

REASONABLE FAITH



Morality Points to God's Existence

Can people be good without believing in God?

Yes.

People don't have to believe in God in order to do good.





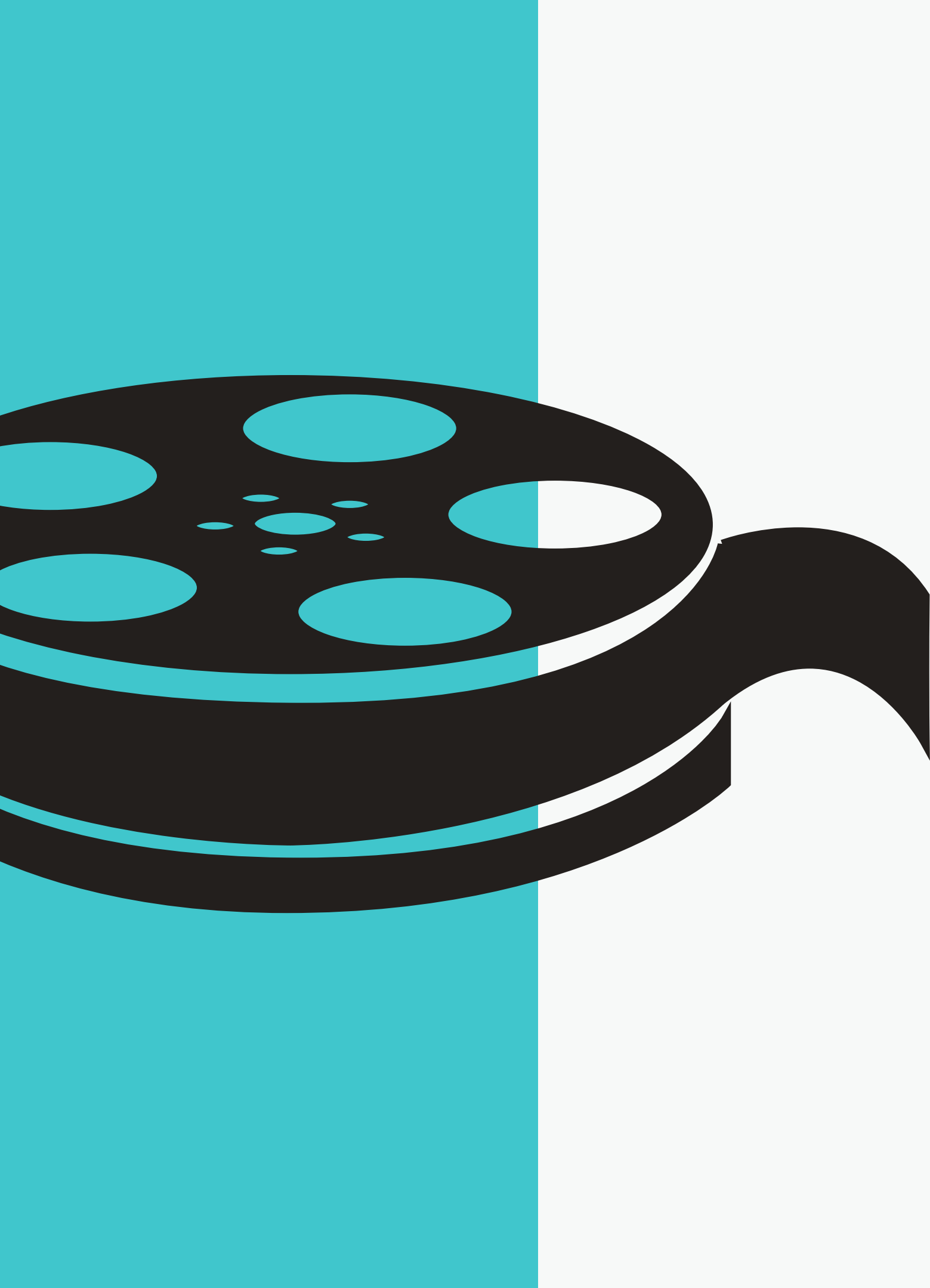
**But do we have a
basis for good
without God?**

NO

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Here's why

IF GOD DOES NOT EXIST,
OBJECTIVE MORAL VALUES AND
DUTIES DO NOT EXIST



Try This

LET'S TAKE GOD OUT OF THE PICTURE

What might be the basis of moral values and duties?

