



# Good, Evil, and Morality

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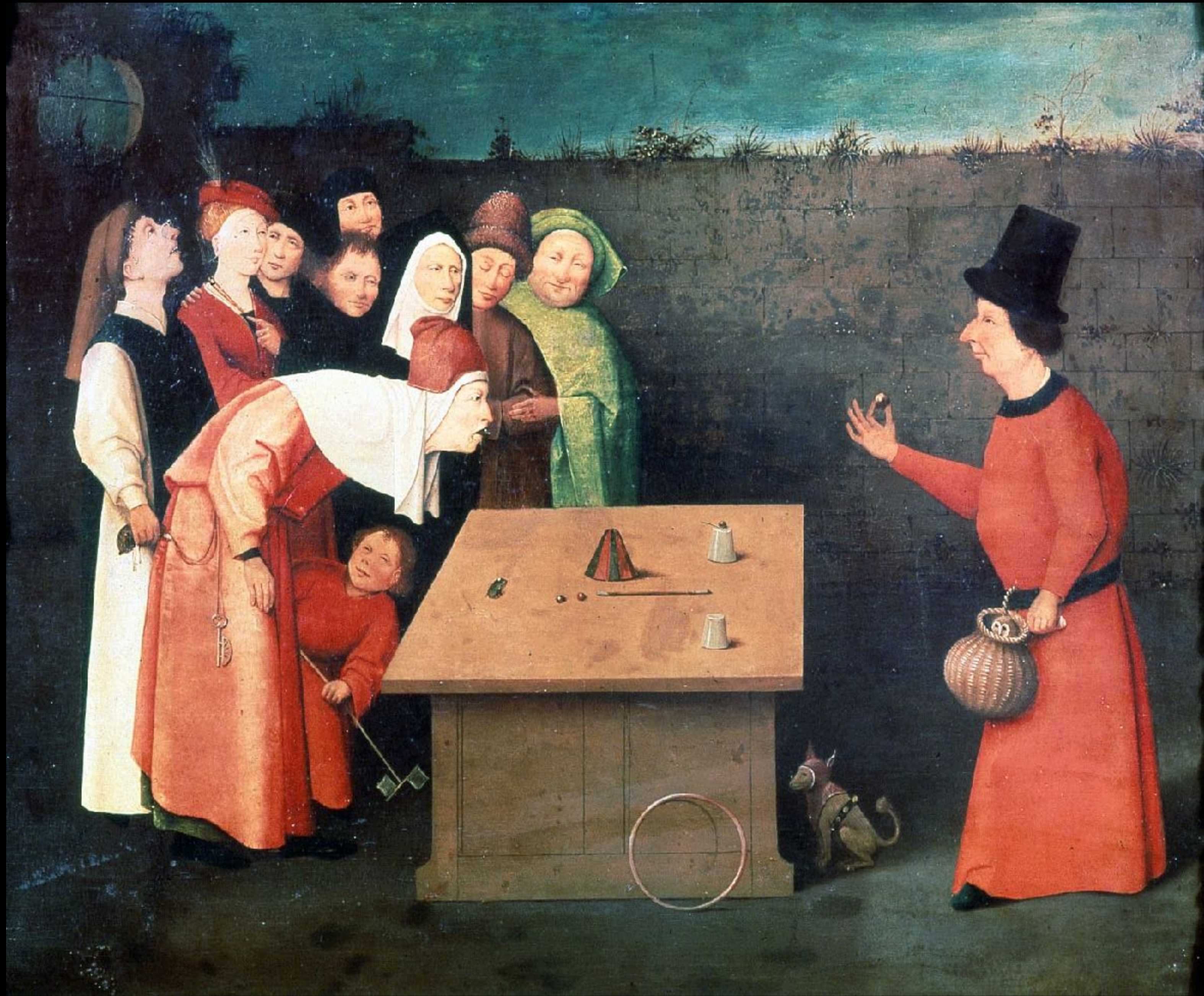
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“The question I get asked by religious people all the time is, without God, what’s to stop me from raping all I want? And my answer is: I do rape all I want. And the amount I want is zero. And I do murder all I want, and the amount I want is zero. The fact that these people think that if they didn’t have this person watching over them that they would go on killing, raping rampages is the most self-damning thing I can imagine.”

