

# The Church As Moral Decision Maker

Deciding Differently-Mike Higton 2011

Making Ethical Decisions-Louis B. Weeks 1987-01-01 Each day individuals make choices that have moral implications. Whether the choices concern major or minor issues, they involve questions that often confuse Christians. This practical book helps establish a basis for ethical decision making by providing principles and showing how those principles can be applied.

Moral Acquaintances and Moral Decisions-Stephen S. Hanson 2009-09-18 The potential of modern medicine in a pluralistic world leads to the potential for moral conflict. The most prevalent bioethical theories often either overestimate or underestimate the amount of shared moral belief that can be used to address those conflicts. This work presents a means for taking seriously the pluralism in the modern world while recognizing the likelihood of moral “acquaintance” between persons with differing views. It criticizes moral theories that overstate the extent of the problem of pluralism as well as those that imply too much agreement between reasonable moral persons, yet it locates a means for the resolution of many moral conflicts in moral acquaintanceship. Drawing from the work of H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr., casuists and principle-based theorists, and Erich Loewy and Kevin W. Wildes’s initial development of the concept of moral acquaintanceship, *Moral Acquaintances and Moral Decisions* is philosophically in-depth work with direct applications for decisionmaking in real medical settings. A work in moral theory as well as a source of real world guidance, clinically oriented bioethics professionals as well as students of bioethical theory should find the theory of moral acquaintanceship provided here important to their work.

Theological Foundations-John J. Mueller 2007 Here, a team of award-winning teaching scholars has come together to create an introductory text that offers a truly unique and innovative contribution to the discipline of theological studies. This "first book" provides students of any religious tradition with the foundational skills, vocabulary, conceptual understanding, and research abilities that they need to succeed in theology and religious studies. Theological Foundations provides the following: Ten chapters that introduce the major sub-disciplines of theology creating a well-rounded source for understanding the discipline as a whole Contributions that are clear, accessible, and steeped in content A strong basis for vigorous intellectual and personal exploration of life and our relation to God Flexibility that allows the instructor to assign readings in any order that fits his or her syllabus A one-of-a-kind, integrated library research component, "From the Reference Librarian," which teaches students the foundational skills needed for successful study in theology and in any academic discipline

Models for Moral Decision-making-Jon R. Black 1995

Weaving the Tapestry of Moral Judgement-John A. Harrod 2007 Weaving the Tapestry of Moral Judgement is a new, accessible and challenging introduction to Christian Ethics. The author invites readers to consider what informs the moral and ethical choices and decisions we make and what kind of people we seek to be and to become. He introduces a number of different approaches to making moral decisions and judgements, from different secular and Christian perspectives which he sees as being in creative dialogue rather than as clashing tectonic plates. Harrod argues that we make moral decisions first and foremost as human beings and do so in a context that is shaped by factors such as different philosophical traditions and other world religions. Weaving the Tapestry of Moral Judgement is not a text book in the sense of simply surveying impartially the literature, the

history of debate, and the various options available for discussion. It argues its own case too much for that, whilst also leaving many issues unresolved and allows readers to become competent and confident in participating in the challenges of moral decision making in a plural world. In the first part of the book, the author introduces different approaches to engaging with moral and ethical questions. In the second part, a number of specific issues such as war and peace, assisted death and human sexuality are discussed. Each chapter contains questions for further study and discussion.

Moral Discernment-Richard M. Gula 1997 "What should I do? How do I know that I am doing right?" In the midst of so many changes in church, society, and culture, many of us are bewildered about what's right and about how to discover what we ought to do. This useful and timely book will help adults who are trying to be critical about their faith and moral living to interpret how conscience works in making moral decisions. First off, Gula shows that conscience is not a law unto itself, but must be formed in community by appealing to sources of moral wisdom. Then he gives a fuller treatment of moral discernment, pointing up three spheres of influence on the process of discernment -- social, situational, and personal. The final section moves from the theoretical model of discernment to the practical application of providing moral guidance in the pastoral domain. Each chapter begins and ends with some guide questions to focus reflection and to stimulate discussion.

Growing in Christian Morality-Julia Ahlers 1996-01 A Christian morality course designed to be part of the religion curriculum within a Catholic high school. The course focuses on character development.

