

## Moral Decision Making Jesus The Divine Word

The choice to live an ordinary life is no longer an option! Greatness-lasting greatness-is a desire built into every human heart. For the believer in Christ, it is not only possible, but expected. How will your life matter? God wants your life to count for eternity. He wants you to join the team of rescuers He is sending into a desperate world.

For many years many Christians have exhibited bumper stickers and wrist bands challenging themselves to live up to WWJD—What Would Jesus Do? Now Andrew Fiala, a professor who has encountered many such students in his classes, objectively assesses just what it actually is that Jesus does (and doesn't) say about the essential moral issues that face us today. Andrew Fiala appreciates Jesus as a moral teacher with an ethical vision centered in love, generosity, forgiveness, tolerance, and peace. But he argues that it is often difficult to determine exactly what Jesus would say or do about tough contemporary issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, war, homosexuality, and politics. Hence, Fiala believes we need to engage in philosophical reflection and critical thinking to arrive at answers to today's ethical questions that Jesus never anticipated, such as those involving technology, scientific discoveries, ethical advances. The book shows how philosophers and psychologists—from Kant and Mill to Nietzsche and Freud—struggled to make sense of the ethics of Jesus. The book concludes by arguing that we cannot pretend that Jesus and the Bible provide all the answers to our ethical dilemmas, although Jesus does provide perennial moral wisdom. Thus, Fiala shows that Jesus' moral teachings must be filled out with contemporary ethical reflection to determine what Jesus, as a moral ideal, would really do today.

The question "What am I to do?" needs the balance and completion of "What are we to do?" With clarity and insight Jersild addresses the particular need of our time: a great awareness of our interdependence as a world community. The relationship between private and public morality is clarified by exploring such questions as: "What prompts Christians to disagree on moral issues?" "Is there a Christian morality?" and "How are convictions related to decisions?" Using critical incidents or cases to illustrate ethical points, Jersild examines such contemporary issues as euthanasia, employment and one's sense of vocation, homosexuality, and more.

Moral values are under attack. Although the United States of America was established with a firm position on Christian values and morality on the fundamental belief that God's laws were supreme this rich tapestry of American history and values has been tattered and torn by the introduction of principles inconsistent with the Founding Fathers' beliefs. How can we then overcome this challenge and bring back integrity and honesty into contemporary life? In *Once upon a Time: A Guide to Moral Decision-Making*, author Dick Hanson reclaims this lost set of values and provides insight and encouragement for dealing with the problems that beset humankind. Drawing from a variety of sources and offering a sense of the historical background of moral decision-making, Hanson uses a Christian, biblical perspective to articulate a decision-making process that can help show people the way forward with courage and resolve. Replete with examples of people who have made moral decisions, each chapter provides inspirational

guidelines and scriptural references that will today assist each person in making moral decisions. The themes of honesty, integrity, spirituality, and morality run as a thread through the tapestry of history, culminating in the formation of the United States of America and its enduring principles. Despite the moral relativism that permeates our day, God has a set of moral rules and a code of conduct that will bring us back to a high standard of moral behaviorsomething we so need in our day and time.

This book moves away from the frameworks that have traditionally guided ethical decision-making in the Western clinical setting, towards an inclusive, non-coercive and, reflective dialogic approach to moral decision-making. Inspired in part by Jürgen Habermas's discourse theory of morality and principles of communicative action, the book offers a proportionist approach as a way of balancing out the wisdom in traditional frameworks, set in the actual reality of the clinical situation at hand. Putting this approach into practice requires having a conversation, a dialogue or a discourse, with collaboration amongst all the stakeholders. The aim of the dialogue is to reach consensus in the decision, via mutual understanding of the values held by the patient and others whom they see as significant. This book aims to underscore the moral philosophical foundations for having a meaningful conversation. Life and Death Decision in the Clinical Setting is especially relevant in our contemporary era, characterised medically by an ever-increasing armamentarium of life-sustaining technology, but also by increasing multiculturalism, a multiplicity of faiths, and increasing value pluralism.

