# Con Game Plan

Debate Topic: **Not everything that happens is ultimately caused by God.**

* **Can we prove that God exists?**
  + Denying God's existence v. Not believing in God’s existence
    - There is not enough concrete evidence to say without a doubt there is no God, however we can claim we do not believe in God’s existence.
  + If one has faith that God does exist however, then everything that happens around us is ultimately caused by God. The key word here is “everything” and “caused.”
    - Everything – “All that exists.”
    - Caused – “The one, such as a person, event, or condition, that is responsible for an action or result.”
      * What does it mean to be responsible?
        + Being the primary cause of something and so able to be blamed or credited for it.
        + Can we say that if a baby is murdered and thus is deprived of a FLO, who is at fault? God or the person who murdered the baby? A rational person can go either way so for our debate the assumption is that you would hold the murderer responsible and not God, thus winning the debate due to the use of “everything” and this simple example proves at least one time of which not everything is ultimately caused by God.
    - **Free Will Response**
      * What is it? God is not ultimately responsible for the bad things that people freely chose to do.
      * Abuse of free will outweighs the value of free will and the good that comes of it, and so God is justified in creating a world which offers free will existence, and with it the potential for evil, over a world with neither free beings nor evil.
      * If one has free will they’re accepting of their actions and are responsible for them, thus removing responsibility from God. The contrary would only be true if God had a world of which did not offer free will.