QUESTIONS: The Problem of Evil

Our author begins the section with the Greatest Conceivable Being (GCB) – God.

Let's first think about a definition of evil apart from God:

- are hurricanes and tornadoes evil?
- is dying evil?
- can animals be evil?
 [my older Maine Coon attacked my smaller male kitten because of jealousy was that evil?]

So what is evil?

Communist propaganda video has always shown the "evils" in nature as a way of "proving" that God must NOT exist.

Animals suffer every single day.

Animals kill each other every day.

Is this evil?

So even IF God exists, why would we blame God for "natural" suffering...by hurricanes, and disease?

Is there no room for Nature even IF God exists?

So are we saying that ONLY God and humans can be evil?

WHY?

Why do we allow "evil" by nature, but we want to hold to humans responsible and accountable?

Free Will?

In our last class we discussed that some people have a problem in their

brain (the frontal lobe) that makes them MORE likely to lack empathy... which we think can lead to a person being more tolerant of hurting or killing others.

So would we release them of responsibility? They are actually NOT committing evil IF they torture and/or kill someone?

On our next Quiz...this coming Friday, you will need to discuss this topic...so you may want to start

writing some notes down as part of your studying.

We WILL wrap up this topic ON WEDNESDAY.

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