

## The Origins of the Origins of Evil

בְּשֵׁר וְהָיוּ יָמָיו מֵאָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה: <sup>4</sup> הַנְּפֹלִים הָיוּ בְּאָרֶץ כְּנָעַן  
הָהֵם וְגַם אַחֲרֵי-כֵן אֲשֶׁר יָבֹאוּ בְּנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים אֶל-בָּנוֹת הָאָדָם וַיִּלְדוּ  
לָהֶם תְּמָה הַנְּבִרִים אֲשֶׁר מְעוֹלָם אָנְשֵׁי הַשָּׁם: <sup>5</sup>  
<sup>4</sup> בַּתוֹרָה  
<sup>5</sup> וַיִּרְא יְהוָה כִּי רָבָה רָעַת הָאָדָם בְּאָרֶץ וְכָל-יֵצֵר מַחְשְׁבַת לִבּוֹ  
<sup>6</sup> וַיִּנְחַם יְהוָה כִּי-עָשָׂה אֶת-הָאָדָם בְּאָרֶץ וַיִּתְּעַצֵּב  
<sup>7</sup> אֶל-לִבּוֹ: <sup>7</sup> וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֲמַחֶה אֶת-הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר-בָּרָאתִי מֵעַל פְּנֵי  
הָאֲדָמָה מֵאָדָם עַד-בְּהֵמָה עַד-רֶמֶשׂ וְעַד-עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם כִּי נַחַמְתִּי כִּי  
עָשִׂיתִם: <sup>8</sup> וְגַת מִצָּא חָן בְּעֵינַי יְהוָה: <sup>9</sup> אֱלֹהֵי תוֹלְדֹת נֹחַ

Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge  
2–4 September 2014



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**The Origins of the Origins**

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All lectures will take place in the Upper Hall 1 of the Central Building, Fitzwilliam College, Storey's Way, Cambridge CB3 0DG.

***Tuesday 2 September 2014***

- 13:00–14:00      Registration (Outside Upper Hall 1, Reddaway landing)  
A vegetarian/fish sandwich buffet will be available (Outside Upper Hall 1, Reddaway landing)
- 14:00–14:15      Introduction and Welcome  
Hector Patmore
- 14:15–15:00      *Chair: Hector Patmore*  
Noam Mizrahi (Tel Aviv), "The Semantics of Biblical Hebrew *yēšer* Reconsidered"
- 15:00–15:45      James Aitken (Cambridge), "From the Septuagint to Wisdom: The *yēšer* and Emotional Response in the Greek Tradition"
- 15:45–16:15      TEA BREAK
- 16:15–17:00      *Chair: Ishay Roshen-Zvi*  
Sharon Weisser (Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem), "The Perils of Philosophical Persuasion: Philo on the Origin of Moral Evil"
- 17:00–17.45      George van Kooten (Groningen), "The Two Inclinations and James' *Dipsychos* Anthropology from a Greek Perspective"
- 18:30–19:00      Dinner (Dining Hall)
- 19:15              Walking tour of Cambridge

(The Bar at Fitzwilliam College will be open until 11pm for drinks and discussion)

***Wednesday 3 September:***

- 9:00–9:45      *Chair: James Aitken*  
Benjamin Wold (Trinity College Dublin), "The Evil Inclination and Fleshly Inclination in 4QInstruction and Paul"
- 9:45–10:30      Hector Patmore (Cardiff), "An *Evil* Inclination in Early Targumim to the Pentateuch and Prophets?"
- 10:30–11:00      COFFEE

- 11:00–11:45      *Chair: Leeor Gottlieb*  
Ishay Roshen-Zvi (Tel Aviv), “The *yēšer* in Tannaitic Literature”
- 11:45–12:30      Yishai Kiel (Yale), “Demons or Desires? The Iranian Context of Rabbinic and Early Christian Discourse on the Evil Inclination”
- 12:30              LUNCH (Dining Hall)
- 14:00–14:45      *Chair: Hector Patmore*  
Tim Pettipiece (Carleton), “Death and Desire: The Evil Inclination in Gnostic and Manichaean Sources”
- 14:45–15:30      Reflections on the Second Temple Sources by Miryam T. Brand (W.F. Albright Institute, Jerusalem).
- 15:30–16:00      TEA BREAK
- 16:00–16:45      *Chair: Ben Wold*  
Riemer Roukema (Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Amsterdam), “Origen on the Origin of Sin”
- 16:45–17:30      Robert Hayward (Durham), “Jerome and *yēšer*: Evidence from the Vulgate”
- 19:00              Pre-Dinner Drinks (The Stapleton Room, The Grove)
- 19:30              Conference Dinner (The Walter Grave Room)

***Thursday 4 September:***

- 9:00–9:45        *Chair: Robert Hayward*  
Sophie Lunn-Rockcliffe (King’s College, London), “Augustine on the Evil Inclination”
- 9:45–10:30      David Taylor (Oxford), “The Evil Inclination in the Syriac Tradition”
- 10:30–11:00      COFFEE
- 11:00–11:45      *Chair: Ishay Roshen-Zvi*  
Leeor Gottlieb (Bar Ilan), “The Evil Inclination in the Targumim to the Writings”
- 11:45–12:30      Ophir Münz-Manor (OU Israel), “The (Evil) Inclination in a Liturgical Context”
- 12:30              LUNCH (Dining Hall)
- Conference ends.

**Accommodation**

Those who have booked rooms at Fitzwilliam College should collect their room keys from the Porters' Lodge:

Fitzwilliam College, Storey's Way, Cambridge CB3 0DG.

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Check-in is at 2pm and checkout at 9.30am.

**Conference Location**

Fitzwilliam College is located to the north of the city centre, within walking distance of the University Library. Those arriving by train or bus are advised to take a taxi to the College.

<http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/about/location>