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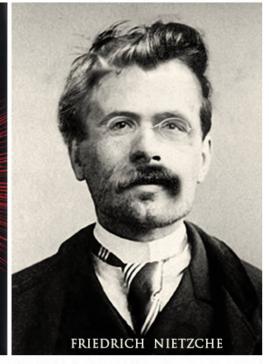
With a New Afterword

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THE

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Myth #1: A good and loving God would not permit suffering & evil.

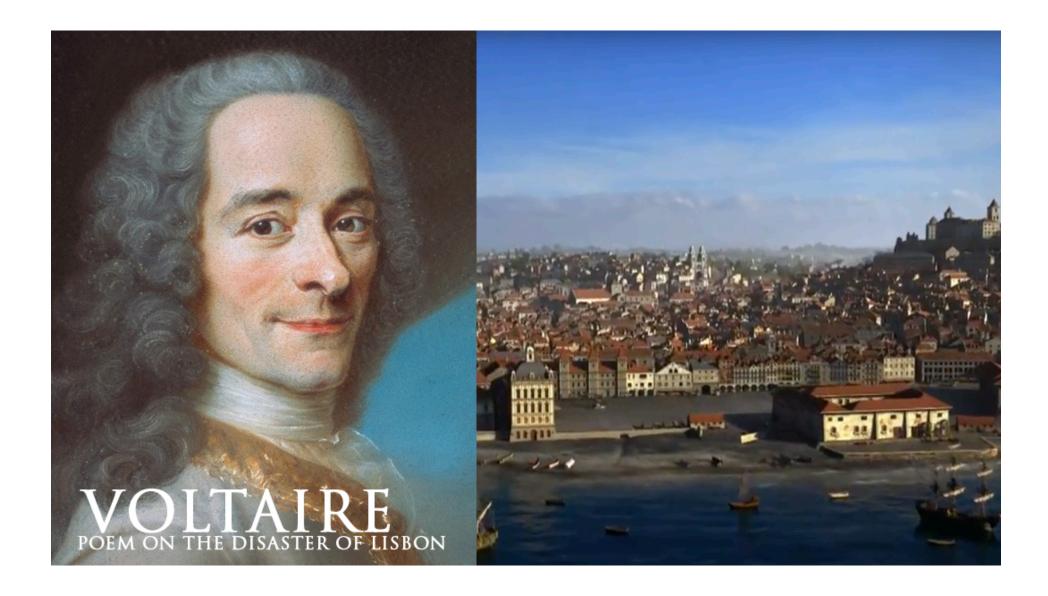
Myth #2: Scientific evidence disproves a Christian worldview.

Myth #3: There can't be just one way to God.

Myth #4: A loving God wouldn't send people to hell.

Myth #5: The Gospel accounts are glorified fairy tales.





#### **JOB 1:1**

#### NASB - NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE

"There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil."



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IS GOD LIMITED
IN HIS POWER TO COMBAT EVIL?





# Consideration #1: WE LACK THE CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S REASONS FOR ALLOWING EVIL.

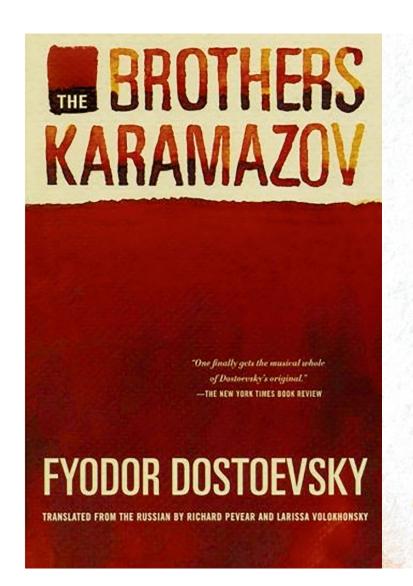
#### ISAIAH 55:8-9

ESV - ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."







"If God doesn't exist, everything is permissible."



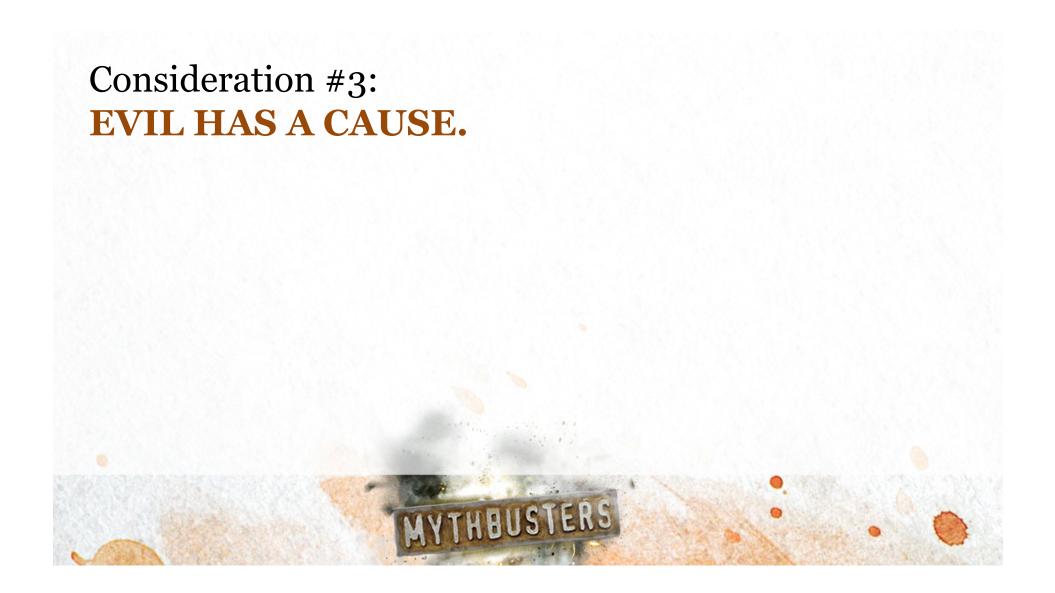
"Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

