

Biblical Answers to Contemporary Issues
#1 – The Fact and Foundation of Morality
Genesis 1-2 / 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6 (1/4/09AM)

1. The Predominant Contemporary View of Morality

Immorality in Our Culture Is a Direct Result of Its Philosophy

Materialism is a philosophy which says that the physical realm is the only reality that exists.

• **Moral values are** _____

The worldview of Neo-Darwinism fosters relativity.

• **Moral values are** _____

No moral judgments can be made. Everyone's choices are valid.

There Is No _____ for Objective Moral Values and Ethics

2. The Biblical Answer (Genesis 1:1)

The Implications of Origin

What we believe about the origin of the universe and of man determines what we believe about moral values, Romans 1:18-20.

• **The universe is the greatest physical evidence for the** _____ (Genesis 1:1)

Evolution is not science it is a faith based truth claim. The current scientific evidence continues to point to exquisite order and design in the universe.

To Deny Creation Is To Deny Revelation and _____

• **Objective moral values exist because** _____

_____ Moral values come out of the very nature of God,

Deuteronomy 32:4, "He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for

all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He."

One of the arguments for the existence of God is the Moral Argument. There is a pervasive sense of right and wrong

that is evident in every culture.

God's Own Nature is the _____

_____ **by which All Actions and Beliefs Are Measured**

3. The Foundation of Human Sexuality (Gen 1:26-31; 2:18-25)

God Has Communicated His Moral Values through His Word

• **God created men and women in His own** _____

He gave man the awesome privilege of procreation so at the time of conception another living soul is created, Genesis 1:28.

Human Life Is Sacred Because Every Human Being Is _____ **in the Image of God**

• **God created and blessed human sexuality and** _____ **it to marriage**

Sexuality within marriage was created by God and declared to be "very good" Genesis 1:31.

The Sexual _____ **within Marriage Is Sacred before Almighty God**

4. All Sexual Expression Outside of Marriage Is Sin (1 Ths 4:3-6)

Paul challenges believers to be different from their culture (5)

- **Sexual purity is the _____ of God for every believer**

To say that I can do with my body whatever I want to is a lie.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20, "Flee sexual immorality.

Sexual Sin Affects the _____ like No Other Sin

- **Sexual purity is critical for spiritual _____**

We are to be set apart from sin to be in fellowship with God.

We cannot indulge in sexual sin or any sin and expect to grow spiritually. Sexual sin is seen by God as defrauding another

person (6). God punishes sexual sin.

Sexual Sin _____ the Believer's Fellowship with God

- **Sexual purity is a conscious _____**

The word means "to keep yourself away from" (Proverbs 4:14-15)

Randy Alcorn, *The Purity Principle*:

"Purity is always smart impurity is always stupid.

Not sometimes. Not usually.

Always. You're not an exception. I'm not an exception. There are no exceptions."

Remember That It Is Always Easier To Avoid Temptation than To
