

A GREAT QUESTION BY ATHEISTS

When I've been in conversations with atheists, one of the reasons why they claim there cannot be a God is suffering through death, pain, famine and neglect of millions of people throughout the world due to human conflicts of all kinds.

They say that a God would never allow people to suffer so much.

I used to find this question difficult to answer until I realised that the God of Christians couldn't do what they said.

When God created the Universe and life, he gave it all a purpose by challenging people to obey his commandments.

If they did obey them, he would reward them with eternal life with him in Heaven for their spiritual souls when their mortal bodies died. If they did not obey them, then their souls would perish for all eternity in Hell.

For people to be able to do what God wanted, he had to give them free will so that they could choose to obey his commandments or not. Free will also meant that not even God could interfere with their decisions. He could do things to persuade them to do his bidding, but he could never directly do it for them; otherwise, his creation of life would have no purpose. When people make decisions relating to God's commandments, they have two great problems affecting any result:

DESIRE SATAN

Desire has a great effect on any decision people make. This is not a bad thing unless it is used at the expense of others to obtain more money, sexual passion, wealth, or power, and then it can cause great misery.

Satan is the other great problem people are faced with when making any decisions relating to God's commandments. This fallen angel has a great desire to stop the spiritual souls of people entering Heaven to live with God when their human bodies die. He uses very effective ways of getting people to make the wrong decisions, especially TEMPTATIONS.

Throughout the history of life, some people have chosen not to obey God's challenges, and the results have been wars, genocides, death and pain to others. They have significantly sinned in God's eyes.

The problem here is that **God cannot interfere** in these people's decisions. This is why these disasters happen because:

by his own law,

he cannot interfere,

otherwise, people would have no free will and their creation no purpose.