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## Thinking About Moral Education : First Attempt

	Truth	Virtue/Value	Beauty
(1)	IS	Should	
(2)	Factual Statement	Value Statement	emotional statement
(3)	Truth/False	Right/Wrong Good/Bad	
(4)	Science	Morality	feeling emotion
(5)	Evolution	→ It is right / natural to bully others?	
(6)	The cup is 1/2 full of water	Water is useful	
(7)	Why the rise of science	Why the rise of morality	
(8)	Factual judgement	Moral judgement	

(9) Q: Does science have presumed value?

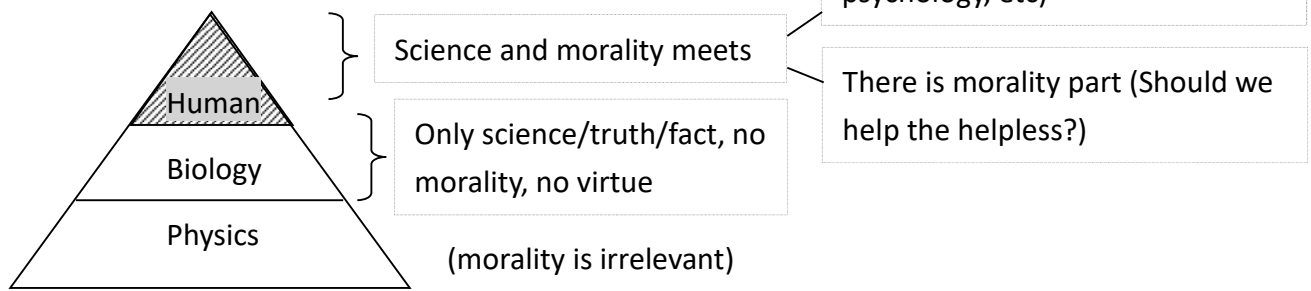
A: Yes, truth,

Science throws / light on things / reality → help to manage things

- law of supply and demand
  - law of learning
  - law of behavior
- } hope to create a 'better' world progress

Science is good, but must be constrained  
by human value, e.g. atomic energy

(10) 3 worlds



Scope/domain of science and morality

(11) But, without human world, human values, everything is irrelevant or meaningless.

(12) Questions for Thought

1. Should we help/abandon/kill the helpless? Moral dilemma?
2. Should we follow the rules of evolution? (law of jungle)
3. Should we follow the law of learning?
- \*4. When we say No to (2) and Yes to (3), why double standard?
5. Morality directs science or science directs morality?

↑                      ↑  
 Informed knowledge    Efficient allocation of resources

6. How to ground morality?
  - (a) on the collective good
  - (b) on the constraint of the individual
  - (c) on one's feelings – feelings good! (善心!) but (好心做壞事!)

(13) Intriguing Statement:

Is it factual, moral or emotional?

水令我傷心! (drown my husband)?