

THINKCUBE 5: WHY DOES MANKIND PERMIT EVIL?

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Instructions: Read ThinkCube 5 and complete this review as you study. Select the best answer for each question. Use Scripture and the article to support your written reflections.

PREMISE 1 | MANKIND INVENTS EVIL

1. According to Romans 1:30, mankind is described as:

- A. Merely a passive victim of evil
- B. Inventors of evil
- C. Unable to recognize wrongdoing
- D. Naturally immune to corruption

2. What central point does Premise 1 make about human responsibility?

- A. All evil originates in technology
- B. Humanity can invent and expand ways to do wrong
- C. Only governments cause evil
- D. Human decisions have no moral consequences

3. How can otherwise useful innovations be turned toward evil?

- A. By being used to facilitate exploitation or wrongdoing
- B. By eliminating all personal choice
- C. By guaranteeing moral progress
- D. By making accountability unnecessary

4. What question does the article ask skeptics to consider?

- A. Whether people can avoid every hardship
- B. Why humans invent and spread the evil they blame God for permitting
- C. Whether science should be abandoned
- D. Whether every new invention is harmful

PREMISE 2 | MANKIND PROMOTES AND PERMITS EVIL

5. According to Romans 1:32, the problem extends beyond practicing evil to:

- A. Forgetting the law
- B. Approving of others who practice it
- C. Rejecting all entertainment
- D. Being unaware of consequences

6. What does the article emphasize about repeated exposure to harmful influences?

- A. It can shape attitudes and behavior
- B. It has no effect on anyone
- C. It always produces identical outcomes
- D. It removes moral responsibility

7. What contradiction does Premise 2 highlight?

- A. People oppose injustice while having no ability to act
- B. Society can market destructive influences while condemning their consequences
- C. Every form of media is necessarily evil
- D. No one can distinguish right from wrong

8. Which is an example of actively restraining preventable evil?

- A. Profiting from exploitation
- B. Ignoring abuse
- C. Protecting vulnerable people and holding offenders accountable
- D. Removing all moral safeguards

PREMISE 3 | MANKIND IGNORES GOD'S SAFEGUARDS

9. Which biblical safeguard provides an internal awareness of right and wrong?

- A. Human conscience
- B. Popular opinion
- C. Personal wealth
- D. Technology

10. According to Deuteronomy 6:6–7, who has a vital role in teaching God's commands to children?

- A. Only judges
- B. Parents and families
- C. Only political leaders
- D. Only employers

11. According to Romans 13:1–4, one responsibility of governing authority is to:

- A. Reward wrongdoing
- B. Ignore injustice
- C. Restrain and punish wrongdoing
- D. Replace personal conscience

12. What is the main challenge posed by Premise 3?

- A. Why did God provide no guidance?
- B. Why does mankind reject safeguards God provided to limit evil?
- C. Why should wrongdoing never have consequences?
- D. Why are moral choices irrelevant?

Think, Reflect & Respond

Answer in your own words. Use the article and biblical references where helpful.

1. Explain the difference between mankind suffering from evil and mankind actively inventing new ways to practice evil.

2. How can an industry or institution move beyond tolerating wrongdoing to promoting or profiting from it? Give one example.

3. What responsibilities do individuals, families, communities, and governments have to restrain preventable evil?

4. Choose two biblical safeguards from Premise 3. Explain how each is intended to reduce wrongdoing or protect others.

5. How would you respond to a skeptic who blames God for evil while overlooking the role of human choices and rejected moral safeguards?

Memory Verse & Personal Takeaway

MEMORY VERSE | ROMANS 1:32 (ESV)

Read Romans 1:32 in your Bible. Write the verse below, then underline the words that show mankind can approve of evil as well as practice it.

PERSONAL TAKEAWAY

What is one way you can personally strengthen a biblical safeguard against evil—in your home, church, community, or daily choices?

THE THINKCUBE TRUTH VERACITY GRID

- Have I considered the facts carefully and with an open mind?
- Is my conclusion the result of examining the facts, rather than ignoring them?
- Does my conclusion make the best sense of the evidence?

INSTRUCTOR REFERENCE

Multiple-Choice Answer Key

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1. B 2. B 3. A 4. B
5. B 6. A 7. B 8. C
9. A 10. B 11. C 12. B

PREMISE SUMMARY

1. Mankind invents evil

Humanity does not merely experience evil; people can develop new ways to exploit, harm, deceive, and corrupt.

2. Mankind promotes and permits evil

Individuals and institutions may normalize, distribute, profit from, or fail to restrain wrongdoing.

3. Mankind ignores God's safeguards

Scripture presents conscience, moral law, family instruction, government, church accountability, and other safeguards against evil.

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