

## 1 Moral Reasoning

الأخلاقيات المثلية \*

"What does it mean to reason morality?"

I what is morality? (how we should act) مفهوم الأخلاق \*

morality is the human effort or try what they try to (define or know) what is the right and wrong about their actions, thoughts, opinions and senses.

what is bad or good for themselves in their life.

(lying/harm /stealing), (play/sleep/food/happiness/pleasure)

unrespected

1. Distinctive affair of conscious-rational beings (human beings) الميزة المميزة

2. Ethos (Greek) or mores (Latin)

تعاليم الأخلاق (moral behavior)

أعراف

عادات أخلاقية (moral customs)

(how society actually does act)

Non-rational  
part of culture  
which comes  
collectively

3. Queerness of morality: Cause it concern V/X and we can't ignore  
• binding - ought ملزومة واجبارية (when we do immoral we feel guilty.)

• right or wrong / good or evil / kind or wicked → always there is a different between the act of morality.

## II Why Be Moral? (Reason / goal / purpose)

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1) To keep the society from falling apart (we must be ruled to keep society good without damaging). can't live with lie society.

2) To improve human suffering → To be brave (to help others, also they can help without suffering when they stealing to help poor people).

3) To promote human well-being → (act loyalty to make other trust me) being moral.

4) To resolve conflict between justice and order → (if we doesn't have justice we will cannot survive).

5) To obey God → (we must respect all what god command).

6) To become good (cause it good) → real goal

\* 2 kind of good? (where we need to do good to achieve another good) to use it, but bad to save it

Instrumental good → For ex: like a money it's good to use it / knowledge good + benefit or keep it for along time / useful

Intrinsic good → no more reason why it's good? cause it's good (useful)

so, it's ultimate truth. it makes us happy.

\* Good as purely intrinsic good → something delight cause of Poverty (Brad Pitt)

\* Intuitive nature of the good → when you see something you like by your eyes. (you trust your vibes)

\* 5 other reasons as by products → when you like a food or decors it's good.

## III Why we disagree about morality?

أسباب الخلاف \*

1) Motivated by selfishness (self-deception) - (عندما نحن نعتقد أننا صحيحة) (when we think that we are right and the other wrong, we must avoid harm others)

2) Our thoughts are clouded by prejudices and culture conditions (we should stop thinking about past judge).

3) Over-emphasis on one aspect among many (think about one side instead of other sides).

4) Charged with feelings.

#### IV. what is involved in moral reasoning?

الورقة والنتائج في المراجعة

- 1) Legitimacy of appealing to moral intuition (Certain moral beliefs human beings have (courage/justice))
- 2) Limits of appealing to moral intuition (Dancing is shameful)  
must respect other
- 3) Accurate facts (like when you go to your friend's wedding party and you see her husband with another girl).
- 4) Logical Reasoning (what you should do, vs what you would do)  
animals can do what they want, humans can do the same and they have something they should do like (going to school, sleeping more hours)
- 5) Moral principles (theories)
- 6) Universality
- 7) Impartiality
- 8) Overriding nature of morality.

## (2) Complexities in Ethics

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### 15 Dimensions in Ethics

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- 1) Consequences (Good / bad / neutral)
- 2) motive (good / Evil)
- 3) actions (good / bad / neutral)
- 4) Characters (Virtuous / vicious)
- 5) Divine command (Obedient / rebellious)

↑  
the goal are to help  
and feel happy.

1) Consequences => for ex: giving the money for Yankees instead of the world health organization to help people who were dying day to day. judging out of cause is not enough. The Bike Tailahd.

2) Motive => (bad case on the street, while seeing that negative case and you want your child to look up to you, that motive was to be good role of model to his son).

3) Actions => in any case of your motive and consequences, your actions very important.  
• Rights (obligatory) → You should do it, if you didn't do it there may be something wrong.  
• Wrong: (Prohibited) → Example: (honest)  
• Indifferent (neutral) → You should not do it, if you do it this will be wrong.  
Example: (stealing / lying / killing) murthering innocent / abusing child.  
Optical → if you do it, it will be good and amazing, you don't have to do it.  
Example: cause that will not harm you.

\* Supererogatory → you don't have to do it, if you do it, it will become amazing.  
Example: a bomb and jump on it to help other from dying

\* Infradegatory → if you do it, they will not tell you immoral, that not wrong but you will be not respected very much.

### 4) Characters =>

(virtus can build characters)

by being a person that can solve very thing in good way to help people, but, if you have lousy people characters you would not have much to help them and tell them what they should do, and you don't have to put for them rules, cause they always do the right thing.

if you have good people

(becoming great person) character).

5) Divine command => to obey God, god created everything (Universe/humanbeing) he has created us with natural morality, moral laws.  
what does God want from us?

## 11. The parable of the Sadhu

Summary: there is a group of people from different countries climbing the mountain to reach the top. while they climbing they have seen an Indian holy man and they help him to stay alive also they carried him down near to the rocks. They did an amazing thing that they don't have to do it (they do that by their optional choice). That's problem we can called an dilemma.

- 1) Was McCoy ignorant of the differences between right and wrong?  
(He was ignorant, cause he just help the holy man without knowing that action are not obligation, he did his optional choice to help him a bit as he can think about consequence of what he doing.)
- 2) Why didn't Stephen go all the way to help?  
(cause of everyone he has surrendered with, he didn't feel pressured to do something no other doing) He didn't help the Sadhu all the way, cause he think that is not his job or he don't have to help him and leave the climbing his action was unethical.

- 3) Are moral dilemma generally clear to determine?