**Morality is not
based on the
individual.**



MOTHER TERESA

Some people feel
compelled to serve others.

**Morality is not
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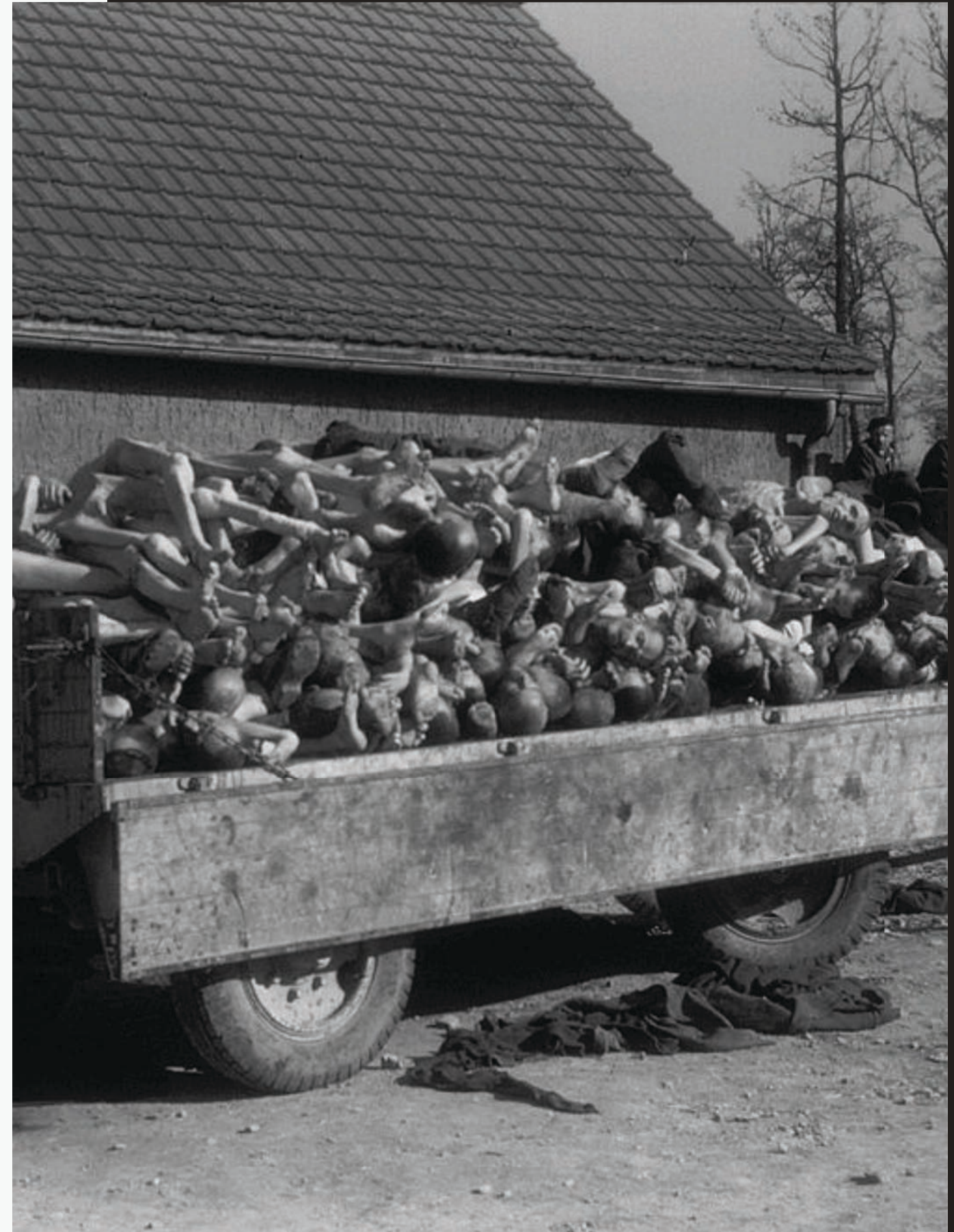
JEFFERY DAHMER

