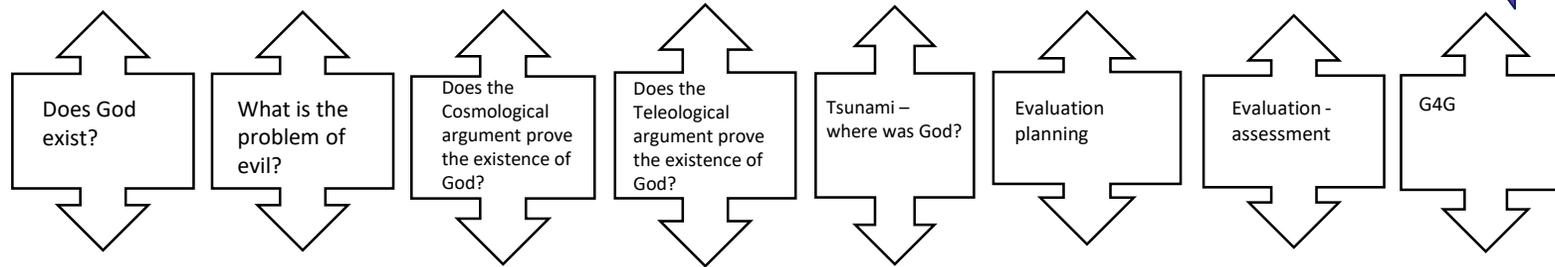
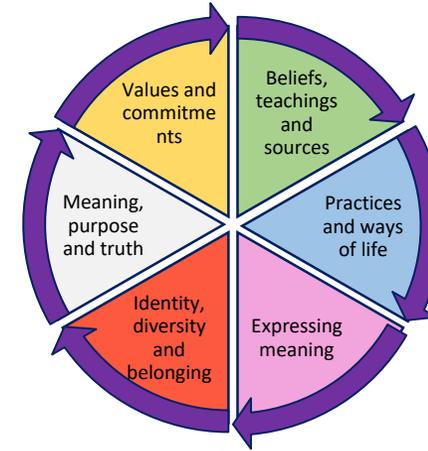


The big picture – Can God exist?



Quizlet

Vocabulary

Atheist

Theist
Omniscient

Agnostic
Omnipresent

Problem of Evil
Teleological Argument

Suffering
Faith

Moral Evil
Cosmological Argument

Natural Evil

Omnibenevolent
Test of Faith

Omnipotent
Story of Job

The Big Question: Does God Exist?

The Problem of evil

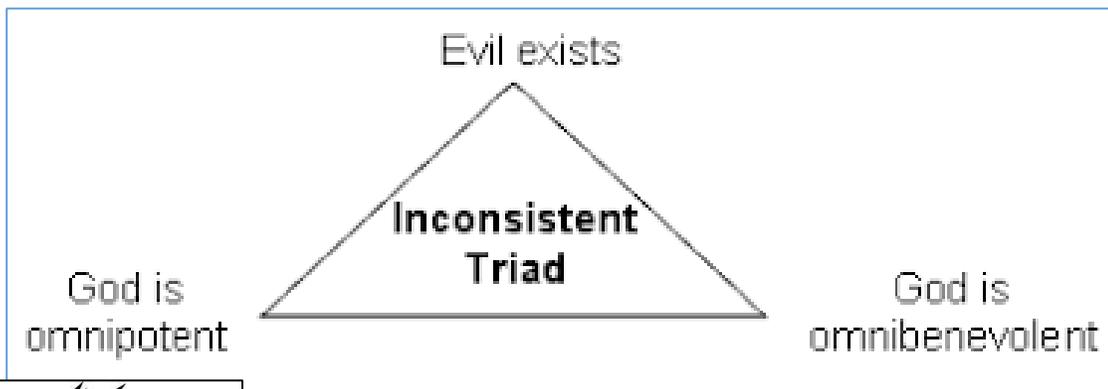
God is Omnipotent- could stop evil
God is Omnibenevolent- wants to stop evil.

- So why does evil exist? Either God is not all-powerful or God is not all-loving.
- Or perhaps God doesn't exist?

Moral evil: Evil and suffering arising from human actions and free will.

Natural evil: Evil and suffering occurring naturally. E.G illness, natural disasters.

Natural evil brings the existence of God into question.



Cosmological Argument (The Causation argument)

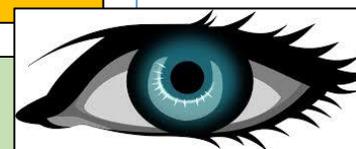
Thomas Aquinas argued that everything in the universe has a cause (just like falling dominoes!). However, we cannot have infinite regression. This means that there must be a first cause- this can only be God.



Teleological Argument (Design argument)

William Paley argued that everywhere in the world we can see evidence of intelligent design. If you found a watch on the floor, you could conclude that it must have been designed for purpose by a watch maker in order to tell the time.

When you look at a human eye- it too has been designed for a purpose. The designer can only be God.



Ontological Argument (Morality Argument)

Immanuel Kant argues that common "moral values" exist- regardless of upbringing, location or culture (e.g it is wrong to murder).

These common moral values must have been given to us by God.

Tsunami: Where was God?