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the importance of the biblical virtues for our pluralistic age although modern medicine enjoys unprecedented success in providing excellent technical care many patients are dissatisfied with the poor quality of care or the unprofessional manner in which physicians sometimes deliver it recently this patient dissatisfaction has led to quality of care and

professionalism crises in medicine in this book the author proposes a notion of virtuous physician to address these crises he discusses the nature of the two crises and efforts by the medical profession to resolve them and then he briefly introduces the notion of virtuous physician and outlines its basic features further virtue theory is discussed along with virtue ethics and virtue epistemology and specific virtues especially as they relate to medicine the author also explores the ontological priority of caring as the metaphysical virtue for grounding the notion of virtuous physician and two essential ontic virtues care and competence in addition to this he examines the transformation of competence into prudent wisdom and care into personal radical love to forge the compound virtue of prudent love which is sufficient for defining the virtuous physician lastly two clinical case stories are reconstructed which illustrate the various virtues associated with medical practice and it is discussed how the notion of virtuous physician addresses the quality of care and professionalism crises explores historical and philosophical shifts in the depiction of women and virtue in the early years of the chinese state includes an examination of the history of yin yang theories jesuits daniel harrington and james keenan have successfully team taught the content of this landmark study to the delight of students for years in this book they take the fruits of their own experiences as theologians writers teachers mentors and friends to propose virtue ethics as a bridge between the fields of new testament studies and moral theology answering the call of the second vatican council for moral theology to draw more fully on the teaching of holy scripture the authors examine the virtues that both flow from scripture and provide a lens by which to interpret scripture by remaining true to both the new testament s emphasis on the human response to god s gracious activity in jesus christ and to the ethical needs and desires of christians in the twenty first century the authors address key topics such as discipleship the sermon on the mount love sin politics justice sexuality marriage divorce bioethics and ecology covering the entire sweep of ethical teaching from its foundations in scripture and especially in jesus life death and resurrection to its goal or end with the full coming of god s kingdom the authors invite readers more deeply into an appreciation of the central biblical themes and how based on the themes catholic christian moral theology bears on general ethical issues in culture complete with reflection questions and suggestions for further reading this book is essential reading for professors students pastors preachers and interested catholics the challenge this book addresses is to demonstrate how in teaching content knowledge the development of intellectual and moral dispositions as virtues is not merely a good idea or peripheral to that content but deeply embedded in the logic of searching for knowledge and truth it offers a powerful example of how philosophy of education can be brought to bear on real problems of educational research and practice pointing the reader to re envision what it means to educate children and how we might prepare teachers to take on such a role by developing the person instead of simply knowledge and skills connected intimately to the practice of teaching and teacher education the book sets forth an alternative theory of education where the developing person is at the center of education set in a moral space and a political order to this end a framework of public and personal knowledge forms the content to which personal dispositions are integral not peripheral the book s pedagogy is invitational welcoming its readers as companions in inquiry and thought about the moral aspects of what we teach as knowledge this work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it this work is in the public domain in the united states of america and possibly other nations within the united states you may freely copy and distribute this work as no entity individual or corporate has a copyright on the body of the work scholars believe and we concur that this work is important enough to be preserved reproduced and made generally available to the public to ensure a quality reading experience this work has been proofread and republished using a format that seamlessly blends the original graphical elements with text in an easy to read typeface we appreciate your support of the preservation process and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant praised in pre publication reviews for its clarity caliber of scholarship and coverage of traditions not found in other texts comparing religious traditions is an innovative set of three texts which compare parts of one tradition with another focusing on topics that are familiar human issues to all family work and virtue the texts help students to understand the commonalities and differences of the traditions magintyre is greatly discontented with the nature of contemporary morality which according to him has a form i e what appears like morality but lacks essential content he argues that the most common feature of contemporary ethical discourse is that much of it is used to express individual preferences which leads to disagreements among philosophers and eventually results in debates that are interminable in character macintyre attributes the cause of this situation to the activities of the enlightenment philosophers of the 17th and 18th centuries who in an attempt to find rational justification for morality repudiated those essential elements that define the essence of morality and give it its contents such elements include historical narrative tradition teleology and divine law in macintyres opinion morality so constructed was destined for failure since it was not founded on the true nature of the human person the obvious consequences of this failure were the birth of diverse post enlightenment ethical theories and a substantial change in the conception of virtue in order to remedy this deplorable condition of contemporary ethics macintyre along with other virtue ethicists advocates a certain renaissance of ethical principles that are founded on the true nature of the human person characterized by historical narrative tradition and teleology all grounded on divine legislation morality thus reconstructed finds its fullest expression in the theory of human character traits i e virtues this is what has motivated macintyres construction of virtue theory which has brought him into confrontation with the enlightenment philosophers our study and analysis of macintyres theory of virtue reveals that his account of virtue is inadequate this inadequacy is what has motivated our own project of reconstructing macintyres theory of virtue in view of offering an account of virtue that is adequate in this way our own project complements that of macintyre charting new territory in the interface between science and ethics science and virtue is a study of how the scientific mentality can affect the building

