

## Intentions and Actions

Intention - reason why someone wants to do something.

Actions - what happens as a result of an intention.

Duty - an obligation or responsibility.

Sin - a thought or action against God.

Christianity - Good Intentions, actions & consequences

- 'Treat others how you would wish to be treated'.
- Christians should help those in need, because if they were in need, they would want others to help.
- Any intentions, or actions against God are sinful and wrong.

Christianity - Good intentions / Evil Actions or Evil Actions / Good Consequences.

- Provide for a starving family but steal in order to do this - acceptable for some Christians.
- Others would say all stealing is wrong - duty to obey God.
- Many Christians say you should follow the most loving course of action.

Christianity - Evil intentions, actions & consequences.

- It is wrong and sinful to act willy, on evil intentions & aim to produce evil consequences.

Free will - choices people make.



← Evil

- The Devil (Iblis in Islam) tempting people to do wrong.
- 'Original Sin' - tendency to do wrong.

## Evil & Suffering

Christian teachings...


- God gave humans free will - people cause suffering from their choices.



- The Fall - when Adam & Eve disobeyed God → introducing original sin.

- Power of Evil - Devil/Satan.
- We cannot understand God's plans for people.
- Need to experience bad to know what is good.

Islamic teachings...

- Free will - suffering caused by humans following the wrong path.
- Iblis (the devil) tempts people to do evil. 
- Life - tests & temptations from Allah = test of faith.
- Wants people to turn to Him (Allah) in prayer.
- Rewarded in the after life.



Can it ever be good to cause or undergo suffering?

- Most of time - never good to cause suffering.
- If in self-defence it is OK.
- 'Do not resist an evildoer' - non-retaliation.
- If suffering occurs to save others this can be acceptable.
- Care/help those who suffer.
- Learn from mistakes/lessons.
- Jesus suffered - comfort to Christians.

Can it ever be good to cause or undergo suffering?

- Suffering will not be more than a person can cope with.
- All part of God's plan.
- Free will - people should make choices that do not harm people.
- Causing suffering to others is against the teachings of compassion and care.
- If suffering caused people should ask for forgiveness.

