

Candidate 2 evidence

- List
- example
- Renowned, analytic
- Erase

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- Literal blame
- 4q not allow
- satans plan, stopped it, forgiven
- "So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken" (Genesis 3:23)

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- 2 types—Analogy- lets child feel pain to learn and grow
- treatment on human- allows us suffer=world better light
- Human race rally- unaffected see luck
- Challenges= opportunity to be moral, negativity chose between selfishness and selflessness
- Consequence=Strengthens our faith
- "Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the Lord will be at your side and stop your foot from being snared" (Proverbs 3:25-26)
- Therefore, by our side= justified

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- Excludes Puppets- good his hand
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- Love=no tampering
- example
- Our choices- evil and suffering
- Moral evil
- Consequence- better morals- heaven
- benevolence= freewill and no deception

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- created us in love, he would not allow
- not love us
- not have qualities
- "The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness", (Jeremiah 3:13). However, allows us suffer
- Cannot coexist.

Does the existence of evil and suffering prove the Christian God cannot exist?

'Does the existence of evil and suffering prove the Christian God cannot exist' is an important question because the Christian belief is that there is an all-loving and all-powerful God that created everything in existence. However, why would this God allow us to live in a world full of evil and suffering? Since Christianity is the dominating religion in our society today, why should we allow millions of Christians to believe in a God who ~~is~~ is not what the bible claims? Are they being misled into believing in someone who is untrue? This is also an important question because if we cannot rationalize the existence of a benevolent and omnipotent God alongside the existence of evil and suffering, it may prove that this God does not exist or that there is an evil God that created everything to endure suffering. The proof to there not being a God may take a huge toll on Christians, affecting their behaviour as they may not fear a metaphysical being who will punish heinous crimes. This question also creates a divide in society as some people believe it is our fault, as humans, that evil and suffering exist while others believe it's God's fault and we are not responsible for our actions. I have chosen to discuss this topic as it is one of the largest philosophical questions still ~~un~~ unanswered to this day so I would like to have my say

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An argument which proves the God of Christianity cannot exist is that if He was truly all-loving, He would protect us from suffering. Christians believe God is benevolent, omnipotent,

omniscient and omnipresent, They also believe His love inspired Him to create us *imago dei*, in order to share His love. However, if He was benevolent and omnipotent, His love for us would provoke Him to prevent our pain and suffering. Bertrand Russell agrees that a benevolent God would not allow His creations to live in a world full of suffering, "Suffering cannot be the work of a good, loving, caring God." Therefore, ^{and I believe} a benevolent and omnipotent God would erase all our suffering so we can live happily and in His love.

Another argument which proves the God of Christianity cannot exist is that if He possessed all the qualities the Bible claims, He would have prevented the fall. Some Christians who believe the story of ^{adam and eve} ~~the fall~~ to be literal, say they blame their sins for human suffering. However, the God of Christianity simply wouldn't allow this to happen in the first place. If He was omniscient, He would have known ~~that~~ Satan was planning it. If He was ~~strong~~ omnipotent, He would have been strong enough to stop Satan and if He was ~~strong~~ benevolent, even if He couldn't stop the ~~fall~~ eating of the forbidden fruit, He would have understood ~~that~~ they were manipulated and forgiven them. However, they were still punished, "So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken," (Genesis 3:23) ^{I believe this a strong argument as the strongest being} in the universe would have the power to erase all suffering.

