
Subject: Re: The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled...
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warranto wrote on Wed, 16 April 2008 15:45cheesesoda wrote on Tue, 15 April 2008 11:12
I'll take my Deontological ethics, where intent is what matters regarding morality.

Heh, Deontological ethics has its issues as well. Not saying it is wrong, just that it has issues.

Consequentialism is what most people follow anyway, usually in the Utilitarian form. (Mills-style libertarianism, for example.)

Oh, trust me, I know. Still, I'd rather use the philosophy that my intent is ultimately what matters versus what comes of my actions. I just can't see myself ever completely agreeing with Kantian ethics, especially.

I hate Utilitarianism, though. While a lot of what I view is widely accepted by most Utilitarians, how I get to it personally is a bit different. Plus, anything and everything could be twisted using this thought pattern. Utilitarianism doesn't respect justice or rights unless that's what maximizes benefit (which, granted, it does often enough, but you can argue cases where it wouldn't).

Me, personally, I tend to mix and match a few different moral philosophies. I'm a Social Contract theorist with some Ethics of Care, Virtue Ethics, Kantian ethics, and Ethical Humanism. I think it's important that we respect everybody and agree to disagree while respecting their autonomy, but I will put my friends and family first above anyone else.
