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the right way to live recommended for philosophy buffs and anyone interested in expanding their intellectual horizons a new 2024 translation of immanuel kant's short essay about the common saying this may be correct in theory but is not suitable for practice from the original german manuscript first published in 1793 the original german title is Über den gemeinspruch das mag in der theorie richtig sein taugt aber nicht für die praxis this new edition contains an afterword by the translator a timeline of kant's life and works and a helpful index of kant's key concepts and intellectual rivals this translation is designed for readability rendering kant's enigmatic german into the simplest equivalent possible and removing the academic footnotes to make this critically important historical text as accessible as possible to the modern reader this 1797 publication is not to be confused with his early 1785 work groundwork for the metaphysics of morals which is a different book in keeping with 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topics including kant's views on rights punishment contract practical reasoning revolution freedom virtue legislation happiness moral judgement love respect duties to oneself and motivation this is the only book devoted entirely to the metaphysics of morals and is not just a landmark in kant studies but also a significant contribution to contemporary moral and political philosophy the metaphysics of morals is kant's final major work in moral philosophy in it he presents the basic concepts and principles of right and virtue and the system of duties of human beings as such the work comprises two parts the doctrine of right concerns outer freedom and the rights of human beings against one another the doctrine of virtue concerns inner freedom and the ethical duties of human beings to themselves and others mary gregor's translation lightly revised for this edition is the only complete translation of the entire text and includes extensive annotation on kant's difficult and sometimes unfamiliar vocabulary this edition includes numerous new footnotes some of which address controversial aspects of gregor's translation or offer alternatives lara denis's introduction sets the work in context explains its structure and themes and introduces important interpretive debates the volume also provides thorough guidance on further reading including online resources briefly kant's groundwork of the metaphysics of morals is a summarized version of immanuel kant's original treatise which is designed to assist university and sixth form students in acquiring knowledge and understanding of this key

