



**WELCOME
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Trajan Temple

**CREATION SCIENCE
FELLOWSHIP**

PROBLEM OF EVIL

➤ Intro



**“Why do I suffer?
This is the rock of atheism.”**

George Buckner

**“The existence of evil,
both moral and natural,
forms the basis for one of the
oldest and most persistently
troubling arguments against
Judeo-Christianity.”**

Gordon Graham

TYPES of EVIL

- **Natural** - does not involve choices of moral agents
- **Moral** - traced to choices & actions of moral agents

Pisidian Antioch - Cardo

IMPORTANCE

Ephesus
Theater

1. Proof - for Atheist
2. Universal - all affected
3. Reality - design or naturalism
4. Practical - suffering of all

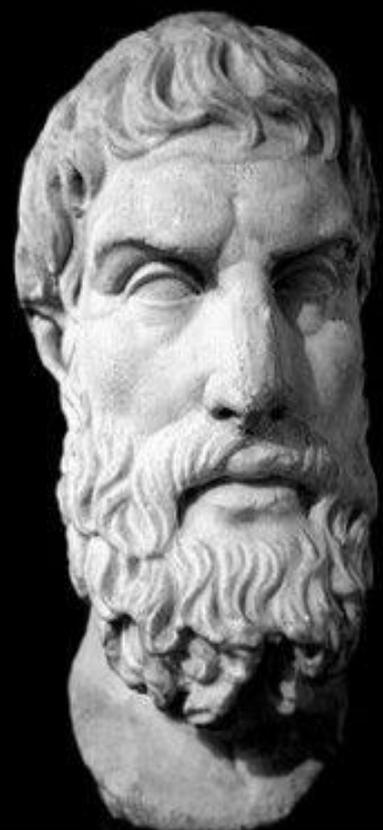
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- 1. If God all-Good - wills good**
- 2. If God Omnipotent - does His will**
- 3. Evil Exists**
- 4. God does not exist or not all-good or not omnipotent or both**



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)

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SOLUTIONS

➤ **Atheism - denies God**

➤ **Naturalism - denies God**

NATURALISM

- **No God**
- **No Purpose**
- **Cause and Effect**
- **Neutral Events**
- **Some Beneficial & Others not**
- **Just the Way things are**

SOLUTIONS

- **Atheism - denies God**
- **Naturalism - denies God**
- **Polytheism - limits God**
- **Dualism - diminishes God**
- **Gnosticism - distorts creation**
- **Pantheism - diminishes God**
- **Idealism - denies evil**
- **Biblical Theism - Good, Omnipotent, Holy,
& Sovereign God**

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CLARIFICATIONS

1. Evil
2. Free Will
3. Creation
4. Goodness

Bithynia

BIBLICAL INSIGHTS

- 1. God is Creator of All - Sovereign**
- 2. Moral Agents Created - Volition**

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Gen 2:16-17 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

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ORIGIN of EVIL

Galatia

- 1. Angels - heaven not earth**
- 2. Mankind - sin on earth**

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HOLY

- **Description -** Totally separate from evil in His person & dealings with men & includes His absolute righteousness measured against Himself as an absolute standard, moral perfection, separation from all that is common or unclean
- **Isa 6:3** ... “**Holy, Holy, Holy**, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.”

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OMNIPOTENT

- Description - infinite power to do anything which He wills, can do anything consistent with His nature potential & actual with no effort
- Ps 62:11 Once God has spoken; Twice I have heard this: That **power** belongs to God;
- Ps 115:3 But our God is in the heavens; He does **whatever He pleases.**

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- 7. God is All-Good - Absolute**

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GOOD

- **Description - He deals bountifully, tenderly, & kindly with all His creatures, He is source of all in universe that is good**
- **1st Perfection of God attacked**
- **Ps 145:9 The Lord is **good** to all, And His mercies are over all His works.**
Jn 10:11 “I am the **good shepherd; the **good** shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**

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**Prov 16:4 The LORD has made
everything for its own
purpose, Even the wicked for
the day of evil.**

