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Morality as Based on Religion

“European values” are often understood as predominantly secular and as originating from the Enlightenment. Drawing upon Kant's philosophical conception of the Enlightenment, we argue that secularism does not provide an adequate foundation for morality. We show that Kantian theory and reflections consistently lead to the conclusion that the ideas of God and immortality transcend the role of mere practical postulates, acquiring the status of ontological facts – thus departing from his commonly adopted philosophical position. This claim is understood in three ways: as an explanation for the possibility of achieving happiness alongside the pursuit of morality, as the grounding for respect toward the moral law, and as a framework for conceptualizing moral values in a consistent and systematic manner. Moreover, the historical roots of European society testify to Christianity as the formative basis of European culture and its values. This argument will be illustrated by examining examples from Croatian epigraphic inscriptions.