of character or the attainment of virtue by the individual drawing on inspiration from virtue ethics and virtue epistemology caruana argues that science is not just a system of knowledge but also an important factor determining a way of life this book goes beyond the normal strategy evident in the science ethics realm of examining specific ethical dilemmas posed by scientific innovations here caruana deals with more fundamental issues uncovering morally significant tendencies within the very core of the scientific mentality and explaining how science its method history and explanatory power can shape a conception of the good life recent research in the humanities and social sciences suggests that individuals who understand themselves as belonging to something greater than the self a family community or religious or spiritual group often feel happier have a deeper sense of purpose or meaning in their lives and have overall better life outcomes than those who do not some positive and personality psychologists have labeled this location of the self within a broader perspective self transcendence this book presents and integrates new interdisciplinary research into virtue happiness and the meaning of life by re orienting these discussions around the concept of self transcendence the essays are organized around three broad themes connected to self transcendence first they investigate how self transcendence helps us to understand aspects of the moral life as it is studied within psychology including the development of wisdom the practice of moral praise and psychological well being second they explore how self transcendence is linked to virtue in different religious and spiritual traditions including judaism islam christianity buddhism and confucianism finally they ask how self transcendence can help us theorize about aristotelean and thomist conceptions of virtue like hope and piety and how this helps us to re conceptualize happiness and meaning in life suppose there is no god this supposition implies that human life is meaningless that there are no moral obligations and hence people can do whatever they want and that the notions of virtue and vice right and wrong and good and evil have no place in the universe erik j wielenberg believes this view to be utterly erroneous and in this thought provoking book he explains the reasons why he argues that even if god does not exist human life can still have meaning humans do have moral obligations and human virtue is still possible wielenberg offers readers a cognent explanation of the ethical implications of naturalism a view that denies the existence of the supernatural in human life in his view virtue exists in a godless universe but it is significantly different from virtue in a christian universe and he develops naturalistic accounts of humility charity and hope the overarching theme of virtue and value in a godless universe is what ethics might look like without god erik wielenberg takes readers on an extraordinary tour of some of the central landmarks of this under explored territory a radical rethinking of ethics set within the development of a philosophical anthropology in his last book towards a relational ontology andrew benjamin provided a philosophical account of what he terms anoriginal relationality demonstrating how this concept can be seen to be at work throughout the history of philosophy in virtue in being he builds on that project to argue for a new way of understanding the relationship between ontology and ethics through insightful readings of texts by immanuel kant hannah arendt and jacques derrida structuring the book around the themes of violence evil and pardon benjamin builds a convincing case for the connections he draws between thinkers not commonly associated with one another in this original and engaging study benjamin opens a nuanced dialogue between the work of kant arendt and derrida to create a conversation about virtue that illuminates our human condition benjamin s innovative scholarship enriches our understanding of each of the figures he treats elizabeth millán brusslan author of friedrich schlegel and the emergence of romantic philosophy nicolas claude fabri de peiresc 1580 1637 was during his lifetime one of europe s most famous men a friend of pope urban viii and galileo of peter paul rubens and hugo grotius of tommaso campanella and marin mersenne peiresc played an important role in the intellectual culture of his time this book is the first study in english of this extraordinary man as well as a vivid portrait of his whole circle looking through the lens of peiresc's life peter n miller brings into focus the early seventeenth century world of learning its people places and ideas drawing on the extensive peiresc archive more than 50 000 pieces of paper miller brilliantly evokes the lives of antiquaries philosophers theologians and politicians of peiresc's day only some of whom remain known today he explores the age in which peiresc s toleration and sociability his political action and cosmopolitanism and his serious scholarship without dogmatism were identified as a set of virtues and practices by which to live peiresc's notion of scholarship as a moral exercise the sweep of his interests and the cross continental reach of his intellectual life show with new clarity what it meant to be a man of learning during the decades around 1600 the market of virtue morality and commitment in a liberal society is a contribution to the present controversy between liberalism and communitarianism this controversy is not only confined to academic circles but is becoming of increasing interest to a wider public it has become popular again today to criticize a liberal market society as being a society in which morality and virtues are increasingly being displaced by eqoism and utility maximization according to this view the competition between individuals and the dissolution of community ties erode the respect for the interests of others and undermine the commitment to the common good the present book however develops quite a different picture of a liberal society an analysis of its fundamental principles shows that anonymous market relations and competition are by no means the only traits of a liberal society such a society also provides the framework for freedom of cooperation and association it gives its citizens the right to cooperate with other people in pursuit of their own interests just as the rivalry between competitors is a basic element of a liberal society so is the cooperation between partners thus not only self centred individualism is rewarded the main part of the book explains how the freedom to cooperate and to establish social ties lays the empirical foundation for the emergence of civil virtues and moral integrity it is the basic insight of this analysis that it can no longer be maintained that a liberal society is incapable of producing moral attitudes and social commitment if a civil society can develop under a liberal order then one can reckon with citizens who voluntarily contribute to public goods and who commit themselves of their own accord to the society its constitution and institutions however this book not only develops

