

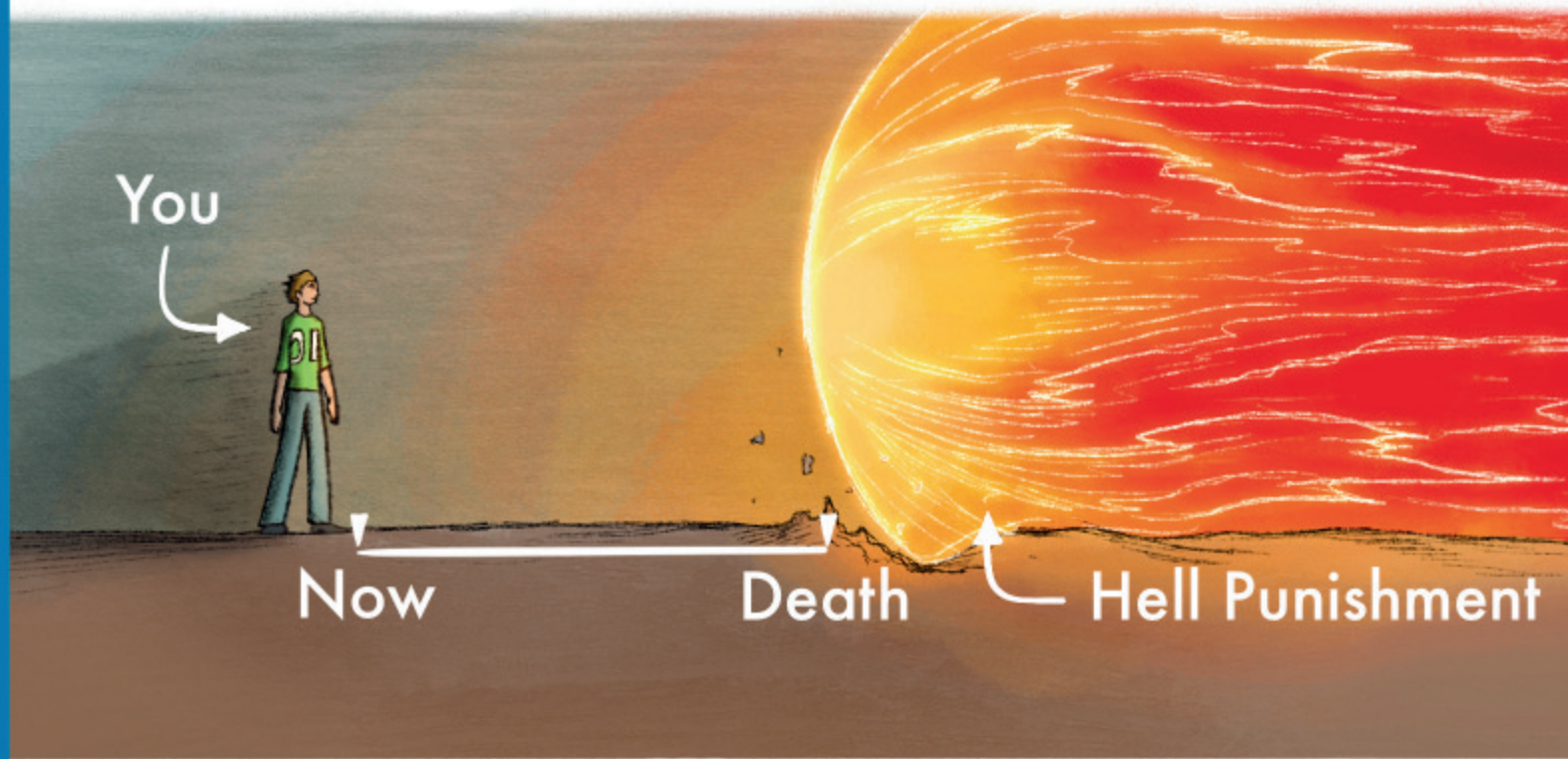
You might say, "But I've done more good than bad."

Consider this: Imagine that this morning you committed a crime, but then this afternoon you did three good deeds.



Would the police ignore your crime because of your three good deeds?

Same thing with God. Your good will never cover the bad things you've done.



What can you do ?

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What if someone stood in the way and took it on your behalf? But only a perfect person could do that for you. Know anyone like that?

