

## MORALITY & RELIGION

From ancient times religious fanatics have held that there is no morality without religion. From the 16th century on, voyagers and later on anthropologists have refuted this claim, exhibiting primitive peoples without any religion proper and yet respectful of moral codes of their own, often far superior to those of their conquerors and preachers. One of the best known examples is that of the Eskimos, who are proverbial for their honorable and compassionate behavior. (See Nansen, F., Esquimo Life ... )

What is true is that organized religion usually upholds the traditional morality and by the same token opposes the emergence of new moral rules. (Kautsky 1905 pp. 189-90.)

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