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Reasoning Against Christianity

A Look into Atheist Sam Harris

Mr. Harris' Opinions

- **Point of Christianity:**
to safeguard the
well-being of human
souls.
- **Three Points Against
Christianity:**
 - **Morality**
 - **Divine Sovereignty**
 - **Believing Lunacy**

Morality

- **The Suffering Argument:**
 - 9 million children die every year before the age of 5
 - Parents of these children are praying
 - Their prayers will go unanswered
 - “A god who does not save these children and end these parents’ suffering either does not have the power or does not care. He is, therefore, impotent or evil.”
- **The Culture Argument:**
 - 1.2 billion people in India
 - Most are Hindu or polytheist
 - “No matter how good these people are, they are doomed.”
 - They will be tortured in hell, but only because Mark 9, Matthew 13, and Revelation 14 said so
 - These Indians will go to hell, but if a serial killer converts on death row, after living a life of torture and murder, can go to heaven
- “These people will go to hell because they pray to the wrong god, through no fault of their own. It was the **culture they were born in.**”

Divine Sovereignty

- “One thing should be crystal clear to you. This vision of life has absolutely nothing to do with moral accountability.”
- Double Standard: “When someone like myself points out the **rather obvious and compelling evidence** that God is cruel and unjust because **He visits suffering on innocent people** of a scope and scale that would embarrass the most ambitious psychopath... We are told that God is mysterious... and when children by the tens of thousands are torn from their parents’ arms and drowned, we are told that God is mysterious. This is how you play tennis without the net.”

Divine Sovereignty Part 2

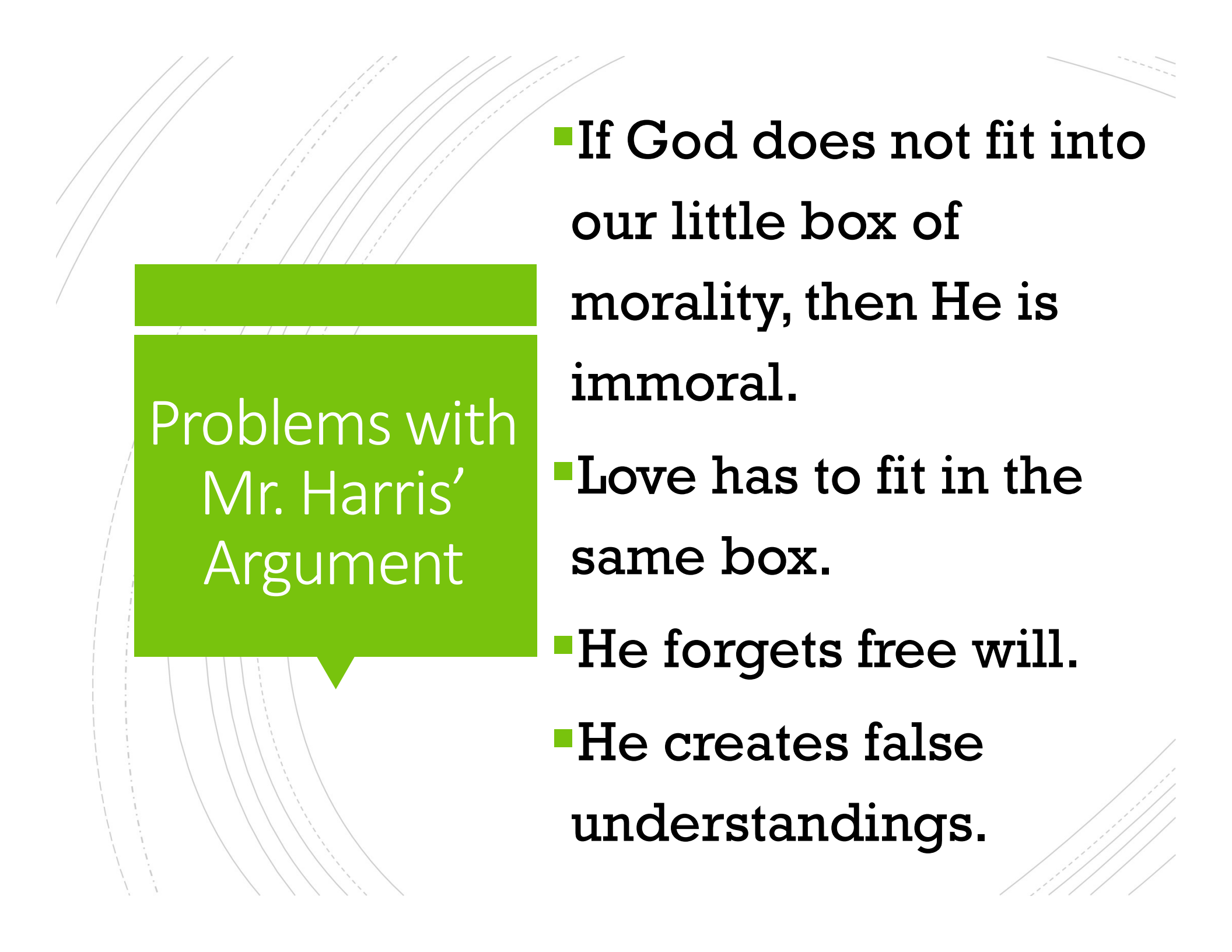
- “If God is good and loving and just and kind [sic], and He wanted to guide us morally with a book, why give us a book that supports slavery? Why give us a book that admonishes us to kill people for imaginary crimes like witchcraft?”
- “We are being offered a psychopathic and psychotic moral attitude. It’s psychotic because it is completely delusional. There’s no reason to believe that we live in a universe ruled by an invisible monster Yahweh...It is psychopathic because this is a total detachment from the well-being of human beings. This so easily rationalizes the slaughter of children.”

Believing Lunacy

- “Religion has a way of convincing billions of perfectly sane, rational people into believing things that only lunatics believe on their own.”
- “If you wake up tomorrow morning, thinking that saying a few Latin words over your pancakes is going to turn them into the body of Elvis Presley, you have lost your mind. But if you think, more or less, the same thing about a cracker and the body of Jesus, you’re just a Catholic.”

Believing Lunacy Part 2

- “Christianity is a cult of human sacrifice. Christianity is not a religion that repudiates human sacrifice, it is a religion that celebrates human sacrifice as though it were effective. [Quotes John 3:16] The idea is that Jesus suffered the crucifixion so that none need suffer hell, except for those billions in India and billions like them throughout history.”
- “Christianity is the perfection of narcissism. God loves me. Given all this God of yours does not accomplish in the lives of others, given the misery that is being imposed on some helpless child at this instant, this kind of faith is obscene.”



Problems with
Mr. Harris'
Argument

- **If God does not fit into our little box of morality, then He is immoral.**
- **Love has to fit in the same box.**
- **He forgets free will.**
- **He creates false understandings.**