



God

Or No God

Islamic Viewpoint vs.  
Atheist Viewpoint

**Atheistic View**

**part 13**

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# ATHEISTIC VIEW







- ● **Morality is the product of evolution and human experience. It evolved only because it provided survival and reproductive benefits.**
- ● **Do not kill, do not steal, do not lie, and other moral standards developed as an adaption to life in order for humans to survive and flourish as a species. They are merely a contract between humans as a group, agreeing that no one should do harm to another so they can live in peace. Their goal is to maximize benefit and happiness while minimizing harm and misery.**





- ● **Morality has no eternal, absolute, or objective basis. It is completely a matter of opinion, preferences, and interests, with no foundations other than this, and is relative to a given culture or environment.**
- ● **Judgments of right and wrong are determined by society as a whole, particularly by those who control society. Since opinions differ from time to time and from place to place, the standards of right and wrong vary widely.**



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- ● **Morality, therefore, is not fixed; rather, it is conventional and arbitrary. When the collective taste of a group changes, its moral standards also change. The homosexual issue is a clear case in point. What was considered morally wrong by most of society has at present become legal, applauded, and celebrated by some groups. In this instance, homosexual behavior went from being morally reprehensible to being morally acceptable.**





- ● **Because life, according to atheism, is essentially meaningless, morality, similar to everything else, has no intrinsic worth or merit; the point of morality is just being moral. There is nothing more to it.**





● ● **“Let me summarize my views on what modern evolutionary biology tells us loud and clear – and these are basically Darwin’s views. There are no gods, no purposes, no goal-directed forces of any kind. There is no life after death. When I die, I am absolutely certain that I am going to be dead. That’s the end of me. There is no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning to life, and no free will for humans, either.”**

**William Provine**





**WHO IS TO SAY  
WHAT IS  
RIGHT OR WRONG?**





“In a world without God, who is to say which values are right and which are wrong? Who is to judge that the values of Adolf Hitler are inferior to those of a saint? The concept of morality loses all meaning in a universe without God. As one contemporary atheistic ethicist points out: ‘To say that something is wrong because ... it is forbidden by God, is ... perfectly understandable to anyone who believes in a law-giving God. But to say that something is wrong ... even though no God exists to forbid it, is not understandable ... The concept of moral obligation [is] unintelligible apart from the idea of God. The words remain but their meaning is gone.’”



