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## PREFACE

The logical framework of the position which as a matter of theory I have here attempted to defend will be found more particularly in the first three chapters. These undertake to be a connected piece of reasoning which to some extent stands or falls as a whole. The two more essential features are the conception of value, and the naturalistic theory of duty as having its source in certain negative emotional restrictions on the positive life of desire. In view of the fact that I disagree with his conclusions on almost every point, I should like to acknowledge a special obligation to the ethical writings of Mr. G. E. Moore.

I have drawn to some extent in the following pages upon articles published at various times recently in the *Philosophical Review*. The analysis has however been sharpened at a good many points; and I trust the argument has been made more convincing by being brought together in a connected form.

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