

Project ISSACHAR

Training in
Apologetics and
Biblical Worldview

“Those who had
understanding of the
times, to know what Israel
ought to do...”

1 Chronicles 12:32



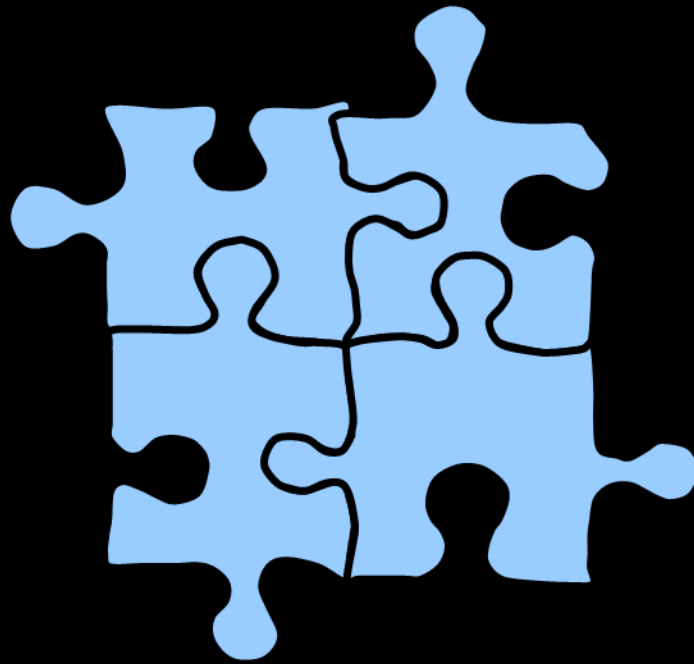
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SESSION 6

What's Wrong With Everything?

Worldview matters....
Components integrate!





“It is good...”



HOW COULD A

**GOOD
GOD**

ALLOW

**EVIL &
SUFFERING?**



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Good
People

Harold S. Kushner

“The conventional explanation, that God sends us the burden He knows that we are strong enough to handle it, has it all wrong. Fate, not God, sends us the problem.”



“The plain language of the text seems to show that men who do not believe, and this would include my father, brother, and almost all my friends, will be everlastingly punished. And this is a damnable doctrine.”



Charles Darwin



**So, where did *evil/bad/wrong*
come from?**

EVIL, BAD, WRONG

Too many are still not
“enlightened” and need more
good karma.



EVIL, BAD, WRONG

Not enough education. Need to escape, capitalism, tradition, and religion.



EVIL, BAD, WRONG

Too many infidels!

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EVIL, BAD, WRONG

Freewill rebellion against
a holy Creator God.

A vibrant, multi-colored nebula or star field. The background is dark, filled with numerous bright, multi-colored stars and a central bright region. The colors range from deep blue and purple to bright yellow and white. The overall appearance is that of a rich, multi-colored star cluster or nebula.

Where did “bad” start?



“Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God:

‘You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.’”

Ezekiel 28:12

“You were in Eden, the garden of God.
Every precious stone was your
covering...
On the day that you were created they
were prepared.”

Ezekiel 28:13



“You were an
anointed guardian cherub...
You were on the holy
mountain of God...”

Ezekiel 28:14



“You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.

Your heart was proud because of your beauty.

You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor...”

Ezekiel 28:15 & 17





“How you are fallen from heaven,
O Day Star, son of Dawn!
How you are cut down to the
ground, you who laid the
nations low!”

Isaiah 14:12

“You said in your heart, ‘I will
ascend to heaven, above the stars
of God I will set my throne on high.
I will sit on the
mount of assembly...’”

Isaiah 14:13

“I will ascend above the heights of
the clouds.
I will make myself like the
Most High.
But you are brought down to Sheol,
to the far reaches of the pit.”

Isaiah 14:14-15

“...[Satan is] the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.”

Ephesians 2:2

Hindering (1 Thessalonians 2:18).

Tempting (Matthew 4:10, 1 Corinthians 7:5).

Keeping from truth (Mark 4:15).

Causing to say things (Mark 8:33).

Placing lies in the mind (Acts 5:3).

Causing sickness (Luke 13:16).

Performing signs and wonders (2

Thessalonians 2:9).

“For we do not wrestle against
flesh and blood, but against the
rulers, against the authorities,
against the cosmic powers over
this present darkness, against
the spiritual forces of evil in the
heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:12

Fallen Angels

“The Dragon’s [Satan’s?] tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth.”

Rev 12:4

“Then Jesus asked [the demons possessing the man], ‘What is your name?’ ‘My name is Legion,’ he replied, ‘for we are many.’”

Mark 5:9



Therefore, just as
sin came into the
world through one
man, and death
through sin, and so
death spread to all
men because all
sinned—

Romans 5:12



Really?...was sin that bad?

What was affected?

- human souls
- human bodies
- earth
- the universe



“And to Adam he said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life.
Thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread...”

Genesis 3:17-19

I will put enmity between you [Satan] and the
woman,
and between your offspring and her
offspring.

He shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

Dealing with the Fallen World

Why do bad things happen
to good people?

It's a fallen world

“...in me [Jesus] you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart. I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

God is glorified

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?”

Jesus replied, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

John 9:2-3

Humility

“So, to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.”

2 Cor. 12:7

Spiritual growth

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

James 1:2-4

God's loving correction

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

Hebrews 12:5-6

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28



“...the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

Romans 8:18