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Why do bad things happen? Where does evil come from?

Science has discovered that nothing in the Universe can be created or destroyed. Matter can be turned into energy and energy into matter but neither can be created new or destroyed. We too are no less. We are Spiritual Beings having a Human Experience. We are an aspect of God experiencing the Creation as the Created. Perhaps our physical existence is our life as matter and our spirit existence is our life as energy.

We are here to experience and learn from those experiences. We learn about Love by experiencing what Love is not. We learn about compassion by experiencing what is not compassionate. We are co-creators in the unfolding and not yet written story of Creation. We are each learning what is creative (Life Affirming) and what is destructive. When enough of us choose to be consciously creative there is a mass ascension to a higher level within the Creation. Spell *evil* backwards. Spell *devil* backwards. Interesting!

We have a mortal part we call Ego which always acts out of fear. Our eternal part is Spirit which always acts out of Love; it is creative and life promoting. The Ego is the servant but makes a poor master. Evil happens when we act from Ego rather than the Ego serving directions of the Spirit. The Ego is a wonderful servant and necessary for this Earth journey. Our task is to become aware of our Spiritual essence, that connection to our Divine Self, and to recognize the difference.

The Ego is a great chameleon and will mimic what we think is Spirit to make the decisions it feels are best for us. The decisions of the Spirit often scare the hell out of Ego - pun intended.

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