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ABSTRACT: This account of evil takes the Book of Job as its guide. The Book of Job considers physical pain, social bereavement, the origin of evil, theodicy, justice, divine violence, and reward. Such problems are explored by consulting ancient and modern accounts from the fields of theology and philosophy, broadly conceived.

Some of the literature on evil – especially the philosophical literature – is inclined toward the abstract treatment of such problems. Bringing along the suffering Job serves as a reminder of the concrete, lived experience in which the problem of evil has its roots.

KEYWORDS: evil, Job, theodicy, pain

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