

# Objections to Capital Punishment

## ***Christianity more Humanitarian than Moses' Law***

**Gen 9:5,6 not Moses' Law.**

- Universal, timeless
- Indict God for being "inhumane"?!

**Lev 19:17 "love your n." = M. Law. "humanitarian"?**

**Mt 22:39 2nd greatest law!**

**Rom 12:19-21 no pers. vengeance ... 13:1f, "sword"!**

## ***Cruel and Unusual Punishment***

**Gen 9:5,6** far too unusual, but not unauthorized

**“Cruel” ... ?**

- If “without mercy or pity” ✓ Dt 19:21
- “enjoying/indifferent to others’ suffering” - hollow, slanderous charge
- “deliberately causing suffering” - that’s what they did to their victim.

## ***Need Gun Control instead of Capital Punishment***

**Suppose (?!?) gun laws could prevent murder with guns... What about an ax? ... stone? ...club ...hand?**

**Num 35:16-21,30-31**

**Restrict axes, stones, clubs ...? Cut off hands...?**

**Issue not weapon, but *punishment***

**Gen 9:6 - God's law (not "ax control")**

## ***Doesn't Deter Criminals***

**Eccl 8:11**

**Dt 13:11; 17:12-13; 19:20; 21:21**

***– Who do you believe?***

***Would deter ONE murderer/rapist/  
kidnapper from harming anyone else!***

**Gen 9:6 - God's law**

***“turn the other cheek”?*** Mt 5:38f

**Dealing with *personal vengeance, malice***

**Lk 6:29...27,32,35 - “Love your enemies”**

**NOT responsibility of *government***

**Gen 9:6 - God’s law**

## ***Innocent People May be put to Death***

**True (Naboth, Jesus) - thus God's rules for fair trials**

**Dt 19:15-20**

**Human failure and abuse...trash the system?**

- ***Counterfeit money - do away with currency?***
- ***Auto wrecks kill & maim - do away with cars?***
- ***Elders...parents...fail & abuse roles - do away with?***
- ***Paul falsely accused, yet, Ac 25:11***

**Gen 9:6 - God's law**

A Death Penalty No  
Guilty Person will  
Avoid!

**Rom 6:23**