

Contemporary Moral Problems

Chapter: Religion, Morality, and Conscience

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What I expect to learn:

- To learn about the relationship between Religion, Morality, and Conscience

Quote:

“Even if we agree that God loves justice or kindness because of their nature, nor arbitrarily, there still remains a sense in which God could change morality even having rejected the divine command theory”

Book Review:

On this chapter, the author discussed about three arguments, Religion, Morality, and Conscience; he also mentioned how these three are related to each other. The author studied how morality has been thought to depend on religion, that religion motivates people who believe on it to do what is right, that religion gives guidance to people for their correct course of action, and that religion is essential to be right and wrong in some ways. The author mentioned that the nature of morality is to ask how a society will exist without any social moral code. This chapter tells the reader that the belief of “people needs religion to guide people to do the right thing and support them on their action” is incorrect. The author also discussed the Divine Command Theory, which tells us that God commands us to do the right thing, but that doesn't mean that anyone will do what is right and obey the divine command.

What I have learned:

- Morality and Religion influence each other
- Conscience defines what is morally correct

Integrative Question:

1. Is morality necessary for religion? And vice versa
2. Can we control conscience?
3. What is Divine Command Theory?
4. What is the link between Religion, Morality, and Conscience?
5. Is Divine Command Theory still effective at present?