

MEANING IN THE UNIVERSE



A **LAW OF RIGHT/WRONG** is known
to every human heart.

This law is often ignored by every
human.

The requirements of the law are written on their hearts (born witness by their conscience), their thoughts sometimes accusing and sometimes defending them. (*Romans 2:15*)

Why do we do **EXCUSES**?

- I feel **THE LAW** pressing on me
- I cannot bear to face the fact that I am breaking it
- I attempt to shift responsibility to something/someone else

This **LAW OF RIGHT/WRONG** judges between instincts that compete against each other.

- a) Telling me that a certain impulse is right or wrong for that moment or situation
- b) Sometimes urging me to follow the weaker or less desirable of two impulses
- c) Urging me to strengthen/exercise/stimulate the right impulse

For the **LAW OF RIGHT/WRONG** to judge between competing instincts/impulses, it must exist as a reality **independent** of both of them ... a **standard** for both to be compared to.

The **LAW OF RIGHT/WRONG**
even distinguishes between
identical behaviors.

The background of the slide is a deep space scene. It features a dense field of small, white and light blue stars scattered across a dark, greyish-blue background. At the top of the image, there is a prominent, glowing nebula with a greenish-yellow hue, which fades into the darker background. The overall effect is that of a vast, star-filled universe.

WORLD VIEWS

Matter and space simply **exist** ...
somehow produces a creature
which can **think**

PROBLEM: No **explanation** for the
compulsion that we “ought” to
behave a certain way.

Matter and space were **created** by a conscious BEING (who has purposes and preferences) and is able to create beings **like himself** who can also think.

SOLUTION: We can look **within ourselves** and discover

a) description of how we behave

b) **expectation** of how we
“ought” to behave

This “expectation” cannot be autonomous or instinctual, therefore it can only be evidence of a higher AUTHORITY

MEANING IN THE UNIVERSE

