

## AD ETHICS

### FEELINGS MOTIVATING MORAL DECISIONS

Ethical research cannot ignore the feelings motivating moral decisions. In particular we cannot ignore that moral decisions can be motivated by fear, hatred, greed, or love. We cannot ignore that fear paralyzes our moral apparatus and leads to submission or to aggression; that hatred leads to destruction and greed to exploitation; and that only love can bolster good actions but, unfortunately, is more often preached than felt.

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## DEEP BIOLOGICAL ROOT OF SOME MORAL DILEMMAS

The moral dilemma Fight or flight is often resolved automatically, without resorting to any deliberation, by the sympathetic nervous system: in fact a specific function of the latter is, as Walter B. Cannon found in the early years of this century, to help the organism in emergencies.

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