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Subject: Re: Debate on Altruism.

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2009 22:15:53 GMT

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R315r4z0r wrote on Wed, 11 February 2009 13:27cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 11 February 2009 12:50You're still deriving pleasure from it in some form. Like I said above, it makes you feel a sense of accomplishment, you like the feeling of helping someone knowing you made their day/year/life, etc...

No, I just said:

"Regardless if it makes your life easier or harder."

Meaning regardless of your own feelings in the matter.

To reiterate: What if you do something to make life easier for someone else, regardless of your own feelings and regardless if it makes your life easier or harder.

Like acting as if it was second nature. Having no ulterior motive to do it other than to do it? Having no intention of helping anyone nor having any intention of accomplishing anything?

Why do you keep on talking as if doing something for the sake of someone else is some chore you have to go out of your way to do?

If you can give me an example, I'd appreciate it.

When did I EVER say that doing something nice for someone else is a chore? That just proves you have no clue what this debate is even talking about. The point I'm making by saying that altruism doesn't exist is that people's actions are ultimately motivated by some self-interest, be it physical or emotional. This is not to say you CONSCIOUSLY act in self-interest, but you wouldn't do it (consciously or subconsciously) if you wouldn't benefit from it in any way. This isn't a bad thing. Egoism is vital to self-preservation.

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