Some people feel
compelled to eat others!

MORALITY IS NOT BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL

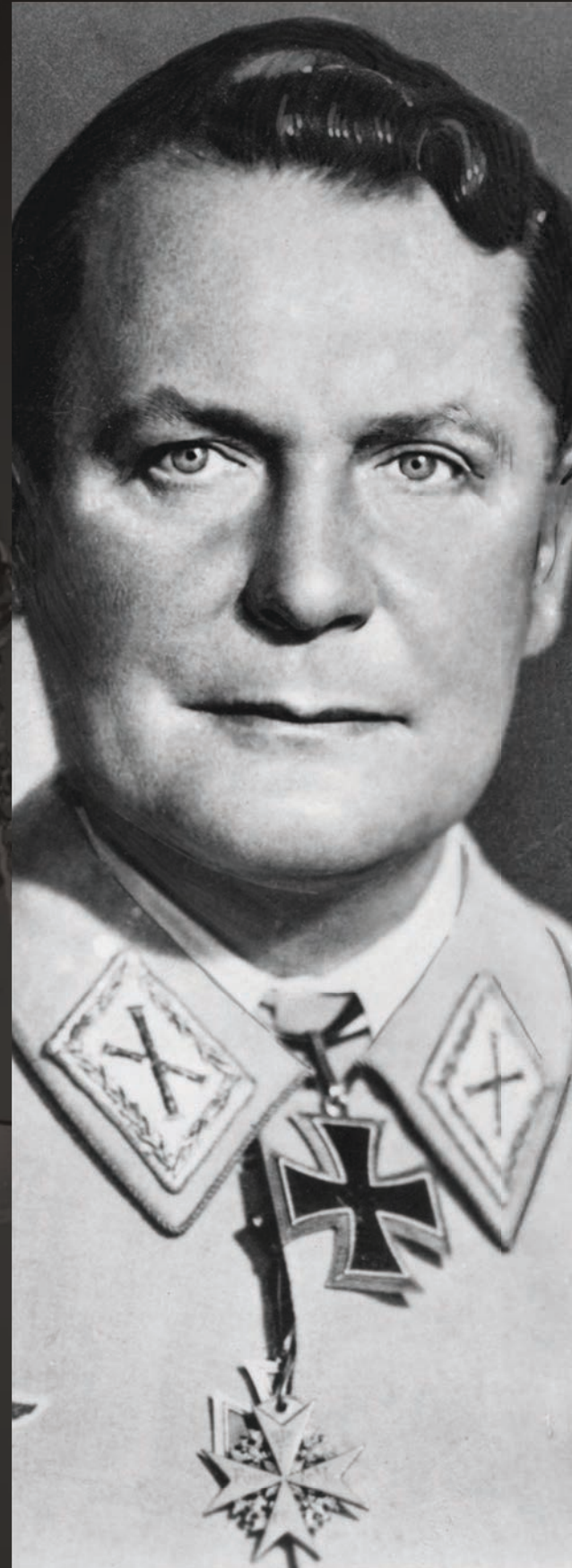
**Morality
is not
based on
society.**

Had Adolph Hitler won WWII, it
still would be wrong to gas Jews.



**The Allies
were right in
trying the
nazis.**

Not because
they won the war.