text based on and page referenced to mary gregor s edition of the groundwork cup an important feature of the book is its close adherence to kant s text enabling the reader to follow each development in the argument as it occurs it will be of particular value in helping students to revise for university examinations in philosophy and theology and for a level examinations in religious studies the introduction contains a brief biography of kant examines and assesses the importance of the main issues covered by his groundwork and indicates where they are to be found in the text there is a comprehensive glossary of terms fundamental principles of the metaphysic of morals by immanuel kant and translated by thomas kingsmill abbott groundwork of the metaphysic of morals german grundlegung zur metaphysik der sitten 1785 also known as the foundations of the metaphysics of morals grounding of the metaphysics of morals and the grounding for the metaphysics of morals is the first of immanuel kant s 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society this work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it this work was reproduced from the original artifact and remains as true to the original work as possible therefore you will see the original copyright references library stamps as most of these works have been housed in our most important libraries around the world and other notations in the work this work is in the public domain in the united states of america and possibly other nations within the united states you may freely copy and distribute this work as no entity individual or corporate has a copyright on the body of the work as a reproduction of a historical artifact this work may contain missing or blurred pages poor pictures errant marks etc scholars believe and we concur that this work is important enough to be preserved reproduced and made generally available to the public we appreciate your support of the preservation process and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant groundwork of the metaphysic of morals german grundlegung zur metaphysik der sitten 1785 also known as the foundations of the metaphysics of morals grounding of the metaphysics of morals and the grounding for the metaphysics of morals is the first of immanuel kant s mature works on moral philosophy and remains one of the most influential in the field kant conceives his investigation as a work of foundational ethics one that clears the ground for future research by explaining the core concepts and principles of moral theory and showing that they are normative for rational agents kant aspires to nothing less than this to lay bare the fundamental principle of morality and show that it applies to us in the text kant provides a groundbreaking argument that the rightness of an action is determined by the character of the principle that a person chooses to act upon kant thus stands in stark contrast to the 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moral commands these commands receive their normative force from the fact that rational agents autonomously impose the moral law upon themselves as such they are laws of freedom this volume contains the first facing page german english edition of kant s groundwork it presents a new authentic edition of the german text and a carefully revised version of mary gregor s acclaimed english translation as well as editorial notes and a full bilingual index it will be the edition of choice for any student or scholar who is not content with reading this central contribution to modern moral philosophy through the veil of english translation immanuel kant s groundwork of the metaphysics of morals ranks alongside plato s republic and aristotle s nicomachean ethics as one of the most profound and influential works in moral philosophy ever written in kant s own words its aim is to identify and corroborate the supreme principle of morality the categorical imperative he argues that human beings are 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to be used by anyone merely as a means and that universal and unconditional obligations must be understood as an expression of the human capacity for autonomy and self governance as such they are laws of freedom the nature and theoretical underpinnings of ethics have been an intellectual driving force animating the pursuits of great scholars in the fundamental principles of the metaphysics of morals 1785 immanuel kant one of the most powerful philosophical minds of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries inquires into the true nature of morality in rejecting the results or consequences of action as the foundation of moral judgments he denies that good or bad effects have any relevance in the moral evaluation of human behavior instead we must rely upon the good will for guidance what is this will upon which so much emphasis is placed and how does it act as the foundation for behavior that can be assessed as truly moral in this groundbreaking work immanuel kant outlines an ethical perspective that has been a vital force in the western world includes a biography of the author this new complete translation of kant s groundwork makes a challenging foundational work of moral philosophy accessible to all readers remaining faithful to the original german the text is rendered clearly to promote reader comprehension an inviting introduction running commentary and glossary further support study and interpretation the metaphysical principles of the doctrine of virtue metaphysische anfangsgründe der tugendlehre is the second part of the metaphysics of morals metaphysik der sitten published by kant in 1797 this monographic study comments kant s tugendlehre as a refutation of the formalist vision of kant s ethics this late writing is shown as consistent with the moral philosophy already presented in the groundwork and the second critique the doctrine of virtue offers kant s application of the categorical imperative and acknowledges the conditions of moral motivation and in general of human agency kant s derivation of duties of virtue tugendpflichten is attentive to the fundamental characteristics of human nature therefore it generates a system of ends that reason itself shows to be obligatory for the human faculty of choice this book shows that kant s doctrine of virtue is worthy of being taken into a greater philosophical consideration the metaphysical principles of the doctrine of virtue metaphysische anfangsgründe der tugendlehre is the second part of the metaphysics of morals metaphysik der sitten published by kant in 1797 this monographic study comments kant s tugendlehre as a refutation of the formalist vision of kant s ethics this late writing is shown as consistent with the moral philosophy already presented in the groundwork and the second critique the doctrine of virtue offers kant s application of the categorical imperative and acknowledges the conditions of moral motivation and in general of human agency kant s derivation of duties of virtue tugendpflichten is attentive to the fundamental characteristics of human nature therefore it generates a system of ends that reason itself shows to be obligatory for the human faculty of choice this book shows that kant s doctrine of virtue is worthy of being taken into a greater philosophical consideration immanuel kant 22 april 1724 12 february 1804 was a german philosopher from königsberg today kaliningrad of russia researching lecturing and writing on philosophy and anthropology during and at the end of the 18th century enlightenment in kant s essay answering the question what is enlightenment kant defined the enlightenment as an age shaped by the latin motto sapere aude dare to know kant maintained that one ought to think autonomously free of the dictates of external authority his work reconciled many of the differences between the rationalist and empiricist traditions of the 18th century he had a decisive impact on the romantic and german idealist philosophies of the 19th century and his work has also been a starting point for many 20th century philosophers

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Metaphysical Elements of Justice 1999-01-01

a revision of the library of liberal arts edition of 1965 this volume offers the complete text of kant s metaphysics of morals part i translated by john ladd along with ladd s illuminating introduction to the first edition expanded to include discussion of such issues as kant s conception of marriage and its relevance to his view of women an updated bibliography glossary and index are also provided

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Ethical Philosophy 1994-01-01

this expanded edition of james ellington s preeminent translations of grounding for the metaphysics of morals and metaphysical principles of virtue includes his new translation of kant s essay on a supposed right to lie because of philanthropic concerns in which kant replies to one of the standard objections to his moral theory as presented in the main text of grounding that it requires us to tell the truth even in the face of harmful consequences

