

A Look at Moral Law

Part 1

Review article 5, "Eternal Law," and article 6, "Natural Moral Law," in the student book. Then mark each statement as true (T) or false (F).

1. _____ Eternal Law is always true and unchanging.
2. _____ Human beings can fully understand and appreciate Eternal Law through the use of reason alone.
3. _____ Moral law is an expression of Eternal Law.
4. _____ Conscience is a gift of God to help us know moral law.
5. _____ Because of the gift of free will, we are not obliged to follow moral law.
6. _____ Only Church law has its basis in Eternal Law.
7. _____ Conscience prompts us to do good and to avoid evil.
8. _____ Moral truth is subjective, meaning we are free to decide what is right or wrong.
9. _____ The Commandments were created at the beginning of time.
10. _____ Moral law may be applied to new historical situations by the Magisterium of the Church.
11. _____ Obeying moral law decreases human freedom.
12. _____ Natural law is a part of human nature and does not depend on any religion.
13. _____ The Golden Rule is an example of moral law that is common to all great world religions.
14. _____ Just civil laws reflect natural law.
15. _____ To be moral is to be fully human.
16. _____ Natural laws are applicable to a particular time and place.
17. _____ We are not responsible for our failure to follow natural moral law.



18. _____ Natural law allows for the development of civil laws that everyone can agree to regardless of faith or religion.
19. _____ The Church's social teaching relies on reason and natural law.
20. _____ All persons have an instinct to be in right relationship with God, other people, the world, and themselves.

Part 2

You will work in pairs. Each pair will be assigned either statements 1 through 10 or statements 11 through 20. For your assigned statements, do the following three things:

1. Revise three false statements so they become true statements.
2. Illustrate three true statements with specific examples of why each statement is true.
3. Highlight one passage in the readings that adds to your understanding of moral law. Be prepared to share the passage you have chosen in class discussion.