further arguments for the current debate between liberalism and communitarianism by explaining the emergence of morality and virtue in a market society it also provides new aspects for the present theoretical and methodological controversies over the fundaments of the social sciences and contributes to the advancement of the modern individualistic approach in social theory in this context it aims especially at an improvement of a sociological model of behaviour ethicists and psychologists have become increasingly interested in the development of virtue in recent years approaching the topic from the perspectives of virtue ethics and developmental psychology respectively such interest in virtue development has spread beyond academia as teachers and parents have increasingly striven to cultivate virtue as part of education and child rearing looking at these parallel trends in the study and practice of virtue development the essays in this volume explore such questions as how can philosophical work on virtue development inform psychological work on it and vice versa how should we understand virtue as a dimension of human personality what is the developmental foundation of virtue what are the evolutionary aspects of virtue and its development how is virtue fostered how is virtue exemplified in behavior and action how is our conception of virtue influenced by context and by developmental and social experiences what are the tensions impediments and prospects for an integrative field of virtue study rather than centering on each discipline the essays in this volume are organized around themes and engage each other in a broader dialogue the volume begins with an introductory essay from the editors that explains the full range of philosophical and empirical issues that have surrounded the notion of virtue in recent years this book offers a way of approaching the place of the will in descartes mature epistemology and ethics departing from the widely accepted view noa naaman zauderer suggests that descartes regards the will rather than the intellect as the most significant mark of human rationality both intellectual and practical through a close reading of cartesian texts from the meditations onward she brings to light a deontological and non consequentialist dimension of descartes later thinking which credits the proper use of free will with a constitutive evaluative role she shows that the right use of free will to which descartes assigns obligatory force constitutes for him an end in its own right rather than merely a means for attaining any other end however valuable her important study has significant implications for the unity of descartes thinking and for the issue of responsibility inviting scholars to reassess descartes philosophical legacy this is a new release of the original 1729 edition there can be no doubt that kant thought we should be reflective we ought to care to make up our own minds about how things are and what is worth doing philosophical objections to the kantian reflective ideal have centred on concerns about the excessive control that the reflective person is supposed to exert over their own mental life and kantians who feel the force of these objections have recently drawn attention to kant's conception of moral virtue as it is developed in his later work chiefly the metaphysics of morals melissa merritt s book is a distinctive contribution to this recent turn to virtue in kant scholarship merritt argues that we need a clearer and textually more comprehensive account of what reflection is in order not only to understand kant's account of virtue but also to appreciate how it effectively rebuts long standing objections to the kantian reflective ideal this work establishes a contemporary profile of virtue in professional media practice author patrick lee plaisance examines the experiences perspectives moral stances and demographic data of two dozen professional exemplars in journalism and public relations plaisance conducted extensive personal life story interviews and collected survey data to assess the exemplars personality traits ethical ideologies moral reasoning skills and perceived workplace climate the chosen professionals span the geographic united states and include pulitzer prize winners and trendsetting pr corporate executives ranging from rising stars to established veterans their thoughts opinions and experiences provide readers with an insider s perspective on the thought process of decision makers in media the unique observations in this volume will be stimulating reading for practitioners researchers and students in journalism and public relations virtue in media establishes a key benchmark and sets an agenda for future research into the moral psychology of media professionals