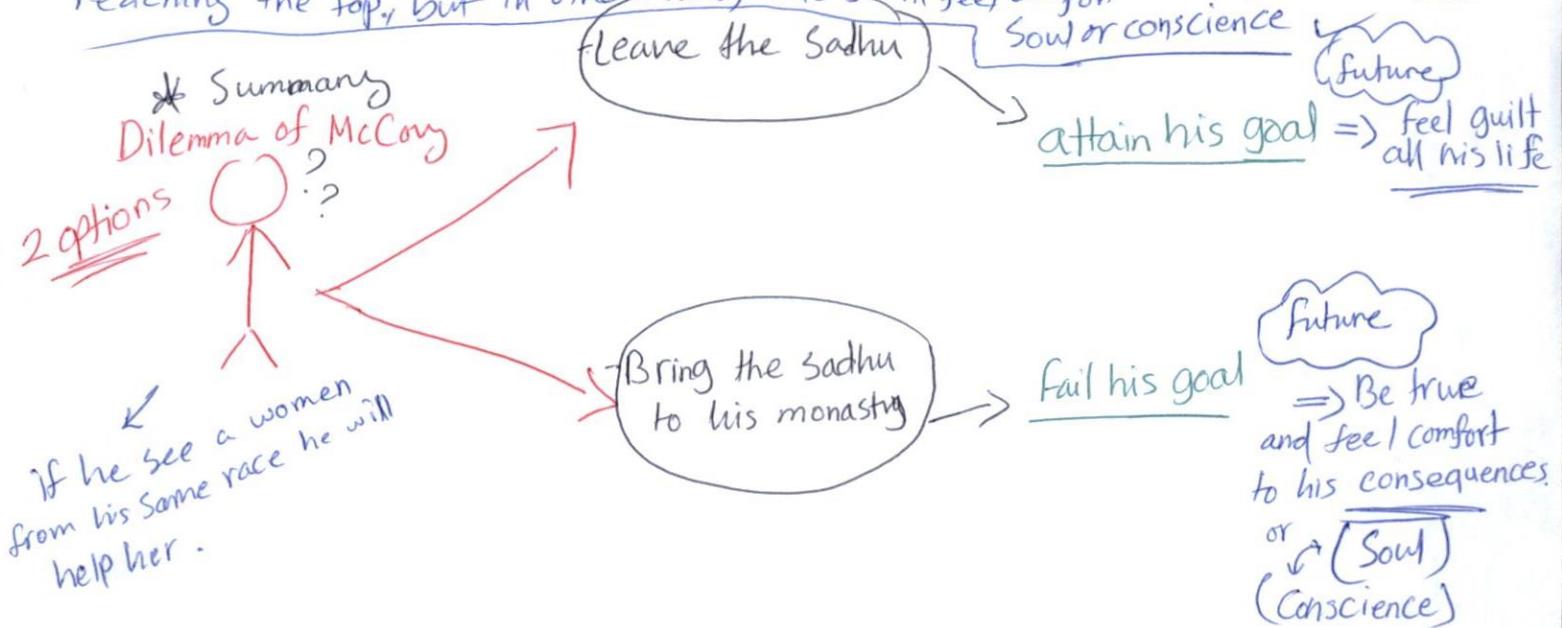
Moral dilemma are not easy to determine it, cause each cases you have to think deeply about what you can do and if you have to do it or not, it will be easy only if there are strong obligation case.

- 4) Are Stephan criteria of moral obligations responsible?

I think ~~yes~~ <sup>No</sup>, cause ~~he~~ he think that is not his problem and his goal is to climb not helping other and make a bad consequence.

- 3) What if McCoy and Stephen go all the way to help?  
(his action was unethical and morally incorrect)

If they help the Sadhu all the way they will not have enough time to climb again over the mountain and they will lose their chance of reaching the top, but in other hand, they will feel comfort and true about their



### (3) Approaches to ethics

المفهوم الأخلاقي\*

"Moral Nihilism, Moral Relativism, Moral Objectivism"

- \* There is nothing real ~~and~~ objective about morality.
- \* What we see as wrong/right differ.

#### | Preliminary comments

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1 - Traditional presupposition of objective moral values  
For example: (Black + white lying) not steal/murder

Culture of

2 - Diversity of moral practices

For ex: (his mother see that dancing and wearing bikini in Kuwait is wrong but in other countries it's ok)

The key Q: Is there any objective moral value or duty that is valid for all human beings at all times?

(is there any moral rule that applies to all human kind?)

2 possible answers: 3 views:

No: Moral Nihilism + Moral Relativism →

Yes: Moral Objectivism

They believe that moral truth exist of human knowledge

(there are some moral laws that are universal/Objective).

knowledge, truth, morality exist in culture and society not absolute everything we think about it is wrong there isn't truth

القيم الأخلاقية والعرفانية  
No duty

وكل ما نتصور  
ليس له مبدأ

#### | Moral Nihilism,

ال nihilism\*

\* there is no ~~real~~ moral laws or rules for all. (killing + stealing is bad)  
Nihil → nothing (value)

1. Definition of moral nihilism "The Doctrine that there is no moral facts, no moral truths and Knowledge" - Gilbert Harman.

2. Friedrich Nietzsche

• "God is dead" - the absence of absolute moral standard.

(what mean, we have killed him?) we have killed the idea of God  
Cause God is used as standard for right and wrong. If we take this standard away, what decide, go what is wrong/right?  
but since God did not exist, we make things up, there is no standard to what we consider right/wrong.  
it's all from our interpretations thoughts

• Interpretation  
(the action of explaining the meaning of something)

Example: if we think something right it is right absolute for us."

## slave morality vs. master morality

\* doing things to not get punished.

\* religion has been a tool to control people.

So, we are slaves to religions.

will to power

\* Nietzsche tells that we need to be the masters of ourselves, to not depend on religions or god.

## will to power

\* what matters in the end? is power.

"strive to satisfy....." (dominate/help)

\* what he is saying is screw others before they screw you.

