

I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I came from or where I am going. You judge by human standards. (*John 8:14*)

Atheist

Theist ... Believer

Pantheism

Transcendence

relative
absolute

If God is GOOD, then how/why
does the universe contain evil?

Dualism = equally powerful independent
forces of GOOD and EVIL

A being who applies its intelligence and will toward Evil and derives pleasure from evil is certainly an EVIL being or force. Yet intelligence, will and pleasure are GOOD things. This would be good attributes used in a perverted way. How could a being who wished to destroy exist before anything was created to destroy? The existence of a totally evil being who has always existed for the sake of evil continually is an impossibility

LOVE ... Evil power created by Good power, therefore it was **originally good**.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

- God has inspired some men to **teach** others how to manage life in a good/evil world
- God has inspired some men to **pressure** others into living good lives (laws, rules)
- God has provided everyone with **conscience**, **revelation**, and a **person** to provide forgiveness and strength

A Christian BELIEVES that the sacrifice of Christ was given for me and the nature of Christ is given to me. Obeying commandments or pursuing spiritual disciplines are not creating the Christian life, but are simply living out the life of Christ already given to me.

