CAN ETHICS PROVIDE ANSWERS?
AND OTHER ESSAYS IN MORAL PHILOSOPHY

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discussions of practical issues in the writings of the great philosophers. But
and in philosophy. And in real practice, one could, of course, find
common understanding of the novelty of what was happening. The new
concern to the question of providing guidance for life. But this
create the change, it was commonly said, the philosophy had
publication of a book that would provide a new model for how moral
philosophy could be pursued. The field was transformed, and philoso-
philosophy was launched, with its influential issue: early controversies on
Public Opinion, the New York Review of Books, and the Journal of
Dewey. Dewey's "How We Think" was one of the first philosophical
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important book, delivered in 1917, this was the prevailing orthodoxy for most
philosophers, who were led to question certain assumptions about the role of
philosophy in society. Despite Dewey's emphasis on the importance of ethical
philosophy, his ideas were not adopted by all philosophers. The problems of
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