

What is Spiritual Evil

I propose the possibility that there is a type of evil characterized by being unconditional. It feels unnatural and unexpected compared to normal human behaviour. It can be highly organized, even global. It can go beyond the scope of any individual, instead capturing a vast group. It can manifest as blind obedience, overriding personal thought and volition, and inducing a kind of blind obedience or compulsion. Individual thoughts seem dumbed down or absent. It can manifest as a single message, a single narrative excluding all others and repeated endlessly, like a hive mind where one voice and one message is spoken through many mouths. It can be recognized by its fruits – targeting the innocent and helpless – pushing for social division and unjust laws. It is at odds with nature – denying normal biological functions and needs. It requires complete surrender and sacrifice, as a rite of passage. Finally, it is compelled to declare itself and what it is going to do. Does such a type of evil exist, or is evil just the typical corruption and greed prevalent in everyday life?

Unconditional

In 2021 someone messaged me to say “*I did not believe in evil until Covid*”. Did he mean he did not believe in crime until Covid? No. He was referring to a different kind of evil - a purer and more absolute kind – that made a lasting impression upon him.

“Spiritual evil” may seem like just another word for crime, yet there are some fundamental differences that distinguish spiritual evil from the everyday evils we are accustomed to. We are used to a type of evil where the desire for power or money results in co-lateral damage to innocent people. This is where the main aim is not to hurt people, but rather some other goal. The people sometimes suffer as a side effect of this pursuit.

But there may be another kind of evil. This is where the main aim is to hurt people, not for some external goal, but because hurting people is regarded as its prime purpose – as an end in itself.

This is the misanthrope – the hater of mankind. In February 2020, one week before lockdowns began, I met someone who declared themselves to be a misanthrope, showed me a picture of an atomic cloud over Nevada – a picture she had taken – and advised me to adopt a reclusive life of reading and studying – a “perfect life of isolation”, she called it. She seemed to be explaining why something was going to happen. A week later society was locked down.

Like unconditional love – where we love the recipient despite their failings, there can also be unconditional hate, where we hate another regardless of what they do. Hatred becomes an end in itself.

I think this gets close to a definition of what pure evil is. It is the infliction of unnecessary suffering, because there is no necessity – no ulterior motive – nothing except the joy of inflicting suffering for its own sake.

An evil which is an end in itself can be called a spiritual evil, because it is unconditioned by natural cause or circumstance.

Just as unconditional love is regarded in most religions as a characteristic of spiritual goodness, so unconditional evil is regarded as a characteristic of spiritual evil.

Beyond Personal Gain

What we saw during Covid went beyond personal gain, which is always conditioned by personal circumstances. What we saw instead was a desire to destroy indiscriminately. We may not be sure where this kind of evil originates, but we should always be wary of the possibility of it.

Beyond Normal Human Motivation

Spiritual evil tends to go beyond normal human motivation. It therefore feels unnatural and at odds with normal human behavior. Does an ordinary person wake up one day and ask themselves “what can I do to kill a million children?” No. Does an ordinary politician wake up one day and ask “What can I do to lockdown and destroy all the businesses in my society, and deprive people of their human rights?” No.

Beyond Normal Human Scope

Spiritual evil can extend beyond normal human scope. This means that it is not confined to the idiosyncratic behavior of a few individuals, or their personal ego, but can capture a vast group of minds regardless of their individuality. It can lay its plans beyond and before the lifespan of any individual actors or players. In this sense it transcends the normal scope or sphere of an individual’s life – extending beyond it spatially and temporally.

Captures Thought and Individual Volition

People are normally in disagreement with one another about many things, yet recently we have seen times when they all mysteriously acted in synchrony and lockstep, as if they had surrendered or lost their power of individual thought and decision making. One of the characteristics of spiritual evil is its ability to do this - to some people.

Delights in the Suffering of the Innocent and Helpless

In Moses time, all the babes were put to death and Moses only escaped by being put into a basket and set afloat on the Nile. In Jesus’s time, Herod put to death all the children in Bethlehem and its surrounds. In our time infants are exposed to toxic injections from the moment they are born. And abortion is allowed up until the moment of birth.

Spiritual evil delights in the suffering of the innocent, because of all people they are the ones who least deserve it.

Spiritual Evil is followed by Spiritual Good

Spiritual evil often appears in proximity to spiritual good. The Egyptian oppression was followed by the Exodus. The proliferation of demonic possession in the first century was followed by the ministry of Christ. In our time too, great good will supplant the current evil. This can give us hope.

Summary: Proposed characteristics of spiritual evil that make it different from typical evil.

1. **Unconditional:** primary aim is to inflict suffering for its own sake.
2. **Unnatural:** goes beyond normal human motivation.
3. **Transcending the individual:** manifesting globally, and pre-dating the individual
4. **Possessive:** Overriding individual thought and volition.
5. **Hive mind:** Speaks with one voice through many mouths.
6. **Against the innocent:** Delights in the suffering of the innocent.
7. **Against social unity:** Pushes unnatural ideologies that are at odds with traditional values – anti-family, anti-community, anti-nation. Instills division.
8. **Against natural order:** Goes against the natural order – modifying DNA, denying normal biological functions, denying people basic needs.
9. **Declares itself:** by name – tells us who it is and what it is going to do.
10. **Requires Worship:** Complete surrender and sacrifice. Offering up our own children, our businesses, our freedoms, our bodies.

It is proposed that a type of evil exists that is unconditional, and unnatural in its purposes, yet able to take control of many human minds, and induce a state of blind compliance, dumbing down individual thought, and evoking a single message from many mouths. It can be recognized by its fruit – attacking the innocent, and opposing unity, purity and the natural order. Pushing for hatred, division and destruction. It requires sacrifice and surrender of what is most dear – our children, our own bodies, our freedoms, our businesses. It feels compelled to declare itself.

Many of these characteristics resonate with the Covid period. Is it possible that such a type of evil exists?

I have provided some interesting resources [here](#).

In particular, you might want to read [this](#).