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The Problem of Evil with Dr. David Schenk

Lesson 7: The Evidential Problem of Evil

Outline:

Evidential Version of the Problem of Evil

- William Rowe first spelled out the evidential versions of the problem.
- There is a superabundance of evil that is not needed for any kind of greater good.
- This could be renamed the problem of truly superfluous evil. This evil does not contribute to any kind of greater good.
- One thing that is especially offensive about evil is how pointless much of it seems.
- He will surrender to any case of evil that does plausibly contribute to a redeeming greater good.
- Rowe is convinced that after all of the greater good theodicies have been spun, there still will be a wealth of evil that needs to be explained, however, cannot be explained by theism.