The Problem of Evil in the Western Tradition: From the Book of Job to Modern Genetics
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Joseph F. Kelly, The Problem of Evil in the Western Tradition: From the Book of Job to Modern Genetics (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1989), 121. Google Scholar. 12. Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz, Theodicy: Essays on the Goodness of God, the Freedom of Man, and the Origin of Evil, trans. Arthur S. Peake, The Problem of Suffering in the Old Testament, The Hartley Lecture Delivered to the Primitive Methodist Conference in Carrâ€™s Lane Chapel, Birmingham, June 8, 1904 (London: Robert Bryant, 1904), 102. Google Scholar. 31. Ibid. Google Scholar. The Problem of Evil in the Western Tradition: From the Book of Job to Modern Genetics Hardcover &© January 1, 2002 by Joseph F. Kelly (Author). Â While the book draws on a variety of sources, each chapter goes into greater depth on two or three works or thinkers who either exemplify or stand in contrast to a particular tradition: excursi on the Marquis de Sade, Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein," and Dostoyevski's "The Brothers Karamazov" are particularly compelling. A potential weakness of this strategy is the illusion of a single thread of development, or of successive schools of thought that each characterize a particular time period. Â I read this book in a seminary-level course, but think it could be enjoyed by anyone with a little background in western intellectual history. Philosophy of religion article index. v. t. e. The problem of evil is the question of how to reconcile the existence of evil and suffering with an omnipotent, omnibenevolent, and omniscient God. The best known presentation of the problem is attributed to the Greek philosopher Epicurus which was popularized by David Hume. Responses to the problem have traditionally been discussed under the heading of theodicy. Besides philosophy of religion, the problem of evil is also important to the fields of