

## The Ocean

### "The Almighty Contradiction"

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"Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able?  
Then he is not omnipotent. Is he able, but not willing?  
Then he is malevolent.  
Is he both able and willing?  
Then whence cometh evil?  
Is he neither able nor willing?  
Then why call him God?"  
[Epicurus]

"If God is omniscient, he must already know how he is  
going to intervene to change the course of history  
using his omnipotence.  
But that means he can't change his mind about his  
intervention which means he is not omnipotent"  
[Richard Dawkins]

If He knew it all  
If He knew everything there is to be known  
Then that would mean that He would always know what  
to do next to change the course of history  
He could choose to suspend the laws of nature  
He would always know the past and the future  
But this would make his own knowledge untrue  
For if He knew everything  
He could not do anything different from what he knows  
And even if he could hear our prayers  
He could not encroach  
There's no one here who knows it all  
There's nothing there beyond the world we know  
There's no one here who knows it all  
Is there something there beyond the world we know?

Christian morality has all the characters of a reaction; it  
is, in great part, a protest against Paganism.  
It's ideal is negative rather than positive; passive rather  
than action; innocence rather than Nobleness;  
Abstinence from Evil, rather than energetic Pursuit of  
Good: in it's precepts (as has been well said) "thou  
shalt not" predominates unduly over "thou shalt."  
[John Stuart Mill]

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