up and rehabilitation. It seems all mankind has been mobilized by this event!

Therefore, as often has been historically demonstrated in such disasters, in the midst of tragedy, God's love, grace, and mercy are extended, and many people find themselves willing to listen to the gospel message.

However at the same time, many still ask, "Where is God?" "If God indeed exists, why do tragedies occur?" Or we hear sentiments such as, "A loving God would not let this happen! Therefore, God either does not exist, or He is a big bully! He certainly does not live up to His loving reputation!" So man's perception of God is directly challenged. In the minds and hearts of many, since this disaster was caused by natural phenomena rather than either man-made political strife or misplaced idealism, God is singled out. After all, someone must be responsible! In the desire for explanation and justice, there must be a perpetrator to accuse. Therefore, for lack of any other suspect, God is blamed!

The questions and accusations cannot, and should not, be dismissed. Rather, we must realize these are honest cries of suffering humanity, revealing frustration and anger at the apparent injustice of such obviously tragic devastation and loss of life. But, was the earthquake and resultant tsunamis an "act of God?" The answers are neither a simple "yes" or "no."

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Is God really the perpetrator? Can we pin this "crime" on Him? And, is mankind totally exempt of any "blame" in the face of natural disaster? Is this actually a "crime?" Or is it simply nature out of control?

Obviously, the planet we live on has its imperfections, or earthquakes and tsunamis, volcanic activity, storms, avalanches, mudslides, and other natural disasters, would never occur. God created this universe and everything in it, and He pronounced it all "good." Therefore, why is it so terribly flawed and dangerous?

God Himself is the essence of "goodness." He therefore is not the author of evil. But He also does not dismiss evil as inconsequential. He is the God of righteous justice, and as such, impurity cannot dwell in His Holy presence. Rather, He requires justice be done. In this life, this justice takes the form of

natural consequence of the curse. In that sense, the rigors of justice do come from His hand. But He does not create evil. Evil entered in the form of deception and disobedience to His directive, therefore, when mankind sinned, the perfect balance of this natural world became tainted with imperfection. All creation fell under the curse. The curse is not an evil itself, rather it is a consequence of the evil. This curse has plagued all creation ever since Adam and Eve sinned. So yes, mankind, by reason of his fallen nature, must take some of the responsibility for natural disorder because of sin, and yes, God's justice plays a part also.

What sin unleashed is not the anger of a God who chooses to bring about punitive measures against innocent victims. Rather, natural disasters are the on-going evidence of a cursed world. In this world both righteous and unrighteous, young and old, innocent and criminal, fall under this curse that fell upon the earth. God does not sit in Heaven and decide to zap areas of the planet out of a vendetta against humanity. Rather, as in the case of this recent disaster, mankind has again come face to face with the reality of the curse portrayed through unbalanced natural phenomena. But God did not institute the curse upon all creation and simply leave it to wreak its devastation willi-nilly.

What is truly amazing is the fact that in God's prophetic program to deal with the sin of mankind, He has provided a plan of salvation which will bring those who truly repent into perfect communion with Himself, and ultimately, He will restore even the natural elements of "Paradise Lost." The curse will eventually be removed. But He also must allow the course of nature to totally unfold until all His prophetic word is complete. Why? Could He not just reverse the curse? Yes. But He must also give mankind the chance to choose to repent. Imperfection, death, and flawed nature, came about as a consequence of man's choice. But mankind has been offered, through Jesus Christ, the opportunity to choose to be restored to fellowship with God. Otherwise, God would indeed be unjust, and mankind would be relegated to the role of robotic pawns to be manipulated at will, and man could accuse Him of being a tyrant.

The righteous and innocent have nothing to fear from natural phenomena such as the recent earthquake and tsunamis, because this earthly life is not all there is. Mankind is an eternal being. Natural physical death is not the end. It is the unrighteous who have reason to fear, because they too are eternal, but face perpetual separation from God -- the Second Death in the Lake of Fire. Therefore, natural disasters remind each if us of the fact that our personal eternal destiny is of paramount importance, and that each person will one day stand before the Righteous Judge. Jesus Christ,

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through His shed blood atonement on the cross, has made provision for the curse of sin and death to be lifted. Each then has a choice to either accept or reject His provision. This world will come out from under the curse, but meanwhile the course of fallen nature will continue until all is fulfilled. Is God an angry, despotic, unforgiving God? No! In spite of, and in the midst of disaster, He has offered mercy and deliverance, not just for the natural existence of this life, but more importantly, for eternity!

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." I Corinthians 15:22.

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." Romans 8:22,23.

The eternal destinies of those who lost their lives must be left in God's hands, because He alone is the Righteous, yet merciful, Judge. Did God turn a blind eye to the disaster? No!! Rather, He knows each victim by name, and His love and mercy are extended and exemplified through those who administer relief and aid.

So, can we blame God for this recent natural disaster? Dare we ascribe either evil intent or abject indifference to the character of Almighty God? Absolutely not! To do so is to cloud our understanding of who He is, and of His great love and mercy, and His desire to reconcile man and all creation to Himself.

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### **The Check Doctor Credentials Theory**

**By Hugo Gallegos**

Camas, WA – Nov 25, 2004 – The behind the scenes check doctor credentials booming business. Who really supplies the doctor credential information?

In 2003, there were more than 890 million doctor visits in the U.S. according to the (CDC) Center for Diseases Control and Prevention. "More now than ever consumers are not only researching their doctor, but are also demanding the highest quality of health care" says Hugo Gallegos, President of

Check Doctor Credentials:

Doctor information (reports) such as check doctor credentials, medical doctor ratings, doctor background checks, and check surgeon quality, just a few years ago scarcely existed. Most doctor

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credential information pertaining to disciplinary actions and so on, where kept on the hush side. Now, all that has changed, consumers understand that experience varies from doctor to doctor. With more companies offering doctor credential information consumers are spending more time researching their doctors.

\* A doctor background check can be accomplished in a variety of ways depending what the consumers wants. Example: If a consumer wants to find out if his or her doctor has ever had disciplinary actions issued against them, the Federation of State Medical Boards (excluding National Practitioner Data Bank) has more doctor disciplinary report information than any other establishment in America, and the cost is \$9.95 per report.

Pros:

1. They are the undisputed heavyweights of doctor background checks for disciplinary actions.

Cons:

1. They only specialize in disciplinary doctor reports.

\* If consumers want to view medical doctor ratings on particular doctors, their are different choices available. It is not clear what their methodology is based on, however, a popular choice seems to be Health Grades Inc. They have a wide selection of doctors nationwide to choose from, however with such an enormous database, you might want to double check your info for accuracy.

Pros:

1. A huge medical doctor ratings database, bigger selection of doctors

Cons:

1. Methodologies are not clear

2. Database is so big that keeping updated information is nearly impossible.

\* For consumers who prefer only a top specialist based on extensive surveys performed, there are three well-known establishments claim they have the best doctors in America. Each one has their own methodology in place, some more extensive than others. They are

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more than 3,000 of the best doctors in America, the Best Doctors establishment with more than 30,000 best doctors in America, and the Castle Connolly establishment with more than 4,500 best doctors in America.

Pros:

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1. Methodology is much clearer
2. Only elite doctors, based on surveys conducted, are added to these databases.
3. Licensure status, certifications and other credentials are researched.
4. Best doctor databases are smaller, therefore information is easier to update.
5. Free top doctor search at

### Cons:

1. Because the number of best doctors is a small percentage, there is less to choose from.
2. Best doctors do not reside in every zip code or city, therefore you may need to travel several hundred miles.

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