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Subject: Re: Debate on Altruism.

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That is the point of what I'm saying, Spoony. That's the entire point of psychological egoism. Nothing is selfless.

In conventional terms, sure, there are selfless acts. You're putting someone else's well-being in front of your own. However, there's still something to be gained from it, and you do the acts because of that.

@reborn: Ultimately, yes, you would do it because you want to do it. Either you do it because you gain something positive from it, or you avoid something negative.

As for a god, I believe in a personal god, but I don't really know the characteristics of the god. As for ANY god... I'm not sure if it's possible. If the god thinks and acts as humans do, no, I can't say I think it's possible. If we talk in terms of the Judeo-Christian god, no, He's not capable of being altruistic, either.

Personally, I wouldn't know how any supernatural being would go about avoiding any self-interest. As a human, I can't fathom it, but I'm not going to say that it's supernaturally impossible.

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