

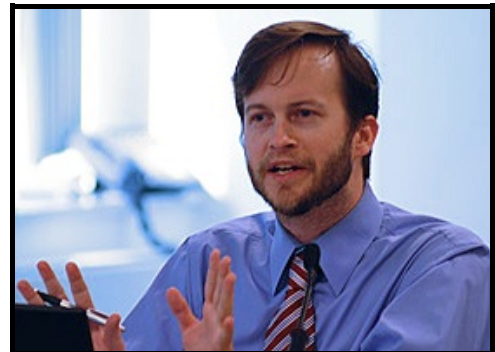
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# The LADDER of THORNS: Finding God in a Life of Suffering

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The relationship between human suffering and divine love is an enduring concern for Western philosophical and religious thought. Does suffering serve a purpose? From whence does it come? How does it shape the human spirit, and how should it inform our faith?



The Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard (1813-55) developed an original and compelling response to these questions: a "ladder" of suffering in which each form of human suffering will – if we let it – serve in essential ways to break down our former self, reduce it to nothing, and bring forth a new creation in Christ.

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