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**Mackie on the Problem of Evil**

Points for the existence of God in the face of evil and suffering:

Points against the existence of God in the face of evil and suffering:

Definitions/descriptions:

Relevant Examples and Bible teachings:

Proposition 2: ‘Evil is necessary as a means to good’.

Proposition 1: ‘Good cannot exist without evil’ or ‘Evil is a necessary counterpart to good’.

Summary/Evaluation:

Proposition 4: ‘Evil is due to human free will’.

Proposition 3: ‘The universe is better with some evil in it than it could be if there were no evil’.