

# Morality and Ethics: A Possible Weapon

Morality and ethics are both a huge part of people and behavior. Even babies seem to have a sense of morality, same with monkeys. Empathy plays a big part in morality and ethics but it can also do harm. There is a theory that there is a universal morality and that all humans have a standard base line for it. There are two large theories that focus on this subject, Kohlberg's stages of moral development and Schweder's three ethics.

Morality and ethics are an important part of humans and have a huge impact on their behavior. There was an experiment done with babies to test out their morality and ethics, or if they do not have morals and ethics. The results of the experiment was that babies appear to have a sense of morality. They also seem to have a sense of fairness. But the shocking discovery was that babies also seem to have a bias. This raises the question of whether or not human biases are metaphorically programmed into them.

Kohlberg's stages of moral development are preconventional which is selfish and based on consequences, conventional which is conformity to expectations and focused on law and order, and then postconventional which is focused on individual rights and universal ethics. The opposition to this is Schweder's three ethics. The three ethics are the ethic of autonomy which is do no harm, the ethic of community which is uphold law and order and cohesion, and the ethic of divinity which is to honor the sacred.

It seems that, while there are some ethics and morals that appear to be universal, a lot of ethics and morals change based on the social system, or structure, that is implemented. In some places it is alright to beat your wife if she disobeys while in other places doing that will get you thrown in jail.