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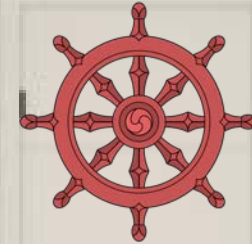
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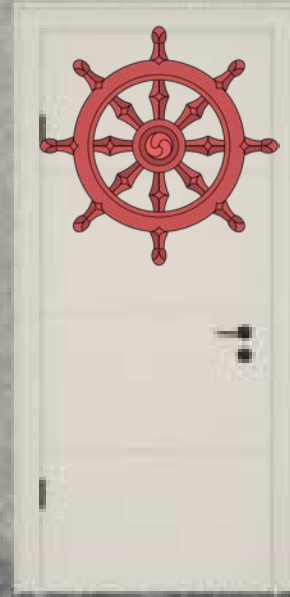
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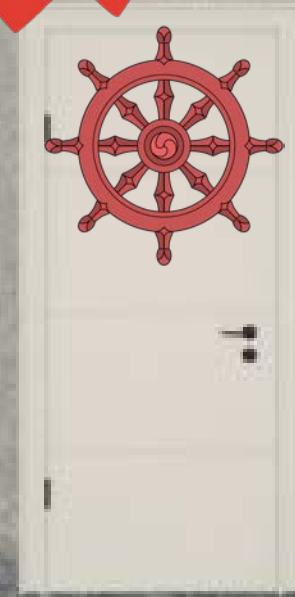
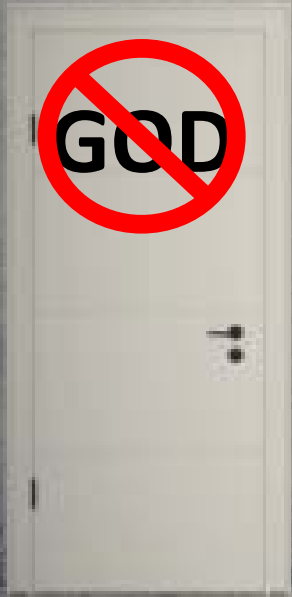
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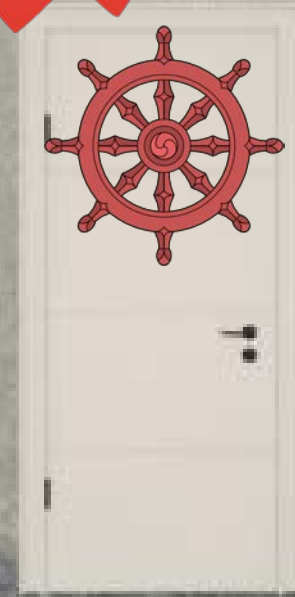
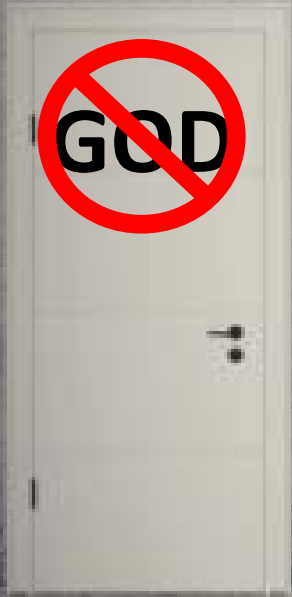
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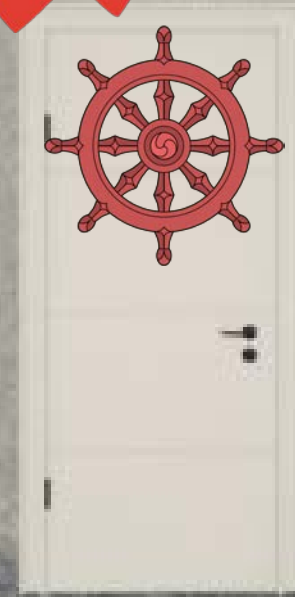
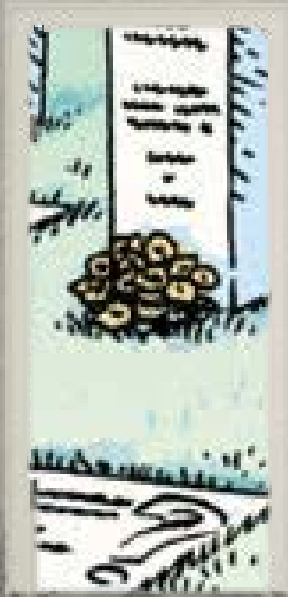
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Agnostics can't decide whether the evidence there is a God is sufficient when weighed against the evidence there is not a God.



