

Unexplained and Unproven

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Two life experiences motivated me to write on divine intervention. It is fuel with the perception that there are no conceivable answers for the outcomes.

The first incident occurred in 1985. While driving on a four-lane highway my car was hit head on by a drunk driver traveling on the wrong side of the highway, hitting my car, tossing it upside down with me seat-belted in it. I walked away with a minor scratch on the forehead. The car was totaled. Later in the emergency room, staff said I was lucky after viewing the pictures on my cell phone.

The second incident happened in 1992. A life-threatening infection occurred following abdominal surgery. My body temperature reached 106 degrees. Antibiotics and I.V. fluids were not working fast enough for hospital staff. Packing ice cubes in terry cloths and placing them on the pulse points and bathing the entire body with ice water was the treatment, while my husband watched. This treatment became very traumatic for me to the point that my husband and I adamantly refused its continuance, demanding it be discontinued against doctor's orders. Ice packs were removed and ice water baths were stopped and the staff left the room.

My husband and I began praying continuously as the hourly blood draws continued to culture the blood for a possible cause of the infection. After two hours, my body seemed to immediately and quickly break out into a heavy sweat! This is often described in lay terms as the "temperature broke." Doctors were puzzled.

A friend of mine described the first incident of my surviving the car accident as a "divine intervention." After the second incident with my near-death experience with infection, it again occurred to me - was this another divine intervention?

This writing is not about divine providence or God's intervention in the universe. It is not about divine retribution or supernatural punishment. It is not about prophesy to predict the future. It is not to proselytize to recruit religious converts.

This writing shares events that have no human, scientific or medical evidence to disprove that there was or was not divine intervention.

As a believer in a higher being with miraculous powers, an opinion is held that there are events that cannot be explained by finite human interventions. We are provided the opportunity to form opinions based on personal beliefs, exploration and life experiences when they do not impinge upon the guaranteed rights of others. This is provided by the US Constitution.

Additionally, we have freedom of religion protected by the First Amendment of that document. Divine intervention is as personal as individual beliefs.