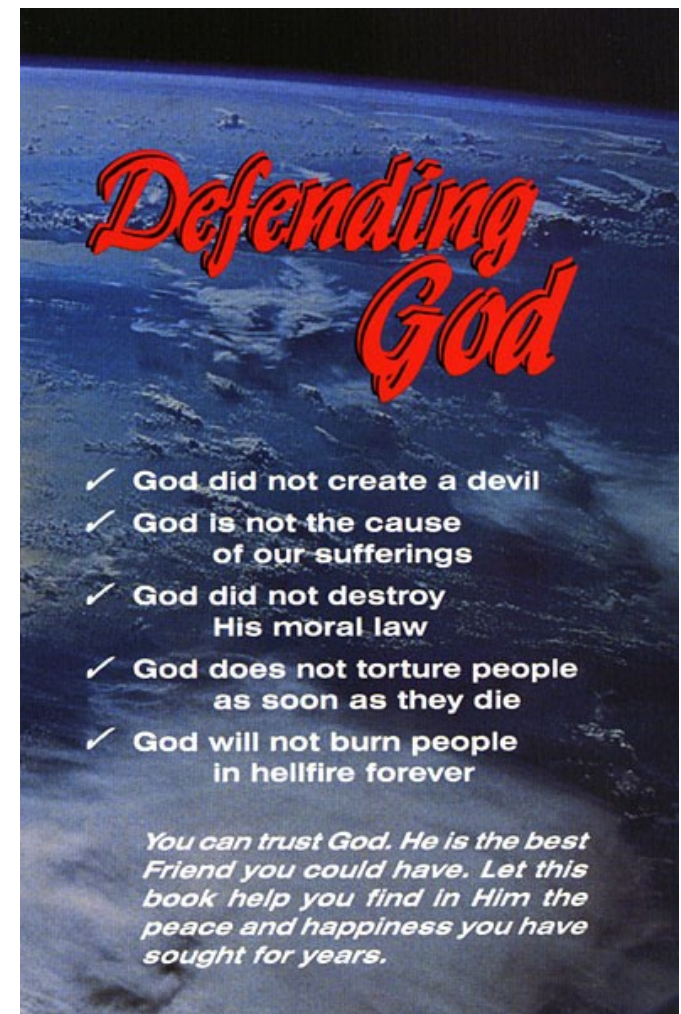


answer to this question. The government of God is founded on His divine law. Only by obedience to it, can His creatures be happy. The law of love being the foundation of the government of God, the happiness of all created beings depended upon their perfect accord with its great principles of righteousness. God desires from all His creatures the service of love—homage that springs from an intelligent appreciation of His character. He takes no pleasure in a forced allegiance, and to all He grants freedom of will, that they may render Him voluntary service. **The Bible says that “sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4). That is the only clear definition of sin in the Bible. God did not cause sin to exist.** It is impossible to explain the origin of sin so as to give a reason for its existence. Yet enough may be understood concerning both the origin and the final disposition of sin to make fully manifest the justice and benevolence of God in all His dealings with evil. Nothing is more plainly taught in Scripture than that God was in no wise responsible for the entrance of sin; that there was no arbitrary withdrawal of divine grace, no deficiency in the divine government, that gave occasion for the uprising of rebellion. Sin is an intruder, for whose presence no reason can be given. It is mysterious, unaccountable; to excuse it is to defend it. Could excuse for it be found, or cause be shown for its existence, it would cease to be sin. Our only definition of sin is that given in the Word of God; it is “the transgression of the law”; it is the outworking of a principle at war with the great law of love which is the foundation of the divine government. **Sin, suffering, and death go together. Before sin began, there was no suffering and there was no death.** Before the entrance of evil there was peace and joy throughout the universe. All was in perfect harmony with the Creator’s will. Love for God was supreme, love for one another impartial. Christ the Word, the Only Begotten of God, was one with the eternal Father,—one in nature, in character, and in purpose,—the only being in all the universe that could enter into all the counsels and purposes of God. By Christ the