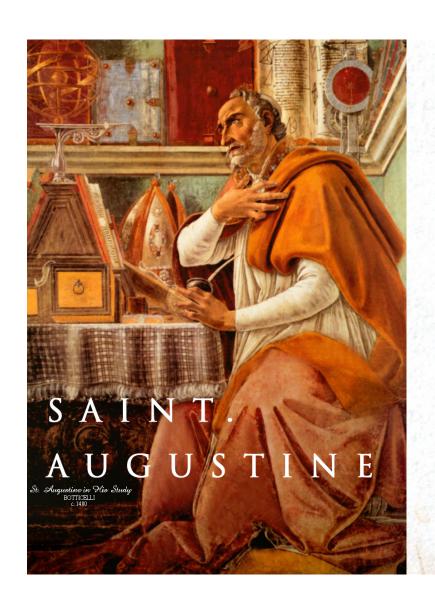
#### (Luke 18:19)

"Why do you call me good?"









"What are called vices in the soul are nothing but privations of the good."

#### EZEKIEL 28:13-15 (The Source of Evil)

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"You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared."



#### EZEKIEL 28:13-15 (The Source of Evil)

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"You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you."



#### EZEKIEL 28:16b(The Source of Evil)

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"So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones."





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"...The whole world lies in the power of the evil one."





• The cancer of evil spreads – GENESIS 3







#### 1 CORINTHIANS 13:12

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"Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."



#### **REVELATION 21:4**

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"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." The whole world lies in the power of the evil one."



#### **ROMANS 11:33-34**

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"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!"



#### **ROMANS 11:33-34**

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"'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."



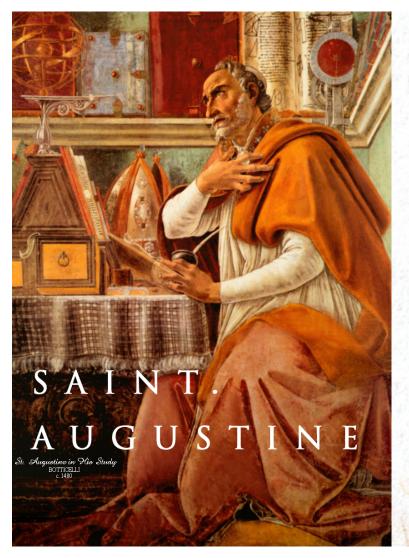


#### **ACTS 2:23**

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"...delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God."





"For the Almighty God, who, as even the heathen acknowledge, has supreme power over all things, being Himself supremely good, would never permit the existence of anything evil among his works, if He were not so omnipotent and good that He can bring good even out of evil."



## God uses our suffering to gain our attention and draw us to Himself.





God will use your suffering to produce a good greater than the pain.

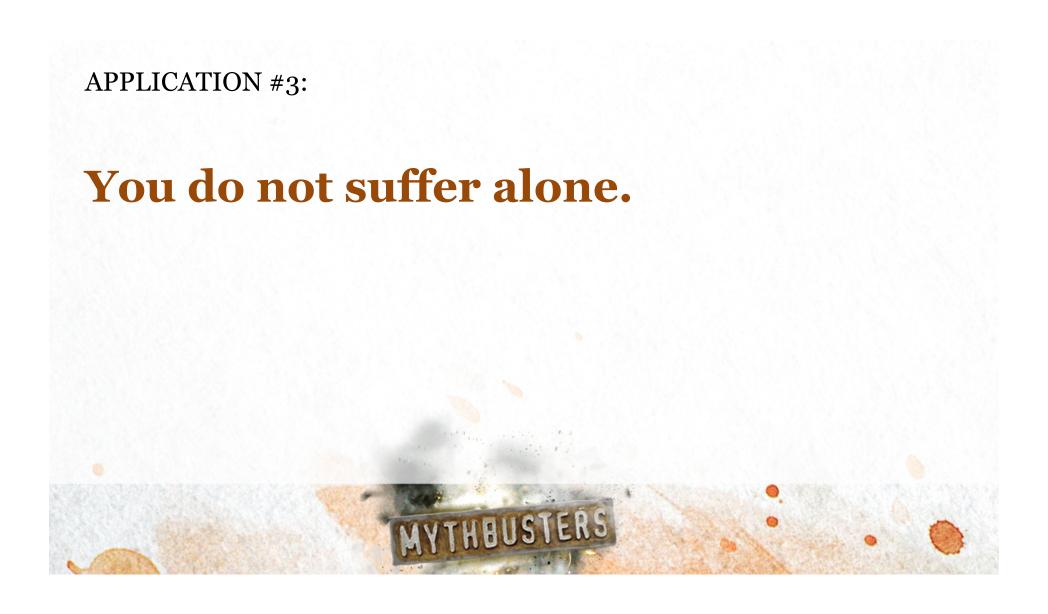


#### **ROMANS 5:3-4**

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"We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope..."





#### **HEBREWS 4:15-16**

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"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."





