Year 10 Knowledge Organizer Component 2 Christianity Unit 1 Qualities and Nature of God

Transcendent God - A God who is outside the world and does not act directly in it.

An Immanent God - A God who is in the world and takes an active part in the human histories.

Omnibenevolent - An all loving God.

A Personal God - A God who relates directly to people who can feel close to him.

An Impersonal God — A God who is unknowable, mysterious, an idea or a force.

Omniscient - God knows everything.

Omnipotent - God is all-powerful.

Omnipresent - God is everywhere all at the same time, throughout all time

Theodicy — is an attempt to answer the question of how a good and powerful God could allow evil and suffering.



Some Biblical quotes you could use that your exam board (EDUQAS) has suggested are :-

- Omnipotent: Exodus 7-11, Exodus 14:21
- Omni-benevolent: Psalm 86:15, John 3:16, Romans 8:37-39
- Evil and suffering: quote on God and evil from Epicurus, Book of Job 1:8 -12, 42:1-6

You can look each of these up on the internet if you have no Bible of your own.

Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able? Then he is not omnipotent Is he able, but not willing? Then he is malevolent Is he both able and willing? Then whence cometh evil? Is he neither able nor willing? Then why call him God?

Epicurus

Watch this video to increase your understanding

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THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

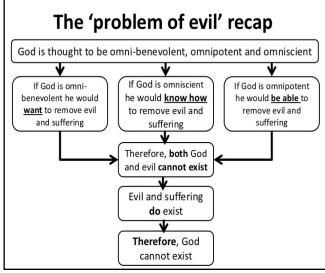
This is an issue for Christians because why would an all powerful, allknowing and all-loving (not malevolent or evil) God let his people suffer.

Part of it can be explained by God giving mankind FREE WILL as without it we would not be able too choose our actions. Some actions will cause suffering to others either directly or indirectly. But other actions will be the cause of good and because we have this choice good has value.

Some suffering is caused by the design of the world is more difficult to explain but can be covered by the belief that God has created the best possible world and if this includes the occasional earthquake any other design would be worse.

Others might argue God makes us suffer because to test our faith, but this is not the act of an all loving God.

Eventually most Christians accept that some suffering is just part of God's big plan and that we are not intelligent enough to understand it.



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