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It seems impossible to reconcile the concept of a living God with an avowed atheist. Why, might he ask, is there so much death, destruction, and despair in the world today, which is all too rife with division and disparity, not all related to politics? Inequality, says he, in intelligence and means is the end of his argument - some people are born into wealth, privilege, power and prestige, and over 99% are not and have no chance of ever getting there.

If there truly is a God that wants us to be happy, healthy, peaceful, and prosperous you would think that there would be some enforced mechanism to guarantee that. The state can only assume functions of "God" and try to ensure these virtues are fairly attainable by all regardless of one's station. It is, after all, only perversions of man that subvert these goods to the end of dead-end toil.

One may say, if not for the free will of man interfering to be bad or work evil all would be utopia. The highest order of good for Aristotle in his Nicomachean ethics is political science, the derivative of which is political power that the few of the ruling class are supposed to use as tool to do the most good for most of society most of the time.

It seems axiomatic that we in the United States still do the most good for most of the people most of the time, and that is why for me growing up I lived in a country of 200 million and 25 years later we're

brimming over 350 million.