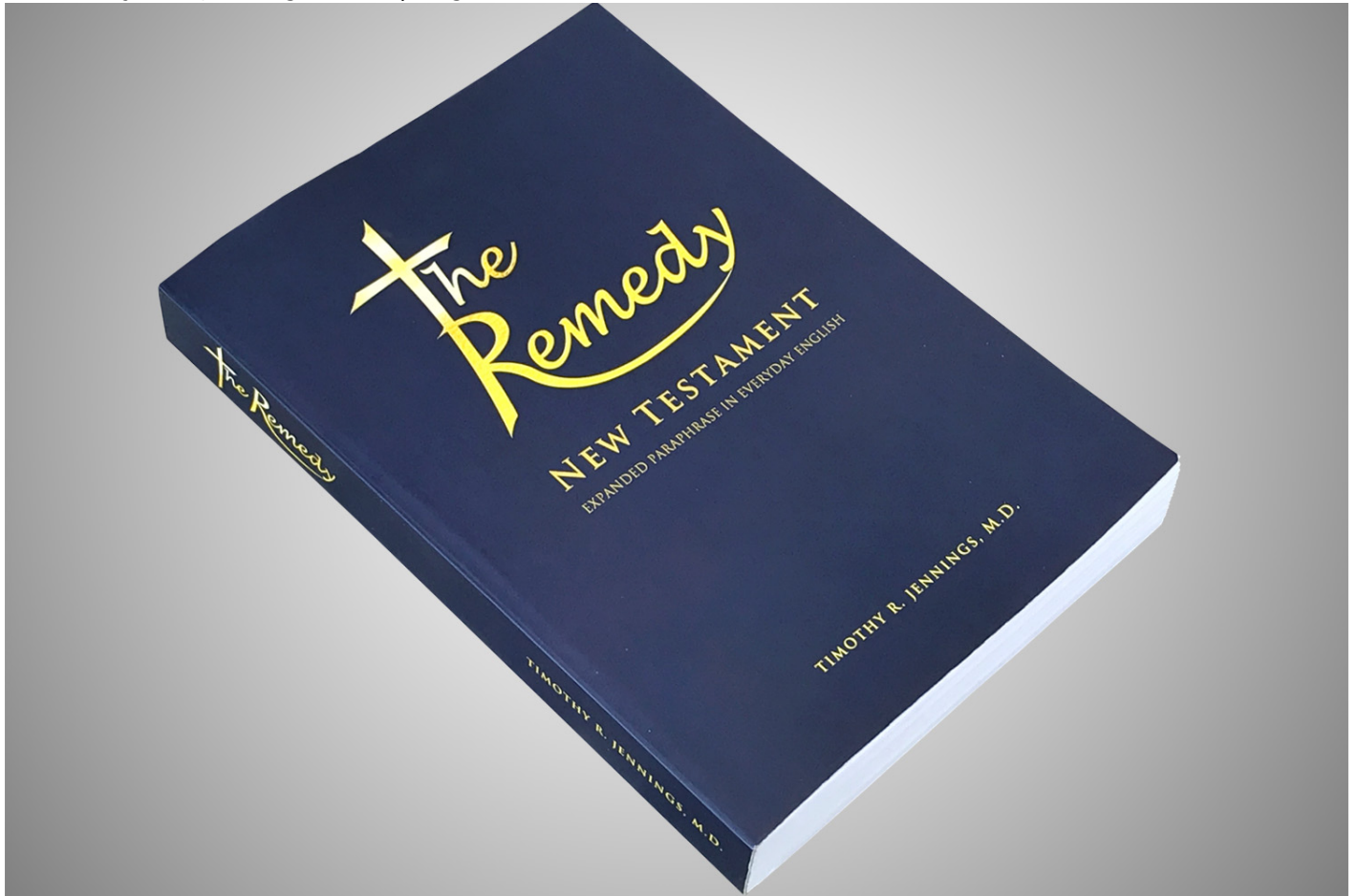


Does God Create Evil?

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I received an email asking how we understand Isaiah 45:7:

I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, **and create evil**: I the LORD do all these things.” And wondered if God creates evil. KJV (emphasis mine)

The listener wondered if this means that God creates evil.

In the preface to *The Remedy* I point out that all Bible translations have been done since Constantine converted, from which time the idea that God’s law functions no differently than human law — imperial rules that require enforcement — became accepted orthodoxy in Christianity. This means that when translators translate, they do so through the filters of their preconceived biases, in this case, that God is a supreme dictator who makes things happen the way He wants. Thus, the reason the translation reads the way it does in almost every standard translation.

However, this is not the only possible legitimate translation. Henry Wright, in his book, *A More Excellent Way*, clarifies this verse:

Some say God created evil because of Isaiah 45:7

I form the light, and create the darkness. I make peace and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. Isaiah 45:7

In the *Strong's Concordance*, the Hebrew word for create, under #1254 is *bara*. It is the same word used when God created. **But the second meaning** for the Hebrew word create is *"to break down, tear down, cut down like wood."*

Now let's read the Scripture again with the Strong's definition in it.

I form the light, and I tear down and destroy darkness. I make peace and tear down and cut down like wood everything that is evil. I am the author of the destruction of evil" - A More Excellent Way To Be in Health by Henry W. Wright, p. 130. (emphasis mine)

So the translators have to decide which option is the most accurate, and they make their choice based on their beliefs and preconceived ideas. My view is that God is Creator, and His laws are the laws upon which life are built, not imperial rules like humans make. Thus, the traditional translations introduce a false arbitrariness based on a false law construct. Further, the Old Testament is even more subject to this distortion, because so much of the Hebrew is "unknown" and people have to "read in" what they "think" it means. This false legal bias is what *The Remedy* seeks to eliminate and bring people back to the truth about our Creator God of Love and His design law for life.

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