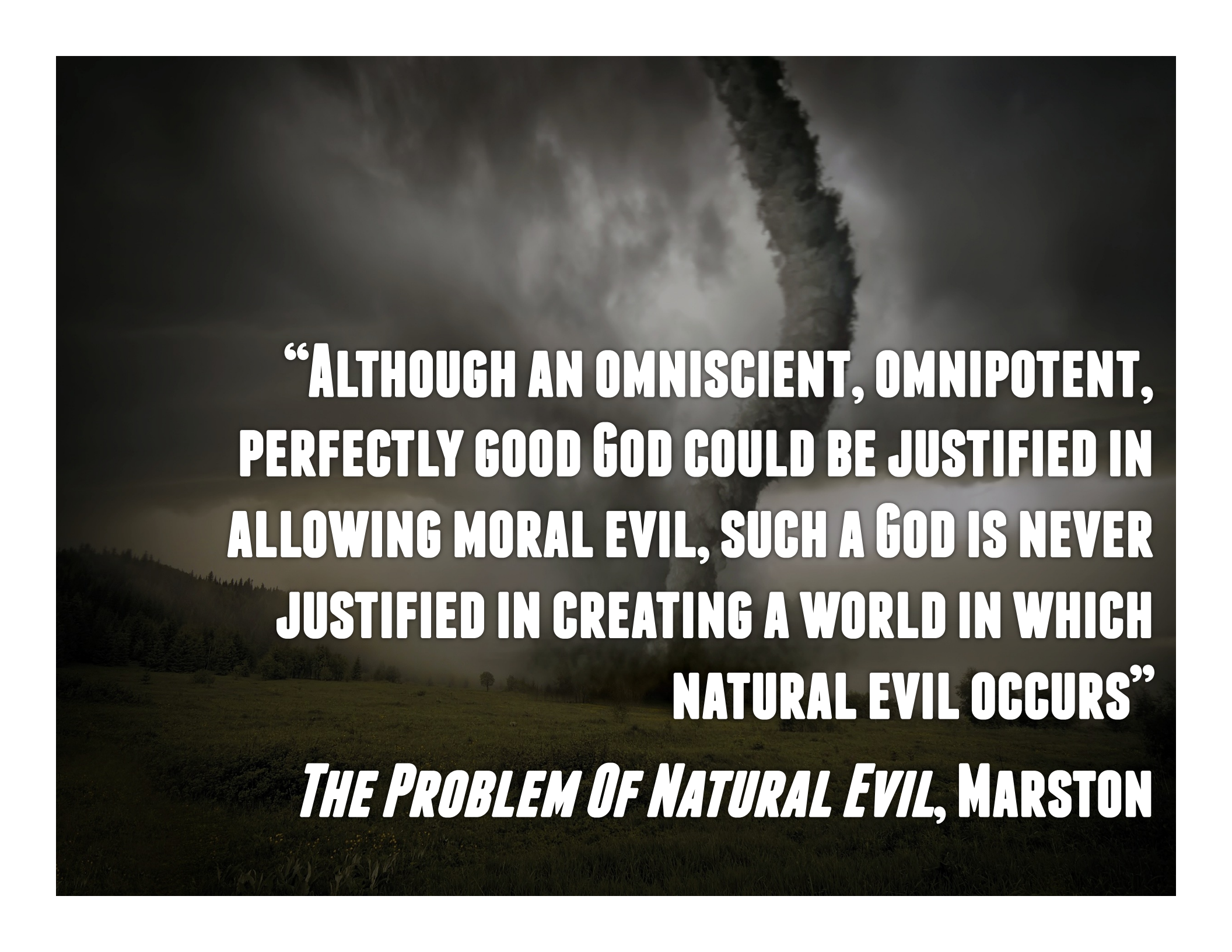




GOD AND

NATURAL EVIL



**“ALTHOUGH AN OMNISCIENT, OMNIPOTENT,
PERFECTLY GOOD GOD COULD BE JUSTIFIED IN
ALLOWING MORAL EVIL, SUCH A GOD IS NEVER
JUSTIFIED IN CREATING A WORLD IN WHICH
NATURAL EVIL OCCURS”**

THE PROBLEM OF NATURAL EVIL, MARSTON

WHAT IS NATURAL EVIL?