The Responsible Christian-Vincent E. Rush 1984

Honest to God-John Robinson 2001 On its original publication, this work instigated a passionate debate about the nature of Christian belief and doctrine in the white heat of a secular revolution. It

also epitomized the revolutionary spirit of a fresh and challenging way of looking at the world, which, throughout the 1960s, was to bring about the disintegration of established orthodoxies and social, political and theological norms. It articulated the anxieties of a generation who saw these traditional givens as no longer acceptable or necessarily credible. It is an suitable work for students of theology, and for anyone who is interested in a document which encapsulates the spiritual preoccupations of an entire age: the age of Profumo, the Beatles, the "Lady Chatterley's Lover" trial, women's lib and abortion rights.

Scripture-Margaret Nutting Ralph 2010-06 Scripture is the Word that nourishes us. Scripture: Nourished by the Word explores the nature of Scripture. Learn more about this in the Catholic Basics series from Loyola Press. Catholic Basics: A Pastoral Series offers an in-depth yet accessible understanding of the fundamentals of the Catholic faith for adults, both those active in pastoral ministry and those preparing for ministry. The series helps readers explore the Catholic tradition and apply what they have learned to their lives and ministry situations. Includes study questions and suggestions for further reading.

The Moral Theology of Roger Williams-James Calvin Davis 2004-01-01 Roger Williams, New England troublemaker and founder of Rhode Island, is seldom included among the great figures in American Reformed theology. Yet Williams's arguments for religious liberty were deeply rooted in Puritan Calvinism. This book explores the "moral theology" that informed Williams's spirited defense of toleration, demonstrating how Reformed theology in Williams's hands allowed him to defend the integrity of religious convictions while also making the case for conversation and cooperation with moral citizens outside his circle of faith. The Columbia Series in Reformed Theology represents a joint commitment by Columbia Theological Seminary and Westminster John Knox Press to provide

theological resources from the Reformed tradition for the church today. This series examines theological and ethical issues that confront church and society in our own particular time and place. Deciding as a Christian-Brian Singer-Towns 1996 The older teens in your parish want a youth ministry program that exposes them to relevant, real-world topics in an active, engaging way. Horizons is an innovative, comprehensive approach to religious education. Its foundation is teacher-led, creative learning strategies that give students ample opportunities for discussion, reflection--and fun! Designed for grades 9-12, Horizons utilizes a module system so that you can combine courses and topics to meet the specific needs of your parish. Seven core courses set the stage for discussing central and foundational themes. Then choose from a wide selection of age-appropriate minicourses to round out your curriculum and craft summer courses, retreats, and youth-group activities. The Youth Ministry Strategies component features more than 65 creative youth activities to complement the Horizons curriculum. And on top of all that, Horizons includes outstanding training resources. You'll be able to create the most engaging and relevant youth ministry program for senior high that is available anywhere.

Making Moral Decisions-Jean Holm 2001-01-01 Themes in Religious Studies series

The Measurement of Moral Judgement: Volume 2, Standard Issue Scoring Manual-Ann Colby 1987-09-30 This long-awaited two-volume set constitutes the definitive presentation of the system of classifying moral judgment built up by Lawrence Kohlberg and his associates over a period of twenty years. Researchers in child development and education around the world, many of whom have worked with interim versions of the system, indeed, all those seriously interested in understanding the problem of moral judgment, will find it an indispensable resource. Volume I reviews Kohlberg's stage theory, and the by-now large body of research on the significance and utility of his moral

stages. Issues of reliability and validity are addressed. The volume ends with detailed instructions for using the forms in Volume 2. Volume 2, in a specially-designed, user-friendly format, includes three alternative functionally-equivalent forms of the scoring system.

Testing the Spirits-Patrick Keifert 2009 In this volume seven scholars provide a helpful map for charting a number of the shifts at the intersection of theological education and congregational development, offering readers keen insights into how to navigate their complexities. Theological educators, seminary students, pastors, and denominational officials and staff will find in these pages substantive biblical and theological perspectives that help to frame specific approaches to moral deliberation and decision-making within congregations and through congregations for the sake of the world. / Contributors: Ronald W. Duty, Pat Taylor Ellison, David Fredrickson, Donald Juel, Patrick Keifert, Lois Malcolm, Gary Simpson.

Interactional Morality-Mark L. Poorman 1993-06-01 Poorman brings together ethics and pastoral practice in an interactional model that captures the distinctive character of Christian pastoral counseling. His work is especially important in a culture that often confuses pastoral counseling with therapy. It also challenges traditional notions which portray the pastoral minister as an instructor who dispenses the church's moral teaching. Poorman distinguishes the pastoral task from that of therapist or teacher, while drawing on the best resources of contemporary psychology and moral development theories. he brings moral theology into lively conversation with pastoral experience; at the same time, his clear presentation brings a critical method of moral discernment to Christian ministry which is rooted in faith and the wisdom of the community.

