

Why Hate a Sin?

Sin is the religious understanding of immorality - if you lack love and justice you lack God so sin attacks God as well as yourself and others. Sin is an offence against the infinitely good God. It is detrimental to one's relationship with God. It has to be hated for it is the opposite of God. To love God implies you do not love his opposite. To love it is to refuse to love him.

Many people also hate sin on humanistic grounds.

Sin is the person damaging their own power to be virtuous by God's help.

Sin can lead to the person being attracted to and committing more sin.

Sin can be a person hurting others.

Hating can be based on the fact that we have to hate something so sin is the best thing to hate. The implication is that if religion does not guide us in hating sin we will end up hating God or ourselves or others. We are told we are inherently hating entities. That is a dangerous message to get out. If you hate sin for you have to hate something then you are not hating sin but using it as an outlet for your hate. We can be sure everybody feels they must hate something so they look for a way to channel it.

Hating sin as sin - that is an insult to God - should really be the ultimate consideration for Christians. If God alone matters then it should be the only concern not just the ultimate concern.

So sin is saying if God's nature is good and love you reject that nature and its an implicit attack.

Evil is defined as a would-be attack on God's nature which is extremely or maximally evil for it is trying to turn the only true good being away from his goodness. It is an attack on your own nature as well assuming God made you to be good and loving like him. It involves despising God even if you are not aware of despising. Not being aware makes you more evil not less.

The classical Greek idea about sin is that it is like firing an arrow at the right target and missing which on the bright side indicates that you must repent your moral failure and aim again and try to get it right. Repenting suggests you are trying to heal your flaw perhaps with the forgiving help of God.

Sin is a lie for it tries to distort what good and love is.

It leads to more lies and eventually the sinner may feel that God agrees with his or her sins.

People claim to fight evil with good example and love. They think that they are so good that they rescue others from moral ruin simply by being in contact with them so that they can be absorbed by their wonderful example. This is not fighting at all. It is clearly magical thinking. It is being confident that you are so great that the good you do will encourage people not to fight evil but simply to walk away from it. This paradoxically is evil as in arrogance and imprudence and is presumptuous. Evil is that which asks for a fight and any form of evil is by default in conflict with other forms of evil. Evil is fought with evil and pretending different is being a hypocrite and a liar and the fuel of the problem. Evil is fought with harm that you think is justified that you call regrettable but necessary evil but you need to want to hurt the enemy otherwise you will be ineffective.

One reason evil is hated is how it needs attacking with another evil and that is dangerous. Effectively, this means you are going to respond to a person who is evil in a particular way by being evil in a different way and telling yourself this is good and justified. Don't pretend you are doing something about the evil in others just by showing them your good traits and works. Don't try to feel good about pretending you are doing something.

Sin is a break of God's law that we must not hurt others and simultaneously a break of God's law that we live in accord with how God would live if he were us.

Sin wants to hurt and destroy.

It wants to be your cancer.

Sin is an abuse of your power to help and to love God.

Jesus said that sin enslaves you and kills you and is clever. He may have got this from Genesis 4:7 where God says, "If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it." Thus sin though not considered an intelligence or a person is treated as if it were. In practical terms, it is somehow the same as some kind of person to be hated. If you love the sinner genuinely the "person" you hate is sin. That is still as good as hating a person and why are you letting the bad person away with it so you can give the hate to a made up "person"? This looks like a trick to avoid making it obvious that it is the sinner you hate.

Sin invites disgust, shame, disapproval, judgment and punishment. It is evil to want those things. If you don't then don't sin. Don't make those terrible things be done to you. Jesus said that sin has the power to make you reject God and cause you to weep and gnash your teeth for all eternity. The Bible says that you go to the lake of fire.

So each sin is really a summary of different evils each of which is bad on its own without regard to the others.

Evil by definition is that which has to be fought by necessary evil. Evil is that which cannot be tolerated. It says to you, "I am a situation that should not be let to happen." So evil goes with a call to be hated. So with the evil vanquished good will flood into the vacuum.

