

## Questions and Answers with Rabbi Manis Friedman

Dedicated to Gavriel Noach and Rivkah Holtzberg

and all the other holy souls martyred in the attack on Mumbai, India

Part I:

Q: It seems like there is a very fine line between acceptance and protest. We are taught to accept everything G-d sends our way, to rise above, become stronger, use tragedy and hardship for our own growth, yet we're also told to scream, to protest, not to accept, to say "it's enough". When do we know which one to do, at what time? How do we justify G-d's actions to people, yet accept and fight it off at the same time?

Part II:

Q: In light of the events in India, how are we to understand 1) that G-d says He protects us and watches over us? 2) that we say that people on a mission to do good, are not harmed? 3) what happened to all the prayers and pure belief of so many people?

Part III:

Q: When someone dies are you supposed to be sad that they died or happy that they finished their job in this world? For example, the Holtzbergs?

Part IV:

Q: No matter what G-d does, no matter what happens and how terrible things are, the answer is "it's for the best", or "that's the way G-d wants it", even if we don't understand it. But G-d is getting away with murder. Why is that ok? Why should we accept that answer? What is motivating about G-d's so called protection and guidance?

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