

Organizational Behavior

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Utilitarian, Deontological, and Virtue Ethics approach to ethics. Reading an article by Bartleby.com states, “Comparing and contrasting utilitarianism and deontology. Utilitarianism is the principle that the correct form of action is taken to benefit the greatest number of people. Deontology is defined as the area of ethics involving responsibility, moral duty, and commitment. Both utilitarianism and deontology deal with the ethics and consequences of one’s actions and behavior despite the outcome.” ([www.bartleby.com › essay › Compare-and-Contrast-Utilit...](http://www.bartleby.com/essay/Compare-and-Contrast-Utilit...))

While another article states that “Unlike utilitarianism and deontology, virtue ethics cannot give us a formula for deciding how to act. Rather, it can only suggest a model for how we should aim to be, what sort of character we should strive for: have those character traits that are present in a fully flourishing human being.” ([ocw.mit.edu › linguistics-and-philosophy › lecture-notes](http://ocw.mit.edu/linguistics-and-philosophy/lecture-notes)) When reviewing Law, and Ethics & in the Business Environment by Terry Halber and Elaine Ingulli their outlook states, “The principle to Utilitarianism is the right way to behave in a given situation is to choose the alternative that is likely to produce the greatest overall good.” (Halber.T, Ingulli. E, 2018, pg16) “Deontology ethics is marked by steadfastness to universal principles for example respect for life, fairness, telling the truth, and keeping promises.” (Halber.T, Ingulli. E, 2018, pg20) And virtue ethics “habits of goodness, directs our attention to what human beings are capable of being, on how they can cultivate the habits of good character that will naturally lead them to their fullest potential.” (Halber.T, Ingulli. E, 2018, pg24)

After reading the Good Samaritan the ethical approach I believe is most closely aligned with is all three Utilitarian, Deontological, and Virtue Ethics. The action of God's law which falls under Utilitarianism states "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" This benefits many to all do the same thing. When looking at Deontology it is our moral duty to help someone in need in the passage a man was beaten and left for dead, but it took one man, especially a man from a background that person did not agree with to take pity on him. The passage stated, "he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn, and took care of him."

Virtue Ethics is who we should be. Not leaving someone to die but to help. To love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Loving our brother and sisters the way Jesus loves us. However, living in this world full of crime and hate it is hard to determine the limits of our responsibilities to strangers. People feel this is not their responsibility but the governments based on poverty and malnutrition and poor health is an issue for the states. As for me, I follow God. I do what the Lord has called me to do. If he told me to go to this house because someone needs help, but before going go to the store buy some food and give it to them and tell them God has heard your prayers of need. I look at this as being my limit to a stranger. This to me is my moral obligation to help people in need.

When looking at Utilitarian, Deontological, and Virtue Ethics approach to ethics the three meaning is mostly about the goodness of what people can do and should do, but they chose not to. And this is something that people fight within themselves every day. In my opinion, you cannot do either three without the guidance of God.

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