

# Thomas Jefferson's Religious Beliefs

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What crossed my mind after reading this was ultimately nature directs human behavior. So for an explicit example (since I made a joke about this in another thread) Cannibalism is usually considered pretty taboo...today anyway! And is often considered by “most” people to be “wrong” or “evil.” In historical extreme survival situations where death is imminent, humans have resorted to cannibalism. Now the question becomes at what point is cannibalism considered evil and by what standard? Nature or human edict?

Obviously nature directs us not to partake in this activity on any regular basis (humans anyway, animals are another story) but it does sometimes drive people to do things they would otherwise never consider doing. Yet still...will society still judge the act as evil? Though nature directs our behavior and is entirely neutral to the action, it ultimately is the human laws and taboos that decree something is “evil” or “wrong” based then entirely on circumstances which we would need to dissect situation by situation to determine if something “unlawful” happened by societal standards.