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PSALM 119:63: I am Companion to all those who fear, and thee obey

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## Domestic violence!

Some years ago, I tried to understand why those who marry their sweetheart; later murder them. Then my memory went back to my oldest brother's marriage to Barbara. I recall visiting with them at their new home some two weeks later where my brother was seen throwing the iron I gave them as a wedding present. Fortunately, Barbara had the excellent skill to duck and the iron broke through the front window and landed in the front garden. I left soon after with the iron stating that as you do not know how to use the iron, I will keep it. After years of abuse at the hands of my brother she was to die due to an overdose of prescription drugs and I was left asking "did she jump or was she pushed?" That question still haunts me today! So much domestic violence starts from a loving relationship that is turned upside down. Nowhere in society is there a reasonable explanation for this societal trend. However, in the Bible there is a clue in Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good

and good evil,  
who put darkness for light  
and light for darkness,  
who put bitter for sweet  
and sweet for bitter.

How does this happen?

It seems to me that as in surveying we need an independent moral point of reference, external to ourselves.

I was brought up in a violent home and without any sense of a right and wrong that was consistent. Right and wrong was determined by who was demanding it at that time and what they felt was right at that time, this could and would change often. So doing right was knowing what was expected of you by the person there at the time and what their mood or expectations were at that time. Navigating this life was very difficult as a young person, For example: stealing something was only wrong if you got caught. Trying to not get into trouble was a difficult thing, so I just learnt to create a truth for each moment to defend my position the best I could. The legacy of my domestic environment contaminated my school life as I was expected to do wrong as my older siblings messed up and so if something happened and I was there I was automatically in the wrong!

Since becoming a Christian, I was to soon develop an external moral code was criticized by many around me as being someone who needed a crutch. I totally reject this assumption I found a steady moral compass that could and has become a reference point as to that which is considered to be right and wrong by me. The me before the adoption of the moral compass was unreliable in most things in life but with the new moral compass, my decisions were more helpful to others and I became reliable with standards that were fully acceptable in most of the community in which I lived in.

Over the past few decades there has been a strong move away from having a Biblical standard in legal and political system. While there is a small remnant left in court in as much there is the option to swear on the Bible, the moral code as related to the Bible is all but removed from the governments in Australia. This regression is a very backward step into a world of relative morality which is in effect no morality at all. Doing as one thinks in his/her heart when there is no external reference point as in so much of our world today result so much of the crime and mental breakdowns. Both are at an all-time high.