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## Chapter 1

### *Authenticity and the Sense of the Good*

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#### The Sense of the Good

- I Introduction to “good” [lower-case]
  - A Other meanings of “good” [lower-case]
  - B “Goods” or “needs”?
- II The Good [Upper-case] as an Abstraction; its Self-regardingness; and its Moral Neutrality
  - A “Goods”; “a Good”; “one of my Goods”
  - B “My Sense of the Good”; “my Good”
  - C The Good is self-regarding
  - D The Good is morally neutral: the Good vs. the Right / Ethics vs. Morality
  - E Origins of the Good
- III The Good Is Individual and Specific
- IV The Good Is One’s Autonomous Choice
- V One’s Sense of the Good Is Malleable
- VI “There’s No Disputing Taste”
- VII Nevertheless, We Can Meaningfully Engage Each Other about Taste
- VIII Engagement Can Change Either Party
- IX The Münchhausen Trilemma and Our Inability to Prove That Something Is Good
- X Conflict Between Goods
- XI Are Goods Hierarchical?
- XII The Internal Experience of Goodness, Beauty, Virtue, etc.

#### Personas, IROGs, and Authenticity

- I The Problem of Pursuing Multiple Goods
- II The Concept of a Persona
- III Personas Are Fully Human
- IV What Sort of Reality Do Personas Have?
- V The Problems of Having a Multiplicity of Goods and Personas
- VI Reconciling Conflicting Goods through IROGs [Internal Reconciliations of the Good]
- VII IROGs Are Non-rational and Contingent
- VIII The Concept of Authenticity
- IX Case Study: Why Be Authentic? The Good of Authenticity
  - A Two ways to understand the question
  - B An unsatisfactory answer; a different question
  - C The lived experience of authenticity and inauthenticity

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## **Therapeutic Discourse**

- I Issues with IROGs
- II Senses of the Good Can Be Severely Unreconciled
- III In a World of Respect for Each Others' Goods, How Can Therapeutic Discourse Be Legitimate?
- IV Therapeutic Discourse Is for Authenticity
- V Therapeutic Discourse Can Be Useful
- VI Therapeutic Discourse Can Be Necessary: Recovering Authenticity by Reconciling the Alienated Personas
- VII Conditions for Therapeutic Discourse
  - A Against some misuses and misunderstandings of therapeutic discourse
  - B No fixed theory
  - C Therapeutic discourse must be mutual
- VIII No Guarantee of Success

## **Case Study: Multiple Personalities**

- I The Concept of MPD/DID
- II Controversies
- III Therapy