

## #35 FORUM POST ON THE MEANING OF LIFE

Dear E H\_\_\_\_,

Yes, God is the CREATOR of all things and is RESPONSIBLE for all things that exist. Nothing exists unless it is God's intention for it to exist. And God never makes mistakes. For God, sin and evil are merely tools which He uses in the birthing process to create new children for Himself.

More specifically, this CREATION and all that is in it, is for the express purpose of birthing God's children. That is the meaning and purpose of life that eludes most people.

Here are some verses to consider about why Satan and evil exist in this world:

**Job 26:13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.**

**1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.**

**John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

From the beginning, Satan was a murderer, liar, deceiver and a sinner. Because of those attributes which God gave Satan, Satan has a part to play in this creation. In the beginning, God used Satan in the Garden of Eden to deceive Eve. Even to this day, God continues to use Satan:

**Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

Satan is not a mistake nor is he an uncontrollable creature. Satan is serving God in the capacity that God intended. To believe otherwise would be to bring God down to the level of mankind who does make mistakes.

Where does evil come from?

Evil is a creation of God and is used by God for His good purposes:

**Isa 45:5-7 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and CREATE EVIL: I the LORD do all these things.**

**Ecc 1:13 An experience of evil God has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.**

**Prov 16:4** The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

**Lam 3:38** Out of the mouth of the Most High doth not there proceed evil and good?

**Job 2:10** But he said to her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. We have also received good from God, and should we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

**Ecc 7:13** Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?

If mankind is to become like God who understands "good and evil", then this understanding of good and evil must be a part of our "birthing" experience. That is why the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was in the Garden.

**Gen 3:22** And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

It was and has been God's plan all along for mankind to sin so that we will learn about good and evil. We can't truly know one without the other. For this to be accomplished, God has given mankind an experience of evil, not just on the receiving end of evil but also on the giving end of evil as well.

To give mankind this experience of evil, God made Adam and Eve spiritually flawed. When accompanied with a body of flesh, this spiritual flaw quickly resulted in Adam and Eve having a carnal nature and a carnal mind. It is this carnality that causes mankind to sin.

This is proven out by Eve, who exhibited her carnality BEFORE she sinned.

**1John 2:16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

**Gen 3:6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food (**LUST OF THE FLESH**), and that it was pleasant to the eyes (**LUST OF THE EYES**), and a tree to be desired to make one wise (**PRIDE OF LIFE**), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

But since God's purpose is to produce His offspring, God will not leave mankind in this sinful, evil condition forever. To make this spiritual change within mankind, God sent Christ into the world:

**1John 4:14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

Christ accomplished the first portion of His work at the cross under the Old Covenant of Law which required a blood sacrifice. This one time work of Christ applies to all mankind and gives Christ the legal authority to complete the next and final portion of mankind's salvation. This next work of Christ occurs under a new covenant which is called the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

The New Covenant will be individually completed within each person who has ever lived. In this present age, Christ is saving His First Fruits of mankind. They are also called the Saints, the Elect and the Bride. They have been chosen for this blessing from the foundation of the world. They are a very small group. They are the only ones who Christ is saving in this age. In the next and final age, Christ (along with the First Fruits/Bride), will complete His spiritual work of conversion within the rest of mankind.

Under the New Covenant, Christ will make a change to each person's spiritual makeup. This work is called conversion. At the time when Christ comes to a person to convert them, He will give the person a new and perfect spirit – the Holy Spirit of God. This GIFT of the Holy Spirit will cause the person to be “born again” as a Child of God. To complete the transformation, Christ will then judge and destroy the person's carnal nature and carnal mind. From that destruction, the Holy Spirit will give the person a new nature and a new mind.

These verses apply:

**Rom 8:20-22 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.**

**Isa 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.**

**Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.**

In the end, all mankind will be changed and God will have many new children.

**Acts 3:20-21 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.**

**1 Tim 2:3-6 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.**

**1 Cor 15:20-28 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the consummation, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.**

What a glorious future mankind has!

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