# Contemporary Moral Problems

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* **Thomson**
  + **Good Samaritan**
    - Definition - One who risks harm to him or himself for the benefit of another.
  + **Minimally Decent Samaritan**
    - Definition - One who does the bare minimum for the sake of another
* **Mary Anna Warren – Pro Choice**
  + **Two Senses of ‘Human Being’**
    - Genetic Sense – Having human parents. Having a human genetic code.
    - Moral Sense – Member of the moral community. Having full and equal moral rights.
      * It is wrong to kill innocent humans – Moral Sense
      * A fetus is an innocent human – Genetic Sense
      * Therefore, it is wrong to kill a fetus
    - According to Warren, the above argument begs a question or is irrelevant. If when saying humans, it must mean moral sense NOT genetic sense.
    - Equivocation in the standard anti-abortion argument
  + The Concept of ‘Personhood’
    - 5 Traits
      * 2 Points