

MORAL RELATIVISM

Moral relativism is a view that rejects the existence of any objective, absolute or universal moral truths that govern our morality.

EXAMPLE: TAX AVOIDANCE

Tax avoidance isn't technically illegal. So here, we have a moral relativist debate:

- Some people believe that we all need to pay taxes in good faith for the good of society.
- Other people look at the government as the people who are engaging in morally outrageous behavior. How dare they take 40% of my income every week!

EXAMPLE: WEALTH

During the reformation, the Catholics and Protestants had competing views on whether it's moral to pursue personal wealth:

- The Catholics believed that the pursuit of wealth was a sign of worshiping money over God.
- The protestants believed working hard was good and becoming wealthy was a sign of blessings from God for your hard work.

Relativism As Religion

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Ataman,2008 Approaches to the Study of Religion Peter Connolly,2001-11-30 It has been argued that religious studies is a polymethodic discipline and that the student of religion should be familiar with the approaches of the major disciplines concerned with understanding the nature of religion not least because the approach adopted has profound influence on the phenomena chose for investigation and the conclusions reached This book is the first textbook specifically designed for undergraduate students that provides the essential background on methods of the major relevant disciplines Presenting each of the significant approaches to religion in an informed manner the book brings together experienced researchers from feminism anthropology sociology phenomenology psychology philosophy and theology It presents a consistent approach throughout with each chapter dealing with the same themes the historical development of the approach the characteristics of the approach and the surrounding issues and debates Relativism and Beyond Yoav Ariel,Shlomo Biderman,Ornan Rotem,1998 A collection of essays in which philosophers of widely different interests grapple with the problem of the relative and the absolute in philosophy and religion A concluding article tries to advance beyond the simple antithesis to a more sophisticated and adequate conception **Science and Religion in Dialogue** Melville Y. Stewart,2009-12-01 This two volume collection of cutting edge thinking about science and religion shows how scientific and religious practices of inquiry can be viewed as logically compatible complementary and mutually supportive Features submissions by world leading scientists and philosophers Discusses a wide range of hotly debated issues including Big Bang cosmology evolution intelligent design dinosaurs and creation general and special theories of relativity dark energy the Multiverse Hypothesis and Super String Theory Includes articles on stem cell research and Bioethics by William Hurlbut who served on President Bush's Bioethics Committee *Fundamentalism vs Relativism in a Modern Society* Julien Appler,2016-09-22 Essay from the year 2015 in the subject Sociology Religion grade 1 7 University of Heidelberg IUED course bersetzen als kulturwissenschaftliches Handeln I language English abstract At first glance we seem to know what fundamentalism really means We hear it on the radio watch it on TV and read about it in the newspaper Fundamentalism is nowadays often connected to Islam or religion in general often to terrorism Nonetheless the question remains where does this word come from and what exactly does it mean Relativism is another big word often connected to philosophy and great thinkers of the past like Nietzsche The problem with relativism is the same as with fundamentalism It seems that there is no real answer to what fundamentalism or relativism actually refers Therefore both of them are divided into several subcategories and because of that it is not possible to throw light on every little detail For an example one can visit the German Wikipedia entry about Fundamentalismus English fundamentalism The authors of that entry started a discussion about how it should be written to make absolutely clear that it gets the true sense of fundamentalism Even the English Wikipedia entry is not to everyone's satisfaction and lacks improvement On the other hand relativism at first sounds easy to understand but it is hard to grasp Mainly because it is rarely used and for that reason there are fewer sources for definitions than for fundamentalism In the

modern times we are living in now both of these movements one could almost say developed rapidly This is another reason for setting those two words in direct comparison but the outcome also depends on the sources available A Dictatorship of Relativism? Jeffrey M. Perl, 2007 In the last homily he gave before becoming Pope Benedict XVI Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger described modern life as ruled by a dictatorship of relativism which does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate goal consists solely of satisfying the desires of one's own ego An eminent scholar familiar with the centuries old debates over relativism Ratzinger chose to oversimplify or even caricature a philosophical approach of great sophistication and antiquity His homily depicts the relativist as someone blown about by every wind of doctrine whereas the relativist sticks firmly to one argument that human knowledge is not absolute Gathering prominent intellectuals from disciplines most relevant to the controversy ethics theology political theory anthropology psychology cultural studies epistemology philosophy of science and classics this special double issue of Common Knowledge contests Ratzinger's denunciation of relativism One essay relates the arguments of Ratzinger to those of two other German scholars the conservative political theorist Ernst Wolfgang Bockenforde and the liberal philosopher and sociologist Jürgen Habermas since all three men assume that social order depends on the existence of doctrinal authority divine or otherwise The contributors here argue for an intellectual and social life free of the desire for an infantilizing authority One proposes that the Christian god is a relativist who prefers limitation and ambiguity another initially in agreement with Ratzinger about the danger relativism poses to faith and morals then argues that this danger is what makes relativism valuable The issue closes with the first English translation of an extract from a book on Catholic Jewish relations by Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini one of the Catholic Church's most progressive figures Contributors David Bloor Daniel Boyarin Mary Baine Campbell Lorraine Daston Arnold I Davidson John Forrester Kenneth J. Gergen Simon Goldhill Jeffrey F. Hamburger Julia Kristeva Carlo Maria Cardinal Martini Christopher Norris Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger Richard Shusterman Barbara Herrnstein Smith Jeffrey Stout Gianni Vattimo **John Hick's Pluralist Philosophy of World Religions** Paul Rhodes Eddy, 2020-08-26 This title was first published in 2002 One of the most fascinating and controversial interpretations of religious diversity is religious pluralism According to John Hick's model of religious pluralism all the world's great religions are equally valid ways of understanding and responding to the ultimate spiritual reality This book offers an exposition of and critical response to John Hick's model Introducing the various interpretations of religious diversity being discussed today this book presents constructive suggestions as to how things could be further developed to offer a more accurate less confusing presentation of the various options in theology of religions The standard threefold typology of responses to religious diversity exclusivism inclusivism and pluralism are explained and defended Hick's pluralist interpretation of religious diversity is traced culminating in a critical assessment of Hick's pluralistic model and an up to date summary of a variety of critiques directed toward Hick's proposal Paul Rhodes Eddy concludes that Hick's present model is ultimately unsuccessful in retaining both of his long cherished goals a robust religious

