

Chapter 6 Homework, Theology 11

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1 For your journal questions on p 151 and 160

1.1 p. 151

I really, truly don't get this one.

So my boss gives my coworker and I equal amounts of geese. He tells us to use the geese wisely, as geese are highly valuable. In my life, I invest my geese properly in the goose market, while my coworker decides to squander his geese on rare bread. My boss promotes the both of us, and I ask why he promoted the other worker, to which he responds, "I mean, he said he was sorry and invested a single gausling in a goose mutual fund, so I figured he deserved it as much as you."

I don't know, what was I supposed to write?

1.2 p. 160

This passage seems to be fishing for a response where I state why I felt wrong and either "I felt wrong because of God" and it was the right reason or "I felt wrong because of a non-God reason" and it was the wrong reason.

Most of the points in my childhood where I felt bad were a combination of fear of authority and the sense that if someone else did what I had done to me, I would be unhappy. These are not Catholic motives, and I would agree that fear of authority is not a truly good reason to feel bad about one's actions, but the golden rule is in Christian theology as much as it is in my philosophy.

2 p. 156

Obviously, how grave one's actions are is dependent on how the people affected feel about the action. Another influencing factor is the intent of the action. A related thing is whether the person performing the action knows what they are doing is hurting another, or whether it is wrong.

One example of the lessening of the seriousness of an action would be the difference between murder and manslaughter. Neither of these acts is something to be taken lightly, but the lack of intent involved in manslaughter is something that lessens its wrongness to a degree. Another example would be killing someone in justified self-defense, which is excusable, while killing someone without good reason is absolutely inexcusable.

3 p. 157

Side note before I do the section: The “Baby As Trash” margin section would not have happened in a society where abortion is safe, legal, and destigmatized. Just saying.

1. M
2. M
3. M
4. V
5. M
6. V
7. N
8. V
9. M
10. N
11. N
12. N
13. M
14. M
15. N, even catholicism doesn't view the feeling itself as sinful.
16. M
17. V
18. M
19. V
20. N, unless you are in a committed relationship in which case it is M.

Although to be fair I don't view things on a mortal/venial scale.

4 p. 159

- Tell them the truth. Apologize. Make up for it in any way you can.
- Re-do the work yourself. If you are truly sorry, you will not cheat again.
- Not a problem.
- Community Service with the said minority group.
- “Using” them? Apologize, do what you can to make things better for them.
- Share resources with the poor.