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Humanist morality

Sir Hermann Bondi, president of the British Humanist Association, complains (letter, 4 May 1994) that the Department for Education excludes humanists from religious education committees because 'the 1988 Education Act speaks only of religions . . .' The time to complain was when the Act was going through Parliament. The department has no power to modify it. Sir Hermann says Mr John Patten's drive for moral education has the wholehearted support of the BHA. As a life member of the association I dissent. Most humanists have little time for detailed moral teaching. Do what you like as long as you don't hurt anybody. Do unto others as you would be done by. These jejune maxims are the sum total of what most humanists would have our children taught about morality.¹

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¹ *The Times*, 13 May 1994.