

Reading Questions for September 22

These questions cover a book review by Julia Driver. The book she is reviewing is by Rosalind Hursthouse and is called *On Virtue Ethics*. 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 pages 122-123, Driver discusses Hursthouse's response to the criticism that virtue ethics isn't really practical. What is the criticism and response? Is the response a good one?
2. On page 123, Driver discusses the case of the person who has promised to marry two women. Why might such a case seem to provide a problem for virtue ethicists? How does Hursthouse attempt to get around it? Is she successful?
3. On pages 125-6 Driver discusses Hursthouse's claim that the life of virtue benefits the agent. What are some problems for that claim and how does Hursthouse respond to them? Are her responses successful?