

What Can We Do About Evil? Proxe Station Instructions

Conversation Trees

Caveats

- This is a bare bones outline
- Be more personal than this

The Good and Evil Conversation

Is it Evil...?

So is it evil for people to hurt others?
Are there 'standards' of morality?

No

Yes

Why not?

Is There Good and Evil?

So do you think good and evil are real, and not
just purely human inventions?

No, not real

Yes, real

How Do You *Know*

There is No Good/Evil?

What if there were a way to *know* that good and
evil are not just human inventions?

So What is Your Basis?

Who defines what good and
evil are?

A Good God

Jesus resurrected shows us (1) a good God who
is victorious over the sin in human nature, and
(2) true goodness in human form

Personal Response?

Do you want to know
more about this Jesus?

The Human Nature Conversation

Human Nature Problem?

All these social problems – does it mean that human nature is messed up?

No

Yes

This is As Good As It Gets?

So do you think that we will always be selfish?

Yes

No

Then Who Can Heal Us?

Is there anyone who can heal our human nature?

No One

Don't Know

We Can

Why?

Why do you think that? What if there were evidence that human nature could be healed?

Can Jesus Heal Us?

Can I tell you about how my relationship with Jesus impacts my life and my friendships?

Change Ourselves?

Can we be socially trained by external factors? And by whose 'standards'? Go to the [Good and Evil Conversation](#)

There is Evidence

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Personal Response?

Do you want to know more about this Jesus?

The Character of God Conversation

What Kind of God?

Do we need to have a relational God for relationships to matter?

No

Yes

A Passive, Impersonal God?

So if your God is passive, distant, or impersonal, how does friendship matter? If God is passive, how can he command us to be loving? Hypocrisy?

An Active, Personal God?

So if your God is active and involved, what is God doing about human evil and selfishness?

Commanding Us

Judging Us

Healing Us

Consistency and Integrity Problem

Don't you need an active, personal God who loves each person, and is trying to be our friend, in order for friendship to really matter? Commanding us and judging us just aren't enough, are they?

An Active, Personal, Loving God

Jesus shows us: (1) a Triune God who is relational in His very nature; (2) a loving God who overcomes the selfishness in human nature, in a loving way; (3) true goodness and friendship in human form.

Personal Response?

Do you want to know more about this Jesus?