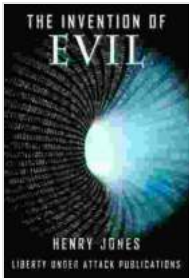


# The Invention of Evil: How the Matrix Began



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What is evil? Where does it come from? And why does it seem to be so prevalent in our world?

For centuries, people have grappled with these questions, offering a variety of explanations for the existence of evil. Some believe that evil is a necessary part of the universe, a counterbalance to good. Others believe that evil is the result of human nature, a product of our own free will. And still others believe that evil is a supernatural force, an external entity that tempts us to do wrong.

In his groundbreaking new book, *The Invention of Evil*, Dr. Richard Landes argues that evil is not a natural phenomenon. It is not something that has always existed. Rather, evil is a human invention, a product of our own minds.

Landes traces the origins of evil back to the ancient Near East, where the concept of a single, all-powerful god was first developed. This god, known as Yahweh, was a jealous and vengeful deity who demanded absolute obedience from his followers. Those who disobeyed Yahweh were punished with terrible curses, including death and disease.

Over time, the concept of Yahweh evolved into the Christian God, who was still seen as a jealous and vengeful deity. However, the Christian God was also seen as a loving and merciful god, who offered salvation to those who repented of their sins.

The combination of these two opposing views of God created a fertile ground for the development of evil. On the one hand, people were taught to fear God's wrath and to obey his commandments. On the other hand, they were also taught that God was a loving and merciful god who would forgive them their sins.

This tension between fear and hope created a sense of guilt and anxiety in people. They felt that they could never be good enough to please God, and that they were always in danger of being punished for their sins. This guilt and anxiety led to a sense of despair and hopelessness, which in turn made people more likely to commit evil acts.

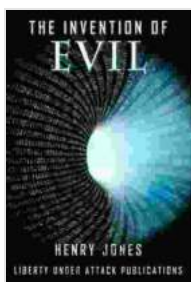
Landes argues that the concept of evil has been used throughout history to control people and to justify violence. He shows how the idea of evil has been used to justify everything from the Crusades to the Holocaust.

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