

Evil is the Nature of Humanity

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Humanity and evil go hand-in-hand and I do not believe that evil will never cease to exist.

Human beings are descended from the physically weak but clever minded subhumans that lied, stole, and cheated their way to survive. Thus, evil is in the very nature of humanity.

Evil also continues because it slowly morphs into different states. Evil is not constant and is eventually conquered in one form or another; however, that same evil might make an appearance later. In other cases, that evil might be contained in one area but might rise in another area. This fluidity of evil allows it to change shape and to change location easily, avoiding total annihilation. Not to mention, while people of one generation might condemn that act of evil, people of the next generation might view that evil as logically necessary. Take for instance torture. While the United States made an agreement in the past not to use torture because it was cruel and unusual punishment, today, Americans are justifying to use of some forms of torture in order to retrieve information. This constant shift of evil from one form to another, from one location to another, and the evil becoming justified or unjustified given the time period allows it to continue.

Small evils will always exist. While the larger events of evil are generally condemned by today's society, the smaller evils continue. The numerous amounts of these small evils add up and cause a dramatic impact on the world. It seems that people are willing to commit a little bit of evil if good is going to come from it. What I mean is that people will cheat on a test if they do not know the answer but are pressured to do good on the test. Given the positive outcome of the test by cheating, this small amount of evil contributes to the human understanding that a little bit of evil occasionally is okay so long as it does not drastically harm others. We also rationalize lying by minding others feelings, like saying we are not feeling well when we do not want to attend an event or "accidentally" forgetting something. These are small evils, which add up eventually. Our children see us committing these small acts of evil and they pick up those same patterns. It is out of these small evils that

eventually greater evils exists.

I do not believe that evil will eventually be erased on all levels. I believe humans will always lie, even about little things that do not seem to matter, so long as good things come from that evil. Also, greater evils will continue to go in and out with each generation or location. Time and time again we have seen evils pop up and history repeats itself. I do not believe the human race is doomed because of the evil that exists, but rather the evil allows the human race to continue. It gives groups an identifiable cause and a means for socialization, quite often known as the conflict theory in sociology.