**Social & Ethical Issues** 

Due electronically by the start of class on Monday 4 October 2010

Grading: 25 points for social & ethical content

- 1. Kantianism starts with "good will", or "good intentions", and is then stated in two different formulations. How do you get from good will to both of these formulations?
- 2. Kantianism focuses on deriving universal laws, which it is our duty to follow, while Social Contract Theory focuses on social contracts that we must all follow for our mutual benefit, which in turn leads to rights. Isn't Kantianism and Social Contract Theory really the same thing? If not, how do they differ?
- 3. Kantianism, Rule Utilitarianism, and Social Contract Theory are all systems that develop rules that then should be followed, but Act Utilitarianism is different. Explain.
- 4. Kantianism, Utilitarianism, and Social Contract Theory generally agree that sending spam is bad, but direct email marketing that the receiver has requested is ok. How would these moral systems feel about reducing the amount of spam by charging a small amount (e.g., 1/10th of a cent) per email message in an attempt to dissuade spammers from sending spam?
- 5. How easy, or difficult, was it for you to watch the recorded lectures for the Wednesday 29 September class? What OS and media player (or other hardware/software) did you use to watch them?

Submit your answers to me to me electronically as follows. You are welcome to (1) simply type your answers as the body of the email, or to (2) type your answers into a word processor such as Microsoft Word, Open Office, or Google Docs. In the latter case, save the file in .DOC, .DOCX, or .PDF format, and use **your last name**, a dash, and "**Homework3**" as the name of the file – e.g., "Walker-Homework3.doc". In either case, send your email to <u>walker@cs.kent.edu</u> or rawalke1@kent.edu with "Homework 3" as the subject of the email. As always, I will reply to your email to confirm the receipt of your assignment.