**Chapter Summary**

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Chapter 14: Ethics and Religion

Many people associate ethics with religion. But as Socrates showed to Euthyphro, the gods might approve a good that is independent of themselves (autonomy thesis) or the gods’ approval might make something good (dependency thesis). Traditional divine command theory, detailed in §II, creates a trivialized ethics. The autonomy thesis also present problems. So, the following section proceeds to an alternate dependency account, which attempts to resolve Euthyphro’s dilemma while avoiding objections against divine command theory. An important point of the alternate account is that even if moral good originates in God, we need not acquire our moral knowledge directly from God. The alternate account raises many questions, discussed in the next section: Why should we accept its picture of God? How can we know enough about God to use the account practically? How can the account be confirmed? After considering these various questions, the authors determine that the alternate account is not complete as an ethical account but must be supplemented by religious claims. The chapter ends with a discussion of how such a supplementation can be rationally approached.