

The Problem of Evil

The Truth about Evil

What is the Problem?

- People hurt and suffer ... they see hurt and suffering.
- Their pain causes them to argue or hate, not repent.
- Their pain causes them to argue or hate, not trust God.
- They bark against God by blaming or questioning Him.
- They argue against God's existence or the Bible's truth.

What is Evil?

- For this study it is bad people or events causing pain.
- It is the anguish, disappointment, and trouble of life.
- It is destructive disasters of nature and events by men.
- It is torment and trouble that afflict many or a few.
- It is corruption, hatred, torture, and violence to men.







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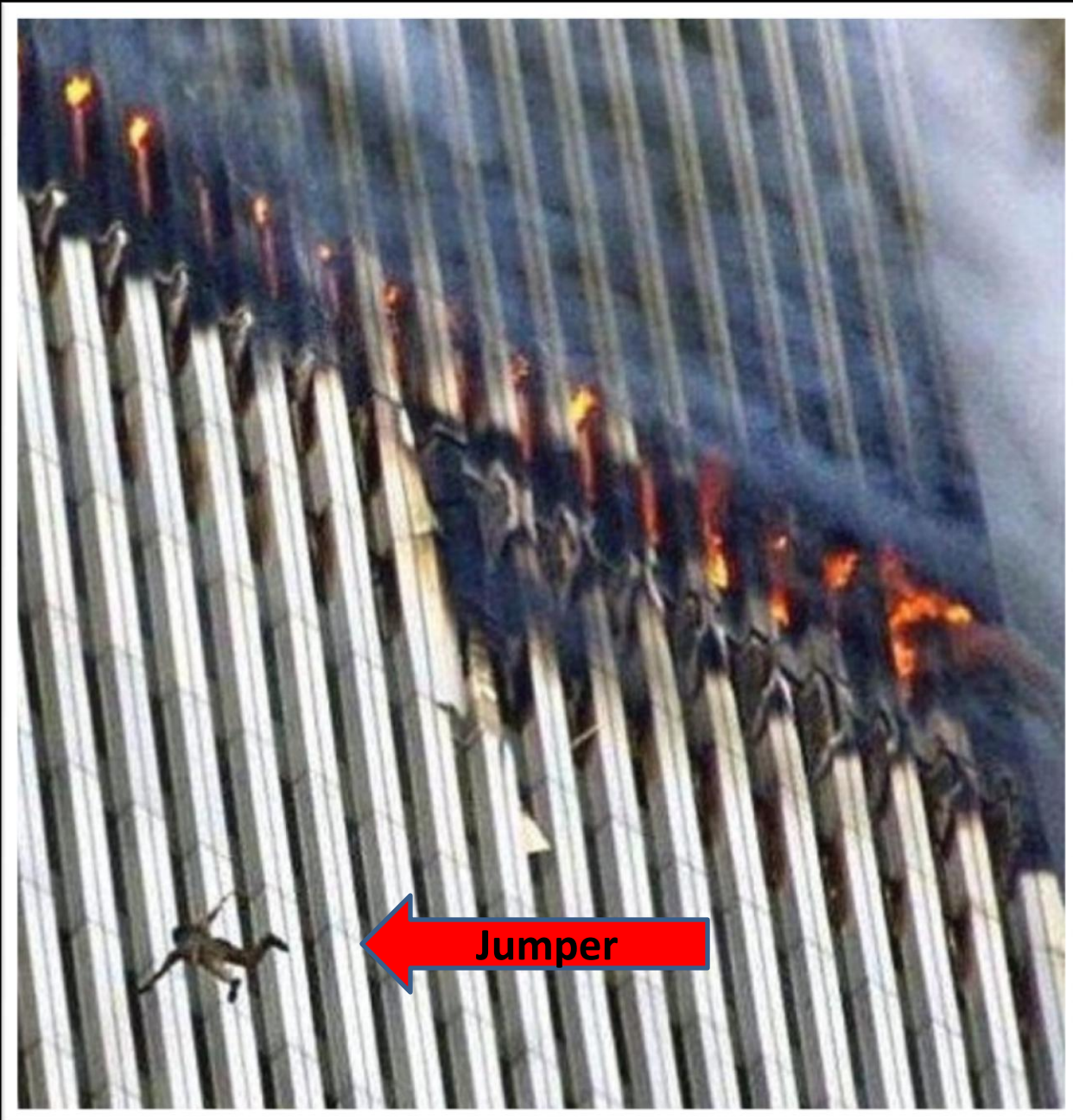
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Thinking about Jumping – 9/11 WTC















Here Is Their Problem (1)

- God is great (so say Christians).
- God is good (so say Christians).
- Evil is painfully real (all feel it and see it).
- They cannot reconcile the points, so they reject them.
- The easiest response is to attack God and the Bible.

