

Who Created Evil?

A university professor challenged his students with this question: "Did God create everything that exists?"

Someone bravely replied, "Yes, he did!"

"God created *everything*?" the professor pressed.

"Yes, sir," someone answered.

The professor added, "Evil exists. So if God created *everything*, then God created evil, and according to the principle that our works define who we are, then *God* is evil." The professor was pleased with himself, and boasted to the class that he had proven once again that the Christian faith is a myth.

A student raised his hand and said, "May I ask you a question, professor?"

"Of course," replied the professor.

The student stood up and asked, "Professor, does *cold* exist?"

The professor replied, "Of course it exists. Have you never been cold?"
The class snickered.

The young man replied, "In fact sir, cold does *not* exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider "*cold*" is in reality the absence of heat. Every object is able to be studied when it has, or transmits, energy, and *heat* is what makes matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-460 degrees F) is the total absence of heat. *Cold does not exist*. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat."

The student continued, "Professor, does darkness exist?"

The professor responded, "Of course it does."

The student replied, "Once again, you are wrong sir. *Darkness does not exist either*. Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact, we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wavelengths of each color. You cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't this correct? "*Darkness*" is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present."

Finally the young man brought the point home. "Sir, does *evil* exist?"

Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course, as I have already said. We see it every day. It is in the daily example of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the incessant parade of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but *evil*."

To this the student replied, "Evil does not exist sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold – a word that man has created to describe the absence of God."

God did not create evil. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat, or the darkness that comes when there is no light."

The professor sat down.

The young man's name: Albert Einstein.

**Always remember, though, that it doesn't take a genius to know that we need God.*