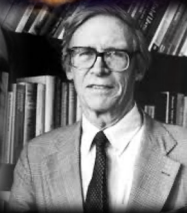


"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD...

Isaiah 1:18



An aerial photograph showing several soldiers in full combat gear rappelling from a helicopter. They are suspended by ropes and are descending towards a dry, hilly landscape with sparse vegetation. The scene is captured from a high angle, looking down on the soldiers as they descend. The terrain below is a mix of brown earth and green shrubs, with some roads visible. The lighting suggests it's daytime, with shadows cast on the ground.

Basic assumptions

- **Worldviews (Beliefs) shape Moral Orientations (Faith)**
- **Moral Orientations (Faith) directs Ethical Practices (Reasoning and Actions)**



Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

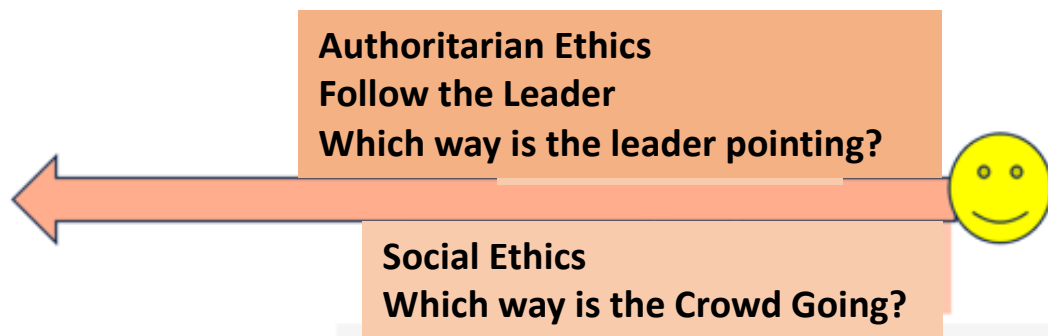
The “Me” System

- Widely Used
- Not Accurate Description
- Disastrous Results
- Scripture
 - Judges 21:25 - In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes
 - Isaiah 53:6 - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;
 - Matthew 9:36 - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.



Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command



Land Navigation Moral Reasoning
Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

“Authoritarian” Ethics (Follow the Leader)

- The "Sovereign/Leader is he who decides on the exception" –Carl Schmidt
- Authority dictates the means and ends for ethical actions
- Divine Command Theory
- God Said it – “I believe it – This settles it”
- Scripture –
 - Matthew 5 – “You have heard that it was said to those of old... But I say to you ...

The “Social” System (Follow the Group)

- Ethics of Care
 - Relationships
 - Uses of Power
 - Context – Consequences
- Consensus decides the means and ends for ethical action
- Scripture
 - Matthew 18:18 – 20 - Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”
 - Matthew 25:31-ff – Sheep and the Goats

Authoritarian Ethics

Follow the Leader

Which way is the leader pointing?

Social Ethics

Which way is the Crowd Going?



Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics

What is Acceptable?

Authoritarian Ethics

Follow the Leader

Which way is the leader pointing?



Social Ethics

Which way is the Crowd Going?

Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics

What is Acceptable?

Virtue Ethics (Follow the map)

- Most Ancient – Confucian (East), Stoics (West)
- Use of Exemplars – Imitate the Pattern
- Virtues –
 - Excess – Scarcity
 - Prudence – Justice – Courage – Temperance
- **Character justifies the means and ends of ethical actions.**
- Scripture
 - John 13:34 – Jesus and New Commandment of Love
 - Ephesians 6:10-ff – Armor of God
 - Galatians 5: 16-23 – Fruits of the Spirit
 - 2 Timothy 2:3 – “Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”

Authoritarian Ethics

Follow the Leader

Which way is the leader pointing?

Social Ethics

Which way is the Crowd Going?



Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics

What is Acceptable?



PRINCIPLES – COMPASS

Deontology

What is Required?

Authoritarian Ethics

Follow the Leader

Which way is the leader pointing?



Popular Ethics

Which Way is the Crowd Going?

Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics

What is Acceptable?

Principle Ethics (Follow the Compass)

- Immanuel Kant -- John Rawls
- Categorical Imperative – Duty vs. Conditional
 - Act only according to what should become a universal law.
 - Kingdom of Ends - Treat humanity, never as a means to an end, but always at the same time as an end
 - The ends justify the means
 - Rule of Law – Just War – Law of Armed Conflict
- Scripture
 - Matthew 7:12 -- So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
 - Matthew 5:18 -- For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.



