

# Evil, Suffering, Pain And Love

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Theodicy is the discussion in defence of God's goodness and omnipotence in view of the existence of evil. This discussion is meant to help us better understand the question, why does God and evil co-exist? Should not one or the other be dominant to the point of eliminating the other? More specifically, we ask; why doesn't God simply eliminate all evil, if He is omnipotent? In truth, He's still working with us, because we still have a ways to go.

Let's begin by declaring what we mean by God and by evil. God is the creator of everything good, everything loving and everything alive. Evil is incomplete good, unrequited love and the renunciation of life. Evil is rejection of God. God rejects evil. So how do they co-exist?

The answer is, Love. Love is not something God created or thought about one day and then brought into being. God is Love itself and Love is a being, itself. This being of Love is united to God, yet distinct in that it goes out from God and into the hearts of beings. This being of Love is called, the Holy Spirit.

Even though we don't know where the wind comes from nor where it goes, we know it comes and goes. We see, hear and feel the effects of the wind, yet we don't see the wind. The Holy Spirit comes and goes as it wills and we see, hear and feel the effects of the Holy Spirit when we feel Love.

It is the Holy Spirit that co-exists with evil in our hearts, because the Holy Spirit is able to use evil to do good, through Love.

Evil is not created by Love but by the absence of Love, which starts out as distance from Love. This distance from Love allows suffering and pain to be born out of indifference, which is the opposite of Love.

Now, let us distinguish how evil disseminates through suffering and pain. Evil, suffering and pain are often associated, but they are very different. Pain is only one form of suffering, and suffering is only one form of evil.

Pain is the threat of suffering, and suffering is the threat of evil. If you do evil, you go to hell and you'll suffer in pain. Love knows evil, suffering and pain. Love knows how to turn these things into good for the fulfillment of Love wherever Love is distant or absent.

Love takes what has been broken by distance from Love and re-builds the broken pieces into something more beautiful than the original.



Kintsugi, is the Japanese art of restoring broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold, silver, or platinum. This makes the new piece more beautiful and unique, thus, more aesthetically pleasing and precious. What is precious is collected.

Evil exists for Love to conquer, to mend and to re-shape us into what Love demands of us. While evil breaks us apart, Love creates a new being out of all the collected broken beings.

Evil has a destiny to serve Love, through our suffering and pain.

We all have a destiny to serve Love and God, through our suffering and pain.