

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or triumph, set against a vibrant sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is filled with warm, golden light, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect on the person's silhouette.

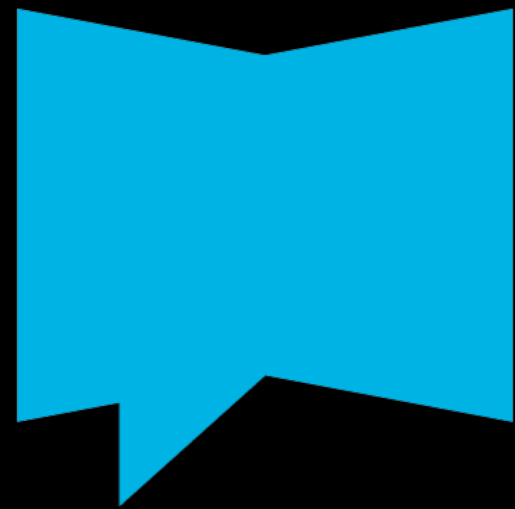
GOD ON TRIAL

The Book of Job

**Is it possible to do a
completely selfless act?**

righteous
suffering
servant

Job
Noah
Adam
Jesus



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**“Solomon the Cynic & the
Job You Never Knew”**

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Wisdom is not “always understanding” — but trusting in the God who DOES understand.





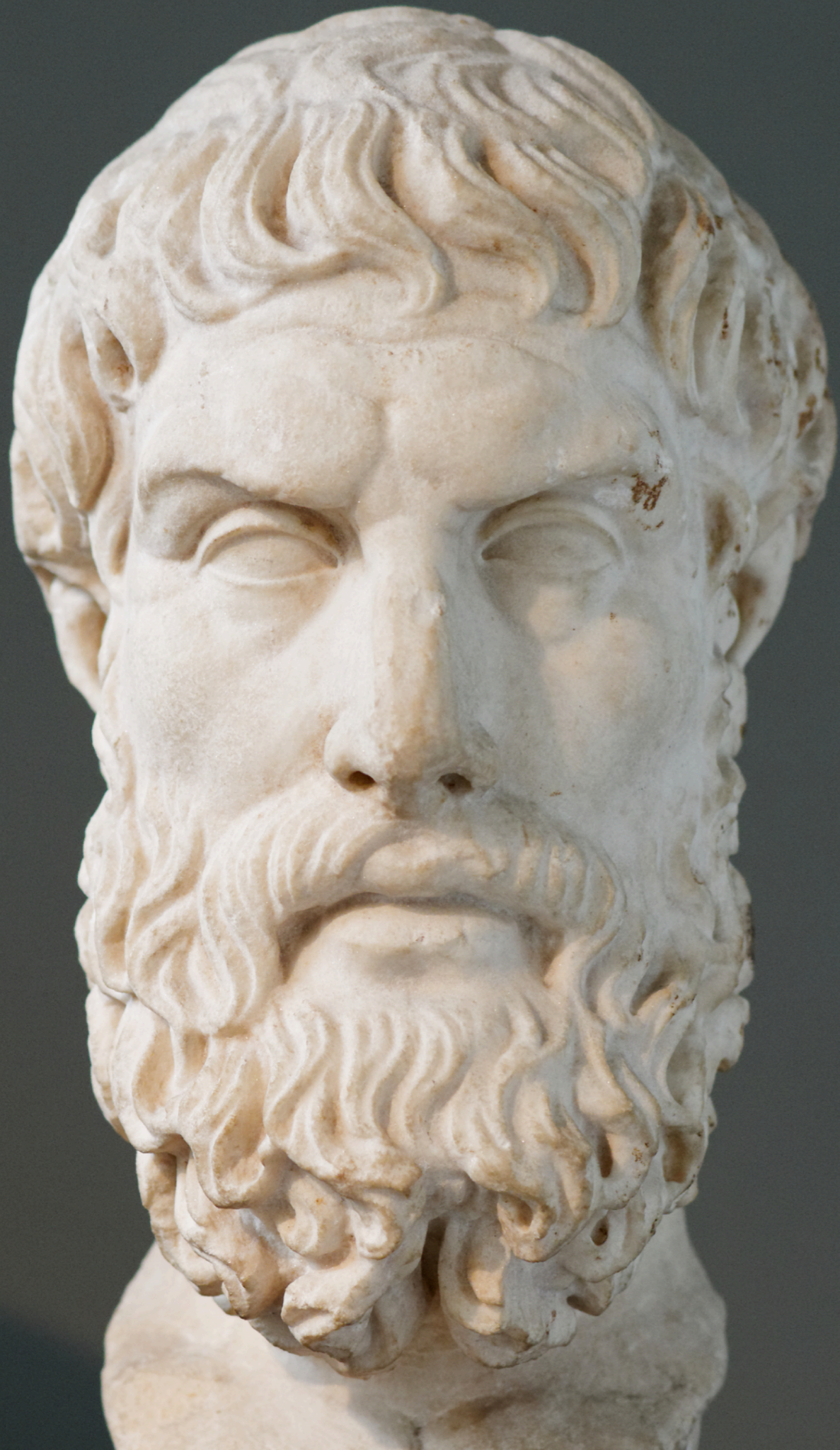






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The Problem of Pain



Epicurus
341 BC-270 BC



"Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able? Then he is not omnipotent. Is he able, but not willing? Then he is malevolent. Is he both able and willing? Then from whence comes evil?"

- Epicurus

“The total amount of suffering per year in the natural world is beyond all decent contemplation.... The universe that we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but pitiless indifference.”

- Richard Dawkins

The Epicurean Paradox

1. If an all-powerful, all-knowing, benevolent God exists, then evil does not.
2. There is evil in the world.
3. Therefore, an all-powerful, all-knowing, benevolent God does not exist.

**Bad things still happen
to good people.**

- Romans 5:3-5
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- James 1:2-5
- Rom 11:33-36

**How should we think
about God?**

“Too often we focus our faith on believing that God will heal, relieve our suffering, or protect us from pain. Sometimes our faith lies in the belief that God will somehow come to us and give us explanations. Other times we place our faith in our ability to force our experiences into a coherent, meaningful narrative...”

“All these approaches are unrealistic. Our faith should be directed toward embracing an all-wise God and asking him for help to live well before him regardless of our plight in this world that continues to display both order and disorder.”

– John Walton

**How should we think
about the world?**

Death
is not
the end.

“Trust me. I got this.”

- God

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or triumph, set against a vibrant sunset background. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. The person's arms are spread wide, and their hands are open. The overall mood is one of hope and faith.

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