If God, Why Evil?
A New Way to Think About the Question
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1. How do we respond to atheists who claim that a good God would not have allowed all the evil and injustices that exist in the world?

2. How do we respond to pantheists (e.g., Hindus, New Agers, Christian Scientists) who claim that evil is not real but only an illusion?

3. If evil is real, and God created all things, then how can we avoid concluding that God created evil?

4. If God created only good things (as the Bible claims), then were did evil come from?

5. When evil first occurred, why didn’t God wipe it out? Why did he allow it to continue?

6. If God is all-good (and wants to defeat evil) and all-powerful (and is able to defeat evil), then why is there still evil in the world? Doesn’t this show that no such God exists?

7. If God made a perfect world, then why are there earthquakes, tornados, and other natural disasters?

8. If God is all-good, then why does He allow anyone to go to hell? Why doesn’t he save everyone?

9. Couldn’t God have made a better world than this one, namely, one where evil never occurred? Why didn’t God make Lucifer and Adam more perfect so that they would not have sinned?

10. What is your response to Rabbi Kushner’s famous book When Bad Things Happen to Good People?