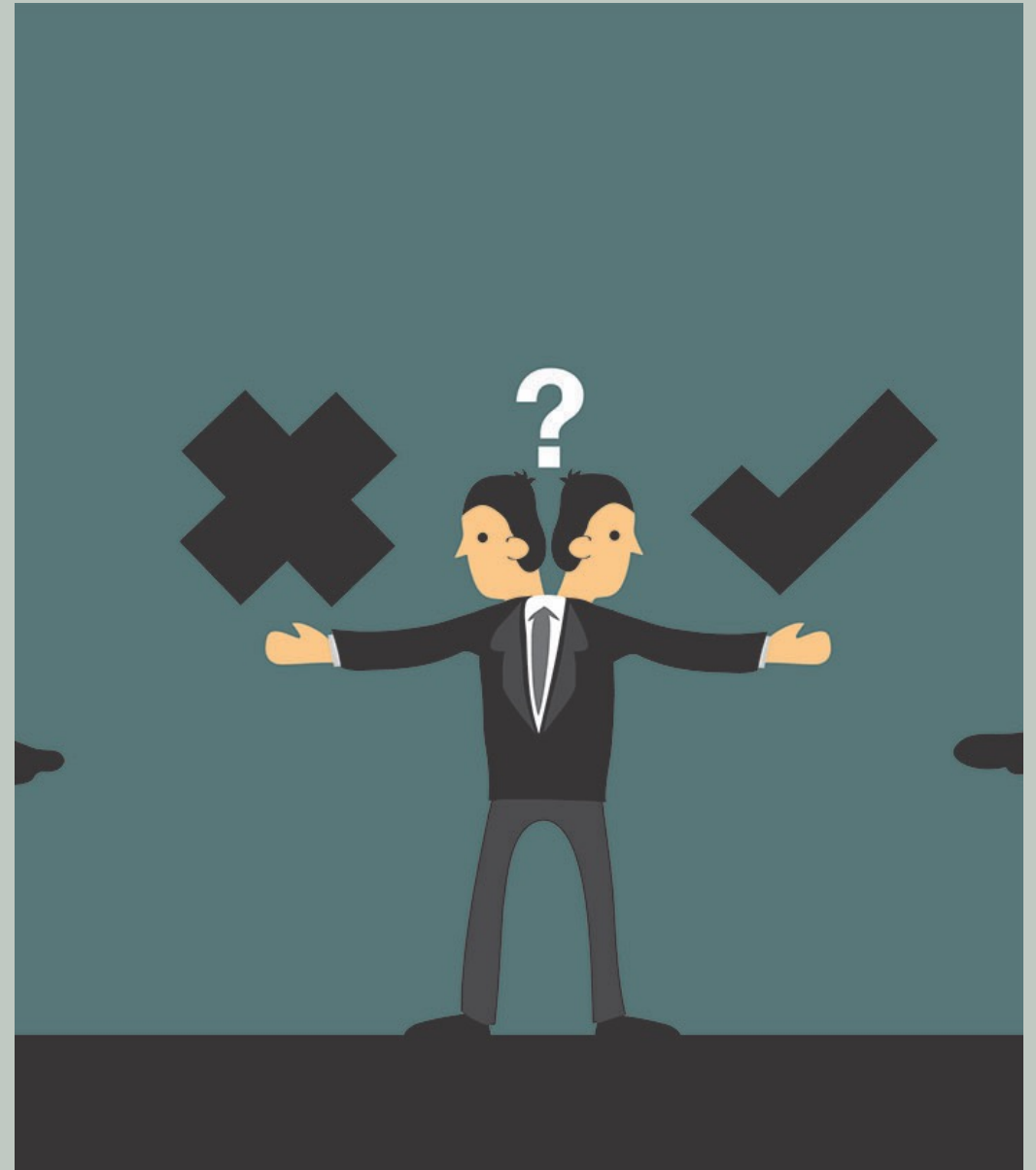


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# Uses of Ethical Theories

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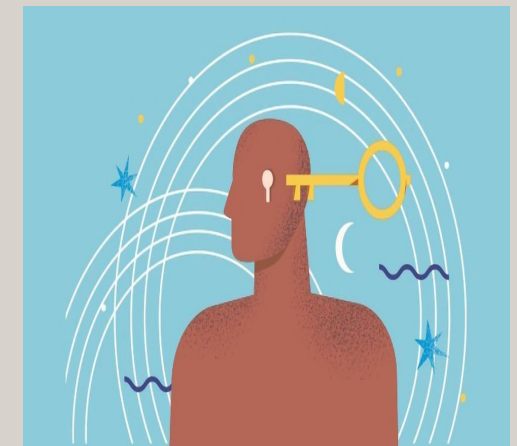


# 01 What are Ethical theories?

Ethical theories are frameworks used to analyze and understand ethical dilemmas. They provide a structure for making ethical decisions and assessing the morality of a situation.

Ethical theories can be divided into three main categories:

- Deontological
- Teleological
- Virtue ethics



# 01 What are Ethical theories? (continued)

- Most of the times we have two opinions. Ethical theory helps us in choosing the right thing to do.
- To understand further, consider a carpenter and he wants to make a thing (like chair, table, etc.). He would choose the tools and equipment according to the work that needs to be done and follow a blueprint on how to approach to make that thing. Here the blueprint he follows and the tools he uses are Ethical theories.
- The theory should be chosen in the same way the carpenter selects the tool according to the work he has to do.

# 02 Why are Ethical theories important?

## Case 1:

- Building a dam: building a dam has advantages and disadvantages. The advantages are that people get water for irrigation and power. The disadvantage is that the village nearby will be submerged.

## Case 2:

- Chemical plant: building a chemical plant too has advantages and disadvantages. The advantages are that the people nearby get a job, and the chemical produced there can be used for making medicines and useful drugs. The disadvantages are that the chemical plant releases hazardous waste into water bodies or fields which will affect the people as well as animals.

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- Here when we discuss these two cases, we find that the second case has more disadvantages than the advantage it has. Thus, the decision would be taken that the plant should not be constructed on the grounds of the **right ethics**.
  - The first case has more advantage than the disadvantage it has. Though the village will be submerged it can be relocated and given compensation. So here we will choose to build the dam.
  - So according to the situation we choose different ethical theories. Ethics are chosen according to the rules and principles and not according to the after-effects or consequences.

# 03

## Advantages

- ❑ Ethical theories help us to choose what is appropriate for the given situation.
- ❑ Ethical theories assist us in making reasonable choices.
- ❑ Ethical theories are useful in solving some dilemmas.

# 04

## Uses of Ethical theories

Ethical theories have so many uses. Out of them, the following three are the most

- ❑ Understanding moral dilemmas.
- ❑ Justifying professional obligations and ideas and
- ❑ Relating ordinary and professional morality

# Thank You

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