

13: Jim Preory
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Dear Jim.

If I have not written you immediately after the earthquake, ^{it} does not mean that we have stopped thinking about you.

I am beginning to believe that your Creator has created an imperfect world. Just when we have emotionally accepted the Calamities in one place, ~~then~~ the Calamities in other places replace the pity we had with the people in the former area. There is no genuine civilisation, or has been in the past, without a proper supporting religion. In these religions the mortal always attempted to establish a preferential relationship with the god by observing certain rituals, or by dedicating his craft and/or energy to that religion. In the 17th century a Portuguese Jew Spinoza developed the theory that the Lord is a wholesaler. In other words he does not care about the well being of each individual, He only looked after the system as a whole. In one place people may suffer as long as it is compensated somewhere else.

You better believe in the impersonal
Spinoza for otherwise you cannot
accept all the misery, He makes us
participant of. I ~~take~~ ^{think} that you and
your family are all right. Right after
the earthquake, it happened that Paul Brown
visited Rotterdam (he is director Middle East
and Europe div) and he informed me that
the branch (Rep office) and its staff were
all right. I have not the slightest idea
whether you have returned to a normal
day of business. Incidentally, I wrote
you a letter, I think, in August and
wonder whether you ever have received
my, definitely unimportant, thoughts.
Wish you and Margriet all the
best. Stay sane and keep the
faith.

Adrian Dürkweg

P.S. Love from Vera