

Got questions? Part 3

Yes, I have a question! How can a good Creator God allow all our world's suffering and pain?

First, in his book, *The case for faith*, Lee Strobel faces this question head-on. He says “God has demonstrated how the very worst thing that has ever happened in the history of the world ended up resulting in the very best thing that has ever happened in the history of the world.”

He is referring to the death of God himself on the cross. At the time *nobody* saw how anything good could result. Only God saw that history's worst tragedy would open heaven to us. And we only know it now because God lifted a curtain to show us.

Second, there is, however, all the other horrific suffering in the world. How can any good ever come from that? We don't know - not yet.

But, **third**, the world situation is now so horrendous that *we want more than explanations* - which we might not understand anyway. What we need to know (and what God himself assures us) is that he has not left us alone. The fact is “he is not far from each one of us” Acts 17.27. We haven't been abandoned.

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Jesus said, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28.20.

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