

I need a God to believe in

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Nothing else explains this particular fate or destiny

Sure, scientists may talk about statistical events

But I know that my journey is no coincidence or chance

It is surely the work of a wrathful minor God

Who wants to avenge some past sin or insouciance

Someone petty, and with a mean streak

Which he (could it be she?) sees as humorous.

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Not some Buddhist deity who

Speaks psycho-babble about suffering and change

And of breathing in-and-out to manage anxiety

Nor do I need some Stoic philosopher

Filling in weakly for the absence of real Gods

With intellectual talk about "The Obstacle is the Way"

And the importance of the well-reasoned life.

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I'll tell you the truth, simple and plain:

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So I can have it out with her (I'm sure it's a her)

Someone whose neck I can wring

Someone who I can beat and curse and flail at

Someone I can cry to, and someone I can share with

And someone I can ask, "What is this you're doing God?"

I guess this is what they call surrender in the religious texts.

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For what else is there? Random chance events?

Anything other than the religious life seems pointless

The religious life at least can be filled with anger, with joy

With questions, with quests, with seeking, with (imagined) answers

With magic and tears, with greatness, with purpose

A life made more full, all in the name of a God

Who doesn't care, but who is always by your side...

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