

IF GOD IS ALL POWERFUL & GOOD, WHY IS THERE SO MUCH SUFFERING?

This is a huge intellectual and emotional “God question.” Wars, natural disasters, birth defects and disease kill millions of innocent people every year. “If God is all powerful, why doesn’t He prevent them?”

In an effort to make sense of this issue, many abandon a belief in God and become atheists or agnostics...hoping this will help. Here is the problem, it doesn’t matter what you believe...

THE PRESENCE OF EVIL AND SUFFERING IS A PROBLEM FOR EVERYONE!

If you’re an atheist or agnostic ...

- *Then nature is all there is and nothing is more natural than chaos, violence, & suffering.*

- *Then God does not exist so anything goes.*

- *Where does humanity’s sense of right and wrong, good and evil, order and chaos come from?*

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF SUFFERING?

- *God never created sin and suffering.*

- *Humanity rebelled against God thus creating sin, violence and suffering as we know it. 2 cosmic consequences:*

BUT MARTIN...

- *While God may not have created this mess directly, he did so indirectly when he made humanity with the capacity to choose!*

- *Just because man started problem doesn’t mean God shouldn’t stop it.*

WHAT DO WE DO IN THE FACE OF SUFFERING—ESPECIALLY MY SUFFERING?