

What I do and do not believe:
A Statement of Faith
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God is with us in our suffering,
loving us, walking with us, comforting us.
I do not believe God is the cause or author
of such suffering,
I do not believe God “allows” bad things to happen.
I can’t imagine why God would “allow” us to suffer.
I believe in a God who is always working for good,
a God who is somehow able
to take horrible, rotten thing
and create something out of the rubble.
God came into the world
amidst violence, oppression, and despair
and was able to bring life from that darkness,
and I believe that God is with each one of us
in our challenges and suffering,
comforting us and consoling us
and trying to bring goo
out of that which was so bad.
And that is what I think makes God, God.

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