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EXPLANATIONS OF MORAL FAILURE

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'But, when we are treating of conduct, it is experience of the facts of life that is the test of truth, for here it is experience that has the last word. We are bound then in our ethical studies to bring our preliminary statement of the case to the test of the facts of life. If this is in harmony with the facts, we can accept it; if it is not, we must look upon it as just a theory'.

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, Bk.X.

Apart from the debts acknowledged in the
Preface and the references cited throughout,
this thesis is my own original work.

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