Masculine images of morality and relationship: hierarchy

- The self as defined by laying out across the coordinates of time and space a hierarchical order in which to define one’s place (35)
- A self defined through separation, a self measured against an abstract ideal of perfection
- Emphasis on autonomy and separation
- The logic of justice
- The wife is considered only in respect to her formal value
- Emphasis on logic and math: drawing on a system of logic and laws
- Morality is a system of rules driven by formal procedures of decision making prioritizing abstract rights
- Abstraction: moral problems are divested of social contingencies, moral principles are uncompromised by constraints of reality
- A self-contained problem in moral logic: a hierarchal ordering to resolve a conflict
- A conflict between life and property that can be resolved by logical deduction
- Focus on a hierarchy of power and how this has been transformed into a hierarchy of values (32)
- An impersonal conflict of claims premised upon separation and non-interference
- Jake: analyzes Heinz’s dilemma as a conflict between the logical priority of life (anyone’s life) over the value of property (the drugs). The husband’s love of his wife is not an issue.
- Threatened by intimacy: For men, images of relationships, intimacy bring out images of violence; men see danger in connection; relationships are easily replaced
- Development: coming to see the other as equal to the self and the discovery that equality provides a way of making connection safe (39)

Feminine images of morality and relationship: web or network

- Attachment: the self is embedded in relationships, interdependent with an identity depending on others; relational bias and a connected self.
- A self defined through connection, a self assessed through particular activities of care
- Focus on the impact on relationships
- A narrative of relationships
- The wife’s value is given in a context of relationships
- The importance of connection and communication
- An ethic of care and responsibility
- A web of relationships that is sustained by a process of communication
- System of relationships: concern about hurting others, moral judgments tied to empathy and compassion
- Locating herself in relation to the world, describing herself through actions that bring her into connection with others (35)
- Premised upon connection, an act of care, inclusion
- Concrete: moral choices are interpreted within the context of the historical circumstances that produced it.
- Amy: analyzes Heinz’s dilemma by focusing on the network of relationships and emphasizing the process of communication as a means toward conflict resolution
- Development: the inclusion of herself in an expanding network of connection and the discovery that separation can be protective and need not entail isolation (39)
- For women, danger is seen in separation and the fracture of relationships; relationships must be preserved