

Lesson 5: How do people who don't believe in God make moral decisions?

So far we've looked at **Augustine** and **Aquinas** who both think our conscience is provided by a Christian God.

We also looked at how Christians could use the **Bible** to help inform their conscience.

But ...

What if you're not a Christian?

What if you don't believe in God at all?

Some key terms are important before we go any further

Theist – someone who believes in a god or gods

Atheist – someone who doesn't believe in a god at all

Agnostic – someone who is not sure if a god exists

We are going to look at Humanists who are a type of atheist and agnostic.



- Humanists believe **human beings are special** and human life is valuable

- Humanists **don't believe in a god**, or believe they can never know if there is a god



- Humanists don't believe there is any evidence for an afterlife: we should therefore **make the most of this life**

- Humanists believe human beings should **try to live full and happy lives** and help others to do the same



How would a Humanist go about making the decision of whether to share their birthday cake?

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