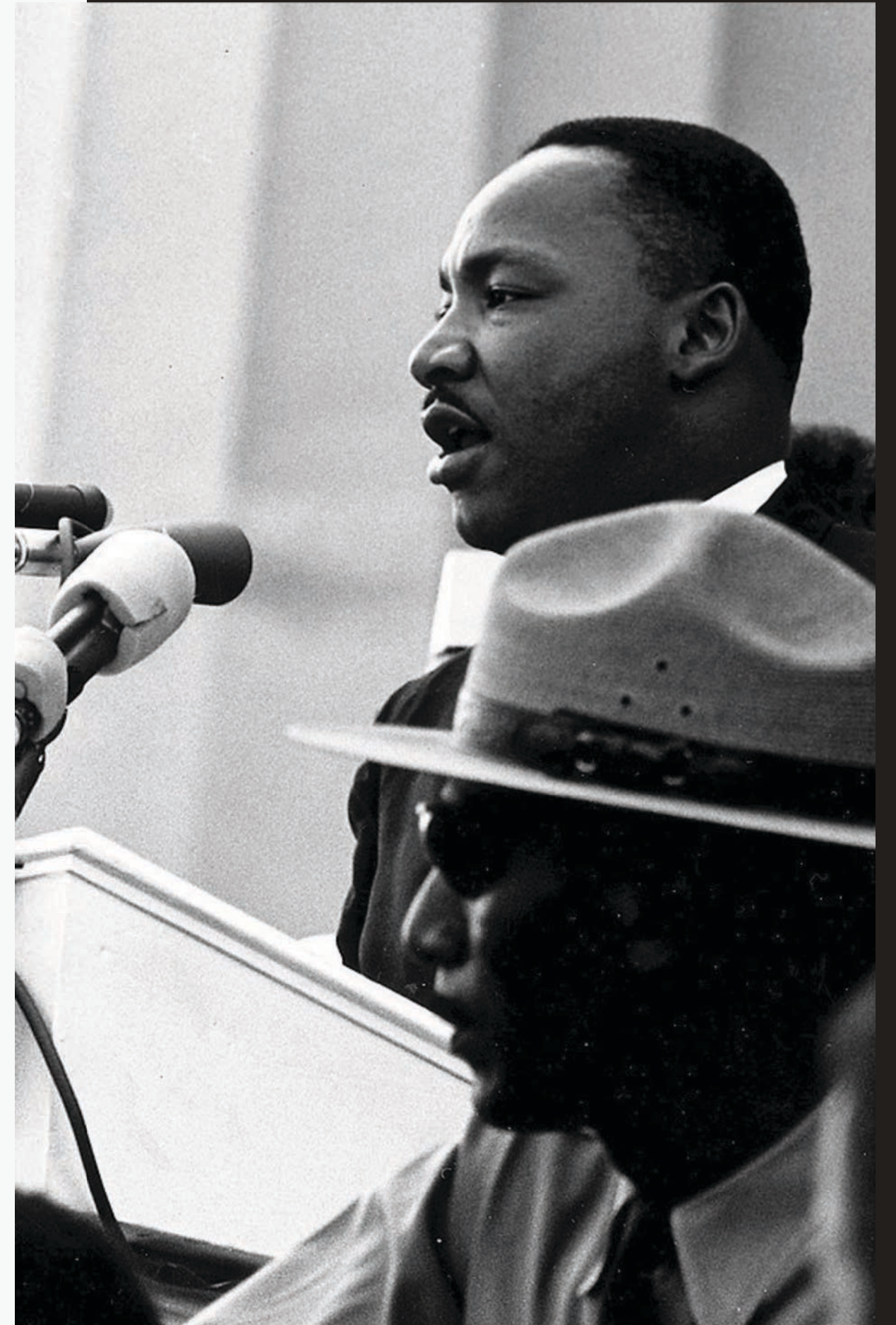
But because there's
an objective
standard of right
and wrong above
every society.

