

Lesson 9

Virtue Ethics

Virtue Ethics and Character

- **Virtue Ethics—**
- Virtue Ethics are character-based ethics
- Virtue Ethics
- **Virtue—**

History of Virtue Ethics

- Aristotle-(4th Century BC)-
 - He asks “what is the good of man?” and answers with “an activity of the soul in conformity with virtue”
- Early Christianity—
- Greeks—

- Augustine-(4th Century AD)—
- Renaissance period-(1400-1650)—
- Elizabeth Anscombe-(1958)—*Modern Moral Philosophy*—

What Are Virtues?

- Virtues are an
- 4 cardinal or natural virtues:
- Confucianism—*jen*—
- Hinduism—
- Christianity—
- A trait of character,
- Moral Virtues—Intellectual vs. Moral

Virtue vs. Vice

- **Vice—**
 - A virtue is the midpoint between two extremes the vice of _____ and the vice of _____
 - Vices stand in our way of achieving happiness and the good life

Deficiency	Virtues	Excess

Virtue Advantages

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