

LENTEN SEMINARS ON PERSPECTIVES ON EVIL

4pm - 5.30pm each Sunday in Lent led by Rev Dr's Geoff Dornan and Bruce Stevens First session is Sunday 25 February 2024 in foyer at Wesley.

Evil in Philosophy, Psychology, and Theology

- Week 1: Various philosophic views over the centuries. Do we accept the word evil? Popular psychology and culture provide various images of evil people.
- Week 2: Psychology The psychopath? Robert D Hare developed *the Psychopathy Checklist* and we use it to 'assess' Donald Trump and Putin. Ted Bundy video clip.
- Week 3: Who might be considered evil in the Bible? Genetic and other explanations. M Scott Peck and *People of the Lie* (1983). Satan in the Bible.
- Week 4: Theological views including Augustine with evil as parasitic. Geoff's perspective on evil in society, given his experience as a missionary in South America, and Bruce's experience as a forensic psychologist.
- Week 5: Exploring the problem of evil: How can a good God allow? John Swinton's pastoral response to evil.

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