Task Sheet 10. Why do bad things happen to good people?

Suggested Task  

Aim  
To understand how your tandem partner responds to the experience of suffering and evil.

To explore the resources available within your own religious tradition to engage with the experience of suffering and evil.

Objectives  
On your own and with your partner define your objectives for this tandem exercise. What do you want to learn?

Consider asking yourself  
What resources are available within your tradition to understand the existence of evil in the world?
Can you think of a real life example of suffering and/or evil? How do your beliefs help you to understand this situation?
How does the existence of evil affect your behaviour and religious practices?
What role does the problem of evil play in the formation of your religion’s doctrines and beliefs?

Consider asking your tandem partner  
You may ask all or none of the suggestions above plus:
What is evil?
How do you deal with evil? What do you do about it?

Things to reflect on together  
- What are our similarities? Why?
- Where do we differ? Why?