

# God's Role in Plagues

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The difficulty is when we attribute the plagues to God. I think that's a really slippery slope. When we start attributing modern plagues to God – 'God caused the earthquake, God caused the virus.' No. Animal contact and biology caused the plague. And our ability to get it in check will also be the brilliance of human minds and research and people in countries working together.

God is our ability to heal – our ability to still be connected, still stand up and breathe. We have to be careful not to call it a plague or frame it as a plague. Though we feel it like a plague, I can't believe this is God-given. God isn't striking anybody. God is holding us up.