

hopes & fears

are met in thee tonight

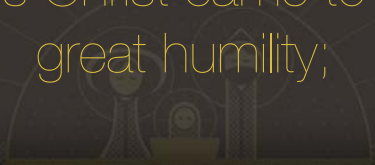


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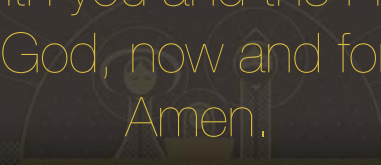
- Slavery*
- Circuses*
- Insane Emperors*
- Ordered suicides*
- Religious persecution*
- Torturous penalties*



Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;



...that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.




O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by,
Yet in thy dark streets shineth,
The everlasting Light;
***The hopes and fears of all the years,
Are met in thee tonight.***




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When tragedy strikes



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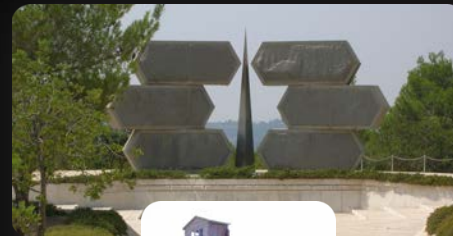
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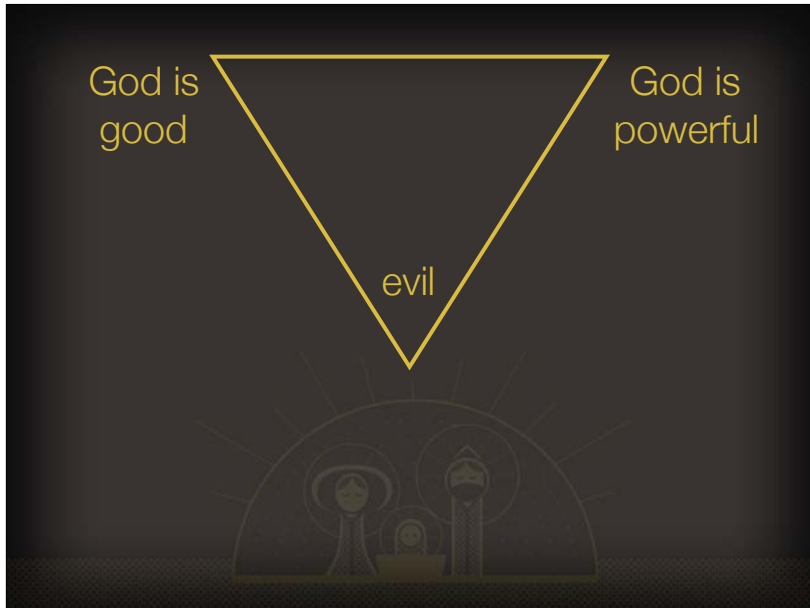


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Why?



- A few points to consider:
1. Pain & Suffering is **a problem for everyone.**
 2. Suffering is a bigger problem for those who don't believe in God.
 3. Pain & Suffering is perhaps the greatest test of faith...and belief.

1. Any answer is insufficient.
 2. Any reason is unreasonable.
- This is what makes pain and suffering evil.***



Evil is the absence of reason

got reason?



Hope.

Be careful not to use a **redemptive hope**
as **an explanation for tragedy**.



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