## Beyond good + Evil

Übermensch vs. lastman  
(Superman)

(bad)

\* The laws of nature don't bind him, moral principles are not controlled by outside natural laws, we make moral principles by ourselves.

"lastman" → people who believe that god does not exist, but they are atheists that still believe that there is right/wrong.

## 3. Gilbert Harman

impossibility of testing morality scientifically (knowledge)  
morality cannot be seen, we can't test it, it's only feeling

impossibility of absorbing morality (burning a cat) → when you see you think wrong  
the wrongness → the action you see from our sense will will automatically  
see it wrong way, we cannot perceive that.

(they can absorb what they see on others actions, but they cannot understand what they do -)

## illusion of morality

It's not real knowledge (nothing right/wrong)

4. J.L. Mackie: inventing right + wrong → we create it, they are not real

## Argument from relativity

You only can judge by observing (seeing) but you can't said that's right.  
there is no universal law for what's wrong or right.

## The pathetic fallacy

\* implying own feeling to things, we are empathising.

\* we share the feeling of another.

## Error Theory

many terms influences by images about moral things.

## 5. David Hume

- take any action to be vicious (murder) but you should find the fact before you said it's vice → by your motives, passions that vice will escape you. You must reflect that to your own, then find feeling of disapproval towards that actions (we see it vice cause of our sense of moral).

## 6. The key Nihilistic principles

- Absence of objective moral values or duties.
  - There is no objective rules in the society or culture.
- Moral values or duties are human creations.
  - people who create duties and rules of morality.

## 7. Consistency vs. livability.

we cannot live in this world without sense of right/wrong,  
nihilism is consistence.

## III Moral Relativism:

absolute & universal

\* different people based on different quote

1. Two key principles of moral nihilism

- Denial of objective morality

- morality as human creation

(there is no value real and truth  
it's always depend on what  
we create from our society  
(environment) from our experience)

2. Two sources of morality: culture or individuals

3. 3 key claims for moral relativism

a) Culture/Society disagree widely about morality. (each culture has its own moralities)

b) There is no clear way to resolve moral differences. (some people like slaves, some not)

c) Morality is a product of culture. (created by individuals).

4. Cultural/conventional relativism

- morality is product of society/culture

- X is good = society should like and approves the X..

For example: Society should not wear bikini if culture said that.

5. Subjective/individuals relativism

- morality is product of an individuals

- X is good = I and others should like and approve X.

6. Contributions of moral relativism

- Caution against unwarranted absolutist attitude

- Urges open-mindedness and tolerance.

accept people morality

respect everyone  
without judging people

### ③ III Moral Objectivism / Realism

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\* they said yes, there are moral values/duties, and laws that valid all.

1. Recognition of relativity in moral "practices"

- there is many differences moral values that people can share.

2. Core-fundamental moral values + duties

- human gained objective values. (intuitive) → born with it, and recognized  
they're basic like defending truth + goodness [Courage/justice/caring  
golden-role]. Self-control

3. Based human nature, need and goal.

- we have similar physiological needs.

### IV Mo: Response to moral Nihilism + Relativism

١. Apparent moral diversity

\* exaggeration of diversity with regards to moral practices: Not real but apparent.

٢. Diverse applications of fundamental moral values.

- for example: burning or eating bodies, they have the same idea on  
keeping the soul alive with them, but they act and use method in differ.

٣. Difference on facts rather than morals

- like a country throwing handicapped babies to river for some  
river creatures to eat them alive; we think is harsh but in fact  
they believe they're returning the babies to god to get better replacement  
(- Muslims & Daish they make what good but they are different  
for what god Kommand.)

٤. Difference due to conflicting moral values - hierarchy

- Eskimo elders die with dignity, when they are weak, they  
don't eat and die.

٥. The "why" Questions

٦. Some extreme cases - simply wrong

I + I doesn't equal 10 / village killed girl for being a prostitute,  
cut her in half and showed it to everyone. (story)

٧. There is no clear way to resolve moral differences

- Any moral argument? → women vote or educate as human nature.

- Argumentum from ignorant → (I don't know, therefore doesn't exist)

### 3. Scientific knowledge vs. moral knowledge

gives us iPhone

gives us what should we do with iPhone, how to use it.

- So, morality cannot be seen or tested.
- Different kinds of knowledge  
we cannot live based on scientific knowledge  
(how to use our things is the most important).
- Does disagreement simply absence of truth?  
does the fact of people disagree true.
- Does moral thinking never arrive at truth?

### 4. Moral illusion or intuition

- we believe morality and create morality.  
out fact

(nothing right or wrong, cause we create by our preferred on that way)

- Intuitive nature of morality  
- simply it's wrong

• ~~Inventing or discovering "wheel"~~  
Nihilism

Said illusion

- Cultural relativism

it's truth and right → society decides what's good or bad  
for ex. kissing in Kuwait → disrespected, but  
in other countries or societies find it romantic.

- Subjective relativism

it's right.

↓  
among the country it's self → for ex: people with different thinking morals.

### 5. Morality created or discovered?

- Learning from society: created or discovered?

we learn the right + wrong from the society and the society  
created morality. but Society didn't create morality, they  
just discovered cause our knowledge makes us think  
that morality created by our society.

- Inventing ~~or~~ or discovering "wheel"

we cannot move the wheel like square shape, we should  
develop moral practices and try to apply.

- Discovering of morality : growth + maturity , trial when children are small as they grow more and figure out morality. So, we can discover and develop better moral practice by trying and learning from our mistakes.

## V Mo: Critique of moral Nihilism + Relativism (True)

### 1- Impossibility of moral criticism.

(you cannot control someone that who did something wrong morally) actions / cause there isn't right or wrong. criticize

#### • Nihilism

you cannot make laws

#### • Culture relativism

there is right and wrong of society thinking

- Impossible to criticize one's own culture  
(if culture relativism is true then, it will approved)  
(if culture == what society decided is true, is true). what is right is determine by society.

