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Answers

Test yourself: how is ethics shaped by knowledge?

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Kierkegaard	Ethics is located in the individual self rather than provided by some wider system of understanding.
MacIntyre	Argues that the philosophy of ethics is in a mess.
Montaigne	Can be found musing on the embarrassment the cynic philosopher Metrocles (c. 325 BCE) felt about farting while teaching.
Moore	Considered that the concept 'god' can be understood in several ways.
Nietzsche	Attacked the whole idea of belief in God.
Descartes	Proclaims his now famous statement 'I think therefore I am.'
Kant	Called the world as we perceive it through the mind the phenomenal world.
Solomon	Instead of morality we have cosmic self-righteousness — the transcendental pretence.
Vienna Circle	Argued that if something was to be meaningful it had to be self-evident.
Hare	Our moral statements, although emotive, serve a wider social function in that we are prescribing to others the course of action that they should take in similar circumstances.

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