



Ethics (or the lack thereof)

- **What is the highest good - the summum bonum of human existence?**

..... to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

- **What is the source of our knowledge of the highest good?**

.....the Bible, the Word of God.

- **What is the final authority for what is right and wrong?**

.....God, and He will judge every man.

- **What motivates a man to be good?**

.....God has commanded it, plus the love of God.

- **Is a man free to act in a moral manner?**

The problem of the freedom of the will:

with moral responsibility, corrupted by sin,
sin has to be dealt with, if one
is to please God,

God deals with sin through Christ.



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“...their thinking became futile,
and their foolish hearts were darkened...”



Naturalism

Hedonism

Utilitarianism

Power ethics

1. nature is the ultimate reality,
2. man is essentially an animal,
3. truth and right are intrinsically time-bound and changing.

Relativism

Idealism

Plato - Dualism

Kant - “I Ought”

1. An eternal, supernatural realm which is the ultimate reality (which the world “mirrors”)
2. That man is superior to other creatures - distinctive - rational - destined for immortality.
3. Truth and morality are eternal and changeless

and

Situational

Existentialism

1. no absolutes, no right and wrong, reason.
- 2..man is free to act - and by acting (regardless of what he does), man says “I am!”
3. No hope, just death. So “Don’t think, Just do it!” - - irrational experience for it’s own sake

Ethics

“You are condemning yourself , because you who pass judgment are doing the same things” Rom 2:1

