

Special Issue

Is the God of Traditional Theism Logically Compatible with All the Evil in the World?

Message from the Guest Editor

At least since the exchange between Alvin Plantinga and John Mackie in the 1970s, theists and atheists alike have tended to agree that the all-good, all-powerful God of traditional theism is logically compatible with all the evil in the world. Recently, however, I published *Is a Good God Logically Possible?* (Palgrave paper 2019) in which I argue in opposition to this long-held consensus that the all-good, all-powerful God of traditional theism is logically incompatible with all the evil in the world. The novelty of this argument has led to an author meets critics session and other public discussions and challenges as well. Given that, in my judgment, my argument has so far survived its initial onslaught of critics, I thought it appropriate to have this special issue focus on the general question to which my book is devoted. Now some contributors may want to develop their own argument for why the God of traditional theism is logically incompatible with all the evil in the world. Others may want to argue for why the God of traditional theism is logically compatible with all the evil in the world, but they should all at some point relate their arguments to the argument of my book.

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