



The Paradox of Evil Law

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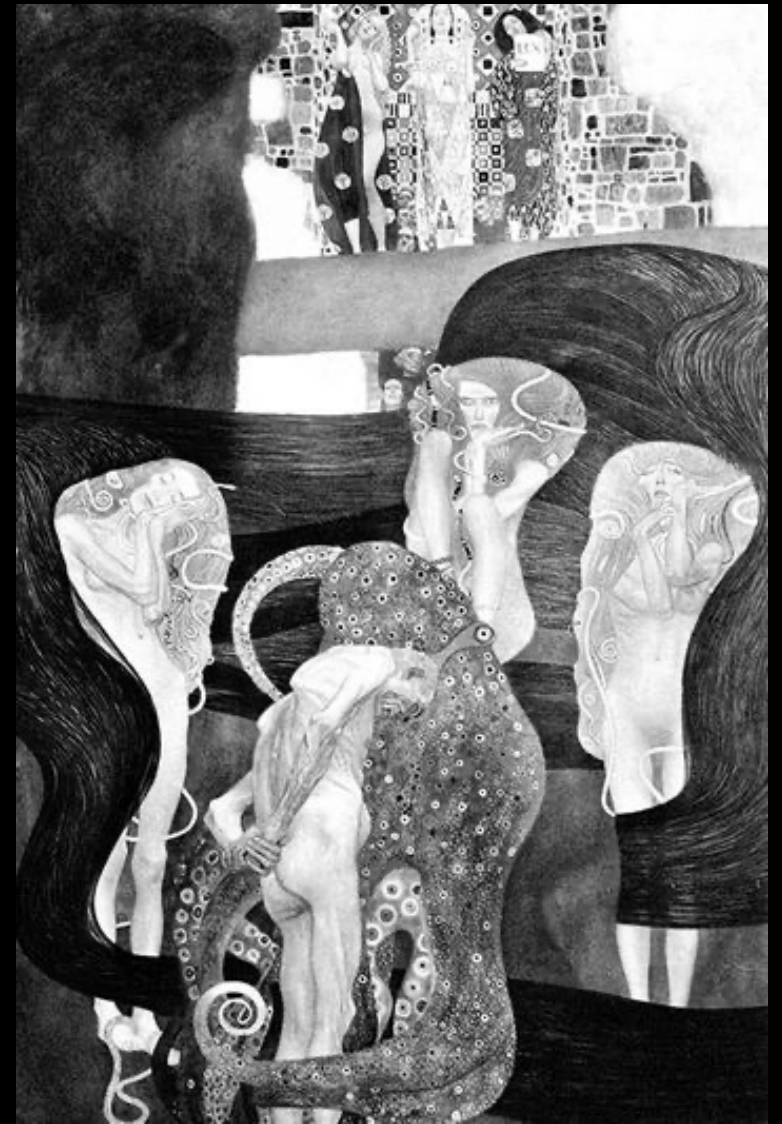
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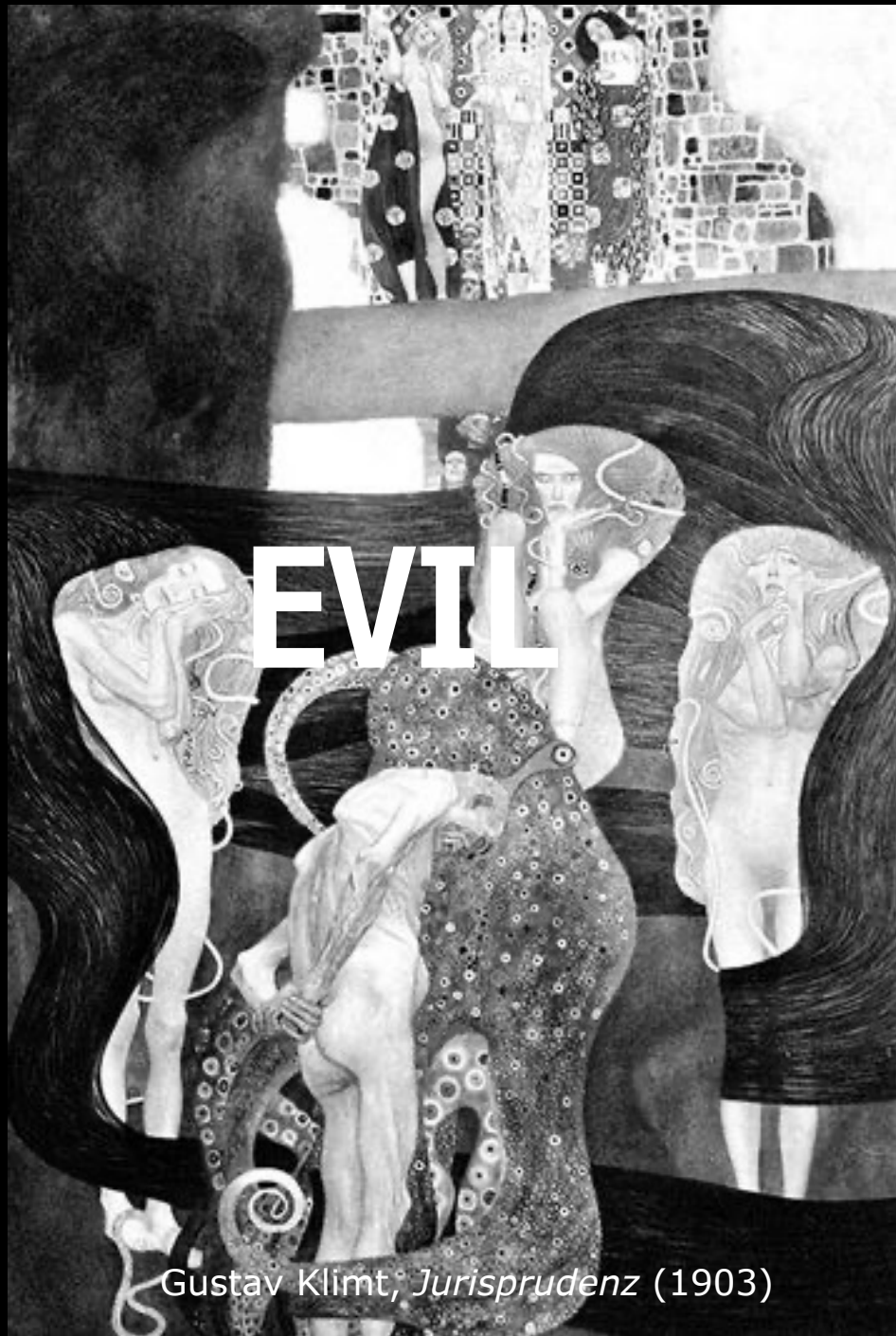
Evil law -

