

1 Hearing God's Voice

1. The secret to happiness is to draw near Jesus and learn from him.
2. Essential steps to Catholic Morality are to do as Jesus says and to put into practice his example and his teaching.
3. The "Definition" of morality is knowledge based on human experience, reason, and God's revelation that discovers what people ought do to live fully human lives. Or it's "knowing what ought to be done" or "The science of what humans ought to do by reason of who they are."
4. Basic to being a moral human being is appreciating the "gift of being human" and respecting the value of human life. Using intellect and law also are to guide one's freedoms.
5. Forming, informing, and following a conscience are important. Repenting and seeking forgiveness when one does something wrong. Loving God above all is important. Loving oneself is also important. (Hey, a good message!)
6. Loving your neighbor is important.
7. "Make yourself what you are." There is within the self the person who one would like to be. One has the potential and the power to become the person one would like to become.
8. It is less the things one does than it is the kind of things one does. People want to be popular, respected, and accepted for who they are. Apparently a clip from Wicked works here.
9. Atheism. This is the philosophy I already know, because it's a portion of mine.
10. Deism is the belief in a God but the God is no longer involved (or in the case of Nietzsche dead.)
11. Agnosticism, the idea God cannot be proven.
12. Dignity is the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect. Every human person has worth and value. Catholics view this as being because of our creation in God's image. Inherent means it does not need to be earned or required.
13. Animals do not have "free will," that is, the power rooted in reason and will that enables one to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility.
14. Humanity has the ability to love. Capacity to grow and responsibility.
15. Principle of Subsidiarity is the idea of not doing what one below you can do as well or better.
16. Common Good is the good of all, even if it is to the detriment of the few.
17. Solidarity is unity with others (duh.)
18. Kohlberg (debunked) said that people go through a series of 6 moral stages : Reward/punishment, Self-interest (Me first, hedonism.) Others first, Legalistic, What Society Stands For, and the idea of principles. Kohlberg posited a Christian form of this.
19. Humans are by nature social, but do enjoy time to selves. People are a part of various social groups with principles of unity.