

Is it possible that God was ready to receive all 5000+ at the same time?

For many Christians it is incredible for them to believe that all who died on 11 September 2001 were ready to enter Heaven at the same time. Simultaneously they cannot understand how God could let such a vile act occur to so many innocent people. What if, for a moment, we put aside all that we learned as child about God and Heaven, and looked at the occurrences of last week with our intellect and our heart?

Many stories have emerged from those people whose lives were spared. Some of them were mundane stories: "I woke up on that Tuesday morning with an illness that prevented me from going to work. Otherwise I would have been in my office on the 103rd floor at 8:15 that day." Some of them were heroic: "After going up to the 60th floor to rescue a number still there, we had descended to the 4th floor before the tower collapsed on top of us. A pocket formed and we were protected from 100 stories of falling concrete and steel. It was a miracle that we survived."

Unfortunately we will not know in this lifetime why the 5000+ died, but maybe we can make some educated guesses. More scientifically, we would have the possibility to study the lives of those whom God protected that horrible day.

In 30 or 40 years we could look back at the survivors of the World Trade Center disaster and make an attempt to understand why God spared these particular people. I would not be surprised to find out that His possible reasons were just as varied as the circumstances that saved them.

We would find that a number, who before that dreaded day, simply did not believe in God. And this was His chance to give them a wakeup call that they could not ignore. Such a finding might allow us to infer that their colleagues in the office had unflinching faith, and were not required prove it to Him any longer.

It is imaginable that we would find a number who had not had the chance yet to raise the children that they were destined to parent. It could then be comprehensible that their counterparts, who were unable to get out, had already produced the children that He willed. Although they lost their parent prematurely, he/she was able give them the most important parts of themselves before He relieved them of their further parental duty.

Since God is never blatantly obvious about His work, it could be expected that the bulk of those who survived had done so purely for their spiritual development and not for anything physically apparent. Maybe they still had too many other tests to complete in life before they were ready to enter into Heaven. They probably need more time to resolve the problems within their family, with their friends and within their community. Or maybe He wanted their big heart to spread love for many more years. Those who passed on into Heaven in the disaster might have completed all of their important tests. They had done as much as they humanly could to resolve the problems around them. It was time for them to leave further resolutions to their survivors and leave their love as shining memory to all.

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I would hope that, out of the tens of thousands of lives He spared, God would give us one or two as glaring proof of His Love. These few would show us, by their Divine deeds, that God had saved them for special tasks that only they could accomplish.

We cannot prove why God took the 5000+ from us, but it is within our hearts and minds to believe and understand that it is possible that He was ready to receive them all with open arms. From the stories of survival of the 50,000+ who worked in the two towers and the thousands of visitors, it should be possible for a Christian to imagine the thousands of Angels at work that morning, protecting those who still had spiritual work left to accomplish on earth. We will miss the 5000+ who died on that Tuesday morning in New York and Washington, but be happy that they are now in His hands. In their memory, and with the help of all whom He saved, try to understand God's Laws and His eternal Love.