

Contemporary Moral Problems

Chapter: The nature and value of rights

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<http://www.amazon.com/Contemporary-Moral-Problems-James-White/dp/0534517242>

What I expect to learn:

- To learn nature and value of rights and its importance in the society

Quote:

“In our age of organized labor, even this picture is now archaic; for almost every kind of exchange of service is governed by hard bargained contracts so that even bonuses can sometimes be demanded as a matter of right, and nothing is given for nothing on either side of the bargaining table. And perhaps that is a good thing; for consider an anachronistic instance of the earlier kind of practice that survives, at least as a matter of form, in the quaint old practice of ‘tipping’.”

Book Review:

From what I read at Wikipedia, Joel Feinberg was an American political and social philosopher known for his work in the fields of individual rights and the authority state. He was intentionally distinguished for his research in moral, social, and legal philosophy. His major four volume work, *The Moral Limits of Criminal Law*, was published between 1984 and 1988. Feinberg held many major fellowships during his career and lectured by invitation at universities around the world. He was an esteemed and highly successful teacher, and many of his students are now prominent scholars and professors at universities across the country.

Nowheresville has two views; first, what is the distinctive about rights is that they enable people to make claims. The doctrine of the logical correlativity of rights and duties assert that the people’s rights are linked with duties and other people. Second, rights are valuable because the ability to make claims is necessary for self-respect. To have claim-rights you must have duties to perform. The author explained that personal desert is kind of suitability of one to other people or party, this will result you being commended by other people.

What I have learned:

- I learned to give more importance to my rights as a human and a Filipino
- I learned that rights are important not only because we need it but it also gives a sense of security and discipline

Integrative Question:

1. What is right?
2. What is nature of rights?
3. When do know we did our duties?
4. When will be that right considered as wrong?
5. Will you survive in Nowheresville?

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Feinberg