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metaethics understood as a distinct branch of ethics is often traced to g e moore s 1903 classic principia ethica whereas normative ethics is concerned to answer first order moral questions about what is good and bad right and wrong metaethics is concerned to answer second order non moral questions about the semantics

metaphysics and epistemology of moral thought and discourse moore has continued to exert a powerful influence and the sixteen essays here most of them specially written for the volume represent the most up to date work in metaethics after and in some cases directly inspired by the work of moore

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the contents of the inaugural volume of oxford studies in metaethics nicely mirror the variety of issues that make this area of philosophy so interesting the volume opens with peter railton s exploration of some central features of normative guidance the mental states that underwrite it and its relationship to our reasons for feeling and acting in the next offering terence cuneo takes up the case against expressivism arguing that its central account of the nature of moral judgments is badly mistaken terence horgan and mark timmons two of the most prominent contemporary expressivists then offer their take on how expressivism manages to avoid a different objection that of collapsing into an objectionable form of relativism daniel jacobson and justin d arms next offer an article that continues their research program devoted to exploring the extent to which values might depend upon or be constrained by human psychology ralph wedgwood engages in some classical metaethical conceptual analysis seeking to explicate the meaning of ought mark van rooijen then contributes a new take on the moral twin earth argument a prominent anti realist puzzle advanced in the early 1990s by horgan and timmons allan gibbard next presents his latest thoughts on the nature of moral feelings and moral concepts crucial elements in the overall project of defending the expressivism he is so well known for james dreier then takes up the details of gibbard s recent efforts to provide a solution to what many view as the most

serious difficulty for expressivism namely the Frege Geach problem Dreier identifies difficulties in Gibbard's expressivist account and offers a suggestion for their solution Sergio Tenenbaum explores the concept of a direction of fit relied on so heavily nowadays in accounts of moral motivation Nadeem Hussain and Nishiten Shah then consider the merits of Christine Korsgaard's influential critique of moral realism T. M. Scanlon's widely discussed buck-passing account of value attracts the critical eye of Pekka V. Aunl Yrynén who attempts to reveal the reasons that we might resist it Derek Parfit's contribution concludes this volume with an article on normativity that presents his most recent thinking on this fundamental notion

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distinctive ideas of the american pragmatists essays on husserl s the idea of phenomenology heidegger s being and time sartre s being and nothingness and merleau ponty s phenomenology of perception cover the core texts of the hugely significant phenomenological movement of the linguistic philosophy that dominated the english speaking world in the immediate postwar years wittgenstein s philosophical investigations and ryle s the concept of the mind are discussed in turn the volume concludes with karl popper s influential account of the nature of science volume 4 covers the key works of philosophy written in the period 1900 60 which witnessed developments in logical and linguistic analysis far beyond anything dreamt of in the previous history of the subject the volume includes chapters on central works by the cambridge philosophers moore russell and wittgenstein which together contributed to the emergence of analytic philosophy the ideas of the vienna circle of the 1920s and the logical positivism of the 1930s and 1940s are explored in chapters dealing with the works of carnap and ayer and the distinctive ideas of the american pragmatists are discussed in a chapter on william james pragmatism which propagated pragmatism by presenting its central tenets in a clear and accessible form essays on husserl s the idea of phenomenology heidegger s being and time sartre s being and nothingness and merleau ponty s phenomenology of perception cover the core texts of the continental european traditions of phenomenology and existentialism of the linguistic philosophy that dominated the english speaking world in the immediate postwar years wittgenstein s philosophical investigations and ryle s the concept of mind are discussed in turn the volume concludes with a chapter on karl popper s influential account of the nature of scientific method in his seminal work the logic of scientific discovery

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what is it for a car a piece of art or a person to be good bad or better than another in this first book length introduction to value theory francesco orsi explores the nature of evaluative concepts used in everyday thinking and speech and in contemporary philosophical discourse the various dimensions structures and connections that value

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presents a definitive guide to the text history and philosophy behind the most influential argument in the history of ethics

metaethics is an engaging and argumentative textbook introducing advanced students to the cutting edge of the debate in one of the most exciting areas of contemporary philosophy kirchin covers key topics including varieties of moral realism error theory noncognitivism and a brand new position metaethical pluralism

stephen ingram defends a robustly realistic metaethical theory based on the concept of normative arbitrariness of which he provides the first in depth analysis he argues that a correct understanding of dialogue about moral matters leads to an understanding of moral epistemology and normative language that supports this view

for centuries certain moral philosophers have maintained that morality is an illusion comparable to talking of ghosts or unicorns these moral skeptics claim that the world simply doesn t contain the sort of properties such as moral badness moral obligation etc necessary to render moral statements true even seemingly obvious moral claims such as killing innocents is morally wrong fail to be true what would lead someone to adopt such a radical viewpoint are the arguments in its favor defensible or plausible what impact would embracing such a view have on one s practical life taking as its point of departure the work of moral philosopher john mackie 1917 1981 a world without values is a collection of essays on moral skepticism by leading contemporary philosophers some of whom are sympathetic to mackie s views some of whom are opposed rather than treating moral skepticism as something to dismiss as quickly as possible this anthology is a comprehensive exploration of the topic and as such will be a valuable resource for students of moral philosophy at all levels as well as professionals in the field of meta ethics a world without values presents state of the art arguments that advance the ongoing philosophical debate on several fronts and will enjoy an important place on any meta ethicist s bookshelf for some years to come

