

A close-up photograph of a person's hand resting on their head, suggesting deep thought or contemplation. The person is wearing a dark, textured sweater. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**“If God is So Good,  
Why Is There So Much  
Bad in the World?”**

John  
16:33 &  
others

**The God Questions**

Exploring Life's Great Questions About God

# **“If God is So Good, Why Is There So Much Bad in the World?”**

- **If God is so good, why is there so much pain in this world? (13 votes)**
- **What proof is there that the Bible is true? (12)**
- **Would a loving God really send people to hell? (11)**
- **How can I really *know* that God exists? (9)**
- **Isn't it narrow-minded to believe that Christianity is the only way to heaven? (8)**
- **What do other religions believe about God? (8)**
- **Why is the church full of hypocrites? (8)**
- **What happens to me when I die? (7)**



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***“In this world you will have trouble. But  
take heart! I have overcome the world.”***  
**(Jn. 16:33)**

# **“If God is So Good, Why Is There So Much Bad in the World?”**

## **→ Hard Answers:**

- 1. Due to the presence of sin, EVIL and SUFFERING are part of our fallen world.**

***“The whole earth has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” (Romans 8:22)***

**“If God is all-knowing, all-powerful, all loving .... then ...”**

# **“If God is So Good, Why Is There So Much Bad in the World?”**

→ **Hard Answers:**

**2. God does not owe us a satisfying EXPLANATION.**

***“Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.”***

**(Job 42:3)**

# **“If God is So Good, Why Is There So Much Bad in the World?”**

## **→ Head Answers:**

- 1. God is not the CREATOR of evil and suffering.**

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# **“If God is So Good, Why Is There So Much Bad in the World?”**

**→ Head Answers:**

**2. Though suffering is not God, God CAN and DOES use it to accomplish good.**

**A. God can use pain to DRAW people to Himself.**

**B. God can use trials to SHARPEN the character of His children.**

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→ **Head Answers:**

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**C. God sometimes disciplines His children to TEACH us the right path to take.**

**D. God uses bad circumstances to bring about GOOD ENDS.**

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## **→ Head Answers:**

- 3. The day is coming when SUFFERING will cease and EVIL will be judged.**
- 4. Any suffering we experience in this life pales in comparison with the GOOD God has in store for His followers.**
- 5. You get to decide whether your pain is going to HARDEN you or SOFTEN you.**

# **“If God is So Good, Why Is There So Much Bad in the World?”**

→ **Heart Answer:**

- 1. God promises to WALK with us in our pain and suffering, if we will let us.**

***“This is what God the Lord says - He who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people and life to those who walk on it: I will take hold of your hand.” (Isaiah 42:5)***

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**“If God is So Good, Why Is There So Much Bad in the World?”**

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

**PLANET EARTH**

**ACT I**

**ACT II**

**ACT III**