In most twenty-first century congregations, women outnumber men by as much as fifty percent or more. Unfortunately, masculine anecdotes and a lack of understanding of the different ways women and men listen, learn, and perceive ideas of leadership and power leave many women feeling detached from the messages conveyed from the pulpit. How can a pastor effectively minister to both men and women? How do the ways in which women understand sermons differ from those of men? Preaching That Speaks to Women invites preachers to consider how gender affects the way sermons are understood and calls them to preaching that relates to the entire congregation. Drawing from her experience as a teacher of ministry students, as well as her experience as a missionary, conference speaker, and radio Bible teacher, Alice Mathews explores both the myths and legitimate boundaries for speaking about women as listeners. She considers the ways women think about themselves, make ethical decisions, handle stress, learn, and view leadership and power and applies the results to the task of preaching. Mathews advocates effective preaching that does not ignore women or merely typecast women in narrowly defined roles.

In response to the moralism and relativism that characterize the present age, Gary Tyra presents an evangelical ethic for "everyday" moral faithfulness, arguing that Christians can have confidence in their Christ-centered, Spirit-enabled ability to discern and do the will of God in any moral situation.

**THE CONSCIENCE OF JUDGES AND APPLICATION OF LEGAL RULES** The book is devoted to the problem of the influence of moral judgements on the result of judicial decision-making in the process of application of the established (positive) law. It is the conscience of judges that takes the central place in the research. Conscience is understood in the meaning developed in the theory of Thomas Aquinas as the complex capacity of the human being to make moral

judgements which represent acts of reason on the question of what is right or wrong in a particular situation. The reason why we need a theory of conscience in making judicial decisions lies in the nature of the positive law itself. On the one hand, there is an intrinsic conflict between the law as the body of rigid rules and the law as an living experience of those who are involved in social relationships. This conflict particularly finds its expression in the collision of strict justice and equity. The idea of equity does not reject the importance of rules in legal life. What is rejected is an idolatrous attitude to the rules when the uniqueness of a human being, his well being and happiness are disregarded and sacrificed in order to fulfil the observance of the rules. The rules themselves are neither good or bad. What makes them good or bad is their application.

This book is the capstone of the ministry of Herbert E. Hudson IV from 1959 to 2020--literally a span of six decades. The sermons are grouped into three periods. Sermons given in Utica tend to be more academic and are termed "The Dawning of Awareness." Sermons given at Central Square, a time of personal growth and change, are considered as "A Soul in Transition." Finally, sermons in Key Largo reflect more certainty and trust in life and are referred to as "A Seasoned Spirit." The balance of this handbook includes readings, prayers, invocations, benedictions, and special services for weddings, christenings, and memorials.

It's said that decisions are made in the details. And yet, we make hundreds, even thousands of decisions daily. So how do Christians process all those details and come up with answers that please God? In *Decision-Making by the Book*, author, lecturer, and radio personality, Haddon W. Robinson, takes his usual clear-eyed, not-a-word-wasted approach, to help you make decisions according to biblical principles—every time.

This is a long-awaited and needed book about the mutual relationship between moral theology and spirituality -- in the past, at the present time, and with hope for the future. It is a gentle and convincing book, both in its tone and in its arguments. It is in the best sense a scientific book and at the same time an existential text. It appeals to mind and heart. This is a most useful book for every Christian striving to become ever more a discerning person, aiming at integration of prayer and life. Books like this strengthen my unbroken optimism about the ongoing renewal of Christian ethics and Christian spirituality." Bernhard Haering, Gars, Germany In 'Becoming Good, Becoming Holy', Mark O'Keefe makes a valuable contribution to our understanding of the Christian life in its wholeness and integrity. By connecting love and justice; prayer, discernment, and moral decision making; fundamental option and spiritual growth, he challenges unhelpful divisions between Christian ethics and spirituality. His vision of conversion and of the Christian life as a dynamic totality will appeal to a wide range of readers." Elizabeth Dreyer, Washington Theological Union Clearly written and insightful, 'Becoming Good, Becoming Holy' is a convincing response to the Second Vatican Council's call to renew

