

On April 4, 2014 I had a lively and, well, rather rigorous and at times somewhat unpleasant debate (unpleasant for maybe both of us?) with a conservative Christian apologist named Kyle Butt at the campus of the University of North Alabama (UNA). Gospel Broadcasting Network aired the event live on their television network, as well live streamed it on the Internet. We were debating whether the problem of suffering can call into question the existence of God.

Kyle wrote previous of the event explaining that, "He [Bart] is a self-avowed agnostic who claims that the pain and suffering he sees in the world make it impossible for him to believe that the Christian God exists. Thus, the debate will be on the subject of suffering and the existence of God. Ehrman will be affirming: "The pain and suffering in the world indicate that the Christian God does not exist." I will be denying that proposition."

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