

**Ethics**

**Resources**

# Web Pages

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## Ethics Connection – Markkula Centre for Applied Ethics

<http://www.scu.edu/Ethics>

Series of 16 articles on ethics and ethical decision making.

## Exploring the Limits on Scientific Freedom

<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/publications/ethicsoutlook/freedom.html>

Discussion of what is at stake in the pursuit of science.

## Bioethics Teaching Notes

<http://www.biol.tsukuba.ac.jp/~macer/TM.html#1>

Published by Darryl R.J. Macer, Ph.D., of the Eubios Ethics Institute in 1995. Intended for use in schools as a supplement to bioethics and biotechnology. Includes topics of bioethics, organ transplantation, euthanasia, animal rights, assisted reproductive technology, genetic engineering, human genetic disease, genetic screening and gene therapy.

# Videos

## **“Measuring Up”**

CBC documentary report

The more we learn about the human genome, the more choices will confront us. How will we use that knowledge? Who defines norm? What makes a “normative person”?

## **“The Examined Life”**

Magic Lantern

## **“Does the End Justify the Means?”**

Magic Lantern

Can philosophy guide us in making difficult moral decisions? If the benefits are large enough, can any political decision be justified? Is making a difference in the world more important than sticking to abstract principles? Explanation of Bentham’s utilitarianism.

## **“Is Morality Relative?”**

Magic Lantern

Are there any universal moral standards? In a culturally diverse world, can we adopt any moral standards? Explanation of philosophy of moral relativity.

## **“Can Rules Define Morality?”**

Magic Lantern

What is morality? Are moral rules to be created by church or society? Does morality depend on each person’s ability to reason? Explanation of Kant’s categorical imperative.

## **“Is Ethics Based on Virtue?”**

Magic Lantern

Can ethics be learned, taught? How are the values, the character of a person involved in ethical living, in ethical decision making? What makes a worthwhile life? Explanation of philosophy of virtue ethics.