

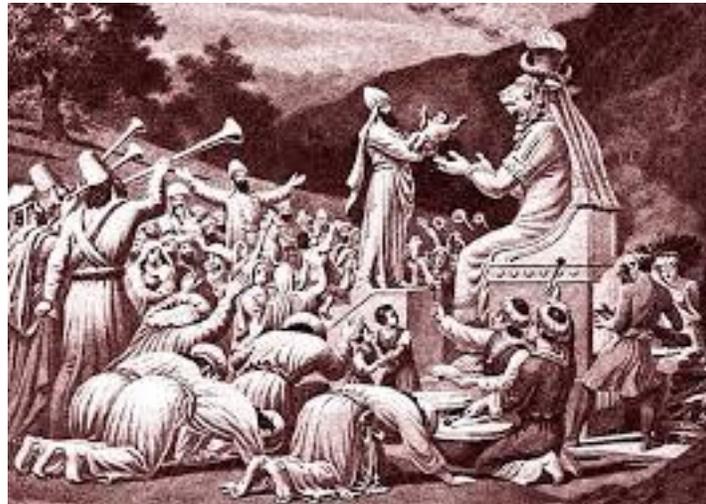
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Genesis 6:5-6

“When the Lord saw man’s wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every scheme his mind thought of was nothing but evil all the time, the Lord regretted he had made man on the earth, and was grieved in his heart.”



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Ephesians 6:12

“For our battle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers (arche)

Against the authorities (exousia)

Against the world, powers of this darkness (kosmokrator)

Against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places (pneumatikos poneria).”



OUTLINE

Sin... and evil

- arche: that which was from the beginning
- exousia: the ability to perform an action (freedom)
- (a) the world's view of evil
- (b) the current Christian error on evil

The Devil and the demonic

- kosmokrator: the prince of darkness
- pneumakatos ponia: the spirits of depravity



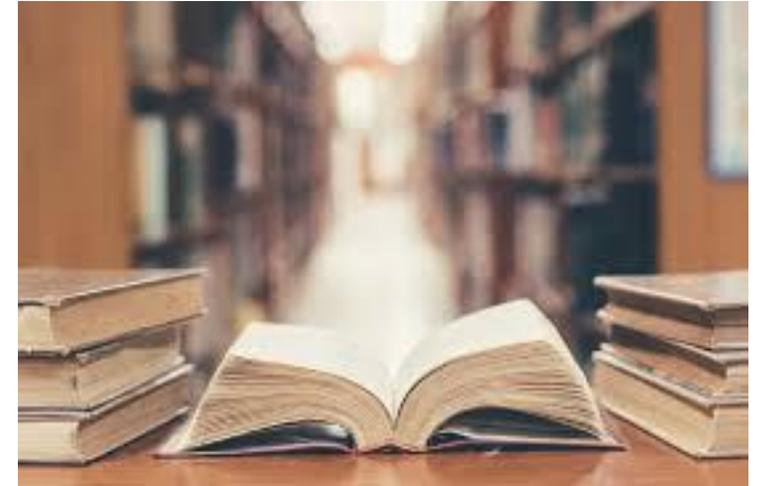
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The Science behind Humanity's Dark Side

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“...a brilliant panorama that elucidates humanity's darkside...”

A. Science?

B. Critique

C. Conclusions

D. God's response

“Science of Evil” - Science?

A. physics vs. metaphysics (car accident analogy)

B. science (the discipline) vs. Science (the philosophy). The high priest of the secular

C. quality. The problems of studying man



“Science of Evil” - Critique

Pg. 9 “This is not a philosophical book, a religious book or a book about morality.”

a) this is a philosophical book. Every chapter quotes Friedrich Nietzsche (the scientist?), “God is Dead”, “Beyond good and evil”.

b) No definition of evil. Why? “It doesn’t exist”.

Pg. 260 “We make evil when we label something so. Evil exists as a word, as a subjective concept.” This is philosophy, not science. This is a book on morality.

c) Bad book. Conclusions based on:

