

What Do You Think of God?

Have you heard what some are saying about God? Because evil exists in the world, they believe He is either:

1. not good (or else, He would do something), or
2. not all powerful (or else, He would do something).

If God is cruel, unjust, indifferent, or unloving, then it makes no sense to serve Him. But, before embracing a foolish conclusion, we must hear the other side. At the very least, let's consider what is at stake:

1. If we give up on God, what can replace Him? G. K. Chesterton said, "It is often supposed that when people stop believing in God, they believe in nothing. Alas, it is worse than that. When they stop believing in God, they believe in anything." Gullible people become sitting ducks for every huckster.

We have heard of people who reject God and then turn to New Age nonsense that is totally devoid of evidence to support its claims. Others turn to paranormal frauds in an attempt to communicate with the dead. Still others seek comfort in drugs or alcohol and often end up losing everything.

2. If we give up on God, there are no rules. Anything goes! Do you really want to live in a world where there are no absolutes and everything is relative? Our society has already become so open-minded that its brains have fallen out. It defends terrorists and mass murderers. Why not? If there is no God, what is wrong with these things? Without God, there is no standard of right and wrong. Animals kill each other for food. If humans are animals, why shouldn't they do the same? Unbelief does not solve the problem of evil; it discards the objective standard that condemns it.

3. In view of what God has done for us, how could anyone possibly accuse Him of evil or indifference? He loved the world so much that He gave His only Son to die on the cross to save us from our sins (John 3:16). We cannot comprehend such love. We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

We don't know all the answers about evil in the world, but we can trust God because the answers He has given cannot be doubted. – Rick Duggin