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TITLE: Does God Exist?: The Moral Law Argument

Does God exist? This is the question we’ve been wrestling with over the past couple of days. Today, we want to settle the matter by considering another undeniable evidence for God’s existence. That is the moral law argument.

The moral law argument says this:

1. Every law has a law giver.
2. There is a Moral law.
3. Therefore, there is a Moral Law Giver.

Let’s start back with **Premise 1: Every law has a law giver.** This is self-evident. To have legislation, you need to have a legislator. To have a rule, you must have a rule maker. To have a law, you need a law maker. To deny this goes against common sense. Premise one is self-evident and no more needs to be said about it.

So what about Premise 2? **There is a moral law.**

Look at what Paul writes in Romans 2:14-16 (NASB): **“For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.”**

Paul writes the Jews have a physical written Law that came from God, but even the Gentiles, people who weren’t Jewish, have a law written on their hearts: A moral code of do’s and don’ts that are built into them. The same applies to you and me today.

But does this correspond to reality?

Yes. **We react like we have one.** Think about it. There is something inside of us that tells us when certain things are good or bad.

We compare moral differences. This is exactly what we do when we compare two people like a Billy Graham versus Hugh Hefner. Or a Mother Theresa compared to Adolph Hitler. We compare their actions to some standard of morality outside of ourselves.

We recognize evil and injustice. CS Lewis wrote this, “My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?” (– Mere Christianity (1952))

Just like Lewis, we can only recognize injustice when we recognize we have the concept of absolute justice written on our hearts.

So Premise 1 is Every law has a law giver. We know this is self-evident. Premise 2 - There is a Moral law. It's more than reasonable. The logical conclusion is: Therefore, there is a Moral Law Giver.

This law giver to be objective would need to be unchanging, perfect, good, just, and personal. Who does this sound like? It sounds like God.

So here's my challenge for you today: Share this teaching with a skeptic or someone you care about. Many people deny Christianity because they think it's a fairy tale. It's no tale, but a fact grounded in evidence. The Moral Law is something we all have and recognize it daily. The problem is many people don't know where it comes from. Now you do. So share this episode, and help someone you care about, and win the day.