

**WHY DOES
GOD ALLOW
EVIL AND
SUFFERING?**

1. God allows evil and suffering as the just and natural consequences of sin and rebellion.

2. God allows evil and suffering as a means to benefit us spiritually and relationally both with Him and with others.

3. God allows evil and suffering so that His character and glory can be fully seen, known, adored and enjoyed forever.

The Argument from Evil

- Evil exists, therefore, God must not.
- “There must not be a god, look how much evil there is in the world; if there was a god, such evil would not exist.”

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- *This is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.* John 17:3

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- *Let a man boast of this, that He understands and knows Me!* Jer. 9:24

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- *I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ....that I may know Him!*

Phil. 3:7-10

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- God wants your joy to be full and fullness of joy comes from knowing and seeing God in all His glory. And that would only be possible in a world where evil and suffering exists.