

RIGHT CONDUCT THE MOST SUCCESSFUL?

The right conduct for a nongregarious animal is that which is biologically successful -- i.e. that which has been "selected by nature". Gregarious animals, on the other hand, have social as well as biological constraints, so in their case the most successful conduct is that which is most beneficial not only to the individual and the species but also to the group. Consequently though biology is a necessary background of ethics, it is not enough: ethics should also presuppose sociology.

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