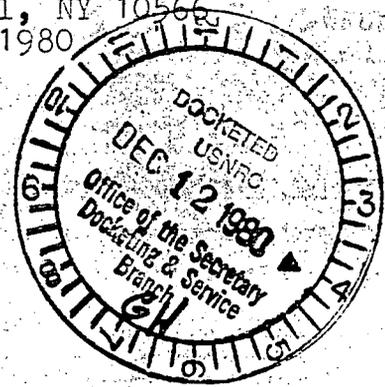


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Dear Mr. Ahearne,

I am surprised and worried by God's recent acts at Indian Point. God broke two sump pumps in the plant at once. He prevented anybody's knowing they were broken, perhaps for several weeks. He made people ignore warning lights. He stopped Con Ed officials from notifying you that such things were happening.

Don't you think that, like Job, you should by this time protest to God? God is, after all, evidently making your position impossible. His acts are interfering with the performance of your duty, and with the duty of Con Ed officials who are responsible to you. Certainly, if God has informed you or some judge that He was responsible for those odd quirks of human consciousness and behavior at Indian Point, you -- or that judge if you know him-- might be in a position to tell God that He should stop meddling so much with human intentions.

If God starts to do with my life what he has evidently been doing with the lives of Con Ed workers, I will be most distressed. It seems that it is no longer beyond God to, say, make me go through stop lights or make me not pay my bills or make me not report to whatever Regulatory Commissions regulate my behavior. Is it possible he's doing this to you too, or to other people you know?

Really, Mr. Ahearne, if the recent events at Indian Point are acts of God, please tell me something that isn't. God's ways, by this decision, have suddenly become so wondrous that it seems he does not have us in his hands at all; he is dangling us, like marionettes, from strings. Now why would he want to do that?

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