

*Something  
Bad*



5 SIGNS

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FINDING CLUES  
FROM GOD

# Acts 14:15-17

We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”

# Five Signs

- Something not Nothing (science)
- Something Good (arts)
- **Something Bad (ethics)**
- Something about Jesus (history)
- Something about the Church (sociology)

# Evil as a sign

“God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. Pain is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

CS Lewis

# Luke 13:1-5. Evil as a sign.

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

# Absolute Moral Law?

‘an attempt to invoke the existence of an absolute moral law without invoking the existence of an absolute moral lawgiver - it cannot be done.’

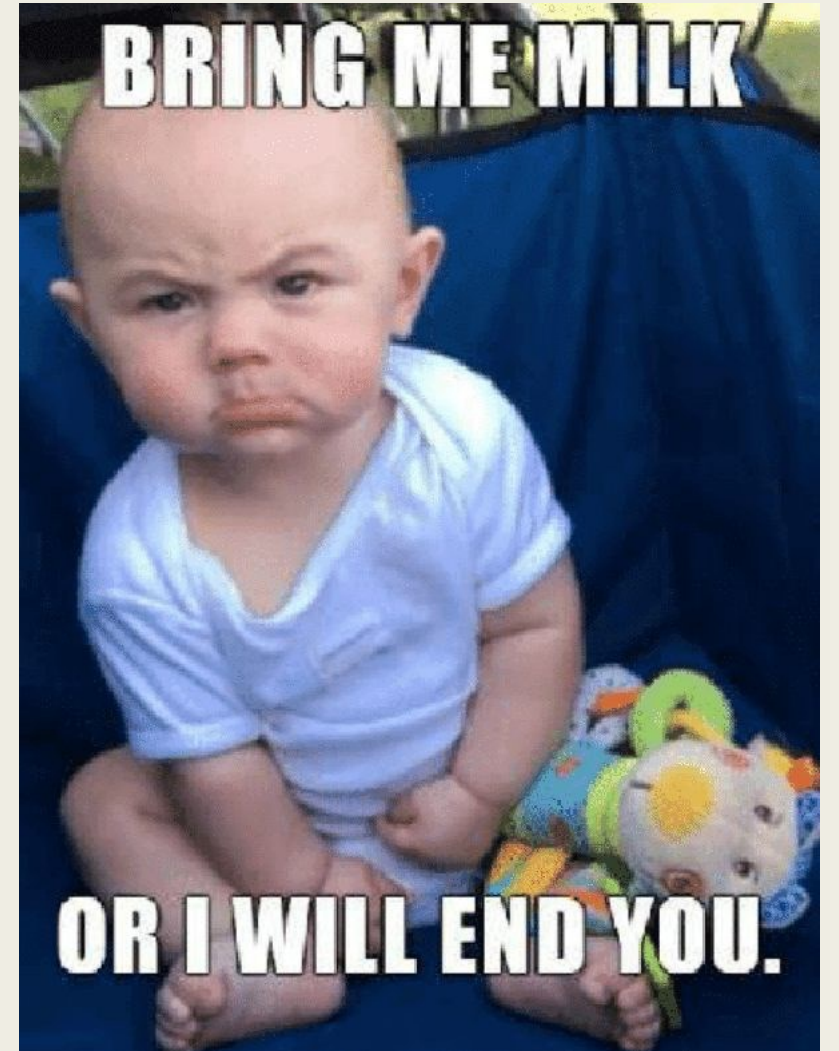
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# Psalm 119:164

...seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws.

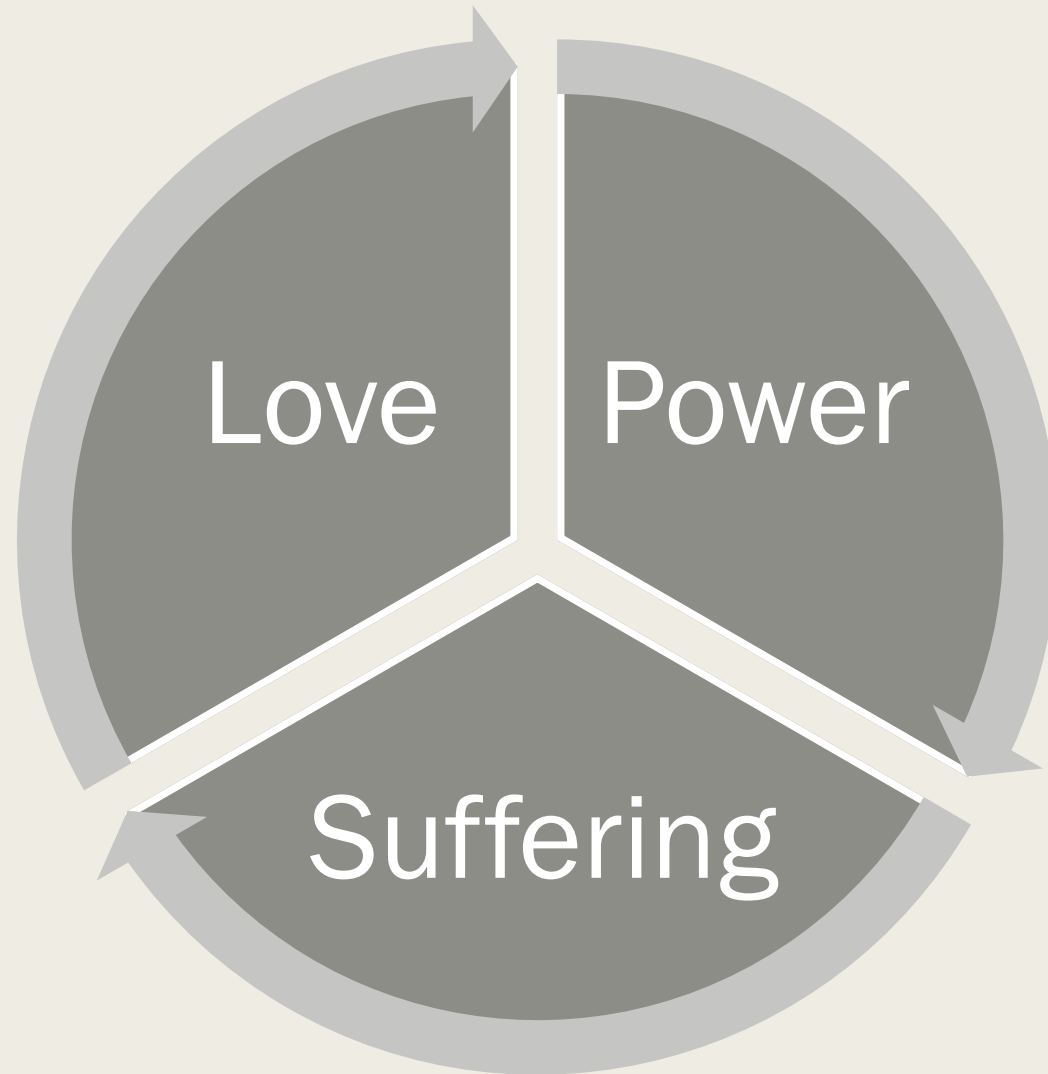
Great peace have those who love your law,  
and nothing can make them stumble...

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- God is Powerful – denied by atheists & bad theologians!
- God is Good – denied by deists of all stripes
- Suffering is evil – denied by Buddhism & fatalism

# What is God doing about something bad?

- We need saving from something bad 'out there' - EVIL
- We need saving from something bad 'in here' - SIN
- We need saving from something bad to come - DEATH





