

Do we really need explicit faith in an explicit God?

The argument for God from morality goes,

Objective morals exist.

Without God there is no objective morality.

Therefore God exists.

Error One: What is important is that we have to have an objective morality even if it is not really objective. It is built into us.

Error Two: Objective morality can exist without being grounded in a conscious creator. A God who is more like a power would do. Indeed the god of the religions is more like a power than most realise.

Error Three: Saying God grounds objective morality is a very complicated question. The argument is too simple.

Clearly belief in God is not really important for morality. If it were then the person who is not believing enough is evil!

You cannot make a morality based on the notion that the top moral obligation is to believe intensely! Belief does not work like that!

Religion states that those who have a vague sense of something that makes morality obligatory and objective have enough to believe in an objective morality. But the atheist can agree and deny that whatever it is is God. If a vague perception will suffice then religion is behaving disgracefully by stressing that we must believe in God and its version of God to boot!

Religion contradicts itself by saying the argument above proves God and then saying that a vague sense of something will do.

A creator could be about objective morality without being anything like a conscious agent. If objective morality proceeds from the intelligence of a good God then surely it can proceed from an impersonal intelligence too?

Religion will reply that God needs intelligence and to be a person. But if he needs both it follows that if he is just an intelligence and not a person it is better than nothing and gives objective morality some support and some support is enough. If it takes a and b to do it then a or b can do it partly without the other.

One day, computers will judge criminals and enforce the law. Their authority will have to be acknowledged and respected. So why can't an impersonal force be behind objective morality?

God does not have feelings but has intelligence. Religion teaches this. How does his intelligence relate to his moral authority? God knowing what the right thing is the basis of objective morality. But that means he has to see it just like we do. It does not mean morality depends on his authority.

Human nature cannot really relate to a being that stands for a standard that is so unfeeling and emotionless. We like to have our emotions involved in our moral formation.

Fusing an emotionless God and morality will put people off morality if they think they have to. It will make doing good more difficult and doing evil more appealing.

Objective morality simply has to exist without God. The absence or non-existence of God gives morality its objectivity and reality.