Here Is Their Problem (2)

- An all-powerful, all-good God would abolish evil.
- So ... God is either not all-powerful or not all-good.
- Most men do not allow such things, why does God?
- Even atheists treat their children and neighbors kindly.
- Therefore, the Christian religion and Bible are nuts!

They Say ... God Does Not Exist (1)

- This is their “logical” conclusion to a faulty equation.
- Natural man uses any excuse/reason to get rid of God.
- *But ... we know God exists by creation and providence.*
- *And by conscience, scripture, internal witness of Spirit.*
- *If no God ... life is hopeless and without any meaning.*

They Say ... God Does Not Exist (2)

- *Atheism is not the answer.*
- *We totally deny their radically illogical conclusion.*
- *Our evidence trumps theirs as light trumps darkness.*
- *It takes more faith to be an atheist than a Christian.*
- *Atheism is not the answer.*

They Say ... God Is Not All-Powerful (1)

- For those believing God exists ... He cannot stop it!
- God is not responsible for evil because He can't stop it.
- God is off in the distance ... watching ... Deistic-like.
- *If God cannot cure evil ... then he cannot save from sin!*
- *If God is that weak ... He cannot really help us at all!*

They Say ... God Is Not All-Powerful (2)

- *Divine impotence is no answer.*
- *An impotent God is not any better than no God!*
- *We know God is all-powerful by a little look up!*
- *We know God is all-powerful by a little Bible reading!*
- *We know God is all-powerful by changing our lives!*

They Say ... God Is Not All-Good (1)

- If a powerful God exists ... He must be evil Himself.
- They say God is malicious for allowing the holocaust.
- This is consistent with most gods man has invented.
- *If God is evil, how could we love or worship as we do?*
- *If God is evil, why would we love or worship as we do?*

They Say ... God Is Not All-Good (2)

- *An evil God is no answer.*
- *An evil God is worse than no God!*
- *We would live in terror every day of Him sending evil!*
- *We call it blasphemy and see His goodness every day!*
- *We know God is good ... but owes good to no sinner.*

They Say ... Evil Is Not Real (1)

- If God is great and good ... then evil does not exist.
- Hard to imagine anyone thinking this? ... *think again!*
- Eastern religions teach it in various ways and degrees.
- Others ... evil is illusory; look correctly, it will disappear.
- Christian Science and Scientology get rid of evil as well.

They Say ... Evil Is Not Real (2)

- *Denying reality is no answer.*
- *You can feel, see, and hear the stark reality of evil.*
- *The pictures in this presentation are little hints of it.*
- *If there is no evil, as they say, why any need for God?*
- *Denying reality is your own evil.*

What Is the Answer?

- It is NOT atheism – no God.
- It is NOT divine impotence – no All-Powerful God.
- It is NOT divine evil – no All-Good God.
- It is NOT denying evil – as if it does not exist.
- It is NOT calling it a mystery – there is a great answer!





We Reject Billy about 9/11

- “God cares for us ... no matter ethnic, religious, etc.”
- “God understands your feelings of anger at Him.”
- “I do not know why God allows tragedy and suffering.”
- “God is sovereign and love ... but evil is a ‘mystery’.”
- “It was good for Congress to sing, ‘God Bless America’.”

God Has No Problem! (1)

- Our God does not have problems ... He has a purpose!
- Atheistic skeptics cannot explain anything, only attack!
- They have no solution, but yet mock Bible Christianity!
- They totally justify God rewiring their sodomite and transvestite minds and friends for inconvenient evil they are too ignorant to know dishonors them all!

God Has No Problem! (2)

“I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me ... That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?”

Isaiah 45:5-9

Their Equation Is the Problem!

- What did they leave out of their equation? *Think!*
- They left out man ... the diabolical fiend in the mirror!
- They do not want the responsibility for human pain!
- Can you trace Hiroshima's pain to Japan's war council?
- Your unhappiness this moment is your fault (Pr 15:15).

Answer #1 – God Is Not Evil

- God is good by creation and providence (Acts 14:17).
- He is even very good to His enemies (Matt 5:43-48).
- We know this by what the Bible says (Matt 19:17).
- God cannot even be tempted by evil (Jas 1:13-15).
- God compared to man is good compared to evil.

Answer #2 – Evil Is Man’s Fault (1)

- He is a cruel, God-denying fool (Psalm 14:1-3; Rom 3:10-18).
- He is very wicked (Jer 17:9; Rom 1:18-32; Tit 3:3; Eph 4:17-19).
- Abominable and filthy, man drinks iniquity like water.
- Even “acts of God” have human conduct connected.
- Can you trace from gas ovens to German philosophers?

