

"A great deal of suffering comes about because of the principle of cause and effect . . . For there is a world of natural and moral law and built into its structure is the rule that if someone breaks the law then someone--not necessarily the same someone--is liable to be hurt."

Suffering Man, Loving God, James Martin

"Try to exclude the possibility of suffering which the order of nature and the existence of free-wills involve, and you find that you have excluded life itself." ***The Problem of Pain, C.S. Lewis***

(I) THE TWIN TOWERS: A TRAGEDY

There are going to be consequences when those who decide to fly their planes into the Trade Towers. Once they made that decision, there is a causal _____ (1). If they are at the controls of the plane and they have the power/the skill to steer that plane, it's going to hit the Trade Towers. That's the way we live. We live in a causal _____ (2) . . . cause and effect.

I'm not suggesting God _____ (3) it to happen.

(II) TOWARD AN ANSWER: THE LAW OF CAUSE AND EFFECT

[Rather] there is a law as a part of God's creation . . . cause/effect . . . which is a good _____ (4) for all of us: Be very _____ (5) about the things we set in motion, because they will have some kind of _____ (6) and some kind of _____ (7).

RECOMMENDED FURTHER READING:

God, Freedom, and Evil, *Alvin Plantinga*

The Problem of Evil: Developing a Christian Worldview, *Charles W. Colson and Nancy Pearcey*

The Problem of Pain, *C.S. Lewis*

1. relationship
2. relationship
3. planned
4. lesson
5. careful
6. consequence
7. effect