

NATURE OF GOD

What Christians believe God to be like...

MONOTHEISTS = the belief in ONE God.

ATHEISTS = Do not believe in God
 AGNOSTIC = Not sure if God exists
 THEIST = Do believe in God

Christian Beliefs +

OMNIPOTENT = All powerful
 OMNIBENIGN = All loving
 JUST = fair & forgiving
 ETERNAL = Everlasting / never dies



OMNIPRESENT = everywhere
 OMNISCIENT = all knowing
 Creator ex nihilo = creator
 TRANSCENDENT = outside time & space



2 TYPES:
 o Natural Ev
 ie Drought, disease
 o Moral Ev
 ie Murder, sex
 suffering no cause & he

THE PROBLEM OF EVIL & SUFFERING

Q If God is all powerful & loving: does he allow suffering?
 Can God stop suffering?
 Does he care the sufferer?

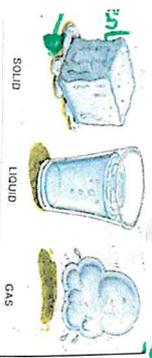
THE TRINITY

Three persons all of which are one God



God the Holy Spirit guides & influences people today

God the SON / God incarnate.



There is only one God each part of the Trinity is fully God

OR... H₂O - same but appeared



Christian Responses to explain evil SUFFERING

Free Will



= God is not to blame

Humans deserve punishment for sin

Test of faith in the story of Job

Accept God works in mysterious ways but part of his plan but part of the Devil...



THE STORY OF JOB