

MORALITIES: KINDS OF

There are two main genera of morality: religious and secular. Religious moralities are controversial but they cannot be discussed in a totally rational way because every one of them includes postulates that cannot be put to the test-- e.g. those of the existence of God, that morality is ultimately decreed by God, and that it is right to kill the infidel but not to eat pork, or beef, or what have you. Rational discussions of morality must therefore remained limited to secular codes.

There are essentially three families of secular moral code: individualistic, tribal, and universal. The former further the interest of the self, the second that of the tribe (or race or nation or church or party), the third that of mankind.

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