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Why Doesn't God End Evil?	
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- If a good, eternal and all powerful God exists, He could annihilate evil at will, and thus end all pain and suffering.
- ♦ A Being who had the power to do this, is cruel and unjust not to exercise this power and thus end all evil and it's consequences.
- ♦ Theism (the belief in one God Christianity is Theistic) affirms the all powerful, loving God we have just described; Who never the less does not annihilate evil.
- Therefore: He is cruel and unjust, or He does not exist!

# 2) What's Wrong with the Argument?

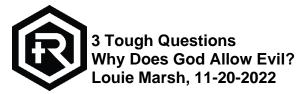
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