

CONSEQUENTIALISM MANICHEANISM

Most people see good and evil detached from one another, forming disjoint realms. The manicheans and the Stoics elaborated on this simple idea. The more experienced or critical have always known that good & evil do not just coexist in parallel but that the one can give rise to the other. Good actions can have bad consequences; e.g., if we give charity to a person capable of finding a job, we shall contribute to driving him into a parasite. And evil actions may have wholly unanticipated good consequences; e.g., World War I led to the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian empire and to the Russian Revolution.

Good can turn into evil and conversely because of either chance or because of short-sightedness.

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