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[Moral] laws execute themselves. They are out of time, out of space, and not subject to circumstance. Thus, in the soul of man there is a justice whose retributions are instant and entire. He who does a good deed is instantly ennobled. He who does a mean deed is by the action itself contracted? If a man dissemble, deceive, he deceives himself, and goes out of acquaintance with his own being. Character is always known. Thefts never enrich; alms never impoverish; murder will speak out of stone walls. The least admixture of a lie -for example, the taint of vanity, any attempt to make a good impression, a favorable appearance- will instantly vitiate the effect. But speak the truth, and all things alive or brute are vouchers, and the very roots of the grass underground there do seem to stir and move to bear your witness? In so far as he [is unethical], a man bereaves himself of power, of auxiliaries. His being shrinks? he becomes less and less, a mote, a point, until absolute badness is absolute death. The perception of this law awakens in the mind a sentiment which we call the religious sentiment, and which makes our highest happiness. Wonderful is its power to charm and to command. It is a mountain air. It is the embalmer of the world. It makes the sky and hills sublime, and the silent song of the stars is it.? -

[Ralph Waldo Emerson](#), quoted at length in [William James?](#) The Varieties of Religious Experience. I happen to agree with Emerson that without exception, even among the sociopathic, moral justice effects internal punishments without regard for worldly circumstance, not for supernatural reasons so much as for the plain fact that love is what makes life worth living, and to act against love devalues the life you live immediately. A violent life, a selfish life, a superficial life might not reap material punishment in a lawless and imperfect world, but such a life will invariably lack what makes life worth living. A life without love is its own inexorable sentence, its own slow punishment.

Although [I am not religious](#), this self-enforcing quality of moral law seems almost magical to me, as important and profound as the comprehensibility of the universe and the constancy of its laws. But it needn't be: think of the wrathful, the malicious, the cruel, and ask yourself if you'd rather be one of them, however rich or powerful they may be. We intuitively recognize that their lives must be frenzied nightmares, twisted and deluded, and even if they can escape awareness of their immorality they remain pitifully precluded from the ?highest happinesses? life can involve: love, devotion, courage, charity, compassion.

Emerson again:

?If you love and serve men, you cannot by any hiding or stratagem escape the remuneration. Secret retributions are always restoring the level, when disturbed, of the divine justice. It is impossible to tilt the beam. All the tyrants and proprietors and monopolists of the world in vain set their shoulders to heave the bar. Settles forevermore the ponderous equator to its line, and man and mote, and star and sun, must range to it, or be pulverized by the recoil.?

Morality is typically considered a kind of restraint -you do not do what you want for either supernatural or abstract reasons- but it is really a kind of existential guide for those seeking happiness, particularly in the moral system of the Buddhist religion. It is not uncommonly suggested that in other religions, in which magical narratives admonish believers in lieu of arguments that morality yields the only real happiness, such stories and purported afterlives exist to persuade believers of what they cannot see with reason. Religion isn't only for philosophers.

James quotes Voltaire as well: ?All comes out even at the end of the day, and all comes out still more even when all the days are over.? One great challenge of morality -particularly of forgiveness- in practice is remaining aware of time: of the temporal triviality of urges in comparison to the duration of regret, the weight of the present versus the vastness of the future and what Martin Luther King Jr. called the long arc of justice. In a culture obsessed with the present and with shallow successes, it is hard enough to think of the end of the day, let alone of ?when all the days are over? and the material rewards of society are useless trinkets out of reach from the deathbed. But what Thomas Mann called ?a mindfulness of death? reminds us: a life lived immorally is scarcely a life at all, whatever delightful dross might mask its meaninglessness.

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"People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for the freedom of thought which they rarely use."

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Life-Altering DJ Station of the Day: DJ Pablo Martin shows off his futuristic multitouch MIDI controller ? [Emulator?](#) while running [Traktor Pro](#) on the [Töken concept screen](#).

Beating up the beat is about to get all kinds of literal.

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Unknown, ?Now you?re ready for the perfect someone!? (thanks Evi!)

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Just hit it and now can't quit it!? solid work DJ STV SLV!

Why Cant i hear this everyday instead of the original?

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On "contributing to society"

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?Like many people I know, I spent my twenties drifting between postgraduate courses and unemployment, encountering many pointless and demoralising ?helping you back to work? initiatives along the way. There wasn't much difference between what I did on an average day when I was a student and what I did when I was unemployed, and there isn't a great deal of difference between what I was doing then and what I do now. But now I'm fairly confident that I ?make a contribution?; then I wasn't. For a number of reasons, during my twenties I believed then that I was unemployable - too feckless to do either manual work or retail, and nowhere near confident enough to do a graduate job of any kind. (The ads for graduate jobs would fill me with despair: surely only a superhuman could do the job as described?) I won't deny that eventually getting employment was important - I owe so much of what I am now to getting a teaching job. But equally important was the demystification of work that gaining this employment allowed - ?work? wasn't something only available to people who belonged to a different ontological category to me. (Even so, this feeling wasn't rectified by having a job: I had a number of depressive episodes when I was convinced that I wasn't the sort of person who could be a teacher.)?

? [k-punk on the reality TV show ?The Fairy Jobmother?.](#)

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Hola n_n

Se me complico y no pude ir, pero me gusta el inicio de las meetups.

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thedailywhat: Science Experiment of the Day: God bless the men...

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Science Experiment of the Day: God bless the men and women who go out there every day and risk their lives by dumping 32 glowsticks into a toilet tank so we can see what that might look like.

True heroes.

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fuckyeahmashups: The Lonely Island ? Im on a Boat (Dj DOSVEC...

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[The Lonely Island](#) ? Im on a Boat ([Dj DOSVEC](#) Remix) Oh man, I thought I loved the original ?I?m On a Boat,? but this is so fucking rad! YES! I said ?rad!?

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Scala & Kolacny Brothers ? Creep (Radiohead cover)

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Love in the Age of the Pickup Artist

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