

"It is often suggested that everybody sins because society has such a negative influence upon us. The problem is seen with our environment, not with our nature. This explanation for the universality of sin begs the question, how did society become corrupt in the first place? . . . We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners." **R.C. Sproul, Original Sin**

(I) CENTRAL QUESTION:

No one would deny the world is out of joint. Something's wrong. The question is _____ (1)?

(II) A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE:

The world is out of joint.

(A) It was not as God intended it to be because man:

(1) Fell in the garden.

(a) He disobeyed God.

(b) He went against the _____ (2).

(i) God had told _____ (3) he could _____ (4) of every tree in the garden with the exception of the Tree of the Knowledge of _____ (5) and _____ (6). But in the day that he would _____ (7) thereof, he would die and he would surely die.

(B) _____ (8) has made it's way into the human race. That's what through man's disobedience (through what the Bible calls _____ (9) that's what has caused the world to be out of joint and be a _____ (10) place.

RECOMMENDED FURTHER READING:

God, Freedom, and Evil, *Alvin Plantinga*

The Problem of Evil: Developing a Christian Worldview, *Charles W. Colson and Nancy Pearcey*

Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin, *Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.*

The Problem of Pain, *C.S. Lewis*

1. why is it wrong
2. commandment
3. Adam
4. every
5. Good
6. Evil
7. eat
8. Death
9. sin
10. broken