

Atheism, Antitheism, Cannot Sensibly Deal with the Problem of Pain

Extreme, i.e. excessive pain
is not good; it is unjust.

Nonexcessive pain may be proper,
just, and may be deserved due to
violation of what is good.

Both of these positions presuppose and rest on a foundation of moral absolutes that are necessary in order to determine what is good and just and not good and unjust.

All moral absolutes necessarily rest on and derive from not just any deity but a moral and tripersonal deity since moral absolutes presuppose a multipersonal context involving at least two morally aware persons.

If the triune deity is eliminated, then instantly the moral absolutes immediately evaporate. And once the moral absolutes evaporate, the two positions above regarding pain become meaningless and nonsensical. No judgment whatsoever can be passed regarding either. Now pain, to whatever degree, is neither just nor unjust. It is just a meaningless surd.

You cannot cut down the tree and still expect the leaves to stay up!