



# ETHICS, PT. 5

## NEW SPIRITUALITY

## BEGINNING WORK

1. Read section 10.5 (pages 236-239) Write the quote by the Dalai Lama at the bottom of page 237.
2. Write one paragraph on how this quote is similar to Christianity and how it is different from Christianity.

# NEW SPIRITUALITY AND ETHICS

1. In NS, only one ethical absolute is possible.
2. You attain higher consciousness by having complete freedom to act in harmony with our own understanding of the truth.
3. To New Spiritualists, ethics is something that happens inside a person, not the result of divine commands.

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4. In other words, as Randall Baer says, “ Create your own reality according to what feels right for you.”



# NEW SPIRITUALITY AND CHRISTIANITY

- **New Spirituality**

- Refrain from the 10 non-virtuous actions
- We will continue a cycle of reincarnation to save ourselves
- You are the truth and it is inseparable from who you are.

- **Christianity**

- Follow God's commands
- Christ will save us and give us new life and eternity with God
- Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus." (John 14:6)

# NEW SPIRITUALITY AND KARMA

1. Karma: the belief that good is returned to those who do good, and evil is returned to those who do evil.
2. Yet, when there is no standard of right and wrong (only what you believe internally) who is to say what is good and evil?

DALAI LAMA  
Spiritual leader of  
Buddhism





## NEW SPIRITUALITY AND ETHICS

1. New Spirituality says that you are the truth and it is inseparable from who you are.
2. Christianity tells us that Jesus is the “way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus.” (John 14:6)