

Book Review: Contemporary Moral Problems

Chapter 3: Friedrich Nietzsche, “Master-and-Slave Morality”

Quote:

”... the good man must in any case be the safe man: he is good-natured, easily deceived, perhaps a little stupid, un bonhomme.”

Learning Expectation:

I want to know why there is a need for a master-slave relationship if everybody can do the job. Is equality not good enough?

Review:

In this topic, Friedrich states that the “noble men” are the good guys, so it means that they are the “somewhat” stupid people? I’m confused with the noble men and the superiority in physic. Aren’t the noble guys the “masters” and the barbarians should be the “slaves” because they are weak in mental aspects? Well they became barbarian because of the noble who are mastering them are maybe too much in to the slavery that’s why the slaves form a group and rebelled against the noble guys.

That’s why for me, I won’t side with the master-slave relationship even if I’m the master, of course especially if I am the slave. I won’t tolerate the master and fight them.

Lessons Learned:

Master-slave morality is not an issue to be looked up to. There should always be equality on both sides. Always.

Integrative Questions:

Is there really a need for a slave nowadays?