Subject: Re: Debate on Altruism.

Posted by Spoony on Thu, 12 Feb 2009 18:24:38 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Thu, 12 February 2009 10:07lf there was no benefit, you wouldn't do it. You feel like it's the right thing to do, so you fulfill that desire to do the right thing.

This is just wordplay; by this non-logic doing anything can be considered selfish. To do a thing (unless perhaps something of pure instinctive reflex, like pulling your hand away from something you didn't know was really really hot) you first desired to do it, so by fulfilling your desire to do it, you acted selfishly.

cheesesoda wrote on Thu, 12 February 2009 10:07Either that or you were attempting to avoid guilt that you would have if you didn't do something.

I don't really think that's applicable.