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Perhaps this recognition might create a stronger incentive for them to engage one another respectfully across those differences. Different philosophers will hold different views about the propositions they use in 1 and 2 and the ways in which these propositions may be established. But more importantly, it demonstrated that cultural evolution cannot be predicted purely on the basis of genetic fitnesses.

[Evolutionary Epistemology](#) (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

The error theorist's position, it is worth noting, requires establishing two claims that have each met a lot of resistance: that moral thought really has the presuppositions the error theorist supposes and that those presuppositions are as untenable as the error theorist maintains. .

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In important ways, though, this merely shifts the puzzles back a step. Mutual information between distributions of sensor types, overt foraging behaviors, and internal foraging preferences, on the one hand, and environmental states, on the other, was assessed and compared to average fitness of the population states.

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So how do we learn about value and rightness and virtue themselves? On this reading, descriptive epistemology does not address the questions of traditional epistemology because it deems them irrelevant or unanswerable or uninteresting.

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Is this or that organ or structure an adaptation and if so, for what? Some, for instance, argue that what makes a convention good, and so serves to justify its demands, is its contribution to overall happiness, while others see the measure of conventions in their ability to advance the interests of each considered singly, and still others maintain that the value of conventions is found in their capacity to secure the approval of those who consider them impartially. Even in such situations, however, the most likely course of evolution is domination by a signaling system.

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They reflect the fact that metaethics involves an attempt to step back from particular substantive debates within morality to ask about the views, assumptions, and commitments that are shared by those who engage in the debate. As an activity or process, education may be formal or informal, private or public, individual or social, but it always consists in cultivating dispositions abilities, skills, knowledges, beliefs, attitudes, values, and character traits by certain methods.

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Another strand emerges from the attempt to provide a reconstruction of human knowledge showing how the pieces of human knowledge fit together in a structure of mutual support. L UCAS, C CHRISTOPHER J. There is room, at least, to account for moral thought's continuity with other thought by emphasizing that it is all a matter of attributing properties albeit different properties to things; and there is room too for locating the distinctive nature of moral thought in the putatively authoritative standing of the properties attributed.

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