

The Rhetoric of Bush's "War" on Evil

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Abstract: George W. Bush is a Burkean devil of rhetorical seduction. His demagoguery in the service of empire masquerades as a test of Christian faith and of faith in a Christian man, calling on Americans to make their nation right with God by exterminating an international devil. His "war" is a bastardization of religious thought akin to Hitler's "Battle." Understanding what these two disquieting discourses hold in common helps to identify a difference that is crucial to finding America's democratic voice.

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