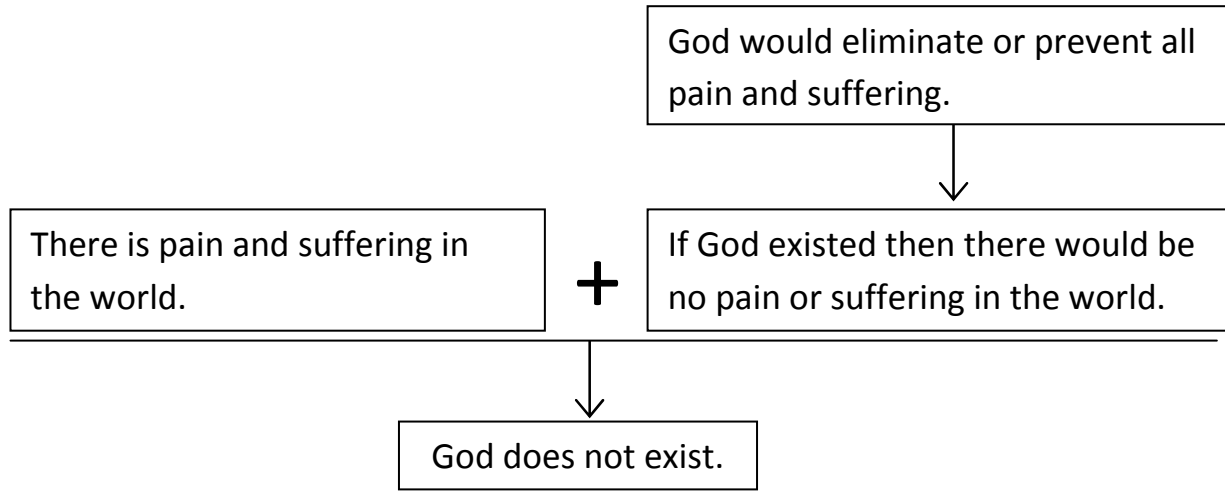


### Gauge Your Understanding Exercises

Directions: Write brief answers to the following questions and compare your responses to mine.

1. Complete the passage for the argument diagrammed below by supplying appropriate expressions to fill in the blanks.

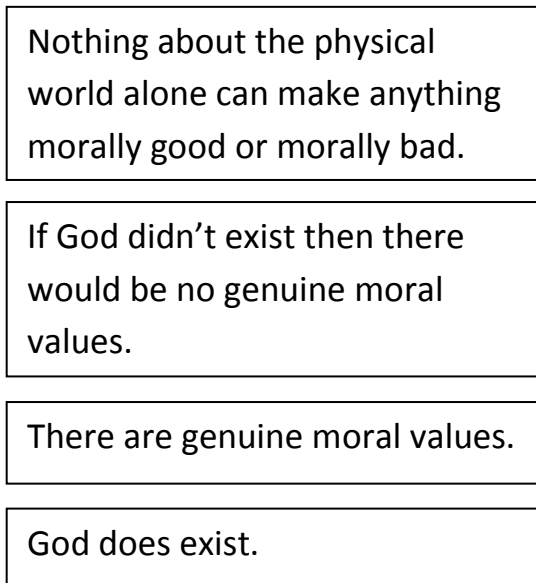


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2. Diagram the argument in the following passage by correctly arranging the boxes and symbols below:

“Nothing about the physical world alone can make anything morally good or morally bad so if God didn’t exist then there would be no genuine moral values. But there are genuine moral values. Therefore God does exist.”

Boxes:

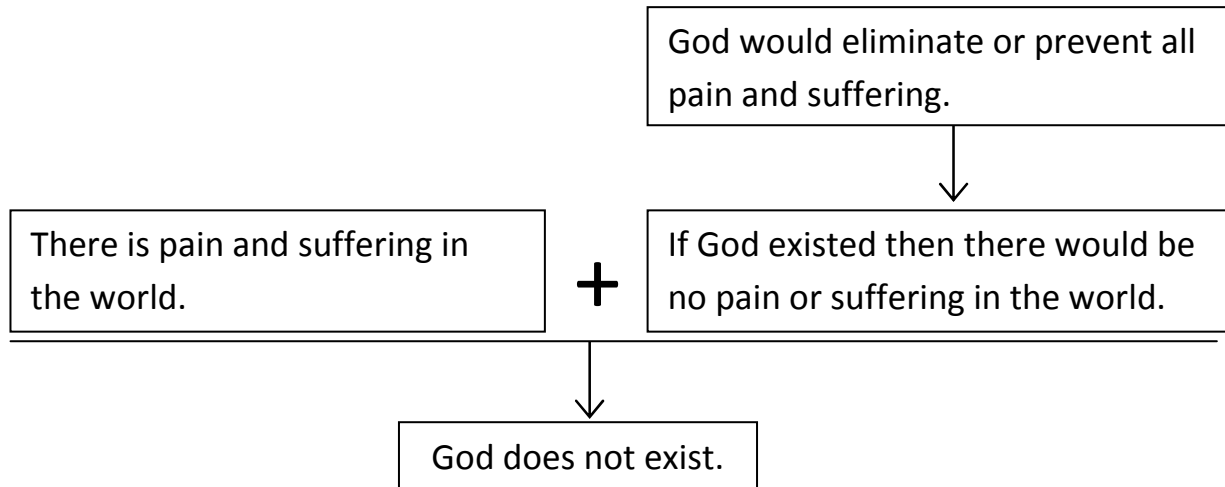


Symbols:



## My Responses

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The first blank should contain a reason indicator expression (e.g. "because" "since" "given that" "assuming that" "inasmuch as" "in view of the fact that" "the reason is that" "after all").

The second blank should contain an inference eraser expression and because there is a contrast between the two ideas being connected, I'd use an inference eraser from the "But" family (e.g. "but," "yet," "however," "although," "even though," "nevertheless").

The third blank should contain a reason indicator expression (e.g. "because" "since" "given that" "assuming that" "inasmuch as" "in view of the fact that" "the reason is that" "after all").

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