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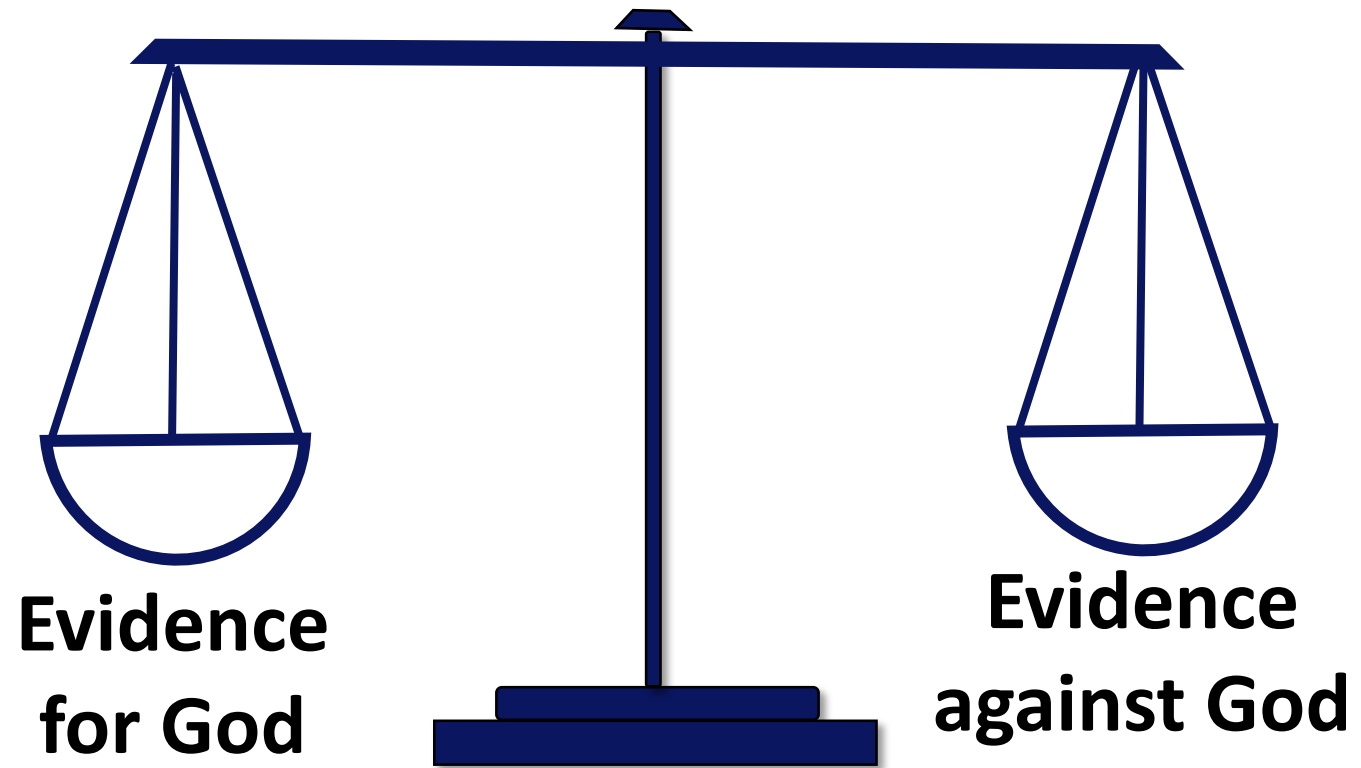
If Aliens Call, We Might Not Want To Answer, Says Stephen Hawking

Listen up, NASA.

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“Meeting an advanced civilization could be like Native Americans encountering Columbus — that didn’t turn out so well.”

Weighing the Evidence



The evidence:

