
3 conclusions:

Rom. 11:33 O, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways.

A challenge for skeptics...

“‘Dachau is wrong’ is not a fact. Gravity is a fact.
But ‘Dachau is wrong’ is not a fact. I think it is wrong
but I cannot prove it.”

-Bertrand Russell

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Evil and Suffering, part 1

Grace and Truth—part 11

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The Epicurus dilemma

- a. If God is willing to defeat evil but not able, then he is not all-powerful.
- b. If God is able to defeat evil, but not willing, then he is not all-good.
- c. If God is both willing and able to defeat evil why doesn't He stop evil?

The assumption is that there are no m_____ justifiable
and good r_____ to allow evil to exist.

James 1:2 Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

“Why am I going through this evil and suffering?”

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Job’s story

Job 1:1 In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. ² He had seven sons and three daughters, ³ and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

Job 1:20 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹ and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.”

²² In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Job 42:1 Then Job replied to the LORD: ² “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. ⁴ “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ ⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. ⁶ Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

Fourteen reasons we go through dark nights
