

ST755 God and the Problem of Evil

Instructor	Dr. Dan Bell
Schedule	Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Description	A discussion-based seminar that examines the challenges that suffering and evil present to Christian belief and life. We will consider classical answers as well as contemporary challenges to the problem of suffering and evil. We will consider the issue in its biblical, theological and pastoral/discipleship dimensions.
Requirements	Reading: 880 pp (required texts listed below, articles on Canvas, and reading selected by student)
	Writing: 25 pp (mid term paper 5-6 pp, final paper 6-8 pp, several 2-3 pp seminar papers)

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Stephen Davis, ed. <i>Encountering Evil: Live Options in Theodicy</i> (Westminster, 2001) new edition	22	150
David Bentley Hart. <i>The Doors of the Sea: Where Was God in the Tsunami?</i> (Eerdmans, 2011)	11	105
David Burrell, <i>Deconstructing Theodicy: Why Job Has Nothing to Say to the Puzzle of Suffering</i> (Brazos, 2008)	15	130
NT Wright, <i>Evil and the Justice of God</i> (IVP 2011)*	13	150

*Available as a free ebook in the E.I. Knotts Library.