

Reason, Value, and Duty

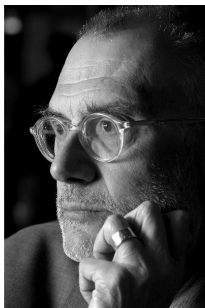
Lecture Five

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Moral Motivation and Prichard's Dilemma



Accounts of why an action's being wrong is sufficient reason not to do it face Prichard's dilemma:

- 1 An appeal to a moral reason takes for granted the reason giving force of moral considerations
- 2 An appeal to a nonmoral reason does not capture the importance and authority of moral considerations

Contractualism

An act is wrong if its performance under the circumstances would be prohibited by any set of principles for the general regulation of conduct that no one could reasonably reject as a basis for informed, unforced general agreement

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