

# SECULAR ETHICS WITH THE DALAI LAMA – ENGLISH VERSION



**Vzdělávací oblast:** Člověk ve společnosti – Občan ve státě

**Doporučený věk:** 17+

**Délka aktivity:** 45 min.

**1. FOCUSED LISTENING:** Watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkH0EfQAL3M> “Sekulární etika/Secular Ethics”, beginning at 9:40 and ending at 24:00. After listening to the dialogue with the Dalai Lama, as well as doing research on your own, answer the following questions.



- A. What does the Dalai Lama declare to be his number one commitment?  
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- B. The Dalai Lama retired from his role as political leader of the Tibetan people in the year .....
- C. The Dalai Lama says that ..... is the primary emotion which young infants feel. This emotion is directed towards their .....
- D. The Dalai Lama says that education is the solution to ..... and ..... What does the Dalai Lama think of the current educational system? .....

**2. ANALYSIS AND OPINION:** After watching the video, answer the questions with your own words.

- A. The Dalai Lama believes that his values are universal and applicable worldwide. Do you believe that the Dalai Lama’s emphasis on happiness and harmony is a shared human value? Why? Conversely, do you believe that values and cultural norms are relative to each culture and society? Explain your reasoning.  
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- B. The Dalai Lama says that Nationalism and Egoism are sources of Anger. Recently, Nationalism has re-emerged in Central Political Dialogue. Do you believe that there are any positive elements of Nationalism or not? Please explain.  
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- C. The Dalai Lama believes that schools should teach their students about ethics. Which to you is more important in the school system: Education of school subjects-like Maths or Literature, or a foundation in the societal values of which the Dalai Lama speaks. Explain your reasoning.  
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**3. WORD SEARCH:** First, fill in the blank for each sentence. Then, use your answers to complete the word search to the right.

- 1. The Dalai Lama values ..... over money.
- 2. The Dalai Lama comes from ....., 3. which is in the country of .....
- 4. True or False: The Dalai Lama still lives in Tibet.
- 5. The religion which the Dalai Lama practices is called .....
- 6. The two countries in a state of war which the Dalai Lama mentions are ..... and .....
- 7. The Dalai Lama praises ..... as an example of a country with a secular constitution and value system.

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