

Moral Responsibility and The Lorry Driver Paradox

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Abstract:

Bernard Williams described the case of a lorry driver who runs over a child through no fault of his own. In this paper, I pursue two aims. First, I want to motivate a puzzle about Williams's case, which I call the Lorry Driver Paradox and which consists of three individually plausibly but jointly inconsistent claims. Second, I want to offer a solution to this paradox based on a novel approach to so-called strict moral answerability. I conclude by responding to the objection that strict answerability is a contradiction in terms.

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