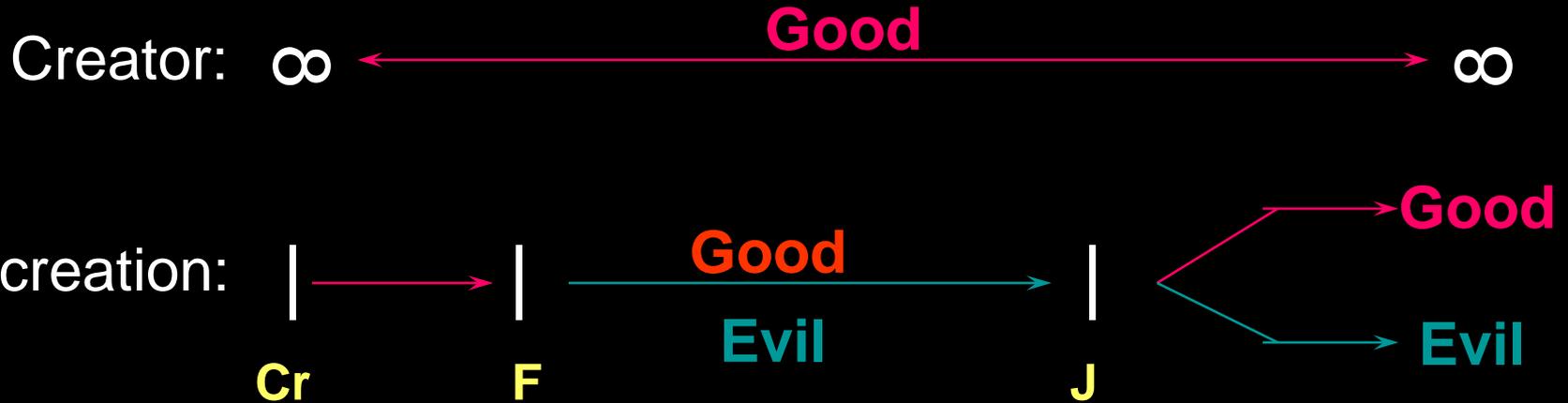


Who Has the REAL "Evil Problem"?

Christian:



Pagan:

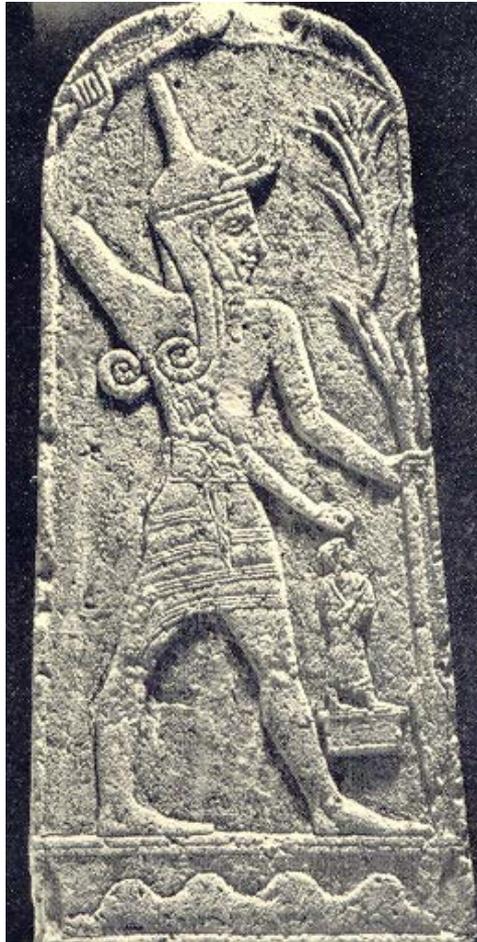


Coping Strategies--Biblical

Direct Suffering	Indirect Suffering
General existence of sickness & death (fall imputation) [Gen 2:17]	Evangelistic “wake-up call” [Acts 9:1-9]
“Self-induced misery“ (personal sin) Proverbs; [Gal 6:7]	A “nudge” to spiritually advance [Ps 119:71]
Judgment on sin in nations and families [Acts 17:26-27]	Evidence for evangelization of unbelievers [1 Tim 1:16]
Hell and Lake of Fire (ultimate quarantine of evil) [Matt 25:41,46]	Evidence for edification of believers [2 Cor 1:3-4]
Parental discipline in mortal life of believers [Heb 12:5-13]	Evidence in the unseen angelic conflict [Eph 3:10]
Denial of rewards (Bema seat) [1 Cor 3:10-15]	

Baal -- Idol of Nature's Climate Cycle

*Cultic
prostitution
– to trigger
fertility*



*“Blessings”
of rain,
fertility of
grain and
herds*

Rain, Fertility: needs of an agrarian economy

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Faith Rest Drill

1	<i>Fragment of Scripture, Event-Picture, Doctrine</i>
2	<i>Develop a dominating rationale (“encircle the amoeba of cosmic unbelief”)</i>
3	<i>Experience the peace of God that goes beyond human comprehension</i>

Class	Relationship to the tithes
Israelite citizens	<i>1,2,3 required (Levites exempted & receive all 3)</i>
Ger	<i>1, 2? required (exempted from 3 & recipient of 3)</i>
Nokree	<i>Exempted from all 3</i>

“But I alone went often to Jerusalem for the feasts, as it is ordained for all Israel by an everlasting decree. Taking the first fruits and the tithes of my produce and the first shearings, I would give these to the priests, the sons of Aaron, at the altar. Of all my produce I would give a tenth to the sons of Levi who ministered at Jerusalem; the second tenth I would sell, and I would go and spend the proceeds each year at Jerusalem; the third tenth I would give to those to whom it was my duty, as Deborah my father’s mother had commanded me, for I was left an orphan by my father.” Tobit 1:5-8