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Academic philosophers have recently turned their attention to practical areas such as law, medicine, business, etc., and, in particular to moral problems that may arise in these areas. But there are at least two different methodologies here. One of them seeks to find and/or justify moral principles as part of moral philosophy itself. Then these principles are applied to problem areas in business, medicine, etc. Hence, the common name “applied ethics.” Another methodological approach takes the practices as themselves incorporating moral values. The second approach has been underestimated by philosophers and deserves closer attention. This is the approach of practical ethics.

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