

Jesus' Resurrection: Comparing Views of 'God' and Human Evil

How does the God help us deal with our own evil?

| | ROLE MODEL INNER PEACE | CHANGE HUMAN NATURE AS ONE OF US | GIVE US BETTER LAWS |
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| This WORLD has: | EVIL , decay, and death | EVIL , decay, and death | EVIL , decay, and death |
| God <i>claims</i> to be GOOD or EVIL ? | BOTH . Good and Evil eternally cycle around each other. Or the difference is an illusion. | GOOD . 'God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.' (1 John 1:5) | GOOD . 'He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting' (Psalm 107:1). |
| Can the God TOUCH humanity? | YES . The Hindu gods can appear in human forms, e.g. gurus. The Greek gods can mate with humans. | IN JESUS FIRST . God, in Jesus, struggled to clean self-centeredness completely out of himself, and succeeded. | NO . Judaism's God, Islam's Allah, and the God of Jehovah's Witnesses send only messengers, because humanity is too corrupt. |
| HOW does the God help us deal with our own evil? | ROLE MODELS SELF-TRANSCENDENCE . This world is only a testing ground | JOINS US SPIRITUALLY TO JESUS , to the resurrected, God-drenched humanity Jesus now has. | GIVES US BETTER LAWS . God expects us to follow (and perhaps politically implement) his laws. |
| Will the God HEAL the actual world? | NO . Healing or enlightenment takes place only in the minds of people. | YES , with justice and mercy in a messianic era, with a new humanity healed by the resurrected Jesus. | YES , with justice and mercy in a messianic era. |
| Which APPEALS TO YOU? | | | |