

## THE ETHICS OF THE COPERNICAN REVOLUTION

TODAY IS A BEAUTIFUL DAY?

I DO NOT LIKE WORDSWORTH'S POETRY....

THE WINTER IS NICER THAN THE SUMMER.

SHOULD CLONING BE ALLOWED? ...ABORTION BE ALLOWED?

### STEPS IN THE PROCESS:

1--REASON IDENTIFIES WHAT IS BEHIND EVERY TRUTH

2--JOHN IS MORTAL BECAUSE HE IS A MAN AND ALL MEN ARE MORTAL

3--SEES REALITY AS A SERIES OF CONNECTED CAUSES, BUT WE NEVER CAN KNOW THE TOTAL (SO FAITH TAKES OVER) AS FOR EXAMPLE GOD BECOMES A PRACTICAL NECESSITY, AND KANT SEES DREAM PSYCHOLOGY FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE AS WELL

4--REASON HELPS US DETERMINE WHAT THE CATEGORIES ORGANIZE

5- --18TH VIEW--THE ROMANTICS SEE IMAGINATION AS THE HIGHER FUNCTION

ACT ACCORDING TO THE MAXIM BY WHICH YOU CAN AT THE SAME TIME WILL THAT IT SHOULD BECOME A UNIVERSAL LAW (CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE)

WHAT GOES BEYOND REASON?--THE ROMANTICS SAY IMAGINATION AND FAITH

### REASON NEEDS FREEDOM TO ACT--

#### BUY A CAR--

- 1--READ CONSUMER REPORTS
- 2--ASK FRIENDS WHO OWN ONE
- 3--ASK A MECHANIC--EXPERT
- 4--TEST DRIVE THE CAR
- 5--PURCHASE IT

#### PICK A TERM PAPER TOPIC--

- 1--READ THE LIST OF TOPICS
- 2--ASK FRIENDS WHO DID IT LAST YEAR
- 3--ASK A TEACHER--EXPERT
- 4--WRITE A THESIS
- 5--DO THE PAPER

**THE GOOD WILL IS A KEY FACTOR...**

**WE MAKE ERRORS IN JUDGMENT...WHAT IF THE CAR TURNS OUT TO BE A FORD...**

**THE MOTIVE BEHIND THE ACTION IS THE DUTY OF THE CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE--  
TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR ITS OWN SAKE...**

**A--THE STUDENT WHO DOES NOT CHEAT ON A TEST BECAUSE IT IS WRONG**

**B--THE STUDENT WHO DOES NOT BECAUSE HE / SHE IS BEING WATCHED**

**SO THE MOTIVATION BECOMES DUTY--TO CONFORM ONE'S ACTIONS TO RIGHT  
REASON EVEN IF THE OUTCOME DOES NOT MATCH THE EXPECTATION**

**C--THIS IS THE CATEGORICAL IMPERATIVE**

**1--IF YOUR ACTION SHOULD BE A UNIVERSAL LAW--THAT IS FOR ALL TO  
DO REGARDLESS OF EMOTIONAL PRIVATE CIRCUMSTANCES**

**2--IF YOUR ACTION SHOULD BE A UNIVERSAL LAW OF NATURE--WHAT  
YOU WANT TO DO CONFORMS TO A LAW OF NATURE**

**3--TREAT HUMANITY AS AN END NOT A MEANS--ALL ARE ON THE SAME  
FOOTING DO TO REASON; PEOPLE ARE NOT TO BE USED...**