

## Questions about evil:

### **1. What is evil?**

**Genesis 1:4** And God saw the light, **that it was good** (פִּי־טוֹב): and God divided the light from the darkness.

**Genesis 1:10** And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw **that it was good** (פִּי־טוֹב).

**Genesis 1:12** And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw **that it was good** (פִּי־טוֹב).

**Genesis 1:18** And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw **that it was good** (פִּי־טוֹב).

**Genesis 1:21** And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw **that it was good** (פִּי־טוֹב).

**Genesis 1:25** And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw **that it was good** (פִּי־טוֹב).

**Genesis 1:31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, **behold, it was very good** (וַהֲבִי־טוֹב מְאֹד). And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

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### **C. Evil as a negation – a parasite**

**1 John 3:4** Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

**Within Christianity evil | wrong | sin is always a parasite in that it has no ex on its own.**

Sin twists

Sin perverts

Sin misappropriates

Sin misuses

**God made everything:**

Good → Evil

True → False

Right → Wrong

Beautiful → Ugly

**Hebrews 13:4** Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

### **2. Where does it come from?**

**Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**1 Timothy 2:11** Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. **1 Timothy 2:12** But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. **1 Timothy 2:13** For Adam was first formed, then Eve. **1 Timothy 2:14** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. **1 Timothy 2:15** Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

**1 Corinthians 15:22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

**Genesis 2:15** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Genesis 2:16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Genesis 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

**Genesis 3:1-19**

**Broad facts about the fall / curse:**

- It happened **in history** → at a point in time
- It happened **by / because of one man**
- It happened **through a process of temptation**
- It **didn't** happen **because of Satan's rebellions** or the angels

## Process of temptation:

- Questioned God's
- Questioned God's
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## **3. How do we get it? How is it transmitted?**

### Covid:

**Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**Ephesians 2:1** And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; **Ephesians 2:2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: **Ephesians 2:3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. **Ephesians 2:4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, **Ephesians 2:5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

**We now come to original sin...but not so much what that original sin was...**

**Luke 19:14** But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, **We will not have this man to reign over us.**

**Luke 19:27** But those mine enemies, **which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.**

## **A. Imputed sin / Adamic sin**

Federal headship

Adam represents us

So that Christ can also represent us

**1 Corinthians 15:22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

## **B. Inherited sin nature**

**Psalm 51:5** Behold, I was **shapen** in iniquity; And **in sin** did my mother conceive me.

**Psalm 58:3** The wicked are estranged **from** the womb: They go astray **as soon as** they be born, speaking lies.

**Jeremiah 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

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**No one has to teach us:**

- To sin
- How to sin
- What sin is
- How to lie to cover for sin
- How to keep on sinning

## **C. Personal sin**

A sinner by birth / nature and by choice

## **D. Social Sin**

The sins we practice in / as group

Or, the sins we allow / approve as groups

**Isaiah 1:16** Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; **Isaiah 1:17** Learn to do well; Seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, Judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. **Isaiah 1:18** Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

#### **4. What can I / we do about it?**

**As an individual / a society – we can do somethings:**

- **Mitigate some sins**
- **Not practice some sins**
- **Eliminate a few sins**