

Meta-Ethics

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Required Text

- Arguing About Metaethics, Fisher and Kirchin (ed.).

The Open Question Argument, Nonnaturalism, and Right-Making Features

- Moore, Principia Ethica, chapter 1 (excerpt)
- The Naturalistic Fallacy, William Frankena
- W. D. Ross, The Right and the Good, chapter 2, 'What Makes Right Acts Right'.
- Jonathan Dancy, Ethics Without Principles, Chapter 2: "Contributory Reasons"

The Noncognitivist Challenge

- Ayer, Language, Truth, and Logic, chapter 6, 'Critique of Ethics and Theology'
- Allan Gibbard, 'Wise Choices, Apt Feelings' Chapter 1
- Simon Blackburn, Spreading the Word, ch. 6

Error Theory and Fictionalism

- J. L. Mackie, Ethics: Inventing Right and Wrong, chapter 1, 'The Subjectivity of Values'
- Richard Joyce, 'Moral Fictionalism', in M. Kalderon (ed.), Fictionalism in Metaphysics, OUP 2005, 287–313.

Moral Facts, Science, and Naturalism

- Gilbert Harman, 'Ethics and Observation'. In The Nature of Morality, 1–10
- Brian Leiter, 'Moral Facts and Best Explanations', *Social Philosophy and Policy* 18, 79-101.
- Nicholas Sturgeon, "Moral Explanations"
- Peter Railton, 'Moral Realism', *The Philosophical Review* (1986), 163-207.

Relativism

- Gilbert Harman, 'Moral Relativism', *The Philosophical Review*, Vol. 84, No. 1 (1975), 3-22. (FE)

Reasons: Desire-Based and Value-Based Approaches

- Bernard Williams, 'Internal and External Reasons'
- John McDowell, 'Might There Be External Reasons?', in *Mind, Value, and Reality*
- Russ Shafer-Landau, 'Moral Reasons', in *Moral Realism: A Defence*, ch. 7-8 (FE)
- Jonathan Dancy, Practical Reality, Chapter 2: Reasons and Desires