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On the Origin of Evil Where does evil come from? This is a question that I find most interesting. In our modern day civilization educated by liberal institutions everybody speaks as if they are certain of what evil is.

A small number of those eg. Other books have the opposite fate – they are widely read and discussed only to fall into obscurity. The Devil in the Modern World , p. Their works were highly influential. Both King and Leibniz argue that evil is privation, an absence of something rather than a positive force in itself. That, however, does not mean that suffering is merely apparent. The cosmos as a whole is imperfect metaphysical evil , and natural evils such as disease or natural disasters and moral evils sinful acts of humans cause real suffering. They follow Descartes in claiming that this is a natural result of a cosmos that is not identical with God the only entity that can be perfect. King and Leibniz part ways on the question of free will. King, on the other hand, argues that there is no cause of an act of free will. Free will is radically free. So some things are desired by humans because they are good, but some are good because they are desired by humans The Mod Squad: This means that our selection among possibilities is not deterministic in the way Hobbes and others suggested. This argument was pointed out in a paper which makes a surprising parallel: Sartre and Archbishop William King. Like the existentialists, King is saying that free courses of action create value. Unlike Sartre and other existentialists, King does not see this as a cause of anguish, but as the path to happiness. Since much of what a human wants is based on their choice, the option of not choosing what they cannot have is always open to them. This theory has interesting implications for hedonism. There are also parallels with Stoicism. In other respects, King was not much like Sartre. Born in Antrim to a Presbyterian family, he conformed to the Church of Ireland and became its staunchest defender. When James II threatened invasion of Ireland he was one of the few senior church men who stayed in Dublin, being given jurisdiction of the Dublin diocese when Archbishop Marsh left in His prison diary notes the presence of Michael Moore in Dublin. He was made Bishop of Derry and while there wrote pamphlets with the aim of pointing out to Presbyterians the error of their ways but which actually resulted in a long-running debate with Joseph Boyse, Presbyterian minister in Wood St Dublin. King campaigned for the material and spiritual well-being of the Church of Ireland, while supporting Irish legislative independence. He was hugely influential in Ireland in his time. The Origino made his name as a philosopher, and Hutcheson talks about the pleasure that book gave him in his introductory letter to King. That fate shared by its author. References and Further Reading.

2: An Essay of the Origin of Evil

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Over the many centuries of human endeavor, theologians and philosophers have puzzled over the origin of evil. Is [God] willing to prevent evil, but not able? Is he able, but not willing? Is he both able and willing? Can we know the origin of evil? Does the presence of evil in this world really negate the existence of God? Is it possible to accommodate both the existence of God and the existence of evil within a coherent explanation of life? Most would agree that the greatest outbreak of evil in the 20th century found expression in one man—Adolf Hitler. More recently we have seen tribal genocide between the Hutus and the Tutsis in Rwanda and ethnic cleansing in Iraq and the Balkans. Emil Fackenheim is considered by some to be the foremost theologian of the Holocaust. To Fackenheim, even the best explanations of Hitler and there have been quite a few are doomed to failure. Indeed, the answers to this question of evil do lie in the theological realm. Despite the breadth of such awful influence, however, this is by no means the whole answer to the origin of evil or its existence. God placed two special trees in the Garden of Eden. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, could freely eat of the tree of life, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they were not to eat lest they die Genesis 2: These two trees represent two very different kinds of knowledge—two distinct types of thinking and ways of living. The tree of life, as is mentioned from Genesis to Revelation, represents the way to eternal life. It is a reflection of His character, in which there is no place for evil—only truth, good and love. It is both a mode of behaving and an outcome that God desires for all of humanity. In contrast, however, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents a mixed way of thinking and acting—a combination of some good and some evil—the cumulative effect of which leads to death. God grants humans the freedom to choose between these contrasting ways of living. He wants us to accept him at His word and choose the way of life he designed us to live. But He allows us to elect the alternative, even though He would prefer to spare us the outcome of such a decision. The book of Genesis teaches that Adam and Eve were seduced into making the wrong choice: And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever. Once they had made that choice, a merciful God could not allow them to live forever following a way of life that would bring evil and unhappiness. The Bible explains that this same kind of choice between two opposite and contrasting ways of living was later offered to the nation of Israel as they were about to enter the Promised Land. There is a similarity between Adam and Eve and the children of Israel. As the Scriptures record, the nation of Israel also chose wrongly, merely continuing down the same path that Adam and Eve had chosen. From these accounts we may conclude that from the very beginning humankind brought evil upon itself by the wrong spiritual choices made in respect of a way of living. But, if you think about it, this very fact presupposes something even more profound. Who is responsible for these contrasting ways of life and the blessings or curses associated with each? Within 10 generations after Adam and Eve, human beings, perpetuating the wrong choices made by their first parents, had almost completely corrupted themselves; they were totally evil. Even after the Flood their nature remained the same: By what standards or criteria did God judge the people at that time as evil? The definition of right and wrong, as the Western world came to know it through the Ten Commandments, had not yet been given. The great Flood occurred long before the nation of Israel even existed. Among other characteristics, the way of evil consists of selfishness, hostility, hatred and lies. It is the opposite of all that God stands for and is. And this fundamental differentiation between good and evil, embodied within the character of God Himself—both that which is His character and that which He has rejected—existed from the very beginning. Perhaps this explanation helps us make sense of a remarkable scripture that acknowledges the true source of evil. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: In what sense does God create evil? Many other scriptures show that God is prepared to bring evil upon those who forsake His ways for example, Jeremiah But the meaning goes even deeper. He is the author of the hidden spiritual truths about good and evil that govern everything. God wants us to freely choose to take on His character and way of life and to reject the opposite—the way of evil. So God created the scheme of

