

THE NATURE OF GOD

Christianity Beliefs & Teachings

Key terms:

Omnipotent: almighty, having unlimited power; a quality of God

Benevolent: all-loving, all-good; a quality of God

Justice: bringing about what is right and fair, according to the law, or making up for a wrong that has been committed

'Nothing is impossible with God.' Luke 1:37

The Bible says...

'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3.16

The problems of evil and suffering:

Christians believe that although God does not prevent suffering, ultimately his judgement is sound we should put our trust in him.

Using the answers from past questions to make notes on the arguments for and against suffering.



Possible questions

Explain two ways that belief in an omnipotent God could influence Christians today. (4)

- They feel comforted in the belief God has the power to save them from their problems, as demonstrated by e.g. God using powers to rescue Israelites from Egypt
- They try to do everything they can to follow his instructions like the 10 Commandments, as God has the power to punish sinners e.g. send them to Hell
- They are confident that the Bible's claims of God's actions are true, such as the creation story, since God's powers give him the ability to do even the impossible or incomprehensible "Nothing is impossible with God"