are there things we should value because they are quite simply good if so such things might be said to have absolute goodness they would be good simpliciter or full stop

not good for someone not good of a kind but nonetheless good period they might also be called impersonal values the reason why we ought to value such things if there are any would merely be the fact that they are quite simply good things in the twentieth century g e moore was the great champion of absolute goodness but he is not the only philosopher who posits the existence and importance of this property against these friends of absolute goodness richard kraut here builds on the argument he made in what is good and why demonstrating that goodness is not a reason giving property in fact there may be no such thing it is he holds an insidious category of practical thought because it can be and has been used to justify what is harmful and condemn what is beneficial impersonal value draws us away from what is good for persons his strategy for opposing absolute goodness is to search for domains of practical reasoning in which it might be thought to be needed and this leads him to an examination of a wide variety of moral phenomena pleasure knowledge beauty love cruelty suicide future generations bio diversity killing in self defense and the extinction of our species even persons he proposes should not be said to have absolute value the special importance of human life rests instead on the great advantages that such lives normally offer when one reads this one sees the possibility of real philosophical progress if kraut is right i d be wrong to say that this book is good period or even great period but i will say that as a work of philosophy and for those who read it it is excellent indeed russ shafer landau university of wisconsin madison

ethics matters introduces students and general readers to the business of making moral decisions engaging them in meaningful dialogue and inspiring them to find out more beginning with a discussion of the question of truth in ethics peter and charlotte vary outline and evaluate major approaches to doing ethics from natural law and virtue ethics to situation ethics and postmodernism considering how these might inform decision making in today s world ethics matters places the latest scholarship in context clarifying how it relates to today s biggest challenges without in any sense dumbing down the style is engaging and accessible good use is made of examples from film literature and current affairs to shine a light on the fundamental philosophic questions which underpin practical dilemmas

this book discusses whether we desire things because they are good or whether they are good because we desire them

stephen ward argues that present media practices are narrowly based within the borders of single country and thus unable to successfully inform the public about a globalized world presenting an ethical framework for work in multimedia the author extends john rawl s theories of justice and the human good to redefine the aims for which journalism should strive and then applies this new foundation to issues such as the roles of patriotism and objectivity in journalism an innovative argument that

presents a necessary corrective to contemporary media practices global journalism ethics is a theoretically rich study for journalists on the air in print and on the internet

this book tackles questions which revolve around the representational purport or lack thereof of evaluative and normative claims claims about what we ought to do what is best what is justified or simply what counts as a good reason for action in other words evaluative or normative claims are familiar but when we pause to ask what these claims mean and what we are doing when we use them puzzles arise are there facts of the matter about what ought to be done much like there are facts of the matter about mathematics or the natural world if so ought claims are probably trying to represent the ought facts alternatively perhaps there are no evaluative facts in which case evaluative claims are either trying to represent facts which do not exist or evaluative claims are not in the representation business to begin with the latter option is intriguing and it is the subject of much recent work in expressivism pragmatism and semantic relativism but if ought claims are not representing anything as factual why do we think such claims are true or false and what are we doing when we disagree with one another about them this book sheds light on this important area of philosophy this book was originally published as a special issue of the canadian journal of philosophy

the range of reasons contributes to two debates and it does so by bringing them together the first is a debate in metaethics concerning normative reasons the considerations that serve to justify a person's actions and attitudes the second is a debate in epistemology concerning the norms for belief the standards that govern a person's beliefs and by reference to which they are assessed the book starts by developing and defending a new theory of reasons for action that is of practical reasons the theory belongs to a family that analyses reasons by appeal to the normative notion of rightness fittingness correctness it is distinctive in making central appeal to modal notions specifically that of a nearby possible world the result is a comprehensive framework that captures what is common to and distinctive of reasons of various kinds justifying and demanding for and against possessed and unpossessed objective and subjective the framework is then generalized to reasons for belief that is to epistemic reasons and combined with a substantive first order commitment namely that truth is the sole right maker for belief the upshot is an account of the various norms governing belief including knowledge and rationality and the relations among them according to it the standards to which belief is subject are various but they are unified by an underlying principle

david phillips aims in sidgwickian ethics to do something that has surprisingly not been done before to interpret and evaluate the central argument of the methods of ethics

in a way that brings out the important conceptual and historical connections between sidgwick s views and contemporary moral philosophy

these ten new essays by leading contemporary philosophers constitute the first collective study of a group of british moral philosophers active between the 1870s and 1950s including henry sidgwick hastings rashdall g e moore h a prichard w d ross and a c ewing the essays help recover the history of this neglected period they treat it as a unity draw out the connections between the thinkers engage philosophically with their ideas and in so doing show how much they can contribute to present day philosophical debates

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