



## The Problem of Evil with Dr. David Schenk

### Lesson 2: Why Worry about the Problem of Evil?

#### Outline:

Popular Christian responses to the problem of evil:

- Evil is punishment for sin. Sinning is the first evil.
  - How can something that is good, rebel against goodness in itself?
- Evil is a product of Satan's will, not God.
  - If you have fallen angels, how did they fall?
- Good cannot exist without evil.
  - This leads headlong in to heresy.
  - If we say that good cannot exist without evil, and God is good, then I say that God cannot exist without evil.

Two things that make atheists:

- The problem of evil
- Incredulity

Deny premise five:

- There is no evil. If we understood the truth of it, we would see that it is all awesome.
- For most people, that is a tough one to follow.
- God is good, He is unconditionally perfect. Therefore, he is incompatible with evil, therefore, there is no evil.

Some better initial responses to the logical question of the problem of evil:

- (1) The Greater Good Argument
  - When the evil in question is needed for God to achieve his higher greater redeeming ends, he is fully justified in permitting that evil.
  - He would be morally derelict if not.