

From the moral intuitions of the individual to the ethical reasoning of the collective.



Human Evolution



Human Culture

We distinguish between human biology (nature) and society (nurture) in many domains. This has raised significant questions in the domain of morality and ethics.

Moral Intuition (first nature)



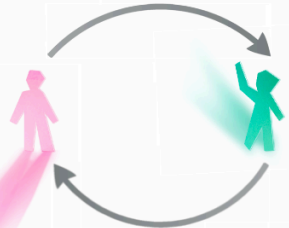
Ethical Reason (second nature)

The concern is that our ethical reasoning is subservient to our moral intuitions. This perspective connects with Hume's view that we are slaves to our passions. However, there do seem to be cases where reason alters our moral intuitions, those who decide to become vegetarians for example.



Our moral intuitions and ethical reasoning are entangled, they continually form and reform each other. This suggests we should move beyond the individual and consider ethical reason from a social perspective.

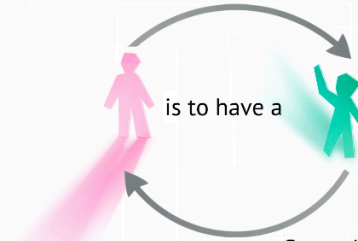
Moral Intuition



Ethical Reason

We might take a more pragmatist view and consider the way in which our 'first' and 'second' natures are intertwined. Whilst related reason is not simply 'slave' to emotion

Our First Nature



Second Nature