

“The Devil Made Me Do It” – Rethinking Evil and Sin

Sin: Taking Responsibility

1. Evil

a. Physical Evil (Week 1)

- i. Limitations of the Material World
- ii. Identity

b. Moral Evil

- i. Perception, Discernment, and Meaning (Week 2A)
- ii. Choice-making and Values (Week 3)

c. Spiritual Evil (Week 2B)

- i. Limitation, Creation, and Destruction (the *Dia-bolos*)
- ii. Obstacles, Challenges, and Growth (the *Satan*)

2. Sin: Actual, Original, and Deadly (Week 4)

3. Sin: Redemption and Antidotes

a. Salvation and Hope (Week 5)

b. *Kenosis* (Week 6)

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Review

1. **Judgment** evaluates options in the *perceived world*
2. **Moral Judgment**
 - a. Necessity and the Amygdala: **Do it!**
 - b. Constraint
 - i. Restraint: **I *can't* do it!** (*Can't I, or Won't I?*)
 - ii. Compulsion: **I *must* do it!** (*Need to, or Want to?*)
 - c. Discernment of Needs and Obligations: **Should I?**
3. **Values**
 - a. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
 - b. Kohlberg's Stages of Moral Development

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Preview

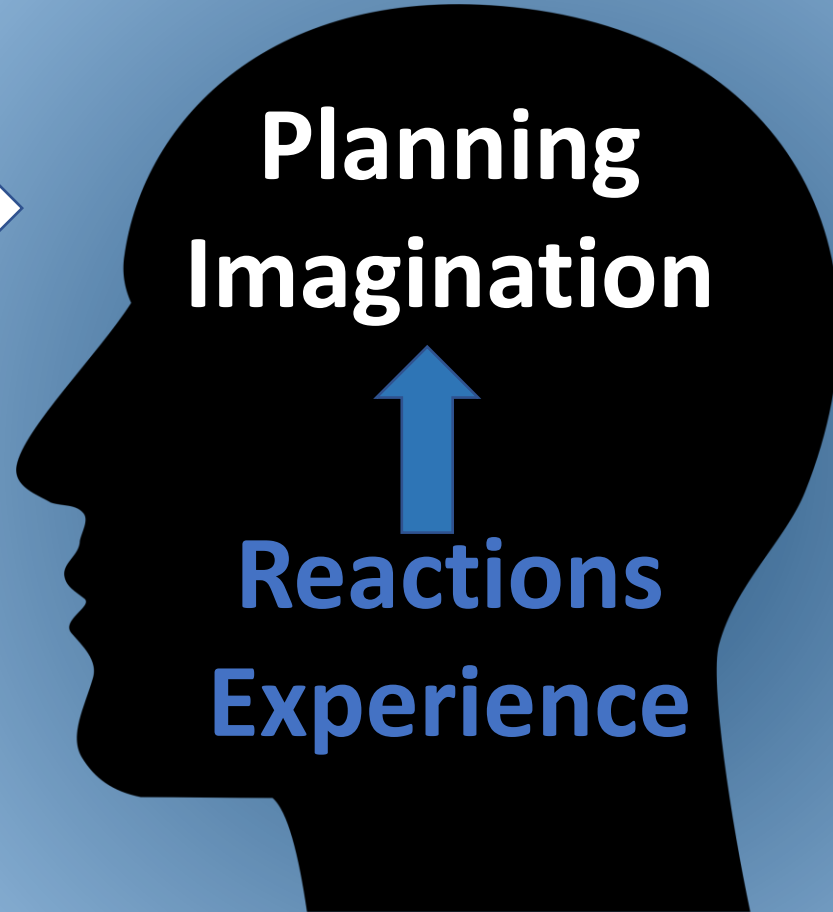
1. **Judgment:** Emotions influence value judgments
 - a. Desire
 - b. Ego and “Original Sin”
2. **Free Will:** Conscious decisions and obligations
3. (Actual) **Sin:** Option for injustice
4. **Core Values:** Evolutionary path and Fundamental Option

1. Information Input

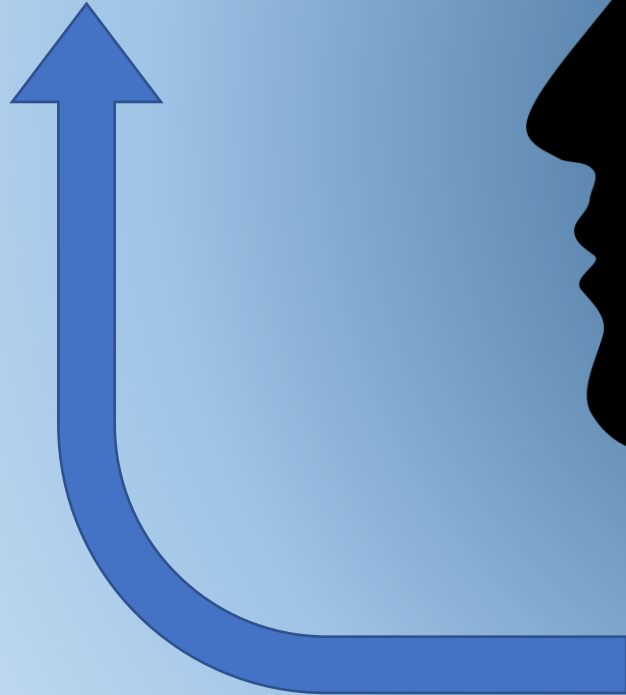
2. Processing

3. Actions Output

**Perception
Intuition**



**Judgment
Will**



Feedback Loop



Romans 7:15-20

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is **sin** living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is **sin** living in me that does it.