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Subject: Re: Debate on Altruism.

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Lets say we have a hypothetical situation. A man is locked up into a cage and will die if you don't press the button. You press it and save his life. This man will still be in the cage. Helping this man does not benefit you in any way, you don't feel any satisfaction nor do you believe in karma.

You were altruistic without being selfish. Selfish would be not pressing the button because it costs you time. You did use some of your time to press the button without any returns.

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