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Virtue

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since the 1960s the virtues have been making a comeback in various fields of study this book offers an overview of the history of virtues from plato to nietzsche discusses the philosophy and psychology of virtues and analyzes different applications of virtue in epistemology positive psychology ethics and politics

An Inquiry Into the Original of Our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue

1729

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Virtue

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virtues in the public sphere features seventeen chapters by experts from a variety of different perspectives on the broad theme of virtue in the public sphere spanning issues such as the notion of civic friendship and civic virtue it sheds light on the role that these virtues play in the public sphere and their importance in safeguarding communities from the threats of a lack of concern for truth poor leadership charlatanism and bigotry this book highlights the theoretical complexity of putting virtue ethics into practice in the public domain at a time when it has been shaken by unpredictable political social technological and cultural developments with contributions from internationally acclaimed scholars in the fields of philosophy psychology sociology and education this book highlights the main issues both theoretical and practical of putting virtue ethics into practice in the public domain split into three sections virtues and vices in the public sphere civic friendship and virtue and perspectives on virtue and the public sphere the chapters offer a timely commentary on the roles that virtues have to play in the public sphere this timely book will be of great interest to researchers academics and post graduate students in the fields of education character and virtue studies and will also appeal to practitioners

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Virtue and Vice: Volume 15, Part 1

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Virtuous Liaisons

2003

in this resourceful and illuminating exploration of the biblical virtues benjamin w farley examines both the old and the new testament and applies their teachings on moral character to the christian life today in the process farley critically reviews the current philosophical and theological interest in virtue engages the aristotelian thomist and modern views of virtue incorporates and responds to feminist concerns and discusses the importance of the biblical virtues for our pluralistic age

A Theory of Virtue

2008-10-23

although modern medicine enjoys unprecedented success in providing excellent technical care many patients are dissatisfied with the poor quality of care or the unprofessional manner in which physicians sometimes deliver it recently this patient dissatisfaction has led to quality of care and professionalism crises in medicine in this book the author proposes a notion of virtuous physician to address these crises he discusses the nature of the two crises and efforts by the medical profession to resolve them and then he briefly introduces the notion of virtuous physician and outlines its basic features further virtue theory is discussed along with virtue ethics and virtue epistemology and specific virtues especially as they relate to medicine the author also explores the ontological priority of caring as the metaphysical virtue for grounding the notion of virtuous physician and two essential ontic virtues care and competence in addition to this he examines the transformation of competence into prudent wisdom and care into personal radical love to forge the compound virtue of prudent love which is sufficient for defining the virtuous physician lastly two clinical case stories are reconstructed which illustrate the various virtues associated with medical practice and it is discussed how the notion of virtuous physician addresses the quality of care and professionalism crises

In Praise of Virtue

1995

explores historical and philosophical shifts in the depiction of women and virtue in the early years of the chinese state includes an examination of the history of yin yang theories

