

HIGHER & LOWER MORAL RULES: DARWIN ON

Darwin (1871, pp. 165-166 of the Collier ed. of 1902): By and large man can distinguish between the higher and lower moral rules. "The higher are founded on the social instincts, and relate to the welfare of others. They are supported by the approbation of our fellow-men and by reason. The lower rules, though some of them when implying self-sacrifice hardly deserve being called lower, relate chiefly to self, and arise from public opinion, matured by experience and cultivation; for they are not practiced by rude tribes" (p. 166).

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