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Buddhism – suffering is an illusion.

Hinduism – suffering is karma.

Atheism – suffering is meaningless.



Christianity says
suffering is real.



God is a God of love and
the world was created
from, by and for **love**.

The world is **blessed**.



*Love, by its nature, cannot compel, cannot coerce; love invites a response but it has to be **freely** given...*



Why is there pain?

Human sin.



Why, in a world created by
God, is there suffering and
pain?

Can God exist in
such a world?

Why is there good and
beauty in the world?



*To walk away from one's
faith because of unanswered
questions about evil is to
walk into a storm of
unanswered questions
about good.*



A truly good God would not want suffering to exist.

An all powerful God would not allow suffering to exist.

Suffering exists...therefore a God that is good and powerful can not exist.



Assumption 1:
God could not have a good reason to allow suffering.

Assumption 2:
If I can't see a good reason then there must not be one.



If you have a God infinite and powerful enough for you to be angry enough for allowing evil, you must have a God at the same time with sufficient reason for allowing that evil.



*“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?
Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.
Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?
Tell me, if you understand!”*



The answer to **our**
suffering is
God's suffering

*But those who suffer He
delivers in their suffering. He
speaks to them in their
affliction.*

(Job 36:15)



God is not immune to our
suffering...
but **shares** in it.



*The other gods were strong;
but Thou wast weak;
They rode, but Thou didst
stumble to a throne;
But to our wounds only God's
wounds can speak,
And not a god has wounds,
but Thou alone.*



Suffering is both
just and **unjust**.
God is a **suffering** God.



Life does not end on a chapter of pain and suffering, but on an epilogue that stretches out for eternity in **joy** and **restoration**.

