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*Forskningsseminar*

*Anscombe on the Moral Ought and Moral Corruption*

Abstract:

In "Modern Moral Philosophy", Anscombe accused contemporary ethics of incoherence and corruption. Commentators attribute to her a thesis about "the incoherence of the 'moral' ought". However, this author argues that the problem according to Anscombe was not the absence of a divine lawgiver, but the loss of a meaningful notion of temptation. Modern moral philosophy rejected absolute values while still helping itself to a language based on them. Anscombe's discussion suggests that the meaningful use of moral modalities is internally connected to certain positions on matters of substance. This raises neglected issues about relations between form and content in morality.