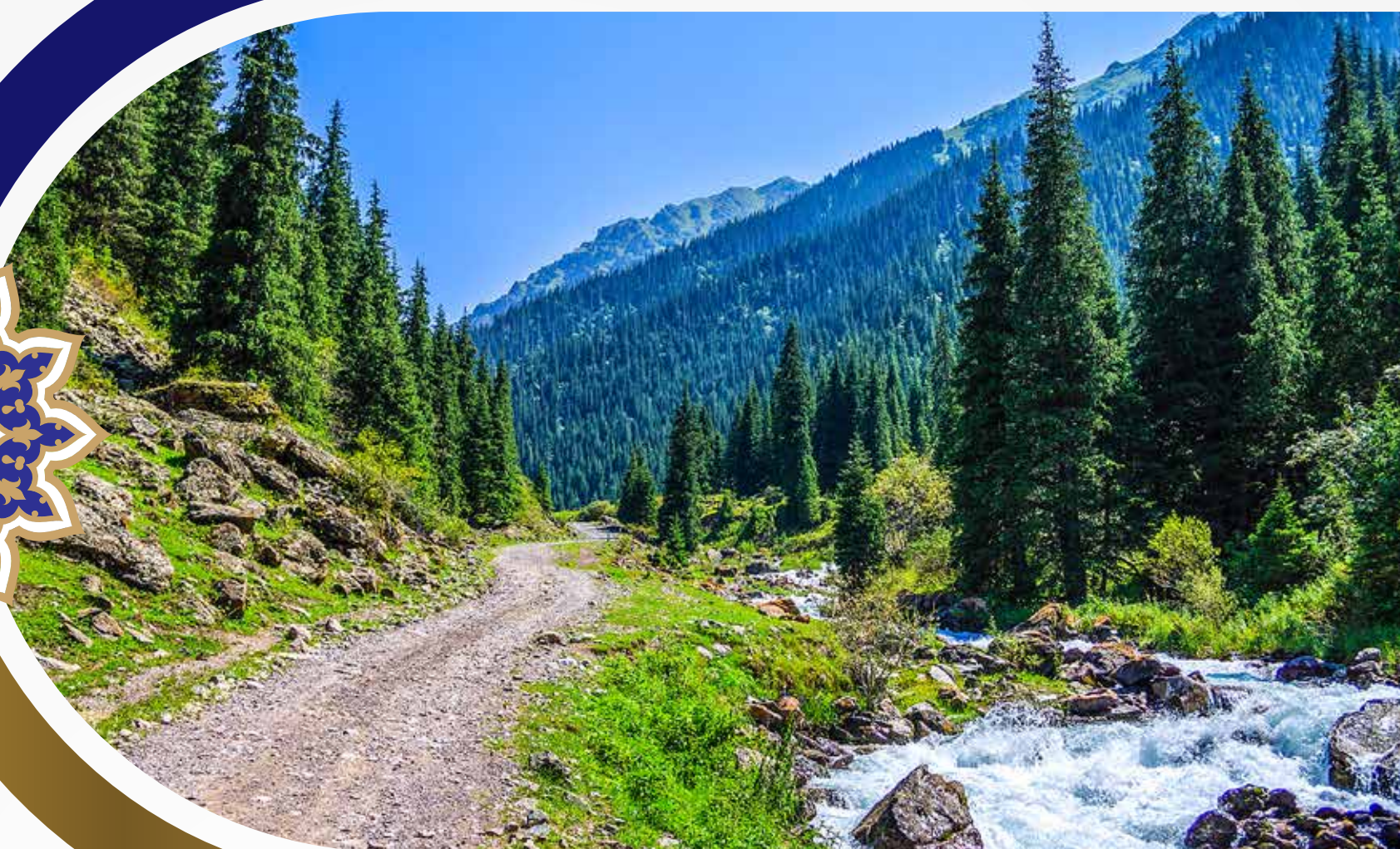
William Lane Craig





# A MORAL RATIONALE FOR DENIAL OF GOD

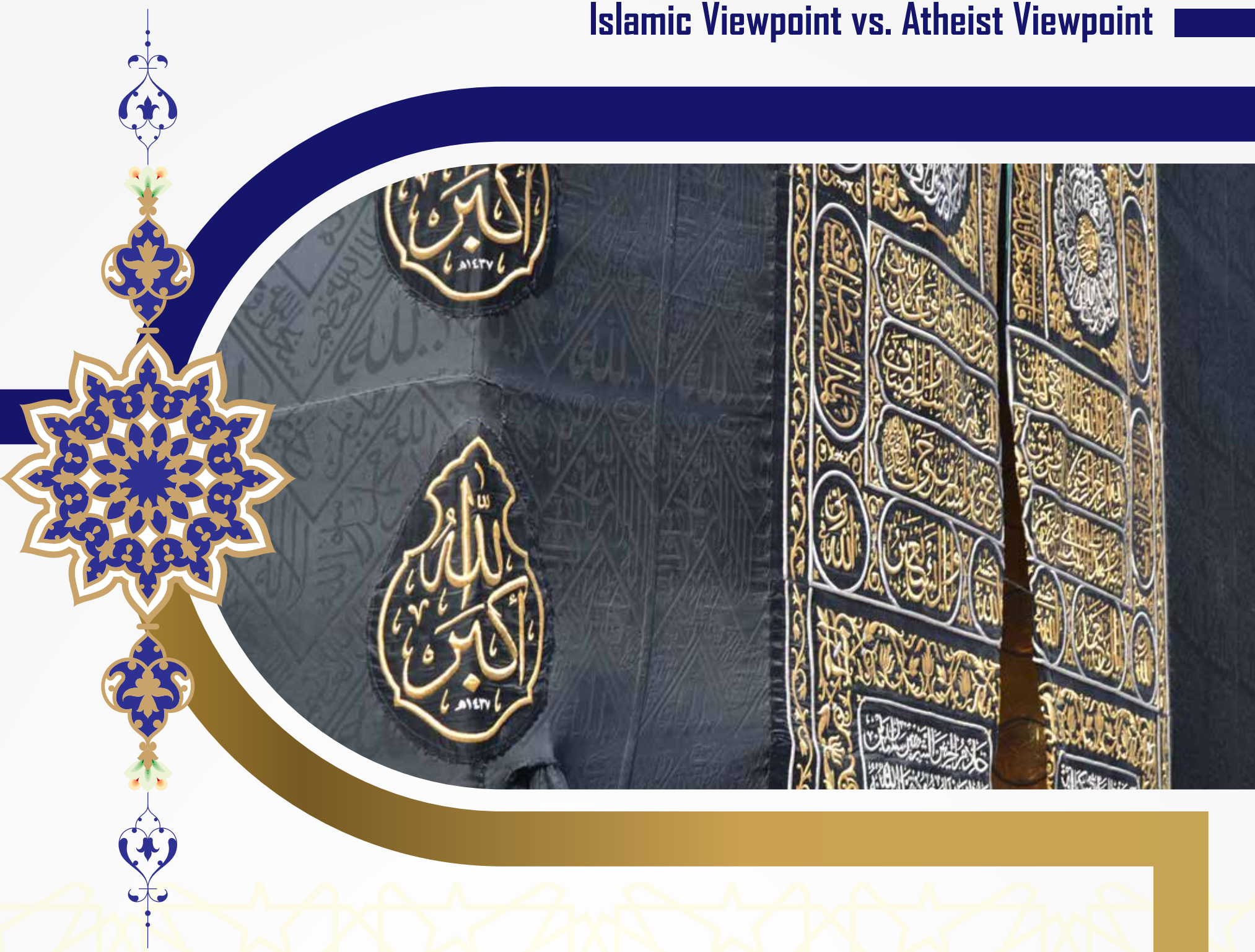




Fyodor Dostoyevsky succinctly captures the moral consequences of a godless view of the world as follows:

**“If you were to destroy in mankind the belief in immortality, not only love but every living force maintaining the life of the world would at once be dried up. Moreover, nothing then would be immoral, everything would be lawful, even cannibalism.”**





While evidence

**is not lacking to support God's existence, denial of God's existence on the basis of His invisibility does not tell the whole story. A license for a human to do whatever they feel like doing, without guilt, is only possible in a universe without a moral code – a universe without God.