realism and a consistent religious pluralism whilst overcoming the most difficult problem for the pluralist the fact that the world's religions understand the divine in often contradictory ways

A Christian Theology of Religions John Hick, 1995-01-01 Renowned theologian and philosopher of religion John Hick takes a hard look at intellectual problems facing Christians in the late twentieth century Where exactly does Christianity fit into the scheme of the world in light of other world religions and Is it possible to remain Christian while accepting the truth of other beliefs Employing the use of a dialogue between Phil philosophy and Grace theology Hick explores the validity of other religions and Christianity's place among them Offering good reasons for why the traditional stance that Christianity is the only true religion is no longer workable he puts forth a cogent defense of Christianity in the global context of other religions This book is must reading for those concerned about the uniqueness of Christianity and how it is to be interpreted theologically in today's world

The Expository Times James Hastings, Ann Wilson Hastings, Edward Hastings, 1924 Foucault, Christianity and Interfaith Dialogue Henrique Pinto, 2020-11-25 Foucault Christianity and Interfaith Dialogue develops a new model for interfaith dialogue using the work of the French historian of ideas Michel Foucault The author argues that it is the injustice done to the Other by Roman Catholic Protestant and other centred and unitary models of religious pluralism that allows the introduction of Foucault's de-centring of transcendence and human reason as an alternative model for understanding religious diversity and the role it ought to play in the constitution of the self and the making of society This Foucaultian approach provides a new direction for interfaith dialogue in the modern world and leads to an ethical rather than a nihilistic position while fostering a non-unitary theology of religious pluralism and an open textured process of self transformation The author's original and imaginative application and expansion of Foucault's concept of the More from The Archaeology of Knowledge 1969 makes important and original contributions to academic work on Foucault and contemporary theology

Will Humanity Survive Religion? W. Royce Clark, 2020-06-22 When the human sciences in the West followed the physical sciences in the 18th and 19th centuries with new measurements methods and language the metaphysics of infinity lost its credibility The response of Western religions was to retrench in a stronger authoritarianism especially by the last half of the 19th century While the new human sciences were being extended even to study the history and philosophy of religions those religions themselves placed more emphasis on their understanding of the Absolute or Unquestionable That split became a burden both to those who were religious and to those who were not Here W Royce Clark argues that humanity's survival may depend on the development of a universal or inclusive ethic in which religions move beyond their Absolutes Clark poses the sharp challenge Are religious communities ready to abandon the foundations that until now they have insisted were the only adequate foundation for ethics

Religion and Nationalism in Chinese Societies Cheng-tian Kuo, 2025-10-01 This book explores the interaction between religion and nationalism in the Chinese societies of mainland China Taiwan and Hong Kong Cheng-tian Kuo analyses the dominant religions including Chinese Buddhism Tibetan Buddhism Daoism Christianity Islam

and folk religions but he also goes beyond that showing how in recent decades the Chinese state has tightened its control over religion to an unprecedented degree. Indeed it could almost be said to have constructed a wholly new religion: Chinese Patriotism. The same period however has seen the growth of democratic civil religions which could challenge the state.

Surviving Religion 101 Michael J. Kruger, 2021-03-22 I can't imagine a college student, skeptic, doubter, Christian struggler who wouldn't benefit from this book. Kevin DeYoung: For many young adults the college years are an exciting period of self-discovery full of new relationships, new independence and new experiences. Yet college can also be a time of personal testing and intense questioning especially for Christian students confronted with various challenges to Christianity and the Bible for the first time. Drawing on years of experience as a biblical scholar, Michael Kruger addresses common objections to the Christian faith: the exclusivity of Christianity, Christian intolerance, homosexuality, hell, the problem of evil, science, miracles and the reliability of the Bible. If you're a student dealing with doubt or wrestling with objections to Christianity from fellow students and professors alike, this book will equip you to engage secular challenges with intellectual honesty, compassion and confidence and ultimately graduate college with your faith intact.

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