Introduction to the Metaphysics of Morals 2013-02-06

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On the Metaphysics of Morals and Ethics 2013-06-28

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Immanuel Kant's Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals 2015-01-05

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Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals 2012

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Moral Law: Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals 2013-03-04

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Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals 1981-01

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Kant's Metaphysics of Morals 2010-10-28

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Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysic of Morals 2021-10-14

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Kant's 'Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals' 2013-05-30

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Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals 2008-08-22

kant s groundwork for the metaphysics of morals from 1785 is one of the most important and influential texts in the whole history of philosophy its central purpose is to develop the categorical imperative the present collected volume contains papers on central theoretical aspects key features contributions from leading international authorities in kant research a reflection of the current state of research together with new aspects

Kant's Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals 2011-10-06

henry e allison presents a comprehensive commentary on kant s groundwork for the metaphysics of morals 1785 allison pays special attention to the structure of the work and its historical and intellectual context he argues that despite its relative brevity the groundwork is the single most important work in modern moral philosophy

The Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals 1964-12-30

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this is a paragraph by paragraph commentary on kant s seminal work of moral philosophy

The Moral Law 2015-08-27

few books have had as great an impact on intellectual history as kant's the moral law in its short compass one of the greatest minds in the history of philosophy attempts to identify the fundamental principle morality that governs human action supported by a clear introduction and detailed summary of the argument this is not only an essential

Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals 1959

the foundations is for the general reader who possesses common rational knowledge of morality but lacks a philosophical theory of it translator's introduction

The Metaphysical Elements of Ethics 2009-01-01

one of the most influential enlightenment thinkers german philosopher immanuel kant takes his place among locke hume and berkeley as one of the intellectuals most commonly credited with ushering modernity into existence in the metaphysical elements of ethics kant takes on some of the most complex and engaging ideas about how humans can discern the right way to live recommended for philosophy buffs and anyone interested in expanding their intellectual horizons

The Metaphysics of Morals 2002-03-07

a new 2024 translation of immanuel kant's short essay about the common saying this may be correct in theory but is not suitable for practice from the original german manuscript first published in 1793 the original german title is Über den gemeinspruch das mag in der theorie richtig sein taugt aber nicht für die praxis this new edition contains an afterword by the translator a timeline of kant's life and works and a helpful index of kant's key concepts and intellectual rivals this translation is designed for readability rendering kant's enigmatic german into the simplest equivalent possible and removing the academic footnotes to make this critically important historical text as accessible as possible to the modern reader this 1797 publication is not to be confused with his early 1785 work groundwork for the metaphysics of morals which is a different book in keeping with the grounded practical themes of his later works the metaphysician of prussia's die metaphysik der sitten focuses on law government regulation and virtue law is the inevitable end of reason and as such is rooted in a priori principles native to the soul but not external experience in other words metaphysical the imperative of virtue relies on inner compulsion while the imperative of legality relies on an external compulsion in his lifelong rage against the empiricism of david hume kant here builds a positive framework devoid of polemics kant's doctrine of right would inspire hegel's 1820 philosophy of right where he would develop a more robust legal theory and a more restrictive social contract

Kant's Metaphysics of Morals 2017-10-04

studies of kant's moral and political philosophy have increasingly focused on his last major work in ethics the metaphysics of morals this work is here discussed in seventeen essays by leading contemporary kant scholars most of them specially written for this volume they cover a broad range of topics including kant's views on rights punishment contract practical reasoning revolution freedom virtue legislation happiness moral judgement love respect duties to oneself and motivation this is the only book devoted entirely to the metaphysics of morals and is not just a landmark in kant studies but also a significant contribution to contemporary moral and political philosophy