- law which, if interpreted according to its **best purpose**, will **enable** the infliction of **intolerable harm (including atrocities)** to **victims themselves**

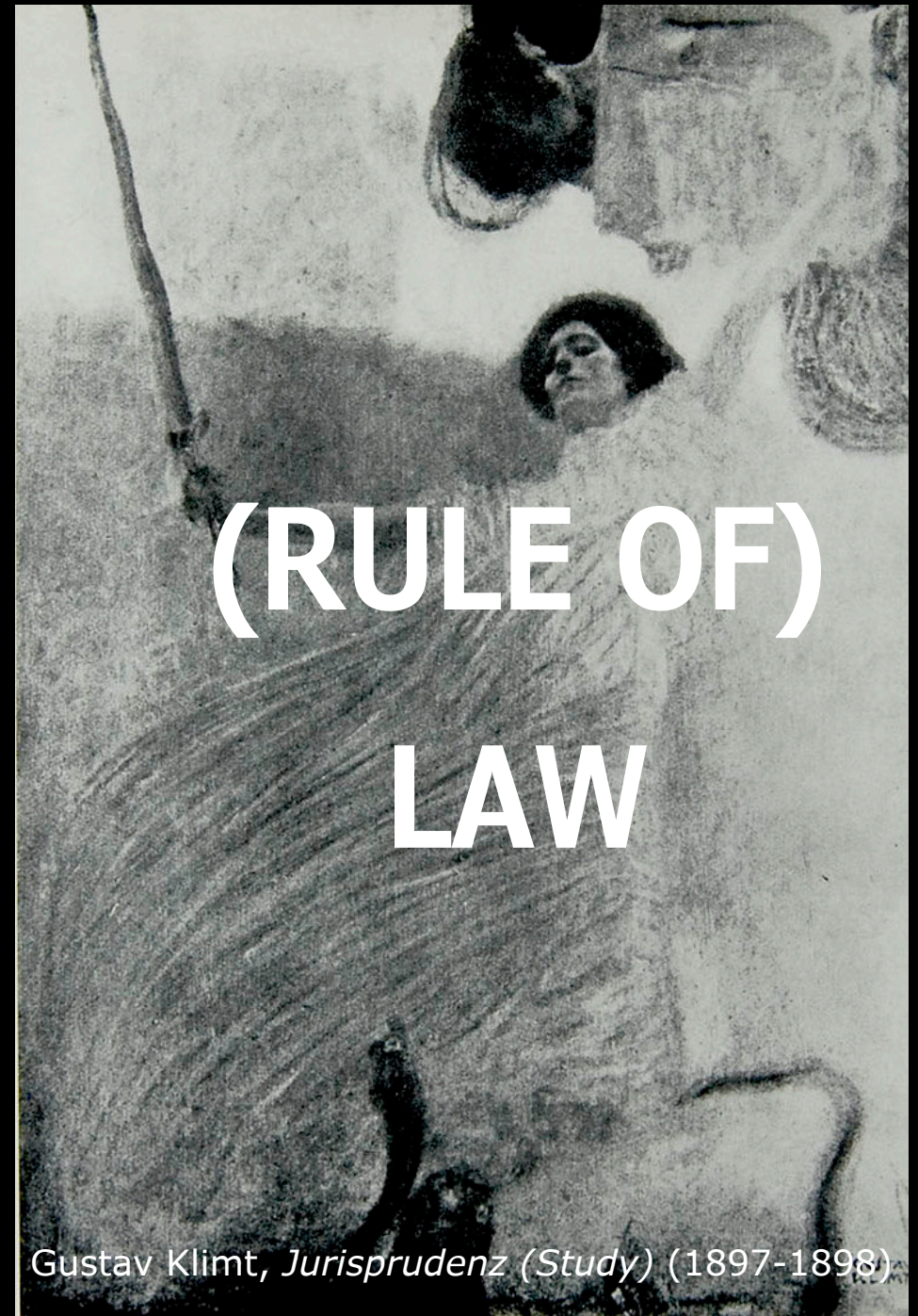


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Gustav Klimt, *Jurisprudenz* (1903)



Gustav Klimt, *Jurisprudenz (Study)* (1897-1898)

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A black and white photograph of a snowy winter scene. The image shows a dense forest of trees covered in snow, with a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, shining through the branches in the upper right corner. The overall atmosphere is cold and serene.

Simmonds' 'Chilling Effect'

Three objections



'Chilling effect'
impossible
without law



Evil regimes
have other evil
goals that
require law



All legal
systems need
law

Coercion

Identity
building

Coordination



Education

Legitimation



Thank you!

Any questions / comments?



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