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# ETHICS, PT. 6

POSTMODERNISM AND ISLAM

## BEGINNING WORK

1. Read section 10.6 (pages 239-241)
2. Write Philippians 4:8 on your paper and the quote by Adam Phillips on the top of pg. 241.
3. Write one paragraph on how this verse and this quote cannot both be true.

# TRADITIONAL WAYS TO ETHICS

- Secularism, Marxism

- Modern reason is the way to find ethics
- Teleological theories
- Find truth on your own ability and act on it

- Christianity, Islam

- Revelation is the key to ethics
- Deontological theories
- Discover truth from God's revelation and

# POSTMODERNISM



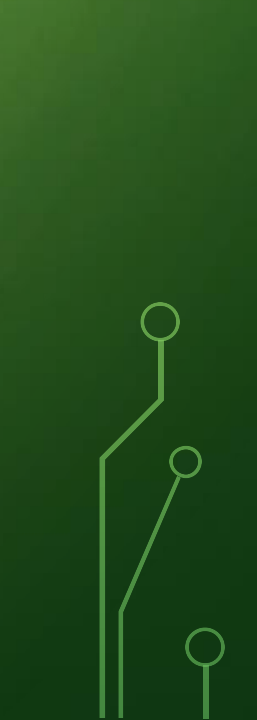
- You cannot rely on revelation and/ or modern reasoning
- “Universal moral principles must be eradicated; reverence for individual and cultural uniqueness must be inculcated.” -Adam Phillips

# POSTMODERNISM

- Cultural relativism: truth and morals are relative to one's community
- The overall postmodern mind-set does not allow anyone to be “right” on any issue, including ethics



# ISLAM

- Divine command theory: the belief that right and wrong are determined by God's standards
  - There is no division of law and ethics; the Islamic law is ethical by definition
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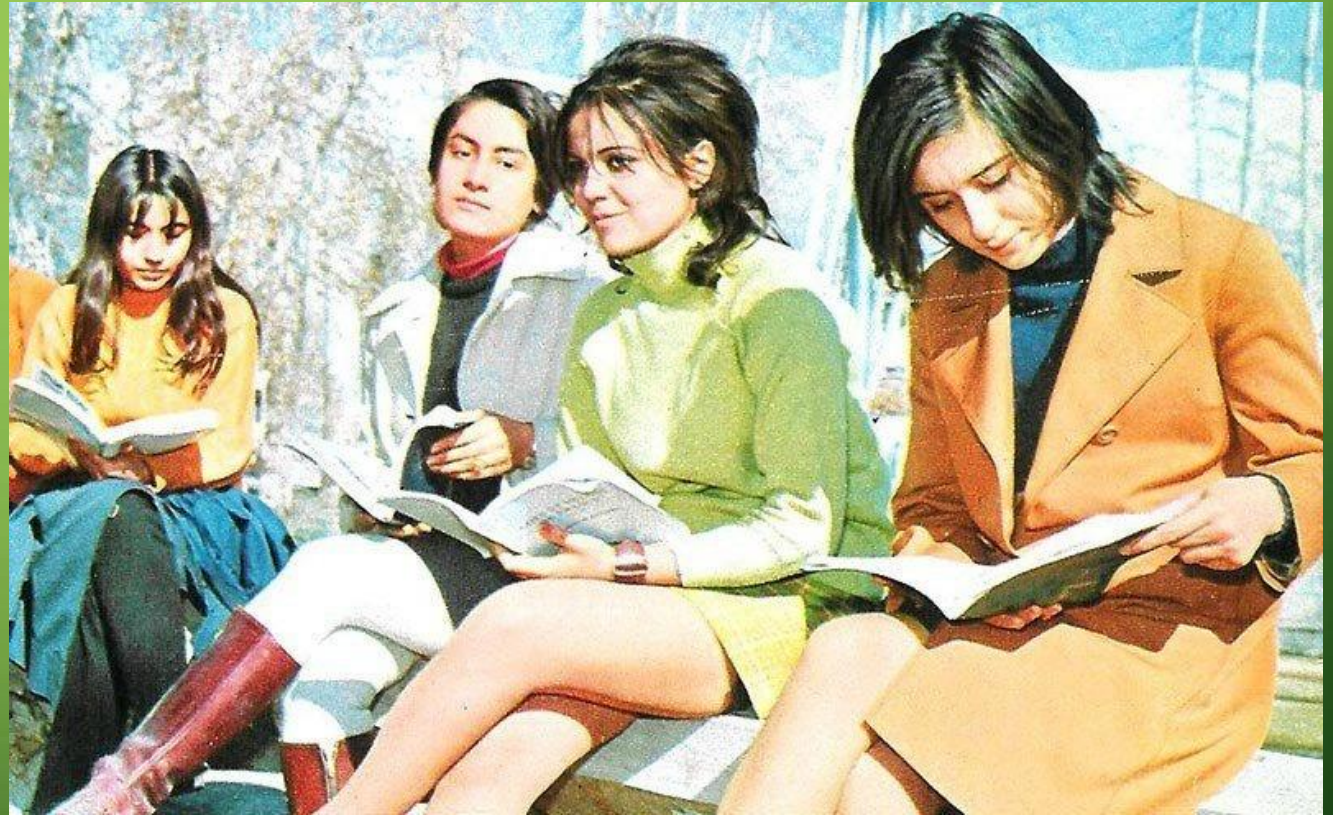
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# ISLAM

- The only relevant question in Islam is, “What would Muhammad do?”
  - God cannot be directly knowable. We can only know God through His decrees given by Muhammad.
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