Pursuing Moral Faithfulness-Gary Tyra 2015-05-15 In response to the moralism and relativism that characterize the present age, Gary Tyra presents an evangelical ethic for "everyday" moral

faithfulness, arguing that Christians can have confidence in their Christ-centered, Spirit-enabled ability to discern and do the will of God in any moral situation.

I Love the Church, I Hate the Church-Robert R. LaRoche 2022-02-03 Is it possible to both love and hate the church at one and the same time? Bob LaRoche has had a lot of experience with different churches. Raised a Roman Catholic, he was ordained a Permanent Deacon in that church. After a period of intense soul-searching, he left the Catholic Church and embarked on a career in ordained Protestant ministry, serving congregations in both the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Through most of the same time, he also worked in the field of education, first as a teacher, and, for most of his career, as a counselor. Balancing personal experience with historical and theological background and reflection, I Love the Church, I Hate the Church combines factual information, theological analysis, and deep-seated personal feelings, all inviting the reader to take a look at the church, perhaps in ways that she or he never has before!

American Catholic Laity in a Changing Church-William V. D'Antonio 1989 "Survey on the Catholic Church," and "Index" published as a supplement (p. 197-215) and inserted at end. Includes bibliographical references.

Spirit Ethics-Paul T. Jersild 2000 How can Christians responsibly derive moral guidance from the Bible on pressing issues of personal and social morality today? Jersild's book sets the context for a study of Scripture and the moral life in a postmodern, pluralist society with its impact on biblical studies. The ethical contents and authority of Scripture are addressed, and a "Spirit ethics" is proposed as a way of developing a biblically based Christian ethics. Christians cannot simply adopt a once-and-for-all set of rules nor simply cite Bible verses against the latest sins. "Absolutely essential," says Jersild, "is the ongoing engagement of the church with the moral environment of

society and the issues that this raises for the church." Jersild applies his model fruitfully and persuasively to three pressing and perplexing issues: assisted suicide, homosexuality, and genetic programs.

Moral Choice-Dolores L. Christie 2013 "This survey text for Christian ethics through a Catholic lens traces the sources and traditions of contemporary ethical principles, rules, and norms. It uses narrative in reaching out to students who seek to understand themselves as they face ethical decisions. Stories are employed to reflect one's own life and its meaning, as well as to prompt moral decision-making. The book gives full treatment to criteria needed for ethical decision-making that students use in evaluating a series of contemporary issues, including abortion, end of life, torture, and others. The book includes numerous pedagogic features, including boxes, questions, key terms, suggested readings, and a glossary." -- Publisher description.

Thinking about Law and Ethics-Ellsworth L. Fersch 2007-11 This volume provides a clear and compelling introduction to the most controversial moral and legal problems in society. Focusing on ethical and legal decision making, it directs attention to the issues raised by the general public and by students of law, philosophy, justice, and social policy. Some frequently asked questions and examples address basic life and death issues: abortion and infanticide; care of children, at risk because of predatory priests or alternatives to medicine; capital punishment, in general and excluding juveniles and the mentally retarded; right to die, including physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia. Other frequently asked questions and examples address administrative practices: affirmative action, especially in higher education; professional conduct of lawyers, doctors, and educators; sexual conduct, including homosexual behavior and same-sex marriage; privacy, as a personal problem and a Constitutional right. The materials examine many controversies in ethical

and legal decision making: where competing moral and ethical values come from; how to balance reason and faith as significant factors; what the role of personal religious, political, and philosophical views is in deciding; which method is of use in interpreting the U.S. and State Constitutions; what factors to use in the confirmation of Justices and others; the importance of stability v. the necessity for change in addressing moral problems; whether legislatures or courts can better solve contemporary problems; the wide variety of views of ethical and legal decision making. The extensive bibliography directs students and the public interested in further material to the important world where ethics and law, morality and public policy interact. This brief and readable book is the first place to look for what most people want to know about law and ethics. An Introduction to Christian Ethics (2-downloads)-Roger H Crooks 2015-10-02 An Introduction to Christian Ethics uses a Christian approach while encouraging students to consider a variety of current ethical issues and apply relevant biblical and theological concepts to these issues. The main goal of the text is to acquaint students with both the field of ethics in general and varieties of Christian ethical systems in particular. Learning Goals Upon completing this book, readers will be able to use a Christian method of making moral decisions and view issues from a Christian perspective.

