Parfit’s *Reasons and Persons*

“*My two subjects, reasons and persons, have close connections. I believe that most of us have false beliefs about our own nature, and our identity over time, and that, when we see the truth, we ought to change some of our beliefs about what we have reason to do. We ought to revise our moral theories, and our beliefs about rationality.*“ (*Reasons and Persons*, p. ix)

Published in 1984, *Reasons and Persons* is among the most important contributions to ethics in the last fifty years. It is divided into four parts, dedicated to self-defeating theories of rationality and morality, rationality and time, personal identity and responsibility toward future generations.