(i) rambling science

(ii) childlike philosophy, constant contradictions

(iii) simplistic psychology



“Science of Evil” - Conclusions

A. Determination

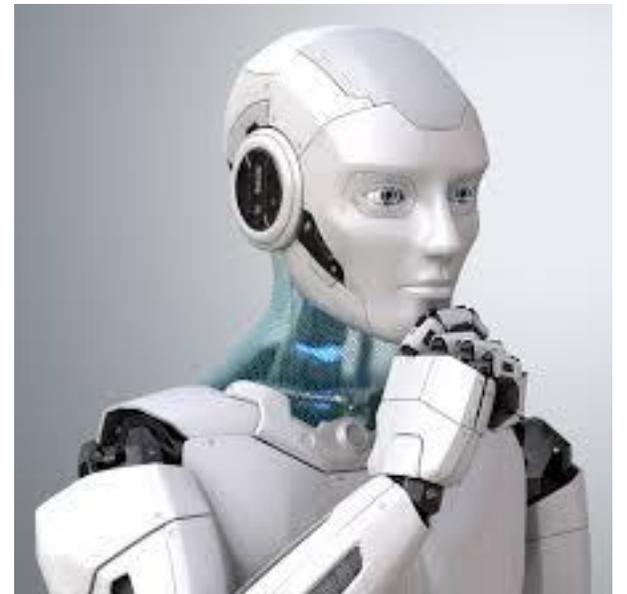
Pg. 180-181, “Based on the relatively limited research on this, it seems that (paedophilia) is something an individual is born with, and the desire probably cannot be cured.”

“I’m just born that way”. Lady Gaga

- sadism
- murder/serial killers
- sexual fetishes
- paedophiles

Except: “toxic muscularity” that should change

Narrative: I want to do whatever I want but I need JUSTIFICATION, therefore I CAN’T HELP IT.



“Science of Evil” - Conclusions

B. Grading on a curve or If everyone does it, how can it be evil?

Pg. 257 “The fact that it (evil) is so commonplace detracts from the very integrity of the concept. If we are all evil, or are all capable of evil does the word even still hold the meaning it is intended to have?”



COMMON = NORMAL = OK
“EVERYONE IS DOING IT”

IS IT EVIL IF IT IS COMMON?



Genesis 18: 16-33

vs, 20, “then the Lord said, ‘the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is immense, and their sin is extremely serious. I will go down to see if what they have done justifies the cry that has come up to me.’”

Vs. 32, “then he (Abraham) said, ‘let the Lord not be angry, and I will speak one more time. Suppose ten are found there?’ He answered, ‘I will not destroy it on the account of ten’.”

Evil is not subjective:

