

Mother Teresa Did Not Feel Christ's Presence the Latter Part of her Life

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who had been put on the "fast track" to sainthood, was so tormented by doubts about her faith that she felt "a hypocrite," it has emerged from a book of her letters to friends and confessors.



Shortly after beginning her work in the slums of Calcutta, she wrote: *"Where is my faith? Even deep down there is nothing but emptiness and darkness. IF there be a God — please forgive me."*

In letters eight years later she was still expressing *"such deep longing for God,"* adding that she felt *"repulsed, empty, no faith, no love, no zeal."*

Her smile to the world from her familiar weather-beaten face was a "mask" or a "cloak," she said. *"What do I labor for? If there be no God, there can be no soul. If there be no soul then, Jesus, You also are not true."*

I am told God lives in me — and yet the reality of darkness and coldness and emptiness is so great that nothing touches my soul," she wrote at one point.

"I want God with all the power of my soul — and yet between us there is terrible separation."

On another occasion she wrote: *"I feel just that terrible pain of loss, of God not wanting me, of God not being God, of God not really existing."*

Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, she wrote that: *"Jesus has a very special love for you. As for me, the silence and emptiness is so great that I look and do not see, listen and do not hear. The tongue moves but does not speak."*

The tiny, frail figure had also become one of the most recognizable people on the planet, regularly topping polls as the most influential religious figure of the 20th century.

How sad that she did not know Christ.

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