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# The Moral Argument for the Existence of God







- Is there such a thing as right and wrong?
- Does the problem of evil mean that God does not exist?



- Humans are obligated to behave morally only if God exists.
- If God does not exist, then there is no obligation to behave morally.



- If God does not exist, then there is no obligation to behave morally.
- But there is an obligation to behave morally.
- Therefore, God exists.



"Dostoievsky once wrote 'If God did not exist, everything would be permitted'; and that, for existentialism, is the starting point. Everything is indeed permitted if God does not exist, and man is in consequence forlorn."

Jean Paul Sartre, Atheist



"In a universe of blind physical forces and genetic replication, some people are going to get hurt, and other people are going to get lucky; and you won't find any rhyme or reason to it, nor any justice."



"The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is at the bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil and no good. Nothing but blind pitiless indifference. DNA neither knows nor cares. DNA just is, and we dance to its music."

(Richard Dawkins, River out of Eden, 133.)

- From 1932-1933 Stalin starved to death 6-8 million Ukrainians.
- Today, this act is known as the Holodomor death by starvation.
- In 2008, the European Union condemned this as a crime against humanity.



- Was it morally wrong for Stalin to intentionally starve to death those people when there was food available?
- Humans are obligated to behave morally, and not as Stalin behaved.
- Therefore, God exists.

# The Moral Argument – An Objection

Haven't "religious people" murdered more people and been responsible for more suffering than non-religious people?



More people have been murdered by nonreligious people in the past 200 years than in the past 2000 years by "religious" people.



# Death by Atheism

- Soviet Gulag State/ Lenin, Stalin, etc.
- Chinese Communists under Mao, etc.
- Napoleon and the French Revolution

Source: Death by Government, Rummel

• 61,000,000 + dead.

• 35,000,000 + dead.



# Death by Atheism

- Cambodia and Pol Pot
- Communist Vietnam
- Korean Communists
- Yugoslavia's Tito

- 2,000,000 + dead.
- 1,700,000 + dead.
- 1,600,000 + dead.
- 1,000,000 + dead.



Source: Death by Government, Rummel

# The Moral Argument – Another Objection

- Doesn't the fact of evil in the world prove that God doesn't exist?
- To the contrary, the fact of evil in the world proves that God does exist.



- If evil exists, then God exists, because God alone provides the standard by which we may judge right and wrong.
- No man, group of men, or country can provide such a standard.





#### Do not steal.



#### Do not steal.

#### Why not?







- The German-Nazis murdered over 21,000,000 people including 7,000,000 Jews.
- The Nazis said they were just doing what their country told them to do.



- There must be a law that is above the provincial (space) and the transient (time).
- Whose law is this?
- It is God's law.



"None is good, save one, God" (Luke 18:19). "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning" (James 1:17)

# The Moral Argument "God is love." (1 John 4:8, 16)



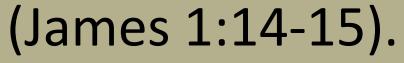
• If God is good, why is there evil in the world?



- If God is all good, and God is all powerful, then He can eliminate evil, and He should desire to eliminate evil.
- Evil exists.
- God must not desire to eliminate it, or God is not able to eliminate it.



"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death"





- If God does not exist, then there is no obligation to behave morally.
- Humans are obligated to behave morally.
- God exists.



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