

Engineering Ethics - Moral Autonomy

Moral Autonomy is the philosophy which is self-governing or self-determining, i.e., **acting independently** without the influence or distortion of others. The moral autonomy relates to the individual ideas whether right or wrong conduct which is independent of ethical issues. The concept of moral autonomy helps in improving self-determination.

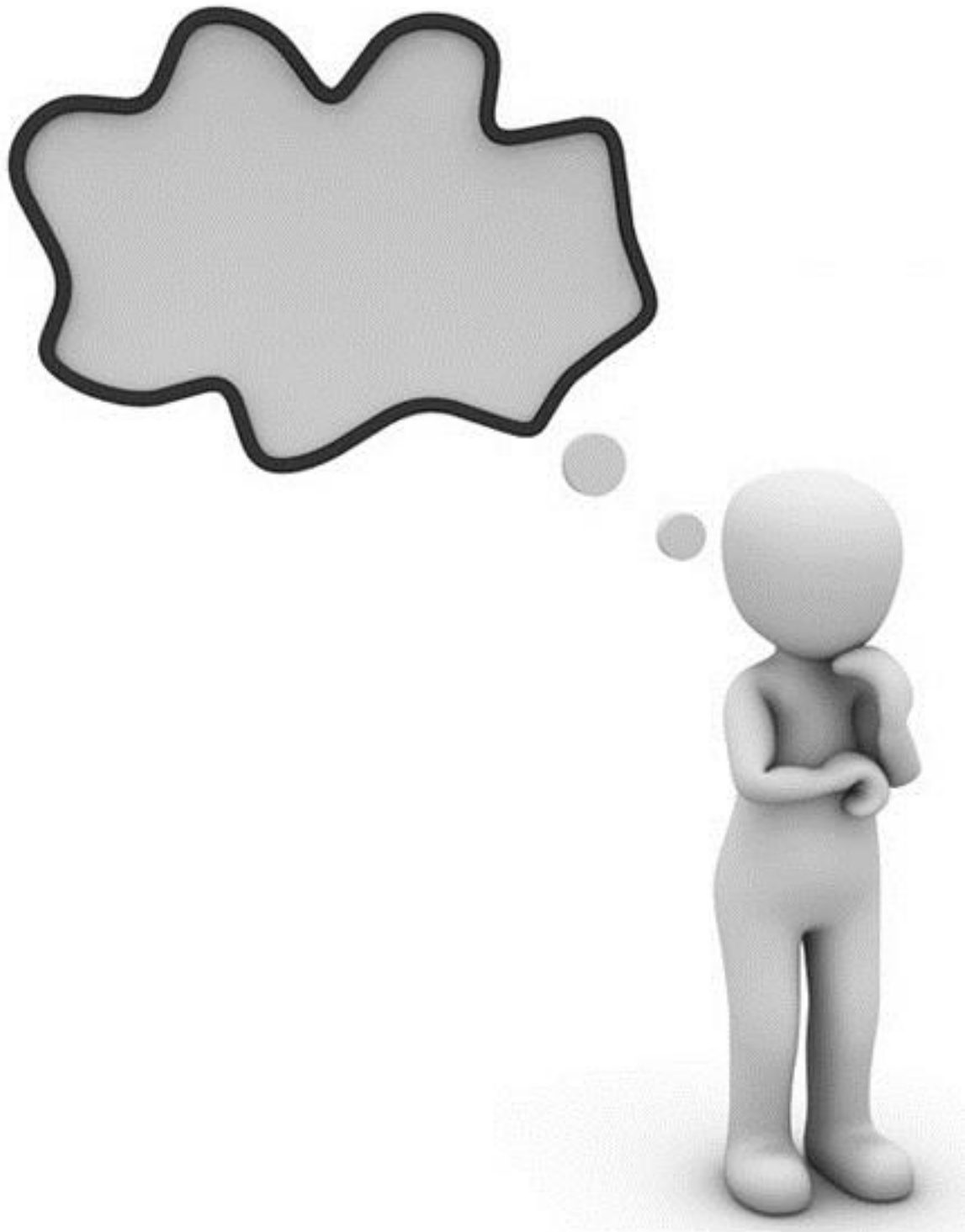
Moral Autonomy is concerned with independent attitude of a person related to moral/ethical issues. This concept is found in moral, ethical and even in political philosophy.

Moral Autonomy Skills Needed

In this section, let us discuss the skills needed for moral autonomy.

- **Ability to relate the problems with the problems of law, economics and religious principles** – It is essential to have the ability to analyze a problem and finding the relation with the existing law or the topic of issue with the existing principles on that topic. The ability to distinguish between both of them and finding the moral reasons.
- **Skill to process, clarify and understand the arguments against the moral issues** – If the issue is against some moral values or the ethical values to be followed in the society, then clarity should be maintained about the differences and similarities. Both of these differences and similarities are to be judged based on why they are a matter of concern and in what aspect.
- **Ability to suggest the solutions to moral issues on the basis of facts** – If the moral issues are not fulfilling and needs to be, then the solutions are to be suggested according to the moral issues based on the facts and truths of the issue. These suggestions must be consistent and must include all the aspects of the problem. No partiality is to be allowed in any such aspect.
- **Must have the imaginative skill to view the problems from all the viewpoints** – After having known about the facts and illusions of the issue, a clear understanding is attained in viewing the problem in all kinds of viewpoints. This enables one to be able to suggest a proper alternative solution.
- **Tolerance while giving moral judgment, which may cause trouble** – When the whole analysis is made considering all the viewpoints of the issue, the final output might be or might not be pleasing to the persons involved. Hence while declaring the judgment or the decisions taken, a detailed description of the actions done should be given, while the actions ought to be done should be presented in a better way, to ensure others that the decisions have been taken without any partialities towards any party.
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Skills for Improving Moral Autonomy

Moral autonomy reflects the concept of individuality. This relates to the idea of building ones self with the moral values one has while developing psychologically.

To have moral autonomy in all the aspects, one should have a lot of **patience** and interest. One should adhere to the basic principles of humanity and should be strict with the Dents he has in mind and liberal with his Dos. The kindness towards his fellow beings is also an important concept to be kept in mind. Inculcation of all these important qualities, enhances the skills of Moral autonomy in a person.

A Person must have adequate knowledge and understanding about the use of ethical language so as to defend or support his views with others. He must have better **knowledge** in understanding the importance of suggestions and better solutions while resolving moral problems and also about the importance of tolerance on some critical situations.

Above all, one must understand the importance of maintaining **moral honesty** and should be liberal to understand the human behavior under certain circumstances.