things whereby humanity may choose between two alternatives and learn by experience which is the better way to live. The Bible reveals that God created a class of spirit beings called angels. He thus became Satan—the devil, the great adversary of God and, therefore, of mankind. It is apparent that God created these angels with the same free moral agency and capacity to choose as He later created in humankind. The result was perversion and every possible evil. His character became depraved and corrupt Isaiah But vital to our understanding is that it was God Himself who set in motion the laws that define and allow evil. He did this by establishing a righteous standard and then allowing His created beings, angelic and human, the freedom to accept or reject that righteous standard. God has created all things and is working out a supreme purpose that requires us to make a choice between two ways of life. Just as Satan, Adam and Eve made the wrong choice, so has much of humanity ever since. He and his cohorts are orchestrating ever more evil and projecting humankind along the spiritual pathway toward oblivion. It is an evil that results from personal choices made under the sway and influence of the devil and his fallen followers. It is a nature that hates God. These thoughts, of course, run completely counter to prevailing popular notions of human nature, yet we should remember that they are the profound words of the One who created us and who knows all things. These words describe every human heart, whether we care to accept it or not. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man. You may have explained evil, but you have not dealt with evil. The answer has to do with another aspect of biblical teaching that is best discussed more fully on a future occasion. The Bible teaches about a coming resurrection—a return to life—of all who have ever lived. A time is coming when perfect justice and judgment will be fulfilled and evil will be banished for all time. In the meantime, that leaves a pivotal question:

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Using two articles "On the Origin of Good and Evil" by Richard Taylor and "Why Morality Is Not Relative" by James Rachels from the book Moral Life: An Introductory Reader in Ethics and Literature, author, Louis P. Pojman and Lewis Vaughn, this essay will first try to identify what each of two articles says about the nature of good and.

