# By What Standard?

## A Critical Analysis of the Law of Nature

# By R.J. Rushdoony

The law of nature is a theory of ethics and law that holds that there are certain moral and legal principles that are universally true, regardless of culture, time, or place. These principles are said to be based on human nature, and they are said to provide a foundation for all law and morality.

In his book *By What Standard?*, R.J. Rushdoony argues that the law of nature is not a valid foundation for law and morality. He argues that the law of nature is based on a false view of human nature, and that it leads to legal and moral relativism.



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Rushdoony begins his critique of the law of nature by arguing that it is based on a false view of human nature. He argues that the law of nature assumes that human beings are rational creatures who are capable of

making moral choices based on reason. However, Rushdoony argues that human beings are not rational creatures, and that they are often motivated by irrational desires and passions.

Rushdoony also argues that the law of nature leads to legal and moral relativism. He argues that if there are no universal moral principles, then there can be no objective basis for law and morality. As a result, each individual or culture is free to define what is right and wrong for themselves.

Rushdoony offers a Christian alternative to the law of nature, based on the Bible. He argues that the Bible provides a clear and objective foundation for law and morality. The Bible teaches that human beings are created in the image of God, and that they are therefore responsible to live according to God's law.

Rushdoony's book *By What Standard?* is a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in the foundations of law and morality. Rushdoony provides a clear and concise critique of the law of nature, and he offers a compelling Christian alternative.

#### **About the Author**

R.J. Rushdoony (1916-2001) was a Christian Reconstructionist theologian, philosopher, and political activist. He was a prolific writer, and he wrote over 30 books on a wide range of topics, including theology, ethics, law, and politics.

Rushdoony was a controversial figure, and his views were often criticized by both Christians and non-Christians. However, he was also a respected

scholar, and his work has had a significant impact on the development of Christian Reconstructionism.

#### Reviews

"By What Standard? is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the foundations of law and morality. Rushdoony provides a clear and concise critique of the law of nature, and he offers a compelling Christian alternative."

-Dr. Albert Mohler, President of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

"Rushdoony's book is a powerful indictment of the law of nature. He shows that the law of nature is based on a false view of human nature, and that it leads to legal and moral relativism. Rushdoony offers a Christian alternative to the law of nature, based on the Bible, that provides a clear and objective foundation for law and morality."

-Dr. James White, Director of Alpha and Omega Ministries

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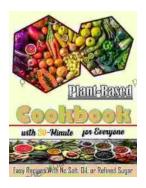
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