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AN ADVOCATE AND A MEDIATOR

Scripture references are to the King James Version (KJV)

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2: 1, 2).

My little children! This endearing appeal, uttered repeatedly by the aged Apostle John, was perhaps a subconscious reflection of an occasion in his own distant youth. He no doubt recalled his beloved Lord Jesus admonishing the disciples to let the little children come to Him, saying that any desiring to enter the Kingdom of God must become as little children ([Luke 18: 16, 17](#)).

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THE PERMISSION OF EVIL AND ITS RELATION TO GOD'S PLAN

Adapted from chapter seven of *The Divine Plan of the Ages*, International Bible Students Association, 1914 edition
All Scripture references in this article are to the New International Version, UK edition

This article not only inquires regarding human ailments, sorrows, pains, weaknesses and death, but goes behind them to consider their primary cause — sin — and its remedy. Since sin is the cause of evil, its removal is the only method of permanently curing the malady.

We put forward the following questions:

Why did God permit evil?

Why did He permit Satan to tempt Adam and Eve?

Why did He allow the forbidden tree to have a place among the good?

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In the Rear-View Mirror

‘The world has been slow to realize that we are living this year in the shadow of one of the greatest economic catastrophes of modern history. But now that the man in the street has become aware of what is happening, he, not knowing the why and wherefore, is as full to-day of what may prove excessive fears as, previously, when the trouble was first coming on, he was lacking in what would have been a reasonable anxiety. He begins to doubt the future. Is he now awakening from a pleasant dream to face the darkness of facts? Or dropping off into a nightmare which will pass away?’

‘He need not be doubtful. The other was *not* a dream. This *is* a nightmare, which will pass away with the morning. For the resources of nature and men’s devices are just as fertile and productive as they were. The rate of our progress towards solving the material problems of life is not less rapid. We are as capable as before of affording for everyone a high standard of life — high, I mean, compared with, say, twenty years ago — and will soon learn to afford a standard higher still. We were not previously deceived. But to-day we have involved ourselves in a colossal muddle, having blundered in the control of a delicate machine, the working of which we do not understand. The result is that our possibilities of wealth may run to waste for a time — perhaps for a long time.’
John Maynard Keynes (1883-1946), *The Great Slump*, 1930

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