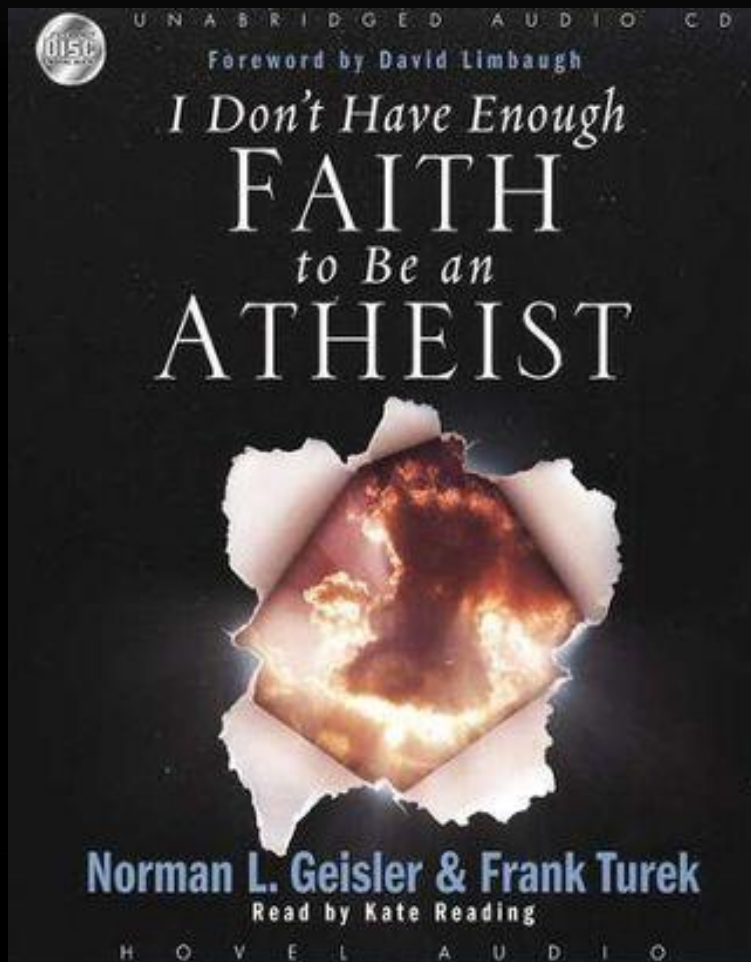


# THE MORAL LAW: IF GOD IS GOOD WHY DOES HE LET EVIL EXIST?



- **Just Keep It Real**
- **Christopher Merola**  
**2-28-16**

# THREE FACES OF SIN - 1 JOHN 2:16

- Lust of the Flesh
- Lust of the Eyes
- Boastful Pride of Life



# LUST OF THE FLESH -- EXPLAINED

-Gratification based on Touching and Feeling

-Feeding Carnal Desires, Feelings and Senses

## Examples:

-Gluttony

-Drug and Alcohol Abuse

-Sexual Immorality

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# LUST OF THE EYES -- EXPLAINED

- Gratification based on what we see

- Controlling things within our Environment

## Examples:

- Power, Money, Relationships

- Jealousy, Coveting, Theft

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# PRIDE OF LIFE -- EXPLAINED

