

Suffering

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1. The problem of evil

2. Bible Examples

- Joseph
- Job
- Jesus

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The Problem Of Evil

Evil = bad things

1. God, if he exists, is all loving, all knowing and all powerful
2. God, if he is all loving, would not tolerate evil
3. God, if he is all knowing, would know how to stop evil
4. God, if he is all powerful, would have the power to stop evil
5. Evil exists
6. Therefore, God does not

Solutions

- God achieves good things through bad
- God works on a different time scale
 - God is love... free will

- 1. It was impossible for God to create us all loving, all powerful and all knowing (or we would be GOD!)**
- 2. The most loving way God could create us is to have free will**
- 3. People who are not all loving may misuse free will causing evil**
- 4. Therefore, despite the existence of evil, God may exist**

Evil

- God did not create it
- Evil freely chosen over good
- Evil an absence of good
- Breakdown in creation

Why Suffering?

- Sometimes God accomplishes good things through it
 - Joseph