Catholic moral theology by centering it on our life in Christ. Best of all, O'Keefe underscores both the pivotal connection between Eucharist and morality, and the integral role of prayer and discernment in Christian moral decision making.""  
Paul Wadell, Catholic Theological Union Mark O'Keefe, OSB, is Associate Professor of Moral Theology at St. Meinrad School of Theology and a Benedictine monk at St. Meinrad Archabbey. He is the author of 'What Are They Saying About Social Sin?' and his articles have appeared in 'New Theology Review', 'Irish Theological Quarterly', 'New Blackfriars', 'Eglise et Theologie', and other theological journals.

Exercises to assist students in making decisions on moral issues.

A prominent theologian takes a new look at the stories of Jesus from a modern perspective to demonstrate how his parables and teachings can bridge the gap between the ancient and modern world to serve as contemporary guidelines for leading a moral life, explaining how to extrapolate answers for such issues as civil rights, aging, and teenage drug use. Reprint.

"Using timely examples, J. Philip Wogaman illustrates how moral decision-making works on the personal level, national and global levels, and in communities of faith. He includes discussions of difficult ethical issues such as divorce, sexuality, abortion, political choices, economic justice, affirmative action, homosexuality, nuclear disarmament, economic globalization, global warming, international security, environmental policies, and military power. In the process, he provides a smart and helpful guide to Christian ethical behavior." --Book Jacket.

This concise and readable book uses the question of obligation to the law as a stepping-off point to a more general discussion of deciding what's right and wrong. Visit our website for sample chapters!

Themes in Religious Studies series

"This survey text for Christian ethics through a Catholic lens traces the sources and traditions of contemporary ethical principles, rules, and norms. It uses narrative in reaching out to students who seek to understand themselves as they face ethical decisions. Stories are employed to reflect one's own life and its meaning, as well as to prompt moral decision-making. The book gives full treatment to criteria needed for ethical decision-making that students use in evaluating a series of contemporary issues, including abortion, end of life, torture, and others. The book includes numerous pedagogic features, including boxes, questions, key terms, suggested readings, and a glossary." -- Publisher description.

This work delves into the topic of moral education in America's K-12 schools. Following an introductory historical chapter, it analyzes salient topics and notable leaders in the field of moral education. It treats the issues thoroughly and fairly, providing a heightened understanding of both the major and minor themes in moral education.

Answers a central question of Jesus's ministry, looking at how Jesus and his various roles have been understood by Christians through the centuries.

This work offers insight into the diversity, breadth, and complexity of the cultural influences that shaped Baptist identity.

There's no such thing as business ethics. How can that be? Because a single standard applies to both your business and personal life-and it's one we all know and trust: the Golden Rule. Now bestselling author John C. Maxwell shows you how this revered ideal works everywhere, and how, especially in business, it brings amazing dividends. There's No Such Thing As "Business" Ethics offers: \* Stories from history, business, government, and sports that illustrate how talented leaders invoked this timeless principle \* Examples of difficult business decisions-layoffs, evaluations, billing clients, expansion-and how the Golden Rule applies to each \* The five most common reasons people compromise their ethics-and how you can prevail over such moral obstacles \* How applying the Golden Rule to business builds morale, increases productivity, encourages teamwork, lowers employee turnover, and keeps clients coming back. John C. Maxwell not only reveals the many ways the Golden Rule creates the perfect environment for business success, but does it with great wisdom, warmth, and humor. Backed by flawless research and the ideas of history's best thinkers, this engaging book brilliantly demonstrates how doing the right thing fosters a winning situation for all, with positive results for employees, clients, investors, and even your own state of mind. Business runs much more smoothly, profits increase, and you know that you've set the groundwork for years of future prosperity...and it's all thanks to the tried-and-true Golden Rule. The Jefferson Bible, or The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth as it is formally titled, was a book constructed by Thomas Jefferson in the latter years of his life by cutting and pasting numerous sections from various Bibles as extractions of the doctrine of Jesus. Jefferson's composition excluded sections of the New Testament containing supernatural aspects as well as perceived misinterpretations he believed had been added by the Four Evangelists. In 1895, the Smithsonian Institution under the leadership of librarian Cyrus Adler purchased the original Jefferson Bible from Jefferson's great-granddaughter Carolina Randolph for \$400. A conservation effort commencing in 2009, in partnership with the museum's Political History department, allowed for a public unveiling in an exhibit open from November 11, 2011, through May 28, 2012, at the National Museum of American History.

