Tutorial 5

Cultural, family and religious beliefs help us in trying to reach conclusions about what is morally wrong or right. In order to teach this person about morality, this paper will look at how cultural, family and religious beliefs and other factors that he aim of this essay is to advise a thoughtful person about how they should ideally think about morality based on the guidance they are given by the environment they are surrounded by.

Firstly, religious beliefs create a huge impact on what we think is morally right or wrong. ‘Most religious people think that their morality comes from their religion.’, (Jim,2018). As someone that grew up in a strictly Christian household, with a handful of beliefs on what we believe is right or wrong, it is safe to say religion plays a huge role in trying to reach conclusions about what is morally wrong or right. For example, in my religion, modesty dressing is what is seen as right. If as a woman, you dress immodestly, with parts of your body showing, lacking decency, then that is seen as morally wrong. Therefore, the religious beliefs that one is surrounded by, guides us in trying to reach conclusion on what is morally wrong or right.

Secondly, cultural beliefs also impact on what we think is morally right or wrong. Different cultures contradict with one another and vary in morality. In my culture, for example, homosexuality and polygamy are regarded morally wrong but in other cultures, they are both accepted and are seen as morally right. In addition, in the African culture, women are supposed to cook and take care of their men as this is seen as morally right. However, in other cultures, having gender distinguish who takes care of who is seen as immoral. ‘Morals are held and agreed to by all members of the culture’, (Jim,2018). If one does not conform to the morals of their culture, this could result in a punishable offense as their actions would be seen as ‘wrong’.

Thirdly, family beliefs also impact our views on what is right or wrong