#### - Impossible to criticize another culture

(like when comparing a country morality system with a moral system of another country, we will find one better than the other). you cannot compare + criticize.

#### • Subjective relativism

if SR is true, you can't criticize.

### 2- Impossibility of moral progress.

#### • Progress vs. Change

(you don't have a goal to measure progress, you are simply changing, not going to a higher level that you are striving for.)

#### • Culture Relativism

right to vote for women isn't change in kuwait, it's progress

So, there you can consider CR as progress

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#### • Subjective Relativism

(if SR is true, then it's just change / not progress)

### 3. Educating the Young

Nihilism

- "Forget about it" → you will probably say to your child "forget it" → what's right determined by society.

Culture Relativism

- "Follow the crowd" just do what other do in culture.

Subjective Relativism

- "Do only what you want to do" if you decided what right, it's right for you.

## (4) Ethical Egoism

Is there any objective morality?

مقدمة في الأخلاق  
(Introduction)

people who like to do anything that good for themselves interest without helping other people. They only think about themselves.

(each of us have a moral duty, but just take care of our)  
( how to determine what is V/X ? )

### Introduction

1. Two divisions on what is right / wrong:

① Consequentialist theories → good <sup>based on</sup> defend by consequence (V/X depend on consequence).

② Non-Consequentialist theories → " not " " "  
(selfless)

### 2. Altruistic Examples

(person who help and show his selfless instead of his own interest to other)  
(for Example: when someone do something good for other to feel good instead of his own pleasure). - non-Selfish will  
→ what is V is what is good for me, help me.

### 3. Is there a genuine altruism?

I think no there isn't, cause most people when they do something or help others or making them feel happy, they always have benefit from that act such as to be happy and feel true about their soul.

## Ethical Egoism

1. Ethical egoism: one's own (self-interest)

all what we do will be for one own interest usually.

(V is what satisfies one's own interest)

2. Thomas Hobbes like animals kill/steal

enemy

g

everyone

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① The state of nature → fighting for food not stealing act, it's natural cause all of us need food.

② Need for ethics → person don't want to get hurt from people those see him (you don't steal from me, I won't while he stealing). (things that are useful for me to go ahead).

### 3. Friedrich Nietzsche

(try to satisfy yourself) → what is good is what bring <sup>power</sup> which help us or benefit us.

(donating)

### 4. Amy Rand

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she's

① Selfishness as virtue → we have moral obligation to be selfish, it's make me strong.

② Altruism as vice (a backer bakes a good bread to earn money, try to meet your interest as much as you can, helping other helping people over and over you think you do is evil). (sacrificing yourself for other is bad thing) cause it harm in several ways. ✓

## 5 Psychological Egoism

we act based on our interest, to satisfy our needs.

## II Evaluation of Ethical Egoism

### 1. Recognition of long-term benefits to self

→ there must be a connection between interest and selfishness

### 2. Counter intuitive consequences (against) Something very basic

(company had fake nurses to give free packages, then women had her milk dry they couldn't feed their child unless they buy from the company  
poor people couldn't afford.)

### 3. Self-interest vs. Selfish-interest (benefit)

(our own good with seeking on one's own benefit, pleasure or well-being  
taking care about other one) without regard for other).

\* (They both benefit us, but the diff is about going for other, you could be selfish for yourself)

### 4. The paradox of happiness

happiness as ultimate end of which we do. it's not something that comes right away, we do things to be happy.

→ how do we get it? if we seek (find) it directly it will never happen.

for example: how do i be a loving person, we don't make up and decide to do it, if we focus on our need it will never happen, but if we focus on the need of other → it will happen.

• Self-interest and other's well-being

• Achieving happiness (purpose)

5. Confusion of consequences with motive (you do it for feeling good. but your goal is simply helping.)  
- are always outcome by confusion.

\* The purpose is always to do my own benefits, resulting in my own pleasure

\* The motives sometimes are dependent on our benefits  
comes from my desires.

6. Undermining genuine friendship - (I will become your friend as long as it helps me)  
ethical egoists are not able of having any cause to be a genuine friend with someone, you need to not only think about yourself, you need also consider interest of your close friend - (we have friend, cause we need each other).

## ① main idea of ethical egoism

is that all humans do good to satisfy their sense of goodness + feel good about themselves, which makes it selfish act.

## ② The idea of

Thomas Hobbes

Nietzsche

ethical egoist

- explained how humans come to develop values + laws
- believes that we are not different than others, we have a duty to take care of ourselves, even if it means being selfish.

1 → state of nature (is that everyone is an enemy fighting for food.)

2 → need for ethics. (Don't steal from me, I will not steal from you).

Similar to Thomas

he said that there's no source of evil, it's just what is best for me. (good is whatever benefits me).

## ③ virtue of selfishness (Rand)

- ① Selfishness → believed that selfishness is moral quality, a virtue.  
as something good.
- ② Selflessness → In contrast the idea of altruism → doing good for helping others.  
Selfless act is nice + evil.
- ③ Altruism → he said what is moral is what meets my own interest  
when someone take care of other over + over it becomes irresponsible + dependent.

## ④ Psychological egoism

based on what will benefit us interest + to satisfy own.

- ⑤ Some critical responses:
  - if ethical egoism is true then there are (counter-intuitive) consequences
  - confuse btw (self-interest) + (selfish-interest)  
self-interest → their own benefit without care others
  - own good with take care for others (we + other humans)

## (5) Utilitarianism

utilitarian

"The greatest good for the greatest number"

If you choose to save 5 people and kill 1

(just cause about the number, you think as an utilitarian)

- what is good for most people involved.

