NOTE: We will be reading this chapter (Chapter 2: “Understanding the Diversity of Moral Beliefs: Relativism, Absolutism, and Pluralism”)


Source: http://www.amazon.com/Ethics-Pluralistic-Approach-Moral-Theory/dp/0495006742/ref=pd_sim_b_1#reader_0495006742

Understanding the Diversity of Moral Beliefs

Characteristics of the Act Itself:
- can be universalized (Kant)
- does not violate rights (rights theories)
- conforms to God’s commands (divine command)

Consequences:
- for the individual (ethical egoism)
- for everyone (utilitarianism)

Focus of Moral Evaluation

Agent

Intentions:
- done for the sake of duty (Kant)
- done because God wills it (divine command)

Character:
- promotes human flourishing (virtue ethics)

The Objects of Moral Evaluation