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Most of us have never had to ask, “Where is God in all of this?”

We can ask that now.

Some would like to believe in charge, finally punishing us all for the sins of the sodomites and fornicators and the abortors in our midst demanding that the offenses are duly atoned for by the deaths and destruction of so many and so much.

That kind of thinking is the result of immature religion or, more accurately immature people who believe that they can know the mind of God and speak with righteousness of what that God thinks and does.

Barbara Holmes, a colleague of Richard Rohr and a woman theologian of color, believes that, **“The God who interacts in human history but is beyond human reach may surprise us with divine and secular serenades of impermanence and potential rather than the certitude and security we seek.”**

My friend and teacher, Jack Shea reminds us that, **“Although eternal life suffuses temporal becoming, it is not temporal becoming.”**

I would rather not speculate on what God is doing or not doing in these times. Real theology, meaningful talk of God often with images and not words, is, unlike football, Monday morning quarterbacking, so it is only in the past that I can glimpse God’s revelation in Christ with wonder and awe in the places and people and times that I am eternally thankful for now.