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Quiz 8
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Name: _____ Score: _____

Indicate whether each statement is true or false.

According to Van Inwagen, in "The Argument from Evil,"

1. A theodicy purports to give God's actual reasons for allowing evil in the world.
2. A defense is the same thing as a theodicy.
3. An omnipotent being can bring about states of affairs that are intrinsically impossible.
4. According to one fully elaborated version of the free will defense, some of our remote ancestors were miraculously raised to rationality, given free will, and experienced the beatific vision.
5. According to this same version of the free will defense, those same ancestors were subject to evil and death right from the beginning.

According to Curley, in "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,"

6. "The God of the Bible" commands things that ought not to be commanded.
7. The passage from Isaiah which reads, "My ways are not your ways," should be understood as saying that our understanding and knowledge are much too limited to grasp the good reasons God surely has for commanding things like genocide.
According to Murphy, in "God Beyond Justice"
8. God acted wrongly with respect to the Jerichoites, but he did not wrong the Jerichoites.
9. The only way to show that God acted wrongly with respect to the Jerichoites would be to show that he wronged them.
10. There is a dikaiological order naturally shared by God and human beings.
11. God is always and everywhere incapable of wronging human beings.