

Ethics in the history of Ideas - Lecture 1

Ethics in modern day is considered to be objective - that is being impartial in regards to emotion & feeling. Whereas, ethics in ancient Greece is primarily dependent on relativism.

Geography of the golden age:

- People made their living by fishing due to living by the coast.
- When all 3 cultures found each other it created civilization, combination of cultures caused by sharing of ideas.
- When there is trade (= better economy), there is a time for leisure.

Critical thinking in history of ideas

- When the question 'why?' is proposed, it results in scientific thinking (argumentative)

Ethics or morals

- Romans were obsessed w/ Greeks due to it's obsessive culture.
- Ethics & morality can be used interchangeably.

Ethnocentrism (= prejudice against one's own group ?)

- Aristotle collects facts, classifies and has distinguished over 100 types of animals
- Aristotle puts theory against observations
- First person to open up an egg and describe the inside of the egg
- Aristotle was looking for the deepest secrets in life
- Not the order of the dna which matters, it is the makeup of it.

'Ados = genes' & 'Sol = system'

Medieval religion & English science - Lecture 2

Welcome to technopia

- Belief that 'super computers' may be able to possess a similar brain as humans - thus making them human - what is wrong with this theory?

Humans have rights, emotions etc, having knowledge does not make one human or more superior to human kind.

Medieval church

- During this time (dark ages) there was no technology, no scientific or social enlightenment.

The church offered various explanations to certain questions, such as why bad things occur, the church played a role in determining scientific answers.

- The answers which the church provided lasted for many years after (abt 5000 years), many of our own assumptions & beliefs originated from this time.

The authority of the bible

- Origination that breath is the origin of humans - breath = life.

Science works off of the predisposition that with every effect, there is an effect.

Islamic science

The church had gotten rid of aristotle's text, islamic churches used theses text during their enlightenment period.

- Islamic churches were inspired by the Greeks.

Rene Descartes

- Period of truth must come from reason
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