

“How Could God Have Let This Happen?”

Many years ago when I first began driving I was involved in a car accident. Though the accident didn't hurt either driver, it was my fault and cost me nearly \$3000 dollars to repair the other car.

After the accident I thought, if only I had have been 5 seconds earlier or five seconds later I would have avoided the collision completely. If only I had have had a red light instead of a green. The 'if only' thoughts were never ending. Then comes the question... how could God have let this happen?

I discovered years later that accidents don't necessarily involve God at all.

In the first few chapters of Genesis, the Bible tells how God created humans with free will. That is, we have the ability to make decisions for ourselves.

My car accident was simply the result of my free will colliding with another person's free will. I had chosen to turn right out of the left lane of that street while the other driver had chosen to drive straight ahead in the right lane of that street at the same time. (It was a one way street)

Though my accident had minimal consequences, often tragedies can occur and people's lives are lost because two peoples free will collides.

If God were to intervene, he would essentially be taking our free will from us. He would be stopping us from making decisions and having control over our own lives. In doing this God would become a controlling God rather than a loving God.

Because we have free will, we also have to take responsibility for the consequences of our decisions even when we couldn't have foreseen the outcome.

I have to take responsibility for the decision I made which resulted in me crashing into another vehicle even though it was not my intention.

We were created with free will so that we could also choose to accept or reject Jesus as our Lord and savior.

The consequences of this decision are eternal!

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