GLORY DISPLAYED

1. Blind Man

5. Job

2. Lazarus

6. Death of Christ

3. Unbelievers

7. Display to Angels

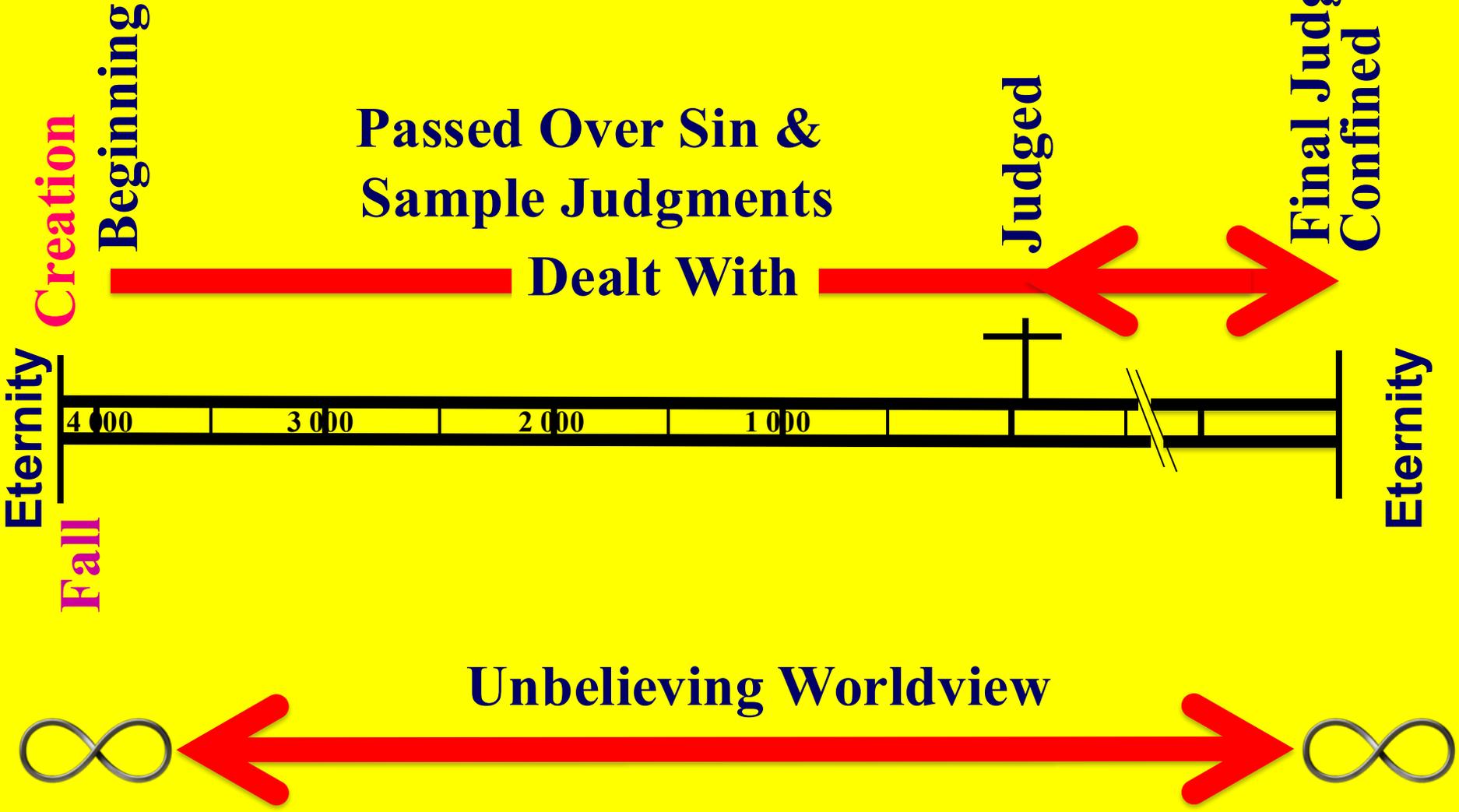
4. Pharaoh

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- 9. God Deals with Evil**

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EVIL BOUNDED

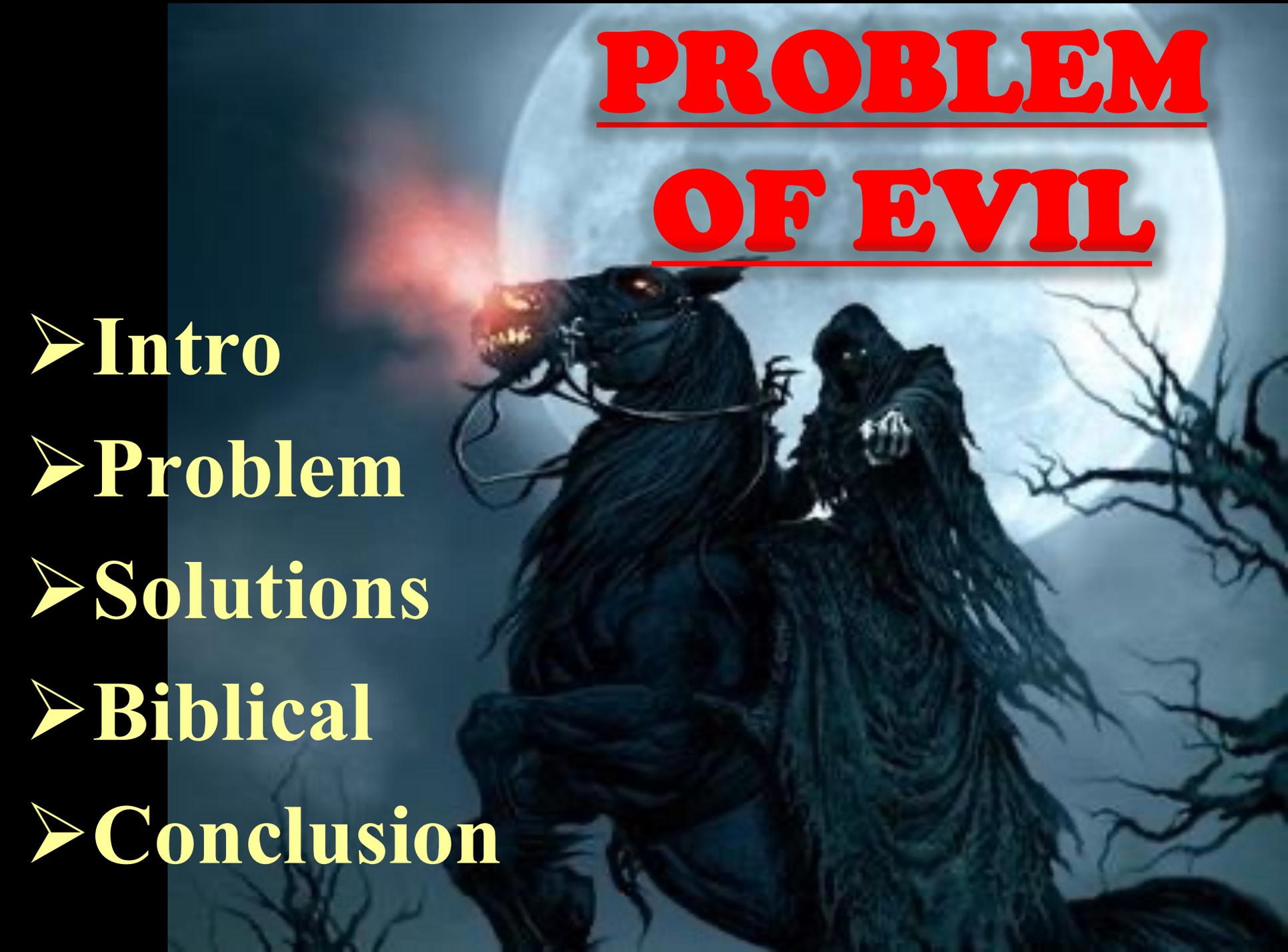


WITHOUT EVIL

- His Justice
- His Wrath
- His Holiness
- His Patience
- His Grace
- His Love
- His Goodness
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Corinth - Bema

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A dark, atmospheric scene featuring a skeletal horse with glowing eyes and a rider in a black hooded cloak, set against a large full moon and bare trees.

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CONCLUSION

➤ **Our Lord is Glorious
beyond what we can
Imagine**

Colossae

➤ **Yet Permitted Evil for His
Glorious Purposes**

APPLICATIONS

Ephesus
Street

- Problem of Guilt
- Praise Him Anyway