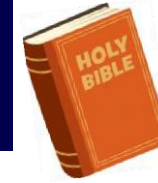


# Year 9 Term 4: Why are people good and bad?

**Philosophy** = this is about *'thinking'*. It is about finding out how and whether things make sense. It deals with questions of morality & ethics. It takes seriously the nature of reality, knowledge & existence



## Key vocabulary

**Glory** - magnificence or great beauty; high renown or honour by notable achievements

**Wretched** - of poor quality; very bad; unhappy or unfortunate

**Theodicy** - an attempt to explain why a loving God allows bad/evil to exist in the world

**Misogyny** - dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

**Repentance** - being sorry

**Mercy** = compassion or forgiveness shown to someone after they have done something wrong

**Reconciliation** - the bringing together or repairing of a damaged relationship; Reconcile

Christians acknowledge their sinfulness and need of forgiveness through prayer and worship. In the Catholic Church, the practice of reconciliation (otherwise known as 'confession') is considered an important aspect of being a Christian.

## "glory and wretchedness of humanity"

For **Humanists**, our sense of right and wrong has evolved as societies developed. Some people are bad and some are good. It does not necessarily matter WHERE evil has come from, but it is more important to try and live a good life and not hurt others.

## Genesis 1

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"

## Genesis 2

"You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil"

## Genesis 3

"The serpent deceived me, and I ate"



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if all people are made in the image of God, how should people be treated?

Can you still believe in God if there is evil in the world?



## Augustine

Humans were created perfect and given free will. Humans use that free will to sin and turn away from God. This takes the responsibility away from God.

## Irenaeus

God made humans imperfect and so God is partly responsible. Humans are given the chance to develop and grow through opportunities and the process of learning when they sin, to become better children of God.

For **Christians**, the story of The Fall is an explanation of why there is evil in the world. Most Christians do not take this story as literal fact, but see it as a metaphor for human behavior and how humans damage their relationship with God through their sinful actions.

Every person reading the Biblical texts will interpret it according to their own ideas and worldview. It's not a black and white story!



'in the image of God' (Imago dei)