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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

(W) = *Webster's New World Dictionary for Young Adults*

CHARACTER: All of the things that a person does, feels, and thinks, and by which that person is judged as being good or bad, strong or weak. (W)

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE: The act of disobeying a law you consider unjust, with full willingness to accept the legal consequences of your action.

CODE OF ETHICS: A statement of common values.

DILEMMA: A difficult choice between things that seem equally ethical.

ETHICAL FITNESS™: The habit of thinking and behaving ethically.

ETHICAL RELATIVISM: The idea that there can't be any standards or absolute values because every situation, culture, or point in time is different.

ETHICS: The study of standards of right and wrong behavior. (W)

MORAL: Having to do with right and wrong conduct. (W)

MORAL COURAGE: The kind of courage needed to make an ethical decision, especially if that decision goes against your own interests.

OBEDIENCE TO THE UNENFORCEABLE: The idea that you behave according to a sense of what's right, rather than what's legal. The idea that ethics, rather than law, should govern our conduct whenever possible.

PARADIGMS: Models of thinking for use in simplifying and comparing ideas or information.

RIGHT VERSUS RIGHT: A dilemma involving two choices, both of which appear to be right, and in which the "higher" right needs to be determined.

RIGHT VERSUS WRONG: A situation involving two choices, one of which is clearly right and one of which is clearly wrong.

VALUE: That which has intrinsic worth (*Oxford English Dictionary*); a principle, standard, or quality that is worthwhile or desirable (*Webster's II New Riverside University Dictionary*).

REFERENCES

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

For more information on the Institute's decision-making process, including the conceptual background upon which the process is based, we suggest you consult the following books by Institute president Dr. Rushworth M. Kidder:

How Good People Make Tough Choices: Resolving the Dilemmas of Ethical Living. Hard cover: New York: William Morrow & Co. (1995). Paperback: New York: Simon and Schuster (1996).

Shared Values for a Troubled World: Conversations with Men and Women of Conscience. San Francisco: Josey-Bass Publishers (1994).

For a more in-depth review of the theories behind key ethical-decision principles, you might want to pick up a short general reader, such as:

Moral Philosophy: A Reader. Edited by Louis Pojman. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co., Inc. (1993).

Also, representing the care-based perspective, consider reviewing:

In a Different Voice. Carol Gilligan. Cambridge: Harvard University Press (1982).

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