

# Why is skill the key to understanding human nature?

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In my comprehensive theory of human life, I define *skill* as follows:

*Skill is the use of a simple, accurate means for achieving a goal of interest, with accuracy primary and simplicity secondary.*

Stating this in maximal terms, we have the following:

***Skill is the use of the simplest, most accurate means for achieving a goal of interest, with accuracy primary and simplicity secondary.***

So the question posed in the title is this:

***Why is skill the key to understanding human nature?***

Here's why: because all of the following terms, properly understood, are based on the concept of skill.

- ◆ **Intelligence**
- ◆ **Creativity**
- ◆ **Brilliance, genius**
- ◆ **Good, better, best , great, excellent , bad**
- ◆ **Elegance, beauty**
- ◆ **Ought, should**
- ◆ **Valuable, value**
- ◆ **Virtue, vice, evil, ethical values**
- ◆ **Knowledge, truth**
- ◆ **Wisdom**
- ◆ **Objective reality, existence**
- ◆ **Existence vs. non-existence of God**
- ◆ **Any claim of knowledge**

Thus, in order to understand what any of these terms means, it is necessary to understand the concept of skill and how to define the respective term accordingly.

The foregoing, simple insight clarifies an endless number of pages of philosophy, including expositions going back to the ancient Greeks. The foregoing also provides the basis for understanding the human psyche and, hence, psychology. Thus, the foregoing provides the basis for understanding all of human behavior.

I hope that this stimulates your thinking!

## **Meeting format**

We'll cover the foregoing material interactively, discussing the concepts as we proceed. I encourage everyone to define the foregoing words yourself as preparation for considering my definitions, all of which are based on the concept of skill.