

"ARE" Good - good in the present tense

Atheistic morality lacks accountability

Atheistic morality relies on self interest

So what's next?

If this is the culture we live in how do we respond?

- First understand this is here
- Understand people will have an amalgamation of worldviews
- Be convinced
- Continue

Perspectives - Worldviews in Conflict

Syncretism

the **amalgamation** or attempted amalgamation of different **religions**, cultures, or schools of thought.



Can we be good without God?

Are there objective moral values?

The null hypothesis: God exists therefore objective moral values exist and good can exist

1. God exists
2. God determines reality
3. Morality is a component of reality
4. God determines morality
5. Objective morality exists because of the existence of God
6. Objective morality cannot exist in the absence of God

Ex: If a morally good God exists we can say that Nazi anti-semitism is morally wrong even if Nazis think it is good.

How do we know good?

- **Only God is Good** - Mark 10:17 **Jesus is the definition of Good.**
- **Rom 1:18 - 32 revealed to men but rejected**

Can we observe that we live in a moral universe?

Righteousness (GOOD) is revealed in Christ

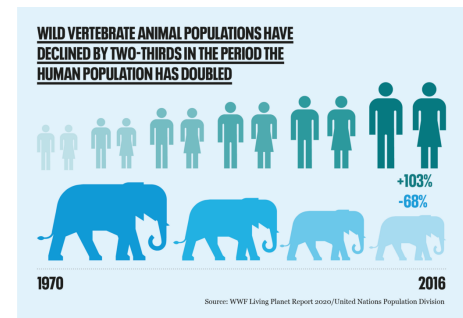
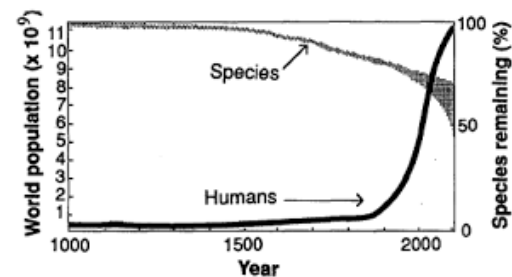
We cannot reject the null - the existence of God is essential for good.

Atheism

1. God does not exist
2. Man exists via evolution
3. Morality evolved as a biological adaptation
4. Man determines reality/truth/morality as a herd
5. Morality/truth is a social/societal construct that evolves as man evolves
6. Objective morality/truth does not exist
7. Good is evil and evil, good depending on context and language
8. Ethics are an illusion to aid in survival and reproduction
9. There is no good or evil only what is **fashionable**

The question is NOT

- Must we believe in God in order to live outwardly moral lives?
- Can we formulate a system of ethics without reference to God?



- Can we recognize the existence of objective moral values without reference to God?