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## Psychological and Ethical Egoism

Psychological Egoism – Self-interest is the only thing that ever motivates anyone

Apparent counter-examples must convincingly explained away

In reality it is

2 Problems

1. We wouldn’t get the self gratification if we didn’t care about, weren’t aiming at, the altruistic goal.
2. X is possible motive -> X is actual motive

It implies that no one loves anyone else but themselves or they might say they love others; their love for others never is a motivating force.

Ethical / Normative Egoism – We should always maximize our self-interest. The interests of others are never directly relevant to the assessment of our behavior.

1. There are no good arguments in support of it.
2. It clashes sometimes dramatically with our strongest moral intuitions.
3. Self defeating or self refuting philosophy?

Either you accept egoism or you accept your life being enslaved by others, thus egoism is left. You really are not forced to accept one or the other.