

## Special Issue

# Do We Now Have a Logical Argument from Evil?

### Message from the Guest Editor

Since the early 1970s, atheists and theists have both tended to reject the logical argument from evil because they thought that Alvin Plantinga had shown against John Mackie that the God of traditional theism was at least logically compatible with some evil in the world. However, in 2019, I published *Is a Good God Logically Possible?*, in which I argued that the all-good, all-powerful God of traditional theism is logically incompatible with ALL the evil in the world. Most recently, there were sixteen contributors to a Special Issue of Religions on the topic of my book, and I was able to respond to all of them in that same issue. In my judgment, the various defenses of my logical argument from evil I have offered have, so far, been successful. My argument has succeeded because, as a logical argument from evil, it relies on some necessary premises and it has a way of taking into account all the goods with which the God of traditional theism, if he exists, could provide us. Hence, the question that this Special Issue addresses to atheists and theists alike is appropriate. There really is no more important question today in the philosophy of religion.

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