

“The Curse Of This World”

Introduction: Richard Dawkins On Suffering In This World....

“The total amount of suffering per year is beyond all decent contemplation. During the minute that me to compose this sentence, thousands of animals are being eaten alive, many others are running for their lives, whimpering with fear, others are being slowly devoured from within by rasping parasites, thousands of all kinds are dying of starvation, thirst, and disease... the universe that we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but pitiless indifference.”

River Out of Eden: A Darwinian View of Life.

I. God Did Not Create That Kind Of World.

- God’s Creation- **Genesis 1:1-25.**
- “*It Was Good*” **Genesis 1:4; 1:10; 1:12; 1:18; 1:21; 1:25.**
- “*It Was Very Good*” **Genesis 1:26-31.**
- **Genesis 2:15-17 – 3:1-7.**
- Consequences Of Sin: **Genesis 3:8-24.**
 1. Guilt and Shame- **3:8-10.**
 2. Blaming Others And Excuse Making- **3:11-13.**
 3. Punishment For Sin- **3:14-19.**
 4. God Gave Hope For A Savior- **3:15; 22:18; Galatians 3:16.**

II. The World Today Is Just What The Bible Believer Expects.

- We Expect The World To Be Filled With Evil Because God’s Word Tell Us:
 - Job’s Outlook- **Job 14:1.** But Who Was The Real Cause? **Job 1-2.**
 - **1 John 5:18-21.**
- We Hope For God’s Promises-
 - The definition Of Hope: “favorable and confident expectation” It has to do with the unseen and the future, Rom. 8:24, 25. “Hope” describes (a) the happy anticipation of good.” (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 311).
 - **Romans 8:18-25; Ephesians 4:4.**

III. The Pitiabale View Of Man Without God.

- **With God, We Have:**
 - Purpose- **Ecclesiastes 12:13; 2 Corinthians 5:9.**
 - Meaning- **Philippians 1:21; 3:14; 4:13.**
 - Hope- **Colossians 1:5.**
 - Reward- **2 Timothy 4:7-8.**
- **Without God:**
 - No Purpose. - No Meaning-
“we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but pitiless indifference.” (Richard Dawkins Quote).
 - No Hope- **Ephesians 2:12; 1 Thessalonians 4:13.**
 - No Reward- **1 Corinthians 15:19.**
- Which Way Of Life Is Better?