



Theodicy and Challenges of Science: Understanding God, Evil and Evolution

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Message from the Guest Editors

The aim of the Special Issue is to address one of the most challenging questions in theodicy: if God is infinitely good, how can there be so much pain and suffering in the evolutionary path of the human beings? Or more specific, if God exists, why did He allow evolution to develop cognitive mechanisms that produce behaviour that is evil or morally bad, causing pain and suffering to so many? Contributions aiming to rethink the interconnectedness of the fundamental concepts such as evolution, nature, suffering, pain, values, evil, and good, would be welcomed. Very often, “nature red in tooth and claw” is raised as an argument against the existence of God. However, can we consider the nature and evolution from a broader perspective, providing a new framework for understanding pain and suffering? This Special Issue also welcomes contributions regarding the (evolutionary) cognitive science of religion, which is developing serious challenges to theodicy and understanding the God–world relation.





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