

Contemplating Compassion

Compassion is that which makes the heart of the good move at the pain of others.
It crushes and destroys the pain of others.

—The Buddha

Compassion is the desire that moves the individual self to widen the scope
of its self-concern to embrace the whole of the universal self.

—Arnold Toynbee

Compassion is the radicalism of our time.

—The Dalai Lama

Kindness gives to another. Compassion knows no “other.”

—Anonymous

Compassion is the keen awareness of the interdependence of all things.

—Thomas Merton

Compassion is not sentiment but is making justice and doing works of mercy.

—Matthew Fox



Our Definition of Compassion

Why O Why O Why-O?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Why is the word "abbreviation" so long?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why isn't "phonetic" spelled the way it sounds?

Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?

Why isn't "palindrome" spelled the same way backward?

Why are there flotation devices under airplane seats instead of parachutes?

Why is the third hand on a watch called a second hand?

Why is the time of the day with the slowest traffic called the rush hour?

Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why do they report power outages on TV?

If the world is smaller, why do postal rates keep going up?

If necessity is the mother of invention, why does so much unnecessary stuff get invented?



Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton was the only one who asked why.

—Bernard Baruch, Financier and Presidential Advisor



My Biggest WHY Question

Sources of the Pentateuch

	J - Yahwist	E - Elohist	D - Deuteronomist	P - Priestly
God's Name	Yahweh	Elohim	Yahweh	Elohim
Place of Origin	Southern Kingdom (Judah)	Northern Kingdom (Israel)	Northern Kingdom (Schechem/Jerusalem)	Babylonian Exile
Probable Date	950 BC	850 BC	650 BC	400 BC
Emphasis/Theme	God's Promises to Patriarchs	Prophecy/Covenants	Morality/ Living the Law	Temple Worship and concerns of priests serving in the Temple
Overall Contribution	Provided a basic outline for the Pentateuch.	Combined J and E.	Highlighted obedience as the response to God's grace.	Offered a coherent framework for the Pentateuch.