

Chapter Title: "Immanuel Kant's: Categorical Imperative"

Quote:

"Act only on that maxim through which you can at the same time will that it should become a universal law."

Learning Expectation:

I heard a lot about Mr. Immanuel Kant as a great philosophy and his philosophical ideas in morality. And in this article, I expect to learn and to understand more about his philosophical ideas.

Review:

Immanuel Kant uses his strong presence when it comes to philosophical ideas to persuade and to lecture the people reading and listening to his views. He focuses on the causes and effects of the actions of the actors. That the people should think ahead for the actions that they will do and that it will have some consequences to other people and the environment. In practicality issues, this value should be understood and that should be implemented so that all the people will think first before they act and that this will reduce errors and problems that the people will face if they do not think first.

He states that the universal law, "act only on the maxim through which you can at the same time will that it should become a universal law", that if you want others to do good to you, you should first do good to them. And this simple thought is an example of thinking first and doing the actions later. In some cases, we are affected by the feedbacks of the people around us before we do the actions, and thus we innovate and change our actions for their benefits. This clearly shows that every action should be planned and be analyzed first before actually doing it.

In some cases, when we do actions in a rush or in an emergency situations, we neglect thinking before doing something. In this example, how can you correct if what you do causes harm to others and if that scenario is asked we are to say that we really need it just to save or to nourish the given emergency. Sometimes we hurt other people trying to save others. In that case, we should think for a better answer on how to save and to not hurt some people. And if not, we should put the affected hurt people on a minimal level just to save some. I heard from one movie that the hero strongly states, "one life will be sacrificed for the sake of a thousand lives", I thought about it over and over again. And if it comes to that, I think that the decision should be done if there are no more other solution. The fateful one life should be honorably sacrificed for the life of many people.

Lessons Learned:

Thinking and planning requires time to have an answer to a problem but, it is far better than doing the actions that may conclude to more and bigger problems. And from what I read from other moral books, a calm thinker is can win over angry warrior. So that concludes that we should think first before actually playing the act.

Integrative Questions:

What is categorical Imperative?