

THE ASYMMETRIC RELATION BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE AND MORALS

Bertrand Russell remarked that, whereas moral decisions depend on knowledge, moral considerations are incompetent to assign truth values. Accordingly, ethics should be based upon science, not the other way round. This is true, but it must not be taken to mean that the practice of science is amoral. On the contrary, sci. res. involves a strict code of behavior, and any deviation from this code leads to pseudoscience. In short, science involves morality, but ethics (the science of morality) presupposes science.

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