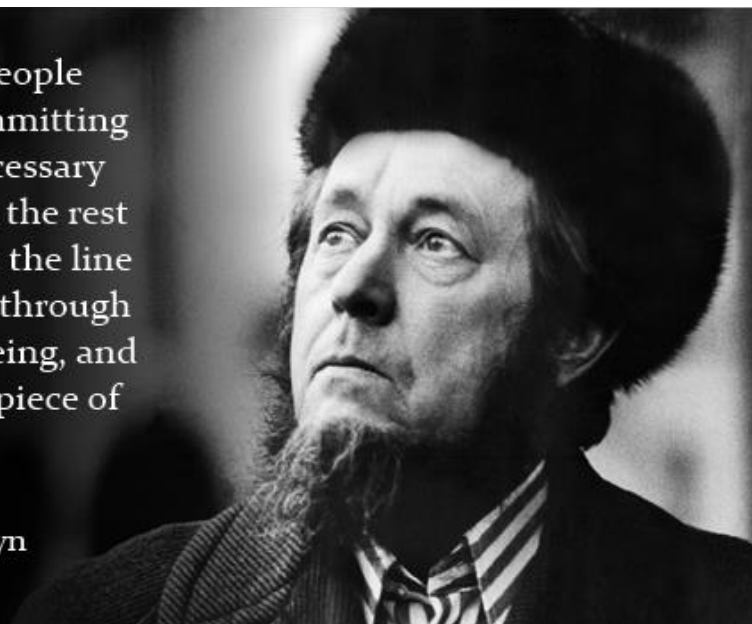


Why God Allows Evil – Study Guide – (Session 3 – Chapter 2)

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"If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being, and who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?"

~ Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Study Questions: Session 3 – Chapter 2 “Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?”

1. Read Psalm 8. What does this say about mankind? How has the presence of sin in man changed this glorious view of humanity? How much have we been corrupted?
2. Read Romans 3:10-18. Be honest: did anything surprise you about the litany of evils described in this chapter of Jones’ book? What about the apathy of the people not directly involved?

3. Read the statement at the top of p. 56:

“if a human who, is set on hurting someone can imagine/fantasize a horrific torture and has the opportunity to do it, he or she will carry out that horrific torture.”

Jones explains this by saying “human cruelty is imaginable.” Do you agree with him?

4. How do you think you would have fared in the Eichmann Experiment (p. 57-59)?
 - a. As the “learner”?
 - b. As the “teacher”?

5. Read the quote by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (middle of p. 62).

What is your answer to his question?

“If our lives turned had out differently, if we had never become Christians, if we had been born in a different society or at a different time, could we have been a guard in Auschwitz or in a Soviet gulag?” (p. 62)