Kant: The Metaphysics of Morals 2013-01-07

the metaphysics of morals is kant's final major work in moral philosophy in it he presents the basic concepts and principles of right and virtue and the system of duties of human beings as such the work comprises two parts the doctrine of right concerns outer freedom and the rights of human beings against one another the doctrine of virtue concerns inner freedom and the ethical duties of human beings to themselves and others mary gregor's translation lightly revised for this edition is the only complete translation of the entire text and includes extensive annotation on kant's difficult and sometimes unfamiliar vocabulary this edition includes numerous new footnotes some of which address controversial aspects of gregor's translation or offer alternatives lara denis's introduction sets the work in context explains its structure and themes and introduces important interpretive debates the volume also provides thorough guidance on further reading including online resources

Briefly: Kant's Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals 2016-06-26

briefly kant s groundwork of the metaphysics of morals is a summarized version of immanuel kant s original treatise which is designed to assist university and sixth form students in acquiring knowledge and understanding of this key text based on and page referenced to mary gregor s edition of the groundwork cup an important feature of the book is its close adherence to kant s text enabling the reader to follow each development in the argument as it occurs it will be of particular value in helping students to revise for university examinations in philosophy and theology and for a level examinations in religious studies the introduction contains a brief biography of kant examines and assesses the importance of the main issues covered by his groundwork and indicates where they are to be found in the text there is a comprehensive glossary of terms

Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysic of Morals 1964-01-01

fundamental principles of the metaphysic of morals by immanuel kant and translated by thomas kingsmill abbott groundwork of the metaphysic of morals german grundlegung zur metaphysik der sitten 1785 also known as the foundations of the metaphysics of morals grounding of the metaphysics of morals and the grounding for the metaphysics of morals is the first of immanuel kant s mature works on moral philosophy and remains one of the most influential in the field kant conceives his investigation as a work of foundational ethics one that clears the ground for future research by explaining the core concepts and principles of moral theory and showing that they are normative for rational agents kant aspires to nothing less than this to lay bare the fundamental principle of morality and show that it applies to us in the text kant provides a groundbreaking argument that the rightness of an action is determined by the character of the principle that a person chooses to act upon kant thus stands in stark contrast to the moral sense theories and teleological moral theories that dominated moral philosophy at the time he was writing central to the work is the role of what kant refers to as the categorical imperative the concept that one must act only according to that precept which he or she would will to become a universal law

Metaphysics of Morals 2020-09-25

a new translation of kant s 1797 the metaphysics of morals into modern american english with the original german manuscript in the back for reference this is volume xii in the complete works of immanuel kant published by newcomb livraria press this is not to be confused with his early 1785 work groundwork for the metaphysics of morals which is a different book in keeping with the grounded practical themes of his later works the metaphysician of prussia s die metaphysik der sitten focuses on law government regulation and virtue law is the inevitable end of reason and as such is rooted in a priori principles native to the soul but not external experience in other words metaphysical the imperative of virtue relies on inner compulsion while the imperative of legality relies on an external compulsion in his lifelong rage against the empiricism of david hume kant here builds a positive framework devoid of polemics kant s doctrine of right would inspire hegel s 1820 philosophy of right where he would develop a more robust legal theory and a more restrictive social contract

Groundwork on the Metaphysics of Morals 2016-08-29

rechtsstaat which translates as rule of law or state based on justice and integrity is the backbone of kant s philosophy of law and political philosophy found in the groundwork of the metaphysics of morals it introduces the concept that the power of the state should be limited in order to protect a nation s citizens from abuse of authority from its government kant believed that to achieve universal peace the state must become the community of a large number of people living provided with legislative guarantees of their property rights secured by a common constitution the supremacy of this constitution must be derived a priori from the considerations for achievement of the absolute ideal in the most just and fair organization of people s life under the aegis of public law a fascinating read this work also gives kant s views on democracy surprising spoiler he was against it and his political philosophy of the role of the university in modern society

METAPHYSICS OF ETHICS TRANSLAT 2017-01-22

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Fundamental Principals of the Metaphysic of Morals 2014-04-10

