GOOD & EVIL : SOURCES of
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A central goal of most religions is to account for evil : to propose a source for it and to enjoin us to either fight it or come to terms with it. The best known accounts of evil are religious, and they entail irrational rituals to fight or avoid it ~~and so the~~ It goes without saying that such beliefs are at variance with science and that such practices have not been shown effective, except occasionally as means for consolation. We need a secular ~~scientific~~ account of the source of evil, and ~~we~~ should summon the resources of science-based technology to ~~it~~ minimize evil.

We start by noting that evil, just as good, is now a property inherent in and natural selection. uncounted process involving all biospecies. Think of natural calamities. Second, humans, due to their greater brain power, ~~are~~ the greatest evil-doers and also the greatest potential good-makers on earth. Third, brain capacity, by itself, is morally neutral : whether an original brain will devote itself to evil or good ~~causes~~ ~~good~~ ~~ways~~ depends critically on the moral education it has received. An intelligent brain may engage in evil or good scheming according as its aims are antisocial or prosocial. Shorter: humans — unlike other animals — learn and unlearn to do evil deeds just as they learn to do good deeds,

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