The only person who is willing and able to take your punishment is the very one who made you, the creator of the universe, who came to this earth 2000 years ago in the person of Jesus.



Now if Jesus takes the punishment for all the wrong you've done, where would you go when you die?

That's good news, right?

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But it's not automatic, a response is required. Jesus offers it to you as a gift.

If it's a gift, it's not something you earn or work for, it's just something you accept. And you accept it by trusting that Jesus died to take your punishment.

That means you should no longer trust that your goodness will get you into heaven, and instead trust that Jesus taking your punishment for you is what will save you.



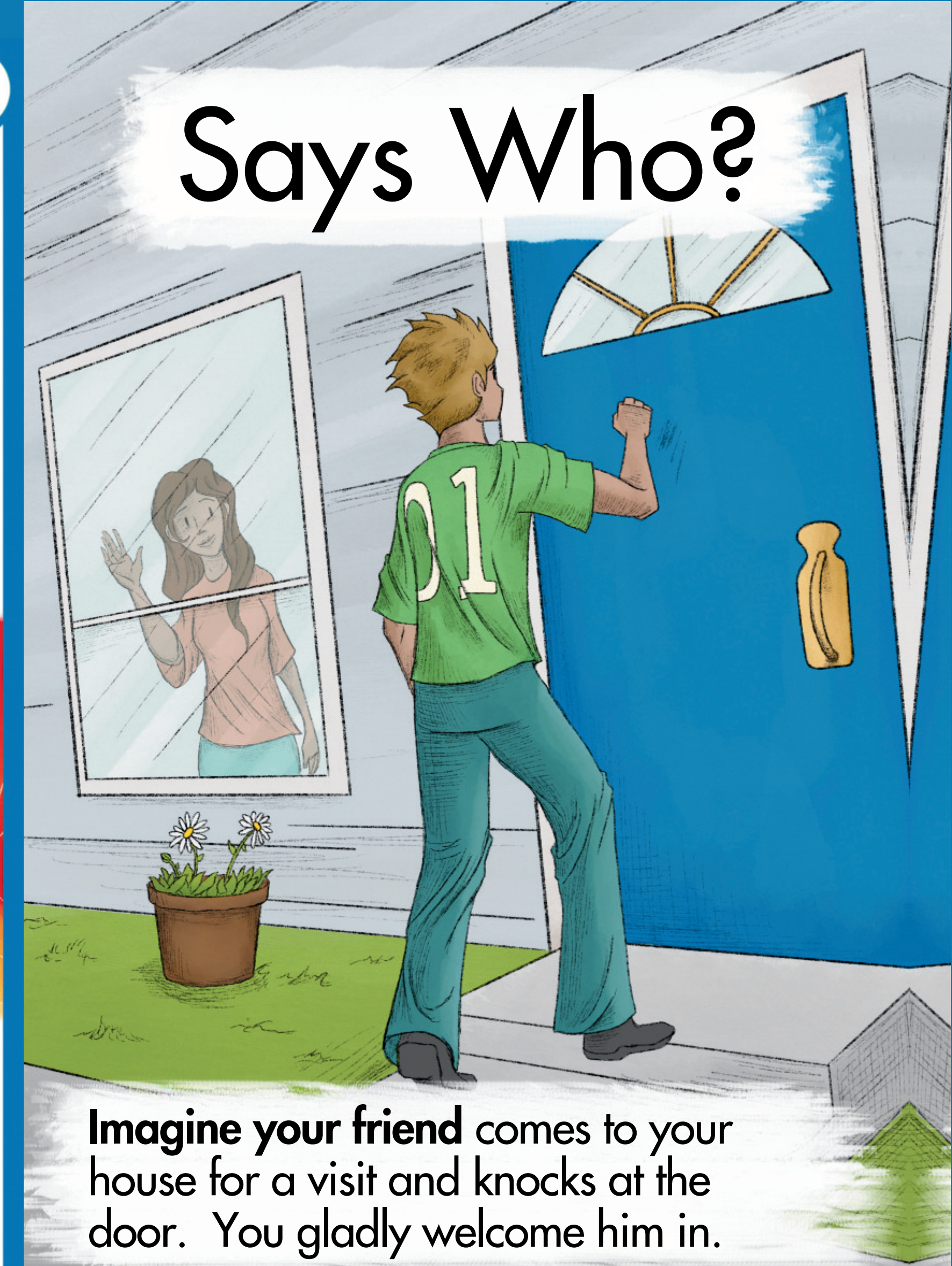
If you trust that, your desire will be to start living for him out of thankfulness for what he has done for you.

