

The Moral Argument And The Gap Theory Genesis 1:1-2

...for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)... - Romans 2:14-15

God is the best explanation for the existence of our

inherent______.

The _____:

- If God does not exist, then objective moral values and duties do not exist
- Objective moral values and duties do exist
- Therefore, God exists

It is impossible to call anything "evil" or "good" without

. Objective

moral laws require an objective moral law-giver. Therefore, nothing can be called "objectively evil" apart from the existence of God.

The Gap Theory:

The original Hebrew makes a good argument for V.2 being translated as:

<u>But</u> the earth <u>had become</u> without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.

"became" is a transitive verb in the original Hebrew. It implies an action upon an object.

(Lot's) ...wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. - Genesis 19:6

"without form and void" = tohuw va bohuw

"tohow" = "without form" or "confused". It speaks of disorder.

"bohuw" = "emptiness" or "void-ness".

For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the Lord, and there is no other." - Isaiah 45:18

"not in vain" = tohuw

The "darkness" in V.2 may be akin to the darkness of the 9th plague of Egypt, described in Exodus 10:21 by the Lord as darkness which "may even be felt".

"the deep" = "abussos" in the Septuagint Greek ("the abyss")

For more on the origins, fall, and future of Lucifer/Satan:

- Ezekiel 28:2-11 is written to the "Prince of Tyre". Ezekiel 28:12-19 to the "King of Tyre" the power *behind* the throne (i.e. Satan).
- Similarly, Isaiah 14:12-17 addresses the power behind the King of Babylon.