

Can People have Morals without God? by Caton Gonzalez

What are morals? Morals are a persons set of beliefs of what's right and wrong. Many people base their morals off of their religion, however there are people who believe in no religion, these people are called atheists. Some claim that atheists have no morals, because they don't believe in God. I think that everyone has morals and that you don't have to believe in God to have them.

Today, the Catholic church has over a billion members and is still growing. The leader of this religion, called the Pope, said in a letter in the fall of 2013 that atheists can make moral decisions. This outlook is new to the Catholic faith and has brought hope to atheists everywhere that more respect and recognition will be shown their way. In this unprecedented letter he talks about how everyone is born with a conscience no matter what faith you believe in. Your conscience is built up on what you believe is right and wrong which are your morals. By saying this, the leader of the one of the most influential religions in the world says that atheists have morals.

When in the debate of right and wrong religion may be brought up. Atheists don't think morals have to be built off religion. They think that you shouldn't be good because God says to be good. You should be good, because it's what you want to be. It's in the same way that some theists say that things are good since God likes them. Shouldn't God like things, because they're good? Atheists support this argument by saying that if God didn't really exist would bad things such as terrorism and murder be okay? They further prove their point with more examples and talk of how things are right and wrong in the world not only in the church.

Some may say that goodness does rely on God, however if God wasn't present would there be no right or wrong? Today, there are many different religions with different ideas about what is right and wrong, however as a society people usually can come to an agreement of what's right and wrong. Society is made up of many different religions and views on life, and how everyone can come to an agreement shows that people can make good, moral decisions without taking God into factor and how He feels about it.

People should realize everyone has morals not just practitioners of religion . It has been said by the leader of a very influential religion and atheists alike. Religion helps us to make good decisions, but we already knew what was right and wrong. To conclude by rejecting God doesn't mean you reject morality it just means you've chosen to see it differently. And seeing things differently isn't always a bad thing.