

Tough Questions/ Solid Answers

Tough Question #4

*If there is a God-
then why is there Evil and Suffering?*

**People have an emotional problem
And an intellectual problem with evil.**

This question has several underlying beliefs

Underlying Belief #1:

There is such a thing as Evil/ suffering
and we can define it.

Underlying belief #2:

God; if He exists; is logically and morally
obligated to stop it.

-unless He has a Reason

Isaiah 55:8-9

Underlying Belief #3:

There is a way to stop Evil and suffering without
Trampling on man's free will.

*Evil and Suffering are the way of this world
And this way was chosen by man.*

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Question

God says- "ok- you want me to stop this?

How would you like me to do it?"

1. Take away our ability to conceive of, desire or do evil.
2. Change the Definition of Evil.

But here's a problem

If God wipes out Evil- does he wipe out Good?

If he wipes out hate- does he wipe out love?

*The real power of Christianity is not that
we worship a God who eradicates evil and suffering-
but that He gives us hope in the middle of it- hope
that outlasts it:*

He gives us Himself.