

## **Abstract: On the Superficiality of Normative Ethics**

Upon which mundane aspects of the world should we focus if we wish to say the right things about the status of normative ethics? I say: Primarily on what I call the "depth" or "superficiality" of inquiry and debate. The conclusions we form pursuant to deep inquiry and debate have effects on our other beliefs, our non-conceptual representational states, and our actions that those we form pursuant to superficial debate and inquiry do not. I'll show how the superficiality of the debates we tend to lump under "normative ethics" explains not only why normative ethics is an objective but autonomous domain of inquiry, but also why it appears in many respects not to be objective.