- **MORAL EVIL IS A RESULT OF HUMAN ACTION, WHEREAS NATURAL EVIL CAN ONLY BE BLAMED ON GOD, IF HE EVEN EXISTS. NATURAL DISASTERS AND DISEASES SEEM AT ODDS WITH A GOOD AND BENEVOLENT GOD.**
- **TRY TO REMEMBER, THOUGH, THAT GOD CREATED THIS UNIVERSE WITH INVIOLENT NATURAL LAWS THAT MAKE OUR EXISTENCE POSSIBLE.**
- **THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS UNIVERSE IS PREPARATORY. THIS IS NOT THE END OR PINNACLE OF OUR EXISTENCE. EVEN AN IDEAL PHYSICAL CREATION IS FINITE.**



GRAVITY

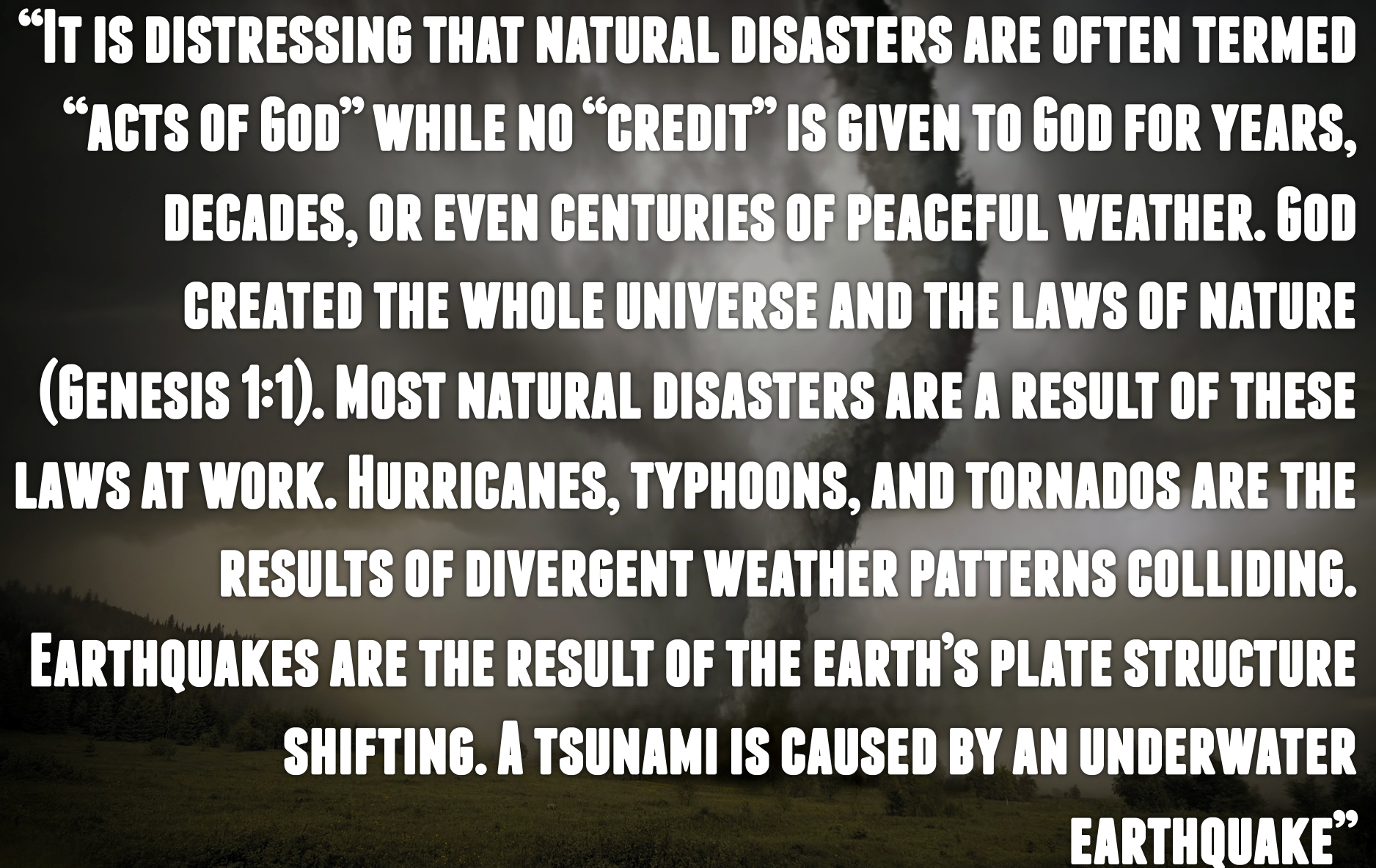
Nobody is above the law.

