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**