

D. ETHICAL DILEMMAS

Discuss

1. It is increasing concern about whether it would not be ethically good to let a very poor fourteen year old girl abort instead of letting her get a baby who will face all sorts of dangers of survival and growth. What advice would you give?
2. Consider two army colleagues fighting side by side and one of them is critically wounded. The unwounded colleague knows his friend will eventually die, and he is in great pain. What should he do?
3. The victim of an accident has his arm crushed between a heavy lorry and a rock. If you do not free him he will die because of the loss of blood, but in order to free him you will have to cut off his arm. What would you do?
4. A cancerous patient is covered with incurable and very painful ulcers. He knows he will never recover and prays for death. You can keep him alive by using expensive treatments that you know will not cure him but only alleviate his suffering. Will you discontinue his treatment?
5. It is ethically justified to admit a boy with pneumonia and treat him with expensive drugs, when the same amount of money could save the lives of 15 other children?
6. ^{utilitarianism} Is it ethically better to save the lives of the many rather than the few if you cannot save both?
7. Is it ethically better to save the life of an important person than that of the less important person if you cannot save both?
8. Is it ethically better to donate money to help an orphan who has no means of livelihood than to donate money to a person who has lost all his money in the genuine economic speculations.