

## 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 evilly, on evil intentions & aim to produce evil consequences.

Free will - choices people make.



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...

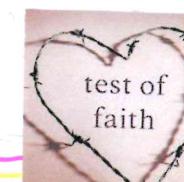
- Free will - suffering caused by humans following the wrong path.

- Iblis (the devil) tempts people to do evil.

- Life - tests & temptations from Allah = test of faith.

- Hints 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-retribution.

- 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.