- If numbers is the only thing that matters, why don't you push your friend as use him/her as a break?

(1) Consequentialist "the end justifies the means"

{ The result determines what  
V/X - what matter is result.  
if you do X, but in the end V, it is

(2) what matter is the consequence.

(a) The happiness (hedonist) → happiness is a pleasure in the end we want it.

"The pleasure is the goal ..... everything good"

(- what is good is what beings as the most pleasure).

(b) Jeremy Bentham

"The greatest happiness for greatest number is the foundation of morals and legislation"

(V/X being happiness for greater amount of people).

\* morality is about:

- making the world as happy as possible

- V/X is determined by pleasure-pain (pleasure over pain)

(3) The equality principle: equality & greatest number.

→ we are all equal in value. (no one special than other)

(4) Bentham's "Hedonistic calculus" (the pleasure/pain far or near)

Intensity, duration, certainty, nearness, fruitfulness

(how long)  
(the pleasure or pain)  
and extent  
(How many ppl will be affected by this and for how long?)

It is  
pleasure only?  
pain only?

Example: (study for exam or going to beach)

## (S) John Stuart Mill

① "higher values" → (not defined by your sense but values)

② Act utilitarianism vs Rule utilitarianism

- (what is r to act is not simply what you follow and act, but it's what you follow certain rules that bring consequences).

ex: killing innocent person will harm society.

{ for benefit  
you }

## Evaluation of Utilitarianism

1) strengths of Utilitarianism

① simple & absolute

② Emphasis on benefit, promotes well-being & reduces suffering.

2) Ignores intentions / motives

(it's all about consequence, it ignores intentions / motives)-

- if you do things for benefit, it's selfishness  
& it's the motives that matters not consequences.

3) Ignores personal integrity

I more pleasure is better than no pleasure.

4) Ignores justice

In the end, if consequence matters then what about lying / stealing?

5) difficulties of calculating consequences.

- it's sound easy, but it's impossible to calculate the greatest good for numbers.

ⓐ Foresseeing the consequences → you can't know the future.

ⓑ Calculating 2 greatest: "the greatest happiness for greatest number"

5 min - 60 min  
7 min - 50 min  
1 min - 6 min

↙ (it's work simple, but it's an impossible task, when you have two things, it's impossible to figure out.)

③ Incalculable values

{ many values are impossible to calculate which is more ~~impossible~~ valuable,

→ difficult to measure

a hot coffee in cold weather.

a cold coffee in hot weather.

6) No-rest argument  
[you will never satisfy]

for example: [10 KD → cinema or Africa?] you would be caught, no rest too demanding.

7) pleasure - pig philosophy

cause pigs live for pleasure.

(if you interpret moral pleasure, doing good, feeling good as pleasure, you are no different than pig.)

As a Utilitarian → the best thing to do is to take drugs to feel good / happy.

② Answer Final

① main idea of Utilitarianism (The greatest good for greatest + number)  
is the view that says (morality comes down to the greater good of how many people that have benefitted.)

② The key principles of Hume (3 key)

① consequential "the end justifies the means"  
for ex: ending someone's life cause they're in pain.

② Happiness

happiness is what brings pleasure over pain, what is ~~make me~~ happy for me is happy for others. (good give pleasure / bad give pain)

Epicurus →

Pleasure is the goal that nature has ordained for us.

Jeremy Bentham →

greatest happiness is for greatest number, this is the basic of morals, we need to avoid pain,

③ The equality ~~of~~ principle

if something is good, it will benefit a great number of ppl.  
we all equal, no one special than other.

## ⑦ ignoring motive ↗

not consider our motive, it focus on consequences  
we can't have morals without motives

## ⑧ ignoring integrity

if V/X is judged by consequences, then even bad things are okay, cause one is getting pleasure from it

Example → a peeping tom, is okay, cause he is invading + abusing one personal integrity.

## ⑨ ignoring justice

is difficult to calculate consequences. Only God know what will happen, we only predict, we can't know diff btw pleasure or pain from one person to other.

## ⑩ no nest argument

being moral brings happiness to great number but this means "I" will never be happy.

we can treat our child with sweets + food, but we can also send money to poor ppl. which is greater.

(to go to gym or poor)

## ⑪ The pig-philosophy

we set morals to pleasure + that's what ~~most~~ animals do.

PPL similar to pigs, they eat to feel happy  
same (we live for pleasure)  
cause

## ⑥ Duty Theory

"Is There Any Moral Absolute?"

Utilitarian

Deontology → duty theory for Kant's, he hate Utilitarianism. It doesn't matter who ever watching you, you must do the ✓ thing.

\* 3 key influences on Immanuel Kant  
↓  
(ideas, thoughts)

① Inner goodness (German Pietism).

- Used value honesty, adapt to it,
- It would horrible if you lied.

(if you lived in a good society, it's easy to be good).

② Intrinsic worth-dignity of human beings (Rousseau).

all human have dignity, whatever status you have, you have certain dignity.

③ Natural law intuitionism (over)

- difficult for people to abuse ppl who respect you.

1) St. Thomas Aquinas: Human nature  
(human beings have a law of nature, all human have the sense of goodness. In order to maximize yourself, you need to follow intuition /knowledge.).

2) Joseph Butler: Conscience

→ sense of ✓/✗, we appreciate honesty/good qualities  
Core fundamental values.

3) Samuel Pufendorf: Discovering Universal moral rules

You + I could discover moral laws through intuition, because God created human with intuition so we should have discovered

the sense of ✓/✗ by reflecting upon due intuition.

Conscience is not always clear, but when you think deeply, you could come to the sense of ✓/✗.

\* 3 main kind of Duties:

1) to understand God → any moral virtue that is valuable.

2) all human being have duty to oneself → train oneself, to benefit ourselves.

including moral duties. you have duty to make the best of yourself.

