

# Why Doesn't God Do Something?

If God is real and all-powerful, why are people starving in Africa?

Why does God allow wars?

Why did my young friend die of leukaemia?

Why does God allow all this unhappiness, sickness and suffering?

These are good questions.

**God has all the power to put an end to all this suffering, He could stop everything that is bad, why doesn't He?**

Think about the situation.

The only way this could happen is if God **forced all of us** to always make right decisions. That way we would never do anything that would cause others to suffer.

**One problem, this would make us like robots.**

We would have **no** personality, **no** originality, **no** character.

This is **not** the reason that God created human beings.

Let us remember the Creator God's original plan for human beings.

**Genesis 1:26-27** [New King James] *“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

This is a two-part plan, first *“image”* that is translation of Hebrew word *“tselem”* meaning resemblance, shadow, outward form, **not** attributes, this is all God completed at original creation.

The second part would take time, so all human beings have been given a short period of physical life to accomplish this second half of God's plan.

*“Likeness”* this is the Hebrew word *“demûwth”* meaning manner, attributes, model or character.

Character can **only** be formed over a period of time spent in intimate relationship with the person whose character you wish to reflect.

**Galatians 5:22-25** [New King James] *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”*

These *“fruits”* of the Holy Spirit who is one Person of the Triune God, depict the character of God.

Love is a major *“fruit”* of God's character, in fact He is love itself, [1 John 4:8, 16].

The love that is being referred to in this scripture, Godly love, is the Greek word *“agapé.”*

“*Agapé*” love is spontaneous love irrespective of the “*rights*” or response of the recipient, [**Romans 5:8**] a sacrificial love, [**John 3:16-17**] that puts aside personal desires [**Philippians 2:5-8**] to love the object of that love.

We can never force another being to have such a love for us, not even God.

**1 John 4:19** [New King James] “*We love Him because He first loved us.*”

We only love God or any other person because they first love us, there can be **no** compulsion for “*agapé*” love to be formed between two beings, it must be a matter of choice.

God has given every human being who has ever existed or who will ever exist the same choice as He gave to the first human beings, Adam and Eve.

God gave Adam and Eve certain laws that were for their eventual good and with them the choice to obey or not to obey.

**Genesis 2:15-17** [New King James] “*Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’*”

A very simple, clear-cut command, **not** to decide for yourself what is right and what is wrong.

God in His Eternal Wisdom and Power is the **only** Being who can decide what is right in life and what is wrong, humans can only choose which way to live, God’s way which will in the end work out for our good, or our own way which will end in heartache, pain, suffering and death.

**Humanity is now and has throughout history rejected God’s way and we have and are still experiencing the painful effects on and in our lives.**

Many people in various parts of the world are starving because human beings have made wrong decisions, taken wrong courses of action, breaking agricultural laws set up by the Creator God.

[Please download and study the articles on this website under the main heading ‘*Agriculture And The Environment*’.]

**In the same way, wars, diseases, poverty and misery do not just happen, they are caused.**

In every area of life there are courses of action that produce good results.

We can find them in the Creator God’s Word, the Christian Bible.

They are God’s laws, which He wants us to choose to follow for our own benefit.

But God will **not** force us to do so, we have to make decisions. Many times every day we have to decide whether to obey these laws or to reject and ignore them.

Wrong decisions and careless errors are what causes all the unhappiness, sickness and suffering. Even those who are **not** directly at fault suffer just the same.

**God has given humanity all the information it needs so that everyone could live a happy life, and He wants all humanity to choose such a life.**

**Deuteronomy 30:19** [New King James] “*I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;*”

Humanity has mainly made the wrong choices, turning their back on the One and only Creator God and His laws for life.

**So humanity as a whole suffers and will continue to suffer as long as it continues to make wrong choices.**

Humanity as a whole has to learn this lesson of who to obey, their Creator God or their own way.

**Matthew 24:21-22** [New King James] *“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.”*

**This is the extent of pain that humanity will have to experience before it accepts the fact that the Great, Almighty Creator God does know best, and they yield to His authority.**

You do **not** have to be part of those who will suffer in this way.

You can choose right now to join the “*elect*” as mentioned in the scripture above.

**These are people who have “*elected*,” chosen from now onwards to seek to be reconciled to their Creator God.**

**This can only happen by an active presence of the Holy Spirit within their lives.**

**John 16:7-8** [New King James] *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”*

The “*helper*” Greek word “*paraklētos*” is referring to the third Person of the Triune God, the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will expose to you your sins against your Creator God, show you how you can become right in your relationship with Him and remind you that there will be for every human being a time of judgement as to how we have used the life we have been given, [**2 Corinthians 5:10**].

This will direct us on a new path in life as we allow the Holy Spirit to direct us in life, the “*fruits*” of this new relationship will develop in our character, [**Galatians 5:22-25**] which are the characteristics of the Creator God.

Many articles on this website will help you along this new path in life.

I suggest you start with the articles ‘*Why Were You Born?*’ and ‘*What Is The Main Purpose Of Life?*’ both listed under the main heading ‘*Evolution – The Delusion Of*’.]