

# WHY IS THE WORLD SO BAD IF GOD IS SO GOOD?

## ALL PEOPLE KNOW OF GOD

**Romans 1:18-20** "From heaven God shows how angry he is with all the wicked and evil things that sinful people do to crush the truth. <sup>19</sup>They know everything that can be known about God, because God has shown it all to them. <sup>20</sup>God's eternal power and character cannot be seen. But from the beginning of creation, God has shown what these are like by all he has made. That's why those people don't have any excuse."

1. *Why is no one in the world without an excuse for following God?*

## ALL PEOPLE DON'T CHOOSE TO FOLLOW GOD

**Romans 1:21-23** " They know about God, but they don't honour him or even thank him. Their thoughts are useless, and their stupid minds are in the dark. <sup>22</sup>They claim to be wise, but they are fools. <sup>23</sup>They don't worship the glorious and eternal God. Instead, they worship idols that are made to look like humans who cannot live forever, and like birds, animals, and reptiles."



2. *The passage says that people worship idols. Rate the following on how popular they are for people in your area to idolise. 0 No one 5 Everyone*

a. Cars	0 1 2 3 4 5	b. Girl/boyfriends	0 1 2 3 4 5
c. Famous scientists	0 1 2 3 4 5	d. Rock bands	0 1 2 3 4 5
e. Surf	0 1 2 3 4 5	f. Sport heroes	0 1 2 3 4 5
g. TV or Movie Stars	0 1 2 3 4 5	h. Clothes	0 1 2 3 4 5
i. Statues	0 1 2 3 4 5	j. Money	0 1 2 3 4 5

## REJECTION OF GOD LEADS TO SIN

**Romans 1:24-27** "So God let these people go their own way. They did what they wanted to do, and their filthy thoughts made them do shameful things with their bodies. <sup>25</sup>They gave up the truth about God for a lie, and they worshipped God's creation instead of God, who will be praised for ever. Amen. <sup>26</sup>God let them follow their own evil desires. Women no longer wanted to have sex in a natural way, and they did things with each other that were not natural. <sup>27</sup>Men behaved in the same way. They stopped wanting to have sex with women and had strong desires for sex with other men. They did shameful things with each other, and what has happened to them is punishment for their foolish deeds."

3. *If people reject God then He*

- a. *Still loves them.* True / False    b. *Leaves them be* True / False  
c. *Let them go to hell* True / False    d. *Lets their minds become dark* True / False  
e. *Doesn't let them have fun* True / False

## SINFUL ATTITUDES LEADS TO SINFUL ACTIONS

**Romans 1:28-31** "Since these people refused even to think about God, he let their useless minds rule over them. That's why they do all sorts of indecent things. <sup>29</sup>They are evil, wicked, and greedy, as well as mean in every possible way. They want what others have, and they murder, argue, cheat, and are hard to get along with. They gossip, <sup>30</sup>say cruel things about others, and hate God. They are proud, conceited, and boastful, always thinking up new ways to do evil. These people don't respect their parents. <sup>31</sup>They are stupid, unreliable, and don't have any love or pity for others."

4. *If people reject God what happens to them in this life?*

5. *What is sexual immorality and what causes it?*

## SIN LEADS TO APPROVING OF OTHERS WHO SIN

**Romans 1:32** "They know God has said that anyone who acts this way deserves to die. But they keep on doing evil things, and they even encourage others to do them."

6. *If a society rejects God what happens to it?*

7. *Why is the world so bad, if God is so good?*