**





**Aldous Huxley, writing in *Confessions of a Professional Free-Thinker*, candidly proclaims that many atheists are not so for intellectual reasons, but for moral ones:**

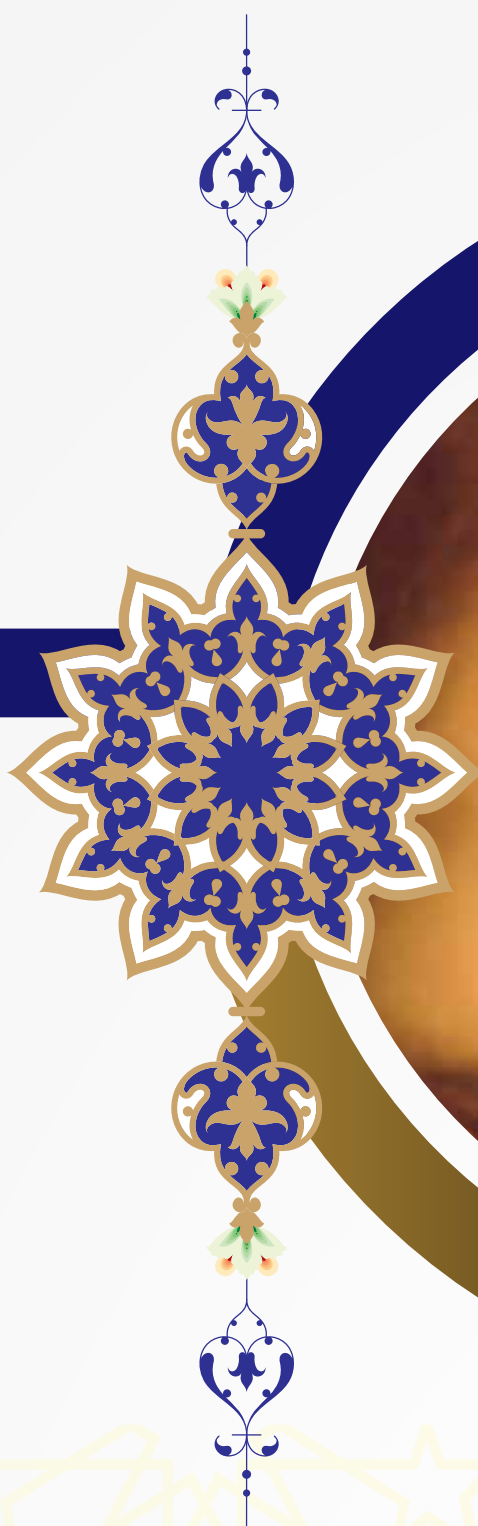
**I had reasons not to want the world to have meaning, and as a result I assumed the world had no meaning, and I was readily able to find satisfactory grounds for this assumption... For me, as it undoubtedly was for most of my generation, the philosophy of meaninglessness was an instrument of liberation from a certain moral system. We were opposed to morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom.**