3) Duty to others → to treat ppl equally, to promote good 2 others, to keep moral.

## \* What is morality really about?

### 1 - Duty / obligation

It's not about the end, it never justifies the mean. You have a duty to be honest / loyal / justice regardless of the consequence. Even if it hurts you, you should follow your duty as part of your nature.

### 2 - Motive

to the extent that you are doing it for your own benefit, it's wrong, it should be out of pure motive.  
(not pure = not moral)

### 3 - Will (decision)

- we often do the <sup>wrong</sup> thing because we are ignorant / lazy.  
- will is the most important thing because good is the most important thing.  
- we shouldn't do it for any benefit, you should do good cause it's good.  
Consequence does not matter; even if you didn't succeed, you are morally good, cause your intention is good. Your duty is to choose/will to be good.

## \* Absoluteness of morality

① Against utilitarian approach

② Denial of innate morality

③ Contingencies of human situations + desires

④ Absolute, innate, universally binding nature of morality  $\rightarrow$  duty to be good.

⑤ Categorical imperative. ① Universality of morality  
Morality is very absolute rational, believes that we are born with no knowledge, things are put in us by experiences, we know from our sense experiences we learn after we born.

② The Kingdom of the ends.

1 - second version of categorical imperative:

( I = you  $\rightarrow$  I am obligated to you, treating it as a use ~~you~~  
you need - ppl use each other for benefits. You have to treat + respect a person as valuable. We abuse each other cause we don't fully know each other. We have to respect other not as mean. Treat as an end.)

② Human dignity due to rationality/intelligence

③ End vs merely as means.

( treat everyone equally even the maids etc).

### \* Difficulty of Kant's Duty theory

① conflicting moral duties

(if we had to do our duty, it might result in killing)

-the theory is awesome if we had to do moral theory, do that which is your business, this rest are not your responsibility -

② Absolving responsibilities

### \* Resolution (How do you decide)? (Ross)

1- 3 components to Ross' thinking

a) moral intuition

b) multiple moral obligations: → (not everyone can see it) (benefit)  
Self-improvement  
not harming others

2- Two kinds of duties (what appears to be your duty).

1- prima - facie duties → tell truth first. (we have to be honest)

2- Actual duties → something after thinking (what you do).  
(greater good, consequences do matter).

3- priority among moral duties

There are certain moral duties which are higher → <sup>action</sup> faithful.  
lower → white lies.

### ③ Discuss Kant's Duty Theory + Virtue Theory.

Final ~~Kant's~~ Kant's Duty Theory in light of

(~~Immanuel~~) Immanuel Kant + Ideas that influenced him

Said that no matter what the consequences of things are you need to do the ~~V~~ thing.

3 ideas that influenced Immanuel Kant in terms of his moral philosophy are as follows.

① - Kant born in Russia

- he got his inner goodness from (German Pietism)

(the sense of purity + inner goodness is important to him)

- he lived in strict society which affected his morals.

② - he was inspired from (Rosseauan idea) who wrote about how each human no matter who they are (men-women, rich, poor) they have inherited the dignity. All ppl have right + dignity.

③ There are natural laws → that makes <sup>of gravity</sup> human operate. how we must not defy the laws, we must not defy the natural law of morality. So, we don't get hurt in the end.

- St. Thomas Aquinas → (human nature)

believed that God created us with human nature

- Joseph Butler law (conscience)

the sense of V/X, when we do wrong, we feel guilty. this inherited all humans.

- Samuel Pufendorf's law (Discovering Universal moral rules). he thinks that we can discover absolute V/X

through intuition/honesty

③ The absoluteness of morality

① it's against Utilitarianism approach, cause it ② denies innate morality. ③ it contingencies human situation + desires and categorical imperative which imply to all humans.

② elements

#### ④ The universality of morality

is that Kant morality is universal.

(1st version) → of his Categorical Imperative

is that when someone is in a moral dilemma

+ they must choose X or Y, they decide to choose X.

They must stop + think: do I want X to be universal?

do I want everyone to do it? If yes, it's right thing to do.

Also, apply (Golden Rule) that "Do not do to others what you don't want to be done to you"

(2nd version) → is that we must not ~~treat~~ ppl as means,  
instead they must be treated as an end, with dignity.

## ⑦ Virtue Ethics

### \* Introduction

#### - what is morality really about?

It's not about benefits cause it would be practical and practical isn't moral. Is morality simply about doing your duty? It's not enough. It's not about following your ~~duties~~ (rules), ppl always finding away and go to around rules. (Good ppl suffer, Bad ppl will always get around it. good ppl don't need rules, they will know the ✓ thing to do by themselves.)

#### \* morality is about? ↴

#### - Becoming a Strong Person

instead of focusing on changing the rules, work on changing the person. ex: (gust / attendance / smile). Changing person would be a long-term process but more effective. Benefit isn't a purpose, it's a consequences.

### \* 1 Aristotelian virtue ethics

#### (Elements): ↴

##### 1) Character

① The goal of ethics → to become strong → require inner / interpersonal strength.  
ethics isn't about doing, it's about my character what I wanna become, the goal is to become a strong person. you could easily trust / depend on them.

② Integrity → become a person of integrity (whole number) = (whole person).  
(Dignity / standing with the ✓ thing) (Greek word)

(Person without integer is not respectable, not consistent, they say the right thing but they don't do it → not a whole / divided.)  
(If U have integrity U have a harmony)

→ Strong person will built a community, you can live a satisfying life only if you become a person with integrity.

2) Human Nature → you can't be full / happy without integrity.

① Human reason → It's through our reason that we know.

② Nature of things → human nature is goodness.

\* we do all things for the sake of happiness

\* if you are a liar you can't be happy

\* happiness is a consequence / by product.

