

## **Ethical Concepts in the Age of the Anthropocene**

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Explain in your own words the difference between intrinsic and instrumental value. Provide an example to demonstrate the difference.

Why should we be so concerned with anthropocentrism? How do you see these beliefs affecting the way we relate to the natural world? Why is it so difficult to get outside of our particular viewpoint and appreciate the needs of animals and ecosystems as separate from humans' interests in them?

Why do utilitarian accounts struggle to explain intrinsic value? Why might a rights- or duty-based account be better able to explain these values?

The author argues that asking the question "How should we live?" at this particular moment is "fundamentally different from asking it at any other time in history." Why should we think that is true? Why think the moral considerations regarding the way we should live change over time or depend on the particular societal, cultural, or political moment in which we live?