Our perceptions of reality

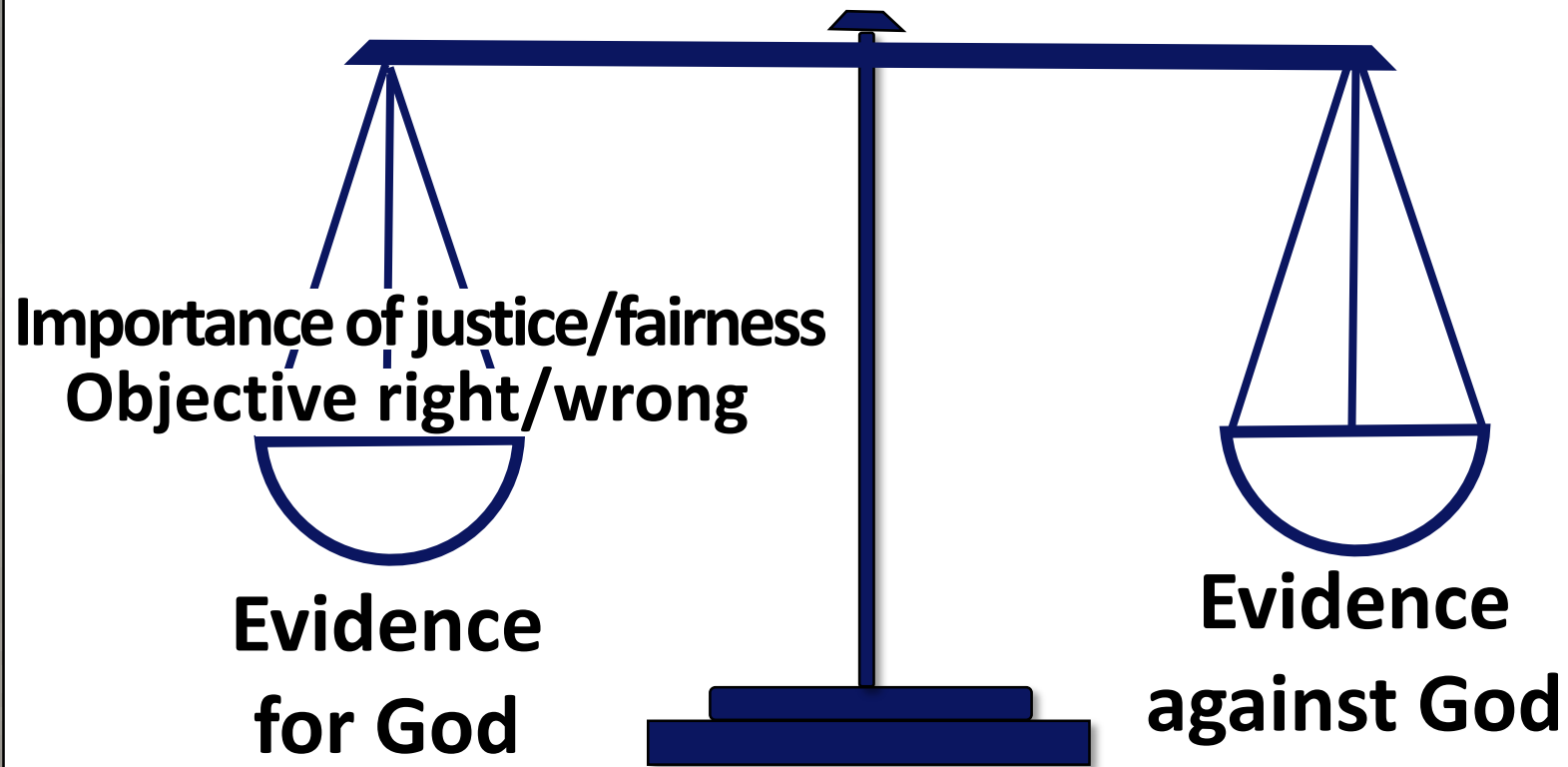
Positive Perceptions

- ✓ 1. Why is there objective right/wrong?
- ✗ 2. Why is there “beauty”?
- ✓ 3. Why is “justice” and “fair” important?
- ✓ 4. Why is there a basis for dignity and honor?
- ✓ 5. Why do we uniquely value humanity?
- ✓ 6. Why is there meaning and significance in life?
- ✓ 7. Why do my actions fail to meet my standards?

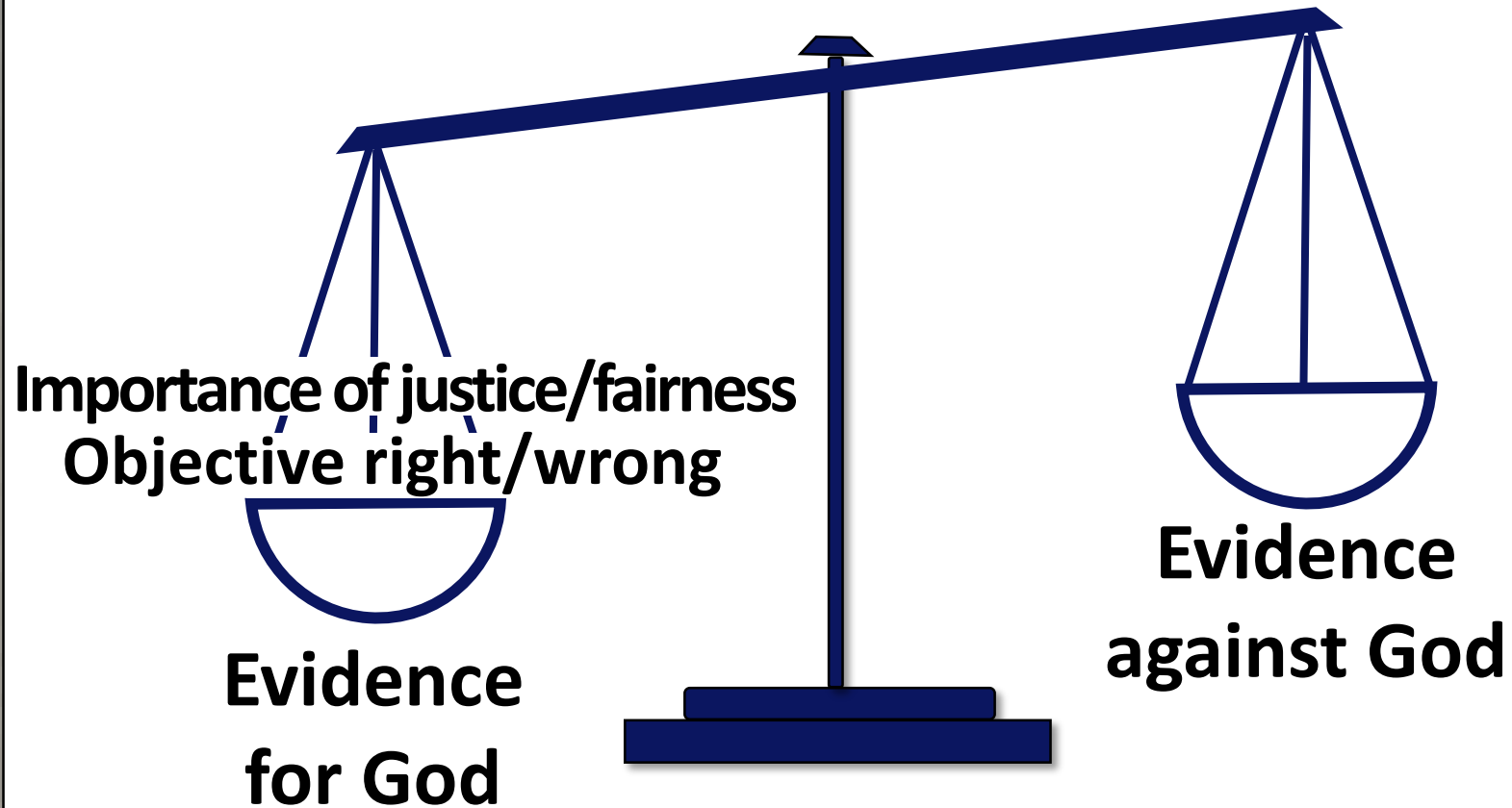
Negative Perceptions

1. Why is there suffering?
2. Why can't we see God?
3. Why do many prayers seem unanswered?
4. How does God mesh with science making sense of the cosmos?

