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UNDERSTANDING THE ORIGIN OF EVIL
了解邪惡的起源

A. Where Did Evil Come From?

邪惡從何而來？

1. Three competing views:

三種相互競爭的觀點:

a. The eastern religious view: evil does not exist.

東方宗教觀點：邪惡並不存在。

b. The atheistic view: evil is a human invention.

無神論觀點：邪惡是人類的發明。

c. The biblical view: evil is not the presence of something; it is the absence of something.

聖經觀點：邪惡不是某東西的存在，而是某東西的缺乏。

i. Evil is the absence of good, (and "good" is the nature of God.)

惡是善的缺乏（而「善」是神的本質。）

B. Why Did God Permit the Possibility of Evil?

為什麼神允許邪惡存在的可能性？

1. God's nature is 'agape': the purest love imaginable.

神的本質是「agape神的愛」：可以想像到的最純粹的愛。

"...God is love." (1 John 4:8b)

"...神就是愛。" (約翰一書 4:8b)

2. You were created in God's image: to reflect and interact with God...

你是按照神的形象創造的：反映神並與神互動...

"God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)
“神就照著自己的形像造人，乃是照著祂的形像造男造女。” (創世記 1:27)

3. You were created to experience and express the purest love imaginable...
你被創造是來體驗和表達可以想像到的最純粹的愛...

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:7-8)

親愛的弟兄啊，我們應當彼此相愛，因為愛是從神來的。凡有愛心的，都是由神而生，並且認識神。沒有愛心的，就不認識神，因為神就是愛。(約翰一書 4:7-8)

4. The ability to love requires the ability to choose, (and the possibility to reject.)
愛的能力是需要有選擇的能力 (以及拒絕的可能性。)

"The Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God." (John 16:27)

父自己愛你們；因為你們已經愛我，又信我是從父出來的。(約翰福音 16:27)

"Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39)

“耶穌對他說：「你要盡心、盡性、盡意愛主－你的神。這是誡命中的第一，且是最大的。其次也相儗，就是要愛人如己。(馬太福音 22:37-39)

Today's Big Idea... 今日主旨...

Evil is not a creation of God; Evil is the rejection of God.
邪惡不是神的創造; 邪惡是拒絕神。