### **A Course on Ethics**

# Knowledge & Ethics

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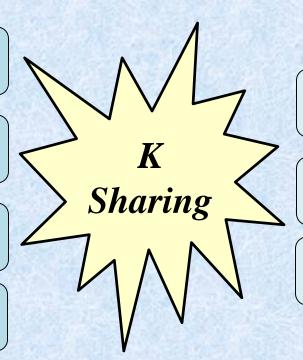
### **Knowledge & Ethics**

### **Epistemology**

K: Pyramid

K: Types

K: Basic Questions



**Ethics** 

Moral

Virtue

# **Knowledge & Ethics**

Knowledge

includes

"Ethics;

Morality; &

Virtue"

Knowledge

also includes

"Immoralities"

**Knowledge Potential at** 

birth:

Imbedded (?)

Socrates: (Athens, 400 (+) BC): From M. McCall (2005), "Leading the Good Life", Lessons from the Greek, Saad Haj Bakry

Stanford University (Reunion Homecoming: 2008)

# Knowledge: Epistemology

### The theory of knowledge:

How do we know that something is true or false

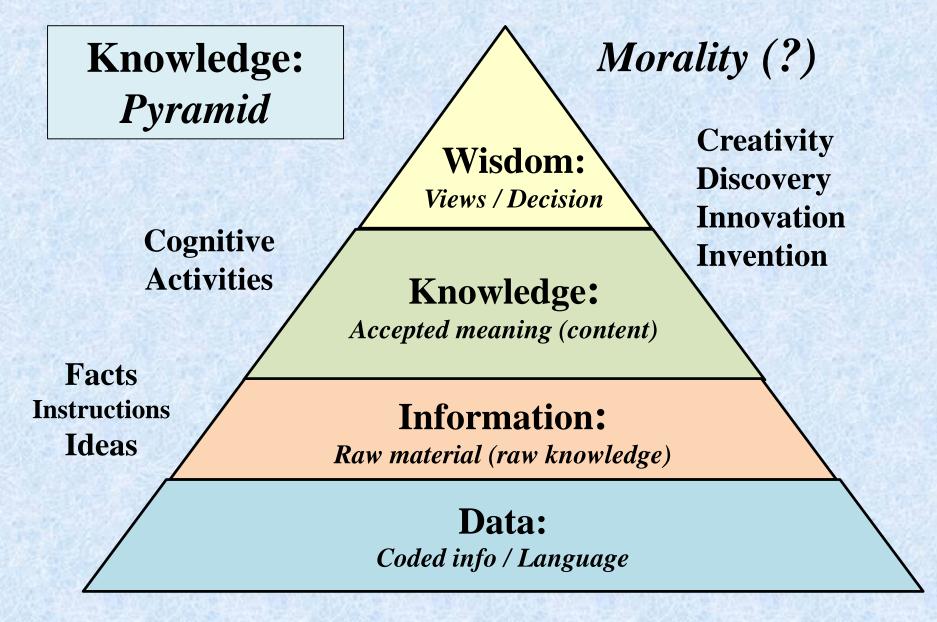
### **Empiricism**

The method of thinking based on observation & experience

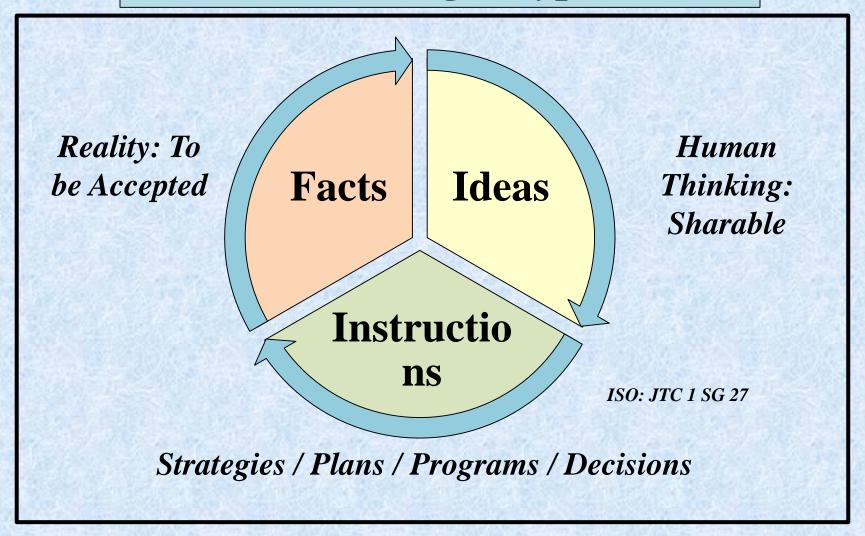
Examples / Views (?)

#### **Rationalism**

The use of
reason &
rational methods
for evaluating
knowledge claim

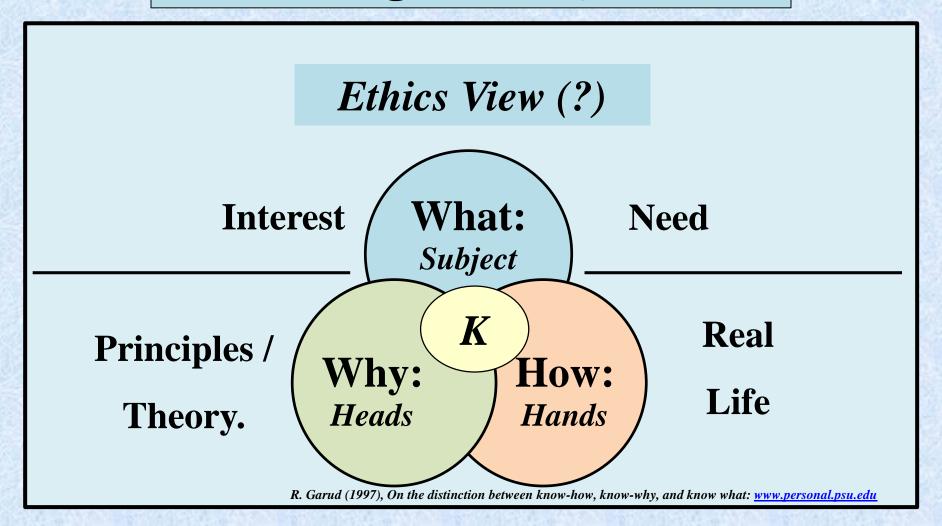


# Knowledge: Types



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# Knowledge: Basic Questions



### Ethics (Ethos from the Greek))

Refers to the *human awareness* of the difference between:

"what is" & "what ought to be" & the choice of a "better world"

Issu	ies	<b>Discipline</b> /	<b>Habitual</b>
Good	Virtue	Rules: e.g.	People's
Right	Freedom	Process of	Character
<b>Duty Obligation</b>	Rationality Choice	decision making	(Imbedded) (?)
Others (?) Examples / Views (?)			Moral (?)

### Moral: (from Latin: Rome)

The accepted "norms & standards of conducts" of: a "society, community, or nation"

#### **Issues**

Related
Obligation
to
Principles of
Ethics,
Conduct
but..

(behavior) ..

**Common for** *All Nations* 

The World (?): International Orgs.

Human Behavior (?)

Examples / Views (?)

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### **Virtue:** (Arete from the Greek = Excellence)

A character to be "admired" "morally", "intellectually", or in the "conduct (behavior) of specific affairs

Related to

**Unity of Virtues** 

Human Behavior (?)

Ethics &

**Possession of one** 

Moral

requires possession

Issues

of the other

What if virtue stands in the way of self interest (?)

Examples / Views (?)

