

# Situation Ethics and the Right to a Child

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<b>Teleological</b> - Situation Ethics is not concerned with following rules but with bringing about good	
<b>Situationist</b> as opposed to <b>legalistic</b> or <b>antinomian</b>	
<b>Agape</b> - "... goodwill at work in partnership with reason" in seeking the "neighbour's best interest with a careful eye to all the factors in the situation".	
<b>Four working principles:</b>	
1. <b>Pragmatism</b>	
2. <b>Relativism</b>	
3. <b>Positivism</b>	
4. <b>Personalism</b>	

Six fundamental principles:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love only is always good <i>'Only one 'thing' is intrinsically good; namely, love: nothing else at all'</i></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love is the only norm (rule) <i>'The ruling norm of Christian decision is love: nothing else'</i></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love and justice are the same "Love and justice are the same, for justice is love distributed, nothing else."</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love is not liking "Love wills the neighbor's good whether we like him or not."</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love justifies the means "Only the end justifies the means; nothing else,"</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love decides there and then</li> </ul>	