INQUIRY INTO THE ORIGINAL OF OUR IDEAS OF BEAUTY AND VIRTUE

2018

jesuits daniel harrington and james keenan have successfully team taught the content of this landmark study to the delight of students for years in this book they take the fruits of their own experiences as theologians writers teachers mentors and friends to propose virtue ethics as a bridge between the fields of new testament studies and moral theology answering the call of the second vatican council for moral theology to draw more fully on the teaching of holy scripture the authors examine the virtues that both flow from scripture and provide a lens by which to interpret scripture by remaining true to both the new testament s emphasis on the human response to god s gracious activity in jesus christ and to the ethical needs and desires of christians in the twenty first century the authors address key topics such as discipleship the sermon on the mount love sin politics justice sexuality marriage divorce bioethics and ecology covering the entire sweep of ethical teaching from its foundations in scripture and especially in jesus life death and resurrection to its goal or end with the full coming of god s kingdom the authors invite readers more deeply into an appreciation of the central biblical themes and how based on the themes catholic christian moral theology bears on general ethical issues in culture complete with reflection questions and suggestions for further reading this book is essential reading for professors students pastors preachers and interested catholics

Virtue in distress, and love in despair, or The travels of a noble youth, etc

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the challenge this book addresses is to demonstrate how in teaching content knowledge the development of intellectual and moral dispositions as virtues is not merely a good idea or peripheral to that content but deeply embedded in the logic of searching for knowledge and truth it offers a powerful example of how philosophy of education can be brought to bear on real

problems of educational research and practice pointing the reader to re envision what it means to educate children and how we might prepare teachers to take on such a role by developing the person instead of simply knowledge and skills connected intimately to the practice of teaching and teacher education the book sets forth an alternative theory of education where the developing person is at the center of education set in a moral space and a political order to this end a framework of public and personal knowledge forms the content to which personal dispositions are integral not peripheral the book s pedagogy is invitational welcoming its readers as companions in inquiry and thought about the moral aspects of what we teach as knowledge

The Virtuous Physician

2012-01-03

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Sharing the Light

1998-01-01

praised in pre publication reviews for its clarity caliber of scholarship and coverage of traditions not found in other texts comparing religious traditions is an innovative set of three texts which compare parts of one tradition with another focusing on topics that are familiar human issues to all family work and virtue the texts help students to understand the commonalities and differences of the traditions

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macintyre is greatly discontented with the nature of contemporary morality which according to him has a form i e what appears like morality but lacks essential content he argues that the most common feature of contemporary ethical discourse is that much of it is used to express individual preferences which leads to disagreements among philosophers and eventually results in debates that are interminable in character macintyre attributes the cause of this situation to the activities of the enlightenment philosophers of the 17th and 18th centuries who in an attempt to find rational justification for morality repudiated those essential elements that define the essence of morality and give it its contents such elements include historical narrative tradition teleology and divine law in macintyres opinion morality so constructed was destined for failure since it was not founded on the true nature of the human person the obvious consequences of this failure were the birth of diverse post enlightenment ethical theories and a substantial change in the conception of virtue in order to remedy this deplorable condition of contemporary ethics macintyre along with other virtue ethicists advocates a certain renaissance of ethical principles that are founded on the true nature of the human person characterized by historical narrative tradition and teleology all grounded on divine legislation morality thus reconstructed finds its fullest expression in the theory of human character traits i e virtues this is what has motivated macintyres construction of virtue theory which has brought him into confrontation with the enlightenment philosophers our study and analysis of macintyres theory of virtue reveals that his account of virtue is inadequate this inadequacy is what has motivated our own project of reconstructing macintyres theory of virtue in view of offering an account of virtue that is adequate in this way our own project complements that of macintyre

<u>Jesus and Virtue Ethics</u>

2005

charting new territory in the interface between science and ethics science and virtue is a study of how the scientific mentality can affect the building of character or the attainment of virtue by the individual drawing on inspiration from virtue ethics and virtue epistemology caruana argues that science is not just a system of knowledge but also an important factor determining a way of life this book goes beyond the normal strategy evident in the science ethics realm of examining specific ethical

dilemmas posed by scientific innovations here caruana deals with more fundamental issues uncovering morally significant tendencies within the very core of the scientific mentality and explaining how science its method history and explanatory power can shape a conception of the good life