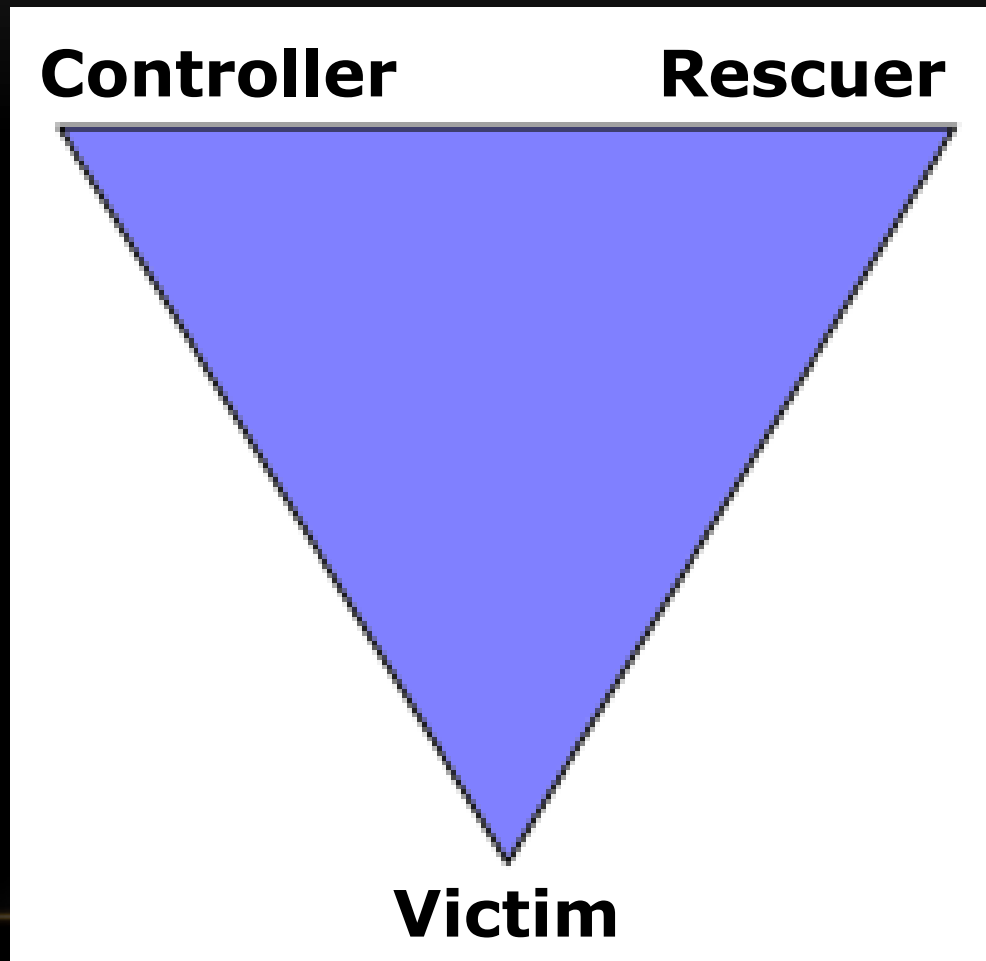
- Gratification through Getting Attention and Approval

- Boasting of Ourselves, Possessions, Accomplishments, Positions and Titles

## Examples:

- Bragging, Ridiculing and Mocking others
  - Slander and Gossip; seeking attention
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# DRAMA TRIANGLE-GAME TRIANGLE



# SCIENCE CATCHES UP WITH THE BIBLE

## The 3 Faces of Sin = Drama Triangle

Lust of the Eyes = Controller

Lust of the Flesh = Rescuer

Boastful Pride of Life = Victim

# LUST OF THE EYES -- CONTROLLER

- **Eve:** Fruit Pleasing to the Eyes
  - **Jesus:** The Kingdoms of the World
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# LUST OF THE FLESH -- RESCUER

- **Eve:** Feed Your Flesh the Fruit
  - **Jesus:** Turn the stone to Bread
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# BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE -- VICTIM

- **Adam:** Gives Up and Gives In
  - **Jesus:** Throw Yourself Off of the Temple
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# CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

- J. Warner Wallace:

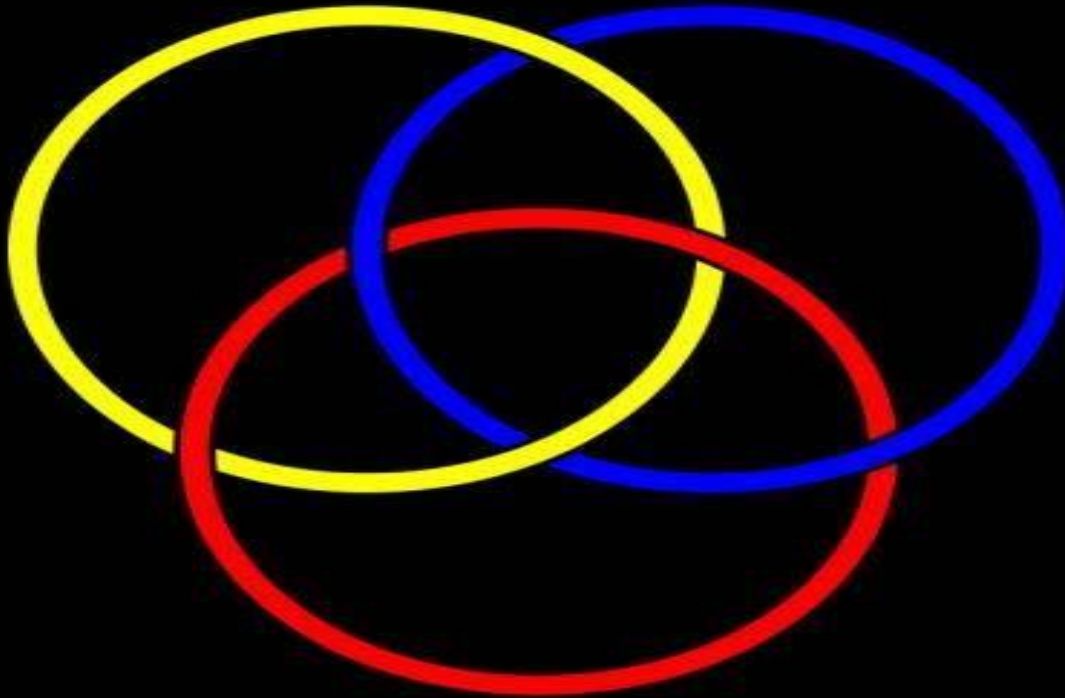
“All crimes are committed because of only three category of motives: Money, Sex, and Power.”