What about those who say we must love the sinner and hate the sin? If they keep the rule then they have to clutch at straws in order to work out why the sin is to be condemned as something that ought not to exist. For example, they say it effects other people spiritually for we are one spiritual family so one member in a sense damages all the rest by sinning in some indirect mystical way. Another example is that they say the person not only does mental and personality damage to herself – but spiritual damage to herself. Just as psychologically it is easier to do evil y if you have done evil x so it will happen spiritually too. Another example is that they claim the sin draws the sinner and others by bad example to everlasting damnation and punishment. Another example is that it makes you become a tool of Satan who wants nothing but spiritual, emotional and bodily destruction for everybody. The love the sinner and hate the sin brigade are trying to convince themselves that their hate for the sinner is really love. That is what is going on. They have to talk themselves into the hate so when they are trying to hate that says a lot about them. And they succeed. If hating immorality is a good thing then they are getting new reasons to hate it and that is not good. If a secularist hates an evil just because it is immoral the religionist has this and additional reasons or excuses to hate. Doing that is proof that the sinner is the target of hate after all.

Christianity treats a sinner or evil person as a good and trustworthy one just for repenting or declaring repentance. They justify this on the basis that somebody deserves a new chance. But it does not follow that the chance has to be just given. Why can't the chance be a process rather than just an instant change of status? Another justification is that God starts healing the sinner albeit gradually but enough to make the person trustworthy. This is dangerous and irresponsible rubbish if there is no God or if he does not heal or if repentance is being simulated. If a woman murders her baby for fun it is simply extremism to treat her as if she didn't because she says she repents and would do it differently if there was a second chance. It is plainly using repentance as an excuse for virtually dismissing and ignoring what she has done. Plus it is cruel to tell somebody God is helping her when he is not. You have to take responsibility if she goes and kills the next baby or if she could go back in time and do the same thing again. Repentance is another reason for hating sin for there are problems with it.

Repentance is a lie for its not a mere action or something that is done in a moment. It a process that starts off weak and has to be worked on and nourished until it gets strong. Yet the repentant want to be reinstated in society and religion and with God and trusted and treated as if the sin never happened. They want it too soon and on the

basis that its an instant thing and that is suspicious. These problems and how many are uncomfortable with those who claim to repent show that those who proclaim love for sinners have to be deluded or lying. The benefits of saying you repent even if you do not are such that you are as good as forced to say it in order to avoid provoking hate or the pain of learning that the love sinners and hate sin brigade do in fact hate you.

God is infinite meaning everything about him is, not a number too great for us to imagine, but literally numberless. Infinite is that which is great without end or limit. Christians use this doctrine to argue that as God is good it means he is unlimitedly good thus evil is his complete opposite. The distance between God and evil is infinite. This calls us to be like God and to oppose and hate evil as much as we can.

This tells us that we cannot ever understand how far from God and good evil is. Any view of evil we have will be watered down. It may not feel that way but it is. We cannot care the way God cares. Our caring for another no matter how deep is idolatrous for it is a mere imitation of how God cares. Thus if we hate sins it will never be the same as how God hates it. Our hate for sin masks hate for the sinner. Even if loving sinners and hating sins is achievable for God, we should be sceptical of humans who claim to do it. And especially so if it is achievable for God!

If you love God with all your heart as Jesus commanded, you will hate sin with all your heart. Sin is what cries out for God's destruction or the destruction of God's perfection. It is contradicting God.

Sin is to be hated for it is useless in itself. It is evil.

Sin is to be hated for its bad results.

Sin is to be hated for it says something about the sinner. If you kill a man for no reason, you turn yourself into a murderer. You cannot say, "Being a murderer is only a small part of me." It is what you are period.

We all agree that we should hate the crime of murder. Religion tells us to hate more evils than just murder.

Jesus said we must hate sins such as sexual fantasy about a married woman. He said that if you call somebody a fool you should be taken before the council who gives the death penalty. Paul wrote that the reason we die is because Adam got us sentenced to death by divine justice for his sin and ours. This is extreme doctrine. Whoever hates your sin too much hates you and won't admit it. Roman Catholicism is full of mortal sins - sins that are supposedly worse than being murdered for they bring you spiritual death and if you die you will never ever see Heaven but will be punished forever in Hell.

If God exists and he is perfect good, then evil is to be hated for the alternative is to love it or not care.

Good and evil are intermingled. When you help one beggar another suffers a lack.

Suppose a doctor puts his fingers inside the private parts of a child. If it is not for a necessary medical purpose, it will be recognised as child-abuse. It is the intention then that makes the difference between medical and molest. But what about the physical action?

The action would be very bad for it is the intention that is good not the action.

When you do harm to help a person, you have to numb a part of your nature to do it. Even if you hurt to do good, you are still intending to hurt. You are coming close to being a person who hurts for fun.

