

# ISLAM & ATHEISM

*OBJECTION 5: WHY IS THERE SUFFERING?*



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# WHY IS THERE SUFFERING?

God did not create suffering as an independent entity in its own right. It is only the antithesis of pleasure and comfort.

The absence of happiness is suffering, which is like its shadow, just as darkness is the shadow cast by the absence of light.



**"BLESSED IS HE IN WHOSE HAND  
IS THE KINGDOM, AND HE HAS  
POWER OVER ALL THINGS;  
WHO HAS CREATED DEATH AND  
LIFE THAT HE MIGHT TRY YOU  
—WHICH OF YOU IS BEST IN  
DEEDS; AND HE IS THE MIGHTY,  
THE MOST FORGIVING."  
HOLY QUR'AN (67:2-3)**

Suffering is a teacher, cultivating and culturing our conduct. It develops and refines sensibilities, teaches humility, and prepares humans to turn to God.

The secret of all scientific investigation and discovery lies in a constant quest for the relief of pain and discomfort. The motivation behind discovery is based less on a desire to gain luxury than on a need to escape pain. Luxury itself is an extension of our tendency to move away from a state of discomfort to a state of comparative ease.





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