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Immanuel Kant: Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals 2016-08-22

published in 1785 the groundwork of the metaphysics of morals is one of the most powerful texts in the history of ethical thought in this book immanuel kant formulates and justifies a supreme principle of morality that issues universal and unconditional moral commands these commands receive their normative force from the fact that rational agents autonomously impose the moral law upon themselves as such they are laws of freedom this volume contains the first facing page german english edition of kant s groundwork it presents a new authentic edition of the german text and a carefully revised version of mary gregor s acclaimed english translation as well as editorial notes and a full bilingual index it will be the edition of choice for any student or scholar who is not content with reading this central contribution to modern moral philosophy through the veil of english translation

Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals 2022-05-30

immanuel kant s groundwork of the metaphysics of morals ranks alongside plato s republic and aristotle s nicomachean ethics as one of the most profound and influential works in moral philosophy ever written in kant s own words its aim is to identify and corroborate the supreme principle of morality the categorical imperative he argues that human beings are ends in themselves never to be used by anyone merely as a means and that universal and unconditional obligations must be understood as an expression of the human capacity for autonomy and self governance as such they are laws of freedom

Kant 2010-09

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Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals 2020-12-15

the nature and theoretical underpinnings of ethics have been an intellectual driving force animating the pursuits of great scholars in the fundamental principles of the metaphysics of morals 1785 immanuel kant one of the most powerful philosophical minds of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries inquires into the true nature of morality in rejecting the results or consequences of action as the foundation of moral judgments he denies that good or bad effects have any relevance in the moral evaluation of human behavior instead we must rely upon the good will for guidance what is this will upon which so much emphasis is placed and how does it act as the foundation for behavior that can be assessed as truly moral in this groundbreaking work immanuel kant outlines an ethical perspective

that has been a vital force in the western world includes a biography of the author

Immanuel Kant - Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysic of Morals 1969

this new complete translation of kant s groundwork makes a challenging foundational work of moral philosophy accessible to all readers remaining faithful to the original german the text is rendered clearly to promote reader comprehension an inviting introduction running commentary and glossary further support study and interpretation

Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals 2020

the metaphysical principles of the doctrine of virtue metaphysische anfangsgründe der tugendlehre is the second part of the metaphysics of morals metaphysik der sitten published by kant in 1797 this monographic study comments kant s tugendlehre as a refutation of the formalist vision of kant s ethics this late writing is shown as consistent with the moral philosophy already presented in the groundwork and the second critique the doctrine of virtue offers kant s application of the categorical imperative and acknowledges the conditions of moral motivation and in general of human agency kant s derivation of duties of virtue tugendpflichten is attentive to the fundamental characteristics of human nature therefore it generates a system of ends that reason itself shows to be obligatory for the human faculty of choice this book shows that kant s doctrine of virtue is worthy of being taken into a greater philosophical consideration the metaphysical principles of the doctrine of virtue metaphysische anfangsgründe der tugendlehre is the second part of the metaphysics of morals metaphysik der sitten published by kant in 1797 this monographic study comments kant s tugendlehre as a refutation of the formalist vision of kant s ethics this late writing is shown as consistent with the moral philosophy already presented in the groundwork and the second critique the doctrine of virtue offers kant s application of the categorical imperative and acknowledges the conditions of moral motivation and in general of human agency kant s derivation of duties of virtue tugendpflichten is attentive to the fundamental characteristics of human nature therefore it generates a system of ends that reason itself shows to be obligatory for the human faculty of choice this book shows that kant s doctrine of virtue is worthy of being taken into a greater philosophical consideration

The Annotated Kant 2015-08-01

immanuel kant 22 april 1724 12 february 1804 was a german philosopher from königsberg today kaliningrad of russia researching lecturing and writing on philosophy and anthropology during and at the end of the 18th century enlightenment in kant s essay answering the question what is enlightenment kant defined the enlightenment as an age shaped by the latin motto sapere aude dare to know kant maintained that one ought to think autonomously free of the dictates of external authority his work reconciled many of the differences between the rationalist and empiricist traditions of the 18th century he had a decisive impact on the romantic and german idealist philosophies of the 19th century and his work has also been a starting point for many 20th century philosophers

Duty, Virtue and Practical Reason in Kant's Metaphysics of Morals 2015-12-16

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