

# HYPOTHESIS OF PROSOCIALITY FOR VIRTUES ASSOCIATED TO ROMANTIC LOVE

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The great task that I face that I believe will change the entire Age of Man is to discover the Virtues of Romantic Love that completes Aristotle's Virtue-Eudaimonia Theory for universal code for human nature for the highest levels of Life Satisfaction whose potential is the genetic heritage and birthright of all human beings.

Just for conceptual clarity, we imagine that all our potential Life Satisfaction are due to various Virtues that we cultivate. So suppose we cultivate  $P$  virtues  $V_1, \dots, V_P$ , then our expected Life Satisfaction is

$$T = \sum_{p=1}^P L(V_p)$$

The idea is that we seek  $r$  virtues associated to Romantic Love say  $V_{P-r+1}, \dots, V_P$  such that  $T$  is roughly 'maximum possible'.

I will ruminate a bit about the idea that Romantic Love is a social emotion, and therefore that the virtues  $V_{P-r+1}, \dots, V_P$  that we seek shall all be social virtues. I think the hypothesis has some merit, as habituation is not possible without deliberate action of the will and these might include habits of thought. But I do suspect that there is much more to the Virtues associated to Romantic Love than social actions and that compared to other sorts of prosocial emotions the virtues of Romantic Love differ as well. The primary reasons for this are a slightly different point of view, that there is an aspect that is shared subjective world for romantic lovers that is not social in the broader sense and therefore I suspect that it is not quite prosocial virtues that fully saturate the virtues we seek.

At this moment these aspects are unclear to me.

## 1. ZULF REMINISCES ABOUT PAST

Years ago in 2008, when I was homeless in downtown New York, I spent quite a bit of effort to find wrapped sandwiches in trash bags thrown out by Starbucks early in the morning. I would collect some of them, and I was moved by the many other homeless for whom sleep deprivation was the norm without security at night. In one sense this was a prosocial sort of activity. I shared some of the sandwiches with other people. I did not particularly socialise with them all that much but it did not seem strange to distribute some of the sandwiches. I did not do this every day of course. And I did not care whether they would do something for me. I would do it for my own pleasure.

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## 2. THE QUESTION REMAINS MYSTERIOUS

Can Virtues associated with Romantic Love be reducible to social virtues? The question remains mysterious to me. I don't know the answer at the moment.