

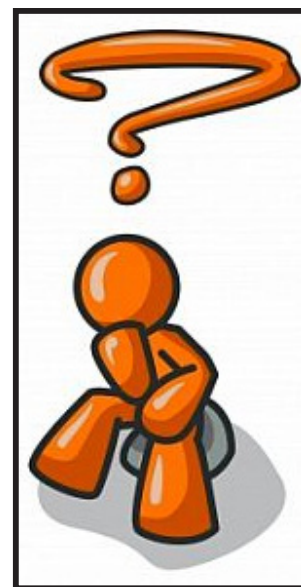
What About ... Evil and the Existence of a Good God?

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And the four living creatures... do not cease to say, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty (Revelations 4:8).

Holiness is complete separation from evil. So holiness is perfect goodness. Many atheists say that the existence of evil in the world proves there is no good God. I would like to suggest just the opposite is true: THE EXISTENCE OF EVIL PROVES THE EXISTENCE OF A GOOD (HOLY) GOD.

We can have lots of heat. We have more heat, super-heat, mega-heat, unlimited heat, white heat, a little heat or no heat, but we don't have anything called cold. Cold is only a word we use to describe the absence of heat. We can go down to - 459.67 degrees F below zero (0 Kelvin), which is no heat, but we can't go any further after that. Absolute zero (-459.67 F) is the total absence of heat. We cannot measure cold. Heat we can measure in thermal units (Btu's) because heat is energy. Cold is not the opposite of heat, just the absence of it.



Darkness is not something, it is the absence of light. You can have low light, normal light, bright light, and flashing light, but if you have no light, we call it darkness. Darkness cannot be measured. If it were, you would be able to make darkness darker. You cannot have death without life. Death is not the opposite of life, it is the absence of it. You cannot have divorce without marriage. You cannot have sickness without health. You cannot have a broken arm unless you have a good arm to break. You cannot have evil without good. Evil is not the opposite of good, it is the absence of it. One of these is not the opposite of the other, like say, oil and water. Rather, one is the absence of the other.

But goodness (unlike heat and light) requires the existence of a personal moral Being who is an ultimate source of good and could therefore be called God. If that Being were both good and bad, then the good

could not be distinguished from the bad. In that case, whoever distinguishes the good from the bad and defines that goodness would be God.

So, the existence of evil requires the existence of good, which demands the existence of God.

God is good (by definition). Badness is not the opposite of God, as if it were a coequal force with God. (Therefore, the ying/yang of Pantheism is wrong).

- Cold confirms the existence of heat. You can't have cold without heat.
- Darkness confirms the existence of light. You can't have darkness without light.
- Lying confirms the existence of truth. You can't lie without something being true.
- A "broken arm" means there is such a thing as a good arm. You need a good arm to break.
- Immorality confirms the existence of morality. You can't be immoral without morality.
- Death confirms the existence of life. You can't die if you are not alive.
- In the same way, evil confirms the existence of a good God.

**SO OUR HYPOTHESIS IS CONFIRMED:
THE EXISTENCE OF EVIL PROVES THE
EXISTENCE OF A GOOD GOD.**