

## NON-RESISTANCE IS FUTILE: DIVINE HIDDENNESS, EVIL, AND HUMAN NATURE

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Schellenberg (1993, 2015) has argued that Divine hiddenness in light of nonresistant nonbelief is evidence against the existence of God. Arguably, the most important premise in Schellenberg's argument is **NONRESISTANCE-SUFFICIENCY**: if there is a perfectly loving God, He would provide evidence to every nonresistant human person sufficient to place His existence beyond rational doubt. In this paper, two arguments against **NONRESISTANCE-SUFFICIENCY** are given.

The first argument is that the problem of Divine hiddenness is a species of the problem of evil. I defend this argument against objections to it posed by Schellenberg himself. From this, I conclude that since there are viable solutions to the problem of evil on which God can justifiably and lovingly allow all the evils we see in the world, it follows *a fortiori* that He can also justifiably and lovingly withhold evidence from those who are nonresistant to His will but nevertheless do not actively search for reasons for belief in Him.

The second argument is from the nature of love. I argue that if we understand love as the intending of a person's good for her own sake, then God's perfect love for human persons suffices only to guarantee a certain kind of evidence, namely the evidence already available to us from natural theology.