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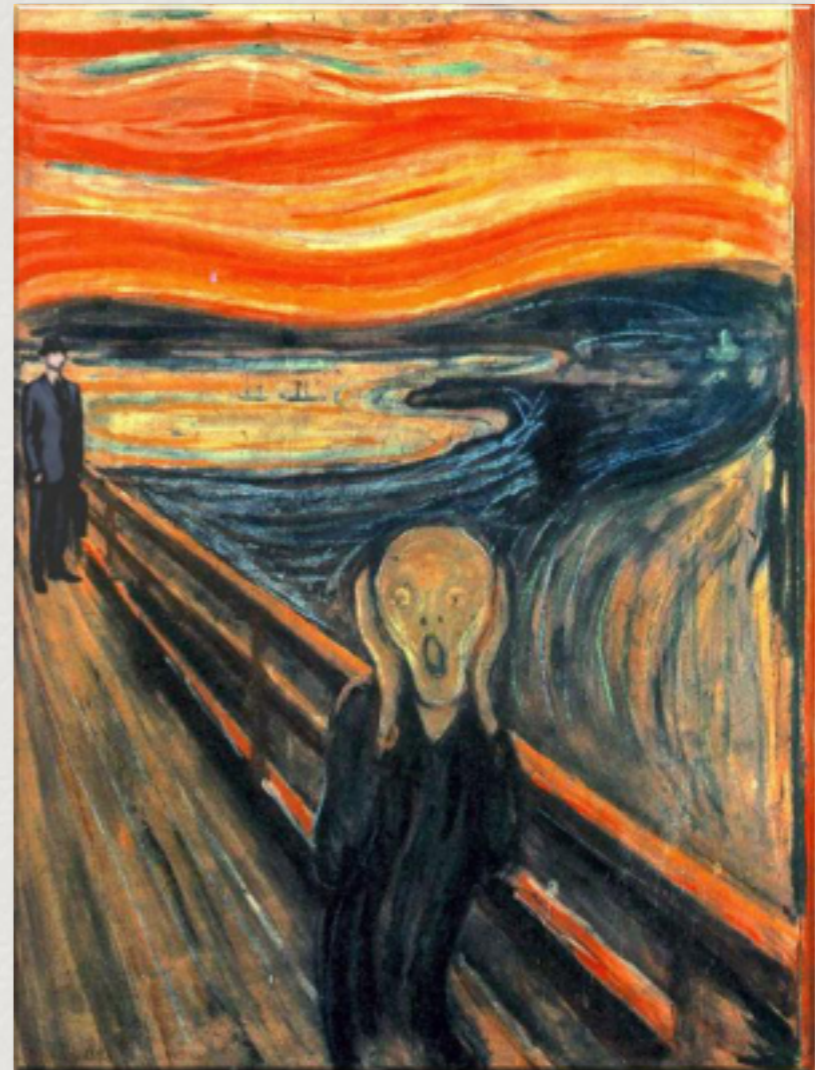
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# Where is God?

- ✦ *Misuse of freedom*
- ✦ *Accidents*
- ✦ *Acts of Nature*
- ✦ *Sickness*
- ✦ *Growth process*



*"The Scream," by Edvard Munch*

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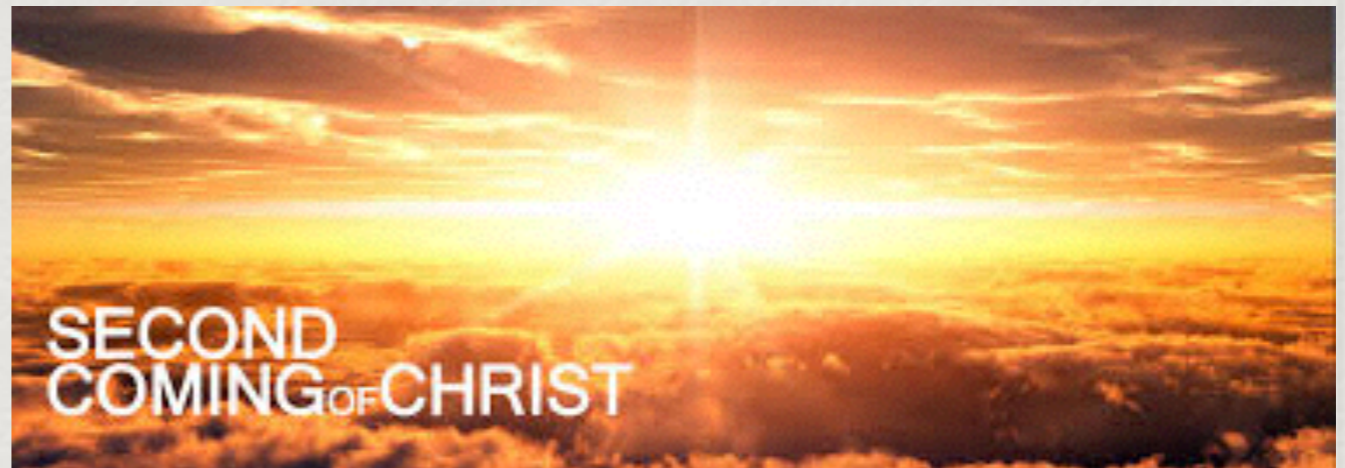
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- ✦ *Hope for the Future*



