

Quick Shot: “Moral truths are a matter of personal opinion”

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Our “Quick Shot” series offers brief answers to common objections to the Christian worldview. Each response is limited to one paragraph. These responses are designed to (1) answer the objection as concisely as possible, (2) challenge the objector to think more deeply about his or her claim, and (3) facilitate a “gospel” conversation. In this article, we’re offering “Quick Shot” responses to the objection, Quick Shot: “You don’t need God to know what is morally true. Moral truths are simply a matter of personal opinion.”



Response #1:

“You’re making a claim about moral truth. Is *your* claim simply a matter of personal opinion? If so, why should I agree with you? Why should I agree with *anyone* who holds a view different than my own? If moral truths are simply personal opinions, all moral views are equally justified and *valid*, even if someone believes it’s ok to harm people with whom he or she disagrees. Can you see why this approach to moral truth is *dangerous*?”

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Response #2:

“Your view is known as ‘moral subjectivism.’ If individuals (subjects) are the source of all moral truth, why shouldn’t each of us simply pursue our own self-interests? If moral truth is rooted in the beliefs and opinions of *subjects*, why should anyone care about anyone other than himself, his family, or his community? What would make that view *wrong* if all moral truths simply come from individuals to begin with? How could you tell someone who holds a *selfish* view that he or she is wrong?”

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Response #3:

“This view about the source of moral truth elevates the role of personal *feelings*. Are you sure that’s a good idea? Lots of people hold moral beliefs based on feelings and emotions rather than careful reasoning. Do we really want to embrace *emotional reactions* with the same authority we accept *reasoned responses*? Should both be considered equally valid? Feelings may *follow* from moral realities, but we must be careful not to allow feelings to *dictate* moral realities. Can you see the danger in grounding moral truth in personal opinions?”

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