

Study Guide for Fundamentals of Ethics

Chapter 3: Egoism

1. Explain the position of psychological egoism. Distinguish between acting selfishly and acting in our own interest. Distinguish between always acting in one's own best interest and always being motivated by self-interest.
2. Distinguish between psychological and ethical egoism.
3. Explain the difference between individual ethical egoism and universal ethical egoism.
4. List the four ways in which ethical egoism can be evaluated.
5. Evaluate the position that ethical egoism is not compatible with "the moral point of view."
6. Formulate your own opinion about the theories proposed in this chapter.

Key Terms

Psychological Egoism
Ethical Egoism
Altruism
Moral Education

Weakness of will
Self-Interest
Economics

Selfish
Incoherence