

Four Classical Theories of Virtue

<i>Theorist</i>	<i>View of Human Nature</i>	<i>Main Concepts</i>	<i>Paramount Virtues</i>	<i>Worst Vice</i>
Plato	Exercise reason to achieve happiness	Moral health as inner harmony	Wisdom, courage, temperance, justice	Ignorance
Aristotle	Exercise reason to achieve happiness	Golden Mean	Wisdom, courage, temperance, justice	Ignorance
Aquinas	God's plan leading to happiness after death	Faith; sin	Faith, hope, charity	Pride
Hume	Sentiment vs. reason	Sympathy	Benevolence	Cruelty

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