

Study Guide: Why Did God Create Evil?

This study guide is designed for individual study, families, and Bible study groups. It explores the biblical, physical, and historical explanations regarding the origin of evil, the nature of God as Light, the mechanics of spiritual deception, and the power of human free will.

Key Biblical Themes & Summary

1. The True Nature of Evil and Darkness

- God did not create evil or darkness. God is purely good (Mark 10:18) and Light (1 John 1:5).
- Darkness is not a created substance; it is simply the condition that exists in the *absence of light*.
- Similarly, evil is not a created entity; it is the natural, inevitable condition that occurs whenever God and His Truth are rejected.

2. The Spectrum of Light and the Seven Spirits of God

- Pure white light contains all colors of the rainbow blended in perfect proportion.
- God manifests as Light, surrounded by a rainbow in Heaven (Revelation 4:3; Ezekiel 1:28).
- The seven Spirits of God mentioned in Isaiah 11:1–2 correspond to the seven main colors of the rainbow spectrum.
- Black is not a color within the light spectrum; it only appears when all colors/light are absent.

3. The Root of Sin and Deception

- Every willful sin is rooted in believing a lie—specifically the conviction that something good exists apart from God.
- Rejection of God leaves a spiritual void. When Cain rejected God's instruction, evil rushed in to fill the void, leading to the world's first murder (Genesis 4:5–7).

4. Historical and End-Time Consequences of Rejecting God

- **Historical Example:** In 1909, German religious leaders signed the *Berlin Declaration*, rejecting a major move of the Holy Spirit as being "from below." Evil filled the resulting void, leading years later to the rise of Nazism, World War II, and the Holocaust.
- **Future Reality:** 2 Thessalonians 2 explains that when the restraining force for good is taken out of the way, the Antichrist will be unleashed. Those who perish will do so because they rejected the love of the truth and believed deceptive lies.

Discussion Questions

Section 1: The Nature of God, Light, and Darkness

1. **Reframing the Question:** Why is asking "Where did evil come from?" a more biblically accurate approach than asking "Why did God create evil?"
2. **The Darkroom Analogy:** Consider how a photographer creates a darkroom by removing light. How does this physical property of light and darkness help us understand how spiritual darkness operates in human hearts and society?
3. **The Light Spectrum:** How does the rainbow around God's throne reflect His divine attributes as outlined in Isaiah 11:1–2? What does the absence of black in the color spectrum reveal about God's creation?

Section 2: Sin, Free Will, and Human Choices

1. **Cain and the "Void":** In Genesis 4:5–7, God warned Cain that sin was crouching at his door. What happened when Cain ignored God's instructions, and how does this illustrate what occurs when God's Truth is rejected?
2. **The Anatomy of Willful Sin:** Jamie Lash stated that every willful sin stems from believing there is something good for us apart from God. Why is it impossible to commit a willful sin while fully believing and accepting God's Truth?
3. **Free Will and Alignment:** According to Deuteronomy 30:19 and Psalm 143:10, God gives humanity complete freedom to choose life or death. What does it mean to come into agreement and alignment with God's instructions?

Section 3: Historical Precedents and Future Warning

1. **The Berlin Declaration of 1909:** What occurred when German religious leaders declared the move of the Holy Spirit to be "from below"? How does this event mirror the scribes and Pharisees in Mark 3:28–30?
2. **The Restraining Force:** Read 2 Thessalonians 2:6–12. What causes the unleash of the Antichrist and the "darkest evil" upon the earth, and what role does deception play in this end-time scenario?

Quiz

Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. According to 1 John 1:5 and Mark 10:18, which statement best describes God?
 - A) God created both good and evil to maintain balance.
 - B) God is light, perfectly good, and there is no evil or darkness in Him.
 - C) God created darkness before He created light on the first day.
 - D) God uses evil to teach humanity wisdom.
2. In the physical spectrum of light, what is black?
 - A) A primary color created by God on the first day.
 - B) A blend of all rainbow colors in equal proportion.
 - C) Not a color, but a condition existing only in the absence of all light/colors.
 - D) A refraction of pure white light through a prism.
3. According to the text, what is the root cause of every willful sin?
 - A) Believing a lie that something good exists apart from God.
 - B) An inherent flaw in God's original creation.
 - C) Lack of human intelligence and formal education.
 - D) Physical darkness overpowering spiritual light.