“IN A PHYSICAL WORLD WHERE THERE IS WATER FOR BOATING AND SWIMMING, SOME WILL DROWN. IF THERE ARE MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB, THERE MUST ALSO BE VALLEYS INTO WHICH ONE MAY FALL. IF THERE ARE CARS TO DRIVE, COLLISIONS CAN ALSO OCCUR. IT MAY BE SAID THAT TORNADOES, LIGHTNING, HURRICANES, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS ARE LIKEWISE BY-PRODUCTS OF A GOOD PHYSICAL WORLD. FOR INSTANCE, THE PURPOSE OF RAIN IS NOT TO FLOOD OR DROWN, BUT THE RESULT OF RAIN MAY INCLUDE THESE DISASTERS. LIKEWISE, HOT AND COLD AIR ARE AN ESSENTIAL AND PURPOSEFUL PART OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD, BUT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS THEY MAY COMBINE TO FORM TORNADOES”

THE ROOTS OF EVIL, NORMAN GEISLER, P. 72.

EARTHQUAKES 101

- **“WELL, I CERTAINLY WOULDN’T HAVE CREATED A WORLD WITH EARTHQUAKES!”**
- **BUT WHAT WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED TO FACILITATE THIS?**
- **WOULD YOU WANT A PLANET WITHOUT PLATE TECTONICS? TRY MARS OR VENUS! HOW ABOUT A PLANET WITHOUT A MOLTEN MANTLE? WELL, THEN YOU WOULD REALLY START MISSING OUR MAGNETOSPHERE, WHICH PROTECTS US FROM RADIATION. WHY NOT JUST GET RID OF THE RADIATION? HOW? YOU WOULD HAVE TO ELIMINATE THE SUN, FOR STARTERS.**



**“IT IS DISTRESSING THAT NATURAL DISASTERS ARE OFTEN TERMED
“ACTS OF GOD” WHILE NO “CREDIT” IS GIVEN TO GOD FOR YEARS,
DECADES, OR EVEN CENTURIES OF PEACEFUL WEATHER. GOD
CREATED THE WHOLE UNIVERSE AND THE LAWS OF NATURE
(GENESIS 1:1). MOST NATURAL DISASTERS ARE A RESULT OF THESE
LAWS AT WORK. HURRICANES, TYPHOONS, AND TORNADOS ARE THE
RESULTS OF DIVERGENT WEATHER PATTERNS COLLIDING.
EARTHQUAKES ARE THE RESULT OF THE EARTH’S PLATE STRUCTURE
SHIFTING. A TSUNAMI IS CAUSED BY AN UNDERWATER
EARTHQUAKE”**

DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOD, PHILIP YANCEY



**WHY NOT SELECTIVE
DIVINE
INTERVENTION?**