Quiz: F. H. Bradley, “Why Should I Be Moral”

Based on the reading from F.H. Bradley, ”Why Should I Be Moral”

Directions: Carefully study statements 1-10. Decide whether each statement is true or false and write in the spaces provided the word “true” or the word “false” in accordance with your decision.

1. Bradley states if virtue is good as a means, virtue cannot be good as an end.

2. According to Bradley, the ultimate end or purpose of ethics is presupposed to be pleasure.

3. Bradley recognizes that reasoning with an ethical skeptic is pointless if the skeptic doesn’t care about ethics.

4. Bradley doesn’t think the question ”Why Should I Be Moral” makes any sense unless it is another way of asking ”Is morality an end-in-itself?”

5. He points out that if we assume there is nothing good except a good will, then failure may be the same thing as success in ethics.

6. A difference between art and morality, according to Bradley, is that in art an action is merely a means to an end, whereas in morals there is no end beyond the action itself.

7. Bradley recognizes that self-realization of our true being can never mean that we become perfectly self-realized and also an infinite whole.

8. When all is said and done, Bradley concludes the question “Why should I be moral?,” if it has an answer, can only imply the moral making of an actual self.

9. Bradley concludes that it is absurd to reason that there is any other purpose to the final moral end of life other than that of self-realization.

10. Bradley explicitly states that our true being is the perfect identity of unity and diversity in the realization of our being as an infinite whole.

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