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The Bible's primary purpose is to reveal what is often hidden, God present and active in the cosmos. Viewed through the biblical prism, the bright light of God's glory is perceived as a rainbow of story, poetry, and testimony; as mercy, judgment, grace, justice, and salvation. God's loving power at work in the world is seen through scripture to be intrusive and disruptive, unexpectedly embracing the world and overturning the powers of death.