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34. **David James**, Longwood College
What is Professional Ethics?

ABSTRACT. Both the writings of moral philosophers and of reflective professionals are employed to answer the title's question. A rule-utilitarian moral theory is defended and the alleged relativism of role-specific duties is argued to be a badly posed issue. Alternative theories of the foundations of professional ethics are criticized, and a sorting scheme is developed to clarify differences among types of moral rules. Finally, a theory of virtue is defended as a way of incorporating the most significant aspects of virtue ethics into an overall rule-utilitarian framework.

35. **Thomas McClintock**, Temple University
Skepticism and the Basis of Morality

ABSTRACT. Part 1, *Skepticism*, is devoted to an analysis of ethical skepticism and culminates in an account of what must be proved to refute it. Part 2, *The Basis of Morality*, develops the methodology for its refutation and then proceeds to its actual refutation, which consists fundamentally of the proof and elucidation of the rational basis of morality: the one and only true or correct supreme principle of morality.

I have had to strike out entirely on my own in Part 1 and largely on my own in Part 2, though I learned a great deal that I draw upon, especially in Part 2, from the following moral philosophers whom I regard as the greatest in our tradition: Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Butler, Rousseau, Hume, Kant, Mill and Moore. I have sifted through their works--in comparative fashion--saving, integrating and developing what I found to be methodologically or/and substantively sound and discarding what I found to be otherwise. The result is a moral philosophy whose principal strands, though they can be found, at least in embryo, in the works of predecessors, are woven into a tapestry that I think will be found to be substantially new and original--at least in overall design.

BOTH 34 AND 35 ARE FULL-SCALE MONOGRAPHS.

