Worldviews  
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Ethics: Introduction 2

1. **Definition of Ethics:** Ethics is the philosophical study of the moral value of human conduct and of the rules and principles that ought to govern it
2. **Questions related to Ethics:**
   1. Do absolute standards of right and wrong exist?
   2. If so, where did they come from?
   3. If not, how does a person or a group of people decide what is permissible?
   4. Is happiness the standard of morality?
   5. How do we know what is right and wrong?
   6. Why does suffering and pain exist? Why does God allow it to exist?
3. **Terms**
   1. Hedonism: “the pursuit of pleasure”
   2. Pragmatism: “whatever works”
   3. Situational ethics: “it always depends on the situation; if it meets people’s needs, it’s OK”
   4. Cultural relativism: “adherence to social custom”