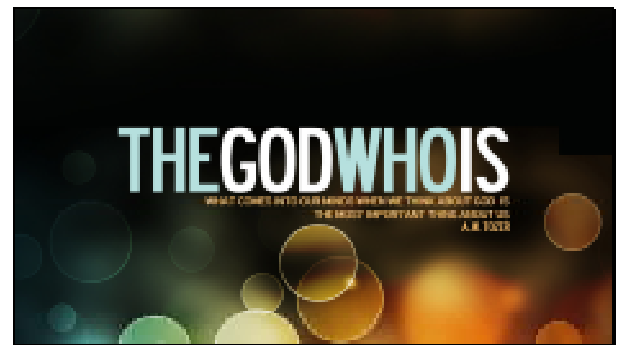


THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

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GROUPINGS

Self-Existing
Eternal

Unchanging
Perfect

Omnipotent
Omniscient
Omnipresent

Infinitude / Immeasurable

CONSIDERING THE “OMNI / ALL”

Epicurus – Greek Philosopher - 341–270 BC

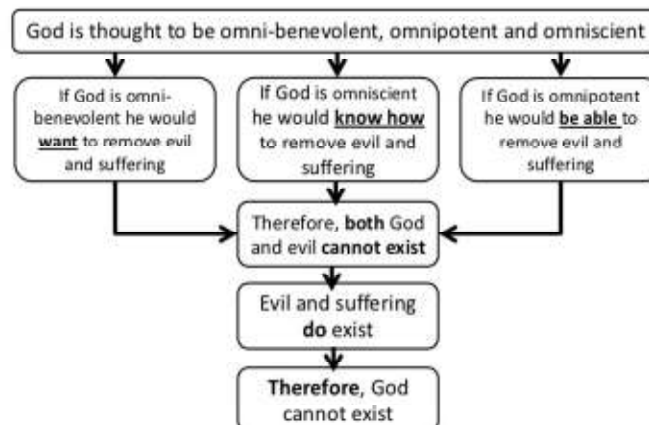


Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able? Then he is not omnipotent. Is he able, but not willing? Then he is malevolent. Is he both able and willing? Then whence cometh evil? Is he neither able nor willing? Then why call him God?

(Epicurus)

1zquotes.com

The ‘problem of evil’ recap



Either God can **do nothing** to stop catastrophes, or he **doesn't care** to, or he **doesn't exist**.

God is either: **impotent, evil, or imaginary**.

Take your pick, and choose wisely.

— Sam Harris
(http://www.samharris.org)

I want
God,
not
my idea
of God.

— C.S. Lewis

ASSUMPTION?

- Evil, suffering, etc. has no purpose or significance.

DEFINE TERMS

Omnipotent = All-Powerful

Omniscient = All-Knowing

Omnipresent = All-Present

OMNIPOTENT

- God alone is completely content and satisfied. None of His desires are ever left unfulfilled. All that He wills happens.

OMNIPOTENT

- “The omnipotence of God is that by which he is able to effect all things which he wills or could will.”

• William Ames, *The Marrow of Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1968), 92.

OMNIPOTENT

- “All the power required to do all that He wills to do lies in undiminished fullness in His own infinite being.”

• A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, 73.

LUKE’S GOSPEL

POWER / DUNAMAI

- The power** or ability to do what is necessary.

AUTHORITY / EXOUSIA

- The right** to exercise the power.

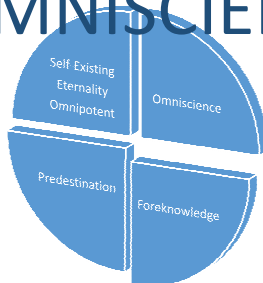
OMNISCIENT

- God sees everything in one panoramic, instantaneous moment, immediately and simultaneously.

OMNISCIENT

- God knows what would have happened should He have allowed such an event to have taken place, whether actual or possible (1 Sam. 23:11, 12; Matt. 11:21, 23).

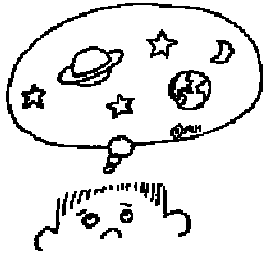
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LUKE’S GOSPEL

CONSEQUENCE

- FIRST, the **scope** of God's knowledge.
- Second, the **significance** of God's knowledge.



CONSEQUENCE

- Romans 8:31 ¶ What then shall we say to these things?
- If **God is for us**, who is against us?
- 32 **He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all**, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
- 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? **God is the one who justifies;**
- 34 who is the one who condemns? **Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.**

CONSEQUENCE

- 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." 37 But in all these things **we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.** 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is **in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

CONSEQUENCE

- If the 1st part is true, then the 2nd part is equally true.
- God's Omniscience is not a warning, but a joy.** He knows you and loves you just the same.

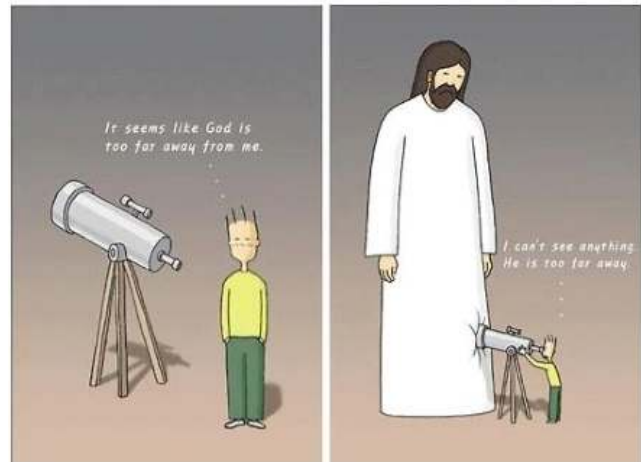
OMNIPRESENT

“GOD IS NOWHERE”

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OMNIPRESENT

- God's omnipresence means "God is everywhere, at the same time, in the fullness of His being."

OMNIPRESENT

- "God, in the totality of His essence, without diffusion or expansion, multiplication or division, penetrates and fills the universe in all its parts."

• Augustus Hopkins Strong, *Systematic Theology* (Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1907), 279.

OMNIPRESENT

- God is always fully engaged and attentive to all the needs and deficiencies of His creation.

PSALM 139

- vv. 7-18

CONSEQUENCE

- The "OMNI" of God assures us that there is never a **moment** or **place** in our life that God is not **directly** and **immediately** involved.
- There is no sense in which we are not a priority with God.