

WHY DOES A GOOD GOD ALLOW SUCH EVIL TO EXIST?

Galatians 6:7-10

Where did Evil Come From?

Universal Agreement: There is something terribly wrong with our world.

The Big Question: Why?

A Christian Response:

God made the world and everything in it and called it all very good (Gen 1:31).

God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from any tree except one. He warned them that if they did eat from the forbidden tree they would die (Gen 2:16,17).

Adam and Eve disobeyed God, bringing death into the world and upon our environment (Gen 3:6; Rom 5:12).

Mankind's wrong choices, (called sin), has made this world a broken place full of broken people (Rom 3:23).

Why Does God Allow Evil?

The Truths of the Bible:

God notices everything (He is all-knowing) – Ps 44:21; Heb 4:13

God is more powerful than anyone and everything (He is all-powerful) – Ex 6:3; Rev 1:8

God is a just and loving God – Jn 3:16

The Options of God with regards to the creation of humanity:

Create humans without a free will

Create humans with a free will

The Options of God with regards to the sinful choices of humanity:

Prevent people from experiencing the consequences of sinful choices

Let people experience the consequences of sinful choices (Gal 6:7)

What is God's Plan in Regards to Evil?

Ultimate Plan:

- 1) To eliminate all evil and its effects within believers in Christ (I Thess 5:23,24; I Cor 15:26)
- 2) To create an environment for believers in Christ where no evil can exist (Rev 21:1,27)
- 3) To throw all opposition into the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:14,15)

Intermediate Plan:

- 1) To work out all things, even evil things, for the good of those who love Him (Rom 8:28)
- 2) To work in each believer a desire to please Him and the power to do so (Phil 2:13) – it is up to us to love Him with our whole hearts (Deut 10:12; Matt 22:36,37; Jn 14:15)
- 3) To work through believers to bring people to faith in Christ (Matt 28:18-20; I Pet 2:9)

In light of all this, what is your response to the Lord Jesus Christ?