**MORALITY IS NOT
BASED ON SOCIETY**

The Reformer

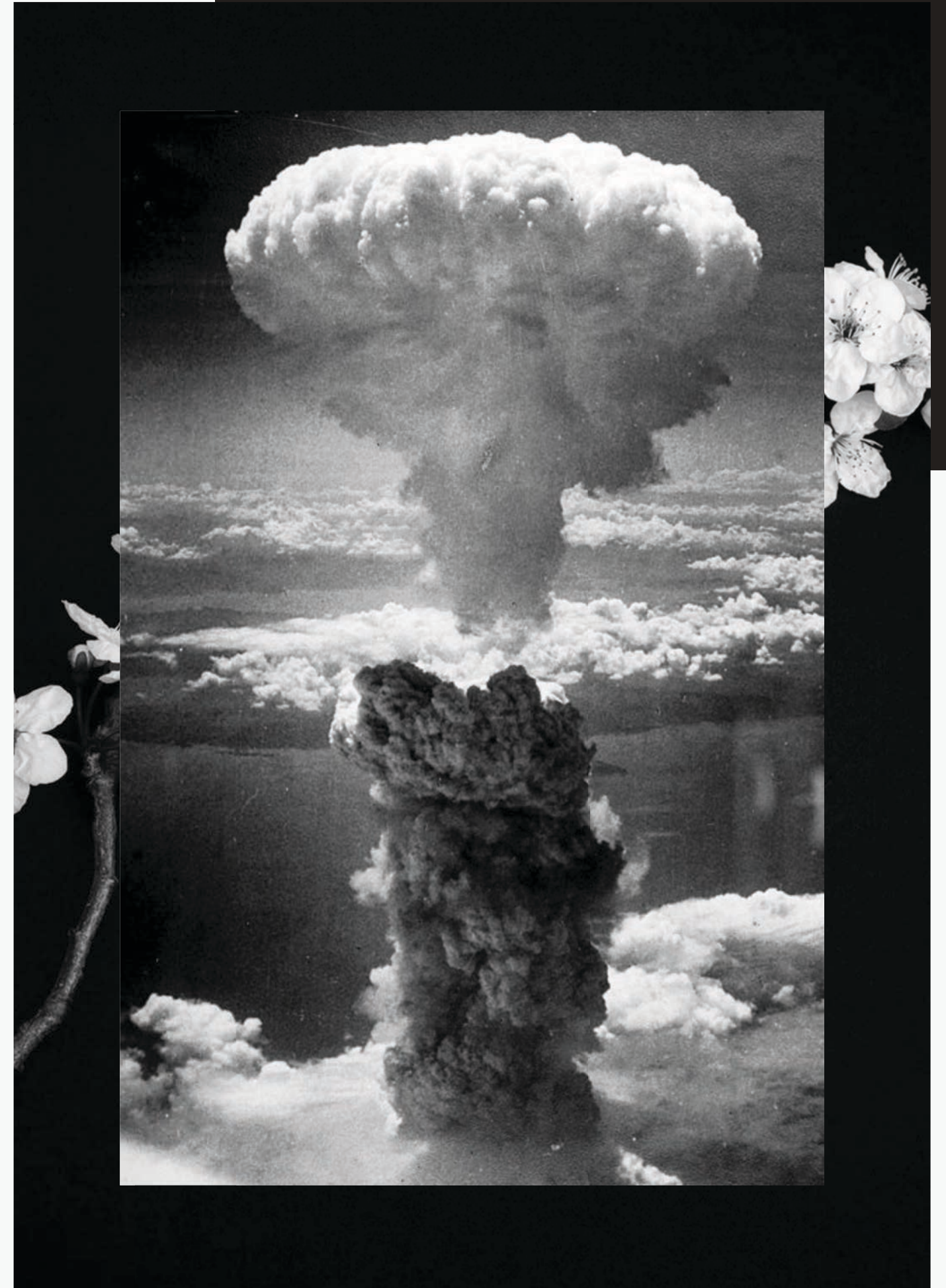
ONE PERSON

Can call an entire society
to a higher moral standard.



