

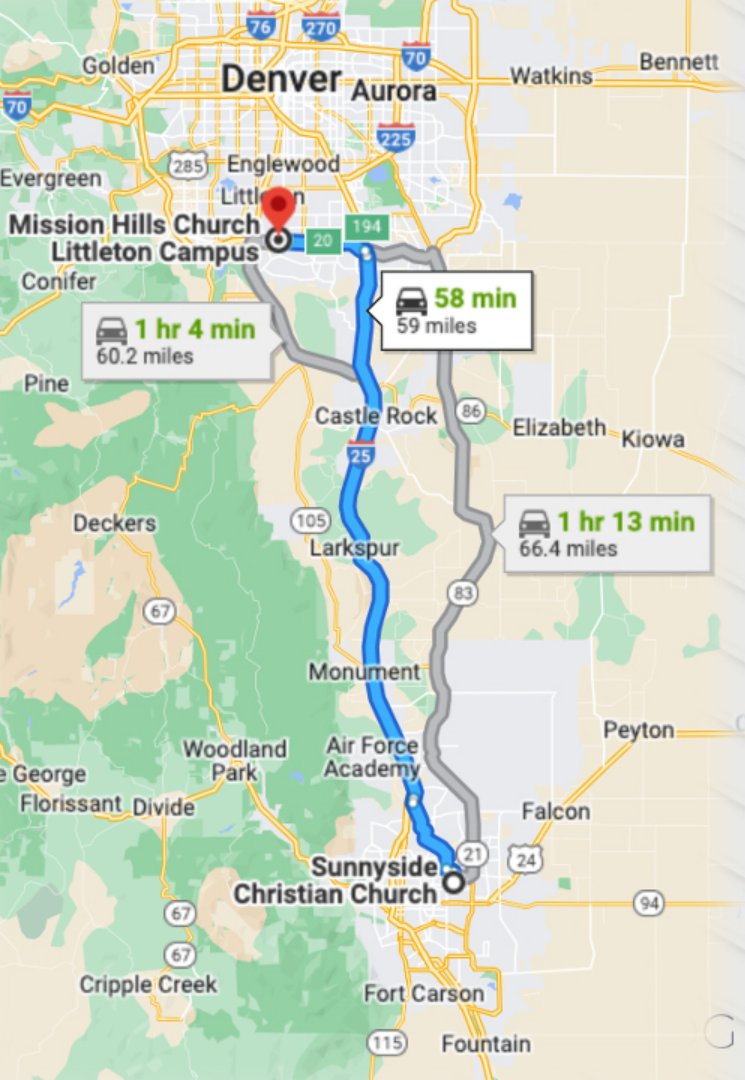


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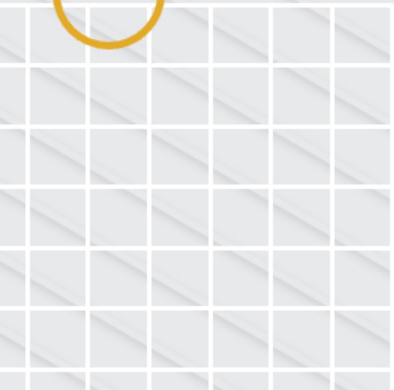
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TODAY'S TOPIC

Can we be good without God?

1. A Moral Argument for God's Existence
2. Clarifying the terms
3. Defense of the first premise
 - a. God is essential for objective moral values and duties
4. Responses to Objections

