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Theory of natural law is considered as ethics dominant theory in Christian thought. Natural law theory can be understood through its characteristics. First, the theory assumes that the world is rational or all phenomena happening in this world are natural with purpose and values. Second, it describes how the world ought to be not how it is. In other words, when world work in a natural way everything happens systematically but when things do not serve or become unable to serve in the natural way then unnatural acts develop which are morally wrong. Third, morality is everything and there is a distinction in nature. Every person has its own perception and argument so a person can identifies what is good and bad or right and wrong through justification and facts (“Natural Law Theory,” n.d.).

As morality is deeply connected to law and nature, therefore, it is important to understand the doctrine of double effect. It implies that if a person performs an act which is morally correct but is consequences are negative then that act will be considered as good. In addition, if a person act is bad or wrong morally but its intention or effect is positive then again that act will be considered as immoral. There is a deep relationship between morality and the doctrine of double effect. In addition, there is a relationship between morality and religion. People seek religious teaching to understand whether things are good or bad. Therefore, religion plays an important role in decision making about morality.

The natural law theory is criticized and not accepted by modern science. This is because modern science believes that nature does not require facts, argument or purpose, it just happened and can affect both positively and negatively. Theory idea that every natural thing is good is not correct as many natural things like death, disease, disaster have negative results so it cannot be good. In addition, the theory is confused about the world’s "ought" and "is" perspective. This is because facts and values are two separate concepts and cannot be related like this theory did (“Natural Law,” n.d.).

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