Morality is not based on science.

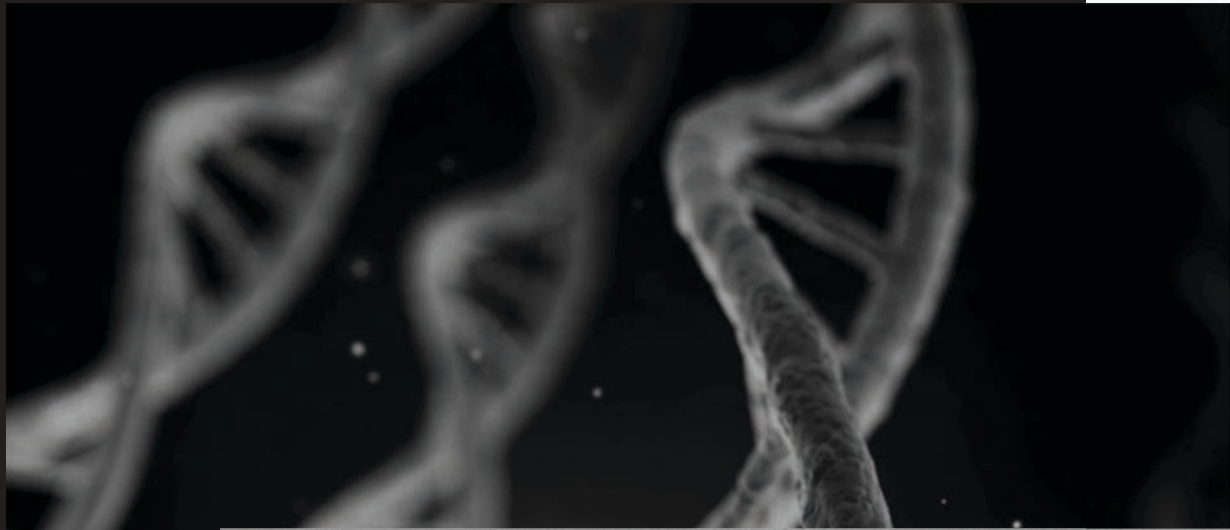
Science can tell us how to build a bomb, not if we should use it!



Morality is not based on evolution.

"The universe that we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but pitiless indifference."

— Richard Dawkins, *River Out of Eden: A Darwinian View of Life*



Morality is not based
on some platitude.



The science of morality is about
maximizing psychological and
social health.

—sam harris

Problem with Platitudes

WHO GETS TO DECIDE?

