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20<sup>th</sup> century ethical theory was dominated by approaches concerned exclusively with duty or with utility. In recent years philosophers have evinced a renewed interest in virtue, i.e. character formation, the good life and the like. This entails greater attention to the concrete ways that ethical theory expresses the ideal ideas of particular cultures. The cogency and relevance of philosophical arguments is enhanced by attending carefully to implicit unacknowledged



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