Knowledge and Virtue in Teaching and Learning

2012-03-29

recent research in the humanities and social sciences suggests that individuals who understand themselves as belonging to something greater than the self a family community or religious or spiritual group often feel happier have a deeper sense of purpose or meaning in their lives and have overall better life outcomes than those who do not some positive and personality psychologists have labeled this location of the self within a broader perspective self transcendence this book presents and integrates new interdisciplinary research into virtue happiness and the meaning of life by re orienting these discussions around the concept of self transcendence the essays are organized around three broad themes connected to self transcendence first they investigate how self transcendence helps us to understand aspects of the moral life as it is studied within psychology including the development of wisdom the practice of moral praise and psychological well being second they explore how self transcendence is linked to virtue in different religious and spiritual traditions including judaism islam christianity buddhism and confucianism finally they ask how self transcendence can help us theorize about aristotelean and thomist conceptions of virtue like hope and piety and how this helps us to re conceptualize happiness and meaning in life

Inquiry Into the Original of Our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue

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suppose there is no god this supposition implies that human life is meaningless that there are no moral obligations and hence people can do whatever they want and that the notions of virtue and vice right and wrong and good and evil have no place in the universe erik j wielenberg believes this view to be utterly erroneous and in this thought provoking book he explains the reasons why he argues that even if god does not exist human life can still have meaning humans do have moral obligations and human virtue is still possible wielenberg offers readers a cognent explanation of the ethical implications of naturalism a view that denies the existence of the supernatural in human life in his view virtue exists in a godless universe but it is significantly different from virtue in a christian universe and he develops naturalistic accounts of humility charity and hope the overarching theme of virtue and value in a godless universe is what ethics might look like without god erik wielenberg takes readers on an extraordinary tour of some of the central landmarks of this under explored territory

The Life of Virtue

2001

a radical rethinking of ethics set within the development of a philosophical anthropology in his last book towards a relational ontology andrew benjamin provided a philosophical account of what he terms anoriginal relationality demonstrating how this concept can be seen to be at work throughout the history of philosophy in virtue in being he builds on that project to argue for a new way of understanding the relationship between ontology and ethics through insightful readings of texts by immanuel kant hannah arendt and jacques derrida structuring the book around the themes of violence evil and pardon benjamin builds a convincing case for the connections he draws between thinkers not commonly associated with one another in this original and engaging study benjamin opens a nuanced dialogue between the work of kant arendt and derrida to create a conversation about virtue that illuminates our human condition benjamin s innovative scholarship enriches our understanding of each of the figures he treats elizabeth millán brusslan author of friedrich schlegel and the emergence of romantic philosophy

The Analysis of Virtue in Alasdair Macintyre and His View of "The Enlightenment Project"

2016-04-15

nicolas claude fabri de peiresc 1580 1637 was during his lifetime one of europe s most famous men a friend of pope urban viii and galileo of peter paul rubens and hugo grotius of tommaso campanella and marin mersenne peiresc played an important role in the intellectual culture of his time this book is the first study in english of this extraordinary man as well as a vivid portrait of his whole circle looking through the lens of peiresc s life peter n miller brings into focus the early seventeenth

century world of learning its people places and ideas drawing on the extensive peiresc archive more than 50 000 pieces of paper miller brilliantly evokes the lives of antiquaries philosophers theologians and politicians of peiresc s day only some of whom remain known today he explores the age in which peiresc s toleration and sociability his political action and cosmopolitanism and his serious scholarship without dogmatism were identified as a set of virtues and practices by which to live peiresc s notion of scholarship as a moral exercise the sweep of his interests and the cross continental reach of his intellectual life show with new clarity what it meant to be a man of learning during the decades around 1600

