

BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS -



Fall - Apologetics

FOR ALL THINGS

PROBLEM OF EVIL



➤ Intro



**“Why do I suffer? This is
the rock of atheism.”**

George Buckner

“The existence of evil, both moral & natural, forms the basis for one of the oldest & most persistently troubling arguments against Judeo-Christianity.”

Gordon Graham

TYPES of EVIL

- **Natural - does not involve choices of moral agents**
- **Moral - traced to choices & actions of moral agents**

Pisidian Antioch - Cardo

IMPORTANCE

Ephesus
Theater

1. Proof - for Atheist
2. Universal - all affected
3. Reality - design or naturalism
4. Practical - suffering of all

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➤ Problem



PROBLEM OF EVIL

- 1. If God all-Good - wills good**
- 2. If God Omnipotent - does His will**
- 3. Evil Exists**
- 4. God does not exist or not all-good or not omnipotent or both**

VIEWS

1. Is Random - Unbelieving

NATURALISM

No Suffering & Death ->

No Survival of Fittest ->

No Evolution ->

No Progress ->

Conclusion - Evil is Good

VIEWS

- 1. Is Random - Unbelieving**
- 2. Does not exist - Gnosticism**
- 3. Biblical - Abnormal**

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- Intro
- Problem
- Solutions
- Biblical



CLARIFICATIONS

- 1. Evil - choices**
- 2. Free Will - no longer**
- 3. Creation - cursed**
- 4. Goodness - from God**

Bithynia

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ORIGIN of EVIL

Galatia

- 1. Angels - heaven not earth**
- 2. Mankind - sin on earth**

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HOLY

- **Description - Totally separate from evil in His person & dealings with men & includes His absolute righteousness measured against Himself as an absolute standard, moral perfection, separation from all that is common or unclean**
- **Isa 6:3 ... "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."**

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OMNIPOTENT

- Description - infinite power to do anything which He wills, can do anything consistent with His nature potential & actual with no effort
- Ps 62:11 ¶ Once God has spoken; Twice I have heard this: That **power** belongs to God;
- Ps 115:3 But our God is in the heavens; He does **whatever He pleases.**

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GOOD

- **Description -** He deals bountifully, tenderly, & kindly with all His creatures, He is source of all in universe that is good
- **1st Perfection of God attacked**
- **Ps 145:9** The Lord is **good** to all, And His mercies are over all His works.
Jn 10:11 "I am the **good** shepherd; the **good** shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

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8. **God is Designer - purposes**

GLORY DISPLAYED

1. Blind Man

5. Job

2. Lazarus

6. Death of Christ

3. Unbelievers

7. Display to Angels

4. Pharaoh