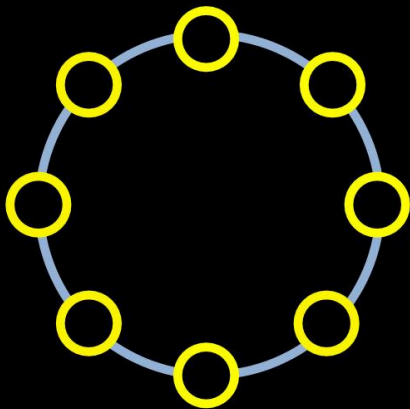


The Philosophy of Virtue

The Reason of Compassion



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The Logical Reason for Compassion

Compassion is some willingness to assist others to relieve suffering, to reduce harm.

Compassion is necessary because all infants without assistance die. Children without assistance will be unfed, unsheltered, uneducated.

Compassion is necessary for rational community.
Rational community is necessary for us to flourish.
Therefore compassion is necessary for us to flourish.

Compassion is required for community. Community is essential to language, literacy and complex education, for higher reason and morality. So compassion is required for *knowledge* of higher reason and morality.



Compassion is necessary for rational life (even to survive).
Rational life is necessary **for more truth and virtue**.
Therefore compassion is necessary for more truth and virtue.

Good is caring for others as for yourself. Good gives justice, higher truth, purpose and love. Good is validated by empathy experienced and grace from a larger mind.

rational life *n.* the capacity for language, literacy and logic.
nacks *n.* necessary acts for higher reason and life.
higher reason *n.* a process to find truth beyond beastly knowledge.
virtue *n.* fulfillment of morality, the gracious requirements of good.

Nacks morality is logical, beginning with compassion. Language and literacy cannot exist without it. No reasonable choice exists without it.



Fellowship and contribution are the source of meaning.