

Can morality be taught to an AI?

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How do we define morality?

- Distinction between right and wrong. It is the determination of what should be done and what should not be done.¹
- Biblically, morals are derived from God's character and revealed to us through the Scriptures.²
- Law or a legal system is distinguished from morality or a moral system by having explicit written rules, penalties, and officials who interpret the laws and apply the penalties.³

What is it to be a moral person?

What is the nature of morality?

Why do we need morality?

What function does morality play?

How do I know what is good?

What do morals depend upon?

- Morals differ among cultures, and there are morals that are relative, i.e., dependent upon situations and context.⁴

What can the term morality be used for?

- Descriptively to refer to some codes of conduct put forward by a society (some other group, such as a religion or accepted by an individual for her own behavior)⁵
- Normatively to refer to a code of conduct that, given specified conditions, would be put forward by all rational persons.⁶

¹<http://carm.org/dictionary-morality>

²<http://carm.org/dictionary-morality>

³<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/morality-definition/>

⁴<http://carm.org/dictionary-morality>

⁵<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/morality-definition/>

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What are the moral characteristics?

- Being Honest, Truthful, Trustworthy
- Having Integrity
- Being Caring/Compassionate/Benevolent
- Doing One's Civic Duty
- Having Courage
- Being Willing to Sacrifice
- Maintaining Self-Control
- Being just and fair
- Being Cooperative
- Being Persevering/ Diligent
- Keeping Promises
- Doing no harm
- Pursuing excellence/takes pride in work
- Taking personal responsibility
- Having Empathy
- Benefiting others
- Having Respect for others
- Having Patience
- Being Forgiving
- Making Peace
- Having Fidelity/Loyal
- Respecting Autonomy
- Being Tolerant
- Having Self-respect

- Competitiveness
- Valuing Life

Observations

- When the set of morals we follow are written down do they become rules? Is law different to morality because it is written down?
- Do we need a sense of morality to make a judgement?
- Are moral principles absolute?
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