
Subject: Re: The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled...
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 15 Apr 2008 17:12:54 GMT
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Spoony wrote on Mon, 14 April 2008 03:53mmhmm.

you could very well argue that a good deed for selfish reasons doesn't change the goodness. e.g. if a person donates \$1000 to charity that they spent months saving up, and if McDonalds donated \$1000 to the same charity that they earned in like half a second and just wanted to get some good publicity, the money's still gonna do the same thing. Then you'd be arguing Consequentialist ethics, and those are just utterly fail. The fact that an act does some good doesn't prove that the act, in itself is good.

I could lynch a black guy in order to stop a riot created by the raping of a white woman. It stops the riot because someone was punished for the act. It was an innocent man, and killing him made people rest easier and prevented the deaths of those that got swallowed up by the riot. It had a good result, overall, but the total lack of justice makes me scoff at the idea that this could be considered moral.

I'll take my Deontological ethics, where intent is what matters regarding morality.
