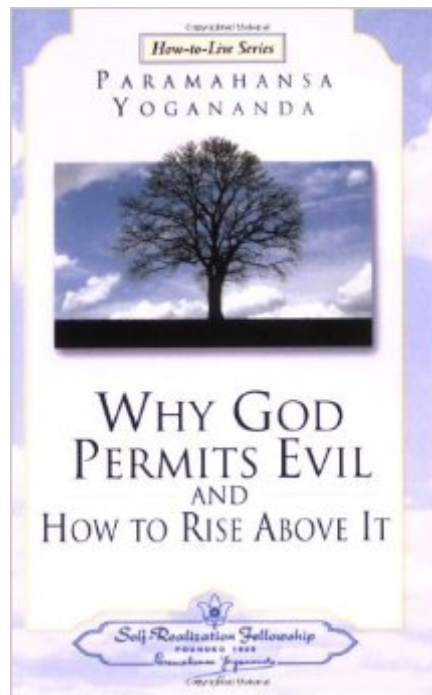


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Philosophers and religious scholars the world over have sought to answer the question of why a loving God permits evil. In these pages, Paramahansa Yogananda provides strength and solace for times of adversity by explaining the mysteries of God's lila, or divine drama. Readers will come to understand the reason for the dualistic nature of creation- God's interplay of good and evil - and receive guidance on how to rise above the most challenging circumstances.

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How refreshing to hear a level-headed, non-dogmatic exposition on an eternally "hot" topic. This yogi makes a lot more sense to my heart than ninety-nine percent of the stuff I was brought up hearing.

The deeply moving words of truth from Paramahansa Yogananda show us all how God endowed us with free will, so that we may come to learn, know, feel, practice, and act with love and peace. This little gem and treasure of a book is as great and as big as the cosmos with Divine truth, which will illuminate your mind, and speak to your soul. It teaches us to go within, and discover our own Divine God-Self within, where we CAN prevail in peace in our world, once we each choose to individually. It is then that the world will know peace collectively. HIGHLY Recommended to discover your own Divinity within. Deserves 10 Stars! Barbara Rose, Ph.D. author of Know Yourself: A Woman's Guide to Wholeness, Radiance & Supreme Confidence and Stop Being the String Along: A Relationship

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Compassion, loving the doer of evil, turning toward the light...It is wonderful that Yogananda shows how the tragedies of the world deserve our compassion - and also our dedication to renewing our own connection to the Light. He doesn't deny all the pain of living in a human, fallible world - but he offers a compassionate view of The Divine - and Its call to work our way out (and love our way out) of the pain of a material existence. The rational mind may balk when it sees no explanation for the suffering and evil that exists in The Creator's Universe. This little volume offers revolutionary insight - for more see Yogananda's Autobiography of a Yogi. Give Peace a chance. Give Love a chance. Find, in a genuine EXPERIENCE of God, the love that changes your whole world.

I am currently researching the many views re: evil - for some reason, it has become quite important to me now...In this book, Paramahansa Yogananda discusses his view on life -which is that life is the dream of God, a play of sorts. Therefore, if we can realize that we are essentially actors in this dream, we can become detached - watching our life as if we were watching a movie on the screen. According to Paramahansa, the goal of this dream is to bring us all back to God (of which we are a part)- and that through good as well as evil, this is accomplished. Evil is viewed as being essential for us to be able to enjoy the good, because if everything was already perfect, we would be much less likely to realize how wonderful and joyful life can be. Basically, we need the bad to appreciate the good. Although I agree with many of the viewpoints espoused in this book, there are some that just don't resonate with me - at least not yet. Of course, this does not mean that they aren't true, it just means that they don't "work" for me just yet. Regardless of this slight difference of opinion, I still believe that this is an excellent book on the topic of evil. Overall, I would recommend this book to anyone questioning why evil exists in our world. Even if you don't agree with all of the author's viewpoints, it still offers a lot to think about.

I learned much from this book. It explained how to rise above any suffering I have experienced, and brought me a lot of hope contrary to how I was raised. This is a wonderful book of the few I recommend that will speak to your soul and teach you how to overcome adversity. An excellent read and highly beneficial for all. Most Highly Recommended!

Yogananda addresses the ultimate questions that torment the heart of all sensitive human beings. From his deep study of yoga principles and from years of meditation in samadhi, this revered 20th

Century Indian saint provides answers that satisfy - because he is not just regurgitating scriptural dogma but mining the Truth that underlies ALL scriptures. In these three powerful expositions the yoga master comforts us with awareness of the Divine Assistance that is always available and simultaneously keeps us on track by reminding us of the Great Learning in which we each need to participate to co-create a more divinely loving environment for our brief stay in the earthly realm. As in all his writings, Yogananda impresses upon the reader the importance of both our inner and outer work as contributions to our own lives and the world as a whole. The overall effect of his teaching is to instill a positive vision of one's own place and work - a vision of grandeur and yet of humility - with an immediacy and clarity unparalleled by any other writer in the modern age.

You can't go wrong with Paramahansa Yogananda. This short book is a great one for anyone in need of answers for those tuned into their own, or others, suffering. It helps ease the intellect about the issue and is a great reminder to have around to read again and again, anytime you forget and ask why?.

Reading this book helps to give some reasons why bad things happen to good people. It won't change your circumstances but may help you in coping with them.

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