

Michael Shermer: “The Science of Good and Evil”

Why people cheat, gossip, care, share, and follow the Golden Rule? Does good and evil have a biological origin, or is it imposed by society or religion? What does science say about this? All these issues will be reviewed in this talk.

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