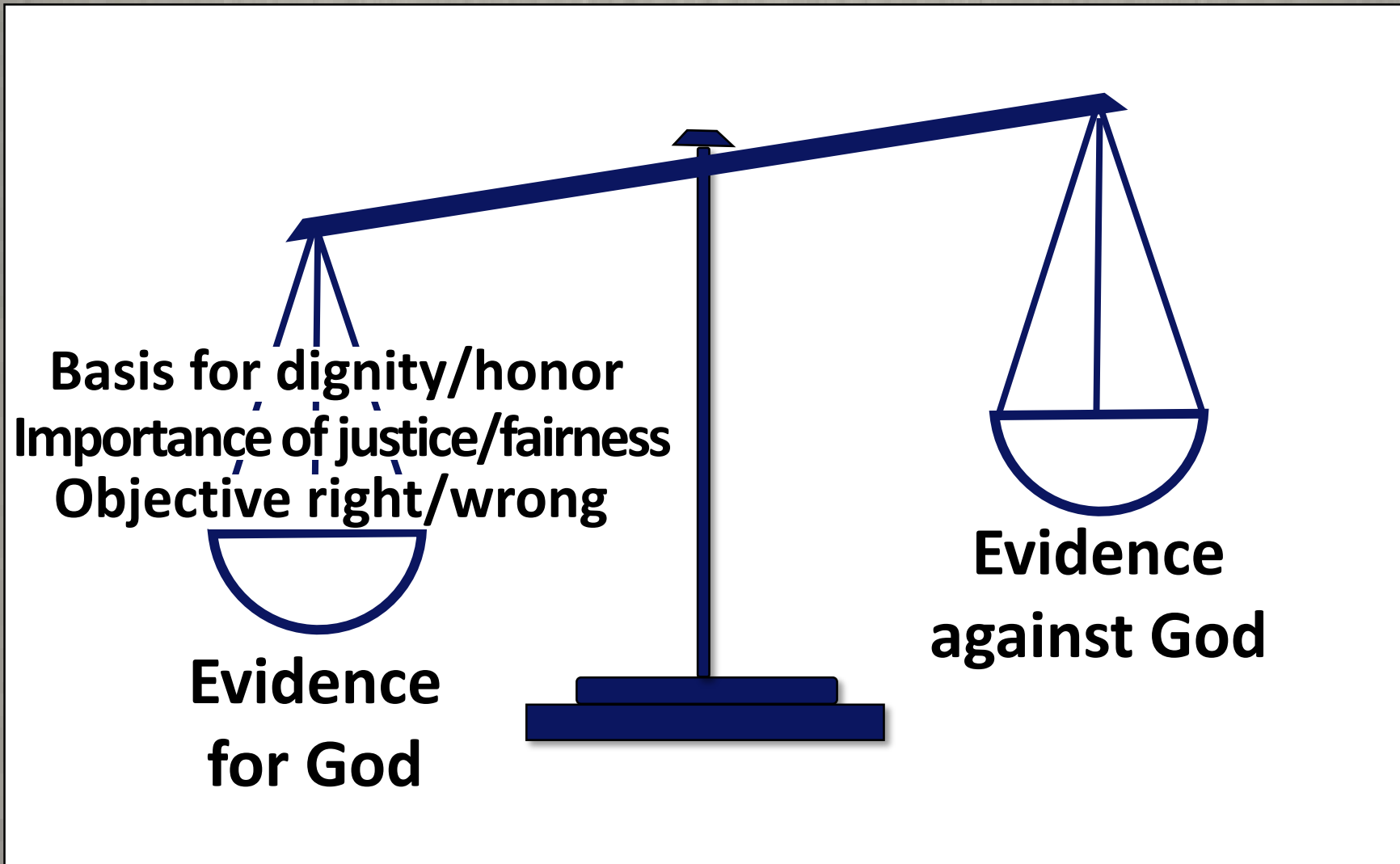
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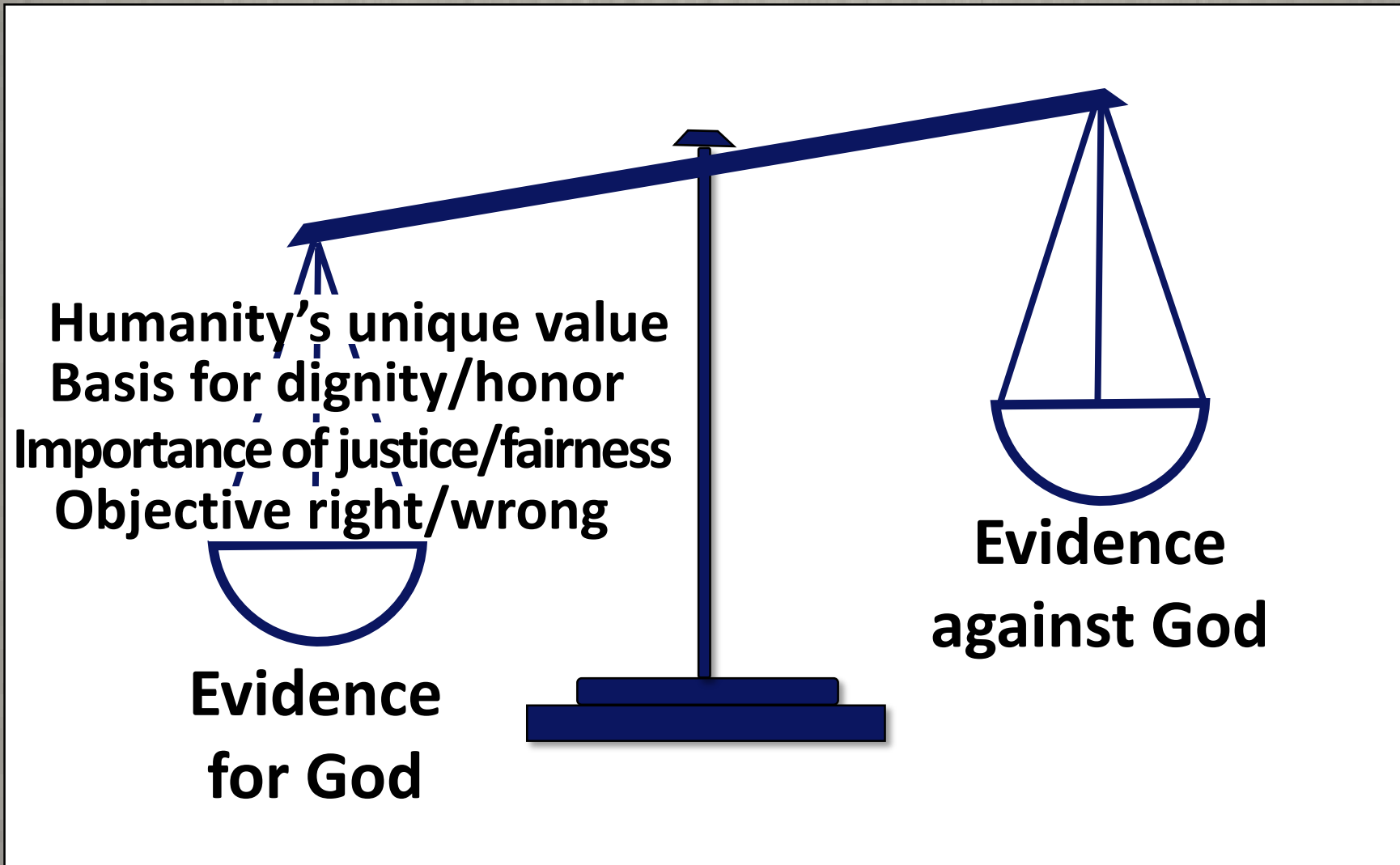
