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Andrews and the University of Durham, and a PhD degree from the University of Durham .

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For example, if I am considering stealing a loaf of bread, I have to ask myself if my maxim can be made a universal law. There are reasons for thinking that blame and punishment cannot be made sense of in this instrumental fashion cp. Written entirely in non-technical language, it aims to be introductory without being elementary, so that readers may quickly engage with selected readings from classic sources.

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Then in 1978 Williams produced Descartes: The Project of Pure Enquiry. Again, as a normative system, utilitarianism is inevitably a systematisation of our responses, a way of telling us how we should feel or react. Moreover, this knowledge can be lost, and will be lost, if the concept and its social context is lost.

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As Williams stresses, the internal reasons thesis is not the view that, unless I actually have a given motive M, I cannot have an internal reason corresponding to M. Dancy 2004, and Chappell 2005. We can say that Williams takes the utilitarian world-view to be absurd, because it requires agents to act on external reasons.

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Above all, utilitarianism is in trouble, according to Williams, because of the central theoretical place that it gives to the ninth thesis of the morality system—the thesis that we put on one side earlier, about impersonality. In any deliberative contest between a moral obligation and some other consideration, the moral obligation will always win out, according to the morality system. We can also say something that sounds quite different,

but which in the end is at least a closely related point.

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This implies, second, that moral obligations cannot really conflict 185: 176. Man C decides he will help the woman across the street because it is the right thing to do; he understands that he has a moral obligation to help others in need when he can. Parallel points apply with praise.

Bernard Williams (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

The notion of a reason, he argues, is inextricably bound up with the notion of explanation.

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Essentially, this entails that I treat all persons with respect and dignity; I help others achieve their goals when possible, and I avoid using them as tools or objects to further my own goals. But even if such a conception were available—and Williams argues repeatedly that it is not available for ethics, even if it is for science 1985 Ch.

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