

## Does Evil Exist?

*A brief study on the nature of God*

Did God create evil? What a challenging question.

If God created everything that exists, then doesn't that mean that God created evil?

And since evil exists, then we can assume God is evil."

Atheists seem quite pleased with themselves, using these questions to boast to whoever will listen that the Christian faith is a myth.

Does cold exist? Of course, have you never been cold?"

But, according to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is in reality the absence of heat. Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (- 460 F) is the total absence of heat; and all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. In reality, cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat."

Does darkness exist? Of course it does!

Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light can be studied but not darkness. In fact, we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wavelengths of each color. You cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Darkness is a term used to describe what happens when there is no light present.

So, does evil exist? Of course, we see it everyday.

It is in the daily examples of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil.

However, evil does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word used to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is the result of what happens when people do not have God's love present in their heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat, or the darkness that comes when there is no light.

**The light of salvation  
isn't for illuminating  
other people's sin**

