

## EVIL IS A SIDE-EFFECT

Religion says that we know evil exists for God the creator of all opposes it and works only and totally for good.

That is why it refers to evil as a problem for those who believe in an all good and all loving God. It says that if we say there is no God because evil exists then that makes no sense and we are left with no way of knowing what we mean by good.

So if you deny God over the problem of evil you end up with a new problem - the problem of good.

Then there are two problems. The problem of evil. The problem of good.

Religion sees good as the default and evil as a side-effect that need not happen at all.

The notion that God tolerates evil but does not propose it or love it in any way seems decent enough. But is it? It makes God more worried about having good intentions than anything else. It makes him self-righteous. Why? It is possible to care only about good intentions than actually being good. It is about you feeling you are doing good and that is all you care about. Intentions are not an end in themselves but are for an end: goodness.

Evil then is a growth from good if there is a God not a side-effect.

Back to God. Are we being judgemental towards him? Maybe God's intentions are honourable? We probably are not for evil and suffering are too extreme. The fact remains that nobody has the right to tell us to honour or pray to such a God for it is our right to judge his intentions as bad just because we decide to. God then cannot have a relationship with you for the question of his integrity cannot go away. God cannot be God to you.

The believers say that you cannot have evil unless you have good and God is about the good and there is no good without God. That is a head argument but does not do anything for the heart. It is uninspiring.

The doctrine of grace means that if you turn to God now the future will be created in such a way to form your character for God creates all things. This says if you do not turn to him he will create your future and what is in it but in a way that will ruin your character. This is direct action. Grace is only a way of blaming the person for how life does not show much interest in forming them and teaching them to be good. Its a calculating and mercenary and vindictive doctrine.

If good is a default then God does not control good or create it. He just has to keep in line with it and implement it. He is evil if he claims in some way to be good as in being goodness itself.

Suppose evil is the wrong kind of good. If evil happens then evil is the side-effect of good. Good exists whether God does or not. So does evil.

If evil is good in the wrong place and time and is parasitic on good that means that evil can in principle be permanent. A parasite can be overcome by the greater thing or what it is feeding off but when it latches on for five minutes it can latch on forever. It is about it latching on not how long it latches on for. Evil then provokes hate and fear. Loving the sinner and hating the sin means nothing if you may as well hate the sinner! It makes no difference. Love the sinner and hate the sin is virtue-signalling and nothing else and yet it is the lie that God is all about.

Bad side-effects will happen if good is the default.

Bad side-effects will happen if God is good.

They may be overcome if there is a God to keep things on the straight and narrow.

If goodness is independent of God, and God has to live up to it then he cannot tolerate evil or let it happen. He has to line up to good but it is not his place to act as if its authority is his.

The side-effect thing does not apply if God has to line up to goodness and it is the supreme and independent standard.

To say evil is collateral to God's plan is to deny it is really evil for real evil is useless in itself and intolerable for it is not only useless but pro-harm.

