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Subject: Re: Debate on Altruism.

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I do not choose to help people out of some feeling of guilt, because I do not feel any. Nor do I do it out of some sort of self gratification by feeling that my charitable deed somehow makes me a better person. I just as equally do not feel guilty about choosing not to help someone, I do not feel ashamed or have any sense of moral wrong. It is as it is, and it's all part of the journey, so no, I feel no guilt.

I really feel that you under estimate compasion and empathy.

If you're just arguing for the sake of arguing, then that's fine, it's just the internets afterall. But if you're serious about not believing in altruism, and are willing to look at another point of view, then a very good example would be to research a little about the lesser vehicle and the greater vehicle, or just Buhddism in general.

Even the pursuit of enlightenment is sought for the purposes of freeing other people from suffering.

I will agree though that true cases of selflessness tend to be rare.

Nice debate, some interesting points of views.

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