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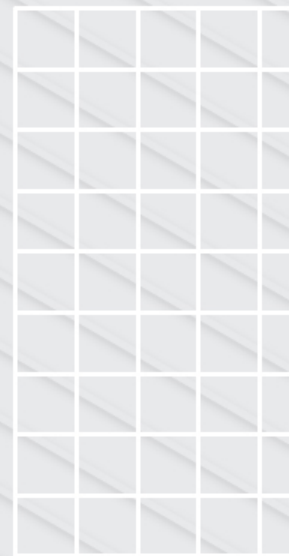
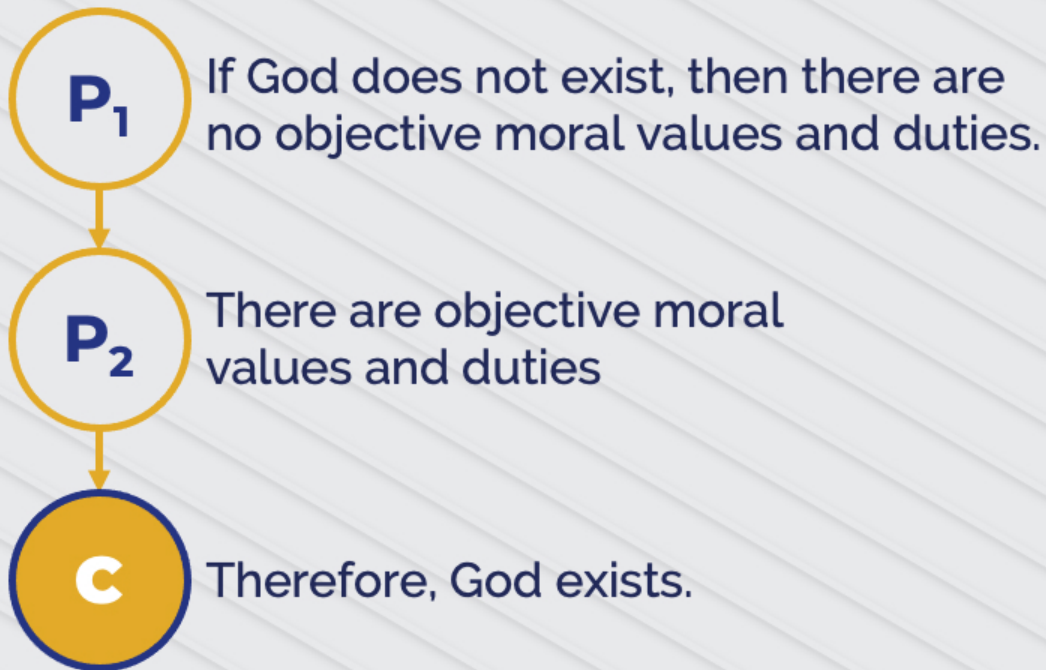
**“CAN WE BE GOOD
WITHOUT GOD?”**

~~“Can we be good without believing in God?”~~





MORAL ARGUMENT





VALUES



“Good” or “Bad”

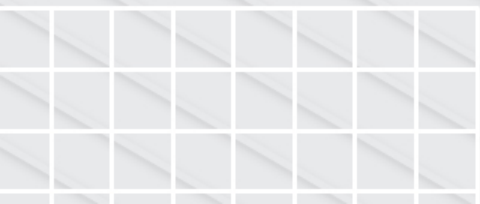
→ *worth*

DUTIES



“Right” or “Wrong”

→ *obligation*





OBJECTIVE



Facts

Person-independent

Examples:

- Laws of nature
- Statistical data

SUBJECTIVE



Opinions

Person-dependent

Examples:

- Taste in movies, music, etc.
- Pain tolerance





REALITY

Ontology

The real **existence** of right and wrong.

Example:

- If the Nazis had won WWI...



KNOWABILITY

Epistemology

The way we come to **know** what is right or wrong.

Examples:

- Revelation through scripture
- Moral intuition
- Personal experience



**NAME ONE OR TWO THINGS THAT
ANYONE WOULD AGREE IS
OBJECTIVELY RIGHT OR WRONG.**

How might this be useful?



WHAT IS GOODNESS?

Euthyphro Dilemma

Does God will something
because it is good?

OR

Is something good
because God wills it?

DILEMMA: a situation in which one is
forced to choose between
two problematic options

WHAT IS GOODNESS?

Euthyphro Dilemma

ANY
ACTION



GOOD



WHAT IS GOODNESS?

Euthyphro Dilemma



ANY
ACTION



GOOD



WHAT IS GOODNESS?

Euthyphro Dilemma solved



ANY
ACTION



GOD





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Responding to **STUBBORN HUMANISM**



"...whatever contributes to human flourishing is good, and whatever detracts from it is bad, end of story."

– SAM HARRIS
neuroscientist, atheist



Atheists need to come up
with some **objective standard**
for rights and wrongs.



Responding to

STUBBORN HUMANISM

HUMAN



Why **human**?

Why not rats or cabbages?

FLOURISHING



Who gets to decide what
contributes to **flourishing**?





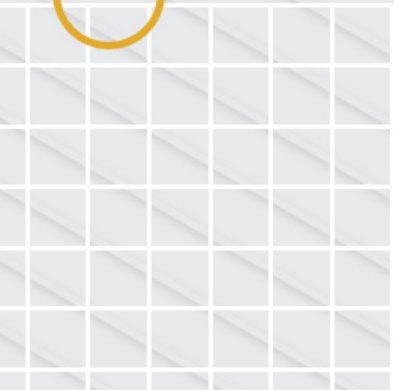
PLATONISM

■ ■ ■ the view that moral values and duties just
■ ■ ■ exist necessarily, as abstract objects
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