~ Penn Jillette

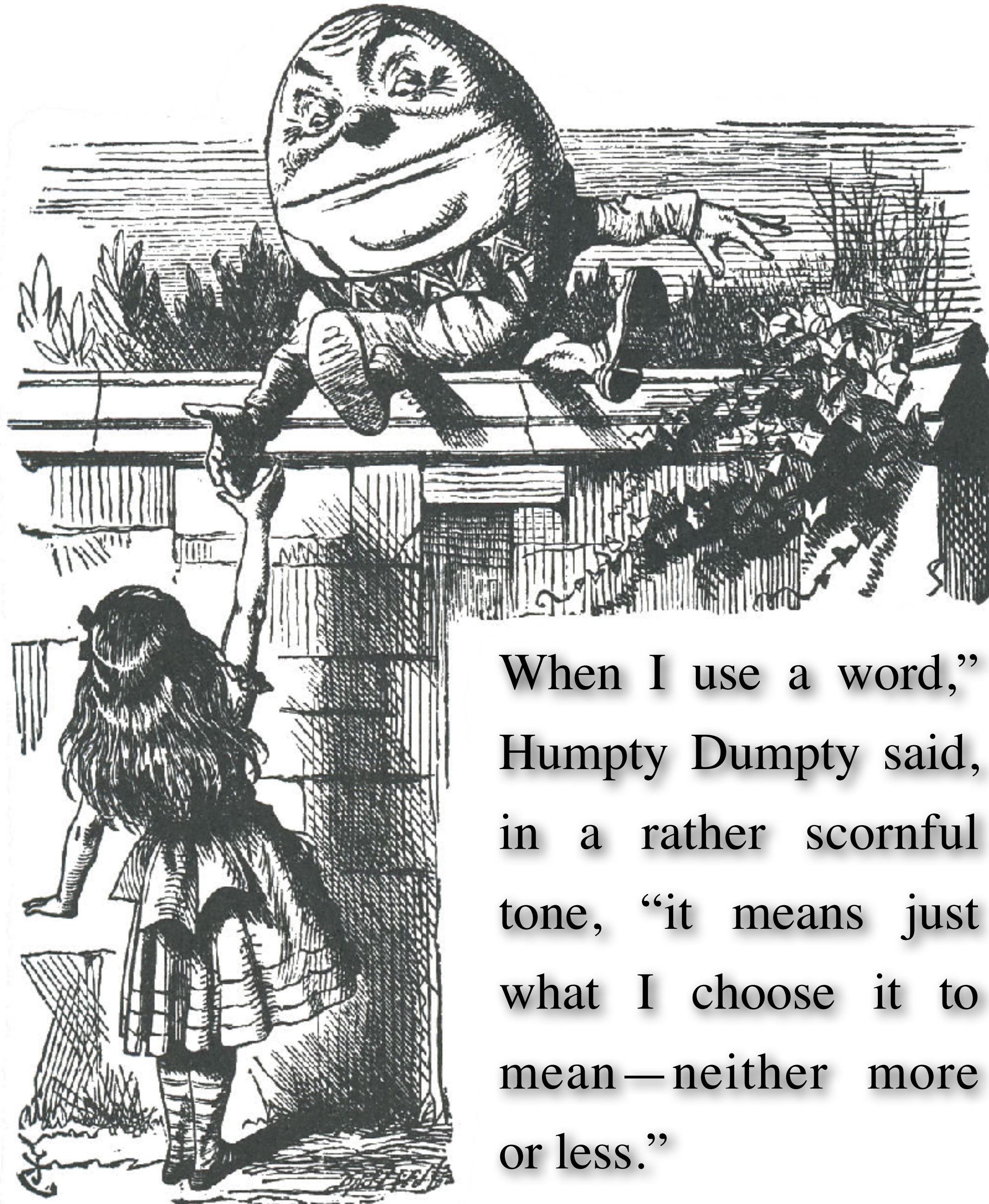


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LOOKING  
GLASS

with full colour illustrations  
by Sir John Tenniel  
*Foreword by Philip Pullman*

