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<p>What does theonomous ethics mean?</p>	<p>Theonomous ethics is the idea that the Bible is the only authority for Christian ethical practices, as it reveals God's will.</p>
<p>What does heteronomous ethics mean?</p>	<p>Heteronomous ethics is the idea that Christian ethics must come from a combination of the Bible, Church teaching, and human reason.</p>
<p>What does autonomous ethics mean?</p>	<p>Autonomous ethics is the idea that love (agape) is the only Christian ethical principle, and human reason must decide how to apply it.</p>
<p>What is agape?</p>	<p>Agape is selfless, unconditional love, often described as the love that Jesus demonstrated and commanded his followers to show towards others.</p>

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What is theonomous ethics based on?

It is based on the belief that the Bible contains all the ethical guidance needed, as it is inspired by God.

What role does reason play in heteronomous ethics?

Reason works alongside the Bible and Church teaching to interpret and apply ethical principles to contemporary issues.

What is the primary command of Jesus in autonomous ethics?

The primary command of Jesus is to love (agape), which is the foundation of Christian ethical decision-making in autonomous ethics.

Why might the Bible be considered a comprehensive moral guide?

The Bible contains teachings, laws, and examples from the life of Jesus, which provide detailed guidance on how to live a moral life.

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What is the role of the Church in heteronomous ethics?

The Church provides authoritative interpretations of the Bible and guidance on applying Christian principles to modern issues.

What is the distinctiveness of Christian ethics?

Christian ethics is often seen as distinctive because it is centred on Jesus' teachings, the Bible, and the principle of agape.

How does autonomous ethics view the Bible?

Autonomous ethics may view the Bible as a source of inspiration, but not as the sole authority for moral decision-making.

What is the relationship between love and reason in autonomous ethics?

In autonomous ethics, reason is used to decide how best to apply the principle of love (agape) in real-life situations.

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Can Christian ethics be personal?

Yes, Christian ethics can be personal when individuals use their own interpretation of biblical teachings and reason to make moral decisions.

Can Christian ethics be communal?

Yes, Christian ethics can be communal when they are guided by Church teachings and shared practices within a Christian community.

What is the criticism of relying solely on the Bible for moral guidance?

Some argue that the Bible may not address modern ethical dilemmas and requires interpretation to apply its principles today.

What is proportionalism in Christian ethics?

Proportionalism is a middle way between absolutism and relativism, allowing for exceptions to moral rules when proportionate reasons exist.

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<p>What is the significance of Natural Law in Christian ethics?</p>	<p>Natural Law, developed by Aquinas, is based on reason and the belief that humans can discern God's will through observation of the natural world.</p>
<p>What is Situation Ethics?</p>	<p>Situation Ethics, developed by Joseph Fletcher, emphasises agape and suggests that moral decisions should be based on the most loving outcome in each situation.</p>

Advice for using these flashcards: These flashcards cover key concepts and debates regarding Christian moral principles as outlined in the OCR A Level Religious Studies curriculum. They can be used to reinforce understanding of different ethical approaches (theonomous, heteronomous, and autonomous), as well as specific terms like agape and proportionalism. To maximise learning, try the following:

- First, review the cards in order to familiarise yourself with the content.
- Shuffle the cards and test yourself, aiming to recall the answers without looking.
- Discuss the concepts with a peer or use them as prompts for essay practice.
- Reflect critically on the questions related to debates, such as whether the Bible is a comprehensive moral guide or whether love is sufficient to live a good life.
- Link the ideas to specific exam questions and case studies to apply your knowledge effectively in assessments.