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Wishing to throw over the constraints on his behavior imposed by religious belief and moral law, man must devise a rationalization to justify his choice. He must not only construct a philosophical base but give it the image of sound "authority." Ultimately, relativism leaves man adrift in a soulless universe with no place to stand. Like an astronaut who has foolishly disconnected his lifeline to the mother ship, his demise is a foregone conclusion even as he arrogantly asserts his "freedom."