If you don't accept God's gift, you'll have to take your own punishment after you die. To do nothing is to reject His gift. So when will you accept it?

   
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Says Who?



Imagine your friend comes to your house for a visit and knocks at the door. You gladly welcome him in.

But it's not long before he starts putting his muddy feet up on the couch, throwing your cutlery into the bin and rearranging your clothing drawer.



You'd rightly say, "What are you doing? You can't do that."

"Says who?", your friend asks.
"Me!", you reply.

Your friend says: "How can you tell me what to do? I'm here now and I'm enjoying what I'm doing."



So you say, "Excuse me, this is my house. I set the rules here for what you can and can't do. If you don't like my rules, you're out of here!"

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Same with this life. Have you ever thought about the fact that we didn't design our own bodies?

We didn't make the air that we are breathing every second, nor did we create the Earth we are living on.



So why would we think that we can live our life any way that we want with a body we didn't design, breathing air we didn't make, on an Earth we didn't create?



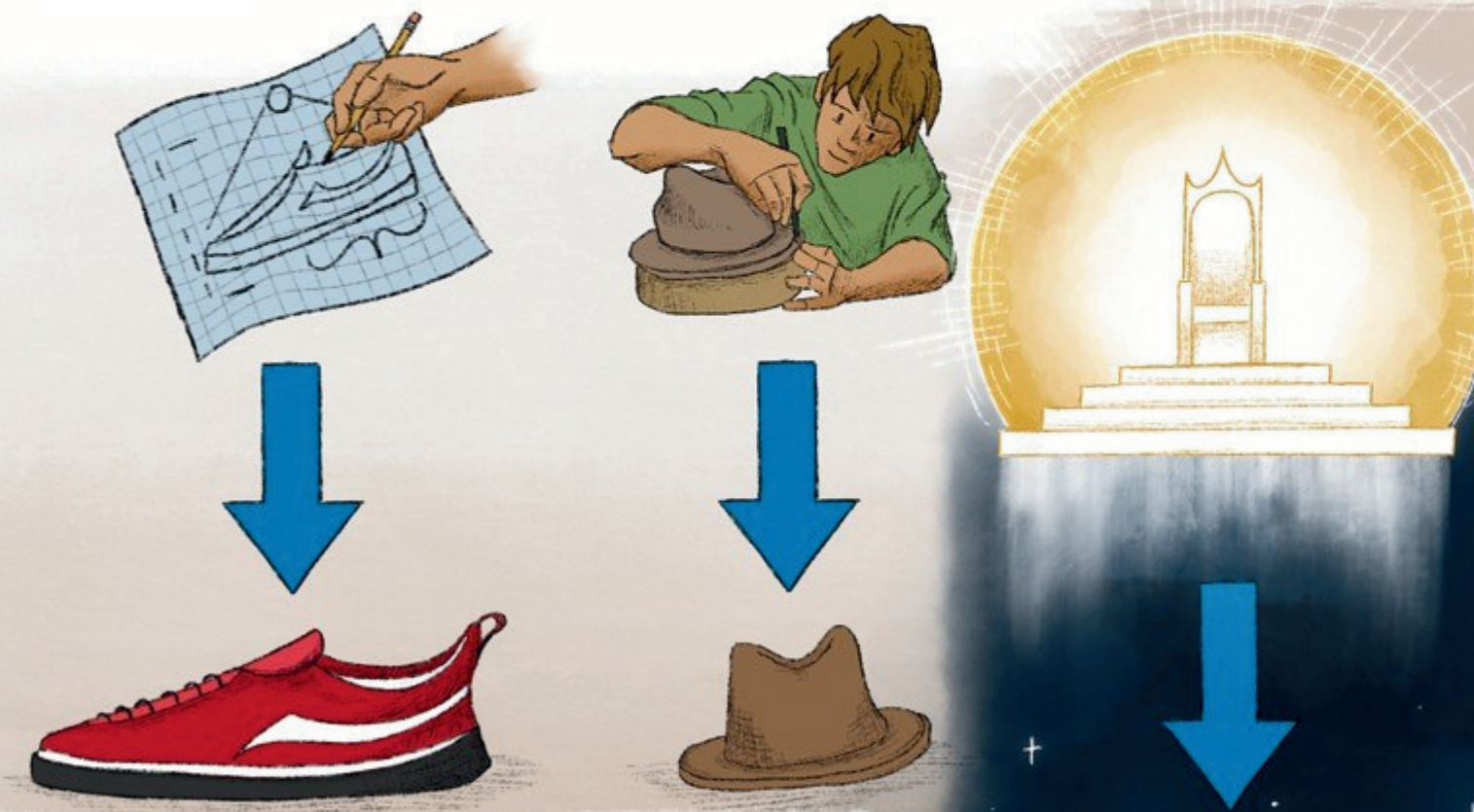
So who created it? We do know that this universe had a beginning. So we need to ask, where did it come from?