On this view we can more accurately, and less perniciously, understand and describe morally despicable actions, characters, and events using more pedestrian moral concepts such as badness and wrongdoing. By contrast, evil-revivalists believe that the concept of evil has a place in our moral and political thinking and discourse. On this view, the concept of evil should be revived, not abandoned see Russell and Someone who believes that we should do away with moral discourse altogether could be called a moral-skeptic or a moral nihilist. Evil-skepticism is not as broad. Evil-skeptics believe the concept of evil is particularly problematic and should be abandoned while other moral concepts, such as right, wrong, good, and bad, are worth keeping. Evil-skeptics give three main reasons to abandon the concept of evil: The monsters of fictions, such as vampires, witches, and werewolves, are thought to be paradigms of evil. These creatures possess powers and abilities that defy scientific explanation, and perhaps human understanding. Many popular horror films also depict evil as the result of dark forces or Satanic possession. Some evil-skeptics believe that the concept of evil necessarily makes reference to supernatural spirits, dark forces, or creatures. Evil-revivalists respond that the concept of evil need not make reference to supernatural spirits, dark forces, or monsters. The concept of evil would have explanatory power, or be explanatorily useful, if it were able to explain why certain actions were performed or why these actions were performed by certain agents rather than by others. Evil-skeptics such as Inga Clendinnen and Philip Cole argue that the concept of evil cannot provide explanations of this sort and thus should be abandoned. According to Clendinnen the concept of evil cannot explain the performance of actions because it is an essentially dismissive classification. To say that a person, or an action, is evil is just to say that that person, or action, defies explanation or is incomprehensible see Clendinnen , 81; see also, Pocock Joel Feinberg also believes that evil actions are essentially incomprehensible. But he does not think that we should abandon the concept of evil for this reason. Similarly, Cole believes that the concept of evil is often employed when we lack a complete explanation for why an action was performed. For instance, we might wonder why two ten-year-old boys, Robert Thompson and Jon Venerables, tortured and murdered two-year-old James Bulger while other ten-year-old boys with similar genetic characteristics and upbringings cause little harm? Cole believes that the concept of evil is employed in these cases to provide the missing explanation. However, Cole argues that the concept of evil does not provide a genuine explanation in these cases because to say that an action is evil is just to say either that the action resulted from supernatural forces or that the action is a mystery. To say that an event resulted from supernatural forces is not to give a genuine explanation of the event because these forces do not exist. To say that an event is a mystery is not to give a genuine explanation of an event, but rather, it is to suggest that the event cannot be explained at least with the information currently available , 6â€”9. Evil-revivalists have offered several responses to the objection that the concept of evil should be abandoned because it is explanatorily useless. Another common response is to argue that evil is no less explanatorily useful than other moral concepts such as good, bad, right, and wrong Garrard , â€”; Russell , â€” Thus, if we should abandon the concept of evil we should abandon these other moral concepts as well. Eve Garrard and Luke Russell also point out that even if the concept of evil cannot provide a complete explanation for the performance of an action, it can provide a partial explanation. For instance, Garrard argues that evil actions result from a particular kind of motivation. Call this an E motivation. Thus, to say that an action is evil is to say that it has resulted from an E motivation. This provides a partial explanation for why the action was performed. Bush made it more likely that suspected terrorists would be mistreated and less likely that there would be peaceful relations between the peoples and governments of Iraq, Iran, and North Korea and the peoples and government of the United States. But should we abandon the concept of evil because it leads to harm when it is misapplied or abused? So why do they believe that we should abandon the concept of evil? An evil-skeptic might reply that we should abandon only the concept of evil, and not other

normative concepts, because the concept of evil is particularly dangerous or susceptible to abuse. We can discern several reasons why ascriptions of evil might be thought to be more harmful or dangerous than ascriptions of other normative concepts such as badness or wrongdoing. Furthermore, it is reasonable to assume that evildoers not only deserve the greatest form of moral condemnation but also the greatest form of punishment. Thus, not only are wrongfully accused evildoers subjected to harsh judgments undeservedly, they may be subjected to harsh punishments undeservedly as well. For instance, some people believe that to say that someone performed an evil action implies that that person acted out of malevolence see e. Given this ambiguity, it might be unclear whether an attribution of evil attributes despicable psychological attributes to an evildoer, and this ambiguity might result in an overly harsh judgment. For instance, on some conceptions of evil, evildoers are possessed, inhuman, incorrigible, or have fixed character traits See Cole , 1â€™21; Russell , , and ; Haybron a and b. These metaphysical and psychological theses about evildoers are controversial. If evildoers have these traits, and thus will continue to perform evil actions no matter what we do, the only appropriate response might be to isolate them from society or to have them executed. But if evildoers do not have these fixed dispositions and they are treated as if they do, they will likely be mistreated. Thus, while most theorists agree that the concept of evil can be harmful or dangerous there is considerable disagreement about what conclusion should be drawn from this fact. Evil-skeptics believe that because the concept of evil is harmful or dangerous we should abandon it in favour of less dangerous concepts such as badness and wrongdoing. Evil-revivalists believe that because the concept of evil is harmful or dangerous more philosophical work needs to be done on it to clear up ambiguities and reduce the likelihood of abuse or misuse. Card and Kekes argue that it is more dangerous to ignore evil than to try to understand it Card and ; Kekes For if we do not understand evil we will be ill-equipped to root out its sources, and thus, we will be unable to prevent evils from occurring in the future. But his reasons for thinking that the concept of evil is dangerous are different from those discussed above. Nietzsche believes that the concept of evil is dangerous because it has a negative effect on human potential and vitality by promoting the weak in spirit and suppressing the strong. In *On the Genealogy of Morality: A Polemic*, Nietzsche argues that the concept of evil arose from the negative emotions of envy, hatred, and resentment he uses the French term *ressentiment* to capture an attitude that combines these elements. He contends that the powerless and weak created the concept of evil to take revenge against their oppressors. Nietzsche believes that the concepts of good and evil contribute to an unhealthy view of life which judges relief from suffering as more valuable than creative self-expression and accomplishment. For this reason Nietzsche believes that we should seek to move beyond judgements of good and evil Nietzsche and Instead, she argues that judgments of evil often indicate a healthy recognition that one has been treated unjustly. Card also argues that we have just as much reason to question the motives of people who believe we should abandon the concept of evil as we do to question the motives of people who use the concept. She suggests that people who want to abandon the concept of evil may be overwhelmed by the task of understanding and preventing evil and would rather focus on the less daunting task of questioning the motives of people who use the term Card , According to this line of argument, it is hard to deny that evil exists; and if evil exists, we need a concept to capture this immoral extreme. A second argument in favour of the concept of evil is that it is only by facing evil, i. A third reason to keep the concept of evil is that categorizing actions and practices as evil helps to focus our limited energy and resources. If evils are the worst sorts of moral wrongs, we should prioritize the reduction of evil over the reduction of other wrongs such as unjust inequalities. For instance, Card believes that it is more important to prevent the evils of domestic violence than it is to ensure that women and men are paid equal wages for equal work Card , 96â€™” A fourth reason not to abandon the concept of evil is that by categorizing actions and practices as evil we are better able to set limits to legitimate responses to evil. By having a greater understanding of the nature of evil we are better able to guard against responding to evil with further evils Card , 7â€™”8. However, philosophers have considered the nature and origins of evil in the broad sense since ancient times. Although this entry is primarily concerned with evil in the narrow sense, it is useful to survey the history of theories of evil in the broad sense since these theories provide the backdrop against which theories of evil in the narrow sense have been developed. Philosophers and theologians have recognized that to solve the problem of evil it is important