PRINCIPLES – COMPASS

Deontology

What is Required?

Authoritarian Ethics

Follow the Leader

Which way is the leader pointing?



Popular Ethics

Which Way is the Crowd Going?

Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics

What is Acceptable?



DESTINATION/WAYPOINTS

Utilitarian Ethics,
Consequentialism
What Works?



PRINCIPLES-COMPASS

Deontology

Where is north? What is required?

Authoritarian Ethics
Follow the Leader
Which way is the leader pointing?



Popular Ethics
Which Way is the Crowd Going?

Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics

What is Acceptable?



DESTINATION/WAYPOINTS

Utilitarian Ethics,
Consequentialism

What Works?

PRINCIPLES – COMPASS

Deontology

What is Required?



Utility Ethics (Reach the Destination)

- Bentham, Mills, Van Creveld
 - Consequences, Realism
 - Maximize the greatest good for the greatest number
 - Cost-Benefit Analysis
 - The Ends justify the Means
- Scripture – Kingdom Parables and Passages
 - John 4:1-ff The Women at the Well
 - Matthew 22: 23-33 – Scripture and Marriage in Heaven
 - Matthew 18:21-35 Parable of the Unforgiving Servant
 - Luke 16:1-13 – Parable of the Unfaithful Steward

Authoritarian Ethics

Follow the Leader

Which way is the leader pointing?



Social Ethics

Which way is the Crowd Going?

Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics

What is Acceptable?



PRINCIPLES – COMPASS

Deontology

What is Required?

DESTINATION/WAYPOINTS

Utilitarian Ethics,
Consequentialism

What Works?

SITUATION -TERRAIN

Situational Ethics

What is Appropriate?

Authoritarian Ethics
Follow the Leader
Which way is the leader pointing?



Popular Ethics
Which Way is the Crowd Going?

Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics

What is Acceptable?

PRINCIPLES – COMPASS

Deontology

What is Required?



DESTINATION/WAYPOINTS

Utilitarian Ethics,
Consequentialism

What Works?

SITUATION -TERRAIN

Situational Ethics

What is Appropriate?

Authoritarian Ethics

Follow the Leader

Which way is the leader pointing?

Social Ethics

Which way is the Crowd Going?



Situation-Terrain

(Follow the Terrain)

- Fletcher
- Ethics of Applied Love/Value over rules or regardless of Utility
- Context justifies means and ends
- Scripture
 - John 8:1-12 The Woman Being Stoned for Adultery
 - Paul – Philippians 4:8 - Finally, brothers, **whatever** is true, **whatever** is honorable, whatever is just, **whatever** is pure, **whatever** is lovely, **whatever** is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things
 - Colossians 3:17 - 7 And **whatever** you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command

LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics

What is Acceptable?



DESTINATION/WAYPOINTS

Utilitarian Ethics,
Consequentialism
What Works?

SITUATION -TERRAIN

Situational Ethics

What is Appropriate?

Authoritarian Ethics
Follow the Leader
Which way is the leader pointing?

Popular Ethics
Which Way is the Crowd Going?



PRINCIPLES – COMPASS

Deontology

What is Required?



Moral Orientation Moral Foundations Theory

Moral Senses
What is tolerable?
What does my instinct/intuition
tell me?



Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command



Moral Foundations Theory Reasoning (Follow our Instincts)

- Jonathan Haidt --Cross-Cultural, Cross-Generational Research
- Our moral senses justify the means and ends for ethical actions
- We socially develop our values from our internal moral senses, like we develop our taste buds...
- Senses are Care, Fairness, Liberty, Loyalty, Authority, Sanctity
- We develop our values from combinations of our moral senses
- Our values are intuitive --We feel our values, before we reason our actions
- Scripture
 - John 14: 25-ff and 20:22, - Holy Spirit Guide
 - Galatians 5:22-ff – Holy Spirit Using Fruits of the Spirit

LOCATION- MORAL MAP
Virtue Ethics
What is Acceptable?



PRINCIPLES – COMPASS
Deontology
What is Required?

DESTINATION – WAY/END POINTS
Situational Ethics
What is Beneficial?



Moral Orientation
Moral Foundations Theory
Moral Senses
What is tolerable?
What does my instinct/intuition tell me?

