HZT4U Ethics Notes

**Meta-ethics: Where do ethical values come from?**

Areas of focus:

* **Is there such a thing as a "moral fact"?**
  + **1. Moral Realists or Ethical Objectivists**
    - **One truth or false**
    - **Moral Facts**
  + **2. Anti-realism or Subjectivism**
    - **Moral values not moral facts**
  + **3. Scepticism or Nihilism**
    - **No free will**
* **Moral Realism – where do moral facts come from (if they exist)?**
  + **1. Divine Command Theory**
    - **Theory**
    - **Drawback**
  + **2. Moral Naturalism**
    - **The truth is out there…**
    - **Religious**
    - **Non-Religious**
    - **Non-Human**
    - **Morality as part of Natural Selection**
  + **3. Ethical Intuitionism**
    - **Moral compass**
    - **Drawbacks**
* **Ethical Subjectivism – no moral facts? Then where do our ideas come from??**
  + **1. Emotivism**
  + **2. Relativism**
    - **Individual and Cultural**
    - **Weakness/Criticism**