Theological ideas about the origin of evil Freelance Theology 21 Jan 2014. Problem of evil, problem in theology and the philosophy of religion that arises for any view that affirms the following three propositions: God is omniscient, omnipotent, and good. The problem of evil essentially asks: How can an all-powerful and all-wise God allow evil and suffering in the world? Theologians have developed various solutions to this problem, such as theodicy (the defense of an omnipotent and benevolent deity) and various theologies of evil, such as the work of John S. Feinberg in his book, “Theologies And Evil.”

Feinberg's approach is to present a theology of evil developed in an effort to keep both the values of theodicy and the properties of God’s being, thereby answering the problem of evil. His book is an introduction to the problem of evil and its theological and philosophical responses. It provides a logical and consistent framework for understanding the nature of evil and its relationship to the nature of God.

Feinberg identifies two responses to the problem of evil: theodicy and atheism. The theodicy response suggests that there must be a reason for evil, perhaps to advance some divine purpose. Atheism, on the other hand, denies the existence of God and rejects the concept of evil altogether.

Feinberg’s book is intended for those who are interested in understanding the problem of evil and its theological implications. It is a valuable resource for students of theology, philosophy, and religious studies who wish to explore this complex issue.