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## 1 Kant

- Autonomous will
  - "self law" will
- Heteronomous will
  - "different law" will
  - "other law" will

Are you in control of your own actions?

Kant believes that actions cannot be morally praiseworthy if you are being controlled by your heteronomous will.

### 1.1 Duty and Will

- An action is morally praiseworthy iff one recognizes it to be one's duty.
- The central question: Is the action contaminated by some inclination?
  - If yes, then the action proceeds from heteronomous will. It is not determined by reason, but rather by irrational influences - things like happiness, pleasure, and fear.
  - If no, then the action proceeds from the autonomous will. It is the action of the self, unassisted by "other" things. It is rational.

## 1.2 Hypothetical Imperative

A command that must be followed in order to obtain some desired end.

- If you want to be happy, then follow your dreams.
- If you want to avoid salt, then don't eat canned soups.