

Chapter 5.

- a.) Explain the theory of Psychological Egoism
- b.) How do psychological egoists use the *strategy of reinterpreting motives* to explain charity and pity?
- c.) Reconstruct two different general arguments for Psychological Egoism.
- d.) What are the criticisms of these arguments that Rachels describes?
- e.) Explain Ethical Egoism; how does it differ from Psychological Egoism?
- f.) Reconstruct Ayn Rand's argument for Ethical Egoism. What is the problem with this argument?
- g.) Reconstruct the "Commonsense Morality" argument for Ethical Egoism. What are two serious problems Rachels sees in this argument?
- h.) Explain Kurt Baier's argument that Ethical Egoism cannot handle conflicts of interest.
- i.) Explain the argument that Ethical Egoism is logically inconsistent.
- j.) Explain Rachels' nearly "outright refutation" of Ethical Egoism. When does he think we can justify treating people differently? How does this idea shed light on racism, anti-Semitism, sexism, nationalism, and religious intolerance?