

## HOW TO TALK TO PROTESTANTS ABOUT NATURAL LAW

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### THINGS I NEED TO SAY FIRST

#### **What is natural law?**

“the knowledge of what is good or bad, fair or unfair, upright or shameful, that was inscribed upon the hearts of all people by God himself.” —Girolamo Zanchi (1617)

“The natural law ... is the natural knowledge of God and of the governance of our conduct, or the difference between honorable and shameful behavior, which has been divinely implanted in the human race.” —Philip Melanchthon (1559)

“the reasoning about acting rightly that shines in the human mind. Because, therefore, it commands and forbids, it is called ‘law,’ and because it is implanted in nature, it is called ‘natural.’” —Niels Hemmingsen (1562)

THE UBER ENCOUNTER

A BRIEF HISTORY OF EVERYTHING (ON THIS TOPIC)

**Premodern Protestantism and natural law**

**How did we get here?**

## TAILORING YOUR UBER (OR ELEVATOR) SPEECH

*Evangelicals*

*Mainliners*

*Other Protestants*

CONCLUSION