

Why Do Bad Things Happen?

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The Underlying Assumptions

- [This question assumes more than the materialist/naturalist can explain:
 - The universe contains moral values
 - The universe has logic and order
 - People and what happens to them are important
 - Life should be really worth living
 - Good should be rewarded
 - Life should contain satisfactory answers.

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Scriptural Approach To The Origin Of Evil

- [**Creation: Not Every Bad Thing Is "Evil"**
Just because it's physically bad doesn't mean it has a moral component.
- [**The Fall: Death Comes To All**
Genesis 3:17-19; Rom. 5:12; Ps. 116:15

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Scriptural Approach To The Origin Of Evil

- [**Much Evil Is Of Human Origin**
God gives us free will and He gives it to others also.
- [**We Make Bad, Foolish And Sinful Decisions** Gal. 6:7,8
- [**We Are Connected To Others And Often Injured By Their Decisions, And They By Ours'** Rev. 18:9-20; Isa. 40:28
- [**The Darkness Hates The Light**
Jn. 3:19; Ps. 1119:71; Jas. 1:1-4

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- [Prov. 3:5 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding"

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