

Chapter 7: Immanuel Kant: The Categorical Imperative

Quote: “Act only on that maxim through which you can at the same time will that it should become a universal law”

I expect to learn what to do when it comes to acting upon what you desire.

Primarily, this chapter talks about the importance and value of a good will. We all know that a good will is something that a human being should do in order to have a better life, but some miss the point of actually even seeing the clear view of it that it is not just about wealth and or riches. Some tend to not even value its importance and think of themselves quite wholly. We should realize that it is an act where in two ends meet and value for sociability and relationship is a key ingredient. A good will is something inside of us humans, it should be practiced and nourished, it can just work on its own, we should do also our part on at least planting a seed in it and starting somewhere which will eventually lead to mastering the art of doing good.

With what I’ve come up with on researching about categorical imperative, it is basically being aware of what is right and what is wrong. It is just like a thing about morality and I believe it is connected or related to each other. Still, it is based on the action of humans. One should be aware; you can not just go through life without being responsible enough in doing well in the society.

What I learned:

- How important Categorical Imperative is**
- Understanding ones actions**
- Being aware of our actions**

Integrative Questions:

- 1. How can one be aware of his/her actions?**
- 2. Who is Immanuel Kant?**
- 3. Is there such a thing as carelessness when it comes to good acts?**
- 4. How can one understand each other’s actions?**
- 5. How important is it to value a good act?**

Chapter 8: Aristotle: Happiness and Virtue

Quote: "Life of the rational element"

I expect to learn the real meaning of rationality when it comes to life.

Happiness and virtue are two of the things that every one desires to achieve. It is something immeasurable and should not be asked if one needs or wants it because the answer is quite obvious. Everyone wants a better life, whether it maybe through wealth and riches or by simply surviving each day just as long as you have people around you that you desire to be surviving with, but if I were to be asked, I would definitely choose to be on the path where happiness and virtue is valuable. Without it I believe one will be desperate either way, eventually they will realize it soon enough that something is missing in their life. Happiness and virtue are two things that are lasting. The process may be long but it something that we will never regret.

When it comes now to virtue, I believe that virtue is an action which leads us to fulfilling our happiness. If we strive for happiness then for sure we need virtue, otherwise it will definitely NOT work. Virtue is essential to human's life cycle simply because it our ticket for success and happiness which I also believe a key ingredient in living in a good life.

What I learned:

- How important Happiness and virtue is**
- Happiness and virtue's direct relation**
- A person's need of happiness.**

Integrative Questions:

- 1. How can virtue be important to happiness?**
- 2. Who is Aristotle?**
- 3. How can virtue be important to happiness?**
- 4. Can happiness be achieved without virtue?**
- 5. Can a rational act related with happiness and virtue?**

Chapter 9: Joel Feinberg :Nature and value of Rights

Quote: “Earned gratuity”

I expect to learn what the value of rights are.

This chapter is primarily focused on the story of the Nowheresville people which I think represents us people of today. The Nowheresville people back in the days had no rights or at least something to believe in simply because they are not allowed to which for me is very wrong considering the fact that God made us humans to have rights and ethics. As humans we should be able to achieve everything that we desire especially if it is for wellness and for the good of all. The question now is how we can even achieve such if we are condemned or held back of what we want and need by others who are in position.

That for me is the sad part about the Nowheresville people thinking that everything they do is controlled. There is no sense of freedom and liberty which I think is very essential to human life. If we are created by God to have rights then other should just let things happen in each of us’ way rather than controlling us and or doing what is unethical

What I learned:

- How important Values and rights are**
- Nowheresville people’s history**
- A person’s need of freedom and liberty.**

Integrative Questions:

- 1. How did the Nowheresville people survive the mishap?**
- 2. Who is Joel Feinberg?**
- 3. How can freedom and liberty be important to human beings?**
- 4. Can freedom and liberty taken from human beings by other human beings too?**
- 5. How can one know if what they are doing is ethically correct when it comes to human rights?**