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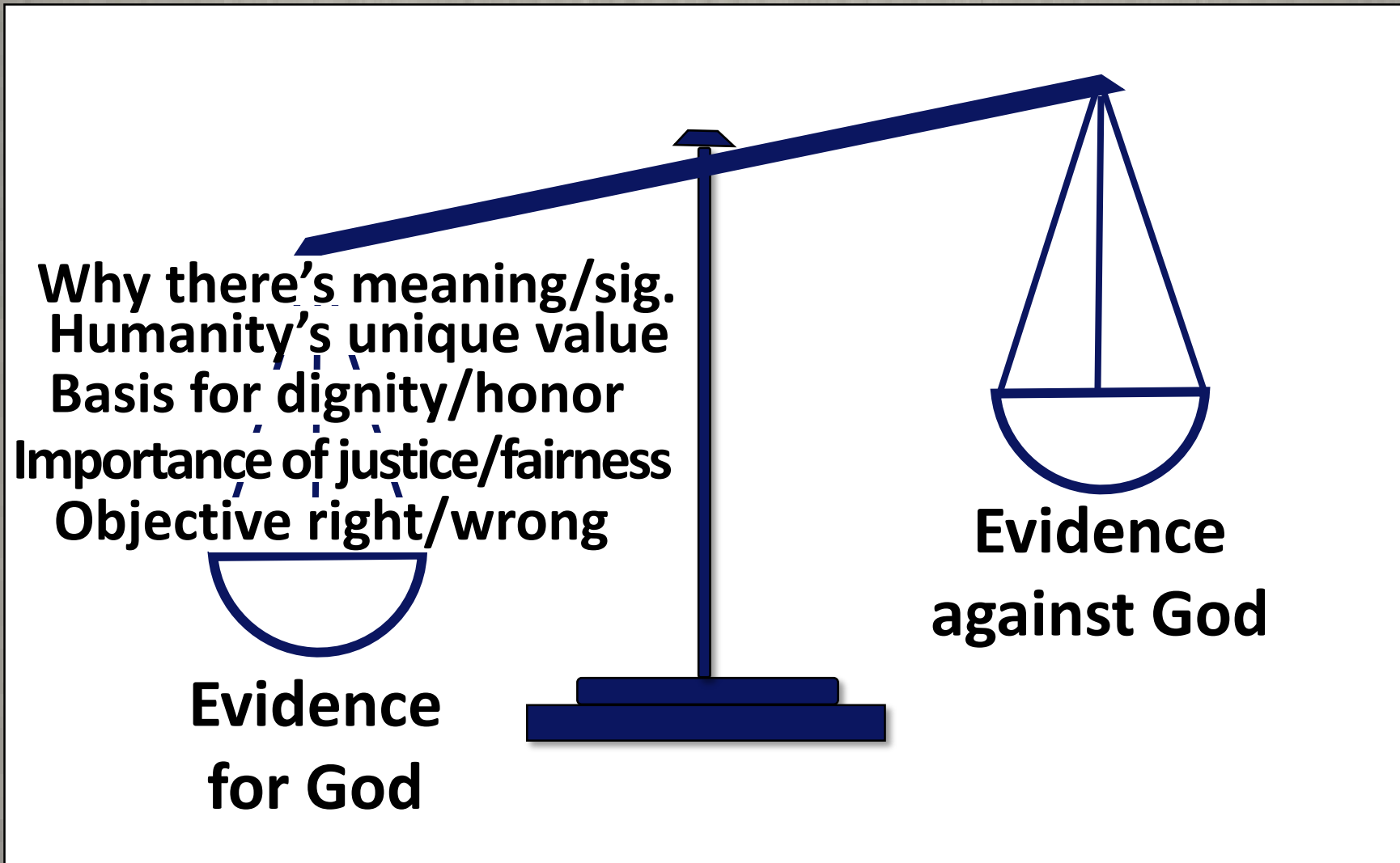
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