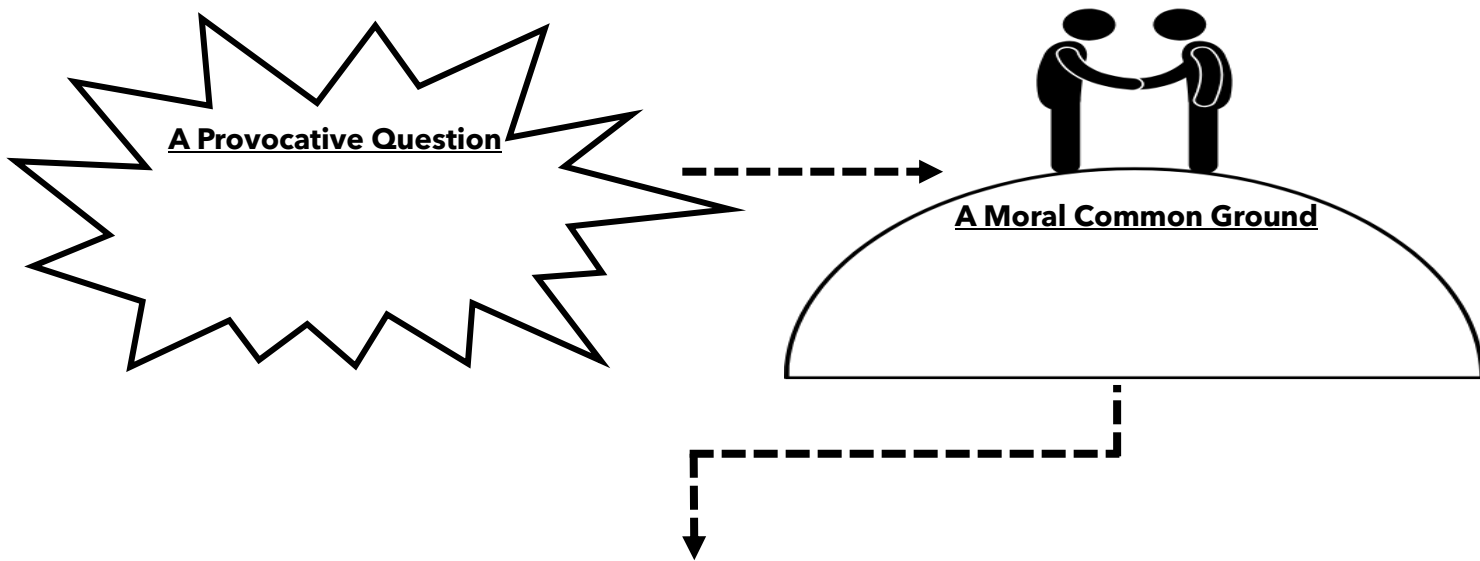


Renew: Considering Christianity

Session 3: Moral Evidence & Objections



Which Story Makes the Most Sense?

The Moral STORY of Naturalism

Beginning: _____

Middle: _____

End: _____

Morality is _____

The Moral RESULTS of Naturalism

The Moral STORY of Christianity

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The Moral RESULTS of Christianity

The BIG Objection

Week 3:

1. The “problem of evil” isn’t just theoretical; it’s very personal and emotional. Have you (or someone you know) wrestled with the question of why a good God would allow so much evil? What conclusion have you (or they) arrived at? Did you find any of the “answers” from tonight’s class helpful?
2. One of the unique truths of the Christian story is that the God who made us can also sympathize with us because he became a human and suffered with us. Read Hebrews 4:15-16.
 - a. Think about the last time you experienced suffering (maybe even right now). How do you think Jesus is able to sympathize with this specific suffering?
 - b. Consider praying and asking him to help you.
3. At the end of the class, we read an excerpt from *The Brothers Karamazov* that painted a beautiful picture of God’s justice and restoration at the end of history. Can you think of any other books or movies that also paint a beautiful picture of justice and restoration? Why do you think those kinds of stories move us so much?
4. Since the next class will discuss *historical* evidence for and objections against Christianity, what is one question that you hope is answered during that teaching?

Resources

Books

- [Reason for God](#) - Timothy Keller
- [Why God Makes Sense in a World that Doesn't](#) - Gavin Ortlund
- [Mere Christianity, Book One](#) - C.S. Lewis
- [Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion](#) - Rebecca McLaughlin
- [On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision](#) - William Lane Craig
- [Surprised by Doubt](#) - Joshua Chatraw & Jack Carson
- [Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World](#) - Tom Holland

Articles

- <https://www.gotquestions.org/moral-argument.html>
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/jesus-made-moral-world/>
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/3-ways-movies-are-searching-for-the-gospel/>
- https://theopolisinstitute.com/conversations/has-christianity-been-good-for-women/#_ftnref16
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/is-bible-pro-slavery/>
- <https://www.exploregod.com/articles/how-to-cope-with-pain-and-suffering>
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/problem-of-evil-is-problem-for-everyone/>

Video/Audio

- [The Moral Argument](#) - William Lane Craig
- [Essentials of Apologetics, Lecture 7](#) - Sean McDowell, BiblicalTraining.org
- [The Moral Argument Still Works](#) - Gavin Ortlund, Truth Unites
- [What If We're Wrong About Christianity's Impact?](#) - Glenn Scrivener, Speak Life
- [Is Morality Better Explained by God or Science?](#) - Sean McDowell & Michael Shermer
- [How Do We Climb Rights Mountain?](#) - Glenn Scrivener, Speak Life
- [The Conquest of Canaan: Genocide or Just](#) - Gavin Ortlund, Truth Unites
- [Slavery in the Bible: Answering Atheist Critiques](#) - Gavin Ortlund, Truth Unites