

How could a loving God allow suffering?

LOST: In Search of Answers – Tough Questions that Thinking People ask about God

Suffering (our own or that of those close to us) is the #1 reason people turn away from God. God, how could you do this to me? How could you allow this to happen to me or to my loved one? And so often, we turn away from the very One who is best equipped to help us through the pain. Below are 6 logical reasons why suffering exists in our lives. Think about these reasons & consider, should God really get the blame when we or our loved ones suffer? Should we really turn away from Him, or is it more logical to turn *to* Him, the very One who holds the keys to opening new doors of help, hope, strength, encouragement & peace for whatever it is we are dealing with *Consider reflecting on these points in the week ahead*

1. The Problem of _____ Suffering

response?

- result of the _____ of our own actions

2. The Problem of Suffering inflicted on us by _____

response?

- result of _____, which we do not want taken away

3. The problem of Suffering related to _____

response?

- God is responsible for _____. Our responsibility is _____.

4. The Problem of Suffering related to _____.

response?

- all those things have _____ & _____. The good far outweighs the bad, and they are designed by God as part of the _____ & it works.

5. The Problem of Suffering concerning _____

response?

- _____ & _____ makes a terrible combination

6. The Problem that God created it all in the first place, so it's only fair that He bear at least some responsibility

God's Response? By creating everything, God took the _____ that such "things" might go awry, but God took _____ for it when Jesus went to the cross (Col 1:19-20)