

A scenic landscape featuring a deep blue sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. In the foreground, there is a calm body of water reflecting the sky. The middle ground shows a range of low, rolling hills or mountains with green vegetation and rocky outcrops. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

THE CHALLENGES OF TEACHING ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

THREE TYPES OF CHALLENGE

- Philosophical / theoretical
- Practical
- Social

PHILOSOPHICAL / THEORETICAL

- Joining the environmental to the ethics
- Ethical frameworks
 - Deontology, Consequentialist, Virtue, Rights, Natural law
- Intrinsic versus extrinsic value

PHILOSOPHICAL / THEORETICAL

- World view in relation to environment
 - Ecocentric
 - Biocentric
 - Anthropocentric
 - Theocentric

PRACTICAL CHALLENGES (FOR THE TEACHER)

- Helping to make the link between 'I know what I think' and 'I can support my views in rational argument'
- And ... it's more than just climate change

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The five-fold problem

- Pollution
- Environmental degradation
- Over-exploitation of resources
 - Inequalities across the globe
- Loss of biodiversity
- Global climate change
 - Poorer countries suffer the most

SOCIAL CHALLENGES

- Balance of human need with environmental concern
- Will depend on, *inter alia*, your 'centrics'



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