

God's characteristics

| | Is God all loving? | Is God all powerful? | Is God all knowing? | Can evil exist? | Comments |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | |
| 2 | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | There might be pockets of evil that God doesn't know about. |
| 3 | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | God cannot control evil producing situations. |
| 4 | Yes | No | No | Yes | God is not powerful enough to stop at least some of the evil. |
| 5 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | God has the power & knowledge to stop any evil, She just doesn't want to. |
| 6 | No | Yes | No | Yes | God doesn't want to stop some of the evil She doesn't know about. |
| 7 | No | No | Yes | Yes | God doesn't want to stop some of the evil She isn't powerful enough to do anything about. |
| 8 | No | No | No | Yes | God doesn't care, isn't powerful enough, & doesn't know about all the evil. |

Conclusion: Are there any other options? If so, what are they? Assume this list is complete. It is obvious that evil exists, which of options 2 - 8 is most likely? We all want a God that is simultaneously all living, all powerful, and all knowing (option 1); but we cannot have that God. Right?