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n. pl. the·od·i·cies

A vindication of God's goodness and justice in the face of the existence of evil.

[After *Essai de théodicée*, a work by Baron Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz : Greek *theo-*, theo- + Greek *dikē*, order, right; see **deik-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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