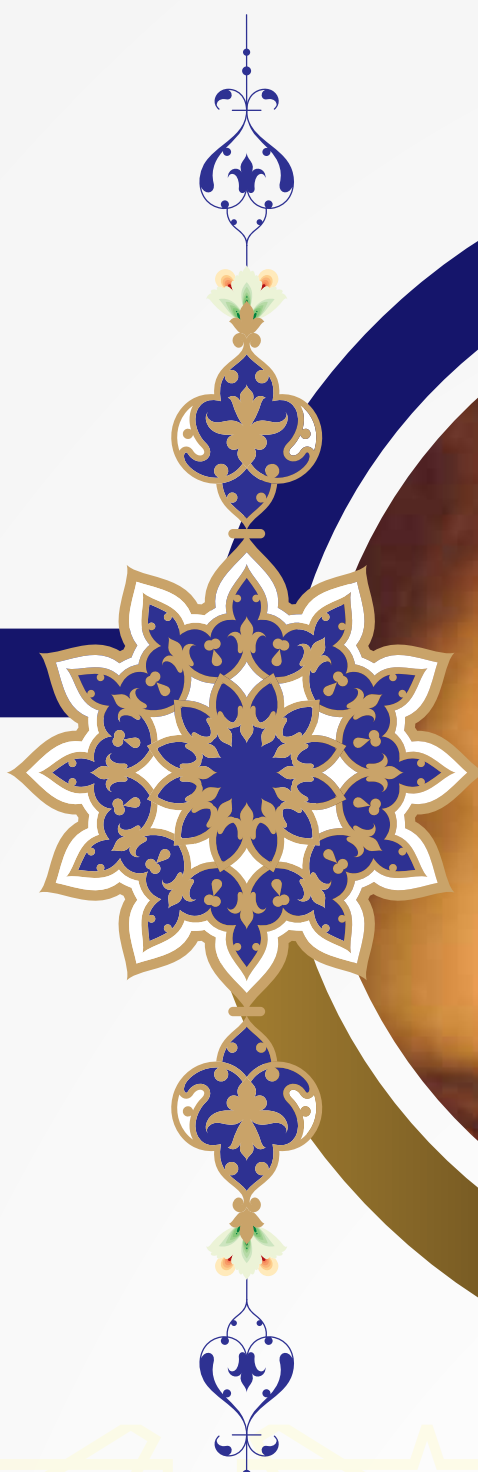
According to **Huxley's** confession, at the heart of atheism is not the rejection of God's existence but the choice, and the decision, not to obey God.





**This is what the Qur'an confirms by saying: "They know the favor (blessing) of God and then deny it." (Qur'an 16:83)** Linguistically, "Kufr" is derived from the verbal root k-f-r, which literally means to conceal or cover something that actually exists or a basic truth that is evident all around, which the disbeliever tries to deny. Every human being instinctively knows that God exists, and their mind recognizes God's existence (through the intellectual evidence that God has placed within human beings and their surrounding world).





**Islamic Scholar Nadeem Al-Jisr expounded on this, saying: “The idea of God’s existence does not create a mental contradiction; rather, the negation of this idea is what creates a mental contradiction.” Atheism is not a matter of not knowing, but a matter of refusing to know, as the Islamic thinker Mustafa Mahmoud explained. Atheism in its reality is a voluntary psychological position (and not a mental one) that a person adopts due to not wishing to imagine that there is a power above man to which he must submit and obey, and before which he will be accountable for his deeds.**





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