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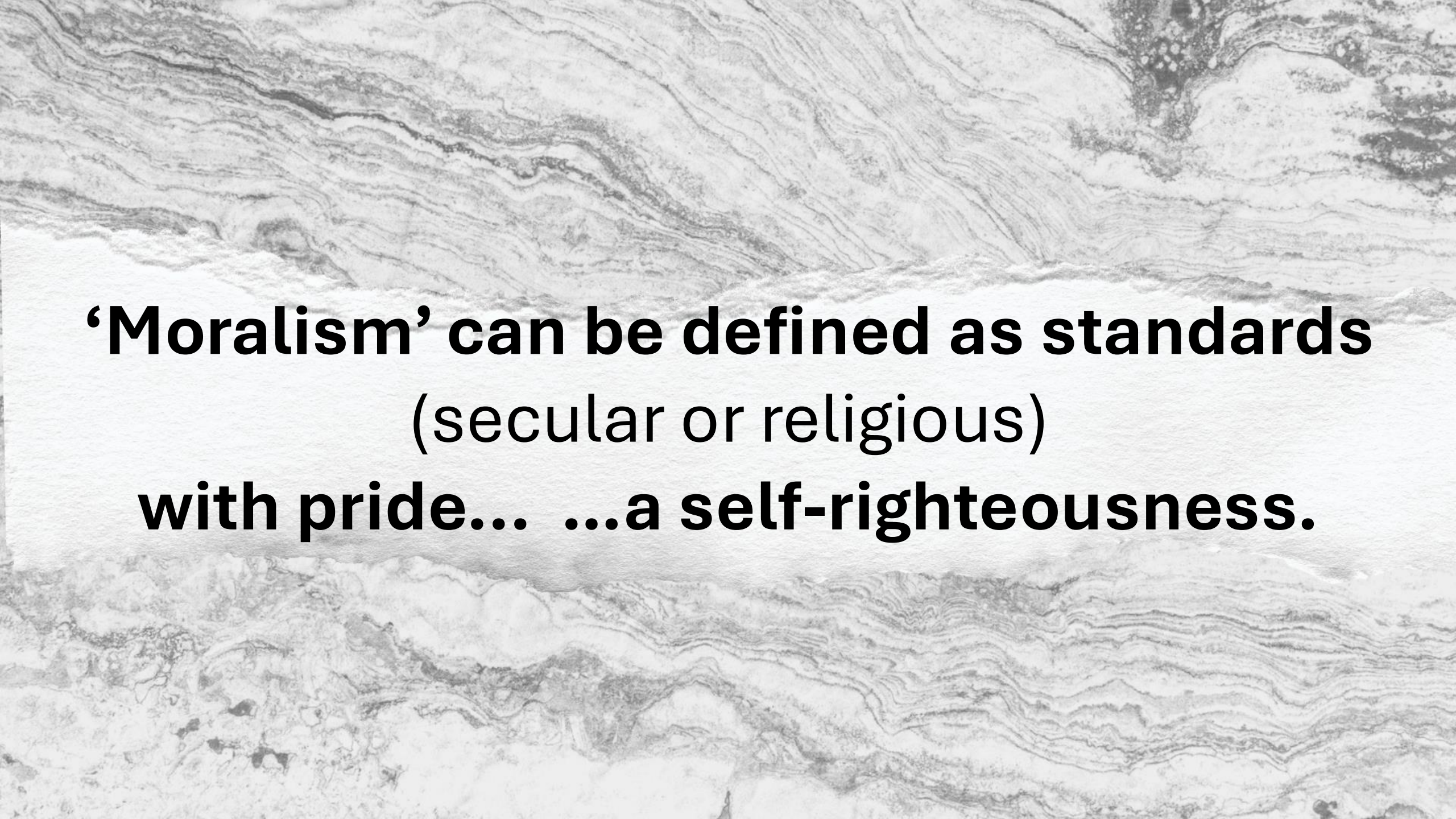
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(secular or religious)  
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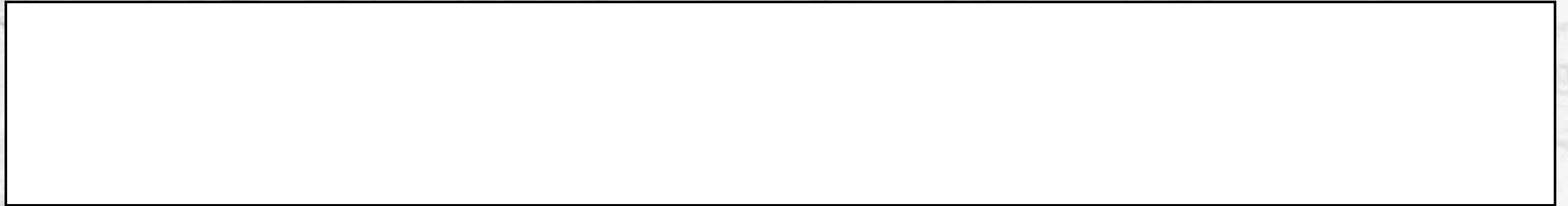
***Morals deal with the human dilemma...***

...how do we deal with mankind's ability to be  
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We can break the ninth commandment through:

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- **tale bearing,**
- **creating false impressions,**
- **silence,**
- **questioning the motives behind someone's actions,**
- **flattery.**

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**Slander: is a lie invented and spread with intent to do harm.**

“That is the worst form of injury a person can do to another. Compared to one who does this, a gangster is a gentleman, and a murderer is kind, because he ends life in a moment with a stroke and with little pain. But the man guilty of slander ruins a reputation which may never be regained, and causes lifelong suffering.”  
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**Talebearing... is repeating a report about a person without careful investigation.**

“Many, many times I have known what it is to suffer with that. To repeat a story which brings discredit and dishonor to another person without making sure of the facts, is breaking this commandment... How many people, especially Christian people, revel in this, and delight in working havoc by telling tales about others. To excuse the action by saying they believed the report to be true, or that there was no intention to malign, is no justification.”

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**Inappropriate *silence* may also break this command.**

“When someone utters a falsity about another and a third person is present who knows that statement to be untrue but, for reasons of fear or being disliked, remains quiet, that third person is as guilty of breaking this law as if he had told a lie.”

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**Questioning the motives behind someone's actions.**

When you question someone's motives, you're automatically calling them a liar since they will have offered an entirely different justification for why they are advocating what they're advocating. You're also saying they're untrustworthy, cynical, and driven by some unknown nefarious goal.

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**Flattery: excessive and insincere praise, given especially to further one's own interests.**

I will not show partiality to any man or use flattery toward any person.  
*(Job 32:21)*

For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed.  
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**Being 'true to yourself' is no guarantee that it is not in effect a lie.**

"How very strange that we have ever come to think that Christian maturity is shown by the ability to speak our minds, whereas it is really expressed in controlling our tongues."

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## **John 8:44**

<sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

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## **Acts 5:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, <sup>2</sup> and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup> But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup> While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."

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