



UNDRINK THE KOOLAID

Part 4: The Best Morals Are Crowd-Sourced

How can you tell what's right and what's wrong? Fortunately, many would say, we live in an age where objective truth has disappeared. What's true for you isn't true for others, and what's wrong for you isn't wrong for others. But is it truly good for us when morals change from generation to generation and you can write your own? Or, are we missing something?

Scripture: Judges 21:1-25 NLT, John 13:34-35, NIV Galatians 5:1,13-24 NLT

Bottom Line: Subjective morality leads to chaos and confusion. Objective morality leads to life.

Discussion Questions

1. Are there any moral standards you wish you could rewrite? Which ones, and why?
2. Have your moral standards changed and evolved over time? How?
3. History often comes full circle. Over 3000 years ago, the Hebrew scriptures noted that "In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes." Read through Judges 21:1-25. Is the loss of a moral compass somehow related to the horrible nature of the story about the tribe of Benjamin?
4. In the message, Carey argued that all of us have the capacity to be a guard in a death camp in Nazi Germany, and that if we don't believe we have that capacity, we don't know ourselves well enough? That's a harsh position. What do you think about it?
5. Jesus clarified the moral standard by which God operates, and shared it as the standard by which the world should run. Read through John 13:34-35 and Galatians 5:1, 13-24. What parts of this 'objective' morality do you wish you had more of in your own life? In the world?
6. In your view, is an objective understanding of morality ultimately freeing or disempowering? Why?

Moving Forward

Ask yourself, at a deeper level, what happens when everyone does whatever seems right in their own eyes. More specifically, what happens in your world when you do?

Then start running your decisions and actions through the moral filter of John 13: 34-35 and Galatians 5:1, 13-24. You will likely need the Holy Spirit's help to root your decisions and actions in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.