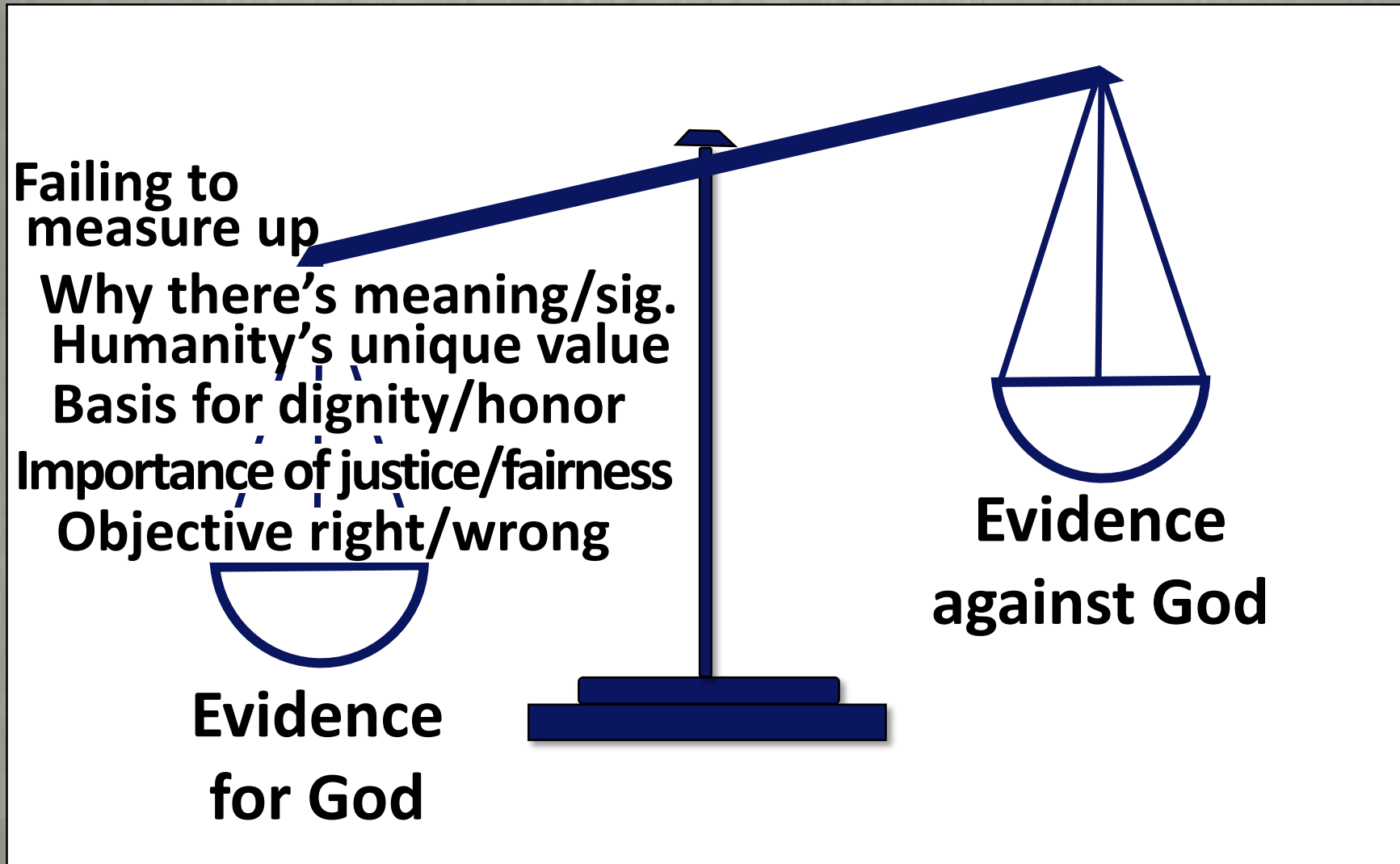
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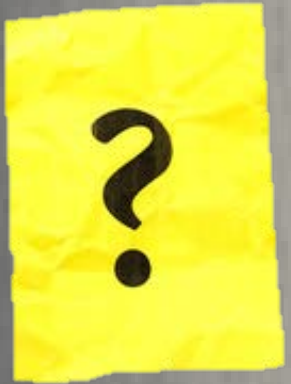