Answer #2 – Evil Is Man’s Fault (2)

- Human dysfunction is the result of human ignorance.
- Human cruelty and pain is the result of human malice.
- Starving Sudanese children are by stupid Sudanese sex.
- WWII was by despotic rulers and citizens helping them.
- Up until “acts of God,” man is clearly at fault and guilty.

Answer #3 – Man Made Himself Evil

- God created man ... but not as man presently is!
- God created man good and very good, but he sinned!
- Adam and Eve corrupted themselves and their race.
- The evil affecting the universe is by Satan and Adam.
- Rather than blame God ... *stop doing evil yourself!*

Answer #4 – God Allows Man's Evil

- If God is sovereign, and He is ... why is there still evil?
- He is the First Cause of all things ... of evil as well.
- God giving Adam a will is not the active cause of evil.
- God gave Adam every ability and reason against evil.
- God planned and managed the evil of free creatures.

Answer #5 – God Rules Man’s Evil (1)

- God uses man’s evil for His glory and man’s profit.
- Foundational verses are key (Pro 16:4; Psalm 76:10; Rev 4:11).
- He says you have no right to even question it (Ro 9:19-20)!
- He rules man’s evil for His glory (Jn 9:3; Ac 2:22-24; 4:24-28).
- He rules man’s evil for man’s profit (Gen 45:4-8; 50:20).

Answer #5 – God Rules Man’s Evil (2)

- He rules man’s evil for man’s warning (Luk 13:1-5; Pr 29:1).
- He rules adversity for man’s humility (Eccl 1:14-15; 7:14).
- He rules man’s evil to minimize it (Ps 76:10; Gen 20:6).
- He rules man’s evil to punish him (Josh 11:20; Is 10:5-15).
- He rules man’s evil to chasten him (He 12:5-13; I Co 11:30-32).

Answer #5 – God Rules Man’s Evil (3)

- He rules man’s evil to perfect him (Jas 1:2-4; Rom 5:3-5).
- He rules man’s evil to confirm natural laws (Num 32:23).
- He rules man’s evil to expose his insanity (Rom 1:18-32).
- He rules man’s evil to fulfill His will and prophecy.
- He rules man’s evil to never exceed what is needed.

Answer #6 – Man Deserves Worse

- Man's sinfulness justifies far greater evil than he has.
- The rich man cries, *One minute out of hell is a blessing!*
- The rich man cries, *One minute in church is a blessing!*
- Job suffered very much ... but God's wrath was worse.
- Any evil you identify ... is far less than hell's torment.

Answer #7 – Man Had/Has Chances

- Adam was the most perfect representative to imagine.
- Only one commandment to keep in a perfect world.
- The greatest incentives and the soberest warning.
- His creation/providence preaches loudly day and night!
- Cleft palate, holocaust, 9/11 ... they all scream, Repent!

Answer #8 – God's Mercy Is Sovereign

- While you whine He hated Esau ... God loved Jacob!
- He has mercy / compassion on whom He will (Ro 9:15-16).
- He owes it to no devil or man; He's shown it to many.
- He is merciful every minute they breathe in His air.
- Each minute they breathe He preaches repentance!

Answer #9 – The Future is Evil-Free!

- This is not the best world possible ... but one is coming!
- If God is great and good, He will eliminate evil ... Yes!
- He will destroy and consign every evildoer to hell!
- He will renovate the universe eliminating all evil!
- Holiness and righteousness will reign without any evil!

Answer #10 – God Is Gloriously Holy

- All evil in the universe exists for the holiest reasons!
- Will you blame the sun for darkness, if it is absent?
- Be like Job for two chapters only ... then like Elihu!
- God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.
- If He sends your soul to hell, His holy law approves it well.



Greatest Evil ... to ... Greatest Good!

- The cross of Jesus Christ is the most terrible evil ever!
- The result is the greatest display of eternal good ever!
- Do not blame God for evil ... praise God for all good!
- Repent for any evil in your life and do good for Him!
- Also turn as many others from evil to good for Him!

Conclusions

- Any evil you see does not alter truth ... it confirms it!
- Every evil event happens for His glory and your profit!
- As did Job with worse evil than you know ... worship!
- Remember He is the Potter ... you the clay ... silence!
- Earth's potsherd should worship the Potter, not strive!

For Further Study

Dominion of God ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/god/dominion-of-god/sermon.php>

Note: See all the links at the bottom of the sermons and outline above.

Why Bad Things Happen ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/why-bad-things-happen.pdf>

Proverbs 16:4 ... http://www.letgodbetrue.com/proverbs/commentaries/16_04.php

WTC Commentary ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/today/finger-of-god.php>

A.W. Pink's, [The Sovereignty of God](#).

Gilbert Beebe's, [Absolute Predestination](#).

Jerome Zanchius's, [Absolute Predestination](#).

Internet Article ... <https://bible.org/article/problem-evil>

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