

Contemporary Moral Problems

Chapter: Egoism and Moral Scepticism

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What I expect to learn:

- To learn more about egoism and moral scepticism
- To learn about their importance in our lives

Quote:

“We should consider everyone who is capable of suffering, including non-human animals”

Book Review:

On this chapter, the author, James Rachels, discussed about the two popular ideas to attack conventional morality, Psychological and Ethical Egoism. Psychological Egoism states that all motives of people in doing things are only of self-interest, even if they say that what they are doing is for the sake of others, there is still something within them that is looking or wanting something for personal gain. While Ethical Egoism states that everyone has its own rational self-interest and that is what is good for them or us. The author mentioned that Psychological Egoism is incorrect and perplexed, because we can act in a way that is not unselfish and not self-intent.

What I have learned:

- I learned how to determine actions that may or may not be ethical to different perspectives

Integrative Question:

1. When do we need to help others?
2. What is the difference between ethical and psychological egoism?
3. What is morality?
4. What is moral skepticism?
5. What is egoism?