

Providence and Suffering

God Rules
His Creation

General providence

General providence
Special providence

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Miracles

General providence

Special providence

Miracles

Spiritual Events

Evil
and
suffering

- There IS Evil
- Evil = No God ?
- NO God = NO EVIL

No Evil?

- God causes **EVERYTHING**

- ~~God causes EVERYTHING~~
- God causes NOTHING

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- ~~God causes NOTHING~~
- God causes SOMETHINGS

Pain & suffering

- SATAN

Pain & suffering

- SATAN
- MEN

Pain & suffering

- SATAN
- MEN
- SELF

Pain & suffering

- SATAN
- MEN
- SELF
- NATURE

Purpose

Purpose

Punitive

Purpose

Corrective

Purpose

Vicarious

Purpose

Redemptive

Purpose

TESTING

Purpose

Consequential

Purpose

Unexplained

"Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name."

1 Peter 4:16

"Therefore let those
who suffer according
to God's will entrust
their souls to a faithful
Creator while doing
good."

1 Peter 4:19

