

## Seeking cause

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A friend of mine mailed me some photographs of a bad accident his car was involved in. The picture suggested that the occupants of the car may have suffered physical harm. Fortunately, both he and the other occupant were unhurt. I phoned my friend on seeing the pictures and asked him who caused the accident. My friend told me that it did not matter, and what was important was that they were safe.

I was struck by this truly existential attitude of not delving into cause, which more often than not is post-mortem. I extrapolate this to relationships; sometimes, when things are not working out for us, we go into finding the root cause. We forget to explore the truth, and instead ask ourselves "Why is this happening to me?"

A teacher of mine once told me, "'Why' can only be answered by two persons: God and the one who has not been born."

My submission, therefore, is that when we find a relationship souring, let us find ways to seek reconciliation if not resolution.

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