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Der Teufel und der Sündenfall. Überlegungen zur Struktur des Bösen

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Abstract (English)

Ever since the beginning of mankind, “evil” has posed a challenge for both, coping with personal- and collective life as well as religious- and philosophical lines of thought. The present diploma thesis, entitled “The Devil and the Fall of Man: considerations regarding the structures of evil”, is tracing down the phenomenon of evil on an exegetical-philosophical level, with the aim of advancing our understanding of it based on the research questions presented in the first part of this thesis. This work gives an overview on current, magisterial resolutions of the Catholic Church concerning the theological determination of evil. Furthermore, it provides Eugene Drewermann’s exegetical analysis of the Fall as described in the Yahwistic Creation Report and deals with Peter Strasser’s philosophical approaches that claim to describe evil towards its significance for the human being and society. Finally, obtained results and conclusions were merged to formulate specific statements concerning the ontological reality of evil-, its essentiality-, its various modes of action and its significance for human coexistence.