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# THE UNHOLY TRINITY

DRAMA TRIANGLE = 3 FACES OF SIN

CRIMINOLOGY = MONEY, SEX, AND POWER



# THE MORAL LAW EXISTS



**Experiential:** We desire to break it

**Psychological:** Drama Triangle

**Theological:** Three Faces of Sin

**Criminology:** Money, Sex, Power

IT'S JUST LIKE NATURAL LAW...

(GRAVITY, INERTIA, THERMODYNAMICS)

- The Moral Law is always at work:
- “written on our hearts.”

## ROMANS 2:14-15 (NLT):

“Even Gentiles, who do not have God’s written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God’s law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.”

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# MORAL RELATIVISM DEFINED

- **Morality is not objective but subjective;** in other words, morality is whatever you want it to be.
  - **Morality is progressive;** it changes based on social, cultural, historical and personal circumstances.
  - **No one religion has a better version** of morality.
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# WHY DO WE NEED GOD?

- -Atheists can do the good things Christians do, but they have no reason to – unless God and his moral law exists.  
  
-If the moral law exists, then there must be a moral law maker.  
  
-Cause and Effect: A watch needs a watch maker; a computer needs a computer maker too.
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# GOD CAN'T EXIST IF EVIL EXISTS...

- Calling something evil proves some things are wrong. If something thing are wrong, then some other things are right.
- If some things are right, then there is a Moral Law.
- If there is a Moral Law, there must be a Moral Law Giver.

# ACTUALLY, EVIL PROVES GOD EXISTS

- Calling something evil is making a value judgment -- a concrete and morally absolute statement.
  - Evil is a departure from something morally good; since evils exists, then the good we compare evil to also exists (God and the Moral Law)
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# THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON THE SKEPTICS AND ATHEISTS

- Given your morally relativistic, atheist worldview, what allows you to call a moral action good?
- If there is no God and no moral law, who are you to judge what is a morally good?
- What is your basis for doing so? Feelings?

## CS LEWIS SUMS IT UP WELL:

- "My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I gotten this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call something crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line."

# VIOLATING THE MORAL LAW PROVES SIN, NOT THE ABSENCE OF GOD OR MORALITY...

- **7 different crusades:** tens of thousands of people killed
  - **The Spanish Inquisition:** about 2,000 killed
  - **The Salem/New England Witch Hunts:** 35 people killed total
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# WHEN MORAL ABSOLUTES DENIED

-Russia (USSR) under Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev: 66 million killed

-China under atheist/communist regimes since 1949: between 32 and 61 million killed

-Cambodia under the atheist/communist Khmer Rouge: 2.7 million killed

-Evil done in the name of moral absolutes is not consistent with its teachings, but evil in the name of moral relativism, is consistent.

# ANSWERING HITCHENS...

- “Name me an ethical statement made or an action performed by a believer (Christian) that could not have been made or performed by a non-believer.”  
(Christopher Hitchens)



# SURRENDERING TO GOD

- **Romans 10:9:** “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead you will be saved.”
  - **1 Corinthians 12:3:** “...no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.”
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# RAVI ZACHARIAS – WHY GOD ALLOWS EVIL

