Ethics

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Chapter 1

Forgiveness is a rather commonsensical idea. On the face of it, forgiveness is given by a victim to a wrongdoer. Forgiveness is something the wrongdoer can ask for, and is in some sense connected to the emotions of both the parties involved.

This simple images becomes complicated in reality however, as the asymmetrical system of "victim forgives wrongdoer" does not always apply. There is the concept of forgiving oneself, as well as third-party forgiveness (such as presidential pardons, or Biblical forgiveness).