

## ALL VIRTUES ARE VIRTUES OF SOCIAL INTERCOURSE

Moral

/virtues are usually thought, explicitly or tacitly, to be of either of two kinds: personal and belonging to social intercourse. Thus, temperance (or continence), integrity (or honor), and courage would exemplify personal <sup>or private</sup> virtue, whereas benevolence, fairness, and truthfulness would instantiate social virtue. But such division is superficial, for morality is exclusively concerned with social behavior, i.e. conduct that may affect others. All moral virtues are virtues of social intercourse. Even temperance (or continence) is such, for the intemperate, by consuming in excess, may deprive others; and, by becoming sick or drunk, may inconvenience others.

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