

Why
do you reject me
and hide yourself
from me?
Psalm 88:14



Why does God allow suffering...?

- a “philosophical” issue
- a personal issue
- a practical issue



Why does God allow suffering...?

- Suffering and the beginning of the Bible (Creation & Fall)
- Suffering and the middle of the Bible (Jesus & the Cross)
- Suffering and the end of the Bible (Heaven & the future)



Why does God allow suffering...?

- **Suffering doesn't stop God from being good!**



Why does God allow suffering...?

Thought 1) An all-powerful God would be able to end suffering.

Thought 2) An all loving God would want to end suffering.

Fact: Suffering exists.

Conclusion: An all powerful, all loving God therefore does not exist.



Why does God allow suffering...?

Thought 1) An all-powerful God exists. (Evidence in Christ, Conscience, Creation)

Thought 2) An all loving God exists.

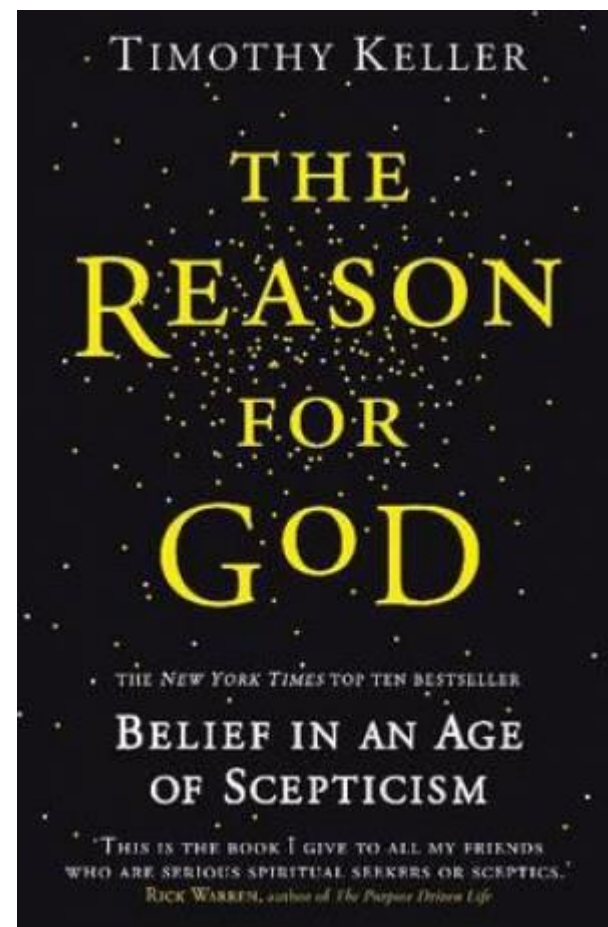
Fact: Suffering exists.

Conclusion: God must have loving reasons for allowing suffering.



Why does God allow suffering...?

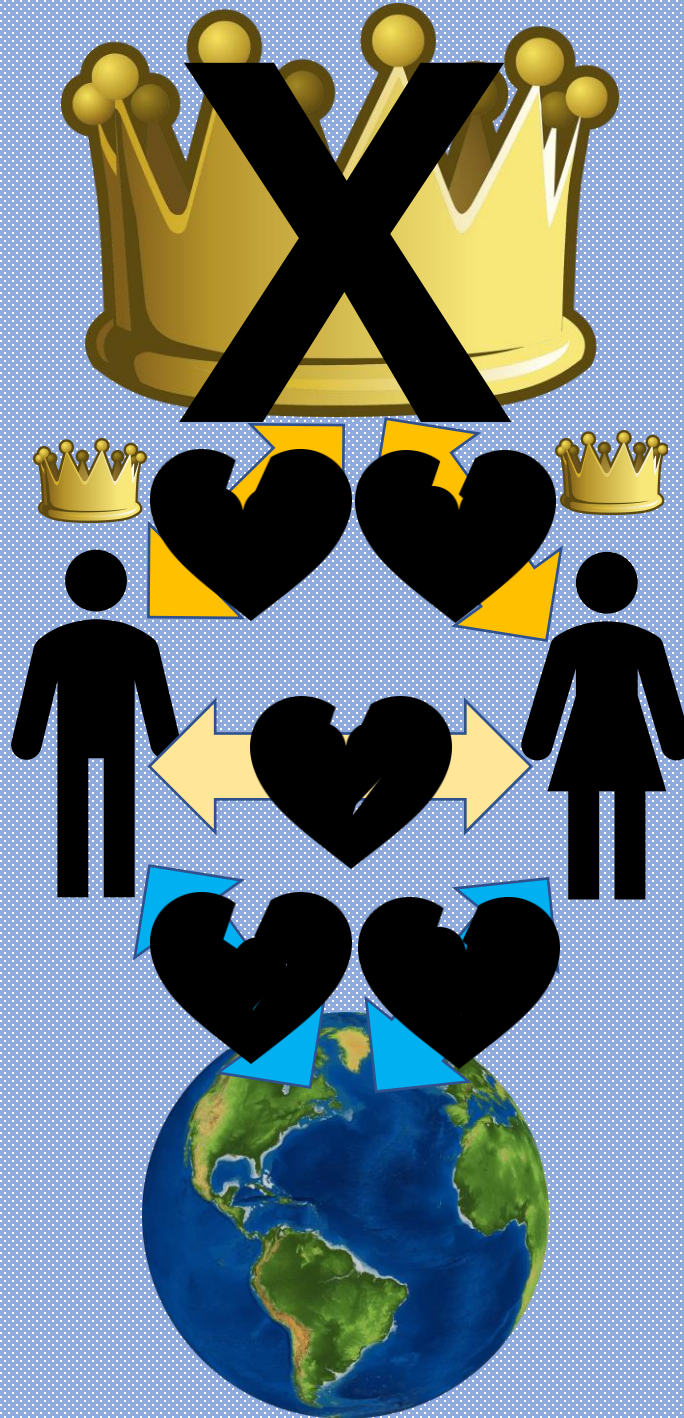
“If you have a God, great and transcendent enough to be mad at because he hasn’t stopped evil and suffering in the world, then you have (at the same moment) a God, great and transcendent enough to have good reasons for allowing it to continue that you can’t know”- Tim Keller



Why does God allow suffering...?

- 1. Suffering doesn't stop God from being good!**
- 2. Suffering came into the world because of our sin!**





Suffering and the beginning...

- 1. Suffering doesn't stop God from being good (Gen 1)**
- 2. Suffering came into the world because of our sin (Gen 3)**

