

## Conversation #7

# Why does God allow evil to exist?

In a recent study, Americans were asked, “If you could ask God only one question, and you knew He would give you an answer, what would you ask?” The most common response? ***“Why is there pain and suffering in the world?”*** No one is alone in wondering why evil exists. But we hope that your conversation has helped answer this shared concern.

One perspective in grasping why evil exists is tied to a larger understanding of why we ourselves exist. If life is meant to be lived to its fullest, with no purpose or reminder of an afterlife where we will be held accountable, then suffering in the world is tragic and unbearable. With this mindset, every little thing that does not go our way, every thorn that pricks us, every heart that is broken, has absolutely no purpose but to cause us pain. Yet, when we remind ourselves that we have a larger purpose in life and a goal in pleasing our Creator, then challenges that come our way are simply tests that bring us closer to Allah (swt) and remind us of our ultimate reality. Not to mention, for every ounce of pain we experience in this world, out of His extreme Mercy, Allah (swt) has promised us a reward far greater than we deserve. So not only will we be rewarded for our patience during tribulations, but those who were unjust in this world and lived lives filled with evil will stand before their Creator to face the most ultimate justice.

To learn more about the wisdoms in Allah (swt) allowing evil to exist, be sure to explore our infographic at:

**Infographic: “Why Does God Allow Evil to Exist?”**

And gain another perspective through this article:

**Why Do People Suffer? God’s Existence and the Problem of Evil**