



3 Tough Questions
Why Does God Allow Evil?
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Where Does Evil Come From?

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2) We have _____ to go our own way.

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3) God decided to _____ us to experience the consequences.

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Why Doesn't God End Evil?

1) The Argument Against God.

- ◆ If a good, eternal and all powerful God exists, He could annihilate evil at will, and thus end all pain and suffering.
- ◆ A Being who had the power to do this, is cruel and unjust not to exercise this power and thus end all evil and it's consequences.
- ◆ Theism (the belief in one God – Christianity is Theistic) affirms the all powerful, loving God we have just described; Who never the less does not annihilate evil.
- ◆ Therefore: He is cruel and unjust, or He does not exist!

2) What's Wrong with the Argument?

- ◆ It places a restriction on God, something you can NEVER do!

- ◆ It presupposes that our reasoning processes are equal or superior to God's, and that our solution must be the right one!
- ◆ It doesn't work when you try and apply it practically.

God Allows Evil Because...

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- **Because He is God I must _____**

2) He is _____

“¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... (Luke 4:18, ESV)

“¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17, ESV)

“¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1, ESV)

- **Because He is good I must _____.**

3) He is _____!

.... ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:7–8, ESV)

- **Because He is Love I must _____**

4) He wants to bring us _____

“¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, ESV)

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