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This blog article is written from my personal philosophical point of view and does not necessarily represent the philosophy of HEAL or any other HEAL representative. It is a public response to a query submitted by Claude Bisson of Boulder Creek Academy in ID.

Let me first provide definitions for Good and Evil as I understand them:

GOOD: All which strives for life, truth, love, beauty, and liberty.

Life: All living things and life giving things (i.e. water, air, sun, soil, etc.).

Truth: Honest perception, conception, definition, and communication.

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Love: Welcoming spirit of kindness and goodwill.

Beauty: That which reflects, enhances, and enlightens.

Liberty: Free will unencumbered by oppression and guided by GOOD.

EVIL: All which strives for death, confusion, hate, grotesqueries, and oppression.

Death: The cessation of life.

Confusion: Using deception to create doubt and uncertainty in others.

Hate: Aloof spirit of violence and ill will.

Grotesqueries: All acts that foster EVIL and cause doubt in the existence of GOOD. (An example of a grotesquerie would be someone raping a child or defrauding families while enslaving their children.)

Oppression: That which strives to destroy liberty as defined under GOOD above.

Based on my understanding and the above definitions, I believe that EVIL would not desire forgiveness. Therefore, I believe EVIL would not be forgiven. And, I believe GOOD is always capable of love and that forgiveness is an act of love. Therefore, if the question is "can

GOOD forgive EVIL", I believe the answer is yes. But, can EVIL be forgiven is an entirely different question.

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