Chapter 3
*Morality Beyond Agreement: Moral Action within Moral Conflict*

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**Introduction**


I The Agreement Problem

II Why Is It a “Problem”? Consequences of the Agreement Problem
   A The use of force and the abandonment of morality
   B Case study (or maybe just an anecdote)
   C Encouraging stubbornness and game-playing

III Existential Origins of the Agreement Problem
   A Natural limits of empathy
   B Variation in senses of the Good
   C Decisions made willy-nilly
   D Distress patterns and painful emotion

IV Summary

**The World Is Imperfect, But That’s Just the Way It Is; No One Is to Blame**

I Introduction / Synopsis

II Imperfection as an existential condition

III This is not the same as ignoring imperfection.
   A Case study: “Love the sinner; hate the sin”
   B Case study: “Life is not fair”

IV The Perfection Problem: The Illusions of Blameworthiness and Perfectability and the Harm of Pursuing Personal Perfection

**Facing the Agreement Problem in a Second Moment of Moral Judgment**

I Introduction

II Second-order Criteria for Decisions under Disagreement

III Friendship When Friendship Fails: Choosing and Still Loving; Learning Humility and Detaching Oneself
Beyond the Second Moment: The Third Moment
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