

## BARRENNES OF MORAL PHILOSOPHY

Whereas a couple of moral philosophies, namely Epicureanism and Stoicism, became popular in Antiquity, not one modern moral philosopher, with the exception of <sup>Hobbes and</sup> Bentham, has had any social impact. In particular, neither Hume nor Kant have had any following except in philosophical circles. One reason for this barrenness is of course that they wrote for philosophers, not for the public at large. But the most important reason is that most modern moral philosophers were individualists <sup>and</sup> they were more interested in discrediting the religious moralities than in addressing burning social issues, let alone in designing new societies involving new moral codes (Ingenieros 1917 pp 145 ff).

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