

only when there is freedom of choice. Individual freedom is a pre-requisite for choosing moral actions- whether good or bad. Morality is all about choices.

- Religion incorporates free will : karma theory and free willist of Christianity.
- If religious morality is to have any meaning, it MUST incorporate individual freedom.
- If there is no freedom to choose and everything is pre-determined, then there can be no meaningful rewards or punishments because the agent of action has no volition. Much like the Computer cannot be blamed for malfunctioning and a car cannot be blamed for breaking down.
- No volition implies no responsibility.
- law of Karma , Buddhism and Spinoza's conception of God.

c) **Why all the proofs for the existence of God have been given ?**

- Logical justification / rational defence
- So called proofs are merely pleas

**Q.7**

- a) **"Secular ethics is superior to religious ethics". But then secular ethics cannot satisfactorily answer the question - "Why should I be moral all the time ?"**  
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First part

• **Why morality is not based on God -**

1. Factual reasons :There are hundreds of millions of people on planet earth with no belief in a deity and yet living moral lives.
2. Against common moral sensibility :People do not make moral decisions and each time think about a deity as the source for what they think of as the morally good thing to do.

According to Divine Command Principle violence , killings, rape , lies, etc can be good because one can always claim that god commanded me to do it. To make matters worse, this would not be easy to dismiss because there would be no way to DISPROVE OR FALSIFY IT. Most people think that there are just some acts that are morally wrong and that no deity would command

3. Against Reason :It stands against reason that an act would be morally correct on one day and then not morally correct on another day under the same circumstances because a deity had issued new commands.

- Critic of divine command theory
- Supremacy of secular ethics : humanism , natural law , reason , utilitarianism

Second part

- Statement reflects supremacy of religious ethics

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