

Reading Questions: Kant II, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Section 2

1. Is it a problem for Kant's idea of acts done from duty that we can never know for sure whether we acted from duty?
2. Why must we *not* ground morality in human nature?
3. What is the problem with moral reasoning by example according to Kant? What can examples do well?
4. How do categorical imperatives differ from hypothetical ones?
5. Kant offers five formulations of the categorical imperative in the Groundwork. Can you find them all? How do they compare with each other? How does Kant see them relating to each other (see 4:436)?
6. What object or end has absolute worth, as opposed to conditional worth? What kind of treatment does this status make obligatory?
7. What kinds of things have a price? What kinds of things have dignity? How do dignity and price relate to each other? What is the ground of the dignity of every rational creature?
8. What's the difference between autonomy and heteronomy? How does this distinction relate to Rousseau?