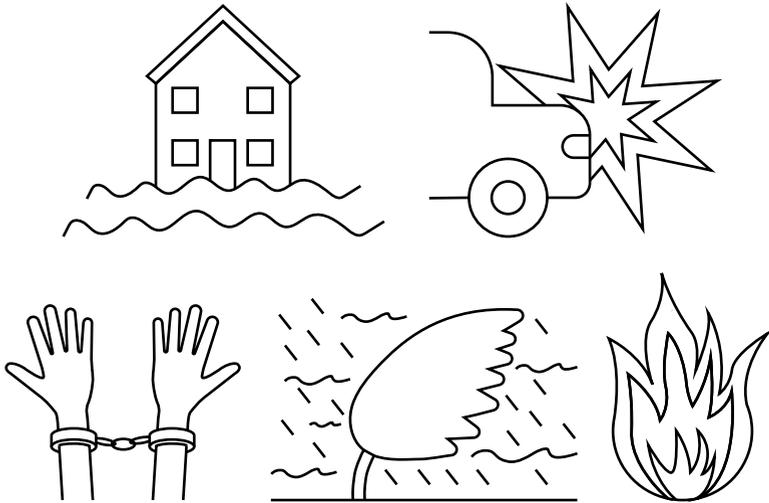




<b>contradictory*</b>	The opposite opinion or fact to something else.
<b>controversial*</b>	Causing debate or disagreement by being a different or unusual idea.
<b>Fall*</b>	A Christian word referring to Adam and Eve disobeying God.
<b>free will*</b>	The ability to make choices independently, without being controlled by any external or supernatural influences.
<b>hope</b>	Believing that something good might happen in the future.
<b>suffering*</b>	Experiencing pain, distress or hardship.
<b>temptation*</b>	The desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise, often testing someone's ability to resist.

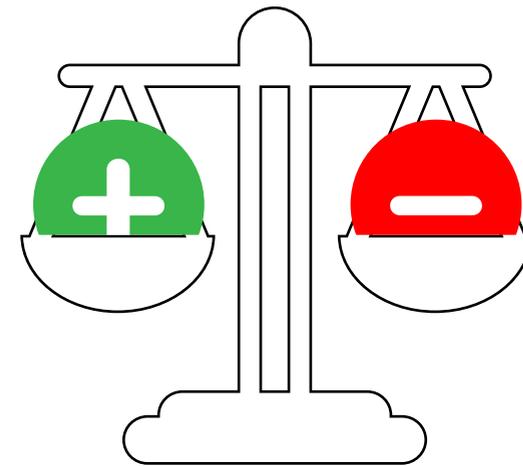
### Causes of suffering

Suffering can be caused by humans, nature or both and people have different beliefs about God's role in this.



### Balance of good and evil

Some Zoroastrians believe positive and negative forces influence human choices and teach that 'good thoughts, good words, good deeds' help bring more good than evil.

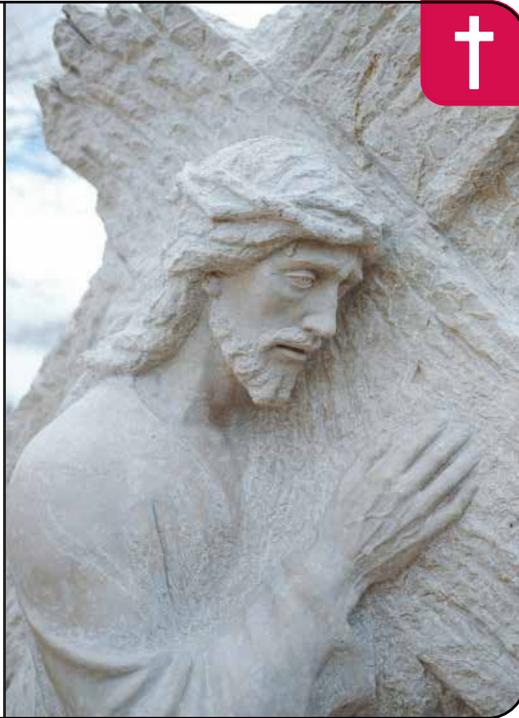


\*key vocabulary



### Beliefs about Jesus

Christians generally believe Jesus experienced suffering through temptation and crucifixion and his resurrection gives hope that suffering is temporary before returning to God.



### Prayer

The Jewish, Christian and Muslim creation stories teach that God created a perfect world but human actions brought suffering, leading many to pray for help while others see suffering as evidence against God. Beliefs about God being all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving and all-present might influence how people pray.

omnibenevolent  
all-loving

omnipresent  
all-present

omniscient  
all-knowing

omnipotent  
all-powerful

### Learning from suffering

For some people, suffering is seen as a way to learn, improve character and develop a stronger relationship with God.