# Atheism

The belief that there was nothing and nothing happened to nothing and then nothing magically exploded for no reason, creating everything and then a bunch of everything magically rearranged itself for no reason what so ever into self-replicating bits which then turned into dinosaurs.

Makes perfect sense.



## **RICHARD DAWKINS ON RELIGION**

**"I'm against religion because it teaches us to be satisfied with not understanding the world."**

# Atheism and Suffering

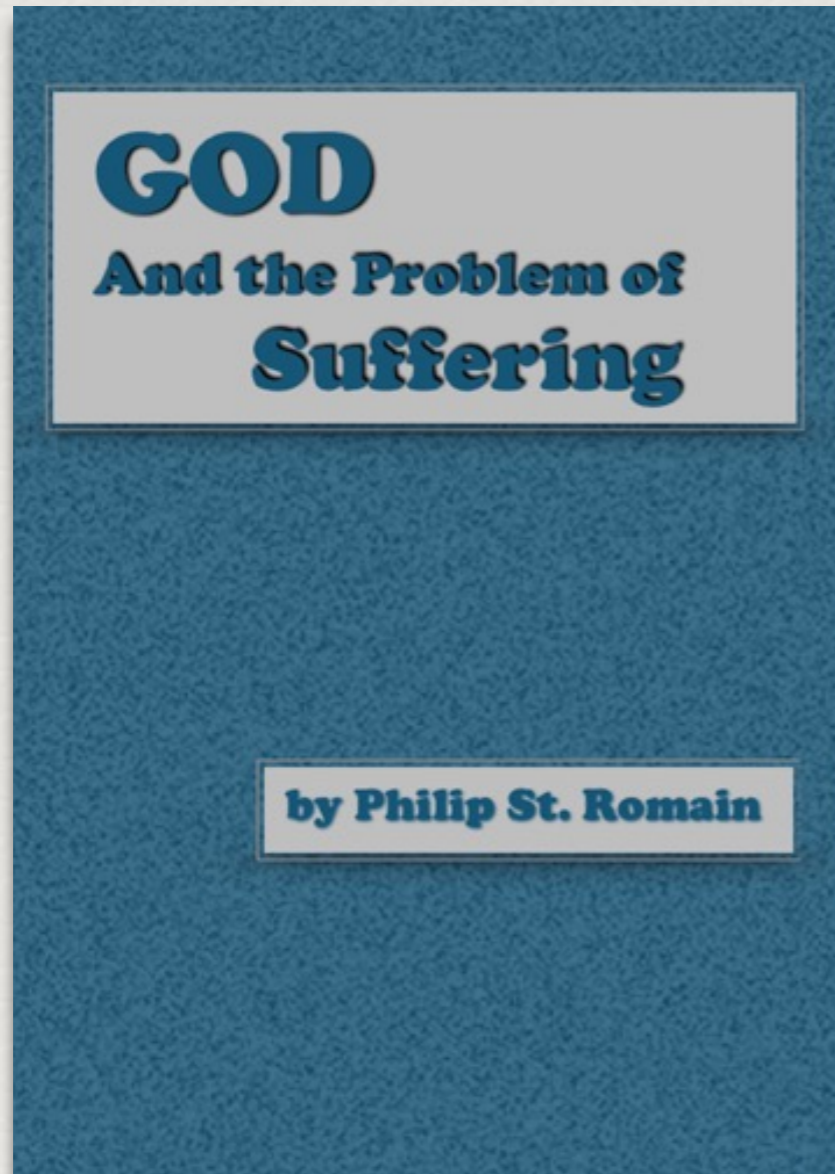
- ✦ *God as non-loving or lacking in power.*
- ✦ *Why this kind of universe?*
- ✦ *Encourages humanistic response.*
- ✦ *Cannot satisfy deepest longings for meaning.*

# Christian Spirituality

- ✦ *Response of Faith and Love*
- ✦ *Possibility of redemptive suffering*
- ✦ *Hope for a glorious future*

Faith is to believe what  
you do not see; the reward  
of this faith is to see  
what you believe.

*Saint Augustine*



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