What does Jesus have to do with ethics? There are two brief answers given by believers: "everything" and "not much." While evangelical or fundamentalist Christians would find authoritative guidance in the words and commands of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament, many mainstream Christian ethicists would say that Jesus is too concrete or narrowly particular to have any direct import for ethics. In this book, Williams Spohn takes a middle way, showing how Jesus is the "concrete universal" of Christian ethics. By forming a bridge from the lives of contemporary Christians to the words and deeds of Jesus, Jesus' story as a whole exemplifies moral perception, motivation and Christian identity. In addition, Spohn shows how the practices of Christian spirituality--specifically prayer, service, and community--train the imagination and reorient emotions to produce a character and a way of life consonant with Christian New Testament moral teaching.

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courses, retreats, and youth-group activities. The Youth Ministry Strategies component features more than 65 creative youth activities to complement the Horizons curriculum. And on top of all that, Horizons includes outstanding training resources. You'll be able to create the most engaging and relevant youth ministry program for senior high that is available anywhere.

This radical new assessment of Christian ethics offers a unique perspective on the relationship between Christianity and moral decision-making in an increasingly secular world.

Growing in faith is like being rooted in Christ, and each of the twelve sessions in this book are grounded in the firm belief that all Catholic adults are called to discipleship to follow Christ in all of life's big and little challenges. This is an invaluable resource for lifelong learning and recommended in particular for catechist formation.

"Conscience and Prayer takes the new conversation between Christian spirituality and moral theology to a deeper level of precision and focus. The authors argue that the relationship between moral theology and spirituality can best be explored by looking at how conscience is related to prayer. In exploring this relationship, both historically and theologically, Billy and Keating open new ways to approach the fundamental aspects of Catholic moral theology."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Morality: An Invitation to Christian Living is divided into two parts consisting of 15 chapters. The first section provides a foundation for Christian morality as it examines virtues, conscience, and sin. The teachings of Scripture, Jesus, and the Church provide the basis for a moral decision-making process which students are encouraged to use with the real-life moral issues presented in the second section of the text. Adolescents are encouraged to become persons of character and to aid in building communities where living morally is the norm. For Christians, Holy Scripture is not only a source of revelation on which to ground one's faith, it is also an indispensable reference point for morality. They are convinced that in the Bible they can find indications and norms of right behaviour to attain fullness of life. This use of Scripture is not of course without its problems caused by the different times and circumstances in which people find themselves today compared with biblical times. In 2002, the Pontifical Biblical Commission, at the behest of the then-President Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, set about to examine the problem of the relationship between the Bible and morality by posing itself the question: what is the value and the significance of the inspired text for today's morality? This document seeks then to explain the context for norms of morality encountered in Scripture, and shows also that, while there remain moral questions which cannot be fully answered from Scripture, nevertheless Scripture does offer criteria which are helpful in finding solutions.

Once Upon a Time A Guide to Moral Decision Making Archway Publishing

Talbert concludes that only when the text is read in three contexts--the whole of Matthew, the whole of the New Testament, and the entire biblical plot--can the Sermon on the Mount make a contribution to decision making.

Reflections on the universal principles taught by Jesus for the contemporary world. The focus of the ethics of Jesus is the transformation of human beings to conquer the transcendental values of the spirit, through the unforgettable lessons of the carpenter of Nazareth. A cutting-edge view of the teachings of Jesus is proposed. The unique character of the Master shows us the best way, revealing how current is the ethical presented almost 2000 years ago. The 90 subjects arranged in 10 chapters are

