

“Why Evil?”

- Why did a man who millions of people worship say, (Mat. 27:46) “My God My God, why have you forsaken me?”
- Why suffering? Why loss? Why COVID 19 and the implemented odious policies?
- These contemplations are always inevitably linked to morality? Why? Read Ps. 37
- Do you link suffering, pain, loss, conflict with evil? Why or why not?
- Do you see a reason for pain, discomfort, or loss?
- God has designed us with the capacity for pain for good reasons. With evil (a perversion of goodness) comes pain, loss, and death. When we pervert the laws of God for our pleasures/selfish desires (fallen nature), we find that the pain of suffering and loss hits us in order to redirect us to correction and redemption as He is the great Physician.
- An analogous example: CIPA (congenital insensitivity to pain with anhidrosis).
- The problem of pain or the problem of pleasure? Ravi: “Pathway of Pain”
- Is pain immoral? Why or why not?
- If pain is linked with morality/immorality – how is moral law measured? Can there be a moral law w/o a moral law giver? Can there be gravity w/o a physical law giver?
- Morality is always linked with people and the question of morality is always posed by a person.
- If anything is bad – something must be good. Can’t know a crooked stick unless a straight stick is assumed/established. You can have a rust free car but not a car or metal free rust. You can take the rust from a car but not a car from the rust! One cannot have evil unless there is an understanding of good.
- An acknowledgment of good is not the same as the source of good.
- Atheists have no legitimate complaint about evil and – in fact, cannot define evil in a moral sense because they have given no chance for a law giver. Anything goes w/o moral responsibility if there is no moral law giver to which we are responsible.
- I find it amusing that Atheists complain about the ‘fictional’ god who allows evil. And then they condemn him for punishing such.
- When people abort babies it is their prerogative but when God judges the Canaanites for doing so, He is a murderer.
- If a mother can see the need for pain how much more God?
- If we can see the benefits of suffering and loss how much more God? Turek’s friends.
- Don’t stop a movie in the middle of conflict and complain it has no redeeming qualities.
- There is purpose in pain and as Ravi called it, pain is a pathway.
- C. S. Lewis said, “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”
- If she can bring good from evil then so can God!