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ABSTRACT

Life form' is a central concept of neo-Aristotelian moral philosophy. Many neo-Aristotelians (and some contemporary Kantians) assign the agent's life form a prime role in practical reasoning. I shall discuss several such proposals and argue that they all fail. The proper place for the concept of a life form is in theoretical reasoning about practical reasoning (or about practical matters more generally), not in practical reasoning itself.