

Did God Create the Darkness?



Scripture

- **Genesis 1:**
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep
- **Isaiah 45:5-7**
“I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God...there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other...The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.”
- **Colossians 1:16**
For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.
- **2 Corinthians 12:7**
Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!

Other Scriptures

- I Timothy 6:16
- Numbers 12:10; 16:32; 21:6,
- Revelation 2:21-22
- 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Matthew 4:1
- Luke 4:14
- James 1:12
- James 1:2,3
- Job 42:5
- I Peter 1:6-7
- Revelation 21:7
- Isaiah 8:12-14
- Luke 7:47
- I John 1:5
- Exodus 7:3
- Romans 9:17
- Romans 8:28

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Main Points

- God the Creator also created the darkness.
- We have to recognize that God alone is the Lord.
- God is taking responsibility for creating everything visible and everything invisible both in Heaven and on Earth.
- Trials are times when we're encountering adverse circumstances.
- God allows us sometimes to go through difficulties in order to strengthen our faith.
- God uses challenges to produce humility and to cause us to become more dependent on Him to strengthen us.
- God also allows us to encounter darkness and hard times in order to reward us when we pass the test of faith.
- In Hebrew, the phrase Adon Olam means Master of the Universe (English)
- Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad-Hear, O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.
- Sometimes God uses the darkness to cause people to repent.
- God uses evil as a tool to accomplish His purposes.

Discussion Questions

1. What Biblical examples were most persuasive when considering God actively using darkness to accomplish a higher purpose? Write about them here.
2. How is God bigger to you as a result of this teaching?
3. What are some of the purposes for darkness?
4. Could God truly be God if He were not Master of both light and darkness? Explain.