

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love only is always good <p><i>'Only one 'thing' is intrinsically good; namely, love: nothing else at all'</i></p>	<p>Love is intrinsically valuable, it has inherent worth. Love is good. Nothing else has intrinsic value but <i>'it gains or acquires its value only because it happens to help persons (thus being good) or to hurt persons (thus being bad)'</i>. A lie is not intrinsically wrong. It is wrong if it harms people, but may sometimes be right. <i>'For the Situationist, what makes the lie right is its loving purpose; [they are] not hypnotised by some abstract law, 'Thou shalt not lie'.'</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love is the only norm (rule) <p><i>'The ruling norm of Christian decision is love: nothing else'</i></p>	<p>Love replaces the law. The law should only be obeyed in the interests of love, not for the law's sake! Fletcher rejects Natural Law. He says <i>'There are no [natural] universal laws held by all men everywhere at all times.'</i> Jesus summarized the entire law by saying <i>'Love God' and 'Love your neighbour'</i>. Love is the only law. The problem with this is that it allows the individual to do anything in the name of love – there are no rules to say that someone has done the wrong thing.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love and justice are the same <p><i>"Love and justice are the same, for justice is love distributed, nothing else."</i></p>	<p>There can be no love without justice. Consider any injustice – a child starving, a man arrested without charge etc. These are examples of a lack of love. If love was properly shared out, there would be no injustice.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love is not liking <p><i>"Love wills the neighbor's good whether we like him or not."</i></p>	<p>Love is discerning and critical, not sentimental. Martin Luther King described Agape love as a <i>'creative, redemptive goodwill to all men'</i>. He said it would be nonsense to ask people to like their violent oppressors. Christian love is a non-selfish love of all people.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love justifies the means <p><i>"Only the end justifies the means; nothing else,"</i></p>	<p>When someone said to Fletcher <i>'The end doesn't justify the means'</i>, he said <i>'Then what on earth does?'</i>. If an action causes harm, it is wrong. If good comes of it, it is right. Fletcher says you can't claim to be right by following a rule (like <i>'Do not lie'</i>) knowing it will cause great harm. Only the end or outcome can justify your action.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love decides there and then 	<p>There are no rules about what should or shouldn't be done – in each situation, you decide there and then what the most loving thing to do is.</p>