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One woman's lonely struggle against famine in Yemen





**There are three
important questions
at play**



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What **kind of God** would exist to explain suffering?

There are three



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What **ki important questions** exist to at play



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What **kind of humanity** would exist to explain suffering?



What **kind of God** would exist to explain suffering?

God is **NOT** some
“**happy puppeteer**”





What **kind of God** would exist to explain suffering?

God can make things
outside of himself





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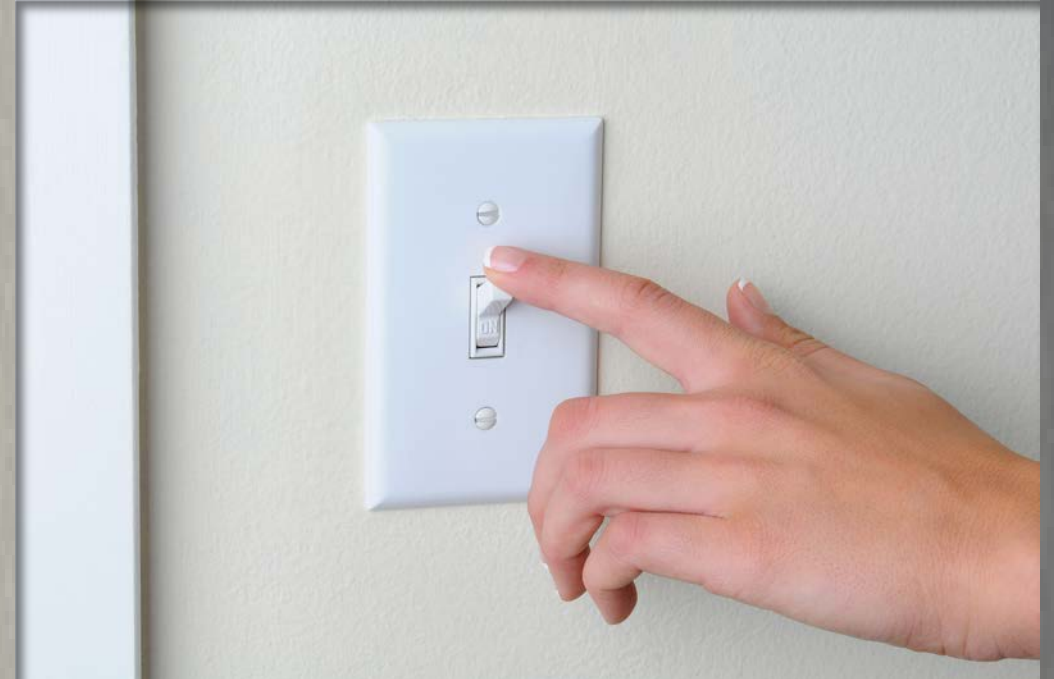
God didn't make
“**evil**” it **exists**
independently of God





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“Evil” is the absence or marring of “good”





What **kind of world** would exist
to explain suffering?

It is a world
outside of God





What **kind of world** would exist
to explain suffering?

It is a world
of laws.
It goes on and on.





What **kind of world** would exist
to explain suffering?

It is a world
we cannot control.
It is under a curse



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What **kind of humanity** would exist to explain suffering?

People who can make **real choices**

Compare Gen. 1:5, 8, 10
to Gen. 2:19



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What **kind of humanity** would exist to explain suffering?

People who can make **moral choices**

Gen. 3 and 4



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We live in an age of **unlimited credit** but **unaccepted responsibility**





**So where is the
love of God
in this suffering?**

Mt. 25:34-35

Isaiah 53

Mt. 16:21

Rom. 8:18-25

Points for home



“choose this day whom you will serve, ...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD”
(Josh. 24:15)

