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Why Does God Allow Evil to Exist in This World?

Why does God allow natural disasters, such as pandemics, earthquakes, and tornadoes, to afflict human beings? Why has He granted the power or freedom to wrongdoers to commit evil acts against the people around? I have tried to answer these questions through the lens of the Qur'an and Islamic Mystical thought. My research argues that there exists an everlasting life after death and that God has placed difficulties in this material world to enable us to grow into strong moral beings and qualify for that eternal life of bliss. Individuals who show remarkable forbearance in the face of adversities experience moral growth and become entitled to God's grace. When it comes to moral evil, God has granted the power of free will to humans to assess whoever uses this power unjustly. My research further argues that transgressors and disobedient individuals will enter the phase of painful darkness after death.