

Thomas Jefferson's Religious Beliefs

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I will say I have also meditated on particular widespread groups that operate outside their own societal laws that perform “evil” acts. Such as the various central and South American cartels and crime syndicates. These people are literally the worst of the worst, and perform acts so heinous it would be a mental labor to describe them or categorize them...by “most” people’s standards they are truly evil. Not unlike other historical groups like certain pirates and even the Vikings fall into this category.

I would otherwise consider crime groups as fringe outliers. However, the sheer numbers of people who associate with them (either by force or choice) illustrate that they are almost communities within larger nations. When I meditate on this I see that these people continue to exist by performing absolutely gruesome acts day by day, and the larger part of the world typically condemns them as evil, however my personal revulsion is not based necessarily on the fact that my own society considers these acts as unlawful nor because of an ad populum argument that because the majority of the world rejects them as wrong or unlawful, I do as well...my own internal instinct tell me it’s “wrong” based on my natural experiences and empathetic reaction. So ultimately this explanation goes against my earlier statement above that we might define evil as purely “unlawful” since I subjectively have a natural revulsion to these acts... so it may not be possible to pin any definition of evil down to one particular source such as culturally unlawful or purely against nature or unnatural, because to the cartel member who is just trying to survive under their own set of circumstances , they are doing what they think is necessary to do so....even if I consider it gruesome, their government considers it unlawful and the majority of the world condemns it, it isn’t “universally wrong” because it is an accepted form of living among a large population of people who consider what they do necessary to survive.