

# POEM OF THE WEEK

## ETHICAL THEMES

Are WE ethical?

Do you consider yourself an ethical person  
Do you follow the rules of society?  
Have you ever thought about the subject?  
Why do we have ethics? Who decides them?

Do you think you should be an ethical person?  
Would it cramp your style if you were  
(an ethical person)? Is there a difference between  
"Ought" and "should"? Who cares?

Let alone, "could" and "would"

If I speak of ethics, do you feel you're being judged?  
Do you feel defensive? Well, don't, and don't be  
These are questions that one human being can ask  
Of others. A "what-do-you-think" question or questions

Are you an ethical person? I believe so. I respect others  
I am willing to listen to their opinion, without shouting out  
"You idiot". There's a qualitative difference between listening  
and hearing. One hears whilst simultaneously formulating a response

Aimed at minimising or negating their thought. Listening  
allows one to clarify, or check that what you heard  
Is the same as what they said. Listening is non-emotional, non-combative  
Listening is being part of the conversation, and wanting to learn more

The process begins with a choice, a decision to be virtuous  
Hang on a moment, matey, You say, Stop before you start!  
Pay calm yourself, mon ami; "virtuous" comes from the Latin "Virtus"  
(the personification of which was the deity Virtus)

and had connotations of "manliness", "honour",  
worthiness of deferential respect, and civic duty  
as both citizen and soldier. In modern colloquium  
I would be relevant to both genders

The decision? One has a choice between deciding  
You want to live your life truthfully,  
and respectfully and aware of others  
In the belief that doing so would be reciprocated?

If you decide to live morally, the first step to living ethically

What? Ethics is a philosophical discipline  
concerned with what is morally good and bad  
and what is morally right and wrong

It is a process that will keep you engaged  
There will be successes and lapses  
Learn from your lapses. Awareness grows  
it teaches lessons and challenges

Your decision is made in the present tense  
It may be because of, or despite, your past  
Your decision to continue is made in the present tense  
With an eye to the future

It is a decision that affects the quality  
Of your life, and your relationships  
Wherein your only claim to wealth lies  
Ethics and morals cannot be imposed

Their strength lies in that they are given  
Freely, expecting no reward, no payment  
They are an expression of, a form of Love  
Love, Love. Love is all we need

and morals and ethics

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