An Introduction to Health Care Ethics-Michael R. Panicola 2007 An ideal introduction to health care ethics for students who are unfamiliar with the subject area. Author-ethicists Michael Panicola, David Belde, John Paul Slosar, and Mark Repenshek have crafted a text grounded in rich theological and philosophical traditions and presented in an engaging manner. This text provides students with an understanding of the foundational aspects of health care ethics and leads them into a discussion of contemporary issues through the use of timely and challenging case studies. A unique focus on

discernment and decision making brings the material to life for students.

Developing Clinicians of Character-Terri S. Watson 2018-04-17 Terri S. Watson equips you to excel in "the helping profession within a helping profession" as you provide clinical supervision for other mental health workers. Grounding our thinking in the historic and contemporary wisdom of virtue ethics, this resource aims to identify and strengthen supervision's important role for character formation in the classroom, in continuing education for practitioners, and in clinical settings.

Moral Leadership in the Church: A Normative Approach-Bishop Felix Clarence Orji 2013-05-15 In a time of confusion, uncertainty, debate, and division regarding what constitutes right moral behaviour, the subject of responsible moral leadership in the church takes on fresh urgency. But at this critical time of need for moral leadership, too many clergy simply mirror the uncertainty or abnegate the responsibility. This book addresses this anomaly specifically by proposing a normative model for moral leadership in the local church. Pastors and leaders of all Christians traditions will find this book very informative and useful. The book begins with an overview of the historical, theological and biblical bases for Christian leadership and more particularly, what the moral dimension of such leadership means. Various Christian traditions are surveyed for insights into the character, vision and tasks of moral leadership including the authoritative sources for ethical reflection and moral guidance. Since Dr. Felix Orji is a Bishop in the Anglican Communion, he includes a chapter on that tradition to give a sense of the ecclesiastical ethos in which presbyters must exercise such leadership. This is followed by a clear examination of Scripture in regard to what it tells us about moral leadership. This book ends with a detailed normative model for moral leadership in the church and a leadership training resource specifically designed for such leadership.

Social Ethics in the Making-Gary Dorrien 2011-04-06 In the early 1880s, proponents of what came to be called “the social gospel” founded what is now known as social ethics. This ambitious and magisterial book describes the tradition of social ethics: one that began with the distinctly modern idea that Christianity has a social-ethical mission to transform the structures of society in the direction of social justice. Charts the story of social ethics - the idea that Christianity has a social-ethical mission to transform society - from its roots in the nineteenth century through to the present day Discusses and analyzes how different traditions of social ethics evolved in the realms of the academy, church, and general public Looks at the wide variety of individuals who have been prominent exponents of social ethics from academics and self-styled “public intellectuals” through to pastors and activists Set to become the definitive reference guide to the history and development of social ethics Recipient of a CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title for 2009 award

Codes of Ethics in Tourism-David A. Fennell 2007-05-16 With ethics fast becoming a mainstay in tourism studies and the tourism industry in general, this volume provides a timely and intensive look at the theory and practice of codes of ethics in tourism. While the book includes a broad overview of what has been done to date in tourism studies in the area of code development and implementation, it ranges much more widely to incorporate theoretical work from outside the tourism field. This interdisciplinary approach serves two essential purposes. First, it furnishes the study of tourism codes of ethics with a theoretical foundation, which up to the present has been lacking. Second, it affords tourism scholars the opportunity to investigate codes in tourism from a multiplicity of perspectives, with direct relevance to the industry at many levels.

Making Moral Decisions-Louis O. Kattsoff 2012-12-06

Religion in Life and Society-Michael Keene 2002-08-31 This textbook covers the GCSE Religious

Studies course for EDEXCEL 'A' - Religion in Life and Religion in Society.

Reason Informed by Faith-Richard M. Gula 1989 Excellent textbook introduction to the basic issues of fundamental moral theology that considers all of today's moral issues.

On Moral Medicine-M. Therese Lysaught 2012-07-20 In print for more than two decades, On Moral Medicine remains the definitive anthology for Christian theological reflection on medical ethics. This third edition updates and expands the earlier awardwinning volumes, providing classrooms and individuals alike with one of the finest available resources for ethics-engaged modern medicine.

