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No Pat Answers

Brokenness creates many unanswered questions. It is the uneasiness of not having an answer that entices us to:

- Make _____
- Feel the need to _____ or _____ God
- Short circuit God's _____ in our _____

The Book of Job

Pat Answer #1:

The principle of reciprocity:

- Good brings _____
- Bad brings _____

"As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it." Job 4:8

"Then the LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.'" Job 1:8

Sometimes the principle of reciprocity does not _____.

For example:

- _____ suffering
- _____

Pat Answer #2:

- I cannot _____ God in my terms.
- Direct yourself toward God for it is only in your encounter with God that you will find _____.

Honest Answer:

- I must not allow _____ to become the _____ of what I know.

"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?" Job 38:4-5

"Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades? Can you loosen Orion's belt? Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons or lead out the Bear with its cubs? Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God's dominion over the earth?" Job 38:31-33

- Our brokenness and our trust in God are _____.
- Can the God of the universe be trusted to run _____?

If I knew all the mysteries of God
 would I be satisfied?
 More importantly, would I be more trusting?
 Most importantly, would I love Him more
 than I am capable of doing right now?

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- Make one up
- Feel the need to defend or accuse God
- Short circuit God's working in our brokenness

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Pat Answer #1: You must have done something to deserve this.

The principle of reciprocity:

- Good brings reward
- Bad brings punishment

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Sometimes the principle of reciprocity does not apply.

For example:

- Innocent suffering
- Forgiveness

Pat Answer #2: There has to be a simple explanation for this.

- I cannot define God in my terms.
- Direct yourself toward God for it is only in your encounter with God that you will find hope.

Honest Answer: I don't know, but this is what I do know.

- I must not allow what I can't understand to become the enemy of what I know.

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- Can the God of the universe be trusted to run my world?

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