

Explaining Accidents

When drivers describe their automobile accidents, they can come up with some amazing explanations. In one of her columns, the late Ann Landers gave these humorous examples from insurance reports provided to one insurance company:

"A pedestrian hit me and went under my car."

"The guy was all over the place. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him."

"The accident occurred when I was attempting to bring my car out of a skid by steering into the other vehicle."

"As I approached the intersection, a stop sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident."

"The telephone pole was approaching fast. I was attempting to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end."

"To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian."

"An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle and vanished."

"The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran him over."

After reading these accounts, it is easy to conclude that human beings are experts at rationalization. We like to shift the responsibility to someone -- or something -- else.

Come to think of it, the excuses we try to give God sound just as lame.

--Beecher Hunter