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Abstract

Abstract The present thesis is an endeavor towards answering some of the most enduring questions in the domain of moral epistemology especially with regards to the possibility, source and justification of moral knowledge. There is enough evidence in our conscious experience to prove that we all have some understanding of morality. Can these ideas, notions or basic understanding about moral matters be given the status of 'knowledge'? More specifically, can moral knowledge be defined in terms of Platonic definition of knowledge as 'justified true belief' which is the most widely accepted definition of knowledge? The thesis seeks to examine this question, an endeavor that leads us to look into the debate of cognitivists and non-cognitivists with regards to moral assertions being propositional, truth apt and justifiable. The thesis argues for reasons to say that moral assertions express beliefs, but when it comes to the question of according truth aptness to moral assertions, there are complex issues. Further, if one ponders over the question of justification of moral assertions, then it can be seen that one of the main challenges posed by skeptics is the 'Infinite Regress Argument'. The thesis examines Jonathan Cain's moral foundherentism as an alternative to foundationalism and coherentism. Another pertinent issue which has been raised in the thesis is about the source and status of moral knowledge. Is it subjective and relative because it has its source in experience and intuition or is it objective and absolute as it has its source in reason? The aforementioned ideas and questions have been explored and analysed in the thesis in the following chapters:

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