Father wrought in the creation of all heavenly beings. “By Him were all things created, that are in heaven . . . whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers” (Col 1:16); and to Christ, equally with the Father, all heaven gave allegiance. **Satan (originally called Lucifer), by his own decision, chose to sin. He was the first one to do it.** But there was one that chose to pervert this freedom. Sin originated with him who, next to Christ, had been most honored of God and who stood highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven. Before his Fall, Lucifer was first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled. “Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering . . . Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”—Ezekiel 28:12-15. **It is an amazing fact that, in the midst of such perfection and peace, sin began. Lucifer decided to live for himself. But this was not God’s fault. It was Lucifer’s own decision which grew into an obstinate, open rebellion.** All heaven had rejoiced to reflect the Creator’s glory and to show forth His praise. And while God was thus honored, all had been peace and gladness. But a note of discord now marred the celestial harmonies. The service and exaltation of self, contrary to the Creator’s plan, awakened forebodings of evil in minds to whom God’s glory was supreme. The heavenly councils pleaded with... **For the whole story, please contact us for your free book - Defending God. FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND OR ANYTHING ELSE, PLEASE CONTACT: MOBILE: 0404 881 885. INTERNATIONAL: 61 404 881 885. WEB SITE: www.freeliteraturemultimedia.org EMAIL: freeliteraturemultimedia@gmail.com POSTAL ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 220, MUNDARING, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 6073.**



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everything? They blame Him for tornadoes, hurricanes, storms, cold winters, and drought. Whatever happens, God gets the blame. He is blamed for highway accidents, fires, our own mistakes, and even attacks by criminals. If it is bad, then it is an "act of God" and definitely His fault. If it is good, it is either good luck or something we can praise ourselves for. Christian leaders and authors generally discuss the subject of suffering by, first, presenting a list of horrors that are happening to people; second, saying that God is doing it for some reason we do not understand; and, third, that we need to trust Him in spite of it all. What a miserable defense of God!—when the truth is that He is the most wonderful, kindly Person you could possibly know! He is not responsible for the misery in this world! And the book will prove it from the Bible. As you read the book, many of your fears and worries will vanish; your love for God will deepen, and you will be able to enter into a far deeper relationship with Him than you have ever before experienced. And, oh, my friend, that is what we all need so much! **Chapter Three: Bible Facts about the Law of God**—The charge is made that God has destroyed His moral law of Ten Commandments and men no longer need keep them! What would happen if your city abolished its laws? The government would collapse. There can be no government without law. Every church has its laws which members must obey, but it is said that God has no laws that anyone need obey. Here are important Bible facts, showing that God requires obedience to His moral code; and, through the enabling grace of Jesus Christ, we can fully obey all that God asks of us in His Inspired Writings. **Chapter Four: Bible Facts about the Other Side of Death**—In order to properly understand the nature of hell, we first must learn what the Bible teaches about what happens to men after they die. This is an important chapter. **Chapter Five: Bible Facts about the Final Death of the Wicked**—God is not only a God of love, but also of justice. Yet He is not going to burn people in hellfire for millions of years for the wrongdoing of a brief lifetime. That would not be just! Whether or not they

admit it, everyone realizes this. Yet preachers and priests calmly declare that God is burning millions of people right now in hellfire, that He has been doing it for thousands of years, and that this horrible torture will continue on for eternity. Punishment for what? the sins of a few, brief years of existence in our world? It is totally impossible that any creature could do enough wickedness in sixty or seventy years to merit fearful suffering in flames for ages upon ages upon ages. The very idea is a blasphemy against the just character of God. In the book, clear evidence from the Bible will be given that not only has hellfire not yet begun, but, when it does, it will be over within a relatively short time. Such a just and fair final punishment will be proven from God's Word. **Chapter Six: Bible Facts about Satan and Spiritualism**—There is a terrible danger that a loved one might be entrapped by witchcraft. Because of evil books on the market, it is even being taught in the public schools. The charge is made that God approves of witchcraft. But the Bible is clear that channeling is of the devil, and we should have nothing to do with it. **Chapter Seven: Bible Facts about How to Come to Christ and Remain with Him**—A most beautiful conclusion to a strong defense of the character of God. Here you will learn the Basic Steps to Christ, the way to Jesus, and a life of happiness by His side. **Appendix: Thirty-one Days of Bible Promises**—Fill your whole heart with the words of God. They are living water, quenching your burning thirst. They are living bread from heaven—just for you. "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." —2 Corinthians 13:11 "But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto Him." —Psalm 4:3 "I will look unto the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me." —Micah 7:7 **Chapter One Why God Did Not Immediately Destroy Satan** People often blame God for not immediately destroying Satan, when he first brought sin into the universe. This chapter will provide you with a solid