LIGHT IT UP!

Responding to: "Why is there so much pain and suffering in the world?"

Various Scriptures

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Bottom Line:

Pain and suffering are prevalent realities in our lives. However, the pain and suffering we experience is ultimately the result of mankind's rebellion against a holy God!

Objection: "Why is there so much pain and suffering in the world?"

1. God created the world free from the presence of ______. Genesis 1:31; Romans 5:12; Romans 3:23 2. God created people like us with the ability to _____ right from wrong. Genesis 2:16-17 A. God had a purpose for creating us the way that He did. We would no longer be humans but _____ programmed to follow/worship Him. God created people in His ______ to connect with Him spiritually. B. The ability to choose results in unavoidable realities. Genesis 2:16-17

We became for our choices.

- We experience the ______ of our choices. Romans 5:12
- 3. People like us ______ against God (sin) which resulted in suffering and death.
 Romans 1:20-25,32; Romans 6:23



A. Whole creation ______ under the weight of sin.

Romans 8:22
- disease and illness
- natural disasters

B. At times, God _____ illness/disasters as
an act of judgment or discipline. Genesis 6-7; Acts 5:4-5;
1 Corinthians 11:28-30

C. Jesus Himself would become the great _____
as He lays down His life for our sins. John 1:29;
Matthew 20:28

Conclusion: