

Reading Questions for October 8

These questions cover Steven L. Davis's paper, "The Least Harm Principle May Require that Humans Consume a Diet Containing Large Herbivores, Not a Vegan Diet." The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to do the reading more than once to get the answers.

1. On page 387, Steven L. Davis talks about an argument from Tom Regan that concludes "humans are morally obligated to consume a vegan or vegetarian diet." In the mini-paper, I ask you to reconstruct the argument. What do you think of this argument; is it sound? Why or why not?
2. What sort of normative ethical theory does Steven L. Davis endorse? How does this impact what he has to say about intentions? What do you think about what he has to say about intentions; is it plausible or not?