### 3) Teleology: eudemonia

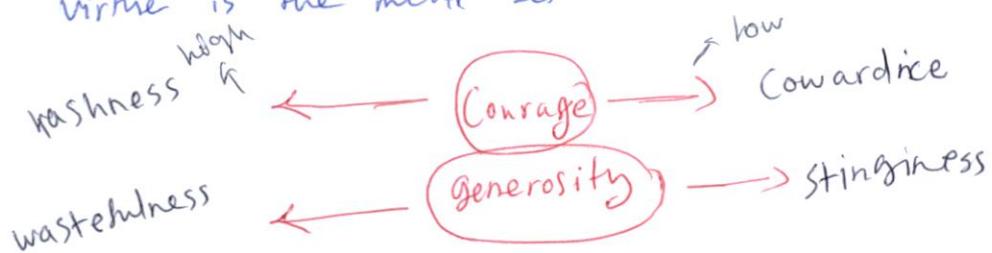
(Greek =) happiness  
- what are human being for? (human being are made to be happy).  
Happiness is a constant activist, something you work for, doesn't come alone.

### 4) virtue → part of human nature that we need to perfect.

- ① strength → sharpen yourself in strength our to happiness.
- ② virtues → wisdom, courage, justice, temperance. (work for your benefit).
- ③ necessary to attain eudemonia  
good qualities / we live it, even if it doesn't make us happy.

### 5) Mean

not being stupid, average between 2 extreme + deficiency (coward).  
being reasonable, courage is not the same for every body.  
virtue is the mean between 2 extreme.



### 6) Habit key / secret to happiness, you can't be moral just like that, you have to practice it. Habit → develop skills, doing things without thinking. (you should do these things so good as part of your habit).

### 7) The ideal person

(what would I do/behave if the ideal person is watching?)

#### \*Virtue of honesty

##### \* why truth/honesty is important?

- ① No one really gets away with you
  - ⓐ gets found out → It will be better for you if it gets found out, cause if not, you will end in being an amazing liar.
  - ⓑ harm to oneself → when you lie, you catch up with other lies (get easier next time).
- ② Truth/honesty as the basic of trust.  
- You can't trust someone who isn't honest. The key to relationship is trust. You can't survive without trusting.
- ③ Truth/honesty as an experience of respect

## ④ How to tell truth

- (a) Truth can hurt + be abused → ppl say truth in wrong time.
- (b) Truth with respect → you need to be know how to say things, telling the truth is a sign of respect.

## ⑤ Duty to lie

- Some special cases, you have to lie, when two situation come to conflict only these cases.

## \* III How to cultivate virtues (How to become strong)

1 - Network with Sages → with people who are ideal.

when you hang out with good ppl, it's easy to become good.

2 - Take care of little things → good ppl don't become ideal unless they were making ✓ choices all along or small matters.

It's the small things that really matter.  
(if you lie on small matters, you will lie on big ones too)

3 - Develop moral imagination.  
- imagine how would the other ppl be, + how they think  
- think about it.

## ⑧ Morality and God

Do moral values and duties depend on God?

\*Introduction:-

1- Fyodor Dostoevski (Russian writer / Nihilist / when U die U disappear).  
"without God and immorality, all things are permitted" جیل عز و عز

\* Example → (if there is no God and life after death, you could do whatever you want. Cause you don't have to pay or be responsible for anything). Divine command عزم و عزم (V+X)

2- William Lane Craig

"If God does not exist, objective moral values and duties do not exist."

\* Example → (V and X does not exist if God does not exist.)

3- Reality of objective moral values + duties (laws) → "C.S Lewis"

4- Meaning of "objective" morality?

(Universal, absolute, something we all agree with or on / obligated). binding

→ to act justly / be honest / not lie or steal  
→ values we should all do it, but doesn't mean we all do.

5- The key issue: ① "Do you need to believe in God to be moral?"

\* Answer: people don't need to believe in God to become moral.

② what is the source or foundation of objective moral values + duties?

→ This is the issue, what reason they have to be immoral.

God  
(Theistic)  
OMVD  
objectives  
moral  
values  
Duties  
③ Could there be morality without God?  
→ Something that is fundamental within all of us.  
(we all are obligated to be moral)  
(Should)  
→ There has to be God to be able to become moral

\* Theistic Foundation of OMVD

① CS Lewis' moral argument

- "All men are conscious of objective moral laws". → we know that we should be justice / honest. All men are aware of core values (basic)  
- Objective moral laws simply a moral law giver.  
→ we have the values of V/X, but where does it come from? there has to be giver.

- ② William Sorely → Natural Order + moral order.  
 if you deny moral laws, you will not become very good.  
 (One who is most internal with moral laws are the most excellent one.)
- ③ The source + foundation of moral laws (where does morality come from?)  
 i - Moral laws → Could come from below us, from us, above us (when it comes from you or below you it's duty should we be moral?)  
 ii - Conscience → Sense of V/X comes from you below you  
 could change or deny it. (or below you it's option, but if above you it's obligated.)

- ④ God as the source of objective moral values (OMV)  
 According to theist, God created us and established sense of V/X in us.  
 (make)  
 if you follow the sense of conscience you will be at your fullest. In the end God is the source.
- \* Objection to Theistic foundation

- ⑤ The Divine Command Theory and Euthyphro's Dilemma
- ① "Is a thing good because God commands it, or does God command it because it is good?"  
 - how does something become good? good is arbitrary (random) (is murder good murder is good it would be good)  
 (God is good, his command reflects his nature over just honest)
- \* example → (if honesty is good, then why it's related to God?)
- ② Is good arbitrary (random) or independent of God?  
 → It's good just cause God says it's good. (Dose murder is wrong cause God says it's wrong, or if murder wrong cause it's wrong itself)

- ⑥ The Divine Essence Theory.
- things are good because God is good. good is not independent of God.  
 whatever God command is good, objective moral values depends on God (comes from his nature).  
 answer ~~Third dilemma~~ → God commands something cause he is good
- ⑦ God is also as the source of objective moral duties (OMD)
- Just because things are valuable doesn't mean we have to do it.

