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Coping With Evil & Suffering

1. Why do all people develop coping strategies?
2. What are the 4 pagan strategies for coping with evil and suffering?
3. What are the two axioms that are the basis for these 4 pagan strategies?
4. Draw the diagram of good and evil. Why do men tend toward the pagan view of evil and suffering? (i.e. what's the motive, the agenda)
5. Why does Sir Arthur Keith say that when we see something horrible happen we must re-program our evaluator?
6. What is "the sense of the Absurd?"
7. In Vietnam many of our POW's died, yet they did not die because of inflicted wounds or torture. Why do you suspect they died? (see paragraphs under "Evil and Suffering are the Absurd")
8. What is the very best answer the non-Christian can give to the problem of evil?
9. What is a hypocrite?
10. What's the most popular pagan way of coping with evil and suffering? (cf 1 Cor 15:17-19, 32). Briefly explain the key points of this passage.
11. Have you or do you use pagan coping strategies? (not to be discussed)

12. What is the first basic we should get back to in a suffering situation? Why? (i.e. what does thinking through this basic do? How does it set you up for a dialogue with God? What kinds of thoughts does it stimulate?)
13. What two passages or biblical characters have we used to stimulate thinking about the first basic?
14. What is the second basic we should get back to in a suffering situation? How does this help?
15. What was Jesus' strategy for coping with evil and suffering?

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