

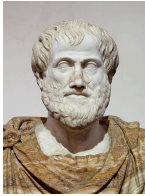
# Goodness

Ethics

How to figure out the right thing to do.

Ethics or moral philosophy is the study of what is right and wrong, how we decide and how we justify those decisions.

## Past



**Aristotle** said that we should live a good<sup>1</sup> life and this will make us happy.

384–322 BCE  
1. Virtuous



**Thomas Aquinas** said that we can figure out what is good and when we do these things and do what God says we will be happy.

1225–1274 CE



**Immanuel Kant** said that we can figure out what is good for everyone and it is our duty to do these things<sup>2</sup>.

1724–1804 CE  
2. The Categorical Imperative



**David Hume** said that we know what is good from our feelings<sup>3</sup> and that only our feelings can make us do things.

1711–1776 CE  
3. Sentiments



**John Stuart Mill** said that useful actions are good<sup>4</sup> and they will make us happy.

1806–1873 CE  
4. Utilitarianism



**George Edward Moore** said that we just know<sup>5</sup> what actions are good and if we do these things it will create more good.

1873–1958 CE  
5. by Intuition

## Present

Some people say we should live a good life

Virtue Ethics

Some people say we should do our duty

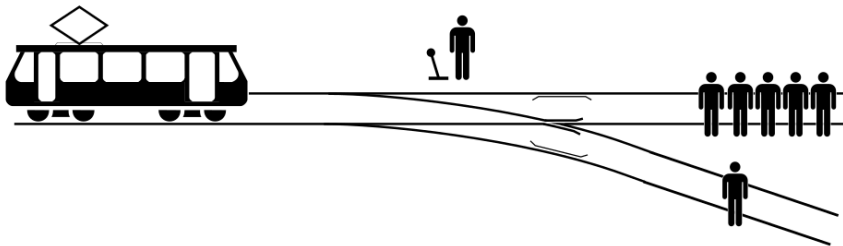
Deontology

Some people say we should do what helps the most people

Utilitarianism

## Questions

### The Trolley Problem



If a trolley is about to run over five people, but you can pull a stick and make the trolley only run over one person, should you pull the stick? Some people say yes because fewer people will die. Some people say no because pulling the stick means you killed the one person.