- ① Different between values + duties  
 (objective moral values are not just good / because duties are optional below/above you) values are must (binding).
- ② Duties + authorities  
 (all human beings have a duty to be good/justice/honest etc.)  
 Authority has to be where all of us are obligated/duty.
- ③ Authority over all human beings -  
 (source of the duty/authority must be above all humans.)
- ④ kinds of authority  
 ① Coercive force → proper authority is a good thing.  
 when you something strong, you don't like the authority.
- ② Inspirational persuasion → better than Coercive force  
 (you must find the delight of it.)

## \* Nihilistic Naturalism

### ① Naturalistic conception of man

1) Bertrand Russell

A man is an accidentally by products from nature. our end is simply extinction, so there is no value of man.

2) Accidental By products of matter + time + chance.

### ② Absence of the standard for good (Nietzsche)

morality depends on God, but God does not exist. Therefore, morality doesn't exist.

### ③ Consistent outcome.

① Any Rand's "virtue of selfishness"

② Machiavellian ethics → men are selfishness, cannot be trusted.

[as a good rules, you need to know how to do "evil"].

Cause make ppl think its evil, you need to look good while you're doing evil.

Does morality depend on God?

Yes ← Theism  
No ← Relativism

Does God exist?

→ Yes  
→ No

### ④ Consistency (versus) Livability.

It's very consistent but could you live with out morality?  
~~without condemning~~ → if you are a nihilist, you won't different between Hitler + Gandhi.

## \* IV Critique Naturalism

### ① Affirmation of objective morality

• Sam Harris: critique of relativists / subjectivists.

• Richard Dawkins: critique of religious horrors.

• Peter Milligan: critique on biased / agreed upon.

• Michael Martin: ordinary language, common sense and the ideal observer.

• Walter Sinnott-Armstrong: harm → if we abuse ppl, we will see wrong

### ② social-biological foundation for objective morality

+ right.

• biological evolutionary survival → for my survival (Not steal, cos if we steal

(what is good is good for my survival.), other will steal from us.)

• well-being of conscious creatures

(what is good is what help well-being animals/humans)

## \* V critique of objective naturalism

### ① Inconsistency of naturalism objectivism

- Dawkins' own view of the men and universe
  - a \_\_\_\_\_ "every thing happen for us as a chance and there is no reason for that"
- Charles Darwin "The Desert of man"
  - (we are part of random process + because of environment nature)
- Michael Ruse
  - "morality is the purpose to survive."

(1a) Does OMVD depend on God?

④ find

(1a) what objective moral v + d mean?

the meaning of objective morality is that measurable + agree with.

they are moral values that are binding, obligatory. Even if we don't want it, because we will feel guilty. we are obligated to them.  
we can't change them.

(1b) The key issue concerning our discussion?

"Do we need to believe in God to be moral?"

Atheistic can be moral → without God.

The key issue is (what is the source of objective moral vtd?)

Atheists argue → we don't need God to be moral.

Religious ppl argue → Yes, we need God → God is the basic of moral.

### ② Theistic foundation of mvt MD

(2a) (S Lewis on morality + God

was Atheists → become religion → he said that ~~deep down~~  
all men are aware of sense of V / X

(2b) The source of morality?

has come from moral law giver, someone who have authority over us, like God.

According to William Sonely, we can't prove that natural order of Objective things exist, but they do. Similar to moral order

The source of it come from above us (God) other source Conscience

(2c) The difference b/w moral values + duties?

have to → right & wrong

from your experience.

(2d) Theistic view of God as source of moral duties of his authority

they believe God is source of values

what is ~~value~~ from God it is duty.

Authority → over us (like God) or police, but they can't force us to do something not our duty (mother's control).  
but rules for child.

on other word → Duties "or responsibilities"

someone obligated to do something

There are 2 type of authority.

Coercive force → force us to do things, even we want to.

Inspirational Persuasion → persuade us instead of force

they use their force correctly.

- ③ a key objection to theistic view in Divine command theory + essence  
\* Naturalistic Nihilism response to relationship btw God + morality  
believe everything is physical, made by material.

(3a) The naturalistic conception of man

(2e)

God commanded human to be good & whatever God command is good. So

Euthyphro's Dilemma is (view 1) (are things good cause God command it?) or (view 2) (does God command good cause it's good?)

Their objection to (1 view) → (is good arbitrary?) if correct then good is random. for ex: if God command murder, then we would like killing.

⇒ ⇒ ⇒ (view) → (is good independent in God?) if correct then ~~murder~~<sup>justice</sup> does not depend on God. which makes God seem like not an absolute being

The Divine Essence theory says that God command justice/honest cause it's good, but not that it's good itself, outside of God. Goodness are reflection of God nature (cause God is good his nature)  
(honest / lovely / beautiful / just)

(3a) natural conception of man

according to Bertrand Russell → we are outcome of something happened randomly / accidentally out of nowhere, it curse of environment by product of chance, so moral not valuable.

(3b) The absence of moral standard (Nietzsche)

he believes that there is no ultimate standard for good.

### (3c) The consistent outcome of nihilism

Any Rand theory → supports (virtue of selfishness)  
nothing matter except surviving, we must care about ourselves  
and forget others.  
Machiavellian ethics → another side of living, they think  
that kindness is stupid (we can do bad but make it seem good)  
"need to look good while you doing evil"

### (3d) Test of viability

we cannot live without morality.

## ④ \* Naturalistic objectivism view

(4a) Attempt to affirm objective morality in socio-bio terms.