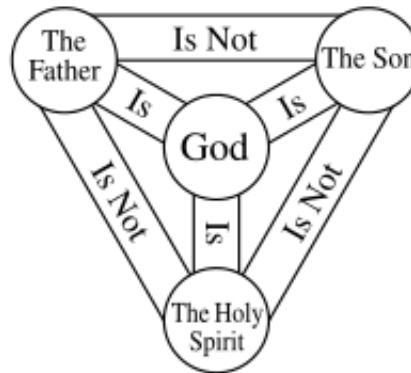




Evil	& Suffering
Moral evil	Suffering caused by humans exercising their free will , typically crime, violence and war. It can be argued moral evil lies behind many examples of natural evil.
Natural evil	Suffering caused by natural events. Typically earthquakes or tsunamis. Some argue the suffering is caused by humans who disrupt the planet of force others to live in harms way.
Inconsistent Triad	Idea that if God is Benevolent , loving, Omnipotent , all powerful and Omniscient , all knowing evil shouldn't exist. If it does then God either doesn't know, doesn't care or isn't powerful enough to stop it – so doesn't exist.
Biblical responses	We should not worry about why evil happens, but just accept and deal with it. It can teach us more about God.
Theoretical responses	It is a test, it grows character (the vale of soul making) and can teach us more about ourselves.
<u>Practical responses</u>	Never mind why it happens – just get on and do something about it. Help others who are suffering.

God

Christians believe in **One God** (*monotheism*). However they understand God through the **Trinity** (*three persons in one god*). The **Father** is the prime figure and remains in heaven. The **Son** became *incarnate* as Jesus and died on the cross to save mankind. The **Holy Spirit** is the power of God at work in the world and the lives of Christians today.



Salvation	
Sin is breaking God's law. It separates people from God. Original Sin is the act of Adam & Eve with the apple in the Garden of Eden	Jesus taught that salvation (being saved from the consequences of sin) did not come from keeping the laws but from grace – given when he died on the cross instead of sinners
Atonement & Reconciliation describe the belief that Jesus paid for humanity's sin and enabled people to be with God again. This is known as Penal Substitution .	Others believe Jesus' life was an example to follow & that by loving as he did Christians can be reunited with God. In this view salvation comes from living a Christian life, not just believing the Christian faith.
Christians believe they will be raised from the dead like Jesus was. Then they will be judged.	Catholics & Protestants believe in Heaven & Hell as p[laces of reward or punishment. Catholics also believe in Purgatory where people pay for their sins before entering Heaven.
Some do not believe a loving God would punish people in Hell. They believe in Annihilation – those who reject God just cease to exist	The Bible uses examples of & goats, crops & weeds to illustrate how the good will be separated from the bad at Judgement day. Christians try to live good faithful lives so they go to Heaven.

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Creation
 Literal – God made the world in 7 days just like it said in the Bible (no Big Bang, no evolution)
 Conservative – Genesis is not absolute fact – the days are eras that began with the Big Bang & evolution
 Liberal – genesis is a story with a meaning, a metaphor. The Big Bang & evolution are how we got here
 All believe God created *ex nihilo* – from nothing
 All believe we are STEWARDS of the earth – responsible to God for looking after his creation

Incarnation
 Literally 'to take on flesh'. The idea that Jesus existed before he became human because he's God.
 Matthew & Mark record various events from his birth. Luke doesn't & John takes a theological view
 The story is celebrated at Christmas & includes supernatural elements like the angels, star & virgin birth
 It's important to Christians as Jesus is Emmanuel – God with us & it paves the way for the Cross

	The last days of Jesus' Life
Last Supper	Final Passover meal with his disciples before his betrayal. He instituted Communion – the bread & wine to remember him
Betrayal & arrest	Judas betrays him for 30 pieces of silver & identifies him with a kiss. He's arrested at night in the Garden of Gethsemene whilst praying & offers no resistance.
Trials	Tried & found guilty of blasphemy in Herod's Jewish court he's sent to Pilate as only Romans can give the death penalty. Found innocent but condemned anyway
Crucifixion	Beaten, humiliated, forced to carry his own cross he was killed on the Friday with 2 thieves. His charge was being 'King of the Jews'. He forgave his executioners
Resurrection & Ascension	His tomb was found empty on the 3 rd day by his women followers. He appeared to various disciples & groups of believers, now with a 'supernatural' body. After 40 days he was taken up into heaven, leaving his disciples to spread the good news.