

Does God "Allow" Evil?

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> "Why did God 'allow' this to happen?"

God does NOT cause evil to happen, nor does He "allow" it for some yet-unknown "divine purpose." God gives mankind freedom of choice, but this does NOT make Him culpable for the wrong choices of others. Terrible things happen because terrible people *choose* to do evil.

Sickness is also not caused by God nor "allowed" by Him. Sickness is already in the world because the world has fallen. We live in this world, so we are exposed to sickness, and furthermore, as we age, our bodies begin to decay.

Now, if you can receive it, just as Jesus came to rescue us from death, condemnation, and sin, He also suffered to give us healing (1 Pet. 2:24). We can reach out to Him for healing, restoration, and even rejuvenation, but we err if we blame Him for sickness in the earth. There will one day be a new earth, and in it there will be no sickness or evil.

God does not allow evil or sickness to bring about good.

Not everything that happens has a divine purpose. Often, there is a diabolical purpose in play. Sometimes things happen because people are evil or because disease and decay still exist.

Can God work these events for good in our lives?
Indeed, He can, **but that does not mean**
He allowed them in the first place.