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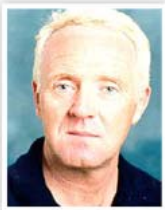
Is Morality Objective?

Monday, February 22, 2010

Learning Center, Room 140

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

It seems widely believed that morality is subjective, a matter of taste not fact. I don't think so. Morality is a system of objective truths, as solid as arithmetic. Certain things are wrong in themselves, irrespective of what anyone thinks. Indeed, the truths of morality are eternal. Not that people always grasp these eternal truths; they don't. But the truths are there anyway, objective and unchanging. God and religion play no part in determining these truths. They stand alone, depending on nothing but themselves. Morality is both secular and secure.



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