Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the belief in miracles (30)

Definition – What are miracles?

* Briefly – why does the definition of miracles make them difficult for some to believe?
* Briefly – why is the definition of miracles not a barrier to believe for some?

Examples

* Modern day/non-Biblical
* Jesus’ miracles

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Weaknesses

(lack of empirical evidence; other explanations; against the laws of nature; etc…)

Strengths

(no other explanation; after-effects; investigation; nature of Jesus etc…)

Conclusion

4 (b) Analyse the success of *one* solution to the problem of suffering. (20) (AO1 - 5 AO2 – 15)

Iranaeus

Basis of Iranaen Theodicy

* Genesis – 1:26

Weaknesses of Iranaen Theodicy

* Free Will
* The Fall (Why did God allow A&E to find out about evil?)
* Inconsistent Triad
* God created all – including the Devil?
* Excessive suffering? Suffering of innocents (Hick)?

Strengths of Iranaen Theodicy

* Image Vs Likeness of God
* The Fall
* Suffering is a benefit
* Soul-making
* Epistemic Distance

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Conclusion