

# THE NUMBERS

There is therefore but one categorical imperative, namely, this:  
Act only on that maxim whereby you can at the same time will  
that it should become a universal law.



## 01

### What makes a "will" "good"?

A good will is good not because of what it performs or effects, not by its aptness for the attainment of some proposed end, but simply by virtue of the volition; that is, it is good in itself...



## 02

### What is an imperative?

All imperatives are expressed by the word ought or shall



[they] indicate the relation of an objective law of reason to a will...



## 03

### "Hypothetical" & "Categorical?"



the practical necessity of a possible action as a means to something else...



...necessary of itself without reference to another end...



...an imperative which commands a certain conduct immediately, without having as its condition any other purpose to be attained by it. This imperative is categorical.

## 04

### Duty

The practical necessity of acting on this principle, i.e. duty, does not rest on feelings, impulses, or inclinations, but solely on the relation of rational beings to one another...



## 05

### Autonomy

Autonomy then is the basis of the dignity of human kind and of every rational nature...



# Three Formulations

## 01

Act only on that maxim whereby you can at the same time will that it should become a universal law.

## 02

So act to treat humanity, whether in your own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end, never as a means only...

## 03

Thus the third practical principle follows [from the first two] as the ultimate condition of their harmony with practical reason: the idea of the will of every rational being as a universally legislating will.

