

## Week 3 Ethics – (morals and values)

### Morals, Values, Ethics?

We currently have over 4 thousand colleges and universities in the U.S. with 17 million students and 80% of all young adults deny their faith when they go to college.

De sensitizing our convictions – in public schools, comes because our kids have never been disciplined.

Sitcoms, tv series, Family Guy clip on evolution... Liberal media (news)

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Atheists & Agnostics make up 7 % of the U.S. while 21% have no religion

Humanists – sister organizations in over 40 countries. Group includes Carl Sagan, Jonas Salk, Andrei Sakharov, Margaret Sanger (founder of planned parenthood)

Universal Unitarians – number aprox 1 million with over 1,000 churches

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**Condiser these quotes –** As Children grow, they must be taught how to think, not just what to think

All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them.  
Galileo

The truth will set you free, but first it will make you miserable. James A. Garfield

We swallow greedily any lie that flatters us, but we sip only little by little at a truth we find bitter.

Truth is not only violated by falsehood; it may be equally outraged by silence.

A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw that God's truth is attacked and yet would remain silent. John Calvin

Judges 17:6 - In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

2 Tim 4:3 - <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;  
<sup>4</sup> And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

**Psalm 119:160** *The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.*

John 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*John 18:37* –“What is truth?” retorted Pilate.

Jesus answered, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

**Matthew 22:16** *And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God **truthfully**, and you do not care about anyone’s **opinion**, for you are not swayed by appearances*

. **John 8:31-32** ... *So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

Eph 4:15 - Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

## SECULAR WORLDVIEW TERMINOLOGY -

**Acceptance**- the action or process of being received as adequate or suitable, typically to be admitted into a group. (a new church attendee, volunteer, leader)

**Universalism** – a practice done by all people or things in the world; applicable to all cases without exclusion. A religious, theological, and philosophical concept with universal equality and inclusion or applicability. In a broad sense, **universalism** claims that all religions are a universal human quality. (the United Nations have a world religion day)

**Tolerance** - the ability or willingness to accept and cohabit with something, especially the opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with. Even to the degree of suppressing your personal values that conflict with others.

**Situational Ethics** - the doctrine of flexibility in the application of moral laws according to circumstances. (its only a lie when... or its only stealing when...)

**Evolution** - the process by which different kinds of living organisms are thought to have developed and diversified from earlier forms during the history of the earth. As in Darwins Natural selection. **Evolutionary ethics** is a term referring to the approach to morality which **evolves** because of education and effects our behavior accordingly. (TRUTH is established by God and **revealed** to men. Secular world view says that men **create** truth from scientific reason)

**Humanist Manifesto** - an outlook or system of thought attaching prime importance and authority to human rather than divine or supernatural matters.

**Popular Culture** - cultural activities, beliefs, fads, styles or commercial products reflecting, suited to, or aimed at the tastes of the general masses of people.

**Scientific Reasoning** - **Scientists** use two types of **reasoning**, inductive and deductive, to advance **scientific** knowledge. Inductive **reasoning** is a form of logical thinking that uses related observations to arrive at a general conclusion. Deductive

reasoning predicts a specific result from a general premise. (people often jump to conclusions based on their core belief)

## **HUMANIST MANIFESTO #3**

Revised from the original 1933 version

Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without supernaturalism, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity.

**Knowledge of the world is derived by observation, experimentation, and rational analysis.**

Humanists find that science is the best method for determining this knowledge as well as for solving problems

**Humans are an integral part of nature, the result of unguided evolutionary change.**

Humanists recognize nature as self-existing.

**Ethical values are derived from human need and interest as tested by experience.** Humanists ground values in human welfare shaped by human circumstances, interests, and concerns and extended to the global ecosystem and beyond.

Humanists are concerned for the well being of all, are committed to diversity, and respect those of differing yet humane views. We work to uphold the equal enjoyment of human rights and civil liberties in an open, secular society and maintain it is a civic duty to participate in the democratic process and a planetary duty to protect nature's integrity, diversity, and beauty in a secure, sustainable manner.