A. God established reality. It is declared inherently good.

B. Evil is a distortion or perversion of that good reality and it reacts, i.e. cries out.

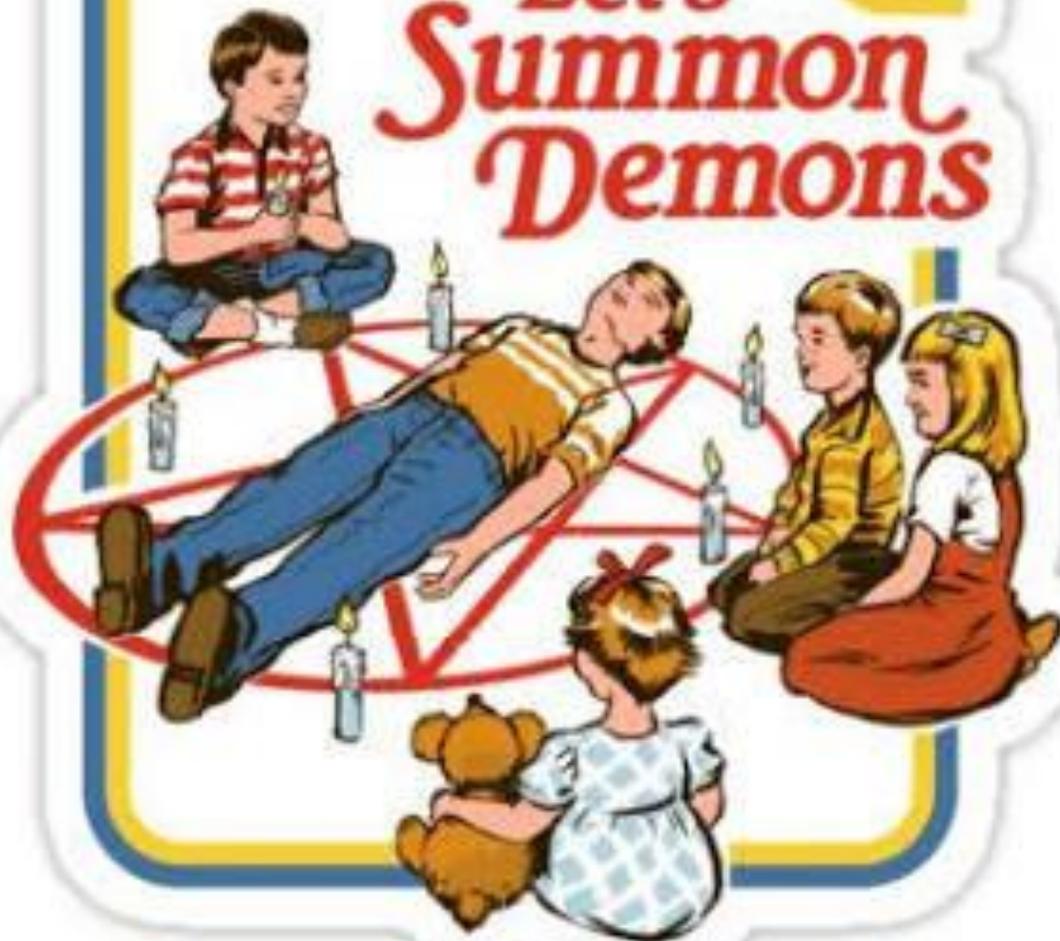
- no "bell curve

- can't think I'm better than so and so



ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Let's Summon Demons



EVIL: playing with the Devil

Jeremiah 6:14-15

“They (Israelites/?Christians) have treated my people’s brokenness superficially claiming peace, peace (shalom) where there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they acted so abhorrently? They weren’t at all ashamed. They can no longer feel humiliation.”



SIN/EVIL: How to make a complacency stew



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A. Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death...”

Ultimately, all sin leads to the same route, **death**.

Mistake: all sin is the same.

B. Ephesians 2: 8-9, “For you are saved by grace through faith (pistis), and this is not of yourselves; it is God’s gift...”

Where faith = right belief and not of myself but a gift.

Mistake: it doesn’t matter what I do. God’s grace will cover it.

C. Romans 8: 31-39, “What can separate us from the love of Christ?...”

I am eternally secure.

Mistake: I can do whatever I want.

EVIL: Playing with Satan

Sin ≠ Sin ≠ Sin ≠ Sin

The words matter

OLD TESTAMENT (Hebrew)		NEW TESTAMENT (Greek)	
Hata:	Missing the mark	Hamartia:	Missing the mark
Awon:	Twistedness/perversion/ volitional therefore guilt/unrighteousness	Adikia:	unrighteousness
Pesa:	Rebellion/violation of trust and loyalty	Parabasis:	crossing boundaries/focus on act
Resa:	Wickedness/more	Paraptoma:	Crossing of boundaries/willful rebellions
Ra:	Evil/doing evil in the sight of God	Asebia:	Deliberate rejection of God

EVIL: sin ≠ sin

Peccata Clamantia

The screaming sins. The sins that cry out to heaven for vengeance.

1. taking of innocent life, e.g. Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:10), abortion
2. sin of the sodomites, e.g. sexual perversions, rape (Jude 1:7)
3. The cry of the oppressed, e.g. helpless (homeless), widows, orphans, the poor, enslaved (Exodus 22:1-24, Isaiah 3:14-15).
4. Injustice to the wage earner (James 5:4)



EVIL: sin ≠ sin

God's view of children

Matthew 18:6

“But whoever causes the downfall (entice to sin, cause to fall away) one of these little ones who believes in me – it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depths of the sea.”

Sin against the Holy Spirit

Luke 12:10, Mark 3:28-29, Matthew 12:31-32

“Anyone who speaks word against the son of man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.”

SIN'S CONSEQUENCES

1. Drifting away

Hebrews 2:1 “We must therefore, pay even more attention to what we have heard, so that we will not drift away.” (Therefore = the power of the direct message from Jesus),
Drift away = separation = sin



2. Blindness, deafness

Matthew 13:14 “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. For this people’s heart has grown dull and with their eyes they can barely hear and their eyes they have closed, ...”

Only noticeable if driving.

SIN'S CONSEQUENCE

3. Rejection of fellowship

1 John 2:9-10

“The one who says he is in the light but hates his brother is in darkness until now.”

- without each other we are at high risk of falling away

4. Enslavement

James 1:11-15

“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it has fully grown brings forth death.”

5. Idolatry



Psalms 51:1-4

“Be gracious to me, God,
according to your faithful love;
according to your abundant compassion.

Blot out my **rebellion** (pesa=broken trust)

Wash away my **guilt** (awon=perversion)

And cleanse me from my **sin** (hata=my shortcomings)

For I am conscious of my **rebellion** and my **sin** is always before me

Against you, you alone, I have sinned and done this **evil** in your sight.”

10-12

“Create in me a clean heart, oh Lord

And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from your presence oh Lord

And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and

Renew a right spirit within me.”

