

#8: How could a good, all-powerful God allow suffering and evil?

I mean if God's as loving and powerful as Christianity says, why doesn't He do something about all the evil, suffering, pain and injustice in this world?

Q #1: Why did God cause, create or allow evil to come into existence?

Answer: God did not create evil. His creatures used their freedom to refuse good.

1. The Bible teaches that God did [not](#) cause or create evil.
2. Adam and Eve's sin damaged their relationship with God, each other, and the rest of the creation.

Q #2: Why didn't God make people so that they couldn't sin?

Answer: God made people in His image, which includes the ability to live in relationship and friendship with Him...or not.

1. God made us for relationship with Himself. (Gen. 1:26-27)
2. God has allowed people to sin since He created them. (Gen. 2:16-17; 4:6-7).
3. A world in which you are free to choose to obey, is a [better](#) world than one in which you are not free to choose to obey.

Q # 3: If God is so loving and powerful, why doesn't He do something about evil and suffering?

Why doesn't He just put an end to all the evil and suffering in this world?

Answer: God is so loving and powerful that someday He will put an end to all the evil and suffering in this world.

1. God chooses to not stop the evil and suffering [yet](#).
2. God [has done](#) something about the evil and suffering in this world.
3. God will put an [end](#) to all the evil and suffering in this world. (Rev. 21:3-4; 22:3)

**Q #4: Where's God now? What's He doing now?
Is He doing anything to help me now?**

Answer: The Master is at work in what looks like a mess.

1. God does not cause sin, but He does act in [relation](#) to it.
2. Actions that appear to be the free actions of people are also part of God's working.

Q # 5: Why Is This Happening to Me?

Answer: We won't know all the whys until we get to heaven, so don't look for someone blame. We do know Who is sovereign, so do look for Someone [glorify](#).

1. Assumptions Concerning Suffering
2. Jesus' Answers Concerning Suffering
3. God's Purpose in Suffering

Q #6: Why do innocent people suffer? Why does God let hurt happen?

Answer: God uses our suffering and pain for our good and His glory.

1. God uses pain to alert us that something is seriously [wrong](#) with this world.
2. God uses pain to alert us that something is wrong specifically with His creatures, which includes us and the animals.
3. God uses pain to [reflect](#) us.
4. God uses pain to [direct](#) us.

Q #7: If God Uses Pain To Shape Us, How Much Is Enough?

Answer: God is shaping you to be like Jesus.

1. What's the product and what's the process?
2. What's the result of refined faith?
 - A. Untested faith is immature faith. Refined faith is [mature](#) faith.
 - B. If you want the product God desires, then submit to (joyfully embrace) the [process](#) God designed, knowing that your faithful response will grow in you the product God desires.
 - C. Submitting involves enduring your pain and suffering while steadfastly holding onto the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-good, all-loving God. It means walking by faith, not by sight... or even understanding, because sometimes it makes no sense from your human perspective.
 - D. Cling to the All-Powerful, All-Knowing, All-Good, All-Loving God you have come to know through [Scripture](#).

Q #8: Where Do I Find Relief While Enduring Pain?

Answer: Your pain *is* His concern, so find relief in Him.

1. When you suffer pain, find relief in [worship](#). (Psalm 42: 1-5)
2. When you suffer pain, find relief in God's unfailing loyal [love](#). (Psalm 42: 6-8)
3. When you suffer pain, find relief in spiritually encouraging relationships.
4. When you suffer pain, remember that God has not forgotten you. (Ps. 42: 9-11)

Q #9: If God knew angels and people were going to sin and cause all kinds of evil, pain and suffering, then why did He create anything in the first place?

Answer: He made you for Himself and He thinks you are worth it all.

1. Having a relationship with you forever is [worth it all](#) to God.
2. Having a relationship with God forever is worth it all [to you](#). (Phil. 3:7-14)
3. All the data is not in yet. You have not yet seen heaven and the eternal state.
4. When you pass judgment on God, you are way out of your [league](#).
5. You won't know all that you'd like to know until you get to heaven, but do you know enough to live a godly life here on earth. You know the Lord enough to love, trust and obey Him. (2 Peter 1:3)

Message

We won't know all the whys until we get to heaven.

We do know that the all-good, all-powerful God is sovereign, so glorify Him.