

Mere Christianity

Wednesday Bible Study
Our Savior Lutheran Church & School, Lansing, MI

Chapter 1 – The Law of Human Nature

Why do people quarrel today? What does it tell us about human nature?

We often try to justify ourselves. Either we didn't do anything wrong, or we try to explain why we did (and that it's not really wrong after all).

“Quarrelling means trying to show that the other man is in the wrong.”

Law/Rule of Right & Wrong, formerly called Rule of Nature

“This law was called the Law of Nature because people thought that everyone knew it by nature and did not need to be taught it.”

Is the idea of descent human behavior obvious to everyone?

Read Romans 1:18-2:1

Like Paul, Lewis admits that “None of us are really keeping the Law of Nature.”

We only make excuses for our bad behavior, not for our good.

Chapter 2 – Some objections

What's the difference between Herd Mentality and Morality?

What are some neutral impulses that can be for good or bad?

Do we really believe that some moral systems are better than others?

Chapter 3 – the Reality of Law

Laws of Nature (like Gravity) are always followed. But Laws of Human Nature are not.

We recognize morality and decent behavior even if it is of no advantage to us. (or if it is)

Are people decent because it is good for society? Lewis says there is no reason for them to want what's good for society unless they were supposed to be unselfish.

The Rule of Right and Wrong, or Law of Human Nature must be a real thing...

But what's behind it?

For next week, read Book 1, chapters 4-

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