

Re: Ethical Relativism (Moral Universals Argument)

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> > (7) *Therefore we are genetically predisposed to ban incest and behave altruistically. Our various cultures determine how these dispositions are worked out in daily life.*

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> *This is all very interesting, but what does it have to do with philosophy?*

I love Jeopardy questions;

"What is Ethics?"

A system of moral principles, rules or standards that govern the conduct of members of a group. Ethical codes of conduct approach human behavior from a philosophical standpoint by stressing objectively defined, but essentially idealistic, standards (or laws) of right and wrong, good/evil, and virtue/vice such as those applicable to the practices of lawyers and doctors.

<http://grove.ufl.edu/~rolandc/definitions.html>

A generic term for various ways of understanding and examining the moral conduct of human behaviour and actions. Some approaches are normative (ie they set standards of right of good action) others are descriptive (ie they report on what people believe and how they act).

www.cirem.org.uk/definitions.html

<http://www.google.com/search?q=define%3Aethics>