

Issue: *Rediscovering Perspectives on Moral Philosophy*

EDITOR'S NOTE

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It is often thought that the modern world is at a point of moral uncertainty. Religion has failed us for hundreds of years, and schools of moral philosophies have been battling until today with no foreseeable conclusion in sight. This issue offers several different perspectives on this situation and makes an argument for or against the scenario described.

My article identifies a long-lost grouping of dialectical literature from the medieval middle east (during the 'Islamic golden age'). Muslims and Christians alike have engaged in rich and advanced discussion of the nature of morality and absolute truth, and can be credited with paving the road for formulating the concept of *tabula rasa*. It is proposed that insights from these writings are still useful in the field of moral philosophy, and are not merely a grouping of texts with some historical significance.

In a similar tone, the following article, by Jalal Peykani and Ziba Hashemi, provides an alternative explanation of the current moral situation. The authors argue that the intellectual direction taken by moral philosophers over the last few centuries fails to meet the practical moral needs of the average person. A different perspective to the current line of thinking—folk ethics—is discussed as a plausible alternative.

The final article, by Mayavee Singh, provides a fresh defence of one of the liberal conceptions of human rights (indeed, in the centre of current discussions on moral philosophy). By analyzing these three, diametrically opposite tones of argument, the reader gains insight of each perspective. The familiar reader, prior to making judgement, should be aware that whereas the final perspective represents the modern philosophical orthodoxy, the first two perspectives present themselves as challengers to the former.

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