

Origins & Apologetics

One of the most common apologetic questions thrown at Christians is:
“If your God is good, why is the world filled with bad things?”

Why is the ability to answer this question based on an accurate understanding of origins?

Answer: If the earth is billions of years old, there is no sin-curse: the earth was filled with pain, death, thorns, suffering, and bloodshed *before Adam and Eve existed*, and the bad stuff is God’s fault.

In that picture, it is *rationally impossible* to defend the goodness of God.*
Many non-Christians understand this; tragically, many Christians do not.

*A common solution to this problem is to “project the sin-curse back in time” – in other words, people try to say that it is Adam and Eve’s fault, but that the curse began before they actually sinned. Although this idea is popular and elegant, it is prohibited by the Biblical text.

