

You can't always be morally right

It was a sizzling afternoon of mid-April when I completed my computer assignment. Usually I've no inclination to sit idle so I opened my laptop and started watching a movie. In the first part of the movie, a girl named Jessica was shown running. She was looking quite tense. She saw a house nearby and she knocked the door. Patrick opened the door. She told him that some louts are chasing her and she implored him to hide her in his house. Initially, he was nonplussed but then he came back to his senses and agreed. After a few minutes, someone knocked the door. It was the second time but Patrick could tell this time the knocking sound was louder. He opened the door and saw few diabolical looking people were standing in front of him brandishing life threatening objects like knives and guns. One of them asked Patrick if he saw any girl running towards this direction.

He was petrified but soon gathered courage to reply NO. The barbarians left the place.

In this story if we look closely, we will realise that Patrick lied to those people which was morally wrong, but by doing so he saved the life of Jessica. Now that's exactly why I have chosen and interested in this topic :-

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For the understanding of this topic, we should have a lucid idea of what are ethics and morals.

Ethics refer to the series of rules provided to an individual by an external source like society, government body, constitution etc.

On the other hand, moral is an individual's own scrupulousness, his principle, and his/her ability of understanding what is right or wrong.

Let's take euthanasia for an example.

Killing or ending life of someone is morally wrong but putting someone out of their misery & ending their suffering is ethically right.

If you're a lawyer and you get your client off criminal charges or help him getting exonerated even if you know that the person is guilty then that is ethical, professional but no matter what, completely immoral.

One example I can recalled is a moment in Grey's Anatomy where Sandra Oh as Dr. Cristina was dictating the ambulance driver to violate the traffic rules so that they can reach hospital in the nick of time to save the patient life.

However, based on different countries legal rules around the world, the notion of ethics and morality may not be as easy as it seems and can be convoluted. The homosexual relationship can be ethically wrong according to some countries rules but it can be morally appropriate.

Likewise the practice of adultery can be ethically acceptable according to some countries but involving in extramarital affairs without your spouse having any knowledge about it is morally wrong.

In conclusion, the ethical person knows what is right, the moral person does what is right and based on some circumstances, sometimes its totally okay to be morally not right.

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