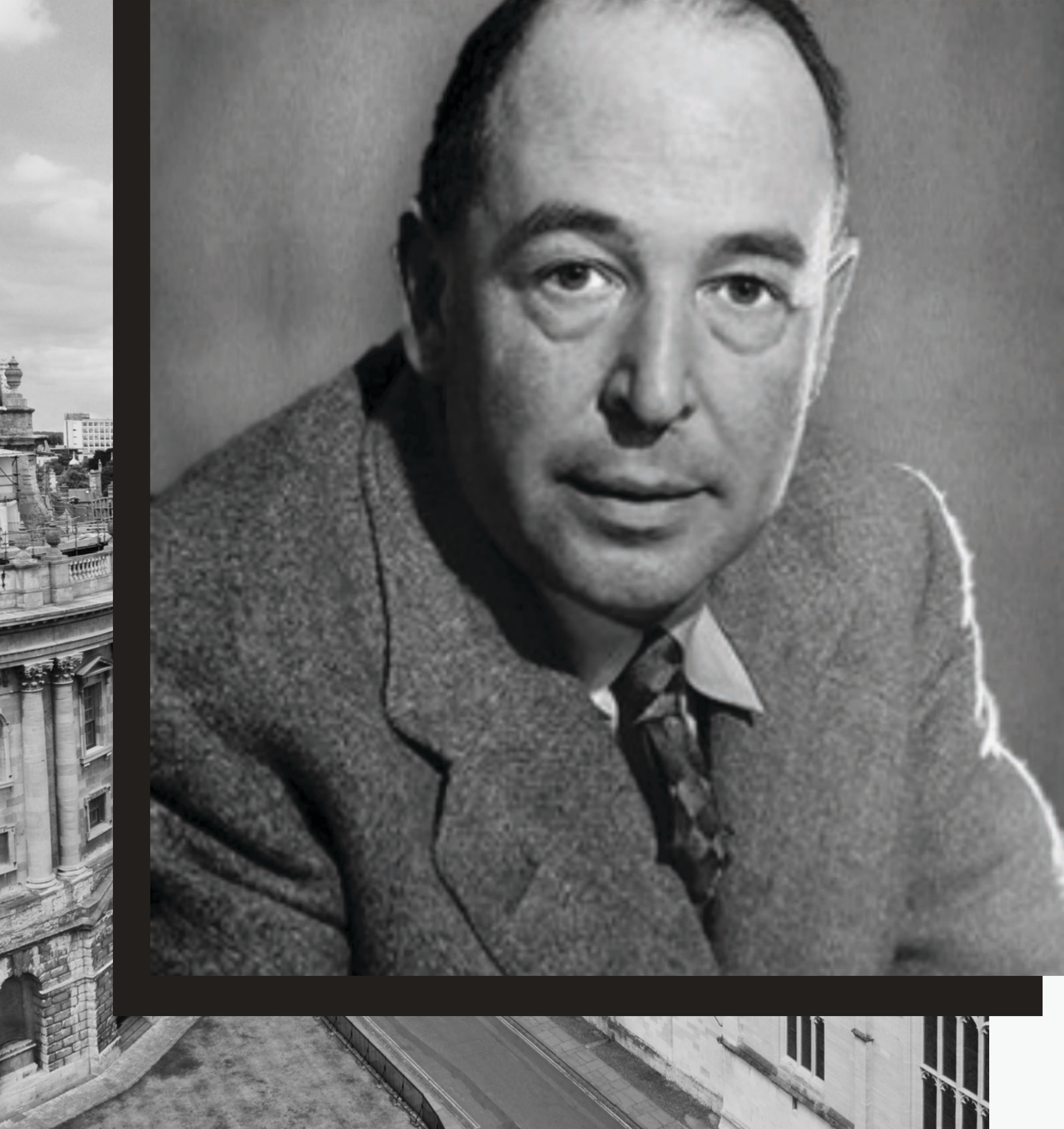
Who says what contributes to human flourishing?

Who says what course promotes human flourishing?

Even Hitler did what he did because he thought it was best for humanity.

WE KNOW THIS TRUTH

**Objective moral
values and duties
do exist.**



Whenever you find a man
who says he doesn't
believe in a real right and
wrong, you will find the
same man going back on
this a moment later. He
will break his promise to
you, but if you try breaking
one to him he'll be
complaining 'it's not fair'...

C.S. Lewis

Here's the argument.

IF GOD DOES NOT EXIST,
OBJECTIVE MORAL VALUES AND
DUTIES DO NOT EXIST.

Moral values and duties are not based on the individual, society, science, evolution or some platitude.

OBJECTIVE MORAL VALUES AND
DUTIES DO EXIST.

Even the moral relativist expects to be treated fairly.

THEREFORE, GOD EXISTS.

But...



IS MORALITY BASED ON GOD'S COMMANDS?

So, is murder wrong because God prohibits it?
(What if God commanded you to murder?)



ARE GOD'S COMMANDS BASED ON MORALITY?

Does God prohibit murder because it's wrong?



HERE'S THE PROBLEM

If God prohibits something because it's wrong, then there's a standard that's greater than God.



SO, WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

morality

SPRINGS FROM GOD'S NATURE

God commands only what is consistent with His nature.

**God is the
basis of
objective
moral values
and duties.**

To Him we will give an account.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.