## Ultimate Basis for Ethics

1. Will of God – Divine Command Theory (DCT)
   1. Knowledge problem
      1. You have to know what the will of God is, do we really know what the will of God is?
      2. Personal Experiences
         1. Sociopaths do not have concionous(sp?)
         2. Nazi story (Nazi, doesn’t turn friend in, feels bad, etc)
      3. Prophets, etc
         1. David Karesh story
            1. Leader of a branch of the 7th Day Adventist
         2. How do you determine who is a true prophet and who isn’t?
      4. Scripture
         1. Which?
      5. “Everything in [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_], is authoritatively true, because X, Y, and Z.
   2. Argument = A
      * 1. It would have been heard by now = H
           1. Would have logic = W
        2. Would have been A->W instead of A->H, H->W,A->W
        3. If W is false, then A is also false.
           1. Example: If you pass all your homework, you’ll pass the course. If you failed the course, it must mean you didn’t do your homework.
   3. Euthyphro problem
      1. Good = pleasing to God
         1. Is God actually pleased or is it just you thinking he is?
      2. Euthyphro question
         1. Which side of these equations is more basic, dominant?
      3. Moral quality explains the divine attitude.
         1. (A) God finds X pleasing, because X is good
         2. (B) X counts as good just because for no rhyme or reason, God happens to find X pleasing.
   4. Non believer