

Is God the author of evil?

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God Predestines all things

○ ISAIAH 46:10

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○ JOB 23:13-14

○ PSALM 139:16

○ EPHESIANS 1:11

○ PROVERBS 16:4

○ PROVERBS 16:9

○ PSALM 115:3

○ PSALM 135:6

○ 2 CHRONICLES 20:6

○ DANIEL 4:35

What do you mean by Author?

- Is God the author of evil if He predestines an event intended by man for evil?
 - Acts 4:27-28
 - Jeremiah 27:5-6,8, Daniel 4:30
 - Isaiah 10:5-6, 12
- Is God the author of evil if He has an evil intention for a predestined event?
 - Ephesians 1:11
 - Romans 8:28
 - Psalm 18:30
 - Psalm 145:17
 - Presuppositional Problem (Evil or good cannot be defined outside of God)

Intentions not events

- Events are not evil or good in and of themselves
- The intentions antecedent to the event are good or evil.
 - Genesis 50:20 *As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.*
 - Acts 2:23 *this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.*
 - Man shoots another man in the chest
 - Man strikes woman on cheek

God Judges Intentions

- Hebrews 4:12
- Jeremiah 17:10
- Genesis 6:5
- Proverbs 16:1

Different intentions one event

- There can be more than one intention for a single event
- Different acting agents can have their own intentions for the same event
 - Joseph's brothers and God
 - Drug dealer and under-cover police officer
- Some intentions are evil and others are good

Can God intend for good?

- Is it logically possible for God to intend a particular event for good that man intends for evil?
 - Genesis 50:20
 - Acts 2:23-24
- If it is logically possible for God to intend a particular event for good can God intend all events for good?
 - Matthew 19:26
 - Mark 10:27

God does intend for good

- It is logically possible for God to intend a particular event for good that man intends for evil (Genesis 50:20).
- With God all things that are logically possible are possible (Mark 10:27).
- God predestines all events (Isaiah 46:10).
- All of God's intentions are good (Psalm 145:17)
- Therefore God does intend all things for good

Final Argument

- God predestines all events (Isaiah 46:10)
- Intentions not events are either evil or good (Acts 2:23-24)
- For any given event, two or more agents can have different intentions (Genesis 50:20)
- For every given event, God can intend it for good while man intends it for evil (Isaiah 10:5-6,12)
- God does intend every event for good (Ephesians 1:11)
- Therefore God is not the author of evil

Is man the author of good?

- If man's free will is the solution for God not being the author of evil then man becomes the author of good?
 - James 1:17
 - 1 Corinthians 4:7
 - Gen 41:16
 - Exodus 31:3
 - Philippians 1:29
 - Acts 11:18

Where does natural suffering come from?

- Man's free will does not provide an answer for naturally caused suffering.
- The Biblical answer is that God has a good purpose and intention for every event in time that man has intended for evil and every natural event He has determined to bring about.