

TWO WRONGS

We live within a modern age
when minds are not so sound and sage—
a time when PhDs and such
say morals don't amount to much.
“Today,” they sneer, “who'll try refute
that there is nothing absolute?”

I say they're wrong, for number one:
if some guy robbed them with a gun—
and cops said, “Bad! But be a sport!
His crime's the *relatively* sort.”—
they'd rant and rave like all the rest,
“I have my rights, and I protest!”

I say they're wrong, for number two:
if married to a spouse untrue,
they wouldn't say, “Go have your fling.
Those vows were just a paper thing.”
No, they'd upbraid, “You promised me,
and I deserve fidelity!”

“You don't!” their partner might insist,
“You claimed no absolutes exist.”
This shows them doubly wrong, because
their rants have roots in moral laws.
They may see gray all day and night,
but their two wrongs don't make them right.

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