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Steven:

Thanks for that keen observation that we have a lot of "western standards of ethics". It is evident in our fixation with Greek philosophers and even my historical overview of ethics since the Greeks is English and German philosopher biased.

I would agree that the Bible brings in other dynamics (partly because it comes out of the MiddleEast with some of its Eastern ways and culture).

When we get to religion next week, we will see some of the points you are already bringing to our attention now. There are limits and benefits in Judeo-Christian thoughts--the biggest challenge being sacrificial substitutionary processes. But that is later.

Later in the course we come also back to your friend Dr. Thom Wolff to look at the cultural aspects of ethics.

When I visited India, I was reminded communitarianism is high there as community is crucial (and natural when you have thousands crammed on a train). Living close is itself a defining way to think about ethics.

I look forward to more of your thorough posts that make us all think.

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