

CONSEQUENTIALIST & TELEOLOGICAL

In a trivial sense all moral codes and all ethical theories are teleological, for dealing with aims to be achieved or avoided. However, only some are consequentialist, i.e. they enjoin us to pause and inquire about the consequences or outcomes of an action before performing it. Hence we must not equate "teleological" with "consequentialist", the more so since a consequence or outcome of an action may ~~not have~~ ^{be unintended} been sought, or it may be a ^{side} lateral effect, even a noxious one.

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