

Why an evil world? Part 2

At creation “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1.31 (NIV).

So where did evil come from?

Well, evil can't exist without the good it opposes, so evil is a corruption of anything that is good. And we know that one good thing God created was free will.

So God isn't author of evil. He is author of a situation that was invaded by evil.

First, even atheists accept that good is the norm, and evil is a distortion of this. So evil should drive us towards the God who is good and prompt us to listen to him and obey him.

Second, how good is God? Good enough, do you think, to allow our short-term suffering as a warning and foretaste of eternal suffering? He's certainly trying to get our attention - trying to prompt our repentance.

Third, do we, meanwhile, deplore the dreadful things that are happening in our world? Imagine how much worse for God, who sees *every* wicked detail in *every* human heart.

Fourth, while many things about life are not revealed, God wants us to investigate the things he has revealed - especially his great willingness to rescue us right now because he loves us.

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“Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works on man's behalf!”
- Psalm 66.5 (NIV).