

THEOLOGY PROPER

GLORY OF GOD

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PROBLEM OF EVIL

1. Intro



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

George Buckner

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**

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SOLUTIONS

- **Atheism - denies God**
- **Naturalism - denies God**

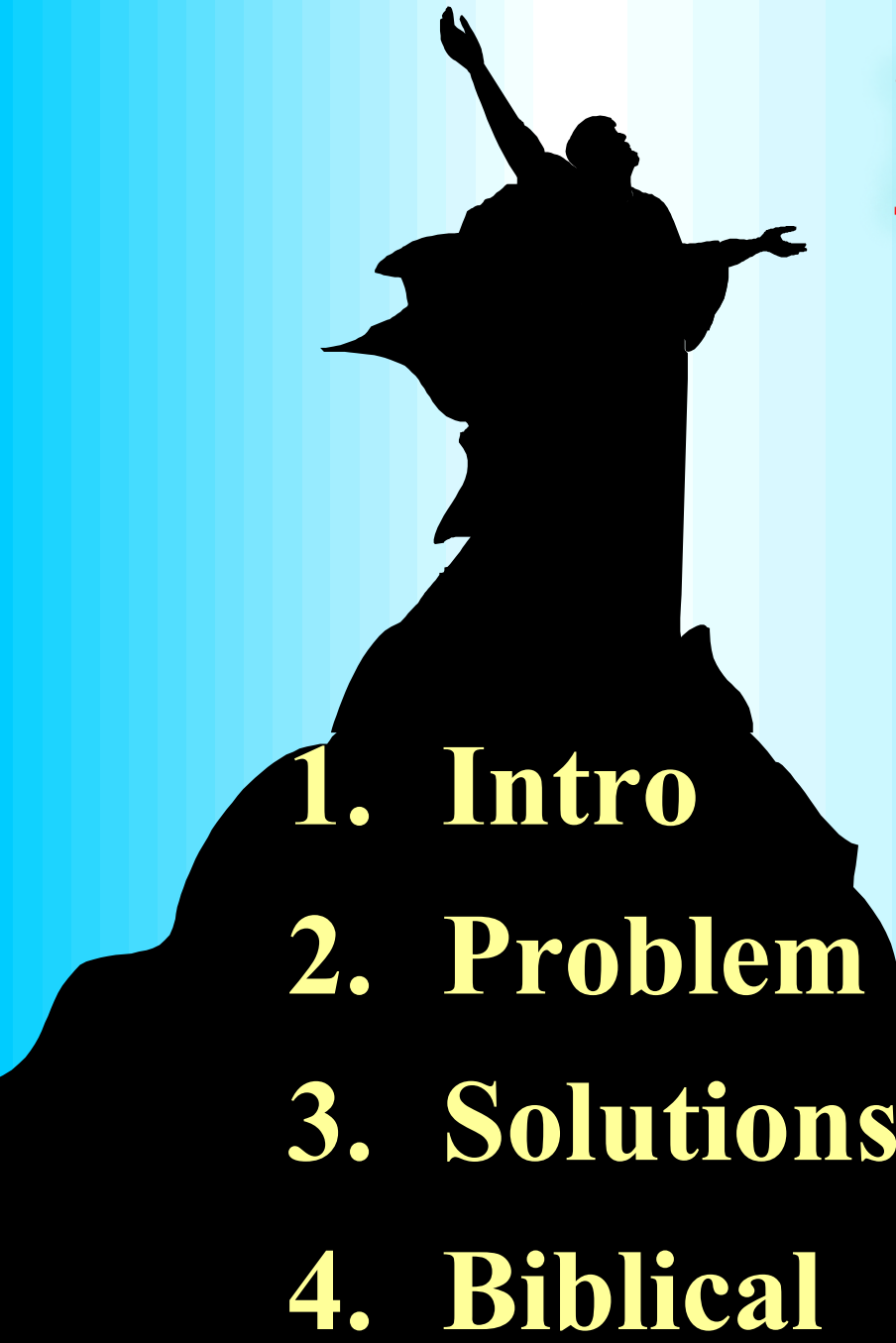
NATURALISM

- **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


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- The background of the slide is a photograph of the Pergamum Theater, an ancient Roman amphitheater carved into a hillside. The theater is semi-circular, with many tiers of stone seating. The surrounding area is covered in green grass and some trees. In the distance, a body of water and a city can be seen under a clear sky.
1. **God is Creator of All - Sovereign**
 2. **Moral Agents Created - volition**
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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 and 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.”

