


APOLOGETICS
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**IF GOD
WHY EVIL?**

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“Either God wants to abolish evil, and cannot; Or he can, but does not want to; Or he cannot and does not want to. If he wants to, but cannot, he is impotent. If he can, but does not want to, he is wicked. But, if God both can and wants to abolish evil, then how come evil is in the world? Is he neither able nor willing? Then why call him God?”

- Epicurus

Did God Create Evil?

- 1) God created all things.
- 2) Evil is a thing.
- 3) Therefore, God created evil.



To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in **God who created all things...**

- Ephesians 3:8-9

Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; **for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.**

- Revelation 4:11

For **by Him all things were created**, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things have been created through Him and for Him**. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

- Colossians 3:16-17

Did God Create Evil?

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Did God Create Evil?

1) All things that God created are good.

2) Evil is not good.

3) Therefore, evil was not created by God.

1) God created all things.

2) God did not create evil.

3) Therefore, evil is not a thing.



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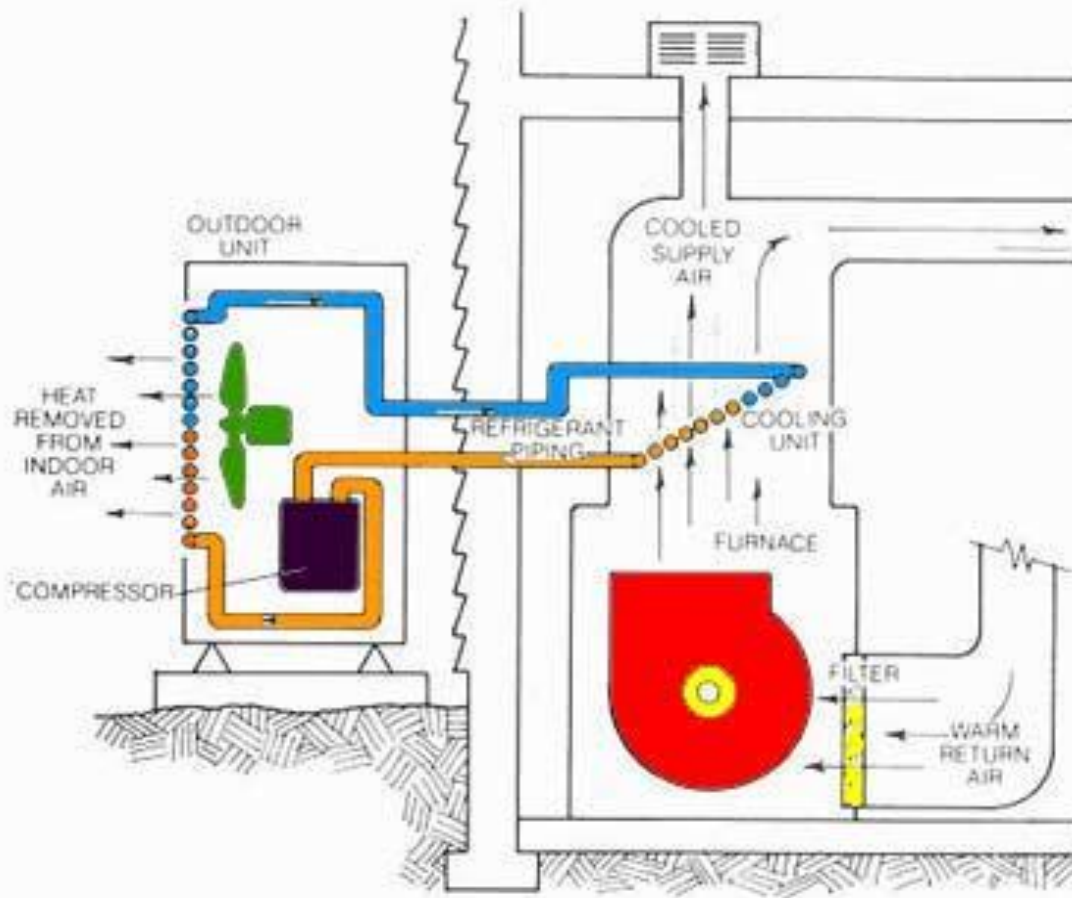
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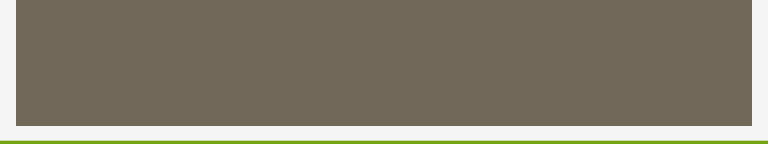
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“Evil has no substance of its own, but is only the defect, excess, perversion, or corruption of that which has substance.”

- Cardinal John Henry Newman




Then Moses said, “I pray You, show me Your glory!” And He said, “I
Myself will make all **My goodness** pass before you...”

- Exodus 33:18-19a



But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

- Hebrews 2:9-10

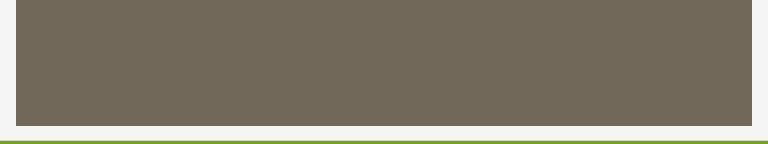


And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

- Romans 8:28

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- Romans 5:3-5



Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

- James 1:2-4

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