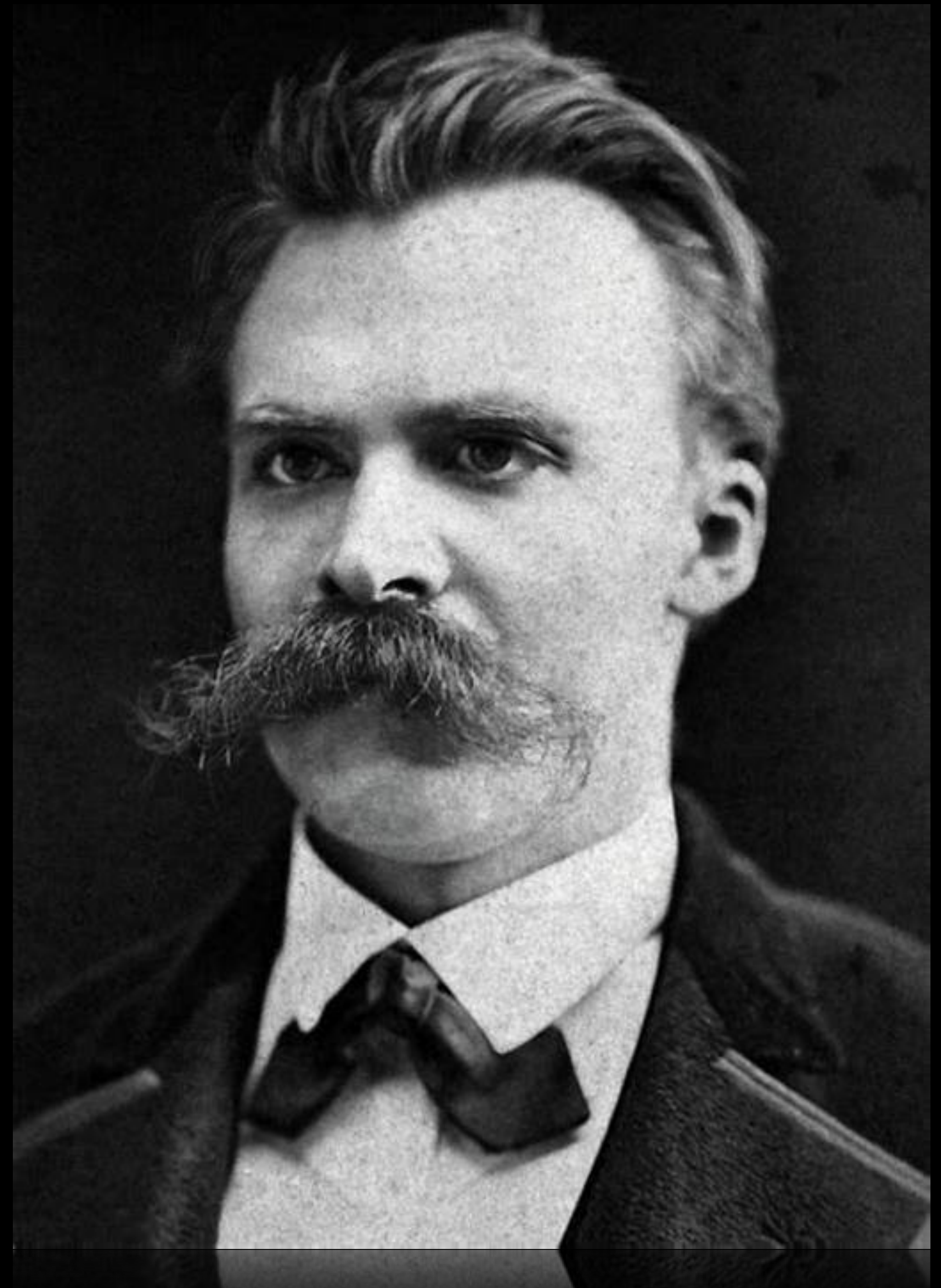


When I use a word,”  
Humpty Dumpty said,  
in a rather scornful  
tone, “it means just  
what I choose it to  
mean—neither more  
or less.”



“When one gives up the Christian faith, one pulls the right to Christian morality out from under one’s feet. This morality is by no means self-evident ... Christianity is a system, a whole view of things thought out together. By breaking one main concept out of it, the faith in God, one breaks the whole: nothing necessary remains in one’s hands.”

~ Friedrich Nietzsche





“Only if ethics were something unspeakable by us [i.e. bigger than us], could law be unnatural [i.e. not just our invention] and therefore unchallengeable. As things now stand, everything is up for grabs.

*Nevertheless:*

*Napalming babies is bad.*

*Starving the poor is wicked.*

*Buying and selling each other is depraved.*

*Those who stood up to and died resisting Hitler, Stalin, Amin, and Pol Pot—  
and General Custer too—have earned salvation.*

*Those who acquiesced deserve to be damned.*

*There is in the world such a thing as evil.*

*[All together now:] Sez who?*

*God help us.”*



~ Arthur Leff





**Morality as a Product of Society?**













Morality from Science?





**Louis Frederick Fieser**  
(1899-1977)





**Morality from Evolution?**







The Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested Jesus with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

The Bible: Matthew 22:34-37



Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Bible: Philippians 2:5-11