Short Bibliography on Evil

The literature on evil is vast and yet disciplinary approaches divide the study of evil by the ways in which they define or explain it. Legal studies take on evil as crime; psychological studies of evil focus on the individuals who have committed evil deeds; theological approaches deal with evil as sin; for sociologists evil is studied as the result of social forces shaping individuals and institutions; philosophical works take up evil as a problem about whether or not there can be an all-powerful God. In every case, though, evil is seen as intricately connected to the most important questions we face as humans, living our lives and living our lives together.

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