to understand the nature of evil. One theory of evil that provides a solution to the problem of evil is Manichaeism. According to Manichaeism, the universe is the product of an ongoing battle between two coequal and coeternal first principles: God and the Prince of Darkness. From these first principles follow good and evil substances which are in a constant battle for supremacy. The material world constitutes a stage of this cosmic battle where the forces of evil have trapped the forces of goodness in matter. For example, the human body is evil while the human soul is good and must be freed from the body through strict adherence to Manichaeism. The Manichaean solution to the problem of evil is that God is neither all-powerful nor the sole creator of the world. God is supremely good and creates only good things, but he or she is powerless to prevent the Prince of Darkness from creating evil. For more about Manichaeism see Coyne and Lieu. Since its inception, Manichaeism has been criticized for providing little empirical support for its extravagant cosmology. A second problem is that, for a theist, it is hard to accept that God is not an all-powerful sole creator. For these reasons influential medieval philosophers such as Saint Augustine, who initially accepted the Manichaean theory of evil, eventually rejected it in favor of the Neoplatonist approach. For instance, the evil of disease consists in a privation of health, and the evil of sin consists in a privation of virtue. The Neoplatonist theory of evil provides a solution to the problem of evil because if evil is a privation of substance, form, and goodness, then God creates no evil. For instance, it seems that we cannot equate the evil of pain with the privation of pleasure or some other feeling. Pain is a distinct phenomenological experience which is positively bad and not merely not good. Similarly, a sadistic torturer is not just not as good as she could be. She is not simply lacking in kindness or compassion. These are qualities she has, not qualities she lacks, and they are positively bad and not merely lacking in goodness. See Caldera; Kane. See Anglin and Goetz and Grant for replies to these objections. Instead, Kant equates evil with having a will that is not fully good. According to Kant, we have a morally good will only if we choose to perform morally right actions because they are morally right. Kant, 4: There are three grades of evil which can be seen as increasingly more evil stages of corruption in the will. First there is frailty. A person with a frail will attempts to perform morally right actions because these actions are morally right, but she is too weak to follow through with her plans. Instead, she ends up doing wrong due to a weakness of will. Kant, Bk I, 24. The next stage of corruption is impurity. A person with an impure will does not attempt to perform morally right actions just because these actions are morally right. Instead, she performs morally right actions partly because these actions are morally right and partly because of some other incentive, e.

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