

on that day

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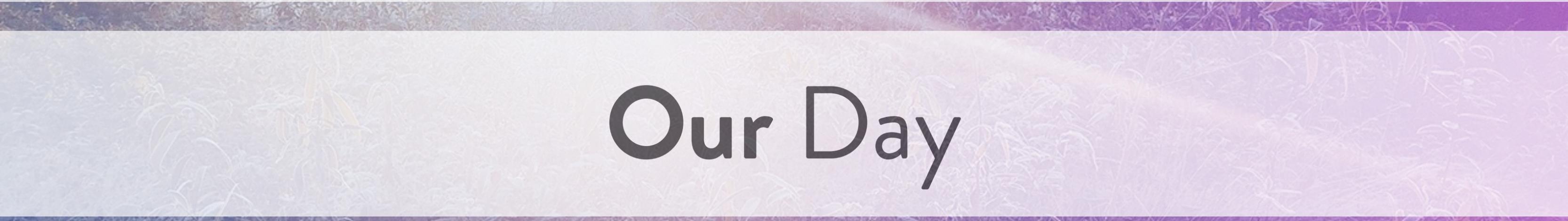
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"Tomorrow, if all literature was to be destroyed
and it was left to me to retain one work only,
I should save Job."

Victor Hugo



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The background of the entire image is a photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest. The trees are mostly bare, suggesting late autumn or winter. The lighting is soft, and the overall color palette is muted. A semi-transparent gradient overlay, transitioning from light purple on the left to a darker purple on the right, is applied across the image. Three horizontal bands of this gradient are used as backgrounds for the text.

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⁸ Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

⁹ "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied.

Job 1:8-9

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Job 1:8

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"Suffering is proof that either God doesn't love us
or that we ought not to love God."

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The secular response to suffering

"The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.'"

Job 1:12

What does Job's Day show us?

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- God only allows suffering into your life to bring about your greatness.



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- Therefore, a God who is both good and powerful cannot exist.

"Two hundred thousand wiped out
at a stroke—how magnificent."

Frederich Nietzsche

"When people ask me what drove me out the doors of the church and then what brought me back, my answer to both questions is the same. I left the church in part because I was mad at God about human suffering and injustice. And I came back to church because of that same struggle. ...

Andrea Dilley

... [Without a God], we're all just animals slumming it in a godless world, fighting for space and resources. The idea of justice doesn't really mean anything. To talk about justice, you have to talk about objective morality, and to talk about objective morality, you have to talk about God."

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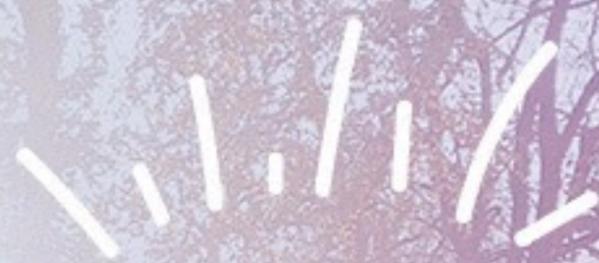
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