

XXIV: Religion: Forgiveness?

Q: Who or what started History?

1. Theism (ancient world)
2. Agnosticism (18th cent.)
3. Atheism (c.1870's)
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4. Auschwitz God (worse than 3)

God Exists and he either:

Knows → Does not do anything → Not benevolent
Does Not Know → Not omniscient

Can't get around the Undeniable Silence of God in the face of Auschwitz

Philosophy	Theology		Biblical
Omni x 4	Personal	Impersonal	Humanistic
	Immanent	Transcendent	Emotional
	Free Will	Determinism	

The Sunflower:

Q: Can we forgive Karl? → Hitler?

A: All responses from yes to:

- a. Kill the Nazi yourself
- b. Forgiving perpetuates the evil
- c. Forgiving makes you a Nazi
- d. God won't forgive the Nazis

37: The Fly: Simon does Forgive him?

43: Can't forget the family, *especially* the child.

48: *My* God over and over (Our God)

51: The Nazis had no God

63: Sunflowers have to be planted every year—we do this to ourselves.

65: Are we all Accountable?

Only forgive the sins committed against you. Why?

Mark 3:29—the Unforgivable sin = blasphemy of the spirit

Matt 18:22—Forgive 7 x 7

89: What happened to “us” was a punishment from God.

91: Thinking of one's family over others.

Everyone denies responsibility. Instead of placing blame, we should stand up

And ACCEPT it, even if we weren't there!

94: Says nothing to the mother = the problem. We need to tell her that her son is a racist.

Harrold S. Kirschner: let go of the role of victim.

Q: Isn't this all the same problem of sequestering, privileging, and separating? The act that only God can perform? Everyone denies responsibility, so is anyone guilty?
Yes, me. I am guilty. Blame me.