

Talk

Ethics and Political Philosophy

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Moral Perception and Moral Epistemology

Some contemporary moral epistemologists - notably, Robert Audi 2013 - defend the following view: ordinary agents can sometimes be said to perceive the moral qualities of actions and individuals, and that moral perception can directly ground moral knowledge. In this paper I grant that ordinary agents can have perceptual experiences of moral qualities, but consider some problems for the claim that such experiences could ground moral knowledge. Along the way I relate Audi's view to the moral sense theories of Hutcheson and Shaftesbury.

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