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On the other hand, some Christians ~~do~~ believe God allows us to suffer ~~in~~ in order

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to test us and let us appreciate the good aspects in life. There are two types of evil in this world; Moral Evil, which is caused by humans such as murder; and Natural Evil which is out of our control such as natural disasters. Say we take the analogy of God being a parent and mankind His child. Parents allow their children to feel pain in order to learn from mistakes and grow as human beings. This is how God treats humanity - He allows us to suffer in order to us to fully appreciate the good in the world. When natural disasters occur generally the human race rallies together to support and raise funds for those affected. This allows the unaffected to realize how lucky they are and lets those affected know that the world is good and loves them. ~~This is an example of Natural Evil, although causing pain and suffering, benefiting people as they see the~~ ~~world~~. The challenges that arise from evil allows us to become better and moral people and the negativity grants us the opportunity to be either selfless ~~to~~ and help people or selfish and ignore those affected. A consequence from learning from our suffering is that it strengthens our faith in God as He gives us the strength to ~~work~~ through the hard times. This is shown, "Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the Lord will be at your side and stop your ~~toe~~ foot from being snared," (Proverbs 3:25-26). This shows that the Christian God's existence is justified as He loves us and supports us

through hard times; only allowing us to suffer so we see the ~~be~~ good things in a brighter light. I believe this is a weak argument because if God Himself created us, He could have made us to be appreciative of the world without making us suffer.

Another argument proving the Christian God can exist is that He granted us will ~~freewill~~ and the power to act the way we wish. This excludes us from being his 'puppets' and only doing good by his hand. This argument was first introduced by St. Augustine in the 'Confessions of St. Augustine'. He claimed God loved enough to grant us freewill and not tamper with our actions and this would be an act of deception. This is backed up by, "The will is always free, but not always good." (Confessions of St. Augustine). This shows that God will always grant us with freewill out of His love for us, it is what we chose to do with it that creates evil, specifically Moral Evil. A consequence of free will is that it allows us to get better morals as we personally make our own ~~desisions~~ decisions which gets us a better chance of going to heaven. Therefore, God's benevolence gave us free will and the promise He would not tamper with our actions. This justifies the existence of the Christian God. However I believe this is a weak argument because if God created us, even with allowing us free will, He would have created us without the want to do evil. Since He created us *imago dei*, it also shows that if we perform evil because it

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is our choice, then because we are in his image, He has the ability to be evil too.

To conclude, I believe the existance of evil and suffering prove the Christian God cannot exist. The main reason I believe this is because if He created us out of love, He would not allow us to suffer. Hence, because we suffer it ~~blatantly~~ blatantly shows He does not love us, therefore he does not have the qualities ~~the~~ the Bible claims. This is shown, "The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with ~~an~~ ^{an} everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness," (Jeremiah 3:13). This shows how the Bible claims God is all-loving, proving Christians believe in a benevolent God which is untrue since our world is in a pit of suffering. Therefore, ~~the~~ evil and suffering cannot coexist with the Christian God so He cannot exist.

This shows that Christians are basing their belief off a lie

and have been lied to for ~~the~~ centuries

of producing happiness. They do believe however that marriage is a security for children.

My view:

Having looked at information, I agree with the non-religious view on the relevance of marriage. I believe that as long as two people love each other and are not harming anyone else around them, marriage is not necessary. Many couples these days live together with their children and are unmarried, this suggests that many people believe marriage is no longer necessary. I believe that married and unmarried couples are treated very differently which I do not agree with. In Joe Walker's RMPS Morality & belief book it says "The Law is very clear: couples living together do not have the same rights as married couples and civil partners." In the years 2015/16 there were 9,943 divorces in Scotland, this shows an extremely large amount of people's marriages has ended in divorce and may make people think of the consequences that comes with that. However I do agree marriage gives people financial stability that unmarried couples do not have, for example if someone died who was in a relationship but unmarried died, the other person would not have the rights to property or pension etc. This would be different for married couples.

Conclusion:

In conclusion Christians believe marriage is still necessary because it shows true responsibility and commitment to someone and the only way to have kids is through marriage. Utilitarians believe that two people getting married makes most people happy rather than unhappy, marriage is still necessary otherwise they would disagree. In the survey I held it shows an overwhelming amount of 96% of people said marriage is no longer necessary in today's society. Overall, marriage is no longer necessary in today's society because there are many negative impacts of marriage that can affect people in many different ways.