

**USING THE
TEACHINGS OF
JESUS
TO FIND
GUIDANCE IN
THIS TIME OF
DISEASE AND
DISTRUST**



*No matter who you are, no
matter where you are in
your spiritual journey, you
are welcome here.*

*How did what we know as the “Lord’s Prayer”
come into existence and what did it mean to
those who created it?*

*The more clarity we can gain about the teachings of
Jesus and his immediate followers, the better able
we are to see how these teachings are useful in our
own spiritual practice as we seek to grow in peace,
love, joy, patience and humility.*

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

May we not experience test after test.

Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose, but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.



Jesus taught in parables.

His disciples taught in parables about Jesus.

Communal prayer was both liturgically important and used as a teaching tool.

The prayer kept Jesus' memory alive for them.

It strengthened their identity and kept them together under fire.

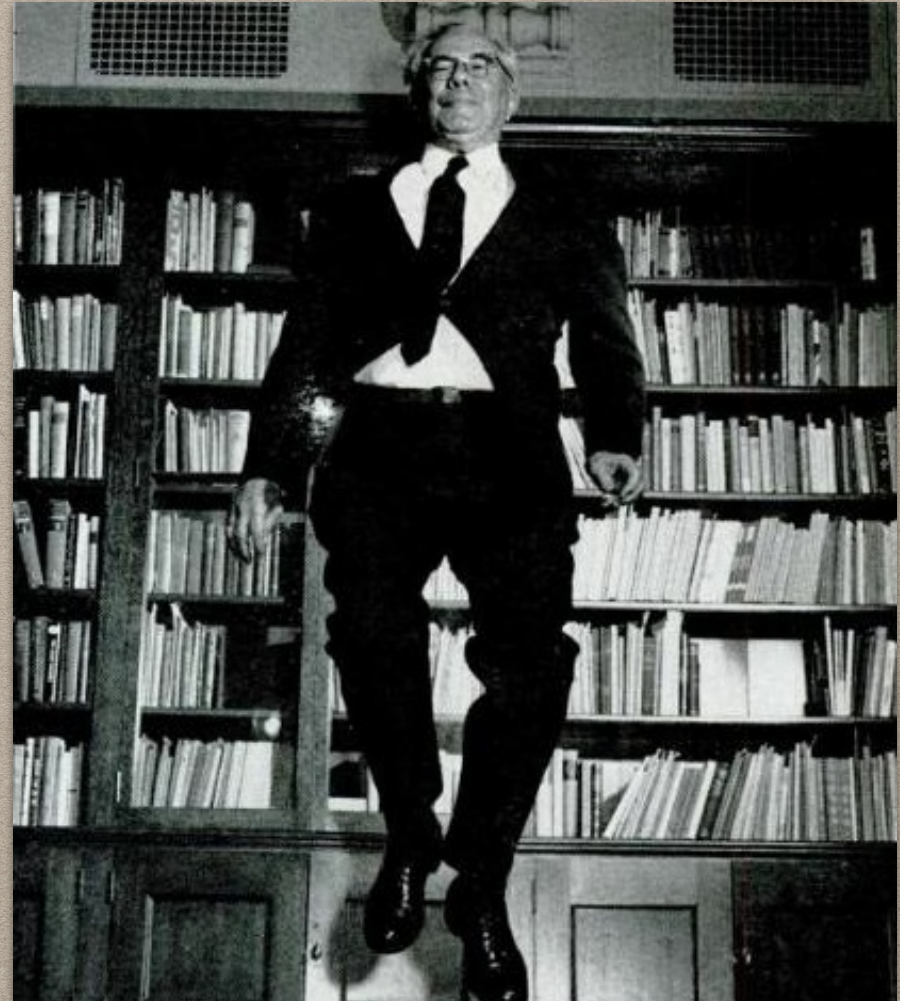
PAUL TILlich

PHILOSOPHY:

"The structure of being"

THEOLOGY:

