Reading Questions for February 2

These questions cover two readings: the first is by Julian Baggini and Peter S. Fosl and is called "Virtue Ethics." The second is by Don Marquis and is called "An Argument that Abortion is Wrong." The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

Background:

> We are continuing our look at three theories in normative ethics. As a reminder, normative ethics tries to speak in general about which things are morally right and which are morally wrong. The three theories we will examine are called "consequentialism", "deontology", and "virtue ethics." The piece we are reading for today is about virtue ethics.

> Next, we'll finish up the piece by Marquis.

Questions:

1. What is virtue ethics? Of the authors we've read so far, which ones are virtue ethicists? Is virtue ethics plausible?

2. Starting on page 87, Marquis offers four arguments in favor of the FLO. What are the arguments? Are they plausible?

3. Starting on page 90, Marquis responds to four objections. What are the objections and what are his responses? Are they plausible?