

James Rachels, *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*

Chapter 4.

- a.) Explain the Divine Command Theory.
- b.) What are the two strengths of this theory Rachels describes?
- c.) What are the serious problems with this theory?
- d.) Explain the problem Socrates raises with Divine Command theory.
- e.) **Explain the Theory of Natural Law.**
- f.) Which Catholic theologian-philosopher is most associated with it?
- g.) From which Greek philosopher does 4f derive the Theory of Natural Law?
- h.) **What is David Hume's criticism of this theory?**
- i.) What is the second criticism of this theory which Rachels describes?
- j.) How does the third part of the Theory of Natural Law allow believers and non-believers to "inhabit the same moral universe"?
- k.) What was St. Thomas Aquinas' position on abortion?