Science and Virtue

2012-10-01

the market of virtue morality and commitment in a liberal society is a contribution to the present controversy between liberalism and communitarianism this controversy is not only confined to academic circles but is becoming of increasing interest to a wider public it has become popular again today to criticize a liberal market society as being a society in which morality and virtues are increasingly being displaced by egoism and utility maximization according to this view the competition between individuals and the dissolution of community ties erode the respect for the interests of others and undermine the commitment to the common good the present book however develops quite a different picture of a liberal society an analysis of its fundamental principles shows that anonymous market relations and competition are by no means the only traits of a liberal society such a society also provides the framework for freedom of cooperation and association it gives its citizens the right to cooperate with other people in pursuit of their own interests just as the rivalry between competitors is a basic element of a liberal society so is the cooperation between partners thus not only self centred individualism is rewarded the main part of the book explains how the freedom to cooperate and to establish social ties lays the empirical foundation for the emergence of civil virtues and moral integrity it is the basic insight of this analysis that it can no longer be maintained that a liberal society is incapable of producing moral attitudes and social commitment if a civil society can develop under a liberal order then one can reckon with citizens who voluntarily contribute to public goods and who commit themselves of their own accord to the society its constitution and institutions however this book not only develops further arguments for the current debate between liberalism and communitarianism by explaining the emergence of morality and virtue in a market society it also provides new aspects for the present theoretical and methodological controversies over the fundaments of the social sciences and contributes to the advancement of the modern individualistic approach in social theory in this context it aims especially at an improvement of a sociological model of behaviour

Self-Transcendence and Virtue

2018-11-06

ethicists and psychologists have become increasingly interested in the development of virtue in recent years approaching the topic from the perspectives of virtue ethics and developmental psychology respectively such interest in virtue development has spread beyond academia as teachers and parents have increasingly striven to cultivate virtue as part of education and child rearing looking at these parallel trends in the study and practice of virtue development the essays in this volume explore such questions as how can philosophical work on virtue development inform psychological work on it and vice versa how should we understand virtue as a dimension of human personality what is the developmental foundation of virtue what are the evolutionary aspects of virtue and its development how is virtue fostered how is virtue exemplified in behavior and action how is our conception of virtue influenced by context and by developmental and social experiences what are the tensions impediments and prospects for an integrative field of virtue study rather than centering on each discipline the essays in this volume are organized around themes and engage each other in a broader dialogue the volume begins with an introductory essay from the editors that explains the full range of philosophical and empirical issues that have surrounded the notion of virtue in recent years

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this book offers a way of approaching the place of the will in descartes mature epistemology and ethics departing from the widely accepted view noa naaman zauderer suggests that descartes regards the will rather than the intellect as the most significant mark of human rationality both intellectual and practical through a close reading of cartesian texts from the meditations onward she brings to light a deontological and non consequentialist dimension of descartes later thinking which credits the proper use of free will with a constitutive evaluative role she shows that the right use of free will to which descartes assigns obligatory force constitutes for him an end in its own right rather than merely a means for attaining any other end

however valuable her important study has significant implications for the unity of descartes thinking and for the issue of responsibility inviting scholars to reassess descartes philosophical legacy

Value and Virtue in a Godless Universe

2005-02-07

this is a new release of the original 1729 edition

Virtue in Being

2016-08-31

there can be no doubt that kant thought we should be reflective we ought to care to make up our own minds about how things are and what is worth doing philosophical objections to the kantian reflective ideal have centred on concerns about the excessive control that the reflective person is supposed to exert over their own mental life and kantians who feel the force of these objections have recently drawn attention to kant s conception of moral virtue as it is developed in his later work chiefly the metaphysics of morals melissa merritt s book is a distinctive contribution to this recent turn to virtue in kant scholarship merritt argues that we need a clearer and textually more comprehensive account of what reflection is in order not only to understand kant s account of virtue but also to appreciate how it effectively rebuts long standing objections to the kantian reflective ideal

Peiresc's Europe

2000-01-01

this work establishes a contemporary profile of virtue in professional media practice author patrick lee plaisance examines the experiences perspectives moral stances and demographic data of two dozen professional exemplars in journalism and public relations plaisance conducted extensive personal life story interviews and collected survey data to assess the exemplars personality traits ethical ideologies moral reasoning skills and perceived workplace climate the chosen professionals span the geographic united states and include pulitzer prize winners and trendsetting pr corporate executives ranging from rising stars to established veterans their thoughts opinions and experiences provide readers with an insider s perspective on the thought process of decision makers in media the unique observations in this volume will be stimulating reading for practitioners researchers and students in journalism and public relations virtue in media establishes a key benchmark and sets an agenda for future research into the moral psychology of media professionals

The Market of Virtue

2002-08-31

Developing the Virtues

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