The Great Reversal-Allen Verhey 1984 Christians today are called to discern the shape and style of a life "worthy of the gospel of Christ". Even in the face of changing situations and new moral problems to address, the contemporary church stands self-consciously in a tradition of which the New Testament is a normative part. In this major study of New Testament ethics, Verhey examines the ethic of Jesus, for it is there that the New Testament tradition begins. He then analyzes the different forms in which the early church handed down the memory of Jesus's words and deeds in the development of a moral tradition. Next, he deals with that tradition as it came to canonical expression in the New Testament writings. In the last part of the book, Verhey focuses on the use of the New Testament in the continuing moral tradition of the church, surveying proposals for the use of Scripture, identifying the critical methodological questions, and defending a "modest proposal" for the use of Scripture. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

Called to Live the Gospel-Marilyn Kielbasa 1996 The older teens in your parish want a youth ministry program that exposes them to relevant, real-world topics in an active, engaging way.

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SCM Studyguide: Christian Ethics-Messer Neil 2015-04-21 Providing the level one student with all they will need to know to understand their course fully, the textbook covers the major areas of ethical theory and methodology that are key to the use of the Bible in Christian ethics, natural law, conscience, various philosophical approaches to ethics and the influence of liberation theologies.

Shaping the Moral Life-Klaus Demmer 2000-10-27 Although he is one of the most influential Catholic theologians in Europe, very few of Klaus Demmer's writings are available in English. This translation of his well-known work on moral theology introduces Demmer's thought to English-speaking audiences. In an original synthesis of scholastic and continental philosophy, Demmer brings the Catholic moral tradition into conversation with contemporary philosophical schools—transcendental, hermeneutical, and analytical—to fashion a moral theology in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council. He shows the richness of the neoscholastic tradition in shaping and being shaped by our contemporary self-understanding. A complete bibliography of Demmer's works will assist readers in seeking out more of his writings.

COPING CATHOLIC-William J. Donnelly 2013-03 It is a bit confusing and uncomfortable to be born a

Roman Catholic. Each of us certainly has a body of received dogma and moral teachings but received wisdom is quite another thing. Wisdom comes from living. Moral demands and dogmatics without reference to the individual mind and considered behavior is, at best empty and, at worst, a kind of cultural fascism. Most of us who worship regularly and identify ourselves with a particular religion are not theologians any more than we are constitutional scholars or very complete historians of our own countries. At the same time we share a set of problems and goals: How do you make practical sense out of faith and useful meaning out of Church teaching? We are as much creators of our faith and morality as we are consumers of church dogmas and morals. The goal of faith is hope, tranquility and meaning. To this end, stories need be told. "Shared stories" is one definition of family and community. The People of God can only be persons of faith who share their stories. Coping Catholic is shared stories and meditations on the Creed, Commandments and Sacraments of a baptized Roman Catholic. It initiates a dialogue within the Christian Community. It shares the life experiences of a church-going, college educated Roman Catholic and reports what he believes. It proceeds dogma by dogma in the Creed, commandment by commandment, sacrament by sacrament, and life experience by life experience. His story reports the what and explains the why. The author's intent in sharing his story is that some readers will find a foothold of hope in the story of how another person, who shares much of their experiences and education, has learned to cope with the faith and doctrine many of us were born to.

Remembering Jesus-Allen Verhey 2005-06-14 A useful text for courses in Christian ethics, this book is also a resource for pastors and general readers in search of readable, biblically based guidance for living in a complex world.

Legislating Morality-Lucinda Peach 2002-02-21 The debate over religious lawmaking pits respect for

religious pluralism against moral identity-with liberal theorists contending that religious lawmaking is generally suspect in a morally and religiously diverse polity like the United States, and communitarian ones arguing that lawmakers cannot, and should not, be expected to suppress their religious commitments in their public policy making. Looking carefully at both sides of this ongoing debate, Lucinda Peach explores the limitations as well as the value of these conflicting perspectives, and proposes a solution for their reconciliation. Peach breaks from traditional analysis as she contends that both sides of the argument are fundamentally flawed. Neither side has been willing to recognize the merit of the other's arguments, and both have ignored the gender-based disparities of religious lawmaking (particularly with respect to the effect religion has had on reproductive rights and abortion regulation). Using an interdisciplinary approach, the book argues for a pragmatic solution to this impasse which will respect religious pluralism, moral identity, and gender differences. Peach's proposals will be of interest to philosophers, legal theorists, and scholars in women's studies and political science.

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