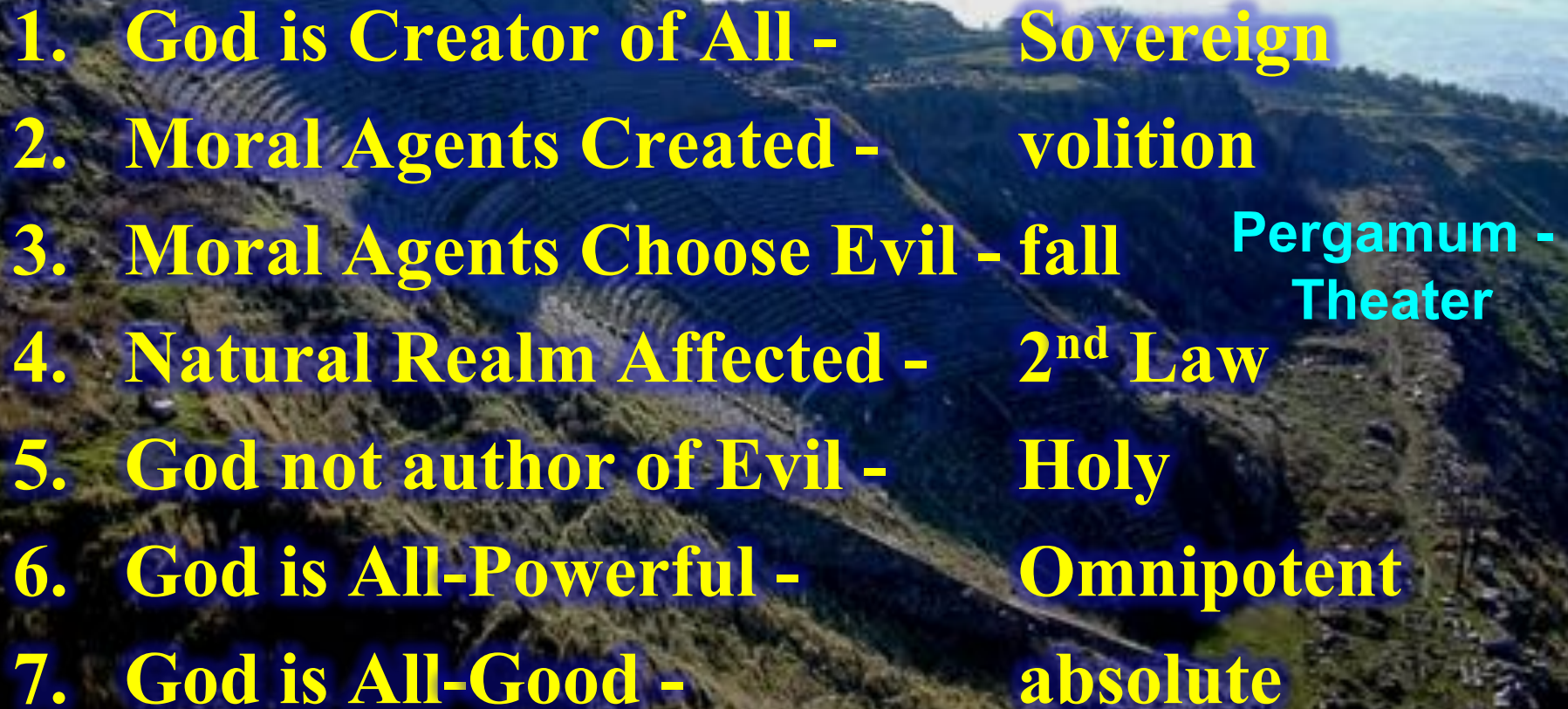
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OMNIPOTENT

- Description - infinite power to do anything which He wills, can do anything consistent with His nature potential and 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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GOOD

- Description - He deals bountifully, tenderly, and 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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8. **God is Designer - purposes**

GLORY DISPLAYED

1. Blind Man

5. Job

2. Lazarus

6. Death of Christ

3. Unbelievers

7. Display to Angels

4. Pharaoh

BIBLICAL INSIGHTS

9. God Deals with Evil

**Pergamum -
Theater**



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

Deut 5:24 “And you said, ‘Behold, the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives.

**The most
IMPORTANT
study one can
pursue!!!!!!**