

YES

NO

SUFFERING IS REAL, IT IS THERE

natural evil: random, unpredictable  
and worse for the poor  
human evil: random, unpredictable  
but can also be deliberate or  
accidental, active or passive  
(sometimes consequences are outside our intentions)  
(and also it seems like anyone might be capable - Milgram)

nature of God = EVIL?  
omnipotent  
perfectly good  
omniscient

God must WANT to do something  
and if God can't then what sort of god is that?

God must HAVE NOTICED there's evil  
otherwise God would have turned God's back on creation

SO change God's attributes?  
God DESIGNED this world and made it?  
so it's pretty hard to get God off the hook

the DEVIL does that solve it?

some people deny this...

sometimes we make it much worse (SB)

the FREEWILL argument

God made people with the ability to choose right/wrong  
and God does not inhibit this ability  
otherwise we'd be robots/puppets  
this freedom to choose is the most important thing, it wouldn't  
be possible without (potential) Evil

LAWS OF NATURE

God made this universe with set physical laws  
so nature works a bit like cause and effect

sometime this works out for bad, but overall it's pretty  
good, so God doesn't/can't intervene.

SOME PEOPLE CHOOSE to put themselves in the way of NE too

Necessary Evil could there be Good with no evil? is it  
logically contradictory? (CS Lewis)

God USES evil? Good comes out of it?  
Evil as a punishment?  
Evil as part of God's plan

"EVIL is just survival"  
(but of course this doesn't help God out much!)

does evil disprove God?  
more complicated than it sounds...