

# WHAT?



rules



law



ETHICS

character

action

VIRTUES

VICES

MORALLY WRONG

MORALLY RIGHT (DUTIES)

# WHO?



"Happiness then is the best, noblest, and most pleasant thing in the world."

"Unexamined life is not worth living."



Socrates Aristotle



"The relevant question regarding animals is not, 'Can they reason?', nor 'Can they talk?'; but, 'Can they suffer?'"

J. Bentham



"The task of moral philosophers has been to extend, as poets may extend, the limits of language, and enable it to illuminate regions of reality which were formerly dark."

I. Murdoch



Plato



I. Kant



J.S. Mill



"Only virtue is good just by itself; anything else that is good is good only insofar as it serves or is used for or by virtue."

"Act only in accordance with that maxim through which you can at the same time will that it become a universal law."

"Actions are right in proportion as they tend to promote happiness, wrong as they tend to produce the reverse of happiness."

# CHALLENGES

An estimated 40.3 million people are living in some form of modern slavery (24.9 million are in forced labour - 4.8 million of those are sexually exploited, 15.4 million people are estimated to be living in forced marriages).

*International Labour Organisation (2019)*

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

*Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)*

Religious freedom is violated in almost one third of the world's countries (31.6 percent), where two thirds of the world's population lives.

*ACN International (2021)*

Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

*International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)*

415 million children worldwide are living in a war zone, including 149 million in "high intensity conflict zones".

*Save the Children (2020)*

Everyone has the right to liberty and security of person.

*Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1950)*

One in four respondents experienced one or more incidents of hate-motivated harassment in the 12 months before the survey, 3 % experienced a hate-motivated physical attack.

*EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (2017)*

The Union shall respect cultural, religious and linguistic diversity.

*Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (2000)*

An estimated 617 million children and adolescents around the world are unable to reach minimum proficiency levels in reading and mathematics, even though two thirds of them are in school.

*Unicef (2021)*

Ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy.

*Sustainable development goal (4.3) of the UN (2016)*

The world's richest 1% have more than twice as much wealth as 6.9 billion people.

*Oxfam (2021)*

We seek to minimize the inequities of circumstance and ability, and we support a just distribution of nature's resources and the fruits of human effort so that as many as possible can enjoy a good life.

*Humanist Manifesto III (2003)*