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Nothing can pop into existence without a cause - whether it be your phone, your food, or this universe.



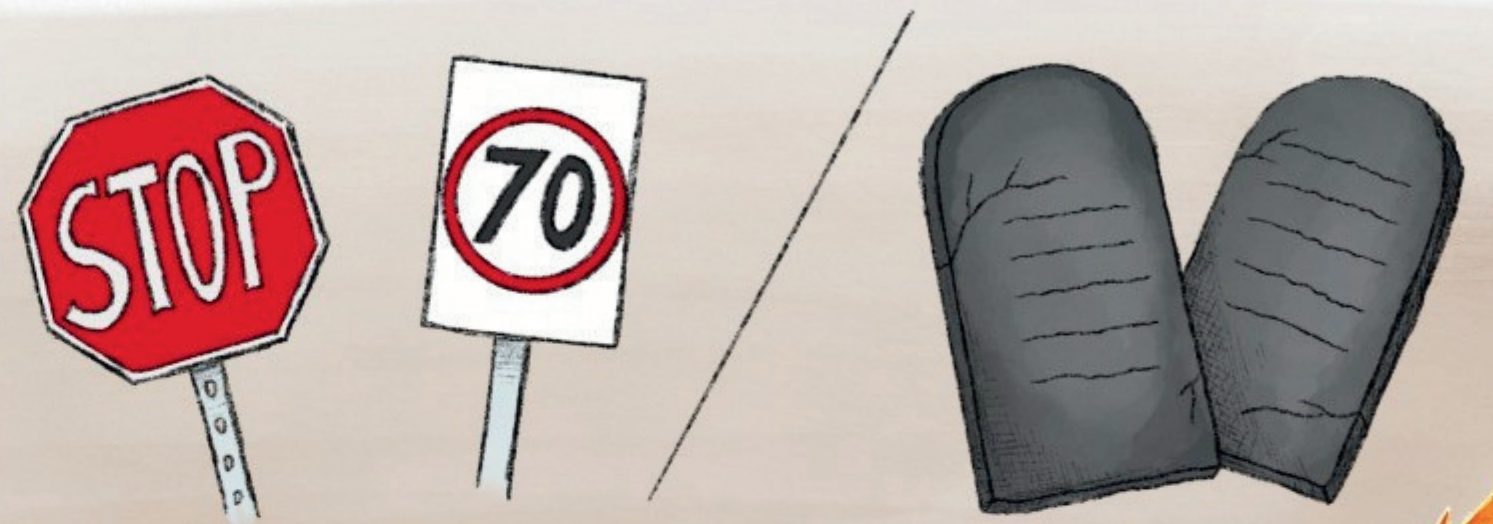
Just like your shoes had a shoe designer, and your hat had to have a hat maker, so the universe too would have had to have a creator for it. That's who God is.



And being our maker, he has the right to say to us what we I can and can't do on this earth he has made.

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These are God's laws. The problem is, we have broken them already. Think about it, have you ever lied? Stolen? Looked at someone with lust? Swore? Or been selfish?



Our society has laws that we must obey, and if we break the laws there will be a punishment. In the same way, God has laws, and since we have broken them already, we deserve punishment.



But the punishment hasn't begun here, it will begin the moment we die. It'll be unbearable and will last forever. Is there any way to avoid this?

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