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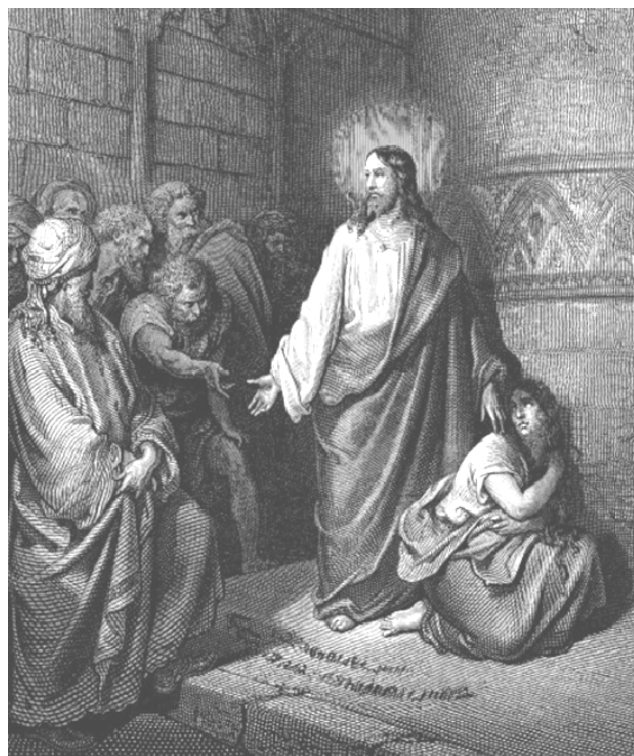
Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Learning Center, Room LC 110

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Why Not Be Judgmental ?

We usually disapprove of people who are overly judgmental, and we often wish our family and friends were less judgmental than they are. But what exactly does being judgmental involve? Why might it be bad to be judgmental? And what should we make of the Christian injunction, "Judge not, lest you be judged"? To provoke debate about these questions I will sketch a philosophic account of being judgmental and then identify some self-interested, ethical, and religious grounds for criticizing or, instead, commending being judgmental.



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Dr. Bradford Cokelet is very happy to join the Department as an Assistant Professor. He received his B.A. in mathematics and religious studies from Washington University, his M.A. in philosophy from the University of Wisconsin, and his Ph.D. from Northwestern. Brad's current research centers on the nature of and relations between virtue, rational agency, autonomy, and respect for persons, and he has side interests in Buddhism and Christian debates about sin and free will, which he picked up as an undergraduate. In the future he hopes to work on debates about the relation between law and morality and about the role that education should play in shaping the character of citizens.



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