**Goodness is a choice;
I’m going to try and make it**

Points for home



*“I was hungry and you
gave me food”
(Mt. 25:35)*

I want to help stop suffering

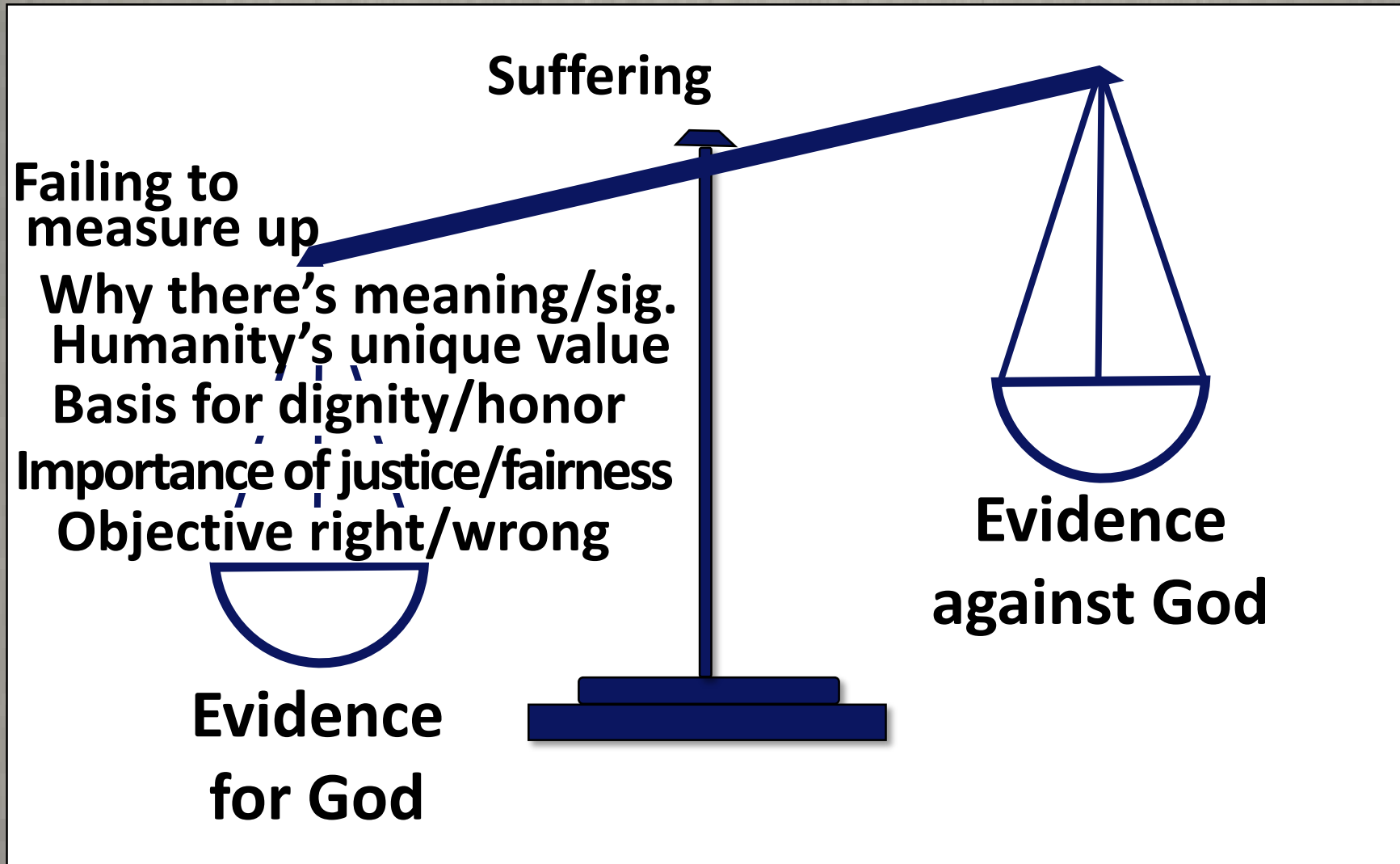
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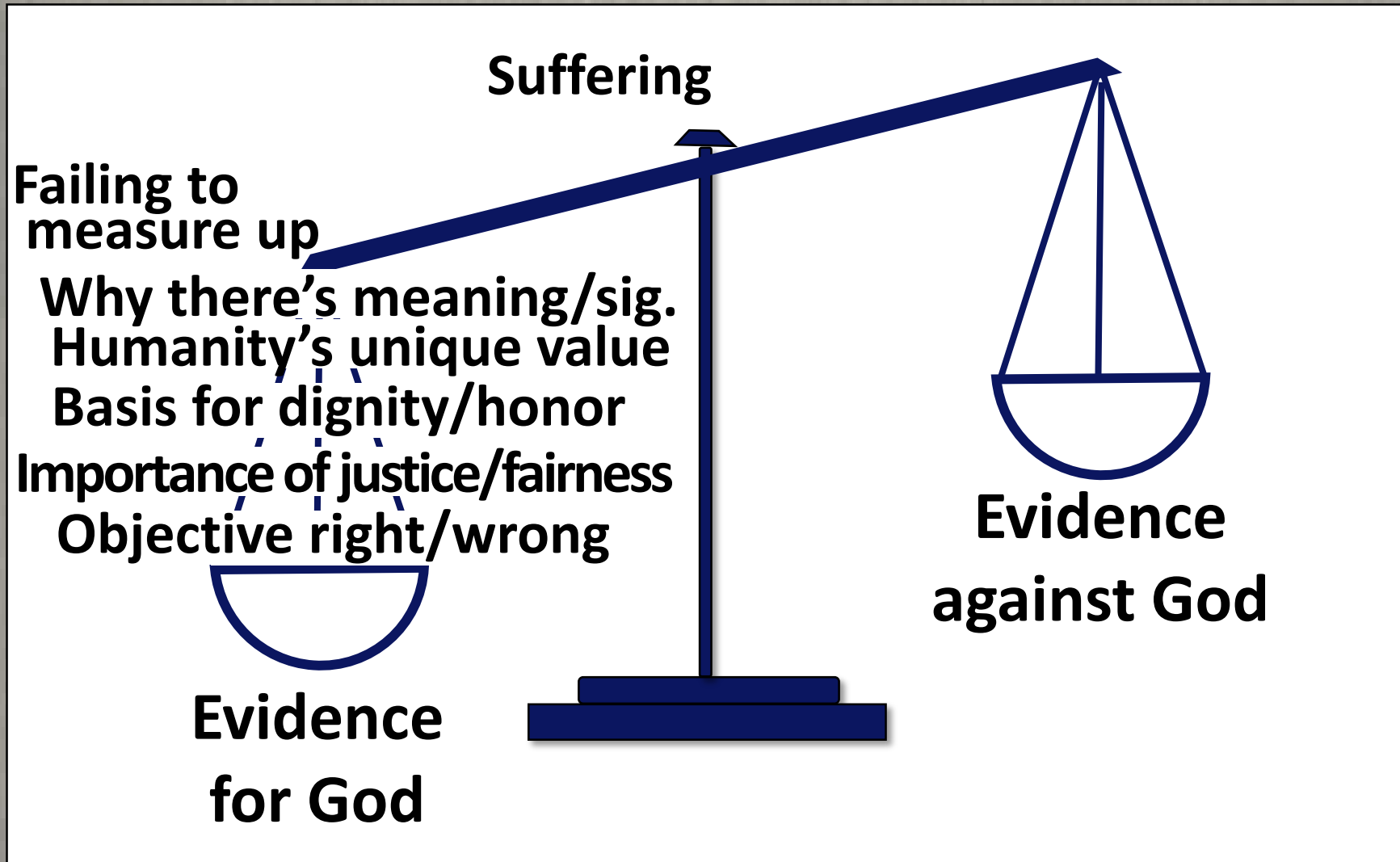
“as you did it to one of the
least of these my brothers,
you did it to me”
(Mt. 25:40)

I will show the world the
love of God

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