4. What document was signed by German religious leaders in 1909 rejecting the revival move of the Holy Spirit?
- A) The Kassel Statement
 - B) The Berlin Declaration
 - C) The Azusa Confession
 - D) The Weimar Accord
5. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:10, why will people be deceived by the Antichrist in the last days?
- A) Because God did not grant them free will.
 - B) Because the Antichrist performs genuine divine miracles.
 - C) Because they did not welcome the love of the truth so as to be saved.
 - D) Because darkrooms prevent light from entering their hearts.

Part 2: Matching

Match the color of the rainbow spectrum to its corresponding Spirit of God from Isaiah 11:1–2:

Color	Spirit of God (Isaiah 11:1–2)
1. Red	A. Spirit of the Lord
2. Orange	B. Might
3. Yellow	C. Wisdom
4. Green	D. Understanding
5. Blue	E. Knowledge
6. Indigo	F. Fear of the Lord
7. Violet	G. Counsel

Part 3: True or False & Short Answer

1. **True or False:** Darkness was created by God on the second day of creation.
2. **True or False:** In Matthew 6:22–23, Jesus explicitly links an evil eye with a body full of darkness.
3. **Short Answer:** What happened immediately after Cain ignored God's warning and rejected His instructions in Genesis 4?

Answer Key

1. **B — God is light, perfectly good, and there is no evil or darkness in Him.** (*Source: Mark 10:18, 1 John 1:5*)
2. **C — Not a color, but a condition existing only in the absence of all light/colors.** (*Source: Color Matters, 2026*)
3. **A — Believing a lie that something good exists apart from God.** (*Source: Jamie Lash citation / Genesis 3 analysis*)
4. **B — The Berlin Declaration** (*Source: Berlin Declaration of 1909 section*)
5. **C — Because they did not welcome the love of the truth so as to be saved.** (*Source: 2 Thessalonians 2:10*)

Part 2: Matching Answers

- 1. Red \rightarrow C. Wisdom
- 2. Orange \rightarrow G. Counsel
- 3. Yellow \rightarrow E. Knowledge
- 4. Green \rightarrow A. Spirit of the Lord
- 5. Blue \rightarrow F. Fear of the Lord
- 6. Indigo \rightarrow B. Might
- 7. Violet \rightarrow D. Understanding

Part 3: True/False & Short Answer Answers

1. **False.** Darkness was not created; Genesis 1:2 indicates darkness existed over the surface of the deep prior to light being spoken into existence. It is simply the absence of light.
2. **True.** Jesus states: "if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness." (Matthew 6:23)
3. **Short Answer:** Evil rushed in to fill the void left by his rejection of God's instruction. Cain's thoughts were filled with evil, feeding his emotions until he murdered his brother Abel—bringing the first murder into the world.

Glossary

- **Antichrist (The Lawless One):** The end-times figure described in 2 Thessalonians 2 whose coming is empowered by Satan with false wonders and deception, who will be revealed once the restraining force for good is removed.
- **Berlin Declaration of 1909:** A document signed by established German religious leaders rejecting the Holy Spirit revival that spread from Kassel, Wales, and Azusa Street, declaring the move to be "not from above, but from below."
- **Black:** The complete absence of all light and color; it is a condition rather than a created substance or color in the light spectrum.
- **Darkness:** A state or condition resulting entirely from the absence of light. It was not created by God.
- **Evil:** The naturally occurring result and spiritual void created whenever God and His Truth are rejected. God did not create evil.
- **Free Will:** The complete freedom given by God to human beings to make moral choices, allowing them to choose life and truth or death and delusion.
- **Seven Spirits of God:** Manifestations of God's Spirit detailed in Isaiah 11:1–2 (Spirit of the Lord, Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, Knowledge, Fear of the Lord) corresponding to the colors of the rainbow spectrum.

- **White Light:** The full, pure presence of all visible colors blended in perfect proportion, representing the complete nature of God who is Light.
- **Willful Sin:** The act of deliberately disobeying God's commands, always preceded by rejecting God's Truth and believing a lie that something good exists independent of God.