

Problem of pain and suffering

Attributes of God

Firstly - Only one God and that he is all powerful

Secondly, God is all good

Thirdly, God is all wise

Wrong solutions that 'Christians' have resorted to

... he does not know the future

... God not all powerful

... it is our free will to choose

What does the bible say ...

- 1) There is no pain and suffering in a perfect relationship with God in a perfect world

Revelation 21:3-4, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

- 2) God did not create the world the way it is today

- 3) It concerns the spiritual realm

Phil 2: 5-11

- 4) The bible take pain and suffering very seriously

Psalms 40:12

*12 For troubles without number surround me;
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.
They are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails within me.*

Rom 8:22

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

- 5) The cross

- 6) We do not fully understand all things

- 7) Christian maturity

- 8) The character of God

Part 2 – Answer YOUR Questions and Helping someone who is suffered.