

There is a good God who created a good world capable of bad and free will. - discuss

The World asks: Why did God make a creature of such rotten stuff that it went wrong? - discuss

“The moment you have a self, there is a possibility of putting yourself first.”

Satan wants to be God and we deal with that same urge every day of our life.

Genesis – Satan put into our heads that we could be like gods.

But: God designed the human being to run on God.

1. There is no happiness without God.
2. There is no peace without God.
3. There is no wisdom without God.
4. There is no love without God.
5. There is no spiritual growth without God.

What did God do?

1. First, He left us conscience, the sense of right and wrong.
2. Second, He has given us the stories of the past, a history of good men.
3. Thirdly, He selected a group of people for mankind to learn from.

And then came Jesus.

1. Claims to forgive sins.
2. Says He always existed.
3. Says He is coming to judge the world at the end of time.

The world says Jesus was just a teacher. Jesus was not a “good moral teacher”.

Jesus said He forgave sins. Who can forgive a sin against another?

Luke 2:5-12 – The Paralytic Man “When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “ Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven’, or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....” He said to the paralytic, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”