

Special Issue

Kierkegaard, Virtues and Vices

Message from the Guest Editors

There are profound reflections to be found in Kierkegaard's writings on virtues such as courage, forgivingness, gratitude, hope, humility, honesty and patience, as well as more unusual qualities such as "joy", contrition, earnestness and sobriety. Furthermore, while Kierkegaard does not explicitly explore faith, hope and love as the three "theological virtues," all three notions play important roles in his thought and his view of religious life. There is a growing recognition of Kierkegaard as being a significant source of insight into understanding the role of numerous virtues in the task of allowing oneself to be "built up." Likewise, his writings can be tapped for profound insights into such vices as pride, envy and self-righteousness. This Special Issue seeks to explore various aspects of Kierkegaard's relation to the philosophical and theological traditions of thinking about virtues and vices. Articles are invited on either Kierkegaard's relation to philosophical and theological work on virtues and vices in general, or his contribution to our understanding of specific virtues, vices and their inter-relationship.

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