

Introduction

The titular question – *Evil. Reality or Imagination?* – makes a reference to one of the fundamental questions of philosophy: *unde malum?* Philosophers generally relied on two lines of thought in their attempts to answer this question. In the first type of philosophical reflection, the existence or ontological absence of evil are examined in the realm of metaphysics. The second approach is mainly rooted in axiology, more specifically in ethics, and it considers evil as a product of human activity and focuses on the human experience of evil. The articles presented in this volume draw upon both lines of philosophical thought. We hope that a holistic approach to evil will encourage deep personal reflection on this problem.

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