Authoritarian Ethics
Which way is the leader pointing?

Social Ethics
Which way is the Crowd Going?



Land Navigation Moral Reasoning

Moral Reasoning for Moral Orientation and Mission Command



LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics

What is Acceptable?



DESTINATION – WAY/END POINTS

Situational Ethics

What is Beneficial?

SITUATION -TERRAIN

Situational Ethics

What is Appropriate?

Authoritarian Ethics

Which way is the leader pointing?

Social Ethics

Which way is the Crowd Going?



PRINCIPLES-COMPASS

Deontology

Where is north? What is required?



Moral Orientation Moral Foundations Theory

Moral Senses

What is tolerable?

What does my instinct/intuition tell me?



Land Nav Ethics:

6 Moral/Ethical Reasoning Processes

Authoritarian and Social Ethics
Which way is the Leader Pointing?
Which Way is the Crowd Going?

LOCATION- MORAL MAP

Virtue Ethics
What is Acceptable?

PRINCIPLES – COMPASS

Deontology
What is Required?

Values
Cultural
Family
Social
Personal

**Align Reasoning
and Orientation**

Laws
Doctrine
Procedures

DESTINATION/WAYPOINTS

**Utilitarian Ethics,
Consequentialism**
What Works?

SITUATION -TERRAIN

Situational Ethics
What is Appropriate?

Moral Orientation
Moral Foundations Theory
Moral Senses
What is tolerable?
What does my instinct/intuition
tell me?

Contexts

Conditions

Circumstances

Kingdom
Outcomes
Consequences
End States

Emotions & Experiences

Instincts
Moral Senses

Land Navigation Moral Reasoning
for
Moral Orientation and Mission Command

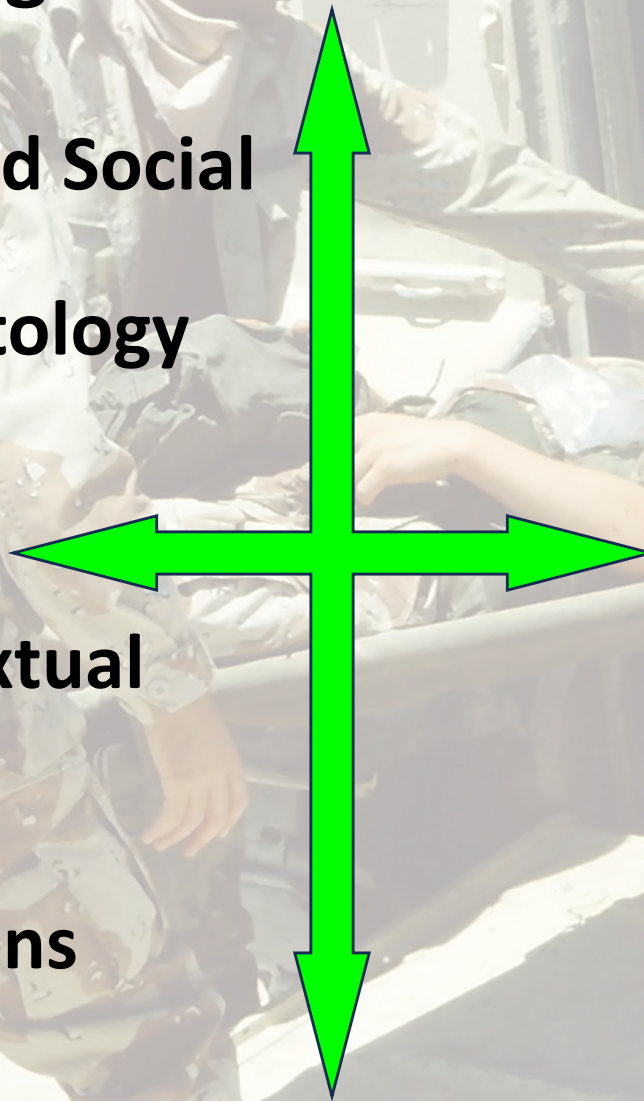
Moral Reasoning in Mission Command

Moral Reasoning

- Authoritarian and Social
- Principles/Deontology
- Utilitarian
- Situation/Contextual
- Virtue
- Moral Foundations

Mission Command Chain of Command and Staff Planning

- Orders
- CDR Intent
- End States
- Situation
- Troops



Questions ?

