

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS



Nature of God
What Christians believe
God to be like...




- Monotheists** - the belief in ONE God.
- Atheists** - someone who does not believe in God(s)
- Agnostic** - someone who is unsure about God's existence.
- Theist** - someone who believes in God(s).

Omnipotent - all powerful 

Omnipresent - all present (everywhere)

Omnibenevolent - all loving 

Omniscient - all knowing 

Just - fair and forgiving 

Creator Ex Nihilo - creator out of nothing 

Eternal - never ending / never dies

Transcendent - outside time & space. 

The Trinity
• There is only one God.
• Each person of the Trinity is fully God.
• The persons of the Trinity are not the same.

Holy Trinity
Three 'persons', all of which are God




God the Son - God incarnate (in human form), in the form of Jesus.

God the Father - creator of the Earth & everything in it.

God the Holy Spirit - once Jesus left the Earth the Holy Spirit guides & influences people today.

All H₂O but different forms

SOLID LIQUID GAS

 Three separate leaves - but really one leaf.

The Problem of Evil & Suffering

"If God is all powerful, loving and just, then why does he allow evil & suffering?"

Can God stop evil & suffering?
Does he care that humans suffer?
Has God abandoned humans?



Natural Evil
Natural disasters, droughts, floods - pain & suffering caused by events out of human control.

Moral Evil
Murder, stealing, cheating - pain & suffering caused by human choices.

Christian Responses to explain Evil & Suffering

• Many people are able to do evil things because God gave humans free will. It is more loving to allow freedom of choice.



• God is being fair & just in allowing suffering as humans deserve punishment for their sins



• When people go through hard times, some Christians believe God is testing their faith. Like the story of Job.

