Assertions:
1. “... theodicy is more than the ‘problem of evil,’ it is an inquiry into why the Divine fails to interact with its creation in a productive, loving, and meaningful way ” (Jensen 2015:16).
2. A Believer is a member of a religious tradition, typically a member of one of the Abrahamic religious traditions.
3. All suffering (i.e. economic ‘death,’ social ‘death,’ and/or physical death) experienced by a Believer has the potential to create a theodicy dilemma.
4. All arrows represent a passing of time in reflection.

Theodicy Event

Does the Believer reject the new religion's theodicy answer?
Yes
No

The Believer converts to the new religion.

Does the Believer seek an acceptable theodicy answers outside their religious tradition?
Yes
No

The Believer is transformed into a Cultural Believer.

Does the Believer reject a proposed Level 2 theodicy answer?
Yes
No

The Believer's faith is affirmed.

Does the Believer seek an acceptable theodicy answer?
Yes
No

Non-theist Event (see Page 2)

Does the Believer reject a proposed Level 1 theodicy answer?
Yes
No

The Believer's faith is unchanged.

Does the Believer have the depth to 'SEE' the theodicy dilemma?
Yes
No

Does the Believer reject the need to partake in religious ritual?
Yes
No

Theodicy Answers in the form of Mottoes
Examples of Level 1 theodicy answers:
1. ‘It's Blasphemy to question the Will of God.’
2. ‘The Will of God is mysterious but God loves us.’
3. ‘It's the work of Satan;’ (i.e. God is not at fault).

Examples of Level 2 theodicy answers:
1. ‘God gave us the Gift of Freewill;’ (i.e. human’s fault, not God’s).
2. ‘God must punish those who are secretly wicked.’
3. ‘This is one of God's tests.’
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The Believer converts to Agnosticism.

Does the Believer understand the Divine as a ‘Clock maker’?

Yes

The Believer converts to Deism.

No

The Believer converts to Spiritualism / Mysticism.

Does the Believer understand the Divine as ‘Spirit’?

Yes

No

Does the Believer abandon their theism?

Yes

No

Does the non-theist still want to labor to make the world a better place?

Yes

No

Is the new non-theist intolerant to theistic proselyting?

Yes

No

The non-theist becomes Religiously Indifferent.

The Believer converts to Deism.

The non-theist becomes a Secular Humanist.

The non-theist becomes a proselyting Atheist.

Non-theist Event