

VIRTUES & VALUES: INDIVIDUAL & SOCIAL

Whereas traditional moral codes extolled only individual virtues, such as faith, hope, charity, and temperance, the modern moral codes stress social values, such as equality, justice, liberty, and peace. However, this is not to say that modern man underrates individual virtues: it only indicates that we have learned that the best way to secure individual values and virtues is to work for certain social goals that make the preservation or attainment of those virtues and values possible. For example, there can be no charity in a man-eat-man society, no temperance in a society that affords no enjoyment other than intoxication, etc.

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