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1. Great thread. He is absolutely right. The idea of “human rights” or even “natural rights” are not Christian and never have been. They are misguided attempt to replace Christian moral teaching with one based in “reason.” They completely reverse the logic of biblical morality.

> In response to objections:
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> \u201cHuman rights\u201d do not have a basis in nature, or all societies would have them and they would predate the enlightenment.
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> Nor do they have a basis in Christianity. The Christian tradition was ca. 1500 years old before anyone talked of rights. https://t.co/dxyt0M5SJo
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> — eugyppius (@eugyppius1) December 16, 2022

2. “Thou shall not kill” is very different from a “right to life.” One places an obligation upon me not to harm you. The other places an obligation on you not to harm me. There is incommensurable world of difference between those two formulations of morality.

3. “Natural rights” is an anti-morality masquerading as a moral system. In a true morality, the obligation is always placed upon me, the moral actor, to be responsible for my own actions.

4. “Natural rights” on the other hand, removes my own moral responsibility and places it upon another person or another entity and dictates how they are expected to conduct themselves towards me. I am under no obligation to do anything, but you must respect my rights.

5. This is also why the number of natural and human right’s continually expands, because it is always easy to place an obligations upon others, to demand things of them.

6. This is also why the morality within liberal societies that use human and natural rights is bound to erode, because there is nothing that really restrains my behavior. The ultimate end is the right to absolute personal autonomy, free from all unchosen bonds or obligations.

7. The “right to choose” is in many ways the essence of liberalism. And this right will be applied in the broadest sense, whether it is your right to choose whether your unborn baby lives or dies, or the right to be left alone to choose to grill. It is the same moral logic.

8. This is why liberalism is a direct assault on Christianity, because Christian teaching places a moral obligation upon you. You shall have no other God’s before me…

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind…

9. …this is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.

10. This is very different than you saying that you have the right to your neighbor’s love.