The "good" person will be horrified at what they had to do to help the child and the "good" child will be horrified that it needed to be done.

Trying to be good in the way religion wants it done, is a recipe for disaster. It is better to be ordinary and imperfect and not to be obsessed with good. Doing that harms.

The atheist will have a healthy respect for good. The believer cannot for good is not just good for its own sake but

for God's.

If a person is evil, we will dislike that person and want to see him suffer just for our pleasure. That is hate. Evil means hateful.

The Church says that hate is wrong because it damages the hater. But surely if you hate then you deserve the damage! So the Church argument does nothing to prove that it is wrong! Rather it proves the opposite! Its another case where the Church likes to pretend to be helpful.

Also, to say that hate is wrong because it hurts the hater makes no sense. It follows then that all is wrong is the pain not the hate. It implies hate would be good if it wasn't so darn unpleasant!

Evil religious hate mongers will take comfort from the thought that the only problem is the pain. They can reason that they like the pain so its nothing to worry about and their conscience is clear.

If you feel warm towards others it allows you to help them and them to experience happiness through knowing you. Is hate a sin for it refuses this opportunity to the hated person? It is really saying that it is better for that person to be bad rather than for him to be hurt.

Criticism is always vindictive. What about constructive criticism ? To criticise the sin is to criticise the sinner so to hate the sin is to hate the sinner.

A sinner commits sin. The Church says we are to love her. To hate her sin is to pretend her sin is separate from her and that she didn't do it. What kind of nonsensical love is that? Its hypocrisy and if she has hurt another person then it is downright evil to insult that person by trying to condone what she has done. Its worst form is the obviously deluded, "Judge the sin not the sinner." If you treat the sin as something to be hated and as something impersonal surely then you would deal with it without regard for the person? You wouldn't call the person a sinner but a non-sinner.

The Church judges acts of revenge. When you take revenge it will not say, "You meant well. You intended to do justice. You just did it the wrong way." It judges. This implies that it agrees with judging any sin. You don't pick out some sin for judgement and not others.

As sin is considered to be evil, the Church cannot allow a person to like it or to respect it to any degree. God is called holy – a word that means that he cannot stand or tolerate sin.

Most Christians say that hate is a sin. Justice says that if somebody hates you, you may - actually the word is should - hate them back. And if we are to hate sins and wish them to suffer for our pleasure then it is surely correct to hate those who hate you? If you dare not do it because of the consequences then it means you agree with it in principle but can't implement it.

The starting point of Christianity is that we are all to hate sin. We are to hate our own sins and the sins we see others commit. But the problem with hate is, "I want to hurt you because I think you are offending and hurting and threatening me". Hate is to imagine that someone or something is the cause of your pain and sense of danger and one must try to get it forcibly stopped with condemnation and punishment. But you make your hate. It is you torturing yourself over somebody else's actions or perceived actions. Hate breeds hate and even if it is the sin you hate you are only seconds away from starting to hate the person who willingly creates the sin.

We tend to be grateful to things when they benefit us. We feel a sense of gratitude towards the car that gets us to hospital. We kick and curse the car and swear at it when it breaks down. We treat events and things as if they consciously bless us and curse us. If you really hate a sin, you are personifying it and you are as good as hating a person. That hate will be just as poisonous as hating a person and make you bitter and dangerous. You may as well hate person. It is more dangerous to hate a person and blind yourself to this by telling yourself that it is the sin you hate than it is to openly hate the person. At least when you identify the evil and the hate and who it is directed at you have the opportunity to maybe do something about it.

Hate is the urge to hurt another person just because you want to see them hurt. Most who discourage hate argue that it is to be avoided for it gets too easily out of control and your perception gets distorted more and more all the time as it becomes a habit. Your view of others becomes polluted and bitter. Most people see hate as a Pandora's Box and this is their main reason to oppose hate. Such a view suggests that hate is not bad in itself as long as it can be kept within boundaries. This makes you suspicious of those Christians who claim to believe in hating the sin and loving the sinner - they are trying to smugly hide their hate and are examples of passive aggressive hate. And there are people who seem - who seem! a seem does not amount to an are! - capable of restraining hate. Incredibly, religion claims to be good while it makes the desire to hurt sin or hurt people far more fierce.

The Church cannot be trusted as a force for non-violence and peace when it lies about having reasons for condemning hate towards people though not sins. None of the reasons are convincing.

Sin is not a thing but a summary of evils and when you think about them you get to see that believers have to be hard-wired to hate sinners.