Evidence of Our Faith

God: A Moral Being

Text: Genesis 1:26-28; Romans 1:20-32

> **Notice especially in Romans 1**
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> > **God gave them up to uncleanness (24)**
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> > **They dishonored their bodies (24)**
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> > **God gave them up to vile passions (26)**
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> > **They did what is shameful (27)**
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> > **God gave them up to debased minds (28)**
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> > **They were filled with unrighteousness (29-31)**
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> > **They deserve death (32)**
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> > **They approve others doing evil (32)**

All human beings have a sense of morality.

> **That is not true of non-human living beings.**
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> > **All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten (Fulghum)**
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> > **Share everything**
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> > **Play fair**
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> > **Don't hit people**
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> > **Don't take things that are not yours**
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> > **Say you're sorry when you hurt someone**
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> **We respond to right and wrong. We have consciences.**
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> **We expect others to live by moral and ethical principles.**
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> **Implicit in that is the recognition of an objective standard.**

All human beings have a similar sense of morality.

> **Not all live by their standards, but they accept some standards.**

Not all agree on particulars, but all have stopping points.

Even terrorists have standards they use to justify their actions.

All human beings know that they have violated their moral standards.

All have a sense of "ought" (what one "ought" to do).

Romans 2:14-15

Bible says we are made by a moral God and that explains the difference between ourselves and animal life.

CONTRAST: Naturalism and Creationism

Naturalism: human life naturally evolved by chance; no moral standard.

Nothing inherently wrong: murder, rape, theft, social injustices, etc.

Morality just a feeling, not real.

Creationism: God made us like Himself

Morality established by God according to His nature and character.

Man held accountable by a judgment of his moral character (Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10).

Social Injustices:

WHAT social injustices?

WHO determines what social injustices are?

HOW are they social injustices?

ON WHAT BASIS do people determine they should be out crusading for causes of right and wrong? (global warming?, killing animals?, etc.)

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