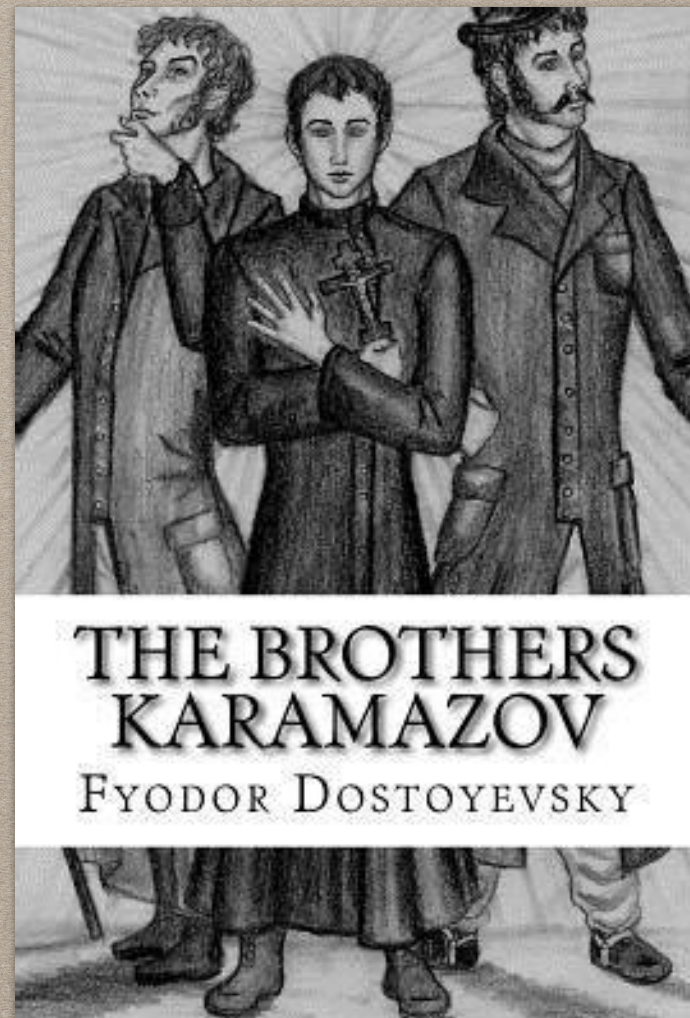
"The meaning of being"



EVIL IS:

NATURAL AND IMPERSONAL,
ACCIDENTAL,
OR MORAL

**"A BAD GOD IS NOT
ONLY UNWORTHY
OF MY WORSHIP,
HE'S ALSO NOT
SOMEONE I WANT
TO SPEND
ETERNITY WITH."**



THEISTIC PHILOSOPHY:

1. GOD IS NOT ALL GOOD
2. GOD IS NOT ALL POWERFUL
3. GOD IS NOT ALL KNOWING



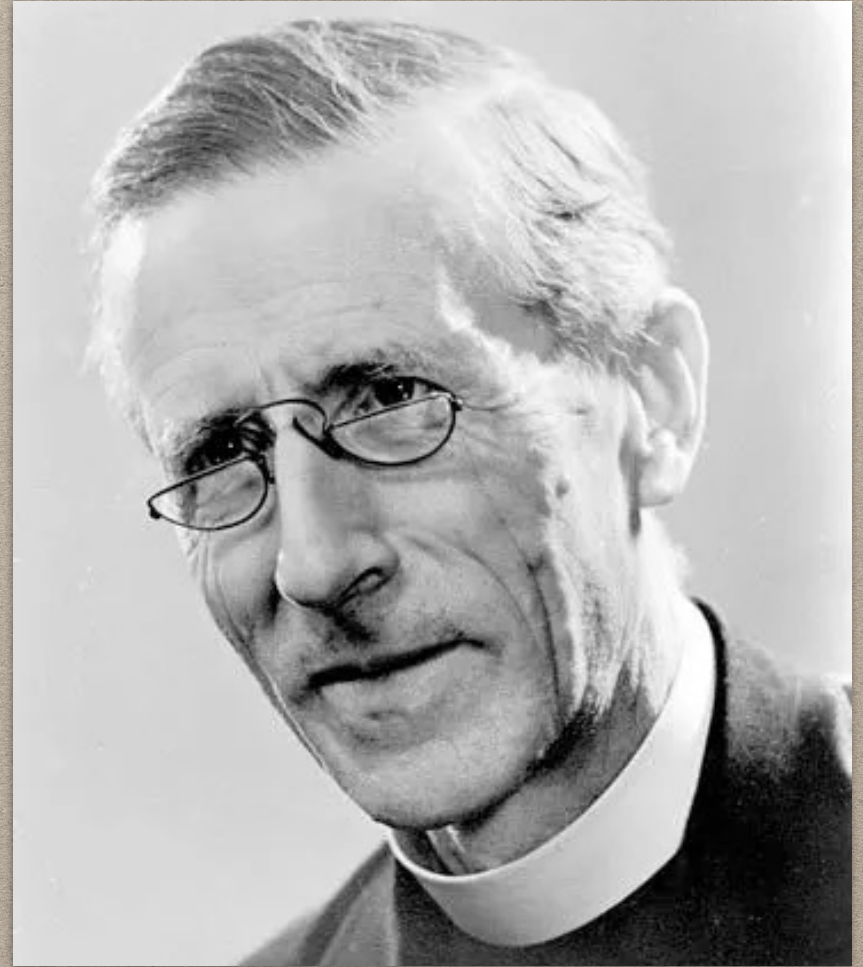
**GOD DOES NOT SO MUCH PERMIT EVIL OR GOOD,
BUT IS A CONTAINER FOR THE CREATIVE STATE OF
BEING, WHICH BY NATURE INCLUDES FREEDOM.**

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We really need to out-grow the notion of an external, theistic deity.

PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN

"Life is an immense groping, an immense search, an immense attack...whose progress can take place only at the expense of many failures, many wounds."



God does not make “bad things” happen to anyone. God never leads anyone into temptation.

If we work at putting our allegiance to the Sacred central then we will be led in the direction making wise and useful choices.

Is it the TRUTH?

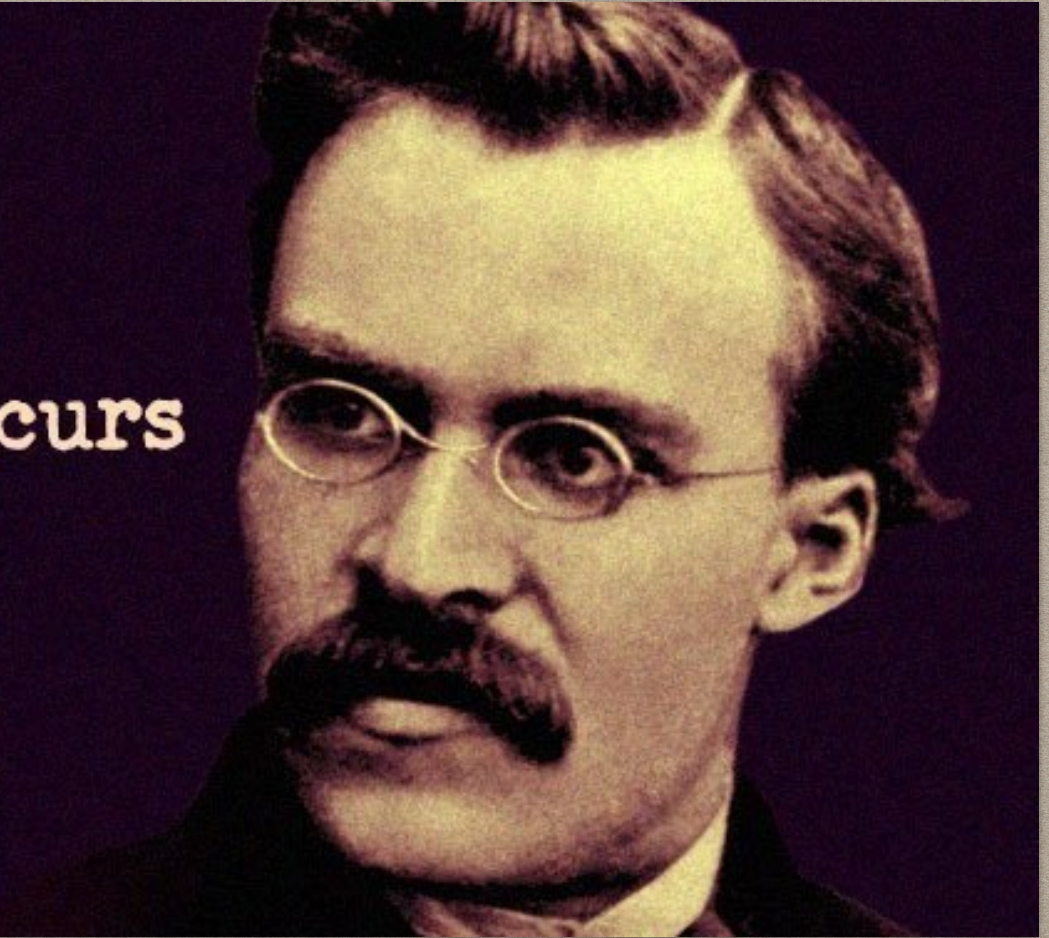
Is it FAIR to all concerned?

**Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?**

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

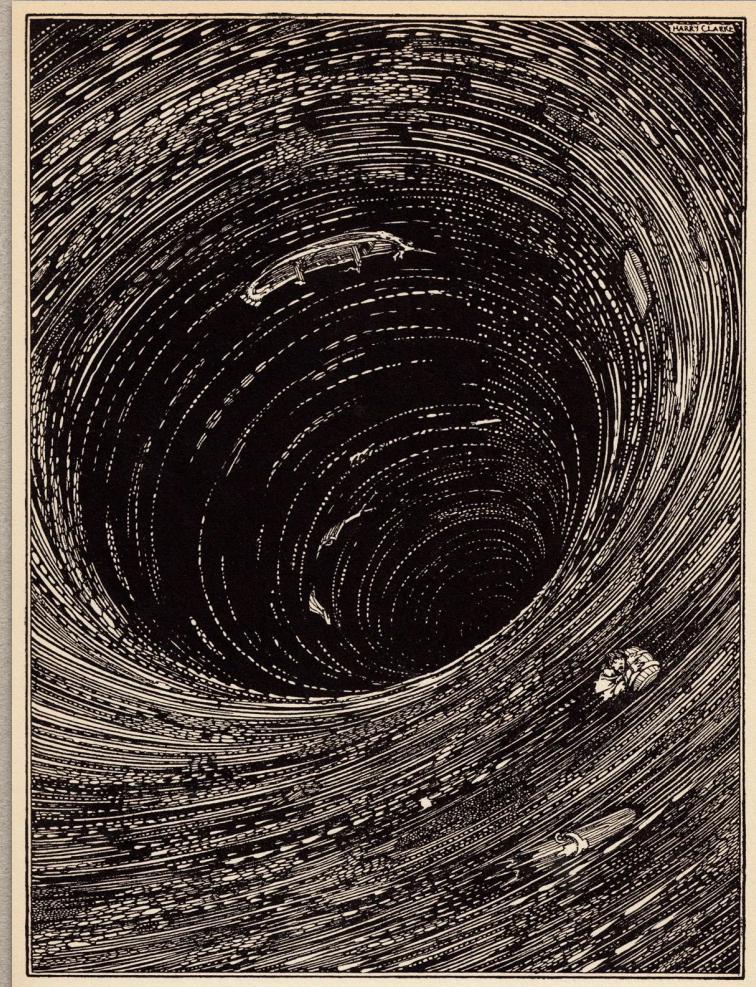
"Whatever is done
for love always occurs
beyond good
and evil."

Friedrich Nietzsche



**"HE WHO FIGHTS
WITH MONSTERS
SHOULD BE CAREFUL
LEST HE THEREBY
BECOME A MONSTER.
AND IF THOU GAZE
LONG INTO AN
ABYSS, THE ABYSS
WILL ALSO GAZE
INTO THEE."**

~Nietzsche



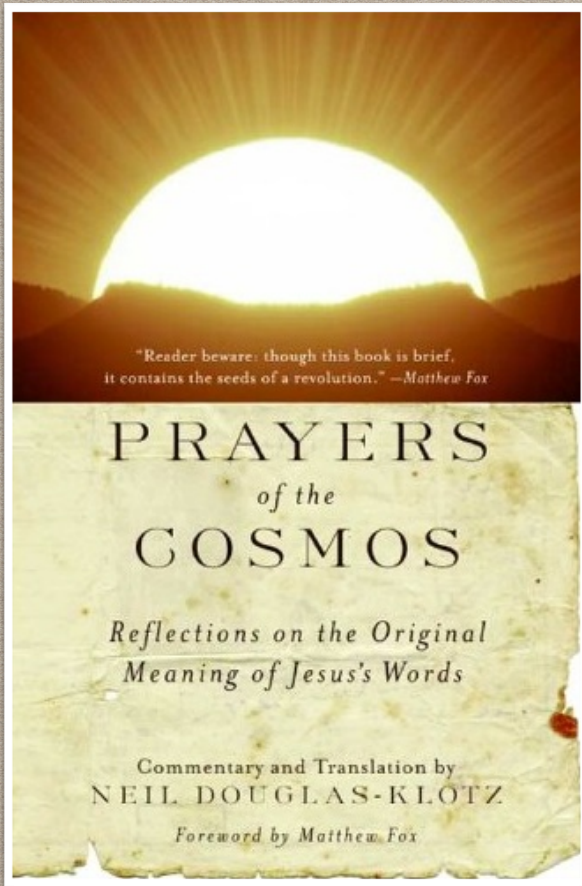


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OVER 70 TRANS AND NC PEOPLE MURDERED IN 2020-21

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O cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration!

Soften the ground of my being and carve out a space within me where your Presence can abide.

Fill me with your creativity so that I may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.

Let each of my actions bear fruit in accordance with your desire.

Endow me with the wisdom to produce and share what each being needs to grow and flourish.

Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind me, as I release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.

Do not let me be seduced by that which would divert me from my true purpose, but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.

For you are the ground and the fruitful vision, the birth-power and fulfillment, as all is gathered and made whole once again.

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WAYS WE FALL OFF THE PATH

competition and comparison

play it safe, don't take risks

keeping busy

failing to offer ourselves love and compassion



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*No matter where you go this
week, no matter what
happens, remember this:
you carry precious cargo.
So, watch your step.*